

THE BEACON

Thanksgiving Dinner Time

One of Lakeview's most treasured outreach ministries is the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This meal is served family style at noon on Thanksgiving Day. The menu includes roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, gravy, real whipped potatoes, sweet potatoes, homemade cranberries, coleslaw, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverages. Because of the generosity of many members of this congregation who donate and cook food and volunteer to work at the dinner, this meal is free to anyone. Many folks are served including those who struggle with food deficiencies, those who may be lonely, those looking for a warm place to spend time, and those whose families are no longer in the area. Some people who attend have no resources and some people who attend are wealthy. Many different languages are spoken around the tables during the meal. It is a wonderful day for a diverse community to gather for good food and good fellowship. This day is what "hospitality" is all about. We are grateful that Bob and Donna Mohrmann have again agreed to chair this event. This is the 31st year they have led this outreach endeavor. Please consider how you might be able to help. We need a good group of volunteers on Wednesday, November 25 to peel potatoes, make stuffing, wash dishes, set up the room, etc. Laura Jasiczek and Doris Hicks will be here to direct the volunteers on that day. We need 22 people to roast a turkey at their home and bring it whole and cooked to the church at 11:00 am on Thanksgiving. We need people to bake pumpkin pies and bring them to the church. We need folks of all ages to help serve the meal and then, one of greatest needs is, to have enough people stick around after everyone has eaten to help clean everything up (*yeah, this is the part that no one loves*). All volunteers should plan to eat. Cash donations for this meal are also appreciated since we do buy some of the food outright. Find the Thanksgiving Dinner Donations and Volunteer sheet in this newsletter and return it soon to share how you can help.

Budget Update

Since the congregational meeting on September 27, our weekly offerings have been;

Sep 27-\$3766

Oct 11-\$3088

Oct 4-\$7315

Oct 18 -\$4882

To meet our annual budget of \$324,000.00 we should be averaging \$6230 in weekly giving.

Thanksgiving Dinner Reservations

We encourage people who are going to eat Thanksgiving dinner at Lakeview to call the church office at 244-6181 and indicate the number of guests who will come to the meal. No names are taken, but knowing numbers is helpful for set up and food preparation.

Welcome Gary Cragin

When the custodian at Lakeview resigned in July, Gary Cragin was available to come and maintain the building as a contracted custodian. This past month, the Personnel Task Group at Lakeview reviewed applications for the custodian position and conducted interviews. This committee then hired Gary for the job. Gary Cragin is now the official part-time Lakeview custodian. He works 5 mornings each week, so you will see him around the building during that time. If you see custodial needs that should be addressed, please let Gary know. If you have a compliment about the work he is doing, let him know that also. Compliments are always welcome! Welcome aboard Gary!

Kitchen Fundraising Task Group

Per the congregation's direction at the congregational meeting in September, a Kitchen Fundraising Task Group has been formed. Gayle Langer has agreed to serve as the chairperson of this ad hoc group. Other members include: Christine Stamm, Sterling Lynk, Lyle Fenske, Caryl Keip, Todd Schaack, Corrine Greiber, and Lynn Case. Providing information and consultation to the group are Mary Cragin-council president, Tom Thornburgh-council treasurer, Verallyn Cline-director of facilities and Pastor Dean.

This group will look at possible ways to fund the kitchen renovation project through grants, loans and congregational fundraiser activities.

Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, November 1 we will affirm the baptismal covenants of Katelyn Buchda, Jacob Kerl, Dane Luebke, Ian McCosky and Corey Wolter. This Rite of Confirmation will be part of the service at 9:00 am. Plan to attend to support and uplift our youth.

Book Club discussion

'A Sudden Light' by Garth Stein will be discussed at 6:30pm on Monday, Nov 2 The discussion takes place in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome to attend. The final book club discussion of the year will take place Dec 7. The club will be reading 'Comfort and Joy' by Kristen Hannah.

Young Family Retreat

On November 6-8, we are trying something new at Lakeview. We have seven families (*adults and children*) going on a weekend retreat to the Green Lake Conference Center. While there, they will stay in Kern Hall and eat meals in the Kraft Center Dining Room. There will be time for socializing and some family fun on the grounds of the Green Lake Center on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Pastor Dean will be leading a Saturday morning Bible study with the adults while childcare and activities are provided for the children. There will be some family games and crafts and a closing worship service on Sunday morning before the group departs. Laura Jasiczek, office administrator, has been putting this event together and Pastor Dean will join the group on Saturday and Sunday. We look forward to seeing if this might be a regular event. Those attending this year are; the Potter household, the Thornburgh household, the Dewsnap household, the Jasiczek/Baker household, the Pownell household, the Umberger/Schade household and the Dyar household. If you didn't choose to go this year but would have interest in the future, please let Laura or Pastor Dean know your thoughts.

