

## THE BEACON

### Rite of Confirmation

On Sunday, October 28, our congregation will affirm the baptismal promise through the Rite of Confirmation with Ellie Haselow (*daughter of Brenda and Dave Haselow*) and Pierce Evans (*son of Jen and Josh Evans*). During the worship service, at 9:00 am, these two young people will also present their faith papers. Both Ellie and Pierce were baptized here at Lakeview. Ellie is a ninth grade student at Edgewood High School and Pierce is a ninth grade student at Monona Grove High School. Join us to celebrate and give thanks for these two young people in our midst.

### What Does God Think?

The book study on gender and the Bible will continue on Oct 29 and Nov 5 at 6:30 pm in the library. On November 12 the group will meet with a trans woman and a trans man for conversation and fellowship.

### All Saints Weekend

On Sunday, November 4, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. We remember with love our family members and friends who have departed from our lives. During the service, at 9:00 am on that day, we will particularly uplift and remember those Lakeview saints who departed this past year. We will remember Margaret Bewick, Lorri Pionkowski, Marjorie Reitvelt, Freda Teschendorf and Arleen Clayton. During the service there will be candle lighting and a rose ceremony. The choir will sing and Holy Communion will be served. Everyone is invited to come and remember and find hope in the resurrection promise.

### Bible and Quran—Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday noon Bible study group is comparing the Christian Bible with the Muslim Quran. You are invited to join the group at any time. Bring your Bible. Be in the Fellowship Room at noon. Enjoy coffee and treats. Bring your lunch if you wish. We finish around 1:00 pm each week. About 28 people participate in this study and others are welcome. The study is led by Pastor Dean, with contributions from many participants.

## **Thank You**

Thank you from Mary Pharmer for all the cards, prayers, and thoughts, as she is recovering from surgery. She is doing well and appreciates all the care.

## **November Food Pantry**

On the weekend of November 10/11, the food pantry is requesting donations of bagged rice and hot chocolate. Please bring your donations with you to worship that weekend.

## **Celebrate Brazil-November 19**

At the senior lunch and euchre tournament on November 19 Pastor Dean will be cooking feijoada, the national dish of Brazil. The word feijoada comes from the word *feijão*, which is Portuguese for beans. Feijoada is a black bean stew that is brewed with a variety of salted and smoked pork and beef products and smoked pork spareribs. More traditional feijoada also includes “cheaper” cuts of meat such as pig’s ears, feet and tails, and beef tongue. The rich, smoky stew is then served with rice, sautéed kale, and orange slices. It’s topped with toasted cassava flour. We will eat at 11:00 am. Sign up in the narthex to come and enjoy fellowship and a new taste experience that you will like. Those who wish may play in the euchre tournament to follow the meal.

## **Thanksgiving Dinner**

In a few weeks, Lakeview will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. This is a ministry tradition that is important to our congregation, as we serve

around 300 people who can enjoy a homemade and hearty traditional meal with many friends. Anyone is invited to attend the meal, which is served family style, promptly at noon. We do ask that folks try to phone the church office to indicate the number of people coming—this is helpful in planning. No names are taken. Also, we need donations of food and donations of volunteer help. Please see the full page donation/volunteer form in this newsletter. Consider how you can help, fill it out and return to the church office. And, certainly, let people know about this meal. Thank you to all of you who help to make this wonderful event happen.

**There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, November 25.**

## **Book Club**

Lakeview’s book group will not be meeting in the month of November. It was decided that we would read our Synod’s Big Read – Trouble I’ve Seen; changing the way the church views racism by Drew Hart. The author will be in Madison to discuss this book on Saturday, Dec.1, 1-3pm at Madison Christian Community, 7118 Old Sauk Road. Anyone interested in carpooling from Lakeview, please contact Chris Anders, [coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org).

Anyone is welcome to attend this free event. You do not need to register in advance. Also, please note that book club discussion for December, here at Lakeview, will take place Monday, Dec.3, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship

Rm. The December read is "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas.

## **Quilts**

Thank you to Ronda Richard for her work on 164 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to Luther and Deb Torgerson for getting them to the boxcar in October.

## **Advent/Christmas=Hunger**

The season of Advent begins on December 1/2 this year and continues through Dec 24.

