

THE BEACON

Adult Education on Sunday

Pastor Dean has returned to leading adult education events on Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome. We meet for a variety of topics and presentations. Coffee and hot beverages are available. The schedule includes:

- Feb 23 Song of Solomon Bible study Part 2 (try to read it before you come)
 - Mar 01 Lutherans and Lent
 - Mar 08 TBA
 - Mar 15 Dawn Heath-Fiedler, Human Trafficking
 - Mar 22 Karla Thennes, Executive Director of Porchlight
 - Mar 29 Lutherans and Easter
 - Apr 05 Passion Cantata, no education time
 - Apr 12 Easter, no education time
- More offerings will occur after Easter.

Special Lenten Project

Each year during the 6 weeks of Lent, we take on a special ministry project. This year our project will support the Lakeview Food Pantry. Throughout Lent, you are invited to bring needed items to worship and place them in the designated space near the altar. We will collect these items beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb 26) through Easter Sunday (Apr 12). You can bring multiple items. You can bring items every weekend. You can stop by with items any other day of the week. It is great that we can support a very important and busy ministry of the congregation. Although any items are useful in the food pantry, the following items are of particular need and would be greatly appreciated: *toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, newborn to size 5 baby diapers, baby wipes in small packages, shampoo, hair conditioner, dish soap, body lotion, razors, shave cream, can openers, paper towels, ranch salad dressing, cold cereal, canned soup, bottled fruit juice, deodorant, saltine crackers, popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, instant coffee, tea, all-purpose spray cleaner.*

Lakeview Literary Guild Reading List – 2020

- 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
- 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.

March Senior Bus Trip

Get signed up for the upcoming senior bus trip to Kohler Wisconsin on March 3. It's going to be a unique day. The coach bus, with restroom, will leave the Lakeview parking lot at 8:00am and head to the Kohler Company Museum and Design Center. You'll explore the 36,000 square feet of plumbing history and see the sinks, toilets and bathtubs of your childhood and before. You'll also see the "*great wall of china.*" This experience is free. For lunch the bus will take the group into Sheboygan Falls to eat at the Fat Cow Pub and Eatery. Looks like a fun place. They will provide separate checks for you to pay for your own food and beverages. After lunch there will be a visit to the Waelderhaus. This is a home that was designed for the Kohler family by the Austrian sculptor and architect Kasper Albrecht. This home is filled with very uniquely German wood, iron and pewter carvings and art. This museum tour is free. The plan is to return to Lakeview around 5:00 pm. Cost of the day trip is \$35 per person, which includes the bus/driver and driver gratuity. See Chris Anders to sign up or stop by the table in the narthex. This will be a good day to get out as the winter is feeling long!!!

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Each year during the season of Lent, we provide an opportunity to meet and experience folks who have dealt with struggles, barriers and difficult issues in order to live their lives. This year will be no exception. Our presentations will be held in the sanctuary and begin at 6:30pm. Pastor Dean will end each week with a prayer at 7:15 pm. There will be opportunities for questions. We are grateful for the folks who have agreed to come and spend time with us. You are encouraged to take some extra time during Lent to come and hear our guests.

Mar 04-Pam Jahnke will speak about the recent complications facing the family farmer and the agricultural industry in our state overall. With tariffs, changes in need, high cost of equipment, low cost of dairy products and deportations of workers, way too many family farms have had to close doors. Come and learn more about the loss of the family farm in Wisconsin.

Mar 11-Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes is the first person of color to serve in that office.

Lt Gov Barnes will talk about growing up in a Milwaukee neighborhood where gang activity, drug use and crime was significant. He will talk about the challenges he has faced and continues to face as he serves in the second highest government position in our state. This will not be a political presentation.

Mar 18-Donald Haar will present to us while dressed in drag. Donald will talk about living out their gender in a world that is still struggling with how to look at gender as non-binary. Donald will also talk about the organization called Wilma's Fund, which they began and which has raised over \$90,000 in Madison to help homeless people who are LGBTQ.

Mar 25-TBA

Apr 01-TBA

St Patrick's Day Senior Lunch

Get out your green clothing and jewelry. Get signed up to join us for senior lunch on March 9, when we will celebrate St. Patrick with corned beef and cabbage, Irish brewed beer and grasshoppers for dessert. The meal is served in East Hall at 11:00am. For those who wish, a euchre tournament follows the meal. But you can come to the meal and not play in the tournament. It is important to sign up in advance so that we can prepare the correct amount of food. A free will offering is taken at the senior lunch to help pay for the cost of the food and beverages.

