

## THE BEACON

### CROP Walk

The annual Madison CROP walk to raise awareness of hunger and to raise money to combat it will be held on Sunday, October 18. Registration is at 12:45 pm with the walk starting at 1:00 pm. The walk will, again, take place at First Congregational UCC Church University Ave. There is plenty of parking in 2 church lots on Lathrop Street or in the university lot on University Ave. It is hoped that many Lakeview people will stop in the narthex and pick up CROP walk forms, collect money in advance and then attend the walk. You can also make a direct donation online by finding Lakeview's team at the Church World Service (CROP) web site at <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/>.

### 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. Gülen'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](http://www.loveisaverbmovie.com)---*Through a co-operation with the people inspired by Gülen, 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.

## Communication at Lakeview

During summer listening posts, there was discussion about providing information concerning what is happening at Lakeview in a variety of ways. Please be aware of some of the ways that we already distribute information.

### **---[www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org)**

The church web site is an excellent location to find information about this congregation. On the opening page, various activities and needs are highlighted. There is now a giving page that talks about how you can support the Lakeview Plan for Ministry (budget), the Endowment Fund and the Kitchen Renovation Project. The monthly newsletter, calendar and worship assistant schedule is always posted (including previous issues). You can find the Wedding Policy, Funeral Policy and Affirmation of Household Covenants Policy. In the side bar of the web site, you will find the most recent posts on the Lakeview Facebook page. Videos from the congregation are available on the web site along with a direct link to many ELCA and charitable web sites. There is a direct email link from the web page to the church office.

### **---Lakeview On Facebook**

Lakeview has a Facebook page that includes many pictures and notices about activities, both past and future. Anyone can see the page but if you become a member of the group, you can post information or respond to the posts of others. This is another great way to find out what is going on in this congregation. The majority of the pictures that are taken at Lakeview events are posted here.

### **---Weekly Email Updates from the Pastor**

Pastor Dean has an email list of over 80 addresses and sends a weekly update about what is happening at church or what needs the congregation may have. To receive this weekly update, you must assure that Pastor Dean has your current active email address. If you are not receiving these updates, let him know of your address.

### **---Council Minutes**

The minutes from monthly church council meetings are filed in a binder in the church office. They are available for any member of this congregation to come and read. Just stop by and let Laura know that you would like to read previous minutes from the council.

### **---Information Station**

Each Sunday morning our ministry coordinator has information and sign up forms at the Information Station table in the church narthex. Stop by before or after worship to peruse the table and see if there are things that you want to participate in.

### **---Weekly Worship Book**

Every week the office staff works to put together the worship service in a readable and easy to use booklet (large print available). This booklet includes several pages of notes and announcements. We encourage you to take your worship book with you after the service so that you have access to those announcements throughout the week. When space in the worship book allows, a weekly calendar is included.

### **---Worship**

When you participate in weekly worship, you will share communication. Not only are there verbal announcements during the service, but casual conversations with others will increase connections, fellowship and become times of information sharing. Worship often to stay connected.

### **---Annual Meeting**

The congregation council provides an annual meeting of all members of the congregation according to the church constitution. This meeting is held on a Sunday morning in January. Elections are held and the annual plan for ministry (budget) is reviewed and passed. This is an important meeting for anyone who is confirmed. Voting members are those members who make a financial contribution and receive Holy Communion in the previous 12 months. The council is also discussing the possibility of providing quarterly voter's meetings to provide information even more frequently than once a year.

### **Young Family Retreat**

We are trying something new this year that we will continue to refine and that we hope will become a regular and enjoyable event. It's a young family retreat. This year it is being held at the Green Lake Conference Center. Our group has room reservations in Kern Lodge (motel type rooms). Meals will be served in the Kraft Center Cafeteria. There will be recreation, relaxation and some guided education. A closing communion worship service will be led by Pastor Dean on Sunday morning. Dates for this event are Friday evening Nov 6 through Sunday morning Nov 8. Cost per family unit is \$288. We reserved 7 rooms and have 6 families committed to attend. If you would still like to participate, contact Laura in the office immediately. We MUST release the final room on Oct 6 to assure that we don't have to pay for it.

