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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

October, 2007

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me and do not stop them."* As we begin the "stewardship season" in our congregation, I wish to uplift those words from the Gospel of Matthew. As we consider the giving of our money, time and talent and the mission and ministry we do at Lakeview Lutheran Church, how do we uphold these words of Christ? How do we open the door and let the children freely come to find a place of warmth and safety, a place where they can live out their faith and grow in their relationship with God?

We have been successful in some areas. I was excited that on Rally Day, forty-nine children enrolled in our Sunday school program and sixteen middle school youth enrolled in confirmation. Last summer, thirteen high school youth traveled to Toronto on a mission trip and we've already received registrations from youth who will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 2008. On September 29, thirteen teenagers joined me and Linda Osterhaus on a van trip to south-eastern Wisconsin. There will be an exciting bike ride for kids during the Health Fair on October 7 and on October 24 I'm looking forward to our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween party for children of all ages. It is indeed our call to be inventive and develop ways to invite children into fellowship in our congregation. Whether we're twenty-five or ninety-two, we're called to welcome children to hear the gospel.

We are called to *"let the children come"* to worship. We are called to welcome and accept children, who are most certainly

part of God's family, in all of our worship services. Many of us who have raised children know that they don't always want to do what the worship book says. You can't always get children to stand and sit at the right times and when an infant is hungry, they want a snack---even if it is in the middle of the prayers (just like me actually). As adults, there are things we might do to *"let the children come"* and to make worship friendly for them.

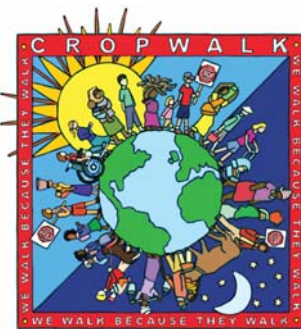
- ◆ if a child is acting out and making noise, know that it's pretty normal and we don't need to look at them, parents are often embarrassed enough
- ◆ when we pass the peace, be sure to shake the hand of at least one person under the age of 10
- ◆ when a parent is stressed in the pew, offer to be of assistance
- ◆ compliment young children on good behavior
- ◆ ask children questions about their life; school, day care, favorite play things, favorite colors
- ◆ learn the names of middle and high school youth and call them by name when you see them
- ◆ come to events where children are participating to support them
- ◆ don't give kids attention when their behaviors are undesirable
- ◆ smile and say "hi"

Remember, part of our stewardship is to create a safe and welcoming place for all people, including the little ones. *"Let the children come."*

Peace,
Pastor Dean Kirst

Lakeview Leaders Fight Hunger

We are in the midst of our annual fight against world hunger here at Lakeview. We are in the middle of raising money to dig water wells in Africa. We are getting ready to walk the streets of Madison in purple T-shirts to make a statement against AIDS, the disease that is rapidly killing God's creatures on all continents. On October 14 we want to have 100 representatives from Lakeview walking in the Madison CROP walk and wearing those bright purple T-shirts. We'll gather at Christ Presbyterian Church at 1:15 pm. Some will walk (1.5 miles or 3.5 miles), some will bike 14 miles and some will rock 1 to 2 hours at the church. By October 14 we want to collectively raise \$10,000 for Church World Service to fight hunger and it's residual problems everywhere including right here in our Dane County and Lakeview Food Pantries. It's not too late to buy a T-shirt or to pick up a walk packet to raise money or to support another walker. You can even go to the web site www.cropwalk.org and join the Lakeview team or support a Lakeview team member. You can use a credit card on line. If you write a check to support this effort, write it to "Lakeview Lutheran Church" and note CROP on the memo line. Last year our congregation raised \$8,200 for CROP. We raised more than any other group in the Madison event and we raised the second highest amount of any group in the entire state of Wisconsin. It is clear that the people of Lakeview are ready and willing to strive for the end of world hunger. Let's work together to make it another good year. And besides, it's all lots of fun.



Cookies Wanted

Lynn Case would like several volunteers to bake 3 dozen bars or cookies and bring them to the CROP walk on Oct 14 at Christ Presbyterian Church. Bring them on disposable plates ready to serve. Thank you for doing this.

Volunteers for St. Bernard Parish

Lakeview has joined up with Bristol Lutheran and Burke Lutheran churches to send the next volunteer work crew back to St. Bernard Parish LA. St. Bernard Parish is just east of the heart of New Orleans. When Hurricane Katrina struck, every one of the 85,000 structures in the Parish was damaged. We'll be leaving Madison on Nov 10 and returning on Nov 18. While in LA we'll be working on home repair projects and rebuilding with home owners in the St. Bernard Project Program. We'll be staying at Camp Hope in a former middle school in Violet. You do not need special skills or tools to volunteer to work. You do need a flexible and enthusiastic spirit, a willingness to try new things and a desire to establish new relationships as you hear stories that may break your heart. The planning meeting for this trip will be on October 11 at 7:00 pm at Bristol Lutheran Church. Bristol is located about a mile north of Sun Prairie on Highway N, also Bristol Street. If you are able to join this important mission, it would be good to attend the planning meeting. If you have other questions, see Pastor Kirst.

