

THE BEACON

Tarts with Punky and MORE

On October 1, at 10:00 am, professional baker Punky Egan will be teaching a class in the Lakeview kitchen on making tarts. The class is free! Punky will provide all the ingredients. But she is hoping that each participant will make a \$20 contribution that day that will go toward paying the kitchen loan with the cemetery. Punky must limit class size to 10 students. Get signed up in the narthex for this fun experience. Learn some creative kitchen skills and help pay off the kitchen loan. On October 29 Punky will teach a class on autumn macrons---same procedure. In November, her class will be on making yeast braided bread and December will be holiday cookies. In December, each participant will leave with 1 dozen each of 8 different kinds of cookies. Thanks Punky!

Preaching Group

Pastor Dean invites you to take a risk and use a talent that you may be hiding. He would like some volunteers to attend a meeting on October 1 at 6:30 pm to talk about preaching during worship. In the upcoming year, Pastor Dean would like to have some lay people preach the sermon. He would be present at the service and preside, but other voices would be heard from the pulpit. Consider using your gift of voice in this capacity and come to the meeting. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend. He will gladly work with you to prepare a faith-based honest sermon that is true to the gospel. And the congregation will appreciate your gift.

Sunday School Voices

On Sunday, October 6, the Sunday school children will sing during the worship service at 9:00 am. We all love to hear the kids help lead worship so make plans to be there.

Sunday Morning Adult Group in October

Oct 06	Martin Luther/Reformation and how it all began
Oct 13	Special meeting of the congregation to provide quarterly financial update
Oct 20	No group
Oct 27	No group
Nov 03	Lutheran history in America

Thanksgiving for Debt Retirement

At the outdoor Rally Day celebration at Lake Farm County Park on September 8, we celebrated many things. But one thing that we did, that everyone should be aware of, is burn our bank loan papers. Well, President Gregg Steinhauer tried to burn them! As of August our existing bank loan has been paid in full. This loan began in 1997, when the congregation took it out to build the Fellowship Room and add the elevator and ramped front porch. That loan was extended about 10 years ago when the congregation rebuilt all our parking lots and laid new cement and asphalt. That loan is now paid. The congregation council will take the \$2200 that we paid on this loan each month and divide it between two important things. Half of the money will be paid to the Lakeview Cemetery to reduce the kitchen loan. The other half of the money will be placed in a special savings account in our endowment to be used for future HVAC and other building repairs. Because the members of this congregation gave \$9000 more to the air conditioning project than was needed in June 2019, those dollars have also been secured in this endowment account. And finally, a gift from an individual last year of \$10,000 was put into the special HVAC and building repair account. We are grateful that we have an account with about \$20,000 in it in case we need a new roof or new boiler or furnace. The council would like to continue to grow that account each month with these additional contributions.

Food Pantry Toilet Paper

A huge thank you to everyone who donated toilet paper to the food pantry in September. The increased use of the food pantry has meant that we've needed much more toilet paper and that is an item that either has to be donated or purchased directly, with food pantry funds, from a retail store. If you forgot to donate, or wish to donate more, your donations of toilet paper are always welcome, at any time of the year. It's hard to live without toilet paper and there is no longer a Sears or Montgomery Ward catalogue.

October Food Pantry

Our monthly food pantry collection will be October 12/13. We'll be collecting liquid dish soap (*all sizes-all brands*) for the pantry. Like usual, bring your gifts to worship that weekend and place them on the cart at the front of the sanctuary.

Special Congregation Meeting

Each autumn the congregation council calls a special meeting to give the members of Lakeview a financial update for the congregation. This year that meeting will be at 10:00am on Sunday, October 13. It is hoped that you will come to worship at 9:00 and then stay for the meeting in the sanctuary. This is the only business that will be conducted at the meeting. While we are not in bad shape financially, our giving during July was extremely low. Get the details on October 13.

Senior Lunch in October

Get signed up in the narthex to attend the monthly senior lunch on October 14. We eat at 11:00am and those who wish can play

euchre after the meal. Because Pastor Dean will be gone on October 14, you should watch for details about what the meal will consist of.

News You Can Use-October 31

Because of a commitment of our speaker, the October informational gathering will be moved to the 5th Thursday of the month, October 31. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. Hot beverages and pastries will be available. Our presenter will be Mr. Duane Domain. If you have recently or will soon be navigating the Medicare system, you **MUST** come to hear what Duane has to say. He will provide excellent and detailed information on Medicare supplement insurance and drug insurance plans. These are both things that Medicare recipients must purchase beyond the federal Medicare program and navigating all the possibilities is a nightmare. Pastor Dean and Kris used Duane to assist them to navigate the system and found his help to be tremendous. They highly recommend that you come and listen to him on October 31. Even if you have plans in place, you may learn something important to assist you in reviewing your current plan. If you choose, you could set up a time to meet with him individually at a later date to talk about your personal circumstances. Duane is actually an independent agent who sells all types of supplemental plans and does not advocate for a specific one but works with you to consider what your needs will be. Join us for News You Can Use on October 31. BTW-you don't have to come in costume, but you certainly can!

Sin And Satan

How do Lutherans understand sin and Satan in our world? What is the purpose for human kind and what does it mean when the Bible says we are created in the image of God? Is there a hell and is it connected to sin and/or Satan? If sin and Satan exist, are our lives hopeless? We'll be tackling these issues and many more as we use the Bible and our Lutheran heritage to study this topic every Wednesday at noon. The group meets in the upstairs Fellowship Room for about an hour. Coffee is served and Punky Egan brings wonderful homemade pastries and treats. Pastor Dean leads the study and a sizable group of participants make it interesting and dynamic. And, of course, there is humor. Even if you have never come to this weekly study before, you are welcome to join on any day. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch, since it is over the lunch hour. You are welcome to bring a Bible, if you wish to follow when biblical references are made. Enter through the north side glass doors to the narthex.

