

THE BEACON

Easter Worship

All Easter worship will be held in the sanctuary. All services will include Holy Communion. Easter flowers and butterflies may be removed after the 10:30 service.

April 15, **5:00 pm Easter Vigil**

April 16, **7:00 am Easter First Light**

April 16, **9:00 am Easter Festival Service**

April 16, **10:30 am Easter Festival Service**

Easter Breakfast

Kyle Bakken, Katelyn Buchda, Anthony DuPre, Colton Rohde, Rito Evans, Ruby Hansen, Jacob Kerl, Ben Luebke, Dane Luebke and Jack McKee invite you to join them for Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7:30 am to 10:30 am in East Hall. They will be serving egg casseroles, pancakes, fruit, pastries, and beverages. They will welcome your free-will offering which will support their summer mission trip to NYC where they will be providing meals and delivery to people struggling with AIDS. Enjoy food and fellowship and let the kids do the clean up!

Responding to Jesus' Call

On Easter Sunday, pause and consider how the Lakeview community is responding to Jesus' call to bring God's love and justice to the world. As you come to celebrate the resurrection, consider what is going on at Lakeview on that day to proclaim the gospel through words and actions in the world. You will experience regular worship with music, biblical readings, sermon and Holy Communion. The Easter butterfly tree will stand before you reflecting the money that we raised to help train a personal care dog for a member of our congregation with a degenerative disability. Under that tree, there will be a pile of toilet paper reflecting our gift to those who struggle to purchase food and personal care items. You can eat at the Easter breakfast and make a financial donation to the Lakeview youth who will be going to New York City in July to prepare, package and deliver meals to people struggling with AIDS. On Easter morning, many of you will assist to load the Road Home truck to move our Road Home guests to a new place of shelter. Several of you will take bags of dirty linens home on Easter Sunday to wash. And many of you will have offered your time or your gifts of food during holy week to provide shelter to our guest families. Easter is not just about believing in Jesus. It is also about following him and it is good for us to regularly reflect on how we do that. Filled stomachs, a warm safe place to sleep and access to toilet paper are far more Christ-like than Easter bonnets, new spring clothes or massive quantities of potted daffodils. Thank you, Lakeview, for putting your faith into action.

Final Mid-Week Lenten Presentation

We have been experiencing a variety of speakers every Wednesday evening in Lent who are addressing the issue of poverty from different perspectives. Our final mid-week presentation at 7:00 pm on April 5 will be by Lynn Green-Dane County Human Service Director, Ron Chance and several social workers. Come and hear what our nextdoor neighbors on Lakeview Hill are experiencing, in our county, regarding poverty.

Song of the Shadows

On Passion Weekend, the choir and Sunday school children will present a new musical arrangement of the story of Christ's passion and death. Through this service, we are reminded that the earthly life of Christ began in shadows. And now we walk together in the shadow of the cross, but we will not walk alone. We can find comfort in knowing that wherever there are shadows, there is also light. Join us for worship on April 8 at 5:00 pm and/or April 9 at 9:00 am as the children and choir lead *A Song of Shadows*. Holy Communion will be served at both services.

Devotional Bible Study

This year we will do something different on Maundy Thursday, April 13 and Good Friday, April 14. Since there has been extremely poor interest in worship during the evening on those two days, this year we will gather at noon on each day in the Fellowship Room. This will not be a worship service but a Bible study devotion. No communion will be served. We will explore what the day

represents and then use the assigned gospel text of the day as the basis for a Bible study. We will conclude at 1:00 pm. Enter through the northside glass doors to the Fellowship Room. This will be an informal time.

