

THE BEACON

Fall Worship Schedule

The congregation council has agreed to alter the fall/winter worship schedule at Lakeview. The new schedule begins on September 20. Saturday evening worship will continue in the chapel at 5:00 pm. Sunday morning worship will be held in the sanctuary at 9:00 am (*yes, only one service on Sunday*). Education time will follow the Sunday worship service at 10:00 am. This time will include children's Sunday school on the lower level. Pastor Dean will teach an adult/older youth study in the sanctuary at 10:00 am on biblical hospitality. This would be a great group for parents of Sunday school children to attend while your kids are in class. Anyone is welcome at this study. Confirmation will be taught two Sunday mornings a month at 10:00 am by lay volunteers. There will be more information about confirmation coming soon.

Financial Update

In January, the Lakeview congregation approved a budget of \$324,000, including payments on the mortgage. This budget included an overdue 3% raise for our outstanding staff, the continued support of the benefits package those folks are entitled to, and the responsible expensing of a pro-rata portion of the tri-annual parking lot sealing. This budget follows a year during which we shifted many of our resources to the exterior repair project (\$76,000), which left us with a \$40,000 operating loss last year, as reported in January. The 2015 budget required an increase in revenue of 6% in order to break-even from a cash flow standpoint. Through August, expenses have outpaced revenues by \$25,000, reducing our checking account balance from \$40,000 to \$15,000 (note, funds for the kitchen project are held separately). It's important for us to re-establish a higher-level of security and stave off cash flow concerns as soon as possible, prior to undertaking the financing commitment that will be required to move forward with the kitchen project. This is an excellent time to catch-up on pledges, make a special gift, or consider an increase in periodic giving to ensure that we're adequately supporting the budget we approved. An additional budget allocation will need to be approved at an upcoming congregation meeting before the project can be initiated. Please contact Tom Thornburgh for any additional questions about the state of Lakeview's finances.

Family Retreat at Green Lake Conference Center

Calling all families with young children – Please join us for a relaxing family retreat to Green Lake Conference Center November 6th- 8th. Green Lake Conference Center <http://glcc.org/> is about an hour and fifteen minute drive north. We have reserved a block of 7 rooms in Kern Lodge, with the possibility for expansion. The rooms are hotel style and can accommodate up to 2 adults with children. We have reserved one large meeting room. There is a lounge with a fireplace, TV, microwave, refrigerator and coffee on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Green Lake serves wonderful buffet-style, all-you-can eat meals. They will provide all 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The Conference Center is located on 1,400 acres of lakeshore property with walking trails, outdoor space with a playground and the opportunity for baseball, football, and fishing. There is also a rec center with a full size gym, ping-pong, carpetball, and exercise equipment. We are currently working on putting together an educational time for parents (with child care!) and some family rec time. There will also be free time to explore the grounds, nap, and relax. We will congregate at Green Lake on Friday evening about 7:00pm and depart Sunday morning at 10:00am, after a closing worship. A \$100 deposit made by October 1st secures your spot, with a remaining balance of \$188 to be paid by November 1st. Checks can be made to Lakeview. If you have any questions, please contact Laura, in the church office (her family will be attending!) at 244.6181 or office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org.

We look forward to a relaxing time of enjoying fellowship and good food - that we don't have to cook!

Non-Rally Weekend

We will not be having our traditional Rally Weekend celebration this year. However, on Sept 13 you are invited to come to the Fellowship Room at 8:00 am for breakfast refreshments of donuts, muffins, fruit, bagels, sweet rolls and beverages. The church council will be sponsoring this fellowship gathering. Also, during this time, you will be able to register your children for Sunday school. You can pick up a syllabus for the Sunday morning adult Bible study that Pastor Dean will be leading and you can hear about this year's confirmation program. Worship with Holy Communion will be at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. The Sunday school and education volunteers will be installed during this service. Come and worship with your family at Lakeview. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

Lakeview Lutheran Sunday School Starting!!

Registration will be held on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 13th and the first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, Sept. 20th. Registration form included at end of newsletter. **We need teachers!!!** If you are interested in teaching please contact Amy Luebke at maluebke@tds.net.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

With the change in Sunday morning worship this fall, Pastor Dean will be leading an adult/older youth Bible study

on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. This study will be held in the sanctuary while Sunday school is being held on the lower level. Parents of Sunday school children are encouraged to attend this class while waiting for their children in Sunday school. The class is open to anyone - as we try to make faith-based education available to all members and guests at Lakeview. A syllabus for this study will be available in the narthex on September 13. The class begins on September 20.

