

# BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

May 2007

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I know a woman who used to tell me about a frequent vision she would have. In the vision, she would be sitting in the balcony of the church where we were both members. She would be looking over the balcony railing and she would see tongues of fire setting on the parishioner's heads. I used to think she was a little crazy. I would also tell her that I hoped her vision never became reality because I cannot stand the smell of burning hair!

Of course, this woman was envisioning Pentecost. She was envisioning the great festival of the church when we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit, which is the power of the resurrection in our midst. The text we read at every Pentecost celebration from Acts 2:1-21 tells us that on the day of Pentecost there was a violent wind and tongues of fire and people talking in all kinds of languages. This year we will consider that story on May 26 and 27.

Now, the more I think about my friend's vision, the more merit I find in it. The more I think about this vision, the more excited I become. Just consider what you would see if you looked into a church sanctuary full of people and each one of them had a fire burning on their head. I have to believe that you would see lots of commotion. I would think you would see lots of action and excitement. I have to believe you would see a room filled with energy and people working together, side by side, for a common cause.

Each person in that room would be taking whatever action was necessary to prevent their scalp from burning and then to prevent the church building from burning down. I have to believe that you would see the demonstration of great care and compassion for each other. As one person put their fire out, they would assist their neighbor to do the same.

Would not this be great, if this were the kind of zest and drive and ambition we each had for proclaiming the gospel of forgiveness throughout the world with our actions? Would not this kind of excitement and vitality be great if it was the same kind of excitement and vitality we each had when we came to worship the God who unconditionally loves us? Would not the care and compassion we might share in this situation be the intense care and compassion we might share with those who are impoverished, oppressed and sick in our world? WOW, maybe a little fire on the head at Pentecost this year could really set our hearts ablaze to share the story. Do not miss Pentecost worship on May 26/27. Anything could happen.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Kirst



## **Playing on the Team Spreading the Gospel through Word and Deed**

Since the beginning, Jesus called a team of players to go into the world and spread the gospel. This has never been an individual activity. And since the beginning, Jesus laid out an excellent example for us of how to spread the gospel through his own words and his deeds of ministry. This summer, our Vacation Bible School program will focus on continuing our role on this team. We will explore how our team leader leads us and how important it is to have all members using their skills to play in the game. Gospel spreading is indeed a team event! The Vacation Bible School program will be offered June 18-21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm every evening. It is open to anyone who is age 3 or above and adults are encouraged to participate---you can't be too old.

We will not be having classes but rather teams of youth or adults grouped by age. Every night there will be great team building activities as we reflect on our gospel-spreading job. Part of the activities will be to create 3 quilts for the 3 families moving into the Habitat for Humanity home sites in Sun Prairie that our congregation will be helping to build. Friends, relatives, and neighbors are all invited to register for this event. A community potluck will be held on the final evening. There will be cake decorating, water-sports, costumes, presentations, speakers, music and odd and wonderful activities. Mark your calendar because it is fellowship fun and education for everyone. A Vacation Bible School registration form is included in this newsletter. Copy it as often as you like. Please submit a registration form for each person attending—children and adults!



## **Team Leaders Needed**

Yes, we need adult team leaders to be paired with other adult team leaders to lead teams of all ages at Vacation Bible School. Call the office at 244-6181 to sign up to lead. Our program depends on volunteers. This will be lots of fun and it's only a commitment for 4 evenings.

## **Donations for VBS**

Can you help our VBS program by donating any of the following?

- ◆ water balloons
- ◆ any type of cake decorating supplies-sprinkles, tubes of colored frosting etc.
- ◆ any usable make-up, theater make-up or body paints that you wish to clean out of the cupboard
- ◆ hair wigs or hairpieces for men or women that you no longer have a need for
- ◆ fake eyelashes
- ◆ gaudy jewelry-big, bold and bright waterproof
- ◆ markers and/or paints for cloth
- ◆ clean usable 9oz size paper cups
- ◆ sturdy disposable plates-dinner size and dessert size
- ◆ paper napkins for snacks

Just bring your items to church. Thanks for helping to keep costs down.



**Begins Sunday, May 27, 2007**

**Saturday—5:00 pm in the Chapel  
Sunday—9:00 am in the Sanctuary**

Coffee will be available after the 9:00 am service on Sunday

## Frankenmuth, Toronto, Niagara Falls Cleveland

When you put these cities together and add a group of energetic high school youth, four equally energetic adult chaperones and the financial support of the congregation, you have one heck of a terrific summer mission trip. In July, 13 youth will head to Frankenmuth and spend the night at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. While in town, they will get to experience the "Christmas City" and the world's largest Christmas store. In Toronto, we'll be sleeping on the floor of a Salvation Army Church and working in various homeless programs and area meal sites for the week. Guess what? There are no on-site showers, which always makes for an "out-of-your-comfort-zone"



experience. When the week ends, the crew will have the chance to spend the afternoon and overnight in Niagara Falls Canada. The final stop will be a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and overnight in Cleveland Ohio. Travel is by vans. New experiences, new relationships, and new understandings of God in our lives is a guarantee.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the youth at Easter Breakfast and with the America's Best Fund-raiser. Thank you to all those at the Annual Meeting who approved a contribution from the Lutefisk Dinner for this trip. Our final fundraisers will include the parking lot on June 30 for Rhythm and Booms (\$10 per car donation) and an upcoming car wash and bake sale. Watch for dates for the car wash. Invite your out of town friends to try the Lakeview lot to watch the fireworks. And remember, if you have Canadian money laying around your house, you can donate it to this trip. Bring it to the church office or give it to Pastor Kirst.

