

THE BEACON

The Beacon Newsletter has changed, *a little*, as we have decided to send out the newsletter every 2 months instead of every month. We will continue to send out weekly reminders, usually sent on Thursdays that contain reminders and up-to-date announcements via email. If you have not signed up for the weekly newsletter or need to update/add your email, please let Pamela know in the church office. Thank you!

Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be in the month of ***December 7th***. 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 (608-244-2047) or (**tlwarnke@gmail.com**) if you would like to volunteer at the drive.

Food Pantry

Just a friendly reminder that the Food Pantry has changed the hours of operation to 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., every Monday. The Food Pantry is requesting for the following item for the months of ***November and December***. Christmas items for Adults and children. Suggestions: All Christmas themed items. Dollar Store items such as: Stickers, hair accessories, nail polish, coloring books, small Christmas toys for children, puzzles, markers/pens, scented jar candles, adult socks, etc. Please have all items to the Food Pantry by ***December 12th***. Thank you!

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, which began last month. 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 ***December 3rd***. If you are interested in giving this ministry an opportunity, please contact Pastor Robb or Pamela in the office.

Annual Meeting

Lakeview's Annual Meeting will be held on ***Sunday, Jan. 23rd, at 10:00 am***, following our Sunday morning worship service. We will be electing Council members, voting on our Annual Plan for Ministry, and holding the 2nd vote on the updates to our Constitution. Please plan to join us for our Annual Meeting.

Bible Study

Bible study is meeting in person in the Fellowship Room, as well as on ZOOM at ***10:30 on Wednesday mornings***. We are studying the book of Romans. No preparation is necessary. Just come with an interested mind and a sense of goodwill and humor. Of course, treats are always welcome! Copy and paste this link into your internet browser **<https://bit.ly/3CjVyDl>**

Worship News!

Update from the Lakeview Lutheran Call Committee:

We are excited to tell you that we submitted the Ministry Site Profile on Wednesday, October 27th! We would like to thank you for sharing your stories, memories, and thoughts to help us in completing the profile. It was a wonderful reminder of all the good that Lakeview does and the fun we have together! We met with Marie Leafblad, Assistant to the South Central Wisconsin Synod Bishop, on Wednesday, November 10th to discuss our next steps.

These steps will include a practice/mock interview, reviewing resumes, and conducting interviews. She also said she very much liked our profile as we kept it real and honest and didn't sugarcoat anything - so thanks again for providing us with the information necessary to fill it out - we couldn't have done it without you! This last weekend we were asked if we would be videotaping the interviews so that others could view them. Unfortunately that is not possible as the interviewees will likely still be at their current church and that congregation will be unaware that their Pastor is interviewing elsewhere.

The Call Committee will need to keep who we interview and when we interview confidential to respect the interviewee's privacy. We will keep you posted as we head into this stop on our journey to find a new Pastor for Lakeview Lutheran Church. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Lakeview Lutheran Call Committee.

Lakeview Book club

The Lakeview Book club will meet on ***Monday, Dec. 6*** in the Fellowship Room from 6:30-7:30pm. They are reading ***Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the last trial of Harper Lee*** by Casey Cep. On ***Jan. 3rd***, they will meet to decide what to read/discuss for 2022 – Time and Location TBA.

Parking Lot Project

In October, we approved the Parking Lot Lighting project to repair and replace the lighting in our parking lots. The cost of this project will be approximately \$17,000 and we hope to have it done in April 2022.

We have already received some donations to the project but it will take contributions from all of us to get the job done. Please consider making a an electronic contribution here online. Copy and paste this link: ***<https://onrealm.org/LakeviewLutheran/Give>*** , or you can mail a contribution into the church office or place it in the offering plate during worship - marked for the ***Parking Lot Lighting Project***.

Help us to make Our Lights Shine!

Christmas Trees Project

For the Christmas Season, we will be constructing Christmas Trees out of goods that we will purchase for the Food Pantry. We are asking that members make monetary donations so that we may purchase items that will then be stacked into Christmas Trees in the front of the sanctuary. We are waiting to hear from the Food Pantry as to what items we will be purchasing, but you can start making donations now, marked for our ***Christmas Tree Project*** or copy and paste this link:

<https://onrealm.org/LakeviewLutheran/Give> and scroll down under funds to find the Christmas Trees Project. The trees will start growing during Advent, beginning on ***November 28th!***

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be held on ***Friday, Dec. 24th at 4:00pm and 6:00pm.***

We will also celebrate with services of Readings and Carols on ***Saturday, Dec. 25th at 5:00pm and Sunday, Dec. 26th at 9:00am.*** Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

INTERIM UPDATE

From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

Advent

Right between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving – the day we recognize all we have to be thankful for, all of the ways in which God has been present in, and blessed, our lives.

Christmas – the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, recognizing that we are in need of a savior that our lives are in need of healing for all of the wounds, and for everything that we are not thankful for.

Right in between these two days, we have the season of Advent. It lies between the recognition of all the good in our world, and the recognition that we are still in need because there is so much in our world that is not good.

Advent is a time of hope. It is a time of looking forward. It is the time of already and not yet.

Jesus has already been born into the world, has loved, and taught us how to love, has died, and been raised from the dead, has conquered death, and given us the promise of our own resurrection. But the love is not complete – we endure in a world that does not understand love. Death has been defeated, but we still face death and grief and fear. Resurrection is assured, but we are not yet raised from the dead. We live in the hope and promise that one day, we will be beyond the pains and sorrows of this life, but that day has not yet come.

We are Advent people, expectant, living out of the hope of what the future will one day bring. We look beyond our illness, our sorrow, our grief, we look beyond this troubled world, and we see the new day approaching – the day of both mercy and justice, the day of both righteousness and forgiveness.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas – Give Thanks, Look Forward in Hope, and Celebrate the Birth of Our Savior.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Pastor Robb Kosky

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Office hours – M-TH 8:30-4:30, F-TBD

Worship Service Schedule:

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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