Come one, come all!

Lakeview's Adult Choir will resume their rehearsals on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 in the sanctuary. Not only do you get to hear one of my side-splitting jokes every Thursday night, but you get to follow the command to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Notice that quote doesn't say "only those who read music" or "only people with gorgeous voices" can raise their voices in praise. One of our wise choir members told me once that by the time our music reaches Heaven, it is perfect in God's ears. Consider enhancing the worship of the congregation in this positive and fun way. We sing an average of twice a month. All ages and abilities are welcome. I hope to see some new faces along with the regular choir members! Please feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions.

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Bikes, Boats and Bars

Monday, Sept. 14 the Senior Coach Bus Trip to Milwaukee will be leaving from the Lakeview parking lot promptly at 7am. We will be touring the Harley Davidson

Museum followed by lunch at Sobelmans Restaurant. The afternoon will be spent on a Milwaukee Boat Tour. We will "explore Milwaukee's past and present from our rivers, harbors & Lake Michigan. Unforgettable views and a unique perspectives of Milwaukee's history & architecture." We will arrive back at Lakeview between 5:30-6pm. Tickets are \$58/person which includes the coach bus, entrance to Harley Museum and Boat tour. Lunch is additional. There are 5 tickets remaining, so, if you plan on going, contact Chris Anders (coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org or 244-6181) asap.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Pastor Dean will resume a weekly noon Bible study on Wednesday, September 16. This class will be held in the upstairs Fellowship Room and is open to anyone who is interested. We will be looking at the book of Acts this year. Participants should bring a Bible. Many folks are using the Contemporary English Version (CEV) for this class but any translation is acceptable. Coffee is served and participants are welcome to bring lunch and eat it during the class. Last year 17 people participated in this lively and provocative study. Former students are welcome to return. New students are welcome to join us.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Event

On Monday, Sept. 21 at 11am, seniors will be gathering for lunch followed by a Euchre tournament in East Hall. We will be grilling out: brats, burgers, hot dogs, chicken and a vegetarian option. Please

bring a salad or dessert to share. Malts will be served. Please sign up at the Information Station or contact Chris Anders (coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) before Weds., Sept.16.

Road Home Week Sept. 27-Oct.4

Lakeview's final host week for 2015 will happen the last week of Sept. Please watch for the food donation sign-up in the Narthex. If you are a trained volunteer and can help with dinners, activities and overnights, please check with Chris Anders about covering one of those needs. We also need folks to unload the truck and make beds the morning of Sept.27 after the 9am service. Then again on Oct.4 we need helping hands to load the belongings at 8am before service. We have had 2 very successful host weeks during the summer. Thanks to everyone who made that happen.

Confirmation Update

We will begin the confirmation program at Lakeview this year in early October. The class will be held two Sunday mornings each month at 10:00 am. This year the class will be led by several lay volunteers in the congregation. The focus of confirmation class this year will be biblical studies. More details will be available from the team of leaders after they meet with Pastor Dean on Sept 12. All youth in grades 7, 8 and 9 are invited to participate in the confirmation program. Pastor Dean will again lead a service project in the community each month. In September, the confirmation students will assist with the meal and children's activities when

Lakeview hosts Road Home guests on September 30. A letter will be sent to confirmation families with the date and time of the confirmation orientation where youth and parents/guardians should attend.

Kitchen Project

August was a busy month for bringing together various aspects of the kitchen project. On August 3rd members of the kitchen committee met in the kitchen with Jim Ladika (project manager), Jack Pedersen (Kessenich's representative), Tyler Marotz (HVAC), Steve Shulfer (architect), and Scott Nelson (plumbing) to go over a detailed review of the revised kitchen plan. Questions were raised and answered. The grease trap issue was resolved as being not needed for the dishwasher and the "limited" use Lakeview would have (as opposed to a restaurant use). For the next few weeks Jim Ladika brought several subcontractors to look at the kitchen and add details to the design plan: an electrician, a specialist in cabinetry and a representative to look at the tile floor and provide an estimate on refurbishing the existing floor. On August 14th Jim Ladika sent email documents on the revised kitchen design and equipment cost estimates. Subsequent emails clarified the plans. This included a decision to use "standard" dimensions for the cabinets rather than the existing custom cabinetry provided by Bill Bakken and his family several years ago (standard: 12" deep for the upper cabinets, 24" deep for the lower cabinets). As of this writing, the revised plans and cost estimates are nearing completion to be submitted to the Church Council for discussion.