Our focus for Advent and Christmas at Lakeview this year is going to be on hunger. The decorations we use in the sanctuary to uplift the season will also focus on hunger. You will not see the traditional "Christmas trees" or greenery. We will not use poinsettias or cyclamen or other flowers this year. Instead we will consider the 821 million people in the world who are undernourished or the 9 million people that die in the world every year from starvation. We will consider our call from Jesus to respond to world hunger. We will consider how God loves us always and has given the world the resources to end hunger. Throughout the four weeks of Advent, Pastor Dean will use special biblical texts, prayers, videos, hymns and sermons to address this topic. You are invited to complete the Advent form in this newsletter and contribute to the cost of the sanctuary decorations. With each gift of \$10, you are invited to identify someone you would like to remember or honor and those names will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. All decorations will be used to assist someone

who is struggling with hunger. Also, from November 24 through December 2 you are invited to pick up a box from the church narthex or office. Then, as a way to mark time this Advent season, your household is invited to place a non-perishable food item in the box each day. Devotions that you may wish to use each day will also be available. On Christmas Eve, you will be encouraged to bring your box with 23 food items to church to be donated to the Lakeview Food Pantry. Together, we will mark time in Advent and remember those who have greater needs than ourselves. We will respond to our call for service during Advent 2018. We hope that many households will pick up a box and participate in this Advent practice. You are encouraged to talk about and even shop together for the things that you will place in the box. Advent is a time of anticipation and sharing. We hope our efforts will encourage you to anticipate and share this year and to give thanks for the resources that you possess.

## **Chicago Bus Trip**

There are still a couple seats available on the Dec 4 bus trip to Chicago. The cost is \$54, which includes the bus, driver, tip, tour guide and ticket to go up the Hancock Building. You will pay for your own lunch at Berghoff's and anything you choose to purchase at the European Christmas Market in Daley Plaza or along the Magnificent Mile. See Chris Anders soon to get one of the few remaining seats. The bus is a coach with comfortable seating and a restroom. There is also plenty of storage for your purchases.

## Winter Youth Retreat

Pastor Dean will lead a winter retreat in 2019 for youth in grades 6-9. The event will be held at the Green Lake Conference Center on January 18-20. Pastor has rented the Borden Cottage, which is a home that sleeps 10 people. Pastor Dean will be the adult male chaperone and Annette Pownell will be the adult female. There are beds for 8 youth. The retreat will be different from years past, since we have fewer youth who wish to participate. There will be a program that Pastor will write and lead. We will cook our meals together as part of the experience. We will play some games and we will enjoy the grounds and the rec center on Saturday afternoon. Cost per person for this retreat is \$40 and must be paid by Dec 1, 2018. Please complete the registration form within this newsletter and attach your payment to Lakeview Lutheran Church. Get your form to Pastor on time to reserve a bed. Talk to Pastor Dean if you have immediate questions.

## Road Home Volunteers Always Needed

The Road Home shelter program has ended, as we knew it, but their other shelter

programs are always in need of volunteers. Their new volunteer model includes the Lakeview Team and we will be assigned 2 months during the upcoming year where we will be the initial contacts to fill available slots. Those slots include 1) helping with children's activities or providing a meal/snack for families that attend classes/workshops at the Road Home main office, 2) organizing and conducting a wish list drive to gather some of our most needed items to be distributed to families moving into housing, and 3) helping plan and organize quarterly family gatherings for families in Road Home housing programs. Alane, the volunteer coordinator at Road Home, is now using a web based monthly calendar to list volunteer opportunities. Once our months are available online, I will publish information in the weekly bulletin, print the monthly schedule and have it available for sign-up at the Information Station. Contact Chris Anders, coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org if you have questions.

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## 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.

**NOVEMBER** – NOT MEETING, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE IN PASTOR DEAN'S STUDY ON TRANS AND CIS GENDER

**DECEMBER 3** - "THE HATE U GIVE" BY ANGIE THOMAS. CHRIS ANDERS LEADING.

**FEBRUARY 4 2019** - "THEY MARCHED INTO SUNLIGHT" BY DAVID MARANISS. SHIRLEY EWERT LEADING.

**MARCH 4 2019** - "THE UNREMEMBERED GIRL" BY ELIZA MAXWELL. LINETTE HASS LEADING

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Sometimes I get frustrated with the world. There is so much anger and hatred. There is such a desire for personal gain and power at the expense of others. Sometimes when I read the news it just feels like we have forgotten about the call to care for one another or to be compassionate to our neighbors and our enemies. I often feel like few people are taking seriously the call to take care of the earth and all of creation. I struggle with political positions or policies that exist across the globe that seem to be thoughtless to the environment and uncaring and insensitive to people. So I have to stop and reflect at times and identify ways that I find hope and good news in the world.

When a youth who attends an ELCA National Youth Gathering with 30,000 other kids from across the nation comes to me and articulates specific ways that the gathering impacted their life, I find hope. We too often think our kids are rolling through those high school years looking for fun, always wanting money, texting on their phones and/or playing video games. And indeed some are, but many are not. And when upbeat faith based music and dynamic speakers and workshops that highlight worldly struggles, presented in a large stadium can move a youth to be changed, then we can have hope. If you were at the worship service and picnic in Poynette in September, you also heard from the youth who attended the gathering this summer in Houston.

