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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

October 2006

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Relax, have fun, enjoy life, live in Christ! When we understand the words that we speak every time we gather for worship, *that we believe in a God who offers us forgiveness and salvation through Christ*, then we should relax, have fun, enjoy life and live in Christ. When we live in Christ, we know we are part of a winning cause, not a sinking ship. Lakeview Lutheran Church **IS** a winning cause, **NOT** a sinking ship.

Our cause is to proclaim that news of God's forgiveness and salvation through the things that we do and say. Our cause is to gather and give thanks and then to scatter and give assistance. Our cause is to go into the world in peace and to serve the Lord by serving the Lord's people-*go in peace, serve the Lord, thanks be to God!*.

One component of a winning cause is good stewardship. Stewardship is about taking care of what we have and using it wisely. Stewardship is about taking the gifts that God has blessed us with and growing, developing, advancing and building on those gifts. Stewardship is not about hoarding, conserving, holding and protecting. Stewardship is not about hiding our gifts in the ground.

I know you remember the parable of the three servants and the talents. Jesus told this story of a man who was going on a journey. He gave each of his servants a sum of money before he left. Two of the servants doubled the amount of money their master gave them before he returned. The third servant hid his money in the ground and when

his master returned, he had accumulated no additional wealth for him. The first two servants were greatly rewarded by their master. The third servant was thrown into outer darkness.

We know that this story is not really about money. It's about us, God's servants, taking the gifts of God and using them to increase God's wealth. As disciples, we are called to be like the first two servants. We go forth, share our goods, and spread God's mission of love in the world. When we do, we will be part of a winning cause.

Anytime a congregation says they are doing the best they can, that congregation will soon become a sinking ship and no longer a winning cause. As we approach the time of stewardship in the church and pledge cards and spiritual gifts inventories, I have no reason to believe that Lakeview Lutheran Church will become a sinking ship. I have faith that our desire to share God's love with the world is so great that we'll see all the money we could possibly need in the offering plate. I have faith that our existing programs will remain strong and vital and that together, we will increase and improve the things we do and the buildings and grounds where we do them.

We are part of a **winning cause**. We are part of God's team of faithful, loved and forgiven servants. Therefore, we can relax, have fun, enjoy life and live in Christ!

Praise the Lord!
Pastor Kirst

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Sanctuary Speaker System

As many of you have experienced, we continue to have complications with our speaker system in the sanctuary. Several months ago, Tim Mueller, Luther Torgerson and Pastor Kirst met with Peak Systems to find out ways to correct some of the problems. Peak Systems specializes in church sanctuary sound systems. We learned that our system is simply deteriorating and that it was not installed to handle instruments and multiple voices. We learned that little can be done to improve the existing system. It would not be fiscally responsible to put money in the current system. In order to continue to do the things we wish to do during worship (praise bands, multiple voices, movement in the sanctuary) we must replace the system. Peak Systems drew up an estimate for a new system that would accommodate the type of worship we do today. The estimate for that system is around \$20,000. It's a lot of money, but money well spent to worship well.

A fund has been established to start collecting money to purchase this system. To date, three donations totaling \$3000 have been received. If you would like to donate to this project, please write your check to "Lakeview Mission Endowment" and indicate "speaker system." Your funds will be placed in the appropriate account. Thank you for considering such a gift.

Confirmation Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 29 we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation or the Affirmation of Faith at 10:30 am with our 9th grade students. Please plan to join these young people on this important day in their lives and in the lives of our faith community at Lakeview.

Monthly Healing Service

In September, 21 people attended our monthly healing service in the chapel. The service is led by Pastor Kirst, Anne Tigan, Parish Nurse and musicians from the congregation. It is a quiet, contemplative service that is meant to uplift and bring peace through scripture reading, commentary, prayers, music, candle lighting and the laying on of hands and anointing. Many people in our congregation and community struggle and have found this service to be a safe place to come to grieve and to find God's support visible in those around us. Join us on **October 10 at 7:00 pm.**

Bible Sunday/Kids Sing in Church

On October 22, at the 10:30 am worship service, we will present new Bibles to our Sunday school children in Third Grade and also to our 3-year-olds. Children and their parents will participate during the service. What a great opportunity to share God's word. Also at the service, the Sunday school children will be singing.