### **Cemetery Clean Up Morning**

The cemetery association could use some help for a short while starting at 9:30 on Saturday morning, October 10th to throw away all spring and fall decorations that have not been removed by the deadline of October 1st. Any questions call Phil Uekert at 358-0847.

### **Confirmation Service Project**

The October monthly confirmation service project is at the River Food Pantry on Friday, October 23. Nate Campbell will be leading this service project and youth will work at the evening meal from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The River Pantry is located on Darwin Road.

### **Confirmation Faith Papers**

On Sunday, October 25 the six ninth grade youth in the confirmation program will present their Faith Papers during the worship service. The congregation is encouraged to attend to hear what our youth have to say and to support them as fellow members of our congregation. Hospitality is about giving others respect and honor. Here is a chance to provide hospitality to our youth. The confirmation service (or Affirmation of Baptismal Covenant) will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 1 in the sanctuary.

### **Fall Spirits Senior Potluck/Euchre Event**

Lakeview will be hosting the next Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament on Monday, Oct.26. Lunch will be potluck; bring your favorite fall dish to share. Beverages, condiments and table settings provided. We will eat at 11am with Euchre to follow. Look for the sign-up in the Narthex at the Information Station or contact Chris Anders, [coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) Costumes encouraged!

### **All Saints Service**

The annual All Saints service will be held on Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm in the chapel. This is a special time set aside each year to remember the saints who have departed from our lives. Although we name the saints from Lakeview who have departed in the past year, it is an opportunity for anyone to remember those saints who are loved and who have been important in their lives. The service this year will begin at the entrance to the cemetery and then process into the chapel. Pastor Ron Mach will be leading this service, which includes Holy Communion, the choir, and the rose ceremony.

### **UPCOMING BOOK CLUB READS**

#### **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

#### **December 7 –**

Comfort and Joy by Kristen Hannah

### **Choir Rehearsal**

The Lakeview choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. New choir members are always welcome and encouraged. Just show up. But remember that there will be no rehearsals on Oct 15 or Oct 22. The choir does sing on Oct 4 and then again for the All Saints service and the Confirmation Service. Choir is one of those great opportunities to get to know people in a smaller

group. It's fun and the choir gets to assist with leading worship.

### **Interested in Membership?**

It is not difficult to become a member at Lakeview. If you wish to join this congregation, you should call Pastor Dean in the church office to set up a meeting with him. The meeting is about one hour in length. He will review who we are as a congregation and what our ministry is about. He will talk about how our ministry is supported through the annual budget and about how each of us is called to support that budget with our dollars and our time and talents. Each family member joining will have an information sheet to complete (parents on behalf of children) and when that completed information is received by Laura, she will input it into the membership computer program and you will be an active member of Lakeview Lutheran Church. It all starts with a phone call.

### **Adult Bible Study Options**

If you haven't yet begun to participate in a regular Bible study, we hope you will do that soon. There are several options here at Lakeview. Every Wednesday at noon, Pastor Dean leads a study of the book of Acts in the upstairs Fellowship Room. The study lasts until around 1:00 pm, but you could certainly depart earlier if you need to. Coffee is served and you are welcome to bring your lunch to eat during the study. Remember a Bible. On Sunday morning, Pastor Dean is leading a Bible study on Biblical Hospitality at 10:00 am in the sanctuary or Fellowship Room. This is a practical study that will use biblical texts and stories to guide our congregation into being an even more hospitable place for guests and strangers. Bring a Bible. The study concludes at 11:00 am when Sunday school ends. On the second Tuesday of the month, the Dorcas Circle meets at 9:30 am in the Conference Room for refreshments, conversation and a Bible study. Pastor Dean will be leading this study and the group will be looking at issues of hospitality, as well. You should bring a Bible to Circle and plan to rotate in providing a treat for the gathering. Coffee is provided.

