



# BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

February 2007

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

**Question:** What has 66 feet, 30 pounds of hair, eats live crickets and cooked chicken feet, has more energy than the sun and makes noise all night long?

**Answer:** The 33 middle school saints of God who attended the 2007 winter retreat.

You may have heard it said that our children are the church of tomorrow. Nothing could be further from the truth! This statement about kids and the faith community makes me angry every time I hear it. Our children ARE the church of right now! On our recent retreat, we learned together that the saints of God are all people set aside by God, made holy by God, and called to purpose by God. Age has nothing to do with it. At the retreat, we learned together that some saints are very well known while others, most of us, have a very quiet presence as we live our lives and seek to accomplish our purpose. The community of saints at Lakeview Lutheran Church includes all people from all ages and abilities and that means every child in our midst. In addition, all these saints have purpose; including those 33 middle school youth who struggle with identity, want to impress one another with hairstyles and make-up, work to get rid of acne, like weird music, giggle for no good reason, etc. etc. To the adults reading this, I want you to immediately get to know some of the younger saints who are part of your church. Find out their names. Ask what school they attend.

Find out what they like and dislike in life. You may even ask these saints to help you learn how to operate your computer, or use your ipod, or figure out how to take pictures on a digital camera, or teach you about a razor phone. You may also find your energy level rise as you develop a friendship with these young saints who make up the church of today.

Let me once again say how good I feel about our congregation, which has agreed to help fund youth events such as these winter retreats. Let me also tell you how good I feel about the 33 youth who attended. Their behavior, their enthusiasm, their cooperation and their spirited energy was remarkable. Us old people at Lakeview (*remember I turned 50 in January*) are very fortunate to have these saints in our midst and we need to continue to nurture them and allow them to share their purpose amongst us. Youth, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives at retreats and trips and other youth events. Also, a huge thank you to the adult chaperones who gave up their time and sleep to allow this retreat to happen including; Jim Foye, Dayna Dalton, Linda Osterhaus, Rene Puzach, Melinda Bredvick, and Linda Schaack. And thank you to the additional drivers including; Joanne Austin, Roxanne Olsen, Nelson Walstead and Bob Mohrmann.

Peace to all the saints,  
Pastor Kirst

## “Come and Sit at our Table”

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007**. That evening our worship service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Lent is a time for us to renew our faith and become more aware of the role that Christ plays in our lives. During this season, which lasts until Easter, we offer mid-week devotions every Wednesday at 7:00 pm and a simple



meal to gather over food and fellowship at 6:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged and invited to join us during this time. The theme of our mid-week Lenten services, which will be introduced on Ash Wednesday, will be “Come and Sit at our Table.”

We will look at several different individuals and circumstances where obstacles have stood in the way for them to join the faith community at the holy table of our Lord. Through these presentations, you will be encouraged to consider how our table at Lakeview can be open and hospitable to all people without compromising safety and tradition. Each Wednesday evening you will experience a different situation;

**Feb 28**—a homeless woman living in a car with 3 children

**Mar 7**—a Mexican worker who works in our country illegally to send money to his family

**Mar 14**—a same gender couple who wish to find God’s grace in a faith community

**Mar 21**—a U.S. Senator who has to make difficult moral/ethical decisions

**Mar 28**—a sexual predator who has been released back into the community.

The community meal will be served from 6:00 until 6:45 pm in East Hall. Michael Kirst will be cooking various soups that will be accompanied by breads, beverages and simple desserts coordinated by Linda Osterhaus and the confirmation students. A free-will offering will be taken at these meals to help cover the cost of supplies. Christ spent much time sitting and eating at the table with people. Whether at a table in our dining hall or the table of Holy Communion we encourage you and your guests to come and sit at our table during the season of Lent and all ways.

## Truax Christmas Food Baskets

Once again, Lakeview cooperated with other churches/groups to provide 125 Christmas food baskets. They were distributed by East Madison Community Center in the Truax area. One person donated all the turkeys. We provide a portion of the trimmings. This effort truly makes a difference to those in need. A sincere thank you to all.

Arlene Phillips, Coordinator



So far, 135 pledges totaling nearly \$190,000 for our 2007 Budget and Building Fund have been received. If you have returned a card, thank you for doing so. Due

to your generosity, we are only \$10,000 below last year's pledged total with a number of cards still unreturned. The best news is that so far 25 new pledges totaling \$39,000 have been received. Thank you all for helping Lakeview grow in 2007!

If you haven't returned a card yet for whatever reason, please take a moment and return it. (Please call Nancy in the office if you need another card - she has extras.) Any amount you can pledge to our 2007 mission here at Lakeview is crucial - it is the difference between a flat budget and an expanded one. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

## Lutefisk Raffle Winners

We may have failed to announce that John and Mary Eshelman, from our congregation, were the winners of the 50/50 Raffle held on Lutefisk dinner day. Congratulations John and Mary! And thank you to John and Mary who then donated their winnings to the new speaker system for the sanctuary.