Dorcas Bible Study

In March, this group will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday, the 10th. Pastor Dean leads the topic of Confession and Forgiveness. All are welcome.

Special Offering March 14/15

On Sunday, March 15, we will have a guest presentation from Dawn Heath at 10:00am in the sanctuary. Dawn will address a topic that we have not gotten very involved in here at Lakeview. That topic is human trafficking. Dawn is the director of an agency in Elkhorn Wisconsin called Join the Movement to STOP Modern Day Slavery. Everyone is invited to stay for this presentation, immediately after the worship service. On this weekend, we will receive a special offering at each worship service. That offering will go to Dawn's organization, Join the Movement to STOP. You can make checks to Lakeview or you can give cash and place your name on the gift. Then your giving statement can be credited. It will be good to hear from Dawn, who is a speaker with our synod wide speaker's bureau.

Kids Sing

The Sunday school kids will sing during worship on Sunday, March 15, at 9:00am. Come and hear them assist in leading worship.

Singles Brunch

The next singles brunch is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, at the Lone Girl, in Waunakee. We'll meet at 11:15am, immediately following adult discussion. Please advise Gayle Langer if you plan to attend: 249-3806 or gaylelanger@gmail.com.

Puff Pastry with Punky

There are 2 slots available in the puff pastry class that Punky will lead in the church kitchen on March 17. The group meets from 10:00am until noon. Enjoy baking and then taking home the products that you make. The

class is \$25 per person. Twenty dollars goes toward the kitchen loan and five dollars goes to Punky for the cost of supplies.

Porchlight Meal-March 17

Lakeview is scheduled to serve a hot dinner and cold breakfast at the Porchlight Men's Shelter on March 17/18. We do this every other month. The menu stays the same. But to make this important ministry happen, we need LOTS of volunteers and LOTS of donations of food. This congregation has been overwhelmingly supportive of this ministry. So you are invited to stop in the narthex to sign up for what you can donate and to sign up for how you can volunteer. We need many hands to peel potatoes and chop ham and vegetables on March 17 at 10:00am. We also need volunteers to serve the meal that evening at Grace Episcopal Church. Thank you for assisting with this ministry. During these colder months we are serving about 140 men.

Open Doors for Refugees?

Open Doors for Refugees is a non-faith-based volunteer organization founded to help refugees arriving in the Madison area. Open Doors works both independently and in conjunction with Jewish Social Services [a refugee resettlement agency in Madison]. A few of their activities include collecting furniture and household donations, setting up apartments, providing transportation, cultural orientation, English conversation sessions. Their next meeting is being held here, at Lakeview Lutheran on Wednesday, March 18 from 7pm to 8:30pm. This meeting is open to the public and is a forum, so people can learn more about what they do and how to possibly get involved with Open Doors. Feel free to join the meeting after the Lenten presentation at 6:30 in the sanctuary that evening.

News You Can Use

On Thursday, March 26, we will welcome acting Madison Police Chief Victor Wahl. He will speak to us in the Fellowship Room about what we can do, as the average citizen, about gun violence in the area today. Hot beverages and pastries will be served. This will be an informative presentation for everyone who is concerned about the rampant gun violence that we are seeing in our communities today. Guests are welcome.

Passion and Easter Sundays

It's not until April, but you should know that the choir and the Sunday school kids will be presenting a new Passion Cantata at 5:00pm on April 4 and 9:00am on April 5. This cantata will tell the story of Jesus' passion and death through music and narration. The

cantata will conclude on Easter Sunday morning during the Easter Festival services at 9:00 and 10:30am. The cantata this year takes you from the night of betrayal through the resurrection of Jesus. Also, on Easter Sunday, the choir will be singing "Baba Yeto" which is Christopher Tinn's version of the Lord's Prayer in Swahili.

Mendota Elementary Silent Auction

The Mendota Elementary Community School PTO will hold its annual Silent Auction on Friday, March 6th from 6-8pm at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. There are many great items to bid on from 6-7:30pm with light refreshments and kid activities. Please come to support one of your local community schools!

Easter Flowers

Help decorate Lakeview's sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday. Order from several options **by Sunday, March 1**. Prices vary. We order Easter Flowers from Klein's. Please consider this disclaimer from them, when ordering your flowers: *Due to 2020's late Easter and our space/cooling needs, some potted spring bulbs may be further in bloom than desired. Please note that last minute substitutions/alternatives may be required.* Please write the number of plants and circle a color, if indicated. Include total payment. All plants come with purple foil.