All Saints Celebration

On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate and remember the saints who have gone before us during worship. Specifically during that service, we will lift up those saints from Lakeview who have departed this past year. The service will include candles, rose laying, sermon, communion and time for remembering. The choir will sing. Plan to come to celebrate and remember anyone who has departed from your life. Come to find hope and encouragement as we hear God's word and have fellowship within our

community. We find reassurance in the presence of each other.

Christmas in Cedarburg

Chris Anders has put together a bus trip for Tuesday, December 3. We will depart from Lakeview at 8:30am via Lazars Coach Bus, with restroom and comfy seats. The bus will arrive at the Settlement Shops in Cedarburg WI at 10:00 am where you can browse some of the 21 shops/restaurants until 10:30 am. From 10:30 to 11:15am the group will tour the Cedar Creek Winery. This tour includes cheese and crackers and wine tasting! From 11:15 until 1:00 pm you will be able to continue to browse the Settlement Shops (*pottery, clothing, antiques, gifts etc*) until 1:00 pm when our group will have lunch at PJ Piper's Pancake House (*extensive breakfast and lunch menu-vegetarian options*). The restaurant will allow us to order off the menu and receive separate bills. There is no alcohol at this restaurant. PJ Piper's is a half mile from the Settlement Shops, all on Washington Ave., so many of you will wish to walk Washington Ave and visit the many different and unique gift shops along the way. Or you can stay at the Settlement Shops and the bus will drive you to the restaurant at 12:45 pm. Cedarburg is a unique Christmas shopping

destination. After lunch, at 2:30, the bus will take the group to see the only covered bridge left in Wisconsin. You will be able to view the bridge from the bus or, if the walking conditions allow (*snow/ice*), you can walk 50 feet from the bus to walk on the bridge. The bus will take the more scenic highway 60 back to Lakeview and arrive around 5:00 pm. The per person cost of this trip is \$34 and that includes the bus, tip for driver, cost of the wine tour and tour guide cost. You will pay for your own lunch and anything you wish to buy in Cedarburg. And if you like pottery, the pottery shop in the Settlement Shops is wonderful. Get signed up with Chris Anders soon. There are 30 spots!

Knots of Love

Knots of Love invites anyone who would like to knit and crochet (or learn how to knit and crochet) to join them on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm. The next meeting will be on October 1st. If you would like to join them, but do not know how to knit or crochet, there are teachers available to help you out!

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.

SEPTEMBER 3 (TUE) "THE ART OF HEARING HEARTBEATS" BY JAN-PHILIPP SENDKER

OCTOBER 7 "BECOMING MRS. LEWIS: THE IMPROBABLE LOVE STORY OF JOY DAVIDMAN AND C.S. LEWIS" BY PATTI CALLAHAN HENRY

NOVEMBER 4 "BECOMING" BY MICHELLE OBAMA

DECEMBER 2 "HERITAGE OF DARKNESS" BY KATHLEEN ERNST

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love God. Then he said that a second one was equally important; that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. In the stories of Jesus we see him regularly loving people by uplifting and responding to the injustices committed against them. He healed and listened. He taught and preached. He accepted and cast out demons. He forgave. He walked with those who society didn't want to walk with. And, repeatedly, he gathered with people for food and wine. He was even called a glutton and drunkard. The author of First John says that we love because God first loved us and if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars.

I would propose that the call from God in the Bible and the examples of Jesus in that same book, bid us to live in community with each other. Human beings were created to live, work, play, care for, do justice, have compassion and be a community. God did not create humankind to live in isolation. Our lives are most fulfilled and most fulfilling when we share them generously and graciously with each other. It has always been my position that the role of the church should be to uplift and encourage relationships and fellowship with others, because that's what we see Jesus do throughout the gospels.

Because I look at the Bible and my call to discipleship from this perspective, I have encouraged this congregation to engage in fellowship activities to build community. We do a lot of outreach and caring ministry to those outside of Lakeview and that builds community. But we also do things to strengthen the community within. Each month, when 80 folks gather for senior lunch and euchre tournament I see amazing fellowship and community building as we eat and drink around tables with members of Lakeview and our neighbors. Each time we fill a coach bus with 30 folks and head out for a day trip like cruising the Milwaukee River on a boat or visiting the EAA Museum in Oshkosh or strolling through Navy Pier in Chicago at Christmas, I see fellowship and community building with members of Lakeview and our guests. My favorite time on any of those trips is when we all gather around a table for lunch or dinner. The louder we are, the happier I am. So I was really happy that evening at the Chart House in New Orleans. Each time we take a fall trip to places like New York, Memphis, St. Louis, New Orleans or Washington DC, I delight in seeing folks who didn't know each other well, share conversation and decision making and new experiences. I enjoy seeing people laughing together as they eat or conversing as they visit a museum. I see fellowship and I see the development of community on each of these trips that is then brought back home into the congregation.

Not only are we called to love our neighbors who are far away or the victims of hate or those who have to rebuild after a hurricane or those in Madison searching for food or housing, but we are also called to love those and live in community with those who are right in front of us. We are called to be a community of saints and a people who live in relational fellowship. We are called to be a community where we welcome everyone at "communion" and show hospitality to anyone who walks in the door, whether we know them or not.

I invite you to participate in social and fellowship events here at Lakeview because they actually do have a theological basis. There are many opportunities to build community here at Lakeview and much of that happens outside of worship. I give thanks that I can be in fellowship with each of you.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

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