

THE BEACON

News You Can Use

We are pleased that Mr. Duane Domann will be our presenter at the next News You Can Use group on Thursday, Oct 31, at 9:30am. Duane is an expert at navigating the Medicare system and will be sharing ways for you to find the best Medicare supplements and drug programs. Even if you are already on Medicare, you may wish to hear what he has to say. Hot beverages and pastries will be served in the Fellowship Room. Guests are always welcome.

Food Pantry Weekend

In November, we will bring donations of mayonnaise for the food pantry on the weekend of Nov 8/9. You can bring your gifts to worship and place on the cart in front of the altar. Any size and brand of mayonnaise is appreciated. Thank you! Thank you also to all the food pantry volunteers who donated toilet paper to the pantry on behalf of Al Wessel. Al would certainly appreciate that silly but necessary gesture. Also, the pantry received \$2435 in memorial gifts in memory of Al.

Reaffirmation of Baptism

This year, Camryn Currier will reaffirm the covenant made in her baptism through the Rite of Confirmation on Saturday evening, November 9. The congregation is invited to come to this service and support Camryn and celebrate her call as a child of God, beloved and redeemed. Camryn is the daughter of Travis and Angie Currier.

All Saints Celebration

Each year we remember and celebrate the saints who have gone before us. On Sunday, November 3, you are invited to worship at 9:00am to remember all the saints and to be reminded of God's promise of eternity. We remember through preaching, music, choir, Holy Communion, candles and the laying of roses. At this service we will name and lift up those saints from the Lakeview community who departed this past year including; Bertrand Scheib, Martin Jasiczek, Geri Diemer, Bertha Syrja, Sherrie Fannes, Twila Grindle, Dale Zogbaum, Joan Carol Lofgren, John Richard and Allen Wessel. All are welcome. You may wish to invite someone who would appreciate this service of remembrance.



We Are To Be Bold

By Elizabeth A. Eaton (*Elizabeth Eaton is the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Her office is on Higgins Road in Chicago*)

This church had a meeting in August. We gathered in Milwaukee for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. We were filled with anticipation and excitement—what would unfold during the assembly? How would we be inspired by worship and Bible study? How would we be challenged? What new insight into the work of the church would we receive?

It turned out to be quite a week. The assembly adopted a social statement, “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action”; offered an apology to people of African descent; adopted a resolution setting aside June 17 as a day of repentance to commemorate the Emanuel 9; moved forward on our work toward authentic diversity; declared the ELCA a sanctuary denomination; adopted a policy statement, “A Declaration of Inter-religious

Commitment”; celebrated the successful completion of our first-ever comprehensive campaign; began the celebration of 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely; elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer as secretary; passed a budget; and much more.

The assembly was intense, and voting members were actively engaged. The actions taken generated much debate during and after the assembly. Different narratives about what did and did not happen have been spun.

Some say that a gathering of well-meaning people got a little carried away and entangled the church in impossibly naïve and dangerously political issues—calling out patriarchy, denouncing racial inequity, establishing a new commemoration for the church calendar, becoming a “sanctuary denomination,” being a little too open to inter-religious commitments. Others say that a gathering of well-meaning people took decisions that were too timid, that didn’t go nearly far enough to address and act on significant issues in society and within the church. It seems as if they are reporting on two different events.

Here’s what did happen. Our days were centered around the word and sacraments. At midday every day we gathered for communion. We heard the word read, proclaimed and sung. We remembered our baptism. We received the living Word in, with and under the bread and wine. This wasn’t an intermission in our work, a kind of break from the real business of the assembly. It was the source and strength for the work we were called to do.

Before votes were cast, we paused in silence and then in prayer. There was Bible study every day. We sang psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God. We had deep conversations with each other, first as strangers, but then recognizing in each other a member of the body of Christ. We celebrated and disagreed and laughed and got far too little sleep. And, led by the Spirit, we caught a glimpse of the kingdom of God breaking into the world.

One of the gifts the Lutheran movement offers to the world is the clear declaration that the word of God is both law and gospel, judgment and promise. Martin Luther had a very conservative view of human nature, recognizing our brokenness, rebellion and sin. We all stand under God’s judgment. Did we get it all right at the assembly? Probably not. Where we were in error, may God correct us. But the word’s promise is that we are forgiven and redeemed. We are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

The actions taken in Milwaukee were based on our scriptural and confessional understanding of who God chooses to be for us, especially and most clearly in Jesus crucified and risen for the life of the world. We believe that God desires abundant life for all, that all people are created equally in the image of God, that we are commanded to welcome the stranger and care for children.

And we are to be bold. In Milwaukee, we stepped out in faith.

Guest Preacher

On November 16/17 our guest preacher will be Ms. Linda Ketchum. Linda is the Executive Director of Madison Urban Ministry. Our congregation has had a long and in-depth relationship with Madison Urban Ministry, including their bakery program, which began at Lakeview. One of the most recent ministries that MUM has undertaken has been the healing house that opened this past year. Healing House, located in the home next to First Congregational United Church of Christ on University Avenue, is there for individuals and families who are homeless and in need of medical care. Families who have used healing house have been those discharged from a local hospital in need of continued medical care like chemotherapy, but who have no home to be discharged to. Healing House is a safe and comfortable place for those who have the need to recuperate. Linda's sermon will certainly include an update about healing house. Two years ago our congregation collected kitchen items for Healing House during Advent. On November 16/17 we will also receive a special offering for Healing House. You are invited to write your check to Lakeview and note that it is for Healing House. Like usual, your gift can then be applied to your giving statement. We will send one check to MUM once our offering has been collected. This is one important way that our congregation can respond to homelessness in our community. It is a much safer way than to hand individuals money on the street or when they come to our front doors. Please consider being part of this

important weekend. Pastor Dean will preside at the services on this weekend.

