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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

December 2006

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I have just returned from our congregation's third work trip this year to Biloxi. Fifty-five people from Lakeview have had the opportunity to go to work on the homes and businesses of hurricane victims in that city. As I write this, I am also preparing for Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas. The weeks ahead of us are about gratitude and peace. They are about family and friends. They are about memories, hopes and dreams.

The significance of gratitude, peace, family, friends, memories, hopes and dreams becomes even more evident after a Mississippi work trip. After seeing every aspect of people's lives in Biloxi scattered and destroyed, it is easier to understand what is important in life. And what is important does not include material things. Even our family heirlooms and pictures and special dishes from grandma's kitchen become insignificant and irrelevant. The people of Biloxi have lost all of that. After a trip to Biloxi, one realizes that the relationships we have with each other are what life is all about. A warm embrace, a simple smile, a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to laugh with, the sharing of a meal, pounding a nail at our neighbors, being accepted for who we are; these are the important things in life that we give thanks for and that we embrace during this season. Celebrating with one another that each one of us is created in God's image and that each one of us is able to receive God's love and forgiveness, is what brings value and worth to our lives. I sometimes

have difficulty understanding my own worth because we often measure value by the material things that we have. When everything you have is destroyed in a hurricane, you realize very quickly that life is not about materialism.

During the holidays, lighten your load. Don't get caught up in the commercialism and the stress and the false ideals that gifts can bring you happiness. Instead, celebrate that God loves you. Celebrate the relationships you have with other people who are also loved by God. Give thanks for family, friends, memories, hopes and dreams. And join me as we challenge ourselves to be loving, accepting and caring individuals of all the people in the world. The love God has for the world was made visible in Bethlehem through a baby. That love of God continues to be visible to the world through each one of us and through our words and actions. May this be a season of gratitude, peace, family, friends, memories, hopes and dreams for each one of you.

Peace,
Pastor Kirst





Sanctuary Speaker System Up-date

**Praise God with Harp, Lute,
Cymbal and Microphone!**

Yes, there is good news in the Lakeview Speaker System project. To date, you have donated \$8,535.00 toward our new system, which will cost around \$20,000.00. That is so exciting as we are almost half way there. When we reach the total, we will install the system. Thank you very much for working toward this goal. If you would like to contribute toward this, please write a check to "Lakeview Endowment" and note that it is for the speaker system. Your giving statement will be credited. Around here we can praise God with harp, lute, cymbal and very soon, a microphone that will stay on throughout the entire service.

150th Anniversary Year Comes to a Close

On Sunday, December 31 we will uplift the end of Lakeview's 150th anniversary year with worship at 10:30 am in the sanctuary (there will be no 8:00 am worship or Sunday school). Before the service, everyone is invited to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Room at 9:00 am. The Anniversary DVD entitled "Let's Build a Church" and produced by Nancy Stillwell will be shown. This is the DVD that tells the story of our 150 years as a congregation. Many of you are in it! Come and celebrate the end of 2006 and the beginning of many new opportunities for ministry in 2007.

Toronto Mission Trip

Next summer, the youth from Lakeview will be headed off to Toronto Canada on a mission trip in July. They will be doing house repairs, working in a food kitchen and at a geriatric facility and leading a Kid's Club. The first meeting for all youth and their parents regarding this trip will be on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at 11:30 am. Those attending this trip include Leslie O'Kane, Kevin Brown, Megan Olsen, Cory Meyers, Ryan Foye, Alyx Haasl, Ellen Paskey, Heidi Stein, Ashton Harris, Charlie Schaack, Linnea Walstead, Cody Castillo and Beau Castillo.

New Member Group

Pastor Kirst will be offering an evening new member group on Sunday, December 10th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the West Hall, lower level of the church. Anyone who wishes to become a member at Lakeview at this time is invited to attend this group and then be received into membership on Sunday morning, December 17th during the 10:30 am worship service. If you will be attending this new member group, you are simply asked to contact the church office at 244-6181 by December 6 to let us know that you are coming.



Truax Christmas Food Basket Needs:

Canned green beans or peas
Canned yams
Bags or boxes for stuffing mix
Candy Canes
Grocery bags
Apples & oranges
\$ for needed items to Arlene Phillips
Please donate as you are able by **December 17th**.
There is a box in the narthex. Thank you.

