

## THE BEACON

### Advent

The new church year begins with the season of Advent on Nov 28/29. Advent is a 4-week period of time that precedes Christmas. It is a time to prepare, to wait, to consider the past and anticipate the future. This year, like last year, all Advent worship services will be held in the main sanctuary (*including Saturday evenings*). Instead of using the assigned weekend lectionary readings during Advent we will be reading the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke. These stories lead us to the birth of Jesus from chapter 2 which we will then read on Christmas Eve. There will be special music during Advent services. Weekly themes in Advent:

- Nov 28/29 The Birth of John Announced
- Dec 5/6 The Birth of Jesus Announced
- Dec 12/13 Mary Visits Elizabeth
- Dec 19/20 The Birth of John
- Dec 24 The Birth of Jesus

### Special Advent Collections

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 on the table. 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

On Christmas Eve, there will be two worship services in the main sanctuary. There will be no Christmas Day worship at Lakeview this year. On Dec 24 at 4:00 pm, Sunday school children, under the direction of Lynn Najem, will present a Christmas Musical entitled *Oh, Little Christmas Town*. This service will include the congregation singing traditional Christmas carols, the reading of the birth story from the gospel of Luke and Holy Communion. The service at 6:30 on Christmas Eve will include the traditional candle lighting. There will be readings, sermon, carols, Holy Communion and selections from the Lakeview Choir. All are welcome on Christmas Eve at Lakeview.

## THE KITCHEN PROJECT

### **Kitchen Fund Raising Task Group**

The kitchen fundraising task group was established immediately after the Congregation Meeting on Sept 27. This group has been meeting and has a great deal of enthusiasm and creativity about finding ways to fund the renovation of the kitchen. They have begun applying for grants. They have established some upcoming fundraisers in the congregation that will promote the kitchen, fellowship and raise money. They are exploring a policy to rent our chapel to community folks who may be interested in a wedding or other appropriate event there. They are staying in touch with the church treasurer about possible future loans for the project. They have explored the Mission Investment Fund with the ELCA. Rest assured that wise, careful decisions about this project are being made. On Dec 5/6 this task group will give a brief presentation before each worship service. Thank you to Gayle Langer for chairing this group and to Christine Stamm, Lynn Case, Lyle Fenske, Corrine Greiber, Todd Schaack, and Sterling Lynk, who have been working on this project. Also, thank you to Mary Cragin and Verallyn Cline who have served as advisors to this group. There is lots of work to do as we move forward on this project. Of course, if someone is hiding a large sum of money that they would want to donate to fund this project, we could immediately disband this ad hoc committee! Thank you to everyone for supporting the kitchen update project.

### **Pack the Truck Kitchen Fundraiser**

Lakeview church will be partnering with Easter Seals of Wisconsin for a Pack the Truck fundraiser. This event runs from now through noon on December 28th. You can donate bags of your unwanted clothing, comforters, blankets, towels, sheets, shoes and purses. Anything made from cloth will be accepted. Items are resold or reused and anything that is not usable is recycled. Bring your bags into the office entrance area. You can leave your bags and collect a tax receipt. Yes! All items donated to this fundraiser are tax deductible. Our goal is to collect 600+ bags of donations. Easter Seals will pay Lakeview Lutheran 20 cents per pound of items donated. That means 600 bags is worth about \$3,000 for our kitchen fund. Further information and Easter Seals brochures can be found in the Narthex. Pass the word to your relatives, friends, and neighbors to bring their tax deductible donations to your Thanksgiving dinners. Pick up your receipts ahead of time. Tell your neighbors and friends to drop off their tax-deductible donations at Lakeview Monday-Friday 8-4 and Sunday 8:30-10:30. If you need assistance loading or bringing your items to church, please let Corinne Greiber know and she will make arrangements for you. She can be reached at: 249-0550 or [crgcreativecare@charter.net](mailto:crgcreativecare@charter.net).