November Senior Lunch

Join us for the senior lunch and euchre tournament on Monday, November 18, at 11am. Lunch will be prepared by Pastor Dean and crew and will consist of chicken and biscuits, whipped squash, roasted Brussels sprouts, apple crisp and ice cream, and beverages. A free will donation will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal. After the meal, you can play euchre, sit and chat, or help with clean-up. All are welcome!

Baking Bread With Punky

At 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 19, Punky will lead 10 students in making decorative sunburst bread in the church kitchen. You are invited to sign up for this class in the church narthex. The class is free (*thank you Punky*) but Punky invites you to make a \$20 contribution to the kitchen loan fund each time you take the class. You will go home from this class with a braided loaf of very colorful bread.

November Porchlight Meal

Six times a year, our congregation serves an evening meal at the Porchlight men's shelter located in Grace Episcopal Church on the capitol square. Our next evening is Tuesday, November 19. The menu doesn't change--- scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and cold breakfast items. Watch for the sign up in the narthex to indicate what you can donate for this meal or how you can volunteer (*meal prep during the day, serving in the evening*). All the food for this meal is donated through members of the congregation. This is a very important ministry that we have successfully taken on

and the success is because of the generosity and the seriousness with which the people of Lakeview take doing ministry. Thank you for sharing.

Lay Preaching at Lakeview Lutheran

Recently, Taryn Lantz and Annette Pownell attended a meeting with Pastor Dean about preaching. They have both agreed to work with Pastor and prepare and preach a sermon during worship. Taryn will be presenting her sermon on Christ the King Weekend-Nov 23/24. Annette will be presenting her sermon in February 2020. Pastor Dean will preside at these services, but you will hear the voice and the proclamation from your fellow parishioners. Thank you to Taryn and Annette for being willing to share their gifts with us.

Advent/Christmas Decorations

The decorations we use in the sanctuary to uplift this Christmas season will, again, focus on hunger. We will consider our call from Jesus to respond to world hunger. 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. 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.

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 10:00am, where you can browse some of the 21 shops/restaurants until 10:30am. 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 1:00pm 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. At this time, the bus is full, but you can still add your name to the waitlist!

Thanksgiving at Lakeview

You are invited to donate food or your time at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at church on Thursday, Nov. 28. 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 24.

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. 24

Donate 1 pound of real butter (no margarine) and bring to church by Tuesday, Nov. 26

Pumpkin pies (indicate the number of pies you will donate). Bring by 11 am Nov. 28

Donate and cook a turkey and bring FULLY cooked turkey to church at 10:00 am on Nov. 28

Volunteer opportunities: Place the name and phone number 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, set up dining room, get plates ready, prep the kitchen on Wednesday, Nov. 27 beginning at 9am:

The following are volunteer opportunities on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

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

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 4 "BECOMING" BY MICHELLE OBAMA

DECEMBER 2 "HERITAGE OF DARKNESS" BY KATHLEEN ERNST

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

In some households it is a tradition to go around the table when all are gathered for Thanksgiving dinner and share what one is thankful for. That's a nice tradition and in some cases it may even help someone take note and think about the circumstances in their life. I am not discouraging you from practicing this tradition. However, I would like to invite you to go deeper into an "*attitude of gratitude.*" This year, instead of just sharing words and thoughts around a table laden with food, I'd like to invite you to take action. I'd like to encourage you to share your thankfulness this year by responding to others. Maybe you could share your gratitude by making someone else's life just a bit nicer. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our resources.

During the month of November the calendar at Lakeview offers a variety of opportunities to show your thankfulness by engaging in action. Like that one leper who took action and turned around to come back and thank Jesus for healing him, I invite you to respond.

On Nov 9/10 you could bring a donation of mayonnaise for the Lakeview Food Pantry. You can bring your donation of any brand and any size bottle to worship and place it on the cart in front of the sanctuary. On Nov 16/17 you are invited to come to worship to hear Linda Ketchum preach and give updated information on the Healing House that MUM has opened. You could also make a financial gift to Healing House in the special offering that day. Make a check to Lakeview and note Healing House on it before dropping it in the special kettle. On Nov 19 you could express your thanks by volunteering your time or donating food for the Porchlight Men's Shelter meal that Lakeview will serve at Grace Episcopal Church. We serve a hot meal in the evening to 150 men and we serve cold breakfast in the morning. All the food is donated by Lakeview members---and we need lots of potato peelers to volunteer at noon on Nov 19 because we make our scalloped potatoes from scratch. And then there is the annual Lakeview Thanksgiving Dinner served at noon on Thanksgiving Day. Many food donations are needed and many volunteers are necessary to keep this long-standing ministry event alive and well. Sandy Rupnow will again lead the Thanksgiving Dinner, but we need so many people to help her make it happen. What a great way to express what you are thankful for---by giving others the gift of a hot, homemade, "*all you can eat*" traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Find the food/volunteer form in this newsletter and complete it today.

Through his actions, Jesus calls on us to give thanks. Through our actions we can show our thanks to a God who loves each of us. May you each know the peace of God on Thanksgiving this year by sharing with others who have needs.

Pastor DEAN

Advent/Christmas Form

Make a contribution for hunger decorations by contributing \$10. We need the form by **Sunday, Dec 22.**

_____ Contribution for hunger decorations

In memory of

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Lakeview trip to Washington DC in September.

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