

THE BEACON

Church Office Hours

The church office is now open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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, meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month, in the Fellowship Room at church. The next meeting will be held on **September 7th**. 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.

Blood Drive

The next blood drive is on **Tuesday, September 14th**. Please call the church office at (244-6181) or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to donate blood. Please also get in touch with Terry (244-2047) or tlwarnke@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer at the drive.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is requesting toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, ketchup, macaroni & cheese, and ranch salad dressing and school supplies.

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!

Summer/Fall Worship

Worship is currently being held in the East Hall and will move to the Sanctuary in September. Look for the blue and white Welcome flag to find out where service is being held and where to enter.

Youth Education Meeting

All families are invited to a meeting on youth education plans for 2021/2022 on **September 19th** immediately following the 9 am service in the sanctuary. Please join Annette Pownell, Sunday School Superintendent and Pastor Robb to discuss what we want Lakeview Lutheran youth education program to look like this year, including Confirmation and First Communion instruction. What ideas would we like to try this year? Different classes? Events? What would we like to accomplish? What time days/times/level of commitment works for your family? We hope to see you all there. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please reach out to Annette (aepownell@yahoo.com) or Pastor Robb (PastorRKosky@gmail.com) with any of your thoughts and ideas.

Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, October 10th, after worship

The Congregation Council has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 10th after our worship service (about 10:00). At this time, there are two pieces of business on the agenda. Our first piece of business will be holding a first vote on updating our Constitution and current Bylaws. (This will be the first of two votes necessary for updating the Constitution. The second vote will take place at our Annual Meeting in January). The second piece of business will be voting on the approval of welcome statement for Lakeview. This is necessary for Lakeview to officially be designated as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, one that welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions to fully participate in the life and work of our congregation,” and is “committed to work toward racial equity in our society and community.” Copies of these documents are available at church.

Worship News

“Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

Congregational singing will return to our worship services beginning on **Sunday, September 12th**. We ask that all members wear masks while singing.

Sunday, Sept. 12th - Our Rally Sunday service will be held outside in the Chapel Lawn. Bring your own lawn chair and your singing voice. We will once again sing hymns of praise to God during our worship. We do ask that you wear masks while singing even though we will be outside for this service. There will be no service on Saturday, September 11th.

Saturday, Sept. 18th - Saturday services will move up the hill to the chapel for the fall. The front doors to the church will be open to provide access to the restrooms.

Sunday, Sept. 19th - Sunday services will move back upstairs to the sanctuary.

“With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” (Colossians 3:16)

Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

Lakeview Lutheran Church has long been a congregation of welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We are now taking a step to be officially recognized as such by becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation – this is a designation for congregations like Lakeview in the ELCA. As a step toward this, we will be voting to approve the following welcome statements at our special congregational meeting following our worship service on Oct. 10th.

The Welcome Statements were written by Terry Warnke, Mary Cragin, Laura Jasiczek, Annette Pownell, and Pastor Robb Kosky.

There are two statements. The first is a longer, general introduction and welcome statement for Lakeview. The second, shorter statement, is specifically a Reconciling in Christ welcome statement.

Lakeview Lutheran Church Welcome Statement

Lakeview Lutheran Church is a joyous, warm and caring community of God's servants ministering through worship, learning and sharing. We are people of God in Christ and empowered by the Spirit to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying activity in the world. We are a member congregation of the ELCA and the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

For 150 years Lakeview Lutheran Church has been committed to a faithful proclamation of the gospel through word and sacrament and through a passionate network of social and outreach ministries in Madison and beyond.

“All are welcome in this place.” We are dedicated to these words in what we do and who we are. Because God's love is all inclusive, we strive to welcome everyone as people created and loved by God. Lakeview Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions to participate fully in the life and work of our congregation, and we are committed to work toward racial equity in our society and community.

We welcome every one of any age, race, ethnic background, political persuasion, economic status, physical or mental ability or disability, married, single, or partnered. We welcome all, Christian or non-Christian. “All Are Welcome” is not just a hymn we love; it is truly what we believe. We believe that faith without action is missing the point. We strive to act with love and kindness towards all who come through our doors, whether to worship, participate in meals, the food pantry, looking for assistance, attend a function at the church, or to work with us to better our community. We aren't perfect and don't claim to be, and we don't require everyone to always agree. We laugh loudly and often, usually at ourselves. We may falter, but we stand up, dust ourselves off and try again.