Love Is a Verb

Mark your calendars to attend the special screening of the award winning documentary movie entitled, "***Love is a Verb.***" This 50-minute film will be shown by our Muslim friends at the Niagara Foundation in our sanctuary on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm. This film examines the Gülen-inspired *Hizmet* Movement, the Turkish word for "service." The film introduces Mr. Gulen's inclusive philosophy and the dedication of Hizmet volunteers in countries such as Turkey, Bosnia, Iraq and Somalia as they work to build a more cohesive society.

From www.loveisaverbmovie.com---
Through a co-operation with the people inspired by Gulen, we had an unprecedented access to the ideas and actions of the movement around the world. We met teachers who crawled through a tunnel to open a school in Sarajevo during the war and the students whose lives they changed. We met a Sufi conductor whose orchestra is composed of children whose parents were once at war. We got a glimpse of the interfaith work the movement provides in Turkey, including a visit to Rumi's exquisite shrine. We went to their schools in Turkey, in Somalia, in Iraq. We meet a Kurdish teacher in Iraq who credits everything she is to her former Turkish teachers who stayed during the bombings, and a Kurdish woman who had also gone to one of the Turkish schools in Iraq and is now working as an engineer to bring water to the desert. Finally, in Somalia, we follow two Turkish doctors putting their lives at risk in a place where other relief organizations have deemed too dangerous, a place where they sleep under armed guard.

This event would be a perfect opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and other folks of faith to come and experience a movie that reflects the social justice of the

Muslim world and desired by those of us who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Middle School Mission Trip

A group of eight Lakeview Middle School students and three chaperones did good work while having fun during a recent mission trip to Milwaukee. Participants were: Katelyn Buchda, Paul DuPre, Rito Quincy Evans, Ruby Hansen, Ben Luebke, Dane Luebke, Haley Swenson and Corey Wolter. The group was chaperoned by Amy Luebke, Nate Campbell and Nancy Stillwell. The group had daily devotions, based on the story of the Good Samaritan, and then each day had an opportunity to go out and live the story. Highlights included pricing blue jeans, electronics and shoes at a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store, repacking thousands of frozen pizzas at the Second Harvest food bank and helping serve a hot lunch to more than 200 people living in poverty as part of Cross Lutheran Church's Bread of Healing ministry. No church-sponsored trip to Milwaukee would be complete without a visit with Lakeview's oldest member, Lucille Sowatzke. When the group arrived at her assisted living facility, the 98 year old spitfire was working on word puzzles and getting ready to watch a baseball game on TV. She said her secret to longevity is no secret. She told the kids, "When you're wrong admit it. But when you're right, stand up for yourself." The trip wasn't all work. The group fit in some fun evening activities like charades, card games and Yahtzee. There was also a trip to the Milwaukee County zoo, a stop at Gilles Frozen Custard shop, swimming at Bradford beach, and the week was capped off with a visit to the Wisconsin State Fair.

The mission trip was not far from home, but it gave Lakeview students an opportunity to experience the great feeling of working on service projects and providing spiritual support to people who need it.

Custodian Position

Since the resignation of our church custodian in early July, the custodial position at Lakeview has been filled on an emergency basis by a congregational member. We are now looking to hire a permanent custodian following Lakeview Lutheran's formal hiring process. Below is a brief job description and information for applying.

Lakeview custodian: This is a part-time position at 20 hours per week with work hours typically Monday through Friday from 8:00 – noon. The position involves a variety of building cleaning and maintenance tasks in the main church building as well as the historic chapel. The duties require the ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds and to perform work while walking or standing for a large percentage of time. In addition, the incumbent must be able to frequently bend, twist, squat, climb (including ladders) and reach. Some duties require outdoor work in all types of weather conditions. For more information and to complete a job application please contact the church office (244-6181). Deadline for applications is September 30, 2015.