Just Bakery

For those of you who did not get the cinnamon rolls or cherry-cheese coffee cake that you wanted from Just Bakery on Oct 18, there is good news. MUM Just Bakery will return to the church narthex (jargon for entry area) on Sunday, November 15. They plan to be set up at 8:30 am and they have been told to bring more products, especially the morning sweet roll/cake variety. Remember, when you purchase products from Just Bakery, you are supporting this very important ministry in our community of providing employable job skills for folks who have obstacles. It was good to see that everything disappeared from the October sales table.

Holiday Day Trip

Lakeview is planning to attend the 'Clausen Family Music Show', Christmas on the Farm at the historic barn theatre in Coloma, WI on Monday, Dec.7. The 30 passenger bus will depart from Lakeview at 10am. The 'Christmas on the Farm' dinner show, filled with holiday music, begins at 12:30pm. Dinner is served buffet-style and includes 3 entries including a gluten free option. Beverages are coffee, milk and water with soda for purchase during intermission. Return time around 5:30pm. Cost is \$66/person which includes dinner, show and transportation(both ways). Sign-up in the Narthex or contact Chris Anders coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org by Monday, Nov. 23. Payment required at time of sign-up.

November Euchre Tournament

The November Euchre Tournament and Senior Lunch will be held at Warner Park on November 23rd.

Advent Begins November 28/29

Again this year, we will do a special collection during the four weeks of Advent. This year it is going to be a "non-food" drive for our Lakeview Food Pantry. Each weekend of Advent you are encouraged to bring the appropriate personal care products and place them at the altar. Let's stock the shelves in our food pantry with those items that are often hard to obtain for our pantry customers.

Nov 28/29-bring toothpaste and toothbrushes

Dec 5/6 - bring toilet paper

Dec 12/13-bring disposable diapers of all sizes, baby wipes and feminine hygiene products

Dec 19/20-bring bath soap, shampoo, dish soap and laundry detergent

Christmas Worship

This year there will be NO worship service on Christmas Day at Lakeview. There will be two options for worship on Christmas Eve. The first is at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary and will include a children's musical, Holy Communion and traditional Christmas Carols. The second service will be at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary and will include a sermon, selections by the choir, Holy Communion and traditional candle lighting. There will be weekend worship on Dec 26 at 5:00 pm in the chapel and on Dec 27 at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

Computer Tech People

The church office is looking for a couple of people from the congregation who have computer technology skills and would be available in case there is a simple need for the church computer system. Our system was recently installed by Mad City Techs and we have paid in advance for service from them.

They have provided us excellent products and great service. At the same time, there are small issues that we don't want to have to pay the price for a service call. We are hoping these issues might be able to be addressed by a volunteer of the congregation. The Lakeview office staff has limited computer technology skills. If you could help out, let Laura in the office know. Many thanks for responding to another way to share your gifts at Lakeview.

Building Help

With the change in the worship and education schedule, it is hoped that everyone could help to close down the building on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. If you are leaving a room, please turn the lights off. If you know how to lock a door, please lock it. If you are done in a hallway, shut the lights off. Bathroom lights are frequently forgotten. If you are leaving the Fellowship Room, shut the coffee pot warmers off. The west entrance doors will lock automatically. Everyone is simply asked to pitch in and help as we depart on Sunday morning. Remember, there is no custodian who walks around the building on Sunday to assure everything is off and all doors are locked. That task is up to all of us. Thanks!

Bible Studies Continue

Remember there continue to be two options for weekly Bible study at Lakeview. Both classes are led by Pastor Dean. On Sunday mornings a group gathers in the Fellowship Room for a study on biblical hospitality at 10:00 am. On Wednesday, at noon, a group gathers in the Fellowship Room for a study of

the book of Acts. Anyone is welcome at these studies (members and non-members). Even if you haven't had the chance to attend in the past, you are welcome to come when you can.