Who Is Jesus?

Adult Bible study, led by Pastor Kirst, continues to be held weekly in the Fellowship Room at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. Coffee and pastries are served.





Praise Group Returns Oct 15

You were excited on Rally Sunday to hear the new Lakeview Praise! Group at 10:30.

Well, the crew will be back to lead worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am on Sunday, October 15. Members of this praise group include, Ted Witt-drums, Craig Adams-bass, Michael Kirst-electric guitar, Tim Mueller-piano and Linda Osterhaus, Bill Mueller, Kathy Benson, Kathy Knudtson and Ellen Bethel on vocals. Come and worship and praise God with the Lakeview Praise! Ensemble.

Jesus and Human Sexuality

The Lakeview Human Sexuality Committee will be hosting a gathering at 6:00 pm on October 7 in the chapel and at 9:15 am on October 8 in the Fellowship Room. Each gathering will be an hour in length. At each gathering, the congregation is invited to come and hear about what the committee has been doing, what the committee is proposing, and in keeping in line with this year's adult Bible study, the ways that Jesus addresses human sexuality in the Gospels. In preparation for these gatherings, you are invited to review the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). These gatherings will include sensitive discussions. We ask all who participate to respect the opinions of each other and when speaking, to speak for oneself, not to generalize ideas. Participants will be asked to use "I statements" as they speak. Please attend one of the gathering and meet committee members; Luther Torgerson, Shirley Storkson, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Knudtson, Rene Puzach, David Smith, Mary Cragin, Linda Selmer, Kevin Danz, Terry Warnke and Pastor Kirst.

Food Pantry Needs

October

**DISH SOAP
COCOA**



**The Cookbooks are Coming!
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The Lakeview 150th Anniversary Cookbooks have been ordered and should be here for Lutefisk Dinner. Each cookbook contains 370 recipes from members of our congregation along with some stories and historical information. This will be a great and usable keepsake from our 150th celebration. Cookbooks will be sold for \$10.00 each. They will make terrific gifts. At the annual meeting, we voted to allow the proceeds from the cookbook sales to be used to do some upgrades of our church kitchen.



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Annual Trunk or Treat on October 25

Each year our congregation hosts a Halloween party for everyone, regardless of age. This year it will be on October 25. At 6:00 pm, there will be a potluck meal for all. Bring some gooey, scary food to share! Fish brains have been popular in the past. We'll provide sandwiches, table service and beverages. The caldron, or the kitchen, will close in time for outrageous and fun filled activities. At the end, the children will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk in the parking lot. So adults, bring your treats and decorate your trunk for this wacky and fun event. Invite your friends and neighbors. The more car trunks the better! You cannot be too young or too old to participate in this evening of fun right here in East Hall.

Would you like to learn how to care for your family and friends in an emergency? Do you know what to do if someone stops breathing?

This November, the American Red Cross will be offering a class here at Lakeview entitled "Together We Prepare". This is a 90 minute class that offers you a general overview of CPR and First Aid. I strongly encourage participation in this educational opportunity. This fall, I will be focusing on ways that congregations can plan for and respond to disasters as part of my community health project and I have found that being prepared can save your life. If you would like a sign-up form, or have more questions, I am at Lakeview on Tuesdays from 10:00 am—6:00 pm.

Thank you,
Lean Bachim, UW Nursing Student

Women of the Evangelical Church in America

It's that time, again. **Lutheran World Relief Box Car Loading October 21**, followed closely by the annual **Lutefisk Dinner and Bazaar on November 3**.