## For February

### Tuna Fish Rice

### Cookbooks are here!! 150 Years and Still Cooking”

This past year, Lakeview has been celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation. As part of this celebration, the members of the congregation have



created a cookbook that is now available for sale in the church narthex. Each book is \$10 and the proceeds from the sale of these books will be used to update our

church kitchen. If you are looking for a Lutefisk or Swedish meatball recipe to feed 1200 of your closest friends, you will find it in this book. Also, our famous homemade lefse recipe, along with many other favorites fill this cookbook.

### Fifty is Nifty!

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, I became the mature and responsible age of 50. Although I only feel like I'm 48, I guess I'll be able to adjust. I want to thank my family and my congregation for celebrating with me on that day. It was wonderful! How exciting to worship and celebrate and have some fun at a place I love and with people I love! Thank you for the special music (yes, even the choir song), and the horrible gifts, and the nice gifts, and the cards, and the cake and balloons, and the warm and often insensitive wishes!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You know all the things I like. Also, your gift on my behalf to disaster relief efforts in Biloxi was perfect. That means so much to me. I will also use, with great joy, the gift certificate at Border's Bookshop. If you have ever been in my office, you know what I mean. I hope you will all be there to celebrate my 75<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Pastor Kirst

## Welcome Hmong Alliance Church

The church council recently approved the use of West Hall in our building for the Hmong Alliance Church on Sunday afternoons. This is a group of our northside neighbors who live in the Kennedy Heights neighborhood and who will be able to gather for worship and Bible study. Their group will be in the building from noon until around 2:00 pm. If you are in the building at that time, please be sensitive to their service being held on the lower level and do be hospitable and inviting! It is wonderful to be able to share our resources and do evangelism in this way.

### Dance Alive Returns

Don't miss the third annual Dance Alive event at Lakeview held on **Friday, February 2** in East Hall. The excitement begins at 6:00 pm with the band Last Gaspe. At 8:30 pm the band Cajun Strangers takes the floor. Dance instructors will be present for those who are less graceful. This is a Lakeview community event for people of all ages and abilities. It's a time to gather for fun and fellowship and to share the spirit of Lakeview with our community guests. The high school youth will be making New Orleans beignets (fried donuts with powdered sugar) and coffee au lait to sell during the event for a mission trip fundraiser. Come over and have some fun. Invite your neighbors and friends. A free will offering is asked to pay for the bands.



### Lakeview Praise! Ensemble

The Lakeview Praise! Ensemble will lead worship on Sunday, February 4 at both services. This ensemble is made up of Tim Mueller on piano, Ted Witt on drum set, Michael Kirst on electric guitar, Craig Adams on bass guitar and vocalists; Ellen Bethel, Kathy Knudtson, Kathy Benson, Linda Osterhaus and Bill Mueller. It is exciting that we can offer a variety of worship styles at Lakeview.

Come and worship on February 4 with the Lakeview Praise! Ensemble.



## From the Parish Nurse

Parish Health Ministry Team will meet on **Tuesday, February 6th at 2:00 pm** in Anne's office.

**Note:** The Tuesday evening chapel healing service **will not** be held in February. Please consider coming to "Heart Sounds: Listening to Our Grief" or the Labyrinth Healing Walk.

### Senior Forum, Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Light lunch at 11:30 a.m. in West Hall  
Program at 12:00 noon in West Hall

#### Special guest presenter:

David Keese-Berg, ELCA,  
Professional Storyteller

"The Great Story We Find Ourselves In"  
Exploring the connections between the  
Biblical story and the stories of our lives  
RSVP 244-6181 by February 12!



### "Heart Sounds: Listening to Our Grief"

A time to listen, share, remember

Offered by Lakeview Parish Health Ministry

Pastor Dean Kirst and Anne Tigan,  
Parish Nurse

**Monday, February 19, 2007**

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Fireside Room/Library

Music and song by Clare Norelle

Massage & Reiki 8:00-9:00 P.M.—West Hall

Coffee & Dessert

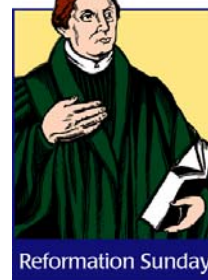


### Biloxi Trip Reunion

Everyone who has traveled to Biloxi in 2006 has been invited to a gathering of food and fun at Bab's French Quarter Kitchen on February 11. The event will include a New Orleans food buffet from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. Advance reservations and payment of \$10 per person are required by February 5, 2007 and should be returned to the church office. Bring pictures and your memories for an evening of fun and reminiscing and maybe discussion of a future trip back!