When 36 people are interested in going on a trip to New Orleans together from the same congregation, there is hope. That's a large group of adults traveling together, enjoying the sites together, eating meals together, and walking the streets of NOLA together---that's 36 people willing to spend time in fellowship with folks they may not know very well---that's 36 people watching out for each other and striving to help one another have a good experience. That's just cool and very hopeful.

When we hear from our council president that our finances in this congregation are stable, there is hope. It's true that congregations in our community struggle to pay bills or meet payrolls or expand their ministry. We are not wealthy but when I hear that our giving is meeting our budget needs and that we are still raising funds for world hunger, an undocumented college student, a healing house or a member's wheel chair ramp, I find hope.

When 20 adults and 27 kids from the north side are willing to come to our building 2 evenings a week for a four-hour class on personal growth and job skills, there is hope. There is a commitment from folks who want to make their lives and the lives of their children better.

When 28 people show up each week for a Wednesday noon Bible study and find great fellowship in gathering together, there is hope.

When we start preparing to serve 300 meals in East Hall on Thanksgiving Day, because of the profound generosity and ambition of many members of the congregation, there is hope. This event couldn't happen if so many of you were not willing to work together and make changes to your personal schedules.

In your daily lives, when things look bleak, pull out this letter and be reminded of the hopeful and uplifting things that are going on despite the ills of the world. God is at work. God does not abandon the people. God is walking with us. We continue to do God's work with our hands in the world.

Peace,

Pastor Dean

You are invited to donate food or your time at the annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** at church on **Thursday, Nov. 22**. Please complete the **form** below, put it in Laura's folder at the Information Station, in the Narthex, or return it to the church office **by Sunday, Nov 18**.

Turkey cookers: Please bring your turkey to church **FULLY COOKED**. Here are some tips from Butterball. This info is for a 10-12 pound turkey: Thaw in the refrigerator for 3 days or in cold water for 6 hours. Cook the **THAWED** turkey for 3 1/2 to 4 hours at 325 degrees. Remember: If your bird is **NOT THAWED**, it needs to bake **LONGER**. Last year we had 3-4 birds **NOT** totally cooked, which cannot be served.

I look forward to working with you again this year. Thanks for giving of your time and talents. Sandy Rupnow 608.279.6885, sandralynntuttle@hotmail.com

### **Food donations**

Donate one uncooked, frozen turkey and bring to church by Sunday, Nov. 18

Donate 1 pound of real butter (no margarine) and bring to church by Tuesday, Nov. 20

Pumpkin pies (indicate the number of pies you will donate). Bring by 11 am Nov. 22

Cook a donated turkey and bring **FULLY** cooked turkey to church at 10:00 am on Nov. 22

Donate and cook a turkey and bring **FULLY** cooked turkey to church at 10:00 am on Nov. 22

**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, make stuffing, set up dining room, get plates ready, prep the kitchen on Wednesday, Nov 21 beginning at 9am:

The following are **volunteer opportunities on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22**.

Turkey carvers: Duties include preparing turkeys to be served, slicing and deboning– start at 8 am – done by 11:00

Make coleslaw and gravy, dish cranberries, cut pumpkin pies and misc. kitchen duties – start 9 am – noon.

Serve the meal at Noon: Duties include beverages, refilling food serving dishes, serving pie and clearing tables, with possible resets. Arrive by 11:30 until 2:30 pm.

Dish dryers and kitchen cleaners: Duties include drying dishes as they come from dishwasher, putting them away and cleaning kitchen in general. Start 12:30 until 3:30 pm or all dishes done.

## Advent/Christmas Form

Help decorate the sanctuary, based on the Advent theme of hunger, by contributing \$10. We need the form by **Monday, December 10.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution for hunger decorations

In memory of

In honor of

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



The New Orleans group, dining at Mulate's.

**Lakeview Lutheran Church Winter Youth Retreat**  
**Borden Cottage**  
**Green Lake Conference Center-January 18-20, 2019**  
**Grades 6-9**

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**Youth Name**

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**Youth date of birth and grade in school**

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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**

**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/guardians can you help by donating any of the following (please mark)---

- 12 pack water
- 12 pack soda
- 12 pack juice
- packs of hot chocolate mix
- bag of snacks (potato chips, Cheetos, corn chips, etc)
- box of breakfast cereal
- bag of fresh fruit

Cost per youth is \$40 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 Dean by Dec 1, 2018.

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9:00am Sunday

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