

THE BEACON

Sabbatical Coverage

Although Pastor Dean will not be available from June 1 to August 24, there will always be pastoral coverage at Lakeview. This summer, Pastor Ron Mach will be here. He will lead weekly worship on Saturday and Sunday. He will spend time with the staff and those who have needs during the week. He will be available for hospital visits, funerals and other pastoral issues, as they arise. Pastor Ron can be contacted by calling the church office or by sending an email to office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org. Remember, you can also email the church staff through the church web site. Welcome Pastor Ron and his wife Carol. They look forward to spending the summer with you. The Mach's live in a condo at Oakwood East and enjoy

traveling in the west throughout the winter. They enjoy biking in Wisconsin and Pastor Ron plays golf on Monday mornings. By the way, Pastor Ron was Pastor Dean's pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI.

Road Home this Summer

This summer, Lakeview will be hosting the Road Home families from *June 28-July 5* and *Aug. 2-9*. Trained volunteers will be needed to cook and host dinners, arrange activities for the kids and stay overnight with the families. Other volunteers will be needed to unload and load families' belongings at the beginning and end of each host week. A food donation sign-up chart will be placed in the Narthex 3 weeks prior to each of the weeks we host. If you

GARDEN

Have you noticed the small garden outside the office door? Laura was afraid of spending too much time indoors this summer, so she has installed a small garden to keep her playing in the dirt from time to time. In it, you will find a couple heirloom cherry tomatoes - called sunrise bumblebee, a small slicer - green zebra, a couple basil plants and a couple purple kale. Check it out and, if you see a ripe tomato, grab it and see if it's as tasty as it looks!

already know that you can help out in any capacity, please contact Chris Anders.


Kitchen Remodeling Status

After the first kitchen project estimate came to a surprising \$236,000, the congregation began taking a serious look at what we really needed in a renovated kitchen. In April we held a “listening session” where project manager Jim Ladika and architect Steve Shulfer presented information on the design and the relationship of changes in the Lakeview kitchen to the Wisconsin State Codes and current building standards. They also listened and responded to questions and comments from the group. Follow up meetings, held in the kitchen with several members of Lakeview, resulted in a new kitchen design which improved the “flow” in the area and addressed the health and sanitation concerns for the remodeled work space. The representatives from Engineered Construction are revising their design and estimate for presentation to the congregation in the near future.

ELCA National Youth Gathering

Nate Campbell and Colleen Kerl will chaperone our high school youth at the youth gathering July 15-19 in Detroit. This year, the high school youth going to Detroit will provide two days (July 13 and

14) of community service, here in Madison, before heading to Detroit on Wednesday morning. This community service includes a half-day with Second Harvest, a half-day at Troy Gardens, a half-day at Habitat for Humanity and a half-day at Vilas Zoo.

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 Keep all our youth and the adult chaperones your prayers and a huge thank you to the members of the congregation who have assisted in funding this experience. The youth attending include; Ann Braithwaite, Ben Buchda, Nicole Campbell, Seth Campbell, Connor Dalton, Anthony Dupre, Garrett Kerl, Jack McKee and Colton Rohde.

Lakeview's Sabbatical

The word sabbatical comes from the same root as the word Sabbath - which literally means to "cease" or rest. Often, along with resting from the burden of day-to-day routines, a sabbatical is used as an opportunity for reflection and contemplation. As Pastor Deans renews himself physically, psychologically and spiritually during his much-deserved sabbatical this summer; we, as a congregation, also have an opportunity to reflect and contemplate the future of ministry and leadership at

Lakeview. Over the summer, the church council will host several "listening posts" to allow members the chance to talk about issues associated with Lakeview's ministry and leadership. These sessions will be an

LISTENING SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR
7/12, 7/25 AND 8/9

opportunity to share ideas, voice opinions and express concerns. Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps and to do God's work in our community. What are we doing well? What could we do better? Would any changes to staffing at Lakeview help us move forward with our mission to do God's work with our hands? We hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of these listening posts and honestly share your thoughts and ideas.

Listening session dates:

Sunday 7/12 following 9:00 service

Saturday 7/25 4:15 (before service)

Sunday 8/9 8:15 (before service)

Milwaukee Bound Middle Schoolers

On August 9 through August 13 our middle school youth will head to Milwaukee to participate in several urban multi-cultural opportunities. They will be staying at the convent of St. Rose of Lima Parish at 31st Street and Michigan. They will be cooking their own meals at this facility. While in Milwaukee, the group

will volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank, at St. Vinnie's retail store on the southside, at St. Vinnie's meal site, also on the south side, at Cross Lutheran Church in the Bread of Healing Ministry and they will make a visit to a local nursing home for a devotional service with residents. The kids will be visiting the Wisconsin Black Historical Museum in Milwaukee, spend a day at the state fair and visit the Milwaukee County Zoo. One evening will be spent having fun on Bradford Beach and another evening will be enjoyed getting custard at Gilles Original Custard stand on Bluemound Road. Thank you to Amy Luebke, Nancy Stillwell and Nate Campbell for leading this trip. Youth attending include; Jacob Kerl, Ruby Hansen, Paul Dupre, Katelyn Buchda, Quincy Evans, Dane Luebke, Ben Luebke, Corey Wolter and Hayley Swenson. Keep this group of youth and adults in your prayers.

Rally Sunday

That day when we all gather back together to worship and begin a new program year at Lakeview will be on Sunday, September 13. This day will include outside worship, in front of the chapel, with Pastor Dean leading. There will be a meal and other activities. Mark your calendars. And if you have been away from Lakeview for a few months or a few years, this is the

perfect day to return and re-engage in a very engaging community. All will be welcome.