Seminarian Assistance Fund

Each year the congregations of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA make contributions to the synod's Seminarian Assistance Fund. Last year, there were 17 students in our synod who were enrolled in an accredited ELCA seminary and they each were able to receive a gift of \$600 from this fund. That money assists seminary students from our synod to keep their seminary debts lower as they are eventually called into congregations. This year our congregation council has agreed to host a special offering on the weekend of December 9 and 10 for this fund. Baskets will be available at each service for anyone wishing to make a gift to this fund. All money received will be returned to the synod for these students. Make your check to "Lakeview Lutheran Church" and note "Sem Fund" on the memo. Place your check in the basket-NOT the offering plate. Your giving statement can then be credited. Cash is an acceptable gift also. Pastor Kirst received these gifts when he was in seminary and can tell you what a wonderful and helpful surprise it is to open the mail and receive this check from folks in congregations. It says a lot about our care and support of these students.



Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers and greenery for our Christmas sanctuary. Please do not remove your flowers from the display until **after** the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day.



Poinsettias

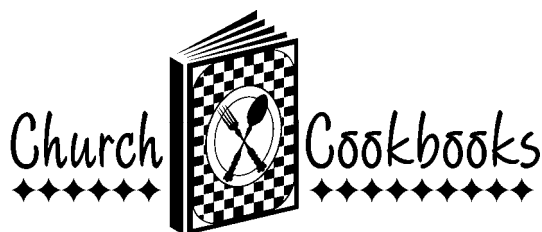




For December Cocoa Bags/ Plastic & Paper

Thank You . . . Biloxi Volunteers

During the past year, the following individuals have had the opportunity to volunteer in Biloxi to help clean up and rebuild since hurricane Katrina. Many other people have been generous in donating financial gifts to make their work possible. We can be proud of the efforts of our congregation in providing this important ministry in 2006. Chris Anders, Kathie Benson, Ellen Bethel, Melinda Bredvick, Megan Ferry, Janet Call, Gary Case, Lynn Case, Jan Pond, Jan Ford, Kim Harris, JT Wessel, Dave Haselow, Pastor Kirst, Michael Kirst, Elizabeth Kirst, Barbara Loftsgordon, Dick Loftsgordon, Lori Taylor, Beverly Lowe, Ed Lauersdorf, Sue Lux, Ray Lux, Michelle Honore, Doris Laufenberg, Diane Mathews, Dale Matthews, Linda Osterhaus, Brian Gartley, Rachel Lee, Steven Ewert, Airtto Castaneda-Cudney, Naoma Michaelis, Jessica Osterhaus, Steele Shilling, Bill Shelton, Bob Hefty, Arlene Skrenes, Rosemary Sommers, Darlene Younger, Luther Torgerson, Rene Puzach, Gary Puzach, Dennis Strand, Diana Burke, Vicki Goebel, Linda Schaack, Bill Castillo, Patti Castillo, Beau Castillo, and Peyton Castillo.



Cookbooks will be here soon!!

The cookbooks will be arriving by mid December—in time for Christmas!! You can still order them on Sunday mornings. Any questions, call the church office at 244-6181.

Annual Youth Winter Retreat

Each January, we have the opportunity to take youth in grades 6-9 up to the Green Lake Conference Center for a weekend of fun and faith building activities. This next year, we will leave Lakeview at 5:30 pm on January 19 and return at noon on January 21. The theme of the retreat will be "Meeting the Saints." Our biblical theme text will be from Revelation 22:21-*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints."* We'll be having some fun with Mardi Gras as well. While at the center we stay together in a large dorm with a great gathering room and fireplace. We eat buffet style meals in the dining center and have access to all the recreational activities available on grounds. This includes a large recreation center with basketball, volleyball, weight and exercise equipment, Ping-pong tables etc. If there is snow, the tube sledding is excellent and the hiking trails go for miles. Each youth who attends pays \$40 and the Lakeview youth fund supplements that amount. All linens, towels, and meals are provided. Pastor Kirst writes the program and plans the schedule. He also chaperones the event with several other adults from the congregation. It is a great weekend to get to know the youth of Lakeview and all their friends. Last year, 38 youth and chaperones participated. A registration form is included in this newsletter. To register, complete the form in its entirety, attach your payment of \$40 to "Lakeview Lutheran Church" and turn it in to Pastor Kirst or Linda Schaack by January 10, 2007. Call the church office at 244-6181 with any questions.



It Was A Great Year!

SENIOR FORUM

"SELF-CARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS"



**WINTER
RETREAT**

Learn ways to recognize emotions
surrounding holidays and family
gatherings. Learn ways to
enjoy the holidays!

