

## THE BEACON

### **Super Bowl and Boiler System**

On February 2, your two favorite teams will be playing in the NFL Super Bowl. It's an exciting day with lots of parties, snacking, beverages and wagering. At Lakeview, we have a tradition of receiving a special offering on Super Bowl Sunday and that offering always goes to support a meal ministry. However, this year, we are going to make a change. We are still going to receive a special Super Bowl offering at each service, however the money will remain at Lakeview and go into our HVAC account to keep our building warm. We have been experiencing regular service to the boiler system and the church council has decided that the time has arrived to look at updating and revising the system this summer. At this time, we have \$24,801 put aside in our Endowment Fund that can go toward this update. However, we know that the final cost will be far more than this amount. We also realize that we will not be able to do effective ministry like operate a weekly food pantry, host quarterly blood drives, serve a Thanksgiving Dinner, prepare meals for Porchlight and so much more, without adequate heat. So, this year our Super Bowl offering will go into that HVAC account. You are invited to make a generous gift. You can make your check to Lakeview. You can note that it is for HVAC. If you wish to give cash, please note your name on your gift so that it can be credited to your giving statement. Thank you for supporting this important building update.

### **Church Council Installation**

On Sunday, February 2, we will install the congregation council which you elected at the annual meeting on January 26.

Gregg Steinhauer, President  
Amy Luebke, Vice President  
Patty Manier, Secretary  
Linda Schaack, Treasurer  
Mario Sanders, Director of Outreach  
Tara Hoff, Director of Facilities  
Taryn Lantz, Director of Faith Formation  
Cody Castillo, Director of Strategic Planning

### **Food Pantry in February**

Our monthly food pantry collection will take place on the weekend of February 8/9. The requested item is canned soup. Any flavor. Any size. Any brand. Thanks for bringing on the soup—M'm! M'm! Good!

### **Singles Brunch**

The next event is scheduled for 10:15 on February 9, in the Sports Lounge at Cherokee, leaving Lakeview immediately following worship, as no adult learning is scheduled that day. Please advise Gayle Langer if you plan to attend: 249-3806 or email: gwlangner@sbcglobal.net.

### **Dorcas Circle**

The Dorcas Circle Bible study meets at 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 11, in the Conference Room. Pastor Dean will lead the study on The Sacrament of Holy Baptism according to Luther's Small Catechism. All are welcome.

### **Valentine Truffle Making**

Punky will lead a group in making chocolate Valentine truffles on Wednesday, February 13 at 10:00 am. The group meets in the church kitchen for about 2 hours. Cost is \$25 per person. Twenty dollars goes toward the kitchen loan and \$5 goes to Punky to pay for the supplies. There are still slots available in this class. See Chris Anders with your check to sign up. Checks made to Lakeview please.

### **Annette Pownell Preaches**

Our lay member and Sunday school superintendent will preach at both worship services on Feb 15/16. Annette met with Pastor Dean's preaching group this fall and will be sharing the gospel in her words on this weekend. Thank you, Annette, for taking on this responsibility. Pastor Dean will preside at the service. There will be communion. Come and hear Annette share her gifts.

### **Sunday School Sings**

On February 16 we are grateful that our Sunday school students will share music during worship.

### **Senior Lunch and Euchre**

Get signed up in the narthex soon for the next senior lunch on February 17. Pastor Dean is going to surprise you with recipes all used from the Lutheran Church Basement Ladies cookbook. Punky will also make desserts from that same book. This will be a nostalgic meal and perhaps bring back memories of your youth. After the meal, you can play in the euchre tournament if you choose.

### **Ash Wednesday-Lent**

Our tradition is to host an Ash Wednesday worship service on February 26 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. This is a somber meditative service as we begin the season of Lent and move toward the Easter Resurrection. The choir will sing at this service, ashes will be imposed on those who choose and Holy Communion will be served. The service will conclude at about 7:15 pm. Come casual and comfortable as we engage in a time of self-reflection.

### **News You Can Use**

Everyone is welcome to join us at 9:30am on Thursday, February 27. We will meet in the Fellowship Room with donuts and hot beverages. Our presenter that morning will give us information about preventing falls. If you have been falling more frequently or if you know someone who has or if you are afraid of falling, perhaps this will be very valuable information for you. Remember, these gatherings are open to all ages and to non-members of the congregation as well.

### **Lutherans and Lent**

In recent months we have focused on Lutherans and Lutheran positions and celebrations. We talked about Lutherans and

Advent and Lutherans and Christmas. Now it's time to talk about how Lutherans understand Lent. We will have this discussion on Sunday, March 1 at 10:00am, in the Fellowship Room. Pastor Dean will lead the conversation, which will take place immediately after the worship service. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with Easter-6 weeks in length. Why is there Lent? Why do Lutherans like to uplift it? Who invented it? Would Jesus celebrate Lent? Why do we smear ashes? What does purple represent? How come the music is all in a minor key? All are welcome.