### **Clothing Bags**

There are bags available in the church office or the church narthex for you to bag up clothes for the Easter Seals clothing drive in December. You are welcome to use any type of garbage bag but if you would like to use one that is provided, stop in and pick as many up as you may need. Remember that we are supporting Easter Seals (Savers) with this project but we are also receiving 20 cents per pound of clothing that we donate, which will go toward the kitchen renovation project. Thanks for helping.

### **Year-end Giving Opportunities**

Lakeview members receiving funds from an individual retirement account (IRA) or other deferred tax account may elect to transfer the annual withdrawal or a portion of the required withdrawal as a contribution to Lakeview. This process eliminates the tax liability on the amount received from the account. If of interest to you as a retiree, discuss this opportunity with a financial adviser or the professional who manages your IRA or tax deferred annuity funds. Our church is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization. This is another great way to support the ministry of our congregation.

### **Confirmation at Salvation Army**

Our confirmation students will be serving dinner at the Salvation Army shelter on Wednesday, December 2 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Depending on the weather, the shelter serves around 150 people at each evening meal. The kids are looking for donations of homemade Christmas type cookies to take for dessert on that evening. If you could donate some homemade cookies, please let Pastor Dean know and have them in the church office by noon on Dec 2. Thank you.

### **Recognizing Sterling Lynk**

Sterling Lynk is a young man who was baptized, confirmed and married at Lakeview. He has been a lifetime member of this congregation and was recently accepted into the Master's of Divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Luther is one of the eight seminaries in the country operated by the ELCA. Sterling was also recently approved by the synod candidacy committee to be on track for ordination as an ELCA pastor upon completion of his academic degree. It is part of the constitution of our congregation that we will seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the gospel. It's been many years since this has happened at Lakeview. The seminary process is a four-year period of time. As a way to support and uplift Sterling in his call, we will set aside Dec 5 and 6 at worship to recognize him, to have him participate in worship and to provide a special financial offering to him that can be used to purchase books and academic supplies at seminary.

Cash gifts for this offering are welcome. The use of a check written to "Lakeview" will allow your gift to be recorded on your giving statement. As an alternative to a cash gift, you could donate gas gift cards to PDQ or Citgo. Since Sterling commutes to St. Paul every week, gas gift cards are most appropriate. Join us to uplift Sterling on Dec 5/6.

### **Holiday Day Trip**

The bus is full for the Clausen Family Music Show on Monday, Dec.7. The Dinner Show starts at 12:30pm. We will be leaving, via Lazers Bus service, from the Lakeview parking lot at 10am and returning to Lakeview between 5:30-6pm.

### **Book Club**

'Comfort and Joy' by Kristen Hannah will be discussed on *Tues., Dec.8* at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Senior Holiday Party/Euchre**

Monday, Dec.14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the final Lunch/ Euchre Tournament for the year. Pastor Dean will be cooking roast chicken, baked ham, potatoes and all the fixins'. We will begin at 11am with a sing-a-long of your favorite Christmas Carols in the library, led by our infamous Music Director Lynn Najem. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the euchre event will follow. Watch at the Information Station in the Narthex for a sign-up sheet for this event.

### **Biblical Hospitality Bible Study**

The biblical hospitality Bible study, led by Pastor Dean, will continue every Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room through Dec 20. In January, there will be a new topic and a new start date. Join us for study in December and watch for details about what the topic will be in the new year.

### **Senior Lunches/Euchre Events-2016**

Lakeview will be hosting **all** the Senior lunches/Euchre events for 2016. All events will be held in East Hall with lunch served at 11:00am and cards to follow. Prizes awarded for the top three scores. Please see the attached schedule for exact dates or pick up a copy of the dates at the Information Station in the Narthex.

