

THE BEACON

Fruit Arrival

The youth fruit sale ends at 11:30 am on Sunday, March 8. If you haven't had the chance to order fruit, contact the church office or place your order in the narthex after worship. It will make delivery much easier if you pay when you order. The fruit will arrive at Lakeview on Saturday March 21. You will be able to pick up your fruit in East Hall following all worship services on that weekend. Thank you for your fruit orders and for supporting our youth. Remember that 10% of all the money that the youth fundraise this year is returned to the general fund of the church.

Corned Beef and Cabbage

The senior lunch and euchre tournament in March will be held at Lakeview on March 16. Pastor Dean will be cooking a traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage. There will be a variety of Irish beer available with the meal. Guests are not asked to bring food but are invited to share a financial gift to help with the cost of the food. We eat at 11:00 am. Don't forget to wear your green so that you can be Irish on this day. If you wish, you can

play in the euchre tournament after the meal. Sign up for this event in the church narthex or with Chris Anders.

Disaster Recovery Trip

The people of Crisfield Maryland in Somerset County continue to rebuild and get their lives back in order after Hurricane Sandy. Lutheran Disaster Response continues to recruit volunteers for work in that community. Lakeview will be heading to Crisfield on April 18 and returning to Madison on April 26. We would like to take 15 volunteers who are willing to

REBUILD IN CRISFIELD

rebuild homes in that area. It is likely that we will be drywalling and mudding. Adults and high school youth are eligible for this trip. Each person who will attend this work trip MUST complete the required form and return it to Chris Anders on or before March 15. Chris must submit names of volunteers on March 18. When submitting the form, we also ask each volunteer to pay \$50 to assist with expenses. We will drive to Maryland. We will stay in the work camp in an old

radio station. Meals will be provided by the camp. Get signed up for this important ministry now. This is what following Jesus is about.

Easter Butterfly Tree

Again this year, we will have a butterfly tree for Easter. The butterfly represents



new life and that's what we celebrate every Easter. Butterflies for the tree will be sold for \$10 each. The money raised will be used to help fund the disaster recovery trip to Maryland in April. You may purchase butterflies to remember someone or to honor someone. You may buy as many butterflies as you wish. On Easter, a butterfly with your person's name will hang on the tree in the sanctuary. Use the form included here and submit with your payment. Remember your loved ones by doing ministry for those in need.

Passion Musical

Each year the musicians and Sunday school youth of our congregation tell the story of Jesus' passion and crucifixion on the weekend the church calls Passion Weekend. The emotionally moving musical this year will be presented in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 pm and again on Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am. These are the only worship services that weekend at Lakeview. Holy communion is part of the musical. It is

important for us to hear this part of the story before we come to celebrate the resurrection on Easter morning.

Passion Musical Rehearsal

A final rehearsal with all children, choir, musicians, readers etc. for the Passion Musical will be held in the sanctuary at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 28. The rehearsal will conclude at 10:30 am. Costumes can be picked up at that time.

Easter Breakfast

The high school youth will sponsor an Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday in East Hall from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Enjoy good conversation and fellowship along with a nice meal. Make a free-will offering that the youth will use for their summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit in July.

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

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| April 2 | Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary |
| April 3 | Good Friday worship at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary |
| April 4 | Easter Vigil worship at 5:00 pm in the chapel |
| April 5 | First Service of Easter at 7:00 am in the sanctuary |
| April 5 | Easter Festival Services at 9:00 and 10:30 am in the sanctuary |

Lenten Devotions

Join us in the sanctuary every Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm for special

devotions and reflections on race and discrimination. Each week a guest will discuss how they have personally experienced racial issues in Madison. We are grateful that these presentations will be firsthand accounts through the eyes of real people. After the presentation, there will be a biblical reading, a hymn and a prayer. The evening devotions will conclude by 8:00 pm.

Mar 4 Welcome Quiana Holmes-Abanukam, who was previously homeless in our community.

Mar 11 Welcome John Givens, who was previously incarcerated and has now returned to living on the northside of Madison.

Mar 18 Welcome representatives from the Young Black and Gifted movement in Madison who have concerns about the treatment of people with dark skin in our city.

Mar 25 Welcome Selcuk Altuntas, who will talk about his experiences of being Muslim in predominately Christian Madison.

Lakeview Choir

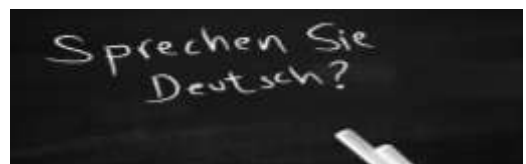
It doesn't happen often, but the Lakeview Choir will sing in the chapel at the service on Saturday, March 7.

