

## THE BEACON

### **Build Your Own Taco**

The senior lunch on May 15 will be served at 11:00 am in the East Hall. The menu will be a build your own taco bar. You will be able to create the taco or taco salad that most appeals to you with a wide variety of toppings and ingredients. Beverages and desserts will be served as well. And then, for those who wish, a Euchre Tournament will commence when the meal is finished. Sign up in the narthex before May 11. We go grocery shopping on May 11. Free will offering is received.

### **Special Congregation Meeting**

At the request of the congregation, the council has called a special meeting to be held on Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is for the council to update the members of the congregation on the financial status of the congregation. You are encouraged to attend.

### **Special Worship Service**

Sunday morning, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the final program day of the year. During the service at 9:00 am the choir and Sunday school children will sing. We will have the opportunity to recognize all those who taught and led in our education program over the year. Bibles will be given to our children who are age three and in grade three.

### **Koins for Kids**

The coin jug will continue to be available at worship services through May 21. We are collecting your coins for the kids going on the summer youth mission trip to New York City. If you haven't cleaned out those drawers, sofa cushions or car seats yet, do it soon. The kids appreciate your assistance.

### **Summer Schedule**

Our worship schedule doesn't change in the summer. We continue to worship on Saturday evening at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am. However we take a break from education time between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. So beginning on May 28 there will be no Sunday school or Sunday morning adult education until Rally Weekend in September. Also, office hours change. The office will be open Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30 (**closed Friday**) June 1-August 31.

## 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

## Thank You

Thank you, family of Lakeview, for helping in the fund drive for my operation of complete right knee surgery. Very appreciated. Thanks, also, for greeting cards and well wishes on the web site.

~ John Frey

## Yup – More Rummage News!

You can bring your donations to church and put them in the classroom that was formerly used by the MUM bakery group. As in past years, please feel free to mark your donations. There is no magic to it – just put a price on the item that you'd pay.

Again this year, the exception to the “no adult clothes” rule is anything Badger, Packer or Brewer. NEW this year!!! Bring in your holiday clothes – your ugly (to you, but maybe not to someone else!!) Christmas sweaters or Halloween sweatshirts. How about those brand new Valentine socks that you thought your husband would love? Bring ‘em in!!! The fuzzy vest with little bunny butts??? Someone will LOVE it!!!

Come to the sale on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, to get all the best stuff BUT...

COME BACK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, BECAUSE:

- All books will be half price all day
- Anyone wearing a Badger or Packer shirt gets 25% off from 8 to noon
- From noon to 4, everything you can stuff in a bag (other than bakery, craft corner items or items marked “Firm”) will be \$5.00

The proceeds from the spring rummage sale will assist to fund the resurfacing of the parking lot and the summer youth mission trip.

Call Mary Cragin 235-5296 with questions, comments or to volunteer.

## Adult Trip/Retreat to Memphis

The adult coach bus trip to Memphis is set for Oct 12-15. Lodging will be at the Sleep Inn on Court Square in downtown. Visits to Graceland, the Civil Rights Museum, Mud Island, Beale Street, the Peabody Hotel and the Bass-Pro Shop in the Memphis Pyramid will be included in the trip. Watch for details of how to register and costs coming soon. Check in with Pastor Dean or Chris Anders if you have any questions.

### LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY

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

JULY 3

*WHERE'D YOU GO* BERNADETTE BY MARIA SEMPLE

### A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Since Christmas, a group of about 12 folks from the congregation has been meeting regularly. This group has been called the Global Oppression Task Group. It is a group that I invited members of the congregation to participate in to assist me in looking at how we can expand our ministry at Lakeview beyond what I call wonderful "band-aid" ministry. We have been pretty good at responding to visible need and, over the years, we've even gotten better. We operate a great food pantry. We do a good job of serving homeless families. We raise money for shelters in the community. We serve many area people at Thanksgiving. We provide space for students and neighborhood events and other non-profit groups. This task group has looked beyond the visual signs of need, or what I call symptoms, and has identified the conditions that produce those symptoms. This task group would like to establish ways that our congregation can attack the conditions with some of the same gusto and determination that we have attacked the symptoms.

Early on, this group identified the following list of symptoms or visual signs of poverty and oppression in our community; *panhandling on corners, increase in violence, hopeless attitudes, routine substance abuse, unstable mental health, domestic violence, poor physical health, poor school attendance, hunger, sleep*

*deprivation, unsupervised kids, people working 3 jobs, single parenthood, teen parents, homelessness, lack of appropriate clothing, riots and protests, racial profiling, and poor transportation.*

Next the task group pulled out 2 of those symptoms that they believed were important to ministry at Lakeview. The two symptoms they selected were homelessness and hunger. They then made a list of conditions that could cause each of those symptoms. For homelessness, the following list of conditions was established; *domestic abuse, job loss/ underemployment, lack of affordable housing, mental health issues, discrimination, lack of education/ skills, AODA dependency, laziness, English communication barrier, poor role modeling, lack of citizenship and criminal activity.* For hunger, the following list of conditions was established; *insufficient funds, lack of transportation, lack of time working 3 jobs, homelessness, lack of kitchen/ utilities, economics of food, not qualifying for SNAP, mental illness, disabilities, aged, legal/ criminal issues, and poor role modeling.*

You can see that a lot of brainstorming and work has been accomplished by this group. The next step was for the group to select one condition from each of the symptom lists that they believed Lakeview could practically support and work with. The task group selected ***lack of education*** and ***jobs/employment.***

At the last meeting of this task group before Easter, they sat in small groups to discuss ministry ideas that could affect both of these conditions. Each small group brainstormed a list of ideas. At the next meeting of the group, on May 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Room, they will talk together about these lists of ideas.

Eventually, this task group will be engaging the congregation in dialogue and response to ideas they will present about how Lakeview might take on some new ministry to address conditions that cause poverty and oppression of people. This group is looking at a “bigger picture” like how we might work to change systems that are in place at all levels of society that perpetuate poverty. It was extremely helpful for the group to have experienced the excellent guest speakers that came into our congregation during Lent addressing some of these very issues.

I hope reading through this update has been helpful for you to think about our world and the role our congregation plays in reaching out like Christ and working for justice for all people. If you are interested in attending the next meeting or the task group, you are most welcome. If you have questions for the task group at this point, please share them with me and I will take them to the group.

I wish to thank the folks who have been diligent in this process and who will continue to struggle with ways of addressing poverty and oppression in the future. I wish to thank the congregation for having open minds and hearts when hearing what this group will have to say.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

**HUGE ANNUAL  
LAKEVIEW RUMMAGE,  
BAKE AND CRAFT  
SALE!**

Thursday, June 1st 7am-6pm

Friday, June 2nd 8am-4pm

**Amazing Bargains On:**

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, HOME DÉCOR, KITCHEN  
ITEMS, BOOKS,  
KIDS' CLOTHES, TOYS AND COLLECTIBLES,  
SPORTING GOODS, FURNITURE, JEWELRY,  
ARTWORK, TOOLS, HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS  
AND CRAFTS**

**No Junk, Just Gems!**

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Congregation Meeting  
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**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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