## Church Council Meeting

Because the monthly church council meeting falls on Memorial Day in the month of May, the meeting has been moved to Monday June 4. The church office will also be closed on Memorial Day, May 28.

## Speaker System Update

The new speaker system is up and running in our sanctuary. We are enjoying the new system and the clear, realistic sound. We are also enjoying a speaker system for the first time in many years in East Hall on the lower level. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to make this important project a finished reality.



**The next Red Cross blood drive  
at Lakeview will be on  
July 10, 2007.**

## Working in New Orleans

On May 13, twenty-one people from Lakeview will be joined by 7 folks from Burke Lutheran Church for a Hurricane Recovery trip to New Orleans. The crew will be working for Habitat for Humanity of Louisiana rebuilding homes, in the city and in St. Bernard Parish, that were destroyed by Katrina. Lakeview has previously been able to send 3 different crews, at 3 different times, to do similar work with Lutheran Disaster Response in Biloxi MS. We are excited to be able to assist in New Orleans this time and we are excited to have Burke Lutheran join us. Thank you to everyone who has made a financial contribution to assist with this trip. Now, keep our travelers in your prayers. Keep all the victims of the gulf coast in your prayers as they continue to recover and revitalize their communities and homes.



## From the Parish Nurse

### Monthly Healing Service

Will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the Historic Chapel

### May Senior Forum

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

### “Appropriate Medicine Use in Older Adults”

with Emphasis on side effects and memory health drugs

Presented by Alan Lukazewski, RPh  
Pharmacist, Oakwood Village

Lunch at 11:30 am—program at noon

RSVP by May 7th to 244-6181

If you are interested in a **weekly 30-minute walk** in Warner Park with the Parish Nurse beginning in June, please contact the parish nurse with your preferences: Monday or Tuesday? 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.? You can reach Anne Tigan, parish nurse, at 244-6181 or [nurselkview@charterinternet.net](mailto:nurselkview@charterinternet.net)



## Lakeview Food Pantry

Did you know that the coordination of the Lakeview Food Pantry is done by volunteer Randi Matthews? Did you know that her husband Dale is a great help and so is her right-hand man Bob Hefty? Did you know that it takes about 30 regular volunteers to keep the pantry open and serving people on Mondays? Did you know that about 20 household units are served through the pantry every week? Did you know that you can donate non-perishable food to the pantry at any time by bringing it to the pantry or by placing it in the wooden boxes in the church narthex? Did you know that financial contributions to the pantry are always welcome and that they are tax deductible?

Well, now you know. Get on board and support the wonderful work of the Lakeview Food Pantry. And thank you to everyone who does!

## WELCA NEWS

The East/West Conference Gathering held at Trinity Lutheran, Madison on April 14<sup>th</sup> was well attended. The speakers were most interesting. Chief Debra Amesqua of Madison gave an inspiring speech on “Act Boldly”.

Upcoming event: **The Eighth Biennial South Central Synodical Women’s Organization Convention is July 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> at Reedsburg, WI.** Lakeview will have one delegate and all are invited to attend as participants. If you are interested please contact me. I have information on the various workshops that will be provided. They include: Learning about Lutheran Campus Ministry, Balancing Life is a Hat Trick, Discover Your Destiny in a Multicultural World, woman’s total health, physical, emotional and spiritual.

Our chaplain, Pastor Susan Larson from the Lutheran Office of Public Policy, will explain Legislation Affecting Women’s Health and Well Being.

To those that remember Karen Grinder there is sad news that her mother Lois Grinder died. Lois was very involved in WELCA as a leader and served on the Synodical Board WELCA. Please remember Karen in your prayers.

Continue in the Faith  
Shirley Storkson



For May

Rice &  
Pudding

## Summer Beacon

The next Beacon, going out at the end of May, will be the “**Summer Edition—June, July, and August**”. If you would like to submit an article for this newsletter, please have it in the church office by May 15th.

# Pentecost is May 27

## You are encouraged to wear RED to worship!

Join us in getting out the **RED** on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, by purchasing a red geranium to decorate our sanctuary. The geraniums will be a nice addition to your yard after the celebration, or donate your plant to be planted around the church grounds. Cost: \$3.50 for a 4-1/2" pot.

Please place your order, along with your check/ cash in the collection plate or put it in the church office no later than May 18th. The order will be placed first thing Monday morning, May 31st.

\_\_\_\_\_ Geraniums at \$3.50 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant(s) after the 9:00 am service

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate my plants(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Name



Worship on Pentecost weekend will be at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am on Sunday. The choir will assist at the 9:00 am service.

