

## THE BEACON

### **Food Pantry**

The food pantry is collecting cereal, any kind, hot or cold, for the month of March. Please drop off your donations in the black bin during office hours 8-5 Monday-Thursday.

### **Bible Study**

Join Pastor Robb for virtual Bible study Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87666023450?pwd=VIEzRmpYZVhxMjN5QlhJeXBuMHlxQT09>

Or Dial by your location

1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 876 6602 3450

Passcode: 246804

### **Protocols for Attending In-Person Worship**

All services will be held in the Sanctuary. Entrance will be through the glass door at the front of the sanctuary. Pastor Robb will unlock the entry door 15 minutes before the service begins. Upon entry, make sure you have your mask on and then sanitize your hands once inside. Always uphold social distancing. Communion will be offered at both services. After service, exit through the main doors off the narthex.

### **Midweek Lenten Services**

For our midweek Lenten services Pastor Robb will be doing interviews with a member of Lakeview each week. This is a way for him to become familiar with some of the people of Lakeview and with the congregation and community, as well as a way for members to get to know a few other members a little better. These interviews/services will be recorded and posted on Facebook and emailed out weekly. The interviewees so far include: Taryn Lantz, John Dyar, Nate Campbell and Karen Orr.

### **Resuming In-Person Service**

Lakeview will be resuming in person service starting the weekend of March 13/14. There will be a 5:00pm service on Saturday evening and a 9:00am service on Sunday morning. We will be practicing the same protocols as when we attended service in the sanctuary this summer (see above). Services will still be recorded and posted online, as well.

## Holy Week Schedule

- 4.1 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm
- 4.2 Good Friday Worship 7pm
- 4.3 Holy Saturday Worship 5pm
- 4.4 Easter Worship 9am and 10:30am

## Thank You

Dear Friends,

A pandemic is a weird and unconventional time to retire. But you know I've never really been very conventional and you don't have to make any comments about the weird!!!! I surely missed being able to personally say good-bye to everyone. So did Kris. I guess it was all part of the extremely unconventional year that we have just come through. I surely hope that as you become eligible, you are all getting vaccinated. Kris got her first dose last week. I'm too young!

We want to thank you for your cards, notes, emails, gifts, phone calls, videos and Christmas tree ornaments all expressing your kind wishes as we begin this new era in our lives. Your words and gestures were most appreciated. And we will always carry the memories of our years together in our hearts. We also want to thank you for the overwhelming gift of money that you collected for the Kirst Ministry Fund. Wow! It was humbling but pleasurable to make decisions about how to distribute that gift. We sent \$1000 to Wartburg Seminary, Just Bakery, Salvation Army, ELCA World Hunger and Porchlight Men's Shelter. We directed \$1500 to the Lakeview Food Pantry and the remaining \$4000 to the Lakeview HVAC account. Your generosity and dedication to ministry is what kept me at Lakeview for 19 years. Keep up the work of discipleship as you give thanks for God's love every day.

I have been spending time snow shoeing, riding the exercise bike, drinking coffee, reading, making candles, playing piano and cooking/baking (*too much baking*). Kris is adjusting to having me around all day. We have also been able to spend time with Huck and Hugo and their parents! What a joy they are. Our home will be going on the market very soon, as we continue to make plans for relocation. As you might expect, I am anxiously awaiting warm weather and an opportunity to be outside and on Koonz Lake.

I am pleased to know that Pastor Robb is in place. Be nice to him----you aren't used to being nice to your pastor!!!! Of course, he will likely be nice to you. You have a terrific staff and a dedicated and thoughtful church council. I pray that you will continue to be challenged, that you will take new risks, that you will continue to have open minds and open hearts and that Lakeview will always be a safe and welcoming place for all of God's people. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

With Love and Happy Lent,  
Pastor Dean and Kris

**Lakeview Lutheran Church Council**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER / CREDENTIALS REPORT**

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by President Gregg Steinhauer. Pastor Mary Pharmer led in an opening prayer.

There were 44 members present, and Gregg declared a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gregg adopted a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. Since there were no objections to this motion, the motion to approve this agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2020 MINUTES**

Gregg adopted a motion to approve the minutes from the last annual meeting, which was held on January 26, 2020. Since there were no objections to this motion, the motion to approve the minutes was adopted by unanimous consent.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 28, 2020 MINUTES**

Gregg adopted a motion to approve the minutes from the special congregational meeting, which was held on June 28, 2020. Since there were no objections to this motion, the motion to approve the minutes was adopted by unanimous consent.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gregg took the opportunity to reflect on Pastor Dean's leadership at Lakeview Lutheran Church over the last 20 years.

He reviewed how resilient Lakeview's congregation has remained throughout the turmoil of this past year. He feels through its generosity and selflessness, the church body has shown how united in Christ it has been. As the congregation begins its search for a new pastor in 2021, Gregg calls on the church body's strength and wisdom to find new leadership.