Easter Toilet Paper

The second weekend of April is the weekend of Easter. The second weekend of the month is also the weekend when we collect a designated item for the Lakeview Food Pantry. On April 15 and 16 we will collect toilet paper. We will bring it to Easter worship and place it under the Easter butterfly tree in our sanctuary. Do not resurrect your toilet paper, only bring new! The pantry can use lots of toilet paper and we have plenty of room to accumulate it under the tree. Did you know that when you use our pantry, each member of the household gets one roll of toilet paper? Did you know that toilet paper cannot be purchased on a SNAP card? Did you know that many of those personal care items that we use every day are very difficult for people living on a limited income to obtain? Wouldn't it be great if we could give out two rolls of TP for every household member? People can use the food pantry every 30 days.

Road Home

We host Road Home guests at Lakeview in April. And, like usual, we need many volunteers and many donations to make this important ministry happen. Our guests will move into the Sunday school rooms on Sunday morning, April 9. Please consider offering a few moments of your time that

morning, at 10, to set up rooms, unload the van, make beds, get the kitchen ready etc. There is something for all ages! Chris Anders will be looking for many volunteers to be present in the building throughout the week. Some of these volunteers will cook the evening meals. Please let Chris know when you can help. Staying overnight is a significant need. We always need two people for that. Then there will be need for volunteers to help load the truck on Easter morning, April 16, at 8:15. Besides these tasks, Chris will be looking for donations of food for breakfasts and lunches. You will be able to sign up to donate in the narthex. And please consider taking a bag of dirty laundry to wash and dry at the end of the week. It takes many, many volunteers to make this week successful. And as we are all aware, homeless families don't get to have Easter off--if you are without a home, you are without it on Easter too. How can we make this Easter and Holy Week as comfortable as possible for these families?

Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament

The Senior Lunch in April will be held on Monday, the 17th. A brunch will be served at 11:00 am. No, the brunch will NOT be leftovers from Easter Breakfast the day before. It will be fresh and good and even though Pastor Dean has never worked on the day after Easter before, he will come in and join the staff to cook a wonderful brunch on that day. He knows the importance of providing good food so that the euchre players have energy and power to focus on their game!!!!

Get signed up in the narthex to join us for brunch and cards and a whole lot of conversation and fellowship.

Knitters and Crocheters

The Knots of Love group will be adding an additional meeting time. We will continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month (April 4th) at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room (Library). We will start meeting on the third Tuesday of each month (April 18th) at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Room. Donations of yarn are always appreciated. Come and join us.

Revelation Bible Study

The Wednesday noon Bible study on Revelation, led by Pastor Dean, will resume on April 19. The group has taken a break during the season of Lent. All are welcome to come at noon for coffee and refreshments or bring a lunch, if you wish. Bring a Bible, too.

Financial Update from the Council

The congregation council has called a special meeting for Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary. This meeting is a result of the congregation's desire to have regular updates from the council about church finances. Please plan on attending this informative meeting. In the meantime, the council would like the congregation to have this information. It is really best right now to put your gifts into the general budget and NOT designate them for the kitchen. We have had significant bills this winter for parking lot care. These costs have been particularly high, due to frequent ice removal. We have also had high energy

bills this winter and a major bill for fixing the main boiler system for the sanctuary/east hall. On March 14 the church checking account had \$29,000 in it at Old National. That looks good. However, \$38,000 of that money (*more than we have*) is designated for special purposes like the parking lot, the kitchen, the summer youth trip and the food pantry. So, in reality, we do not have enough money in the bank to cover those designated funds. And, of course, we still need to pay bills and wages out of that same checking account. In those funds at Old National, there is \$10,751 designated for the kitchen to pay toward the cemetery loan. We are paying \$250 per month on the loan. That means that we have 43 months or 3.5 years of loan payments in hand. Therefore, it is best, right now, that our money be given to the general fund of the church. And, of course, the council does encourage all members who enjoy the services, worship, snow free parking lot, Sunday school, meals, bulletins, weddings, funerals, baptisms, use of space, etc. to help support the general budget. Only the gifts from members pay for the annual budget at Lakeview. Finally, the council does wish to thank everyone who graciously works to fund this community with time, talents and dollars. We could not do the ministry we do without the dedication of the disciples of Jesus in this place.

