

THE BEACON

Easter Breakfast

Enjoy a hearty breakfast on Easter Sunday in East Hall. The meal will be served between 7:30 am and 10:30 am. The youth going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer are sponsoring this event. When you donate money at the breakfast in the “free-will” offering, your gift will help the kids fund this trip. Thank you for attending and enjoying food and fellowship. Thank you for your contribution.

Puerto Rico Disaster Recovery Trip

We have been informed that Mennonite Disaster Services is ready to take groups of 5 volunteers to Puerto Rico. In April, they are looking for people who can install metal roofs and trusses and pour concrete slabs and do concrete block work. They ask that one person in the group be a leader and know how to perform these tasks. It may be best for Lakeview to continue to hold off with a trip until the work is something more suitable for our volunteers. However, if there is someone in the congregation who has these skills and would be willing to lead 4 more folks from Lakeview, please talk to Pastor Dean immediately. MDS asks that volunteers come for a full week.

Book Discussion

Since the group did not have a chance to gather in March due to poor weather conditions; we will be meeting at **6pm** on Monday, Apr.2 to discuss “The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper” followed by a discussion of “The Sympathizer” by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Anyone is welcome to join in the discussions which will meet in the Fellowship Room.

Easter Weekend

The youth will sponsor an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 1. It will be held in East Hall. Easter weekend worship services:

Mar 31-5:00 pm Easter Vigil

Apr 1-7:30 am First Light Easter

Apr 1-9:00 am Easter Festival Service

Apr 1-10:30 am Easter Festival Service

Come See John Dear!

No, not the tractor. The Jesuit priest, lifelong peace activist, author of 35 books, dynamic and inspirational speaker, and often a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Rev. Dear will be speaking in Madison and signing copies of his new book as part of a 50-city book tour. This event will take place on **Wednesday, April 4, at 7 pm** at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist, 2146 East Johnson Street.

They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace & Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change is the title of John Dear's latest book. In it, he connects the way of active nonviolence with solidarity with Creation and shows how our global epidemic of violence and war is leading to catastrophic climate change.

The event is free and open to the public. A free will collection will be taken up to help defray Rev. Dear's travel expenses.

Road Home Celebration Dinner

You have until April 8 to RSVP for the Road Home celebration meal to be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 11. We'll begin the dinner with a champagne toast to thank the many, many volunteers, those who have donated food, towels, and money, those who cook and those who do laundry and all those who help to load and unload the truck and make beds. The toast will be followed by a meal cooked by Lakeview staff including several options of lasagna, salad, French bread, homemade chocolate cake with homemade chocolate frosting and beverages. There is no cost to attend this event and absolutely everyone in this congregation is invited to be

there. Your children should join you. Let's have an evening to give thanks for the many years of ministry that Lakeview has had with the Road Home shelter program.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

COOK'S CHOICE! Will be served on Monday, April 16 at 11am in East Hall. The Euchre Tournament will follow with prizes awarded to the top 3 scores. Please sign up for this event by Thurs., Apr. 12. Free will offering. No need to bring anything. Wonder what will be served???

Lakeview's Got Talent

Are you ready for the return of the great Lakeview talent show? It's back on Sunday, April 22 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in East Hall. We need lots of talent---all kinds of talent! And we don't define what talent is. Let Pastor Dean know soon about what you would be willing to contribute to make this evening a fun and crazy time of fellowship. Bring friends to the show. The high school youth will serve finger food and beverages. Dave Haselow will again MC the show. A free-will offering will be gathered during the show and all proceeds will go toward the summer youth trip. This is going to be a fun night that you shouldn't miss. Come ready to have some fun.

Council Notes

At the annual meeting of the congregation, held in January, our membership voted in favor of chemical weed control treatment for the portion of the lawn facing Northport Drive. There will be a total of 3 treatments at a cost of \$442. The Council, at its March meeting, approved treatment of the largest

Ash tree located in front of West Hall at projected cost of \$170. The second ash tree by the entrance to the food pantry will need to be removed, due to more extensive damage from Ash borer disease. Since the approval to care for this portion of our Lakeview property occurred after the budget discussion at the annual meeting in January, these expenditures are not currently included in the ministry budget. Contributions to help cover these costs will be appreciated and are credited to member's giving record.

Congregational Meeting in May

A brief congregational meeting for a financial update is scheduled after worship service on Sunday, May 20. Plan to linger for a few minutes after 10:00 a.m. to learn if we are on schedule to achieve our ministry budget for the year. No other business agenda items will be included at this special session.

Recent New Members

We welcome the following folks into membership here at Lakeview:

Gregg and Beth Steinhauer

Laura Jasiczek and Ella

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation or know someone else with interest, contact Pastor Dean to be able to meet and make that happen.