**LAKEVIEW CEMETERY REPORT**

Linda Schaack reviewed the 2020 Lakeview Cemetery Operations report. There were no large or unusual transactions. In August 2020, the cemetery checking account was closed and the balance put into the church checking account. Assets in this fund total approximately \$137,700 as of 12/31/2020.

Gregg adopted a motion to approve the 2020 Lakeview Cemetery Operations report. There were no objections to this motion, and the motion to approve the report was adopted by unanimous consent.

## **LAKEVIEW CHURCH ENDOWMENT AND CHAPEL ENDOWMENT REPORT**

Linda Schaack reviewed 2020 activity in the church endowment and chapel endowment funds, which are a group of assets set aside for the benefit of church and the chapel. The funds generally grow as a result of a memorial gift, specific donation or investment earnings. The church endowment and memorial value is presently \$55,150. The chapel endowment and memorial value is presently \$40,005.

The total church and chapel endowment and memorial fund balance is \$95,155.

Gregg adopted a motion to approve the Church Endowment and Chapel Endowment Report dated 12/31/2020. There were no objections to this motion, and the motion to approve the report was adopted by unanimous consent.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – LINDA SCHAACK**

Linda Schaack reported that 2020 revenues and expenses were both under the budgeted amounts. Total revenue was \$284,071 and expenses were \$284,343, a shortfall of \$272. Lakeview qualified for a Payroll Protection Plan loan of \$37,000, which was used in full for payroll and utility costs. The loan is expected to be fully forgiven. The congregation provided additional financial support for several high cost projects during 2020, for a total extra support giving of \$64,600.

There were no objections to the proposed 2020 financial report, so Gregg adopted a motion to approve it. The motion to approve the 2020 financial report was adopted by unanimous consent.

Linda presented the council approved 2021 Ministry Plan. The proposed increase in giving is 3% over the 2020 actual giving. Projected expenses were estimated by averaging the 2020 'lower' amounts (due to the pandemic and the building being closed) and the 'normal' 2019 amounts.

Gregg adopted a motion to approve the 2021 Ministry Plan. There were no objections to this motion, and the motion to approve the 2021 Ministry Plan was adopted by unanimous consent.

### **ELECTIONS**

Gregg announced Amy Luebke has completed two 2-year terms on church council as vice president. Annette Pownell has been nominated to fill the vice president vacancy. Patty Manier has completed two 2-year terms as church council secretary. Dave Haselow has been nominated to fill the secretary vacancy. Returning council member Linda Schaack has been nominated to serve another 1-year term on church council as treasurer. Gregg Steinhauer has been nominated to serve another 2-year term on church council as president.

Gregg adopted a motion to elect the following to church council: Annette Pownell as vice president, Dave Haselow as secretary, Linda Schaack as treasurer and Gregg Steinhauer as president. There were no objections to this motion, and the motion to approve these positions on church council was approved by unanimous consent.

### **CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS**

Gregg called for any new business. There was none.

Gregg thanked all attendees for their participation in the annual meeting.

Gregg adopted a motion to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections to this motion, and the motion to adjourn the meeting was approved by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Submitted by Patty Manier, Secretary

January 31, 2021

### **Please Take Time to Fill in and Return Your Pledge Card for 2021**

Making a financial commitment to support the ministry of Lakeview is important, not only for our church, but also to strengthen our own relationship with the church and with the God who calls us and directs the Mission of the church.

As you take time to fill in your pledge card, please consider the following values regarding how and why we give to support the ministry of Lakeview Lutheran Church.

**Six Values of Biblical Giving** (taken from Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation, by Charles R. Lane)

Our giving to the church is meant to be:

- Intentional
  - Think about your offering – and then make a plan for what you intend to give to support our ministry this year.
- Regular
  - Work your plan by giving a regular offering to Lakeview – weekly or monthly offerings are usually the most common. Offerings can also be mailed to the church or made online through Vanco.
- Generous
  - Generosity is a sign of the Holy Spirit working in your life. How has God been generous to you in your life, and how can you be generous in what you offer to support Lakeview?
- First
  - Give your offering first rather than waiting until later in the month to see if you have anything left over. Again, making a plan and giving online can help with this.
- Proportional
  - What percentage of your income do you give as your offering to the church? While a full tithe of 10% may be too much for many of us, can you give 3%, or 5%? “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required” – Jesus.
- Cheerful
  - Giving our offerings to the church in support of the ministry God has called us to do is not a bad thing. Instead, it is meant to be a joyful, exciting opportunity for us to help out with the work that God is already doing here at Lakeview. St. Paul’s says, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Thank you for taking a moment to consider these points, for making the effort to return your pledge card (on the last page), if you haven’t already done so, and for your financial support to the ministry we share here at Lakeview.

In service to Jesus Christ, and Lakeview Lutheran Church,

Pastor Robb Kosky

## Hello, For a While

Hello. I'm Pastor Robb Kosky.