Easter Lilies (\$15) _____

Mums-Daisy (\$17.50) _____ **Daffodils (\$16)** _____

yellow, white, or lavender

Hyacinths (\$16) _____ **Tulips (\$16)** _____

pink or blue

red, yellow, pink or white

Azaleas (\$32) _____

Pink, purple, or white

Given By: _____ **Total cost:** _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I love to read. And while I love to read all genres of literature, I particularly like historical fiction set in communities where I enjoy visiting. Sometimes, though, I just enjoy getting lost in a simple and mindless novel.

But reading is not just entertaining for me. I also read some serious non-fiction. I like to challenge myself to think deeper, to think out of the box, to learn something new for my personal growth and for my career as your pastor. So I regularly read books that respond to our oppression of others. I read about the mistreatment of people so that I can be well-informed and can advocate for ways my attitude, our society and the church can change and better reflect God's call to love our neighbors. Despite the 613 laws in Leviticus and the frequent scenarios of God's wrath in the Hebrew Scriptures, I believe that the foundation of the Bible is God's love and mercy poured out on creation. As a Christian, I believe that God gave us the gift of Jesus, not only for salvation, but also as a model for how to live and how to treat others. Jesus shows us grace. Therefore, as a disciple, I have a responsibility to become educated when the world around me wants to mistreat or persecute others. One way I do that is to read well-researched, healthy, wisdom filled books. Since Christmas, I have read three books that address important subjects in our world/culture right now.

First, James Oberly wrote ***"A Nation of Statesmen"*** in 2005. This book travels through the history of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican people from 1815 through 1972. It presents the treaties that were agreed on and then broken by our European ancestors. It outlines how the indigenous Mohican's were mistreated by the early governments in the United States. The Stockbridge-Munsee people came to the Midwest from New York state. They settled along the banks of Lake Winnebago and eventually were moved to the Town of Red Springs in Shawano County. Our cottage is located in the town of Red Springs. Our neighbors are enrolled in the Stockbridge-Munsee Nation. This book has helped me to re-evaluate how the government, I and others continue to mistreat this nation of people who were established in this land long before Europeans set foot on it.

Second, Jacob Tobia wrote ***"Sissy-A Coming of Gender Story"*** in 2019. It is a memoir of a person identified as male at birth but who is gender fluid at age 28. Jacob often has a five o'clock shadow, but wears lipstick and high heels. They wore platform heels when they ran across the Brooklyn Bridge to raise money for awareness. They also wore platform heels, a suit and rhinestone jewelry both times they were invited to dinner at the White House. We are living in a time when we have come to realize that a gender binary doesn't exist. The reality is that people today understand that not everyone can fit into being a man or a woman. Jacob Tobia helps us see one way that someone can live out all aspects of their gender and in a very non-conforming way. Tobia is a non-conforming writer, producer and performer who is a member of the Forbes 30 Under 30. They have been featured on MSNBC, the New York Times and The Guardian. ***"Sissy"*** will open your eyes to fuller ways to understand gender and to accept those who live life different from yourself. The book may also help you understand what some of your family members are dealing with.

Third, Peter Edelman wrote ***"Not a Crime to Be Poor"*** in 2017. Edelman opens our eyes to see how America criminalizes poverty. He helps us see how jails and prisons are overpopulated with people who simply do not have the means to make bail and therefore are incarcerated, while those with the means to post bail are set free. If you fine a homeless person for sleeping on the street, they will not be able to post bail and will be sent to jail where they will not be able to earn money from their low paying job to help support themselves or their families. Edelman also makes it clear how expensive it is to the American taxpayer to house folks in jails simply because they are poor and can't pay a fine or post bail, like middle class people can. It's actually a rather frightening book, but opened my eyes in a big way.

I invite you to keep reading. I invite you to become educated on topics that you lack knowledge in. I invite you to read the items I've identified, which can help each of us to better respond to oppressed individuals/groups who live in our state, township, city or on our block. God calls us to love. Jesus modeled loving those who were poor in spirit. I call on you to explore and get educated so that you can respond to that call. By the way, great deals on books can be had on Amazon or at Half Price Books on East Washington Avenue. Maybe you will choose one of these books to read on your Lenten journey this year.

Peace, Pastor DEAN

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Service Schedule:

5:00pm Saturday, 9:00am Sunday

Dayna Dalton – truffle making with Punky.



February Senior Lunch...with green jello!