### **Middle School Winter Retreat**

This is year number 15 that our youth in grades 6 through 9 will be heading to the Robbins Hall North dorm at the Green Lake Conference Center for a winter weekend retreat. The dates this year are January 15-17. The theme this year is ***“Saturday Night Live.”*** Using this theme the participants will explore a variety of Bible stories in fun and unusual ways. Outdoor activities like sledding, hiking and cross-country skiing will be available, if the weather cooperates. Basketball, Ping-pong, carpetball and exercise equipment will be available in the Rec Center. Meals are great and food is plentiful, served cafeteria style in the Kraft Center. And of course, there will be awful, horrible, wicked and gross games on Saturday evening. This is

a great weekend for Lakeview youth and their friends. Complete the enclosed registration form and attach the payment of \$45 and return to Pastor Dean by January 1, 2016. Don't miss out on this event. Chaperones this year will be Nancy Stillwell, Amy Luebke, Jen Evans, Jason Buchda, David Haselow and Pastor Dean.

### **Summer Youth Trip**

Because of circumstances, Pastor Dean has not been able to plan the summer youth trips until recently. With the help of Nate Campbell, an interesting cultural experience, at a lower cost than typical, has been planned. This year, the trip will be a combined experience for both middle school and high school youth. The group will depart from Lakeview after worship on August 7 and return late on August 12. There are 21 slots for youth on this trip and 4 slots for adult chaperones. Vans have been rented to transport the group to Whispering Pines Retreat Center on Shawano Lake. Whispering Pines is a great location in the woods with swimming and sand volleyball available. The group will cook their own meals in a nice kitchen. Beds are provided, but everyone will need to provide their own bed linens. During the days in Shawano County, the youth will be exposed to a unique cultural mix in the area. They will spend time on the Menomonee Indian Reservation, time on the Stockbridge Muncie Indian Reservation, time within the Amish community near Bonduel and time with the Mormon Community in Gresham. They will experience service opportunities in



these locations, living history museums, unusual wildlife and phenomenal forest and river experiences. Fishing is also a possibility. An evening will be spent having a picnic and enjoying kayaks, paddleboats and swimming at the Kirst cottage on Koonz Lake. The highlight of the trip may be to experience the Stockbridge Muncie Pow-wow before returning to Madison. The cost per youth for this trip is \$500. Students may pay the full

amount or make a deposit of \$100 to register and then fundraise the remainder of the funds. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Slots will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Guests are welcome. Youth who are currently in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to register. Parents of youth who register will be called on to help with appropriate fundraising after the first of the year.

ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 31, 2016 AT 10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.

### **Family Retreat at Green Lake Conference Center**



Pictured (left to right): Oliver Thornburgh, Lillian Thornburgh, Natasha Dewsnap, Ben Dyar, Samantha Dyar, and Alana Schade.

### **Lakeview Summer Youth Trip Registration Form**

**Grades 6-12**  
**August 7-12, 2016**

Youth name \_\_\_\_\_

Youth address \_\_\_\_\_

Youth email \_\_\_\_\_

Youth phone \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible adult name \_\_\_\_\_

Information regarding this trip will be shared via email on a regular basis. Please provide all the email addresses that should be receiving this information besides the youth email \_\_\_\_\_

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This trip will include many outdoor recreational activities. Please indicate any physical restrictions of the youth \_\_\_\_\_

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There will be service projects. Please order the list below regarding your preference for service. One being what you like the most, 5 being what you like the least.

- \_\_\_ working outdoors in parks, yards etc.
- \_\_\_ working with children
- \_\_\_ working with senior citizens
- \_\_\_ working in food distribution/meal sites
- \_\_\_ working in clothing distribution centers

If fishing is offered on this trip, would you go fishing and do you have a valid fishing license?

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Do you swim? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per youth is \$500. Initial deposit is \$100 and additional cost can be paid directly or fundraised. Will you pay the additional cost or fundraise \_\_\_\_\_

There are 21 slots on this trip for youth and 4 slots for chaperones. Slots are on first come first serve basis. Please return your registration form and \$100 to Pastor Dean by Dec 15, 2015.