I will be your Interim Pastor for the next year or so, at which time, if all goes fairly smoothly (and after 2020, we all know how things can, all of the sudden, not go smoothly at all), but, as I said, if all goes smoothly, you will all be eager to see me go and ready to welcome your next called pastor – whomever he or she may be.

That will be a time of celebration, because we will then see how God had been at work among us during this intervening year, you will have done the work necessary to be ready to call a new pastor, and God will be calling me on to yet another stage in my ministry. In the meantime, we are here together in this time of transition, moving from a past which was familiar to us, into a future which is unknown and therefore holds both anxiety and possibility.

The story of your familiar past you all know quite well. I know a little bit about your story and look forward to learning more in the months to come.

Right now, I can tell you a bit about my story, and just like Lakeview, I am also in a time of transition. I was ordained as a pastor in the ELCA the same month as Pastor Dean, in June of 1997, and came to the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. I, however, was considerably younger than Dean (and I still am). I served a two-point parish in Bagley and Cassville for about a year and a half. During that time, I met my wife, Lisa, who is also a pastor in our Synod. She was in the process of leaving her congregation in Wiota and beginning a call to serve at Bethel in Madison. After we were married, I took a call to serve St. Paul's in Waterloo. This was in 1999, while Dean was still serving at Our Savior's in Sun Prairie. Lisa and I also moved to Sun Prairie and I continued to be the pastor at St. Paul's until last month.

Dean and I were both what are known as long-term pastors. These are pastors who have served in the same congregation for more than about seven years. And let's face it, seven years was a long time ago for both me at St. Paul's, and Dean, here at Lakeview. There are a lot of blessings for both congregations and for pastors from long-term pastorates. And there are quite a few pitfalls as well.

I know that St. Paul's and I experienced many of those blessings, and I am sure that you all did also with Dean. I also know that we did not manage to avoid all of the pitfalls. I am sure that this is true for you all as well. And that is okay. We are a people who confess "that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves." God does not expect us to be perfect, either as pastors or as congregations. I am not perfect, nor is St. Paul's a perfect congregation. And I fully expect that neither you, nor Dean, have been perfect over these past years.

Now, we are called to transition, from a past that we are familiar with, to a future that is unknown. Together, we will remember the past. Together, we will recognize the ways in which we have answered God's call and the familiar ways in which we have worshiped and done ministry. And together, we will discern the new ways in which God is calling us into the future.

And then, after all goes smoothly, you will be good and ready to say good-bye to me, and to welcome a new Called Pastor to journey with you into the possibilities that God is calling you to.

May God's Grace and Peace Be with You All,  
Pastor Robb Kosky

Thank you for your continuing support of Lakeview Lutheran Church. Your ongoing generosity, in 2021, is greatly appreciated.

I/We make the following pledge for the upcoming year.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week/bimonthly/month/year (*circle one*)  
for Lakeview's plan for Ministry (budget).

\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you give via Vanco (online thru office)

Online Giving: If you are interested in enrolling or changing the amount you are giving online, contact the office or follow the link on the church homepage.

\_\_\_\_ Unable to make a pledge, but will give to Lakeview, as able.

*Lakeview Lutheran Church*

God's people,  
serving the world.

Please detach and keep this section for  
your 2021 records:

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### Lakeview Book List – 2021

Feb.1 – The Only Woman in the Room by Heather Terrell

Mar. 1 – Neither Wolf nor Dog by Kent Nerburn

Apr. 5 – 1000-Mile Walk on the Beach by Loreen Niewenhuis

May 3 – Whistling in the Dark by Lesley Kagen

June 7 – Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

July 5 – Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

Aug. 2 – Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See

Sept. 7 (Tues.) – Milking in the Shadows by Julie Keller

Oct. 4 – All the Way to the Tigers by Mary Morris

Nov. 1 – Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue

Dec. 6 – TBA

Jan. 3 – mtg. to compile list for 2022

Feb. 7, 2022 – Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey by Kathleen Rooney

Book Club is currently meeting via zoom and meets at 6:00pm on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted. If you are interested in joining, please contact Chris Anders - 244.6181 or [coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) - for more details.

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### FREE HOMEMADE DRIVE-THRU DINNER!

\*DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**WHERE:** LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4001 MANDRAKE RD. MADISON, WI

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 4:30-6:00PM

**WHAT:** CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE, POTATOES, CARROTS, RYE BREAD & MINT BROWNIE (BY JUST BAKERY)

**HOW:** CALL THE CHURCH AT 608.244.6181 AND TELL US A NAME, # OF MEALS & PHONE # BY MONDAY 3/15 (WE WILL STOP TAKING RESERVATIONS IF/WHEN WE GET TO 200)

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**March 2021**

**Newsletter of Lakeview Lutheran Church**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8-5, Friday: Closed

**Service Schedule:**

9:00am Sunday via Zoom or watch the recorded service any time after it is posted

**Beginning March 13/14**

In-person 5:00pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday (and recorded)

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