WITH **LINDA DOW**

♥Spiritual healer♥Energy worker♥Reiki Master

TUESDAY, DEC. 12, 2006

LUNCH AT 11:30 A.M. PROGRAM AT 12:15

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Advent/Christmas Events at Lakeview



December 3	Choir Retreat
December 10	Sunday School Christmas Program—10:30 am Birthday lunch for everyone follows
December 17	Choir Candlelight Christmas Concert—7:00 pm - Britten's Ceremony of Carols for Choir and Harp - Music by Choir and Soloists - Christmas Sing for Choir and Audience
December 23	Advent 4 Worship—5:00 pm in the Chapel
December 24	Advent 4 Worship/Christmas Eve—10:30 am Candlelight Christmas Eve worship—5:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Festival Worship—10:00 am
December 30	Christmas Carol Service—5:00 pm in the Chapel
December 31	Refreshments served at 9:00 am Service of Thanksgiving as we conclude our 150th Anniversary year—10:30 am



Christmas Worship

This year is unique as Christmas Eve lands on a Sunday, December 24. That means that the morning is still Advent and the evening is Christmas Eve. As a result of this, our Christmas worship schedule will be different this year. There will be no 8:00 am worship or Sunday school on December 24. At 10:30 am we will have a transitional worship service that begins in Advent and leads us to the Christmas manger. At this service, the sanctuary will be transformed for Christmas. Then, at 5:00 pm on December 24 we will have a candlelight family Christmas Eve worship. There will be NO 10:00 pm service this year. On Christmas morning, we will hold our festival Christmas Day worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. By the way, there will be a 5:00 pm Advent worship on Saturday, December 23 in the historic chapel. All services for Christmas will include Holy Communion and special music and instruments.

From the Parish Nurse

Healing Service

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006

7 p.m. Historic Chapel

Join Pastor Kirst and Anne Tigan, Parish Nurse for an Advent candle lighting healing service.

Disaster Preparedness Forum

Come learn how you and your community can prepare for a disaster, such as Pandemic Flu. Tuesday, **December 5th from 5:30-8:15pm. A free dinner will be served in the East Hall from 5:30-6:15** with the presentation to follow. Childcare will be available. Also, those present will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win either a 3-day adult emergency preparedness kit or a babysitter first aid kit!!

As research for my semester project here, I attended two disaster preparedness forums in the community. In each of these, there were some main points that stood out. I learned that in a disaster, teamwork, as well as faith in your team, were key to surviving and maintaining your sanity. Everyone has to work together, as well as look inside themselves and find that part of them that wants to help others. As one presenter named Dr. Ruth Berggren stated, only through the completely selfless act of helping others and focusing on their survival was she able to appreciate her own life, and the similarities that exist in all of us. I encourage you to attend our forum on Dec. 5th to hear similar stories of preparedness and hope.

Leah Bachim
UW Student Nurse



Service of Carols

On Saturday evening, December 30 there will be a special service of readings and carols in the historic chapel at 5:00 pm. Holy Communion will be served. This will be a wonderful opportunity to sing traditional and new Christmas Carols that celebrate the birth of Christ.

Children's Christmas Program



The Sunday school children of Lakeview and the staff proudly present their annual Christmas Program at the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, December 10. This will be a traditional retelling of the birth of Jesus, through narration and song, based on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. All members of the congregation and families and friends are invited to be part of this special Christmas event. Immediately after the program, there will be a birthday lunch served for everyone in East Hall. There is no cost for the lunch. Come and enjoy and support our children. **Saturday rehearsal for the program will be December 9 at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.**

Women of the Evangelical Church in America

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. "God bless us everyone".

The bazaar was a success and the distribution of the funds will be available in January. Watch for that information then. Thanks you to all the donations and helpers.

I have received a thank you from the Linus Blankets' group. Apparently our quilters "blankets" are in demand for the "preemies" at St Mary's and Meriter. Also, a thank you from the quilters and me for donations of fabric. Two blessings to be thankful for.

Linda Osterhaus is leading the Dorcas Circle Bible Study and recently attended Lydia Circle. She is an asset to us all. Love you, Linda.

Pray for peace...
Shirley Storkson

Lakeview Lutheran Church Winter Youth Retreat
“Meeting the Saints” -and they don’t all come from New Orleans!
“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.” Revelation 22:21
Green Lake Conference Center-January 19-21, 2007
Grades 6-9

Youth Name

Youth date of birth and grade in school **Gender** **M/F**

Name of mother, address, phone, email

Name of father, address, phone, email

Emergency Contact person, other than parents, and phone

Physician’s Name and telephone number

Medical Insurance Name **Group Number** **Phone**

Identify any medical conditions/medications we should be aware of:_____

Identify any special diet or accessibility needs we should be aware of_____

Parents/adults-we need volunteers and assistance to make this retreat happen. If you can assist, please mark below and you may be contacted to help. Drivers are very important to take kids to and from Green Lake---it’s about 1.5 hours north.