All are equal in this place. We live in a world where not everyone is treated equitably, but here at Lakeview, we believe in the equality of all people. We are all siblings in Jesus Christ, regardless of

the color of our skin, ethnic background, whether straight or gay, young or old, healthy or not so healthy, wealthy, middle class or poor, Christian or not, believer, doubter or seeker. We are committed to doing the work to learn and grow in our support of racial equity.

Join us. You will be welcomed ... not judged.

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Hello Lakeview Members!

We are pleased to announce that a date for Rally Sunday has been set for **Sunday September 12, 2021**. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor worship service at the church up by the chapel starting at 9:00am followed by a brunch (a rain event will take us to East Hall). This will be a perfect time for a large helping of good old fashion fellowship that we all know and love. The time has finally come and we encourage one and all to join in on the fun! The menu for the meal is as follows:

- Build your own breakfast burrito (scrambled eggs will be prepared ahead of time along with)
 - Tortilla shells
 - Ham
 - Salsa
 - Sour cream
 - Shredded cheese
 - Green peppers
 - Black Olives
- Pastries
- Coffee
- Milk
- Build your own ice cream sundae or cone
- Please also bring a dish or fruit to pass if you can.

Feel free to bring your own lounge chairs that might be more comfortable than our church folding chairs or bring a blanket to spread out on the lawn. If you know someone else that might enjoy this time, please invite them as well. Rally Sundays are a fantastic way to meet new faces and kick off the upcoming year. We apologize for the late notice and hope you understand as we start to pick up momentum upon Laura's departure. God Bless and we sincerely hope to see you there!

Please note that we will not be having a worship service on **Saturday, September, 11th**.

President Gregg Steinhauer

St. Mark's Friday Lunches

Lakeview will be helping to serve lunches at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Spruce St. on the south side of Madison, once a month, starting on **Friday, September 3rd**. Our volunteers will be helping with preparation, serving, and clean up, and working from 10:00 am-2:00pm. The next luncheon will be held on **Friday, October 1st**. If you are interested in giving this ministry an opportunity, please contact Pastor Robb or Pamela, in the church office.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

INTERIM UPDATE

In the six months I have been at Lakeview we have accomplished quite a lot, and when I say "we", I mostly mean that you all, as Lakeview, have accomplished a lot. Here is a quick rundown of many of the things we have done in the last six months: The Food Pantry continued operating through the pandemic; Drive-Thru ashes on Ash Wednesday; Member interviews in Lent; Updated our Covid procedures around worship and building use; Bible Study/Book Group/Knots of Love meeting again and in person; Resumed in-person worship services; Drive-Thru Meals; Blood Mobile; Providing a polling location for elections; Repaired the Chapel steps; Appointed a Call Committee; Gotten estimates for replacing the lighting in our parking lot; Done work organizing the plots in the cemetery; Purchased video equipment established a way to regularly live-stream worship services on YouTube; Thanked Chris Anders for her 10 years as Ministry Coordinator; Examined our history and our experiences of Lakeview; Started Updating our Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures; Began defining our Core Values and the Mission of Lakeview; Hired a new Office Administrator; Wrote a Welcome statement to become a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

That is a lot of work, and in the weeks and months ahead, we will have more work to do – both regular congregational work and work directly related to our interim and call process.

The Call Committee has been working with you to establish our Core Values and will be writing a Mission Statement for Lakeview. Thank you to everyone who has participated in their meetings and in voting on the Core Values.

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 10th, to begin the approval process for our updated Constitution and Bylaws, and to vote on approving a welcome statement to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation. I have been delving into our Membership Rolls to get an accurate list of who all are still members of Lakeview. There seem to be a number of people who have not been active here in many years, who may have moved away or joined another congregation, who we still have listed as members. If you receive a call or email from me or another member asking about yourself or an adult child, please know that this is part of the process of determining our actual membership.

Other work that we will be doing over the next couple of months include: Continuing to update our policies and procedures; restarting and reimagining our Sunday School; Rally Day on Sept. 12th; Having Confirmation and beginning Confirmation classes for a new class; resuming Saturday worship in the Chapel (look for updates in the weekly announcements); Beginning to serve lunches at St. Mark's Lutheran Church; Assessing the needs of our property and building; Working on our Financial Stewardship; Examining the demographics of both our congregation and our community; and Beginning work on our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which lead directly into beginning the Call Process for your next pastor.

We've come a long way together over the past six months. We are probably about halfway there – give or take a bit. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to give us all the strength and energy, the wisdom, the patience, and the hope that we will need to do our work in the months ahead, and lead you to call a pastor who will walk with you in your Mission to be Lakeview Lutheran Church.

Pastor Robb

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

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Monday-Thursday Open from 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday: Closed

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

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

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