There will be a **special offering** received at the conclusion of each worship service for the Lakeview Food Pantry. Checks may be written to Lakeview Lutheran Church and note "Food Pantry". All contributions will be used to purchase food for the pantry. Gifts by check will be recorded on giving statements.



## Last Day of Winter Schedule

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is the final day of our winter schedule. That means the final day of confirmation and Sunday school as well. We will celebrate the conclusion of another exciting program year with special activities during the 10:30 am worship service on that day. The Sunday school children will be singing and the teachers will be thanked



On Sunday, April 22 we welcomed the following individuals into membership here at Lakeview. We give thanks for them and pray that their involvement here will be inspirational and live enhancing.

Jimmy, Joanne and Ella Kilen  
Candice Patterson  
Brian, Shanil and Rohan Haugen  
Don and Annette Havey  
Frances Patton  
Leon and Elaine Towne  
Dick Loftsgordon  
Kyle, Kiara and Kayliah Kiesow

## Bigger or Better

Calling all youth who were in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade this past year. On Thursday evening, June 21 as part of the annual Vacation Bible School program you are all being invited to come to church to play a wild and wacky game of "Bigger or Better." This is a crazy game that will take you out into the community to do silly stuff. We have loved playing it on our Youthworks summer mission trips and now you get to do it right here in Madison Wisconsin. Rene Puzach will be leading this "off-the-wall" event and you won't want to miss the fun. So, mark your calendars for June 21. Plan to come and eat supper at the Vacation Bible School potluck at 6:00 pm. Then you'll get to head out in a van with an adult driver to play "Bigger or Better." Each team will return to the church by 8:00 to show everyone what you have accomplished.

## René Pounds Nails Luther Hangs Windows Kathie Insulates Walls Pastor Hits Finger

Yes, it takes all people and all skills to build a house. House building is a Lakeview team project. The good news is, for the Habitat for Humanity house building projects we will do this summer; you don't even need to come with skills or tools. You will be trained on site on the day of your work project. Even Pastor Kirst's house building skills (or lack of) can be put to good use! You do have to be 18 to be on the site independently. If you are age 14 through 17 you must have a parent with you. All building will be at 220 South Musket Ridge in the Uplands Subdivision in Sun Prairie. This is at the intersection of Main Street (highway 19) and Musket Ridge on the east side of town. We need many people to fill our work crews although some crews are already filled. If you have not signed up, go ahead and get your name on the list by talking to Luther Torgerson. Workdays are June 29, 30, July 6, 7 and August 4. Many people are needed on August 4. See Luther or call the church office to volunteer today. You don't have to travel all the way to Biloxi or New Orleans to spread the gospel through your action. You can do that right in Dane County by providing homes for others.

[www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org)

That is the web site for our church. If you haven't been there recently, you've missed many new additions including great pictures. Don't miss the aerial view of Lakeview's property and the northside. It's cool! Don't forget that the monthly calendar and newsletter also appear on the web site so you can access it anywhere in the world! Tell all your friends and family to check it out often.

## Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Meeting Distribution of Funds

At the annual meeting of our congregation, held on April 22, those present decided to distribute some available funds in the ways listed below.

### Endowment funds

2007 CROP T-shirts	\$ 800
Endowment loan repayment	\$ 886

### WELCA Funds

Kitchen renovation	\$ 500
Lakeview Food Pantry	\$ 200
Transitional Housing	\$ 235

### Lutefisk Dinner

Exterior building repairs	\$ 2,500
Kitchen renovation	\$ 2,500
Summer Youth Trip	\$ 2,500

### Auction/Raffle

Church security system	\$ 1,000
Endowment Loan repayment	\$ 2,600
Kitchen renovation	\$ 1,000
Library furniture	\$ 900
Music program	\$ 900
New Orleans work trip	\$ 900
Routine utility bills	\$ 1,000
Seed money for 2008	\$ 1,000

It was exciting to be able to share these funds with a variety of opportunities to do ministry at home and outside of our walls.



## Wholly Humor!!

An ad for one church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "Resurrection is postponed."

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

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Vacation Bible School-June 18-21, 2007 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
“Playing on the Team-Spreading the Gospel through Word and Deed”



**REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL AGES**

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Participant's Name and Age and Gender

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Participant's Phone and Email address

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If participant is under age 18, parent/guardian name(s)

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If participant is under age 18, parent/guardian address and phone

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Allergies or medical needs of participant

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Dietary restrictions of participant

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Hospital of preference

*This year, participants will be grouped in “teams” according to their age. Youth teams are for those from age 3 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 2006-07 school year. Adult teams will include 8<sup>th</sup> graders through later adult years-no one is too old! Each team will have 2 team leaders.*

If the participant was in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade this past year, they are eligible to participant in the “Bigger or Better” event led by Rene Puzach and beginning immediately after the potluck on Thursday evening, June 21.

Will you be participating? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

How many folks from the participant's household and/or guests do you anticipate will attend the potluck on Thursday evening June 21 at 6:00 pm? \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily Themes**

June 18-Jesus Calls His Team

June 19-Jesus Sends His Team

June 20-Paul Values The Whole Team

June 21-We Are The Team