Homelessness, Our Church Responds

On Sunday morning, Oct 14, Pastor Kirst will lead anyone who is interested in a discussion on homelessness and the statement of the ELCA entitled, "***A Message on Homelessness: Renewal of Commitment.***" All adults and older youth are invited to join him at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room. There will be coffee and donuts as we address this difficult topic.



Food Pantry Needs . . .

COCOA

COFFEE

BROWN BAG **SENIOR SERIES**

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007

“BRING YOUR OWN”

Brown Bag Lunch 11:30-Noon

Program - dessert & coffee

Noon-1:00 p.m.

WEST HALL



YOGA INSTRUCTION*

WITHIN A

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

*(standing and use of chairs as needed)

Presented by

Gary Spann

- Yoga Instructor, YMCA, and area churches
- Certified Silver Sneakers YogaStretch
and Strength & Conditioning Program Teacher

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

4001 MANDRAKE RD. @ NORTHPORT DR., MADISON

RSVP TO 244-6181 BY 10/8/07



Trunk or Treat 2007

It's time for our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat party for all members of the congregation and our friends in the community. The event will be held on October 24. It begins with a potluck at 6:00 pm. We'll provide rat intestines (aka-spaghetti) smothered in bat blood (some call it sauce), drinks brewed in a vat (don't ask what's in them) and table service. You can bring food to share. Be sure to come dressed in your favorite costume. No one is too old to get dressed up! After this incredible ghoulish meal, there will be games and activities and a presentation from the Insect Ambassadors. At 7:30 the children will go to the parking lot to "trick or treat" from car trunk to car trunk. Adults, should bring some treats to pass out and don't forget to decorate those trunks. This is a fun evening for all ages and a safe way to celebrate the festivities of Halloween without going to the homes of people you don't know. Invite family and friends to come and have a good time!

Position Available

We are looking for someone to fill a volunteer position entitled "Sunday Morning Fellowship Host." The ideal candidate will be willing to coordinate volunteers and the refreshments served during the Sunday morning coffee time in the Fellowship Room. The candidate will be energetic and creative, willing to recruit volunteers and able to work with the local grocery store to assure that a variety of refreshments are available each week. The candidate will also plan and develop a creative arrangement for funding the refreshments. We think there are many excellent candidates within this congregation. We are not seeking references and you do not have to submit a resume. However, if you are willing to apply for this important position, please see Pastor Kirst immediately.

Youth Lead Worship

During worship on the weekend of CROP walk, October 13/14, the confirmation students will be presenting hunger papers that they are presently writing. There will be 5 students presenting at each service, so if you want to hear them all, you should attend all three services. We hope the congregation will come and hear their hard work. Each student will be addressing the issue of hunger using a different Bible text. On October 14, during the 10:30 worship service, the Sunday school children will sing a special song regarding hunger and will be inviting you to make a contribution to CROP. We will also have a blessing of all those who will participate in the CROP walk at the conclusion of that service. Fighting hunger is a big job that requires the working together of all of us.

It's Cool!

Someday soon, people will be able to walk out of our sanctuary and say something that has rarely been said, "It's cool in there." The council has received the results of a study to put air conditioning in the sanctuary and we've learned that it will cost \$27,150 to do that. We also have learned that there will be about \$14,000 additional fees for electrical work. If we are able to raise \$14,000 before Dec 31, 2007 we will be able to order the equipment at that current price. It will go up in price after the first of the year. We will then be able to raise the remaining amount to have the system installed later in the spring. At the recent council meeting, it was decided to begin an air conditioning fund with our Mission Endowment program. Any money donated for air conditioning will be placed into this fund and only available for this project (the same as we did for the speaker system). You are cordially invited to make a contribution to the air conditioning fund. Write your check to Lakeview and note that it is for AC. Your giving statement will be credited and when we have the initial \$14,000 we will purchase the equipment. Thank you for your gifts and for your assistance to bring a level of comfort to our worship space during the warm and humid summer days.

Uffda! Lutefisk; Made in America with Norwegian Parts!

Glenwood Minnesota claims to be the Lutefisk capital of the world, but on November 2, 2007, 4001 Mandrake Road becomes the Lutefisk capital for a day!