### **Middle School Winter Retreat**

As you know, Pastor Dean has had to step away from some activities and events at church this fall. His goal is to be able to attend and participate in the annual winter youth retreat which will be held January 15-17, 2016 at the Green Lake Conference Center. This event is for any youth in grades 6-9 and their friends in those same grades. The theme of the retreat this year will be **"Saturday Night Live"** and, through this crazy format, we'll be exploring the Bible. There will be great food, lots of games (*yep, you might puke*), outdoor recreation, basketball and weight lifting in the Rec Center. We will again be staying in Robbins Hall South, with the girls sleeping on the first floor and the boys on the upper floor. Chaperones this year are David Haselow, Jason Buchda, Nancy Stillwell, Amy Luebke, Jen Evans and Pastor Dean. Watch for more information and the registration forms soon. If you are a youth, plan to attend and plan to invite friends to join you.

### **Quilts, Quilts and More Quilts**

This past year, member Ronda Richard made 244 quilts that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief! This is about 100 more quilts than Ronda made last year. The quilts are waiting at Lakeview to be loaded onto boxcars in early October. Ronda enjoys this ministry, but is in need of material/supplies. She would love to have you donate scraps of new sewing materials, left overs, old blankets-sheets-drapes and even T-shirts for stuffing. It takes a lot of supplies to make 244 quilts and Ronda hopes you can help her out in the upcoming year. You can bring your quilt supplies to the church office and Laura will get them to Ronda.

### **Confirmation Instructors**

A huge thank you to the adults who will be teaching confirmation classes on Sunday mornings. They are Christine Stamm, Nancy Stillwell, Amy Luebke, Nate Campbell and Sterling Lynk.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

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Dear Friends,

Giving a hungry person a sandwich is not hospitality. Giving a visitor to church a cup of coffee is not hospitality. Providing a room for a homeless family to sleep in is not hospitality. Are you surprised? Those things are important for survival. They are utilitarian. They are imperative acts for disciples to commit. We should keep doing all of them and more.

But in the church, hospitality happens when we provide for the basic needs of others and, at the same time, recognize that person as someone with dignity and worth. The challenge to faith-based hospitality is to embrace all people as God has embraced us in Christ. This involves developing the skills to see everyone as a child of God, a sinner for whom Christ died, a person bearing the image of God---no matter how obscured the image might be through personal decisions or societal prejudice. Treating other people as people! Looking them in the eye, talking to them, hearing what they have to say, valuing their struggles and opinions, avoiding judgments---this is how hospitality is provided.

You've all been to a congregation or faith-based community where you were ignored. You've all been to a congregation or faith-based community where you were invited to a fellowship time but then sat alone at a table or stood in a corner. You've all been to a congregation or faith-based community where people took an interest in you, asked about you, listened to your story and shared some of their own. Which situation felt like hospitality to you?

Abraham and Sarah welcomed two strangers who showed up at their tent. In doing so, they found out they welcomed God. The people walking to Emmaus invited a stranger on the road to share supper when it got dark and realized that they were actually spending time with Jesus. Jesus took little children on his lap and told us to welcome everyone just as he welcomed the child. And most everyone is familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan providing care and compassion to someone lying on the side of the road who would not have been considered a friend.

Our congregation provides some elements of hospitality very well. We are gracious people. But we're not perfect people and there are things that we can do even better and more deliberately to be hospitable disciples and to respond to Jesus' words, ***“when you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me.”***

As you continue to extend hospitality to Kris and I and our family during this painful time for us, I give thanks. But I also hope it is that same hospitality that we can together offer to the strangers in our midst, on our streets, in our shelters, in institutions who need a loving smile. May everyone know of God's love for them and may we, the people of Lakeview Lutheran Church, work hard to make that love known practicing hospitality.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

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**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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