Lakeview Outreach

Beginning in early October, a young man, named Nathaniel, will be using one of our classrooms on a regular basis. Nathaniel has autism and earns money by recycling aluminum cans he crushes. In exchange for using our facility, Nathaniel offered to pay Lakeview half of the money he earns. We have agreed, instead, that he will donate the pull tabs from the cans to us so that we can donate them to the Ronald McDonald House. A covered trash can will be placed near the room Nathaniel will be working in (check with Laura for the specifics of which room that will be) and he would appreciate as many cans as the wonderful members of Lakeview can donate.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB READS

September 8 –

All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr

October 5 –

In the Garden of Beasts: Love,
Terror, and an American Family in
Hitler's Berlin by Erik Larson

November 2 –

A Sudden Light by Garth Stein

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REGARDING KITCHEN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 9:00 SERVICE**

At the Annual Meeting in January, the Lakeview congregation decided that the long discussed kitchen project was a priority. The rough estimate at that time was (a stunning) \$236,000.00. In the intervening months, Verallyn Cline and a dedicated group of members have met several times with Jim Ladika and his crew from Engineered Construction to refine and define what portions of that \$236,000.00 estimate were necessities and what items could be scaled back, done differently (thus costing less) or eliminated altogether. **The “final” estimate is \$204,806.00.**

At present, there is \$56,059 in designated kitchen funds being held by Endowment. The congregation must now decide whether or not we can afford to take the significant risk involved in going approximately \$148,747 into debt for this project. At present, our financials are not good (as Tom Thornburgh points out elsewhere in this Beacon, having begun the year with \$40,000.00 in our checking account, we now stand at \$15,000.00 and may have to start triaging bills rather than paying everything on a timely basis). While congregational support was positive in terms of pledges, to pay for the outside building repairs the pledges were not fulfilled, members did not contribute as they indicated they would, and payment for those repairs is contributory to the shaky financial situation we are now in. If the decision is made to go forward with this project, and history repeats itself, the ramifications could be catastrophic.

I encourage everyone to attend this meeting. This is not Pastor Dean’s project. It is not Council’s project. This is the congregation’s project and everyone’s opinion and input matters. If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to contact me (Mary Cragin) by phone (235-5296) or email (antmry@gmail.com) with your questions or concerns.

LAKEVIEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

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A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

I want to, again, take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and assistance you have given our family this past summer. It has been, and will continue to be, a great struggle for us. Our lives have been enriched because of Michael and we will live with him in our hearts every day. Being surrounded by family, friends, co-workers and the congregation has not given us what we want. No one can do that. But the people who have been active in our lives this summer have given us the strength to face a world that feels cold and cruel and which will never be the same for us. We are not the first people to be in this position and, unfortunately, we will not be the last. Many of you share our journey.

Again, but like never before, I have realized the importance of the community of faith. The gathering of God's people, the sharing of our joys and sadness, the coming together in tears and laughter to hear the proclamation of God's gracious love and the sharing of the meal, these are the things that define us as a community of faith. And, then, what is important is the desire to share that love through our human interactions with each other. What's important is for us to take God's call to love God, ourselves, our neighbors and even our enemies and put that call into action in thoughtful, practical and real ways. I have learned this summer that praying for one another is nice, but a hug, phone call, gift of food, offer to mow lawn, weed the garden, email, card, and visits have been what has made a difference.

Lakeview is a community and if you haven't been an active part of it because you are angry over an incident that happened 20 years ago, or have been standing on the sidelines, or have turned away in recent years, I invite you to come back to this broken, humbling but inspiring place. I invite you to find strength for your own struggles in life by having the people of this place wrap you in their love. We are not a perfect community. We are not a community that completely agrees on political or social issues. We are not a community without hypocrisy or arrogance. But we are a community that understands putting love into action. And for that Kris, Elizabeth, Phil and I have been ever so grateful.

I look forward to seeing you at worship and other activities often. I will cry. You may cry. Then we will laugh and hug. We may argue and we may disagree but God's grace will be there for each of us regardless.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

Lakeview Lutheran Church Sunday School 2015-2016 REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate mm/dd/yy	Current Age	Grade in School 2015-2016
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Please note if child has any allergies/medical conditions/medication/issues:

Parent/Guardian Contact Information			
Father's Name (or guardian)			
Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email			
Mother's Name (or guardian)			
Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email			

In case of Emergency			
Preferred Clinic			
Preferred Hospital			
Secondary Contact Name			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	

Submit completed form to: Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road, Madison WI 53704

Office tel: 608.244.6181 <http://lakeviewlutheranchurch.org/>

Questions? Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Amy Luebke at maluebke@tds.net

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

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Lynn Najem, Organist/Choir Director; Gary Cragin, Custodian

Service Schedule:

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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