Annual Lutefisk Dinner and Bazaar at Lakeview-November 2, 2007

Serving from 11:00 am until 7:30 pm

Prices: Adults-\$14.00

Children 6 to 12—\$5.00

Children under 6 - FREE (those lucky guys)



You may want to know what Lutefisk is exactly. Well, that's not a good question to ask. Lutefisk is white fish, usually cod, which has been soaked in lye for 2 days producing a jelly like consistency. Now, in order to return the fish to an edible state, it is soaked for 4 to 6 more days in water. This saturates the fish with water and allows it to be cooked by steaming. Yes, there is a smell. In fact, many people have placed Lutefisk under their front porches to get rid of raccoons. This works very well, but be forewarned, you may end up with a family of Norwegians under your porch instead!

Lutefisk dinners, uplifting our Norwegian and Scandinavian heritage, began at Lakeview back in the early 1950's. Today, nearly 1,000 people will come to enjoy (?) this tradition and history at Lakeview. They will eat nearly 1,200 pounds of the fish and wash it down with 1,000 sticks of real butter! (*There's a reason we have a parish health nurse*).

When Lutefisk is outlawed, only outlaws will have Lutefisk!

Many volunteers are needed to make this dinner happen from 8:00 am until the place is cleaned up around midnight. Clean up help is always a desperate need. If you can volunteer at anytime, inform our Lutefisk chairperson, Nelson Walstead either at church at 244-6181.

Nelson after the Lutefisk dinner-----



Lutefisk isn't the only Bazaar thing about November 2 at Lakeview

This is also the **annual WELCA Bazaar**. All members of the congregation are invited to donate items for the bazaar. Bring baked goods (people love to buy cookies, cakes, candy, breads, pies). Bring jams and jellies, quilted items, Christmas and Thanksgiving crafts, woodcrafts, homemade baby clothes, knitted items, etc.

The bazaar is open the same hours as the Lutefisk is served!

Also available at the bazaar this year will be the 150th Lakeview Anniversary Cookbooks—\$10
and the Northside History Calendars - \$12

Quilt Raffle tickets can be purchased at \$5 each or 5 for \$20

For fun things about Lutefisk, go to the **Unofficial Lutefisk** web site at www.geocities.com/napavalley/3222/#UFFDA

Quote from Garrison Keillor;

"Every Advent we entered the purgatory of lutefisk, a repulsive gelatinous fishlike dish that tasted of soap and gave off an odor that would gag a goat. We did this in honor of Norwegian ancestors, much as if survivors of a famine might celebrate their deliverance by feasting on elm bark. I always felt the cold creeps as Advent approached, knowing that this dread delicacy would be put before me and I'd be told, 'Just have a little.' Eating a little was like vomiting a little, it's just as bad as a lot!"



From the Parish Nurse

Monthly Healing Service

October 9, 2007.
7:00 pm in the historic chapel.

Health Fair 2007 is around the corner. Plan to join the festivities which will include tips on sports safety and a bike ride with bike checks and helmet fittings for all ages. The popular Reiki practitioners will return and sign-up for sessions will be with Anne Tigan, parish nurse. Seniors—visit the Falls Prevention Program and take their “Get up and Go Test.” Want to leave the driving to Madison Metro? Visit their booth to learn your route online. Much, much more.

The 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on Health Fair Sunday will reflect the Gospel message of health, healing, and community in word and song—bring the family.

Many thanks to Mary Cragin who will be inviting your help in providing healthy and delicious refreshments for the Health Fair. Remember: **Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, 9 a.m.-noon in East Hall** and adjoining rooms. Bring your bikes and helmets for a ride through the neighborhood! For more information please see Anne Tigan, Parish Nurse.

“Brown Bag Senior Series”

• Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007—“Yoga Instruction Within a Christian Worldview”

Join Gary Spann, yoga instructor for seniors, for a session of information on the benefits of yoga and practice from a seated or standing position. “Brown bag lunch” from 11:30-noon. Coffee, dessert, and program to follow at noon in West Hall.

• Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007—“Substance Abuse: Its Effects on the Family”

Substance abuse program manager and AODA counselor, Laura Parker, from ARC Community Services will present on this important and difficult subject.

NOTE: time change—“Brown bag lunch” from 12:00-12:30. Coffee, dessert, and program to follow from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in West Hall.

For more information, please contact Anne Tigan, parish nurse.

Anne Tigan, Parish Nurse

Affirmation of Baptism

We will be celebrating the affirmation of baptism (confirmation) during the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, October 21 for all youth who have met the confirmation point requirement. This is a special day as we welcome our youth into our faith community. It is hoped that all members of the congregation can be there to support them. The service will be one hour and include holy communion and baptism.



