

## THE BEACON

### **Lakeview Book Group**

Book Group will be meeting in person on Monday, May 3 at 6:30pm to discuss 'Whistling in the Dark' by Wisconsin author Lesley Kagen. If the weather permits we will meet outside in north parking lot. Bring a lawn chair. If not so nice out we will meet in the Fellowship Room. Masks and social distancing will be required. All are welcome to attend.

### **Knots of Love**

The church knitting group, Knots of Love, will resume meeting at 1:00, Tuesday May 4, in the Fellowship Room at church. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we will be glad to teach you. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please enter through the narthex doors only.

### **Food Pantry**

The food pantry is requesting dollar store items for the month of May. Some ideas include: conditioner, kitchen utensils, egg noodles, baby wipes, body lotion, dental floss, candy or anything else you think would be useful. Please NO hand sanitizer. You may drop off your donations in the black bin during office hours, 8-5 Monday-Thursday, or bring them to worship with you. The pantry has plenty of paper bags for the time being. They will let us know when more are needed.

### **Lakeview Call Committee Update**

We wanted to provide you with a quick update - we have met twice already and are very excited about getting started on the Pastor Call process! Our first task was to set Call Committee roles. Dayna Dalton and John Dyar will be co-chairs of the committee. Verallyn Cline is Secretary, Amy Luebke & Spenser Pownell will be the Communicators, Karen Orr will be the Spiritual Guide, and Terry Warnke will be lending his expertise to all the roles. Our next step will be to put a plan in place to complete the Ministry Site Profile which consists of defining Who We Are, Our Vision for Mission, and our Leadership Needs. You, the Congregation, will have an opportunity to provide input into the Ministry Site Profile and we are looking forward to hearing from you! Watch for more updates in the Weekly Announcements and Worship Services. Take care and Peace be with you.

## **Bible Study**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87666023450?pwd=VlEzRmpYZVhxMjN5QlhJeXBuMHlxQT09>

Or Dial by your location

1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 876 6602 3450

Passcode: 246804

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## **WORSHIP OPTIONS**

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### **IN-PERSON SERVICE HAS RESUMED**

LAKEVIEW HAS RESUMED IN PERSON SERVICE. THERE IS A 5:00PM SERVICE ON SATURDAY EVENING AND A 9:00AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING. WE ARE PRACTICING THE SAME PROTOCOLS AS WHEN WE ATTENDED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY LAST SUMMER. SERVICES ARE STILL BEING RECORDED AND POSTED ONLINE, AS WELL.

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### **PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDING IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

ALL SERVICES ARE BEING HELD IN THE SANCTUARY. ENTRANCE IS 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.

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### **WORSHIP VIA ZOOM OR PHONE**

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83396476406?PWD=BYTSETL2DGTKQ2VXK094V1RKRMVMZZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83396476406?pwd=BYTSETL2DGTKQ2VXK094V1RKRMVMZZ09)

MEETING ID: 833 9647 6406

PASSCODE: 195349

DIAL BY YOUR LOCATION: 1 312 626 6799 US

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### **FIND ALL SERVICE RECORDINGS AT:**

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCHTEDDZHT7YEZEPE1NHQBKA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHTEDDZHT7YEZEPE1NHQBKA)

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**ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation** is a group which, since 1974, “advocates for the acceptance, full participation, and liberation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church.”

This acceptance and love of all of God’s people has been a part of Lakeview’s identity and practice since 2008. Lakeview’s council is hoping to make this acceptance and welcome of all members of our community more intentional and explicit in the life of our congregation.

ReconcilingWorks offers online training courses to help congregations and church members grow in their understanding LGBTQIA+ identities and expand their work of welcome, inclusion, hospitality, and celebration of LGBTQIA+ people in their communities and congregations.

Online training courses are offered from 5:30 – 7:00 on evenings throughout the summer and fall. Courses include: Let’s Talk about SOGIE (Learning about Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, and Sexual Orientation); Consent in Community Building; and Bias and its Impact on Welcome. More information can be found at [www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)

Please contact the church office at 244.6181 or [office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) if you have an interest in attending one of these training events and discussing how Lakeview can be more accepting and welcoming to all of God’s people.