### **Thank You on Christmas Eve**

On Christmas Eve, many folks stepped out of the routine and assisted to make the services meaningful as we proclaimed the good news of the Savior's birth. Thank you to those who are listed here.

- The choir for singing at both services
- Laura Jasiczek and Nancy Stillwell for playing flutes
- Jean Mindel, John Dyar, and Chris DuPre for acting in the drama
- Lynn Najem for playing wind chimes
- Dayna Dalton for arranging, sewing and fitting the costumes
- Linda and Todd Schaack for operating the lights
- The Luebke family for candle lighting at 4:00 pm
- The Steinhauer family for candle lighting at 6:00 pm
- And the readers, ushers, acolytes, communion servers, altar guild and STAFF.

### **Giving Statements**

Remember, if you are still looking for your 2019 giving statements, they were emailed to everyone who has an email in our record system. If you don't have an email, hard copies of your statement can be picked up in the church narthex. If you need a hard copy of your statement, call the church office and request that Laura make one. She will then place it in the box in the narthex for you to pick up. We are not mailing any statements this year to save postage costs.

### **What Matters! - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!**

Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to "What Matters."

### **Montreal Trip**

Thirty people have registered to join Pastor Dean on the fall trip to Montreal Canada. The group will leave from O'Hare Airport on Sept 18 and return on Sept 22. Lodging reservations have been made at an historic bed and breakfast in the historic French area of Montreal. This will allow the travelers to enjoy and experience a great deal of Quebec history as well as the Port of Montreal on the St. Lawrence River. The group will be visiting Notre Dame Basilica, St. Joseph's Oratory, Mont Royal Park, and the Olympic Park and Biodome, established for the 1976 Olympic Games. Additional visits will be to the underground city, Marche Bonsecours, Vieux Palais de Justice, Chateau Ramzay Museum, Jean Talon Food Market, Habitat 67 and the

Old Port, where they will ride the zip line over the river and go up into the 20-foot-high “wheel.” Of course, no trip to Montreal would be complete without indulging in Poutine for dinner.

#### A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

This may be an odd letter. I want to invite you to do something that most of you have never done. Take your Bibles (*or borrow one if you can't find yours*). Any translation is fine. Turn to the Old Testament Book called Song of Solomon (*sometimes Song of Songs*). Read the short 8 chapters—they are very poetic.

This is the most unusual biblical book there is. The story never mentions God or any type of religious practices. It is a lust story between a man and a woman. It's a story about the beauty and power of human love. This book considers the goodness of creation, human bodies and sexuality. There is mutual attraction, commitment, faithfulness and respect. You are going to find this story unusual, sensual, maybe even a little offensive. You will wonder why no one has ever made a movie from this book. But you should read it. It's in our holy book.

Then, once you have finished, you are going to say, “*Why is that story in our Bible?*” And that is a darn good question. So, I want to invite you to do a second thing. Come to a general discussion on the Song of Solomon on Sunday, February 16 and Sunday, February 23 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Room. Coffee and hot beverages will be waiting. After reading the book, we will gather to share our impressions and ideas, concerns and our bewilderment. We will learn from each other. And we will celebrate both human and divine love. And I assure you there will be humor.

So, read Song of Solomon. Come to the gathering on February 16 and 23 in the Fellowship Room. And always be wondering what God is up to!

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

## Lakeview Literary Guild Reading List – 2020

**February 3**, “Where the Crawdads Sing”, by Delia Owens.

**March 2**, “Before We Were Yours: A Novel”, by Lisa Wingate

**April 6**, “Last Painting of Sara De Vos”, by Dominic Smith

**May 4**, “A 1000-Mile Walk on the Beach – One Woman’s Trek of the Perimeter of Lake Michigan”, by Loreen Niewenhuis

**June 1**, “Whistling in the Dark”, by Lesley Kagen

**July 6**, “Neither Wolf Nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder”, by Kent Nerburn (Sept. 2019)

**August 3**, “The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell: A Novel”, by Robert Dugoni (2018)

**September 8 (Tuesday)**, “Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service”, by Gary Sinise and Marcus Brotherton

**October 4**, “This Tender Land: A Novel”, by William Kent Krueger

**November 2**, “Lost Roses” by Marth Hall Kelly

**December 7**, “Heft: A Novel”, by Liz Moore

**January 2021** – Organization meeting for 2021

**February 2021**, “The Overstory: A Novel” by Richard Powers

**Book discussions are held the first Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Room. Any one is welcome to attend.**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Wednesday 8:00-4:30, Thursday 8-2, Friday Closed

**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday, 9:00am Sunday

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