Women of ELCA Annual Bazaar Friday, November 2nd 10:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Held in conjunction with the Lutefisk Dinner - Crafts, jams, jellies, candies, home canned preserves and baked goods of every kind are just a few of the items needed. Price your donations if you are able. Items may be brought to the Church (Fellowship Room) on Thursday, between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM, or the morning of the Bazaar. Baked Goods are really great sellers, so get your Anniversary Cookbooks out and start baking! Lefse will also be sold at the Bazaar. With everyone's help our 2007





October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

*In observance, you are invited to attend a
n evening of reflection, care, and remembrance.
If your life has been touched by breast cancer,
please join us on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007:*

5:30 p.m.—Gather with refreshments

5:45-6:45 p.m.—Program

*7:00 p.m.—Healing service with candle lighting
in historic chapel*

Liz Allen, MS, UW Chaplain

Libby Caes, M.Div., BBC

UW Chaplain

Kathryn Gonzalez, Inner Alchemy

Lakeview Lutheran Church---4001 Mandrake Rd. @ Northport Dr., Madison

*RSVP by October 8 to 244-6181—for more information contact Anne
Tigan, Parish Nurse, nurselkview@charterinternet.com*

Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

We have a very unique opportunity for celebrating Thanksgiving this year and it will happen right in our building. On Sunday, November 18, the Greater Madison Inter-religious Association (GMIA) will host this gathering, which will feature offerings of music, readings, dance and instruments from many different religions in the greater Madison area. The guest speaker will be Dr. Charles Cohen a professor of History and Religion at UW-Madison. The gathering will begin at 3:00 pm in the East Hall and will be followed by a time for food and fellowship. Plan to attend this event as we give thanks that people who are diverse can come together and celebrate the gift of life on our planet. It will be a chance to give thanks for the ways we can grow and be enriched by those who have different beliefs and viewpoints. We know that the best way to promote peace and justice is to understand each other. Mark your calendar for November 18.

Thinking about Stewardship

We are called to be good stewards and to share our resources of time, money and talents 12 months out of the year. Like many congregations, we do a pretty good job of that in many areas. But our call is also to not let ourselves become stagnant. Our call is to always be dreaming and scheming and planning new ways that we can reach out to the world to show the compassion of Christ and the forgiveness and love that God has for all people. During October we will offer several activities to strengthen our understanding of stewardship. On Sunday, October 21, our council stewardship liaison, John Dyar will offer a presentation to adults and older youth at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room. On the following weekend, you will be invited to complete a pledge card indicating how you can financially support the general budget of our congregation. We all know that supporting a general budget isn't as glamorous as giving money to fight



Stewardship Update

hunger, or to send volunteers to work in New Orleans or to support a food pantry or a youth mission trip. At the same time, if the general budget is not funded, we will not be able to be stewards who can reach out with ministries that offer compassion. With no building or staff, we will not have mission and ministry. As part of the stewardship program this year, home visits will be made with families who have not been communing regularly. An invitation will be made to assist those families or individuals to return to an active worship life in this congregation.



Autumn begins and we see the colors of trees changing, cooler nights, and a "nip" in the air at evening.

Coming soon: **Lutheran World Relief Box Car** loading, which is **Saturday, October 13**. Hours are 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. The big change for this is year is that **NO CLOTHES WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Quilts and the various kits are accepted but no toothpaste in the health kits. New soap in original wrappers is accepted. I will be looking for volunteers to take the items collected to the site at 1890 E. Johnson St. This is the same site as other years. Thanks in advance. Call 249-9014 if you can help

LUTEFISK DINNER AND BAZAAR ARE NOVEMBER 2ND. The bazaar is the only fund raising the Lakeview Women's organization holds. Baked goods, jams and jelly, craft items, garden produce, Christmas decorations are all welcome. Our bazaar is supported by the entire congregation, this is why community and congregational needs are contributed to. A full financial statement is a part of the Annual Reports.

The East/West Conference gathering is October 27th. Plans include speakers on health concerns as well as the Bible Study found in Lutheran Woman Today and convention plans. This will be held at the United In Christ ELCA Church in Morrisonville with registration at 9:00 am. Call me 249-9014 for more details.

Keep the Faith,
Shirley Storkson



CASUAL SUNDAY

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
4001 MANDRAKE RD. @ NORTHPORT DRIVE
MADISON, WISCONSIN – 244-6181

HEALTH FAIR 2007

SUNDAY, OCT. 7
9 A.M. - NOON
PUBLIC INVITED!
EAST HALL



- ❖ Dean Foundation's
"Buckle Bear"
- ❖ Bike Ride for Kids & Parents
UW Sports Medicine
Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin
Safety Educator, City of Madison
- ❖ Sosiab ("Warm Your Heart") Care
- ❖ HomeInstead Senior Care
- ❖ Madison Metro
Learn your route online!
- ❖ Meriter Emergency Room Nurse
Info for kids & adults
- ❖ Safe Community Coalition
"Safer Northside
Walking Routes to
School & Beyond"
- ❖ UW Osteoporosis Research
Bone density testing
- ❖ Healing with Hands
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AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!