## Confirmation News

Martin Luther will be the focus of February classes. We will be gathering information from films, books, and other research. The students will be writing papers based on these classes. During the season of Lent, the confirmation students will be taking part in the Wednesday evening activities. Keep these young people in your prayers as they work together in study and service.



Linda Osterhaus and Linda Schaack

## WELCA NEWS

Please make the following correction in the Circle Year-books the **East/West Conference Gathering is April 14<sup>th</sup> not the 21<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Lutheran, Madison. More information later.**

**PENNIES** - Look for the Penny jar in the narthex. At each biennial Synodical Convention these pennies are tallied and given to the recipients of the women and children projects selected at Convention.

This is the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women of the ELCA** and begins a year long celebration. **Bold Women's Day** is Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>. **Bold Women's Day** celebrates all the Lutheran women and the many and diverse ways in which they act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Following the successful Bazaar, contributions were made to various charities. I wish to share with you two thank you notes. MUM Madison-Area Ministry listed several of their highlights of the past twelve months. This includes *The Journey Home which assists newly released offenders with housing and job referrals as well as obtaining necessary social services.* Domestic Abuse Intervention Services provides *A new beginning for victims of domestic violence, everyone deserves a second chance.*

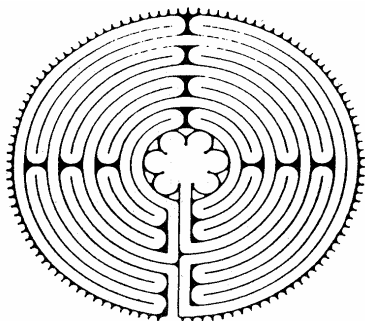
**The Biennial Convention is in Reedsburg on July 13 and 14. Theme: Be Bold Disciples (Come and See)** If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact me .

Perhaps some members of Lakeview are not aware of the luncheons served after funeral services. The "crew" includes women and men. A special **THANK YOU** to all these helpers.

Peace, Shirley Storkson

## Did you know. . . . .

- ◆ you can find the latest Lakeview newsletter on-line at [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org)?
- ◆ our congregation council is actively moving forward to install a new speaker system in the sanctuary?
- ◆ members of our congregation are making plans to build condos for Habitat for Humanity this year?
- ◆ our average weekly worship attendance in 2006 was 197?
- ◆ the liturgy we use during Sunday morning worship comes from the newly published ELCA Hymnal entitled Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)?
- ◆ our annual voters meeting will be held in April?
- ◆ 13 high school youth will be traveling to Toronto Canada this summer on a mission trip?
- ◆ 24 members of our congregation will be joining Pastor Kirst in May on a retreat to New York City?
- ◆ that we need you and your special gifts and talents to continue to do ministry at Lakeview Lutheran Church?



## Adult Education on Sundays

The adult education time on Sunday mornings at 9:15 will continue to look at issues surrounding human sexuality and the blessing of household covenants. Pastor Kirst will continue to lead a Bible study on most of those mornings. However, several special presentations are also being scheduled. On Sunday, February 11 Dr. Rev. Gwen Sayler, a Hebrew Scriptures professor from Wartburg Seminary and ordained ELCA pastor, will make a presentation. The forums and Bible studies that have been planned are in response to the things that you, the congregation, told the human sexuality committee that you would like to experience. Everyone is encouraged to come to these events to gain wisdom and insight before our congregation has the opportunity to make decisions that will impact that spiritual lives of God's people.



## Labyrinth Walks

### East Hall

Ash Wednesday – 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday, 2/22 – 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday, 2/23 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Special Healing Service Walk

Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

With chant by Lakeview Choir & Candlelighting

# DONATION

## 2nd Annual Lakeview Lutheran Community Auction & Raffle March 24, 2007

To help Lakeview in its efforts to continue to serve the community, please describe your donation. We are looking for high quality, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, and household goods. Handmade items and offers of services are welcome as well. Decisions regarding the best use of the donations will be made by the Auction & Raffle Committee.

Description of Item:

---

---

---

Item Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Donation is \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed or \_\_\_\_\_ Needs to be picked up (From where and by when?)

Please note any restrictions: (i.e.; expiration date, suggested starting bid, no cash value ...)

---

**Please list donor information as it should be printed in auction booklet :**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Fax Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form by February 28, 2007 to:**  
**Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road, Madison, WI 53704**  
**Or Fax to: 608-244-8755**

Any questions, contact Ted & Cindy Witt, 608/244-1303,  
or Mary Cragin, Auction Co-chairs, 608/837-0718

**Note: Lakeview Lutheran Church Wisconsin Certificate of Tax Exempt Status  
CES No. <sub>6</sub> ES2794**