**Senior Lunch/Euchre 2016**

**All Events hosted by Lakeview**

**Lunch at 11am,Euchre to follow**

**Monday,Jan.25**

**Monday,Feb.22**

**Monday,Mar.14**

**Monday,Apr.18**

**Monday,May 16**

**Monday,June 6**

**Monday,July 11**

**Monday,Aug. 15**

**Monday,Sept.19**

**Monday,Oct.24**

**Monday,Nov.21**

**Monday,Dec.12**

## **“Saturday Night Live” Schedule of Events**

### **Friday, January 15, 2016**

- 5:00 pm Arrive at church, sign up for a sleeping room
- 5:30 pm Depart from Lakeview-*Eat something before you come!*
- 7:00 pm Arrive at Green Lake—get settled in rooms
- 7:15 pm Adult chaperones meet
- 8:00 pm Warm up games
- 8:30 pm Learn the rules
- 9:00 pm Devotions
- 10:00 pm Food and free-time
- 11:00 pm Quiet time in rooms
- 11:30 pm Sleeping-nothing else, no noise!

### **Saturday, January 16, 2016**

- 7:00 am Pastor Dean will wake you and you won't like it!
- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 9:00 am SNL explores the Bible-with breaks and refreshments
- 12:00 pm Lunch at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 1:00 pm Recreation meeting in Robbins Hall  
*Everyone will go sledding for 1-hour. Be sure you bring appropriate clothes/boots. Bring blow up sleds/tubes. If there is no snow, everyone will go hiking for 1 hour. After, you may continue to sled or may go hiking, rec center, Ping-Pong, use challenge course, cross-country ski.*
- 3:00 pm Bon-fire and marshmallows at Fire Pit
- 4:30 pm Dorm meeting in Robbins Hall
- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 5:30 pm Free time to get dressed for the GAMES
- 6:30 pm Live From Green Lake-It's Saturday Night-games to puke by
- 9:00 pm Shower time
- 9:30 pm Featured movie and snacks in Robbins Hall
- 11:00 pm Quiet time in rooms
- 11:30 pm Sleeping-that's all there is to it!

### **Sunday, January 17, 2016**

- 7:00 am Pastor Kirst does his loud “wake-up thing”
- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 8:30 am Clean rooms and pack vehicles
- 10:00 am Closing communion worship in Robbins Hall North
- 10:30 am Depart for Lakeview, arrive around noon



**Lakeview Lutheran Church Winter Youth Retreat**  
**“Saturday Night Live”**  
**Green Lake Conference Center-January 15-17, 2016**  
**Grades 6-9**

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Youth Name

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Youth date of birth and grade in school

Gender M/F

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Name of mother/guardian, address, phone, email

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Name of father/guardian, address, phone, email

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Emergency contact person, other than parents/guardians, and phone

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Physician's name and telephone number

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Medical insurance name

Group number

Phone

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Identify any medical conditions/medications the chaperones should be aware of

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Identify any special diet or accessibility needs we should be aware of-food allergies

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Parents/adults- we need volunteers to make this retreat happen. Drivers are very important to transport kids to and from Green Lake—it's about 1.5 hours north of Madison. Maps provided.

I can help drive to Green Lake on Friday evening 5:30 pm, # of seatbelts\_\_\_\_\_

I can help drive from Green Lake on Sunday morning 10:30 am, # of seatbelts\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/adults-you can also help by donating something below. Bring to church on Friday evening.

I can furnish a 12 pack of soda for this event

I can furnish a 12 pack of bottled water for this event

I can furnish a 6 pack of fruit juice for this event

I can furnish a bag/box of snacks for this event (chips, corn chips, crackers etc.)

Cost per youth, non-Lakeview friends too, is \$45 and includes lodging, meals, bed linens, towels, soap and use of all recreation areas at Green Lake. Checks should be made to “Lakeview Lutheran Church” and attached to this **completed** form. Please complete **all areas** of the form and return to Pastor Kirst by January 1, 2016.

**Inside:  
Advent  
Christmas  
The Kitchen Project!**

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://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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