### **Worship Assistants and Bulletin & Beacon Folders**

We continue to enlist the help of members of the congregation to assist in Worship Assistant positions including acolytes, altar guild, communion assistants, counters, readers, and ushers and weekly help folding bulletins and monthly help folding, sealing, and labeling the newsletter. Thank you to all those we have heard from so far. **We are particularly in need of hearing from those of you who would like to serve as a volunteer with the altar guild.** If you have served in one of these capacities in the past and feel comfortable coming to worship or the church office and helping out in one or more these areas, please call (244.6181) or email ([office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org)) Laura in the church office to let her know. If you haven’t served in one of these capacities in the past, but are interested in serving now, let Laura know. You can also give a shout with any questions you have. We would love to see the pool of volunteers continue to expand in the coming months.

### **Service Recording Help**

We are continuing to work on getting a permanent livestream and recording option in place and will be seeking volunteers to help with that, so that Terry and Sue can step back from being our sole audio visual volunteers. We will keep you updated, as this gets put into place. Terry is working to make it a simple process for any volunteer. Please consider if this is an area you might be willing to help with in the future.

## Lakeview Upcoming Book Club Reads – 2021

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

## Lutherdale Bible Camp

Lutherdale offers multiple camps with varying options throughout the summer. They are open this summer and following Covid-19 protocols. If this is something you are interested in looking into for your child or your family, visit them online at [www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org).

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### FREE HOMEMADE DRIVE-THRU DINNER!

\*DONATIONS ACCEPTED

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

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, 5.19, 4:30-6:00PM

**WHAT:** PORK, CHEESY HASHBROWN CASSEROLE, VEGGIES, AND OREO CHEESECAKE BAR FROM JUST BAKER

**HOW:** CALL THE CHURCH AT 608.244.6181 AND TELL US A NAME, # OF MEALS & PHONE # BY THURSDAY, MAY 13 (WE WILL STOP TAKING RESERVATIONS IF WE GET TO 200)

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK...

## The Verdict

In my personal opinion, we have a frustratingly slow, complex, and imperfect legal system which is made all the more so by politics, social divides, prejudices, and the influence of wealth. While justice is meant to be blind, impartial, and fair, our history is full of incidents where Justice seems to be peeking from beneath her blindfold and tipping the balances in favor of one side or the other. (I should also note that I am not any kind of expert on our legal system and have very little direct experience of it, so these are my opinions as a casual observer.)

There is enough uncertainty in our system that, as we awaited the verdict coming out of Minneapolis in the trial for the murder of George Floyd, I felt that there would be both surprise and no surprise no matter what the verdict would be, and that there is enough division in our country that there would also be both claims that justice was done and that justice was averted.

As we view the verdict in this case, and the issues that divide us in our country, I find it helpful to think about what St. Paul would call “the rulers,... the authorities,... the cosmic powers of this present darkness,” and “the spiritual forces of evil...”, that is, all that holds us “captive to sin” so that “we cannot free ourselves,” and then to remember a different verdict and its implications for us.

### *The Powers*

What is St. Paul talking about when he mentions these “cosmic powers,” or “spiritual forces?”

As Lutherans, we can think about them as “sin, death, and the power of the devil,” as all of the things that we confess and repent of, as all that would separate us from God, from following Jesus, from being the image of God we were created to be, and from living our lives as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

As Americans, we can think about the systems within our society that prevent our ideals of equality and justice from being made available to all people: Our “original sin” of slavery and the accompanying racism codified and embedded in our society and in our lives; The “love of money” and the pursuit of wealth to the detriment of human relationships, the common good, and the environment; American individualism and the idea of personal responsibility which claim that each person is fully responsible for his or her own place in society; The myth of morality which divides people and ideas into “good or bad,” “right or wrong,” “holy or unholy.”

### *The Verdict*

The verdict tells us that we are each caught up in the powers and systems that separate us from God. As St. Paul says, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” There is no “Us versus Them.” There is no “Them” at all. We are all part of the “Us.” Whether liberal or conservative, ... .. We are all one. And the verdict is against us. I am not “Holy.” You are not “Holy.” We cannot make ourselves holy by our own actions or thoughts or positions.

What I am – is loved. What you are – is loved. What our neighbor is – is loved. We are loved by God, and we are to love one another. My love is imperfect, and your love is flawed, and our neighbor’s love is intermittent, but God’s love is perfect and incomprehensible and greater than we are able to imagine.

The verdict is in. We are guilty, but we are called by God, we are forgiven, and we are sent to love as we have been loved.

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

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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

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

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