Becoming a Member

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of Lakeview Lutheran Church, they should call the church office at 244-6181 and set up an appointment to meet with Pastor Dean. He will spend about an hour with the individuals seeking to be members. People will be asked to complete an information sheet so that Laura can input the information into the computer system. People will be assigned an envelope number so that giving can be tracked and recorded on the annual giving statement. It is not a difficult process. All are welcome at Lakeview.

Where Are You?

Sometimes members of Lakeview change addresses, phone numbers or emails and forget to tell the church office. When that happens, we lose contact with you. Please keep the office updated with contact information. When mail is returned to us, we have to pay a fee for each piece. If you are not getting weekly updates from Pastor Dean, he doesn't have your email address. If you would like to receive these updates, be sure to share your address with him. Remember, you can choose to receive your monthly newsletter electronically. To do that, Laura needs your email address. Check out what is happening at Lakeview on the church website or the Facebook page, as well.

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

For some of us at Lakeview and in our community, Thanksgiving is NOT happy and Christmas is NOT merry. Our lives have been radically changed in recent years, months or weeks and we are struggling to survive in a season where the world around us thinks everyone should be jovial and happy.

As we talk about hospitality at Lakeview, I want to bring this to your attention. Hospitality is about providing value and worth to every person in God's creation. Sometimes, providing that value and worth may mean being careful about what we say or how we interact with others. Hospitality may be about recognizing someone else's pain. Right now, I can't stand to be asked the question, "*How are you?*" The answer to the question is that I'm not good and I'm struggling with painful grief every minute of every day. Right now, I can't stand to be told to "*have a great day.*" None of my days seem real great; I merely survive them and do what needs to be done. And even though I may appear to act "normal" for a while, underneath and inside, nothing is normal.

As we approach this time of year, consider all those in our midst who may be struggling as I am. Consider all those whose traditions and activities have been altered and who are not feeling the "holly jolly joy of the holidays." Be sensitive to the cards and notes you send. I know that my family will appreciate that and I know there are others who will appreciate it as well.

Yes, we are still thankful for things. I am thankful for a loving wife, daughter, son-in-law and future grandchild. I am thankful for parents and extended family and friends. I am thankful for everyone who comes to my office and allows me to cry in their midst. And, yes, we are still grateful that our Savior has been born, died and risen. We are still gratified to know that because of Christ all people can experience eternal life. But the hoopla of the world may not feel good and words like *Merry Christmas, Happy Thanksgiving, Seasons Greetings, Joyous Noel, Happy Holidays* may become very painful.

Despite all of this, those of us who struggle need you, we need each other and we need the community. We need to know that others understand our situations and that they continue to love us and care for us even during these difficult times. Thank you for caring.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN



Kathie Benson checking out one of the rides at the Harley Museum during the September Senior Trip to Milwaukee.

Poinsettia and Evergreen Order Form

Order red poinsettias or evergreens to brighten Lakeview's altar on Christmas Eve. The order deadline, determined by the florist we use, is earlier than previous years. As a result, we need the form by **Monday, November 16**.

6 1/2" poinsettia pot @ \$14 each

7 1/2" poinsettia pot @ \$22 each

Evergreens @ \$30 each

In memory of

In honor of

Name:

Thanksgiving Dinner

You are invited to donate food or your time at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at church on Thursday, Nov. 26. Please complete the form below, give it to an usher or return it to the church office by Sunday, Nov. 15. Thank you for assisting.

Food donations

Donate one uncooked, frozen turkey and bring to church by Sunday, Nov. 15

Donate 1 pound of real butter (no margarine) and bring to church by Tuesday, Nov. 24

Pumpkin pies (*indicate the number of pies you will donate*). Bring by 11 am Nov. 26

Cook a donated turkey and bring cooked turkey to church at 11 am on Nov. 26

Donate and cook a turkey and bring cooked turkey to church at 11 am on Nov. 26

Volunteer opportunities

Place the name or names of individuals who will volunteer below the item you can do. You may volunteer in more than one place but please plan to stay until your shift is finished.

Peel potatoes, set up dining room, get plates ready, prep the kitchen on Wednesday, Nov 25 beginning at 9am:

Cook potatoes, carve turkeys, cut pies, etc., on Thursday, Nov. 26 from 8 am until noon in kitchen:

Serve the meal at noon and stay until the dining room and kitchen are clean at about 2 pm:

Arrive at 12:30 pm on Nov 26 and stay until the entire area is cleaned:

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Monday to Friday 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org

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5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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