Web Site Update

If you haven't done so, check out the updated Lakeview web site. The site continues to have work done to it so new things and changes will be made each week. We are still at www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org.

Kitchen Update

You heard the cost at the annual meeting, only \$236,000.00 to bring the kitchen up to code, add cabinetry and replace the appliances. Now it's time to talk seriously about how/if we want to do this and how/if we would fund it. At this time, Verallyn Cline, our Director of Facilities, is setting up a presentation from the folks at Engineered Construction, the organization that gave us the estimate. This presentation will be held in East Hall and the kitchen and will include information about what needs to be done, what can be eliminated from the plan and what things we'd like to have added. We hope that many people from the congregation will attend this important informational meeting. Watch for details.



Actually, we're looking for someone to translate part of a handwritten document from 1856 which is written in German, titled *Kirchenordnung* (church order?) *Evangel. Luther. Gemeinde* (parish?) We also have a

ledger and a few other documents in German, and we'd like information on what they are. If you are able to help us with this project, please contact Laura in the church office: 244-6181.

Archive Project

Marlene Creaser, Randi Matthews, Georgia Richie and Verallyn Cline have been sorting through the church archives and have found several duplicate items and unidentified photos which will no longer be kept. Before discarding them into recycling, the items will be put in a box in the fellowship room for you to look over and take, if people are interested. Any "unclaimed items" will be put into recycling at the end of March.



A Word from Pastor Dean

Dear Folks,

In a recent edition of "The Lutheran" people talked about why they were part of the ELCA in an article entitled "*What Draws People to the ELCA?*" It was interesting. It also provoked me to think about why I am part of this church-the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Like many people, I have to start by saying "grace" brought me here. This church is about radical grace that does not get distributed sparingly. It is a church that does not set rules and regulations and then condemns people for not following them. It is a church that believes that God's salvific action (*grace*) can be known by anyone,

regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or even religious preference. Boldly this church proclaims that Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and others are part of God's world and God's grace. This is a church that lifts up the Bible as a book that is alive and graciously speaking to us right now. This church understands the Bible as a book of spiritual truths that can lead and direct us to know about God's love and about our relationship with God. I am part of this church because it is a church willing to address some of the hard questions like capital punishment, war, immigration, human sexuality, and gender equality in a way that brings integrity and justice to people. Just like Jesus, this church is willing to question tradition, ritual and orthodoxy when they contribute to human oppression. This is a church where human relationships are important because this church understands that all people, men and women alike, were created in the image of God and charged with the care of each other and all of creation.

Is it a perfect church? Heavens no. Is it made up of perfect people? Absolutely not-I'm here aren't I? Is it a church with the right answers? Never will be. Is it a church where God is present? Every single minute of every single day. I love the church and I am here because I know of God's enormous love for me. I am in the ELCA because it is a church that fully understands that I am saved by God's grace. So, I started with grace and I guess I'm ending with grace too. It's amazing. Peace,
Pastor Dean

Easter Flowers

Help decorate Lakeview's sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Order from seven options **by Monday, March 16th**. Prices vary. Call or email the office with questions. Please write the number of plants and circle a color, if indicated. Include total payment. All plants come with purple foil.

Easter Lilies (\$13) _____ **Azaleas (\$19)** _____

Pink, purple, or white

Mums-Daisy (\$14) _____ **Hydrangeas (\$27.50)** _____

Yellow, white, or lavender

Pink or blue

Daffodils (\$13) _____ **Hyacinths (\$13)** _____ **Tulips (\$13)** _____

Pink or Blue

Red, yellow, pink or white

Given By: _____ **Total cost:** _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Butterflies for Crisfield

Purchase butterflies at \$10 each to remember or honor someone at Easter. On Easter Sunday there will be a butterfly on the butterfly tree with the name of every person being remembered or honored. Just complete this form and attach your cash/check. The proceeds from this butterfly tree will be used to send our disaster recovery work crew to Crisfield Maryland in April. They will re-build houses there that were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Your name: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Inside:
Easter Flower and Butterfly Forms
Lenten Devotions
Disaster Recovery Trip Details
Lakeview Lutheran Church, Office: (608) 244-6181

Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org

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March Service schedule:

Wednesday, 7pm

Saturday 5pm, Chapel

Sunday 8:15am and 10:30am

March 28, 5pm and 29, 10am - Passion Musical

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