

## THE BEACON

### **Summer Church Office Hours**

The church office will be open 8-4 Tuesday-Thursday starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study is meeting in person in the Fellowship Room, as well as on Zoom, at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings

### **Knots of Love**

The church knitting group, Knots of Love, will continue meeting at 1:00, Tuesday June 1, 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.

### **Lakeview Book Group**

Book Group will be meeting at 6:30pm either outside (bring a lawn chair) or in the Fellowship Room depending on weather conditions. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Monday, June 7 – Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

Monday, July 5 – Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

Monday, Aug. 2- Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See

### **Blood Drive**

The next blood drive is on Tuesday, 6.15. Please call the church office at 244.6181 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment to donate blood. Please also get in touch with Terry ( 244-2047 or [tlwarnke@gmail.com](mailto:tlwarnke@gmail.com)) if you would like to volunteer at the drive.

### **Summer Worship**

Worship will move to East Hall once the Sanctuary gets too hot to continue worship there this Summer. Look for the blue and white Welcome flag to find out where service is being held and where to enter.

## **Food Pantry**

The food pantry is requesting toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, ketchup, macaroni & cheese, and ranch salad dressing for June and July.

## **Pastoral Call Committee Update**

Hello Lakeview Lutheran Church! The Pastoral Call Committee would like to start getting you all engaged in thinking about who we are as a church, what we have been, and what we would like to become. We will be asking trivia questions, asking you to share favorite memories, and share fun facts about the history of Lakeview Lutheran Church.

Lakeview Lutheran Activities!

Who was the disco dancing queen at the 2018 Talent Show?

Answer: There were 2 disco dancing queens - Gayle Langer and Dayna Dalton!

Besides the disco dancing queens, what was your favorite act of the night?

Senior Lunches - what was your favorite food served at the Senior lunches? Chris Anders liked Hummel Futter and Kathie Benson the Bean soup.

Lakeview Lutheran Blood Drives! Did you know....

We have been hosting them since the mid-1980's and Terry Warnke has been coordinating them since then. Thanks Terry!

There has been a total 72 drives. 2501 donors.

33 donors average per drive.

How many total units do you think we have collected?? Answer will be in the next beacon!

Fun Facts!

- The congregation was organized by Rev. L. Habel in 1856 as a sister church of St. John's of Madison, being served by their pastors.
- From 1856 to 1946 our congregation was known as St. John's Lutheran Church of Westport. Due to the maple sugar industry in this area, our church was often referred to as the "Zuckerbusch Kirche"(Sugarbush Church).
- Until the chapel was built (1884), the congregation held its services in a small, white, school house on Sherman Ave. where Sherman School stands.

If you have any questions about the Call process or want to share your memories about your time at Lakeview Lutheran Church you can email Terry Warnke at [tlwarnke@gmail.com](mailto:tlwarnke@gmail.com) or call him at 608-576-8695.

## **Service Recording Equipment Donations**

Please donate to cover the costs of service recording equipment that the church has purchased to record weekend services. You can include a donation for this with your usual offering by dropping off when you attend worship, dropping off or mailing into the church office, or on the Vanco Give+ link on the church's website. Your donations are appreciated!

## **Service Recording Help**

Terry will be setting up a permanent live stream and recording option and we 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 and contact the church office to let Laura know.

**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.

## **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).

## **Moving into Summer, and Still Moving Forward**

The weather is getting warmer, Lisa and I have been transplanting flowers and starting to work in the garden, people are planning vacations, schedules change, and things are a little more relaxed. We are moving into summer, and while we are moving into summer, we are still moving forward here at Lakeview.

We are moving forward with some warm weather activities. With some warm weather, Dennis and Phil were finally able to fix the chapel steps. My wife, Lisa, loves to transplant flowers and we ended up with some extra Irises which I brought over to the church and Laura and I planted them outside the office entrance and around to the front of the church, and a few up by the chapel.

But we are doing more than the outside work. We are also moving forward by taking some more steps toward normalcy with our worship services, and the Council and Call Committee are moving forward with the transition work needed to get ready to call a Pastor.

## ***Moving Forward with Worship***

*The doors are open!* If you stop by the office during office hours you will find that we have now unlocked the doors and opened up for visitors to stop by. We are still asking that you wear a mask, but please stop by to visit. Also, the front doors to the narthex and sanctuary will be open for our Saturday and Sunday services. You can still come in through the handicap entrance at the front of the sanctuary, but now, if you're running late you will be able to sneak in from the back. The downstairs doors will also be open on Sunday mornings.

*Warmer weather.* When the warmer weather arrives this summer, we will move our worship services downstairs to East Hall to take advantage of the air conditioning. We will let you know through weekly announcements when this will be happening. You can also look for the welcome flag that we put before our services – if you see it down in front of East Hall, we will be worshipping down there.

*Communion Distribution and Masks.* As of right now we are not making any changes to how we are distributing communion or to the wearing of masks, but we will be considering these questions in the coming weeks. I would appreciate any opinions you have about the wearing of masks in worship and about returning to a more traditional way of distributing communion.

*In person Bible Study.* This isn't about worship, but I thought I would throw it in here. Our Wednesday Bible Study will begin meeting in-person on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the Fellowship Room. I will still have my computer if you would like to join by Zoom.

## **The Council and Call Committee Are Moving Forward**

There are a lot of steps to be taken before we will be ready to submit our Ministry Site Profile to the Synod and begin to interview candidates for the position of Lakeview's Pastor, and the Council and Call Committee are getting started on this work.

### *Audits, Constitutions, and Video Equipment*

The council has made arrangements for an audit of Lakeview's financial records to be carried out, and has also begun to look at updating the Constitution and congregational policies. The council has also approved Terry Warnke's proposal for purchasing equipment and developing a system for live-streaming Lakeview's worship services. (The council approved \$3,000 for equipment and other expenses. Members are invited to make donations to help defray this cost they can be designated for "Service Recording Equipment.") This will also allow volunteers to help operate our video equipment with just a little training.

### *Looking into the Past to Move into the Future*

The Call Committee is putting together an exercise to help us all look back at the history of Lakeview, and especially at our members' stories of Lakeview. What have been the high and low points of your life here? How has God been at work through the ministry of Lakeview in the past, and where is God calling Lakeview to move forward in the future? Please keep your eyes open for updates from the Call Committee, notices on Facebook, and especially for the Lakeview Timeline that will be posted in the sanctuary.

### *More to Come*

And we have more work to do. We will make sure that our membership records are up to date, examine the church property and building, move forward to become a "Reconciled in Christ" congregation (an official designation for Lutheran Churches that, like Lakeview, are welcoming and accepting of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities), we will be look at our synodical, ecumenical, and community involvement, examine demographics and think about how we might continue to grow in reaching out to people in our community for purposes of evangelism and social ministry.

We have a lot of work to do. And while we all plan to enjoy the warm weather and the summer, we will still be moving forward here at Lakeview.

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

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**Office Hours:**

Monday: Closed, Tuesday-Thursday: 8-4, 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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