Bikes, Bars & Boats



Save the date,
Monday, Sept. 14.

Lakeview is planning a Senior Day Trip to Milwaukee. We will tour the Harley Davidson Museum(\$14/person), eat lunch at Sobelman's (you pay) and "explore Milwaukee's past and present from our rivers, harbors & Lake Michigan" on the Milwaukee Boat Line tour(\$17.99/person). Details are being arranged at this time. Stay tuned...

Choir

Although the routine choir season has come to an end, Lynn Najem plans to have 3 opportunities for impromptu choir during worship this summer. She's calling it a "flash mob." Lynn has selected three pieces of music that can be learned at 8:00 am on Sunday morning and then sung during the service at 9:00 am. The dates for these flash mobs are: 6/28, 7/19, and 8/23. Anyone, including those who don't regularly sing in choir, is invited to sing in these impromptu services. Maybe you miss singing. Maybe you'd like to explore what it would be like to be in choir. Maybe you just want in on the fun that the

choir members have. Plan to join one or all three of these summer choir experiences.

Summer Worship Assistants

The many people who offer to assist with worship by ushering, serving communion, reading and setting up the altar are greatly appreciated. This summer, while Pastor Dean is not at the church, it would be particularly wonderful if worship assistants could check the monthly schedule and note when they are on to assist and then be diligent to be present at that time. It will be helpful to the supply pastor if communion is set up and cleaned up and if ushers are in place. Please do not assume that someone else will do your job, when assigned. Thank you for assisting in this way and thank you for paying close attention during the next three months. If you are no longer able to meet the obligations that you signed up for, please let the leader know immediately. Thank you.

Oakwood Volunteers

Oakwood Village is looking for volunteers to assist with bringing, assisting, and sitting with residents during Sunday worship services and then helping them get back to their rooms after. It is a couple hour time commitment. They have reached out to Lakeview to see if we might be able to

organize a small group to volunteer for this once a month. If this is a service that you would be able and willing to volunteer for, or if you would like more information, please contact Laura in the church office. Also, let Laura know if you are willing to be the contact person for the group.

Something New is Coming!



Get ready families and households of young children. Pastor Dean and Laura Jasiczek (*office administrator*)

are planning and organizing a retreat at the Green Lake Conference Center over November 6-8, 2015. This event is being set up to accommodate households with young children. We'll be staying in Kern Lodge at the center and eating our meals in the Kraft Food Center --- no cooking! We'll be enjoying the woods and lakeshore during recreational times. There is a train car, a gymnasium, weight room and outdoor play area to enjoy as well. If the weather permits, we will be able to climb the 144 steps to the top of the Judson Tower and look out over Green Lake. There will be programming for parents and children and indoor activities planned for all. On Sunday morning we will conclude our time together with communion worship. More details will be

coming but you are encouraged to mark your calendars. Rooms can accommodate up to 5 people in beds and "pack and plays" can be added.

A Word from Pastor Dean

Dear Friends,

Of course I'll miss you all but to say that I'm not looking forward to my summer sabbatical would be a serious lie. One of the most wonderful things that you have given me in my 14 years as the pastor of Lakeview is this very precious time for rest and recuperation called a "sabbatical." Kris and I were able to take one in 2008 and we are most grateful to be able to do that again this summer.

First of all, I am working on getting rid of the knee pain before we depart. I have learned that I have moderate to severe osteoarthritis in my right knee with 3 bone spurs and a section that is nearly bone on bone. My left knee has no spurs but has moderate osteoarthritis. I'm doing the exercises, taking my Aleve like a good boy, riding bike as recommended and trying to lose a few pounds. I may need a steroid injection to reduce pain later in June.

To begin sabbatical, Kris and I will link up with my college roommate and his wife in Rutland, Vermont. We will enjoy some time in Vermont and we plan to ride

the bike trail that the youth from Lakeview helped rebuild several years ago in Rutland. We will then travel to Mount Desert Island Maine with Kevin and Sue and experience several days of bike riding on the 55 miles of carriage roads built by the Rockefellers in Acadia National Park. A whale watching tour will be part of our Maine visit as well. Kris and I will then travel down the eastern seaboard and spend a couple days in Boston. It will be a history tour in that city and who knows, maybe we'll dump some tea in the harbor. From Boston we'll travel through Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC and New York City (*likely not stopping in NYC, although I'd love to*). We will end up at the usual spot on Folly Beach South Carolina where our son, daughter and son-in-law will be able to join us. It wouldn't be summer without time on Folly! I plan to be back at church on August 24.

By the way, although we have some great plans for sabbatical, some of my time will also be spent doing things at home that I just haven't been able to get done. For example, we moved back into the house 4 years ago after the explosion and I've never had a chance to paint the new exterior front and back doors. You know about those kinds of household projects!

It is my hope and prayer that you also will take advantage of this sabbatical, that you will join in the conversation

hosted by the church council and outlined in this newsletter and that you will seriously contemplate the future of mission and ministry at Lakeview. When we regroup next fall, we will be excited to keep moving forward with new ideas and fresh mindsets. You know that I've always said that ministry should never be allowed to plateau. We should never be content to stay at the level we are at. We should always keep on taking risks and trying new things and serving in new ways in the world God has given us.

So, I hope each of you has a refreshing summer. I hope you reconnect with others. I hope that you will hold Lakeview dear in your hearts and that you will enjoy worship with Pastor Ron Mach in my absence. Be safe. Be grateful. Be disciples.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Pastor Dean

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