



# BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

April 2007

## **A Note from the Pastor**

Dear Friends,

I am taking this opportunity to answer some frequently asked questions about the days preceding Easter Sunday. If your question is not answered here, feel free to call (244-6181) or email me at ([pastorlkview@charterinternet.com](mailto:pastorlkview@charterinternet.com)) and I will do my best to answer it.

### **Q: What is Maundy Thursday?**

A: It is the beginning of the church's celebration of the Three Days that precede Easter. Maundy means "mandate." So it refers to a mandate or command.

### **Q: What is this "mandate?"**

A: In his act of washing his disciples' feet and in the words of his new commandment, Jesus mandates or commands that we serve the world through our deeds of care and compassion.

### **Q: So what do we celebrate on Maundy Thursday?**

A: Perhaps we don't "celebrate" as much as we "remember." On the evening of April 5, when our congregation gathers at 7:00 pm, we will focus on three significant actions; the confession and forgiveness of sin, Jesus' mandate to be servants of all, and the holy meal of deliverance.

### **Q: How do we observe Maundy Thursday at Lakeview?**

A: We gather around tables in the East Hall. The room is candle lit. It is a subdued, quiet setting that may inspire our remembrance of that final Passover meal Jesus celebrated with

his disciples. Our service begins with a public confession. This year there will also be an opportunity, for those who chose, to kneel for the laying on of hands and a personal absolution. We hear the word proclaimed and we eat the meal of bread and wine with those who sit at the table with us. And throughout the evening, we remember that this event marks the beginning of Jesus' days of ridicule, torture and death.

### **Q: Is there a sermon on Maundy Thursday?**

Yes, and this year it will be in keeping with the theme of our Wednesday evening Lenten devotions. The sermon title will be "Come and Sit at our Table."

### **Q: Why does the Maundy Thursday service end so abruptly with people leaving in silence?**

A: Our silence is in respect for what will be happening in the days ahead. Our silence reminds us that the next day we will return to Lakeview to remember a death. The Maundy Thursday service does not end, but continues at 7:00 pm on Friday evening, April 6. Our time between these two events can be spent in contemplation.

### **Q: What happens on Friday evening April 6?**

A: We return to a darkened sanctuary at 7:00 pm to continue the story of Christ's passion. We call this day Good Friday or Great Friday. Although it is a day for us to remember a death, we know that that death leads us to the very best thing that has ever happened to us. Many people use this day for fasting, abstinence and penance.

**Q: Do I have to fast and abstain from pleasure and do penance on this day?**

A: Of course not. We know that our salvation is not based on our actions but on the works of the Christ. Our acts of fasting, abstinence and penance may allow us to focus better on the dreadful event that is taking place on this day, but they do not make us righteous before God. When we have a deeper understanding of the Good Friday death, we may have a greater appreciation for the Easter Resurrection.

**Q: What will happen in the darkened sanctuary at Lakeview on Good Friday?**

A: We will focus on the cross. As the choir tells the crucifixion story through readings and music, the lights will only be on the cross. There will be no worship books on this evening or any other things that can get in the way of our time to focus on Christ's death. Our silence is again a reflection of our reverence for what has taken place. There is no communion on Good Friday.

**Q: Can I come to church on Easter if I miss Maundy Thursday or Good Friday?**

A: Certainly, but I would suggest that your joyous Easter celebration will be greatly enhanced if you participate in the whole story. We cannot have a resurrection with the death and burial. Your hearts will likely be moved if you are part of the entire picture. It is okay for us to give up some leisure time this week so we can walk the path of Christ.

**Q: What can I read at home about the story of Christ's death and resurrection?**

A: Pick up your Bible and turn to the Gospel of John in the New Testament. Read chapters 18 through 21. Remember the chapters are the large numbers that appear on the pages.

**Q: Can I bring guests from other churches or the community to these services?**

A: I hope you do. Lakeview is a welcoming faith community and it is our goal to open the door to anyone who wishes to hear about God's grace.

**Q: Can my guests take communion on Maundy Thursday?**

A: If your guest believes that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine that we will eat and drink then they are MOST welcome to participate in

communion. If your guest feels uncomfortable doing that, they are MOST welcome to pass the basket and cup as it comes to them. No one will ridicule their actions.