Another event is the **EAST/WEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL UPDATE**. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Madison. The gathering will begin at 8:30 am with registration. Closing by 11:45 am. Speakers are Julia Weaver, Women's Ministry in the Dane County Jail, Rev. Sue Larson will speak on the referendum and advisory issues coming up in the November election. Rev. JoAnn Fabie will review the Bible Study for this year. An offering will be taken to support the Jail Ministry. All women are invited to attend. There is no charge. Contact Shirley if you plan to attend, need a ride.

Items for Lutheran World Relief may be taken to the Church. Following is information on clothing items needed. Quilts are much needed and our quilters usually make a donation that makes us proud. Thanks to them, once again. All soap must be in original packages, bath-size is preferred. **LWR accepts only:** Light and medium-weight clothing for men and children and infants. Sweaters and sweatshirts in good condition for women, men, children and infants. **Do Not Send:** Women's clothing, except sweaters and sweatshirts. Heavy winter clothing. Items with religious symbols or with your parish's name. Items decorated with the U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Undergarments, socks, belts, handbags, shoes, sheets, toys, pill bottles, stamps, books, pamphlets, rolled bandages.

Bazaar items: craft items, baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, products from gardens, etc. The response of the entire congregation is most appreciated.

Keep the faith,
Shirley Storkson

Thank you Lakeview Choir

Under the direction of Tim Mueller, the Lakeview Choir is back at weekly rehearsals and leading worship services. Plans are for a December retreat and another Christmas by Candlelight Concert. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of this group of musicians. Currently, the following are participating in the choir but everyone is invited to join the group every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.



Joanne Austin
Lillian Berner
Lynn Case
Dayna Dalton
Doris Hicks
Kathy Knudtson
Arlene Moody
Jan Pond
Karen Schilling
Kelly Seymour
Amanda Wessel

Barb Benson
Ellen Bethel
Gary Case
Rebecca Frey
Dean Kirst
Pat Lovick
Bill Mueller
Pam Roesler
Fred Schultz
Marlin Teschendorf

Kathie Benson
Jackie Brown
Verallyn Cline
Blanche Herritz
Kristine Kirst
Joan Meier
Linda Osterhaus
Emilie Scheerenberger
Linda Selmer
Al Wessel

Choir Director—Tim Mueller



New York Adult Retreat

For the past several years, people have requested an adult retreat and trip at Lakeview. In May 2007 that will happen when twenty-four Lakeview adults head to New York City. This group will be flying direct from Madison to LaGuardia. They will stay at the Lutheran Seafarers and International Guest House on Union Square in Greenwich Village. This crew includes; Pastor and Kris Kirst, Garry and Rene Puzach, Ryan Lee and guest, Bob and Sandy Hefty, Marlene Creaser, Shirley Ewert, Jim and Linda Osterhaus, Kathie Benson, Charlene Koci, Sharon Anderson, Scott and Kim Harris, Bill and Amy Butrymowicz, Dan and Ella Bultman and Janet Call. The trip was limited to 24 individuals because that's the number of seats that were available on the airplane when Pastor made the reservation. Since there are more people interested than are able to go, we may do this again next spring. Stay tuned!

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From the Parish Nurse

Service of the Word for Healing

Tuesday, October 12, 2006

7:00 pm, Historic Chapel

Join Anne Tigan, Parish Nurse
and Pastor Kirst

- ◆ Candlelighting
- ◆ Scripture and reflection
- ◆ Anointing and Blessing
- ◆ Music

Senior Forums

Tuesday, Oct. 10th

“Advance Directives”

Presented by Rep. SONDY POPE-ROBERTS, State
Legislature, and DIANE BRIGHT, Director, Care Team
Ministry, Oakwood Village

11:30 am—Light lunch in West Hall

12:15 pm—Program

RSVP to church office, 244-6181

by Monday, Oct. 9

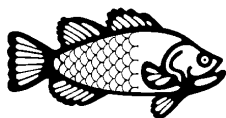
Tuesday, Nov. 14th

“Dendrology: It’s the Study of Trees!”

Learn about the community of life that makes a tree.