Rummage Update

I know all of you are busily going through your basements, attics, garage and closets, gathering items for sale at this year's rummage

sale (June 1 and 2). Some gentle reminders as you do so:

Please make sure the items you donate are clean and ready to sell. Obviously, something that has been in a basement or garage isn't going to be sparkling clean, but please take the time to wipe the dust off. Make sure the Tupperware containers and dishes are clean. If it takes longer to make an item saleable than it's worth, it will not be put out. If the condition of an item makes it such that you wouldn't buy it, please don't donate it.

If you are donating bedding, tablecloths or curtains, please make sure they are clean and include a note telling us what size they are so we can put that information on the item when we put it out. (Other than the price, that's what buyers want to know – how big is it?)

And remember – NO exercise equipment because St. Vinnie's will not take it if it does not sell. NO entertainment centers for the same reason. A list of what they will and won't take will be on the bulletin boards near the office and East Hall.

Knitters, crocheters, quilters, jewelry makers, woodworkers – please consider donating items to be sold in the Craft Corner. Items will be returned to you if they do not sell. Bakers – you know how much your goodies are appreciated.

75% of the proceeds go to the parking lot project and 25% to the youth trip. Please call me (Mary Cragin-235-5296 or 837-0718) if you have questions, comments or to let me know you can help with the sale.

Koins for Kids

The high school kids are collecting your loose change to help fund their trip to NYC. The jug is in the narthex at every worship service. Drop your coins in as you pass by. Or bring your coins to the church office and they will be dropped in for you. How many pounds of coins can we get in that jug?

Memphis Trip

Because of the success of the trip to St. Louis last October and the request for additional trips of a similar nature, Pastor Dean and Chris Anders are putting together a trip to Memphis, TN, leaving on Oct 12 and returning on Oct 15. We will be traveling by Lazer's coach bus with driver. Plans are being made to eat some good BBQ, visit Beale Street, tour Graceland, tour the Civil Rights Museum, and visit Mud Island, the Peabody Hotel ducks and the giant Bass Pro Shop (535,000 square feet) in the Memphis pyramid. There are other possibilities, as well. It is estimated that the cost per person will be between \$700 and \$800. Details will keep coming. Let Pastor Dean or Chris Anders know of your interest.

Hire A Kid

It's that time of year when lawns need raking, gardens need prepping, shrubs need trimming, fences need painting, garages and basements need cleaning, gutters need clearing and so much more. Have you thought about hiring one of our high school youth going on the summer mission trip to give you a hand this year? You call the youth and set up a time for

them to come and work. Give them clear direction. Then, you pay them what it was worth to you but don't give the money to the youth, bring it to Pastor Dean who will record it and apply it to the youth's personal fundraising account for the summer trip. Listed below are the youth who are interested in being hired, along with their skills and contact information.

Kyle Bakken-608-444-4232

Mow, rake, babysit, vacuum, minor cleaning-northeast side of Madison.

Dane Luebke-(*Amy Luebke*-608-850-5457)

Yard work, shoveling, walking dogs, odd jobs, run errands-Waunakee, Deforest, North Madison, Sun Prairie

Ben Luebke-(*Amy Luebke*-608-850-5457)

Yard work, shoveling, walking dogs, odd jobs-Waunakee, Deforest, North Madison, Sun Prairie

Katelyn Buchda-608-444-6838

Babysit, household chores, yard work, dog walking, Spring cleaning-Deforest, North Madison, Sun Prairie, Waunakee

Ruby Hansen-(*Heather Hansen*-608-234-7704)

Babysit, walk dogs, painting, raking, shoveling, garden work, cleaning and yard work-Waunakee, Westport, North Madison

Jack McKee-608-225-8276

Carry and lift things, computer work, rake, mow lawns-Deforest, Sun Prairie, North Madison

