

# BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

November, 2007

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I'm excited---again! I'm excited that I can invite you to a very special and unique Thanksgiving gathering this year at Lakeview. On Sunday afternoon, November 18 you are invited to bring a friend and come to the East Hall for the second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering at 3:00 pm. At this gathering, we will have the opportunity to better acquaint ourselves with our neighbors of other religious traditions. When we learn about people who do things differently than we do, they are no longer strangers and we find we have much in common. When we learn about people who do things differently than we do, we become friends and our communities become safer places. This is a gathering, not a worship service and at it we'll have the opportunity to experience how other religious groups express thanks. Thanksgiving is a national holiday and the perfect time to meet and learn about the traditions of others who live in our nation.

The speaker at the Thanksgiving Gathering will be Dr. Charles Cohen, Professor of History and Religious Studies at UW Madison and the Director of the Lubar Institute for the study of Abrahamic Religions. The Abrahamic Religions are those who uplift the traditions of Abraham and Sarah such as Christians, Muslims and Jews. Dr. Cohen will talk about the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags. He will talk about what giving thanks might mean in a cross-cultural setting. At this gathering you will also experience a Wiccan Celtic Harpist, a Muslim Call to Prayer, a Tibetan Buddhist Dance by youth, Christian Taize singing, a universal dance of peace led by the Sufi Order of

Madison, a traditional Moravian Love Feast and additional offerings from Temple Beth El, Circle Sanctuary, Madison Vedanta Society (Hindu) and the Madison Baha'i Community.

After the Gathering there will be a time for refreshments and fellowship. You are invited to bring "finger food" such as an appetizer or dessert. You are also invited to bring a canned food item for the Lakeview Food Pantry. Free child-care will be provided.

Our Lakeview community has been a community of generous outreach and acceptance. We take pride in our tradition of providing hospitality to our neighbors and to strangers. We are people who strive to gain knowledge and who wish to live in peace with the people of our world. We are a community which constantly gathers to give thanks for the gifts we have received and for the growth we can experience from diversity and new things.

So, yes this event does excite me. I hope it excites you as well and that you are able to join me for this celebration on November 18. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,  
Pastor Dean Kirst

**Don't forget to**



**November 3**

## **Sponsors of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering November 18-3:00 pm Lakeview Lutheran Church**

Greater Madison Interreligious Association, Madison Interfaith Dialogue, Lakeview Lutheran Church, Northside Planning Council, Northside News, Circle Sanctuary, Madison Urban Ministry, Madison Eckankar Community, Madison Jewish Community Council, Madison Baha'i Community, Sufi Order of Madison, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lakeview Moravian Church, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, The Crossing Campus Christian Center, Inroads Ministry, Madison Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends ( Quakers ), Wisconsin Tibetan Association, Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, Congregation Share Shamanism, Tiger's Eye Temple, Unity of Madison, Dialogue International

### **Speaker System Update**

Your generous response to the recent speaker system request will allow us to install a motorized screen at the front of the sanctuary. The screen will be lowered only when needed and when not in use, it will be well hid. We will also be able to install a projection camera in the balcony that will project onto that screen. Then we can run power point slides through that equipment to enhance sermons or music with appropriate pictures. We also have the option of projecting words onto the screen. We will even be able to show movies if we choose to do that for a Bible study or forum event. This technology will enhance worship and other activities here at Lakeview. Thank you for your generosity.



### **Thank You Confirmation Students**

On CROP walk weekend, our confirmation students led worship with their presentations on hunger. Each student worked with a different Bible text and gave us some thought provoking ideas about dealing with hunger and about how we can each re-

spond to the biblical call to prevent hunger and poverty in our world. Thank you to the youth who worked hard on this project and brought vital messages to the rest of us. The youth did a phenomenal job. Be sure to let them know that as you see them. Thank you to their teacher, Linda Osterhaus, for guiding them through this project. By the way, the confirmation students collectively raised \$1224 for the CROP walk! Way to go youth!

### **Thanks Bill**

Bill Shelton does a wonderful job of maintaining our church web site and we thank him. If you haven't been there recently, go and check out many updated pictures, find the monthly newsletter and calendar and the Wedding Policy. You can even download a copy of the Simply Giving form if you would like to fill it out and give your church offering electronically.

### **Volunteers strike again!**

On September 22 and October 20, an awesome crew of volunteers donated many hardworking hours sprucing up Lakeview's landscaping (you may have noticed the mountain of brush at the curb), organizing storage closets, washing windows, cleaning pews and cushions, painting, scrubbing faucets and drinking fountains, cleaning rain gutters, sweeping the parking lots, making repairs, polishing the interior of the chapel and raking the chapel lawn. There were 23 adults and 12 youth (most participated both Saturdays) for a total of 129 volunteer hours. It takes a crew of special people to come in on a Saturday morning at 8 am (and work along side the Pastor with power tools)!

We also had several regular volunteers that came in often this summer to pull weeds and water plants.

When you see these youth, give them a handshake and a thank you. . . Julie Austin, Kelly Austin, Kyle Pierce, Kassie Olson, Jon Olson, Ashley Drake, Abby Lipp, Olivia Knudtson, Kari Seeliger, Serina Alexander, Loni Ellsworth and Marshall Reed. I was truly proud of all of them.