Tim Andrews has practiced in field arboriculture for
nearly 30 years. He is a caretaker on the Edgewood
College campus and teaches

"Roots and Shoots" to under-
grads. He's traveled to and fished
in the Alaskan wilderness eight
times and speaks on the ancient
and spiritual art form of the Indian mounds.



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by Monday, Nov. 13

Flu Clinic here at Lakeview

Sunday, October 29th

9:00 am—12:00 pm

In the Library

Cost: \$28.00/covered by Medicare

November Workers to Biloxi

The following individuals have signed up to go to Biloxi on Nov 11 and return on Nov 19; Darlene Younger, Dave Haselow, Brian Gartley, Naoma Michaelis, Bev Lowe, Jessica Osterhaus, Diane Mathews, Ellen Bethel, Bill Shelton, Gary Case, Lynn Case, Kathie Benson, Dick Loftsgorden, Barb Lorftsgorden, Janet Call, Kim Harris, Dale Matthews, Chris Anders, Jan Ford, Linda Osterhaus and Pastor Kirst. We recently learned that Lutheran Disaster Response has 1800 houses that have been gutted and are waiting for interior completion. Looks like the Lakeview crew will have plenty of work while there. It will cost about \$278 per person to send this group down to work. If you are unable to go on the trip, but would like to be part of this wonderful ministry with your financial gifts, you are invited to contribute to help defray the volunteer's expenses. Write your check to "Lakeview Lutheran Church" and mark "Biloxi Trip" on the memo. Your assistance is appreciated by the volunteers and by the people of Biloxi. ***Biloxi volunteers, remember our next meeting is at 7:00 pm on October 18 in the church sanctuary. All paperwork must be turned in prior to that date.***

2007 Lakeview Auction and Raffle

If you attended in 2006, you know what a great time was had by all at the first annual Lakeview Auction and Raffle. The church council has voted to repeat that event on March 24, 2007. At their recent meeting, they appointed Cindy Witt and Mary Cragin as co-chairs for the event this year. Now, Cindy and Mary have the task of putting together a committee to accomplish the project. They are looking for volunteers who would be committed to working with them in the upcoming months. Volunteers could be involved in all different aspects of this event. If YOU are a potential ad hoc committee member, please attend the initial planning meeting on October 18th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room on the sanctuary level of the church. Use the northside entrance doors.



Last call for your participation in this year's CROP walk. Yes, we want each and every one of you to be involved in this important and massive effort to reduce hunger. Pastor Kirst is presenting a challenge that you give up the Packer game, golf, a good book, fishing, a fall color drive and be at the walk. He suggests you entertain your family for Sunday dinner in the evening. As disciples of Christ and believers in God's forgiving love, we are called to work for justice in the world and to prevent people from going hungry. At Lakeview, we take this call very seriously. Join in the effort on October 8. Here are things you can do;

1. *Buy a red T-shirt and walk, ride or rock at Christ Presbyterian Church. Be there at 12:45 pm. Make an attempt to carpool to save parking spaces and gas!*
2. *Pick up a giving envelop in the narthex or church office and collect as much money as you can before October 8. Make checks to Church World Service.*
3. *Buy a red T-shirt and contact Lynn Case to volunteer on the day of the walk. She needs help with registrations, parking lot and refreshments.*
4. *Go to www.kintera.org/faf/home on make an on-line contribution to one of Lakeview's Cruisers already registered on-line.*
5. *Make a financial contribution at church. The bucket will be out the weekends before the walk.*

Funds raised at this walk fight world hunger but also stay right here in Dane County. Some money will also come back to the Lakeview Food Pantry. Please consider participating.

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All Saints Service

We will hold our annual All Saints Service of Recognition on Saturday, November 4 beginning at 5:00 pm. The service will begin in the Lakeview Cemetery and then process in the historic chapel. The Senior Choir and other musicians will provide special music at this service. We will lay roses at the altar to remember those who have departed from our Lakeview family this past year. Holy Communion will be served. Join us for this important service.