**Q: When can we return to celebrate the resurrection?**

A: That's Easter and it is what we celebrate every weekend of the year. This year we will have Easter weekend worship services at 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 7 in the historic chapel. This is a more subdued service as we reflect on the closed tomb that Mary and the disciples find opened on the morning of that first day of the week. On Sunday, April 8 we will gather in the cemetery at 6:30 am for the opening liturgy and then process into the historic chapel for the remainder of the service. Here we experience the movement from death to life and our hope that all those buried will arise with Christ. Festival Easter services with choirs and instruments will be held at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in the church sanctuary. All Easter services will include Holy Communion by intinction. Guests are always welcome!

Pray for peace. Give thanks that through these experiences of death and resurrection, we can have hope that as each of us dies with Christ in our baptisms we are also able to rise with him in his resurrection. I hope that each of you is able to participate in all of these special worship events.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Kirst

Mark your calendars. Our Vacation Bible School program for all ages will be held the **week of June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Plans are currently being made for an exciting week. Tell you friends.



## Annual Congregation Meeting

All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the annual voters meeting on Sunday, April 22 at the conclusion of the 10:30 am worship service. Our constitution defines a voting member as anyone who has been confirmed and who has received communion and made a financial offering as of record during the past 2 years. If you are unsure whether you are a voting member, you may contact the church office as communion attendance is recorded from the weekly fellowship pads and giving is recorded through the envelop system or the Simply Giving Program. Highlights at this year's annual meeting will include approval of the 2007/08 budget, distribution of the Lutefisk money, overview of the ministries accomplished at Lakeview this past year, overview of the ministries planned for the upcoming year and included in the budget, election of church council members and more.



## New York Retreat Meeting

The 24 individuals who will be going on the spring retreat to New York City will have a final meeting on Sunday, April 15 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room. All participants should attend as we make the final plans for our departure on May 3.



**Thank you to Bill Shelton from our congregation. Bill recently went on the Habitat for Humanity of Dane County Board of Directors.**

## Adult Work Trip to New Orleans

Another outreach event to build houses with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans has been scheduled for May 13 through May 19. The following individuals have registered to go to New Orleans and build houses; Kathy Moriarity, Steele Schilling, Pastor Kirst, Elizabeth Kirst, Michael Kirst, Lacey Harris, Rene Puzach, Melinda Bredvick, Dale Matthews, Arlene Skrenes, Pastor Russ Leeper, Terry Warnke, Jamie Staniszewski, Dave Lynch, Michelle Olson, Joni Adams, Janet Adams, Steve Dewsnap, Heidi Dewsnap, Bob Strauss, Cody Davis and Dennis Strand. Each person who goes on this trip agrees to pay for their own costs, which include transportation, gas, hotels while traveling and lodging/meals at the work camp. Cars and trucks are provided by those going on the trip. If you would like to help send these adults to represent your congregation and work in New Orleans, you could write a check to Lakeview Lutheran Church and note that it is for the New Orleans Work Trip. Your gifts will be used to get this crew of workers to the city to build houses in hurricane-devastated neighborhoods. Thank you for sharing in this important ministry. The workers are important and so are those who help to finance them.

## New Member Group

Pastor Kirst will lead a new member group on Sunday evening, April 15 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the West Hall on the lower level of the church. This is the time for folks who wish to join the congregation to come to be informed. Letters will be mailed to any individual or family who has indicated an interest in membership. We will receive new members into our community during the 10:30 am service on Sunday, April 22. To participate in this new member group, please call the church office to let us know that you will be there. We will arrange childcare if we know in advance that there is a need. It is always exciting to welcome new members into our midst.





## From the Parish Nurse

### Monthly Healing Service

Will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm in the Historic Chapel

### Up-Coming Senior Forum

Tuesday, April 10th

**Congresswoman, Tammy Baldwin**

will be our special presenter bring your questions & concerns.

Lunch at 11:30 am

Program at Noon

RSVP by April 9th to 244-6181

In preparation for the **Senior Forum on Tuesday, April 10**, here are a few articles regarding the uninsured which might prompt questions for our guest speaker, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District: <http://tammybaldwin.house.gov/PRArticle> "Bingaman, Voinovich, Baldwin, Price, Tierney Unveil Bipartisan, Bicameral Plan to Cover the Uninsured."