Seeking Volunteers

Mary Anderson is a member of our congregation who lives on Dryden Drive. She had a stroke 16 years ago and is paralyzed on

the right side. Her husband, Charlie, passed away recently and Mary is looking for some outside volunteer help. She is looking for rides to church, which she prefers on Saturday evening but would come on Sunday. She is looking for rides to her hair appointments on Sherman Ave and a ride to go grocery shopping at Woodman's every two weeks. She uses a push transport chair, which is light weight and can be folded and placed in the trunk of your car. She does need assistance getting in and out of a vehicle and can only use a car. Mary is most willing to explain her needs in greater detail. If you might be able to assist Mary or would like to talk with her further, please call her at 298-7362 or email her at maryalz2004@yahoo.com.

Butterflies for Jen

You have raised \$905 for Jen so far. Thank you! Keep it coming!

Where is MUM Just Bakery

After 3 years of hosting the MUM Just Bakery program in our building and being instrumental in the start-up and success of that program we said goodbye on March 1. MUM was able to join forces with Porchlight Inc. and renovate a building at 1704 Theirer Road near Target. This building will be all-inclusive, so the students will have a classroom in the building and then move on to the kitchen, which is also in the building. We can be glad that we were able to assist to make this program the success that it has become. At this time, MUM is considering future training options that can lead to employment and could possibly begin in a humble classroom at Lakeview.

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY

APRIL 3

FROG MUSIC BY EMMA DONOGHUE

MAY 1

EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY BY MATTHEW DESMOND

JUNE 5

HILLBILLY ELEGY: A MEMOIR OF A FAMILY AND CULTURE IN CRISIS BY J.D. VANCE

Butterflies for Jen

Purchase butterflies at \$10 each to remember or honor someone at Easter. On Easter Sunday there will be a butterfly on the butterfly tree with the name of every person being remembered or honored. Just complete this form and attach your cash/check.

Your name: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday we'll talk about the resurrection of Jesus and what that means for our lives. It is indeed good news! Join us for worship that weekend, as we celebrate the gift of the resurrection and God's gracious love for all of us.

But there is a secondary thing to celebrate as a result of the resurrection stories. It is in regard to women. We live in a world where women have fought hard and struggled long to be seen as equals. They have endured ridicule and humiliation in their efforts. Perhaps Elizabeth Cady Stanton began that movement back in 1848. But she has never been the only one. Her ideology and her desire for women to have equal rights has been advocated by many ever since and, as a result, women in America can now vote, own property, graduate from college, serve as heads of households, keep their own names, function as CEO's and state governors and even run for the presidency. But there are still many areas where women have been objectified and seen as being lesser than men. The struggle for equality is not over. And unfortunately, we've seen much sentiment coming from our national leaders, which would encourage the subordination of women.

Some parts of the church still refuse to accept women as being able to equally stand with men. That's why the gospel stories about the resurrection of Jesus bring additional good news. This Easter, we will read from either the Gospel of Matthew or the Gospel of John. Both are assigned to us in the lectionary. And both stories uplift the same role of women.

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb where they had placed Jesus' body. They found the tomb empty. In both stories the risen Jesus appears to the women before anyone else. And not only were these women the first to experience the resurrected Christ, but then Jesus directed them to go to Galilee and tell his brothers. Jesus sent these women out to be the very first proclaimers of the gospel, the first "pastors," the first witnesses of the risen Lord. It was the women who told the men that Jesus had been raised.

In the creation story, in the first chapter of Genesis, God created men and women, both in God's image and charged them both with taking care of the rest of the creation. In the resurrection story, Jesus first appeared to women and then ordained woman to be the first proclaimers. If God and Jesus can see men and women as equals, why is it so difficult for some in our world today to uphold that same equality? As faith based people, we should never be content when women are subordinated in any way.

Come and worship on Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection and the good news of equality.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

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Road Home**

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9:00am Sunday

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