Knots of Love Thank You

Twice a month, our Knots of Love knitting group convenes to create knitted and crocheted items for those in need of them. They recently received the gratitude of Operation Shoebox for their donation of 48 caps that were mailed to troops. If anyone would like the pattern Karen Knudsvig has it. She can be reached at 849-4699 or kjkpwk@tds.net.

BOOK CLUB

THE LAKEVIEW BOOK CLUB GETS TOGETHER EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM FOR DISCUSSION. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

APR 2	–	“THE SYMPATHIZER” BY VIET THANH NGUYEN
MAY 7	–	“OLD WORLD MURDER” BY KATHLEEN ERNST
JUN 4	–	“TRIBE” BY SEBASTIAN JUNGER

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

On March 7 our presenter at Lenten devotions was Juan. Juan is an 18-year-old Verona High School student. He appears to be like every other high school senior, long hair, ripped jeans, concerned about schoolwork. The thing that makes him different however is that he is undocumented. Juan came to the United States with his family from Mexico when he was one year old. They came to flee severe poverty and government corruption. Juan has no concept of a life in Mexico. After living for four years in Champagne Illinois, where relatives lived, Juan's family moved to the Madison area.

When Juan turned 15, he was eligible to enroll in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. He had to show that he had come to this country before age 7 and that he was not the perpetrator or crimes. Juan paid \$450 so he could have 2 years to freely live in the only society he has ever known. Juan will have to renew his DACA status in 2019 for \$450—as long as the program continues to exist. Under the DACA program, there is currently no path to citizenship. Juan would have to leave the country, go to a foreign place in Mexico, and apply and wait for citizenship or marry a US citizen. The DREAM Act, if ever passed, would allow a path to citizenship for upstanding young people like Juan, without leaving this country.

Juan made it clear that undocumented workers in our nation are not taking away jobs from citizens, which we already knew and which is evidenced by the great need for laborers in our state. He also made us aware that undocumented workers pay federal and state taxes. He helped us understand that undocumented workers cannot apply for any state or federal assistance like social security or Medicaid or other forms of public “welfare.” Juan's parents have always held common labor jobs, often unwanted by others. They are not wealthy.

Juan would like to become a citizen. He would like to go to college. He is not eligible for FAFSA or other forms of financial assistance for school. He can't get a loan of any kind. He can only go to the University of Wisconsin, and many other Wisconsin schools, if he pays out of state tuition since he is not a legal resident of Wisconsin. Juan informed us that there are 30 private colleges around the country who will work with undocumented individuals to enroll them in college and help them receive some financial assistance. Juan has, fortunately, been accepted by one of those schools, Carlton College in Minnesota, where he will study Political Science next year.

Needless to say, it will be costly for Juan to go to school and his family is not able to work the kinds of jobs that can help him with extra money. Because Juan's story was so very moving and educational, several folks in attendance came to me to see if we, as a caring community, could raise some money for Juan's education. The council agreed that this would be a good ministry for us. Therefore, during the month of April, you are invited to make a financial gift that we will eventually send to Juan to put toward college. Make your checks to Lakeview and note that they are for “Juan.” You can also give with a check or credit card online on our church web site. Your giving statement will be credited. Thank you for assisting Juan.

Juan also told us that another thing we could do as faith based and caring people would be to contact our legislators and encourage them to pass a Dream Act that would give a path to citizenship for people like Juan who live under DACA. You are invited to do that as well.

It is great to share the good news of the resurrection by assisting others.

Peace, Pastor DEAN

Butterflies for Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

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 return with your cash or check.

Your name: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Celebrating YOU-people of Lakeview!

For many years we have been very involved in the Road Home Shelter Program ministry. We have trained large numbers of volunteers at Lakeview and have had, literally, hundreds of other volunteers donate food, time, labor and money to Road Home.

Now the shelter program comes to an end.

We will grieve the end of this ministry and our past relationship with the Road Home staff and the many families we've met.

But we will also celebrate and give thanks for our congregation's generosity and hard work.

You're Invited! All of you are invited! Every single person!

Wednesday, April 11 (no cost, no free-will offering)

6:00 pm Dinner

East Hall-kids, spouses, partners, family, church members

The staff will be making homemade lasagna (something for veg heads and gluten-free folks, too)

Salad, French Bread, Beverages

Homemade Chocolate cake with Homemade Chocolate Frosting

Champagne toast!

Please RSVP by April 8, 2018

RSVP by signing up all names in the narthex or by calling or emailing the church office.

A very brief presentation from Road Home staff will be made at the dinner about future volunteer opportunities. This is not meant to be an evening program but an evening of good food and great fellowship for all the people of this congregation! We get to thank one another.

Be there!

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Easter
Road Home Thank You Dinner
The Talent Show Returns!**

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