- I can help drive to Green Lake on Friday evening, # of seatbelts _____
- I can help drive from Green Lake on Sunday morning, # of seatbelts _____
- I can help chaperone this event
- I can furnish a 12 pack of soda for this event
- I can furnish a 12 pack of water for this event
- I can bake a Mardi Gras King cake for the party—talk to Pastor Kirst first!
- Call me to make other fun food for the party at _____

Your friends who are not members at Lakeview are invited. Cost per youth, (friends too) is \$40.00 and includes lodging, meals, bed linens, towels, soap, and use of all recreation areas at Green Lake. Checks should be made to “Lakeview Lutheran Church” and attached to this completed form. Please complete all areas of the form for the safety and protection of your youth. Please turn forms in to Pastor Kirst or Linda Schaack by Jan 10, 2007.

“Meeting the Saints”—and they don’t all come from New Orleans

At this retreat you will have fun as we explore and meet, in very unusual ways, the saints, some have died, some are alive, some are on the retreat, some we don’t know.

To meet the saints, we will use a Mardi Gras theme!!!!

Biblical Theme of the retreat is: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints” from Revelation 22:21

Friday, January 19, 2007

- 5:30 pm Gather at Lakeview East Hall and depart for retreat
- 7:00 pm Arrive at Green Lake-get settled-visit rec center
- 9:00 pm Warm up with the New Orleans Saints-Robbins Hall
- 9:30 pm Group meeting in Robbins Hall, rules and schedule
- 10:00 pm Introduction of the Retreat Theme, Robbins Hall
- 10:30 pm Mardi Gras Party Time-beads, masks, food, beverages, boas, Zydeco. Wear a costume!
- 11:30 pm Quiet time in rooms-seriously!
- 12:00 am Lights out and sleeping-VERY SERIOUSLY

Saturday, January 20, 2007

- 7:00 am Pastor Kirst wakes everyone up playing New Orleans jazz on a trumpet-get ready he’s not very good!
- 7:30 am Breakfast at Kraft Center-everyone goes, dress warm.
- 9:00 am “Meeting the Saints” program in Robbins Hall
There will be activities, videos, projects, presentations, Bible study, conversation, games and a variety of unusual things as we meet the saints and get to know them better.
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Kraft Center-everyone goes
- 1:00 pm Recreation Time
Everyone must engage in activities away from the dorm between 1:00 and 3:00 (sledding, hiking, rec center, ping-pong, shopping visiting Ollie’s Place). Activities can continue after 3:00 OR---
- 3:00 pm Turkey Olympics in the yard in front of Robbins Hall
Are you ready for this?????? Dress warm and have fun!
- 4:30 pm Dorm Meeting in Robbins Hall
- 4:45 pm Dinner at Kraft Center-everyone goes
- 5:30 pm Free time
- 6:30 pm Let the games begin!
We will again host a variety of crazy and messy games that are fun and challenging. Everyone should wear clothes that can get messy! It’s just good old crazy fun.
- 9:00 pm Featured Movie with snacks and beverages-SURPRISE
- 11:00 pm Quiet time in rooms-seriously
- 11:30 pm Lights out and sleeping-VERY SERIOUSLY

Sunday, January 21, 2007

- 7:00 am Pastor Kirst wakes everyone up by playing more New Orleans jazz on the trumpet—he’ll be tired so it will be even more miserable than on Saturday!
- 7:30 am Breakfast at Kraft Center-everyone goes
- 8:30 am Clean rooms and pack vehicles
- 10:00 am The saints gather for worship/communion-Robbins Hall
- 10:30 am Depart for Lakeview, arrive around noon

How Communities Can Prepare for a Pandemic

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

**“What can we expect in the next
influenza epidemic?”** Thomas Haupt, M.S.
Respiratory Disease Epidemiologist, Wisc. Division of Public Health

**“Sustaining families and neighborhoods
through a pandemic with community planning”**
Jenny Lujan, RN, and Judy Howard, RN, City of Madison
& Dane County Public Health

“The Biloxi Experience” Pastor Dean Kirst,
Lakeview Lutheran Church, Madison, WI

**“Keeping family, neighbors and co-workers
safe in the event of a disaster”**
Lori Wirth, City of Madison, PREP Program
(People Responding to Emergencies Program)

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006
MEAL AT 5:30 P.M. • PROGRAM 6:15-8:15 P.M.
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC
244-6181

**PARTICIPANTS CAN ENTER TO WIN AN ADULT 3-DAY
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT OR BABYSITTER FIRST AID KIT
FROM AMERICAN RED CROSS**