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index> "Health care plan would help radical ideas see daylight."

<http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/yourhealth> "Life on the Edge--Without Insurance." Copies available from the parish nurse as well.

### Parish Health Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 24th

2:00 pm in the Parish Nurse's Office

"Caring for Health: Our Shared Endeavor" is a social statement of the ELCA ([www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)) and it states in part:

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and as a corporate body, we support:

. . . a comprehensive approach to healthcare as a shared endeavor among individuals, churches, government, and the wider society

. . . equitable access for all people to basic health care services

### May Senior Forum

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

"Appropriate Medicine Use in Older Adults With Emphasis on Memory Health Drugs"

Alan Lukaceski, Pharmacist

Oakwood Village

## For April

**Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Peas  
Macaroni/Cheese**



## WELCA NEWS

### Upcoming events:

All are invited to attend the **East/West Conference Spring Gathering on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago Street here in Madison. The theme is Women Acting Boldly and Wisely.** Coffee and registration is at 8:30 – 9:00 am. Chief Debra Amesqua, Madison Fire Department is one of the speakers. Other highlights include Rock Pointe Mission work by Jessie Killian and Beth Smith, Linus Blankets Project, Special music, Convention information and Conference Officer elections. As is our custom, we ask that each carload bring one or two salads for the luncheon.

**Synodical Women's Organization Eighth Biennial Convention is in Reedsburg July 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>.** Information is available and will be posted. Lakeview will have one delegate, all are invited to participate.

Bible Study Seminar is in Dubuque, IA, May 15-16<sup>th</sup> at the Wartburg Theological Seminary. The Bible Study is **The Beatitudes, a Compass for Christian Discipleship.**

For more information on the above please contact Shirley. Scholarships may be available.

Continue in the Faith  
Shirley Storkson

## Youth Mission Trip to Toronto

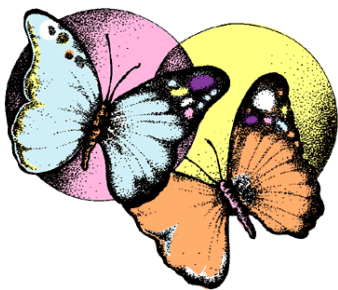
As you know, 13 youth and 4 adult chaperones will be driving to Toronto in July to spend a week doing mission work there. Tasks will include cooking



and serving at a public meal site, leading a Kid's Club, volunteering in a senior housing project, painting houses and doing yard maintenance and several other jobs. It costs \$278 per person to attend this trip. In addition, we must rent 3 mini-vans and pay for the gas. We are fortunate to be able to stay at no cost at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth on our way to Toronto. Each youth pays a portion of the individual cost and then we strive to fundraise the remainder. You can help the youth raise the costs needed for this trip by;

- ◆ coming to eat at the Easter Breakfast and making a generous free-will donation
- ◆ writing a check to "Lakeview Lutheran Church" and designating it for the summer youth trip
- ◆ telling your friends to park in the Lakeview parking lot on the day of Rhythm and Booms

Thank you for your continued support of our high school youth. **The next meeting for all youth going to Toronto and their parents is at 11:30 am on Sunday, April 15 at the church. Please make plans to be present.**



## Habitat for Humanity Builds in Dane County

Our congregation is signed up to help build condos with Habitat for Humanity in Dane County between June and November. The build is in Sun Prairie. Luther Torgerson would love to sign you up to be a volunteer. We will be needing volunteers on the following dates for the following projects. Remember no skills are necessary to volunteer with Habitat. You will be trained on site.

- June 29, 9 people to install windows and doors
- June 30, 9 people to install windows and doors
- June 30, 3 people to make and serve lunch
- July 6, 9 people to hang soffit and fasci
- July 7, 9 people to hang soffit and fascia
- July 7, 2 people to make and serve lunch
- Aug 4, 9 people to hang exterior siding
- Aug 4, 13 people to insulate walls
- Aug 4, 3 people to make and serve lunch.

See Luther soon to get signed up. He is often in the church narthex on Sunday mornings. You can also call the church office and we will forward your name, date, questions to him. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to provide affordable housing here at home.