We had a chance to enjoy lunch together after all the hard work!

The Properties Committee will plan additional workdays, watch for more information.

Thank you!

René Puzach, Properties Committee member

# **BROWN BAG SENIOR SERIES**

**Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007**



**“Substance Abuse:  
Its Effects  
on the Family”**

Presented by

**Laura Parker**

**Program Manager, Substance abuse  
ARC Community Services**

**“Bring Your Own” Brown bag lunch 12:00-12:30**

**Program with dessert and coffee 12:30-1:30**

**WEST HALL**

**LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**4001 Mandrake Rd. at Northport Dr.**

***RSVP by 11/12/07 to 244-6181***



## From the Parish Nurse

### Monthly Healing Service

November 13, 2007.  
7:00 pm in the historic chapel.

### “Brown Bag Senior Series”

#### • 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

### Education Forum in December

“ipods vs. Gramophones”



- ◆ Can teens and elders communicate? Concerns that will be addressed are issues such as,
  - ◆ What are these young people listening to?
  - ◆ Do they enjoy church?
  - ◆ Why do older people enjoy church?
- ◆ Why do they wear black socks with sneakers and shorts?

Please come out and join us as we make an attempt to bridge the intergenerational gap between elders and teens.

Led by Simone Williams,  
UW Nursing Student  
Date to be announced

**Flu Clinic**  
**Sunday, November 11**  
**9:00 am—12 Noon**  
**Lakeview—Library**

## Sign up for day or evening Yoga Class

Many of us enjoyed the yoga session in October with Gary Spann. We would like to offer a regular work-out with Gary and his requirements for providing a class are as follows:

- ◆ signed commitment from participants for once-a-week session, for two months
- ◆ at least 8 participants for a 10:00 a.m. class; at least 10 participants for a 7:00 p.m. class
- ◆ cost per class to be determined but, generally, about \$4-6 (most yoga classes in Madison, e.g., through an HMO, run about \$10/class)

Gary Spann has taught yoga classes for over four years at the YMCA and Covenant Presbyterian Church. He is certified by the Silver Sneakers organization to teach their YogaStretch and Strength to participants over 65. A grandfather and swimming coach, Spann has an encouraging yet understanding approach to yoga.

Please indicate your interest—including time of day-- by contacting the parish nurse at the church office, 244-6181, or [nursekview@charterinternet.com](mailto:nursekview@charterinternet.com). Classes would not begin until after the new year.

## “Traditions” Middle School Winter Retreat

Our congregation has had the wonderful opportunity to sponsor an annual retreat for youth in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9. We call it a Middle School Winter Retreat. We hold the retreat at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake WI. While there, we are able to stay in the youth dorm (Robbins Hall North), eat buffet style meals in the main dining facility on the grounds, use the gym and recreation center and hike the 1400 acres of woods along the shores of Big Green Lake. If there is snow, we also get to sled on some great hills on Lawsonia Golf Course, which is within the facility. In 2008, we'll head out for this event on Friday evening January 18 and we'll return around noon on Sunday January 20. We usually take about 35 youth and adult chaperones—capacity is 72. Youth from our congregation and their friends are invited to participate. The youth fund pays for half of the weekend fees and the participant pays the rest, which will be \$48. This year there will again be crazy and wild games. Our program will look at faith-based traditions from cultures throughout the world. This is a fun, educational and team-building weekend that we hope many youth can participate in. Watch the newsletter and weekend worship books for more details and a registration form.



## CROP Update

Another year, another lutefisk dinner, another bazaar. Thanks to all who make these events successful.

“The Messengers”, a gospel group from Baraboo, impressed those who attended the Salad Supper in September. Many said “Have them again.” We plan to have another event including that group. Perhaps a congregational event

Boxcar loading for Lutheran World Relief was October 13. Thanks to the Quilters for the 144 quilts they made. Also, thanks to Luther Torgerson and his crew who took the boxes to the loading site.

Thankoffering Sunday will be held November 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a special offering envelope made available in member’s packets. **The history of Thankofferings** has had different meanings over the course of time and within predecessor church bodies. Early in the last century Thankofferings blended money and prayer to create a form of devotional giving or financial piety. Thankoffering boxes were given to women who placed them in a special location in the house, a visible reminder of blessings received. Coins were often added to those boxes daily as a particular blessing was noted. At that time the public collection of the Thankofferings went directly to the mission work of the church. **Thankofferings now.** Today, Thankofferings and regular offerings are the primary sources of funding for the ministry that is directly or indirectly supported by the churchwide expression of the Women of the ELCA. Thankoffering services have traditionally been held at harvest time. There is no set time to do this, however, Lakeview has held their Thankoffering collection in November. Today, all the contributed revenues and income is combined to provide resources, activities and events, publications and communication tools. Even though specific ministries are not named for support with Thankofferings, in a very real sense these gifts continue to support the mission of Christ’s Church.

Keep the Faith,  
Shirley Storkson

It is hard to tell exactly how many Lakeview people participated in the CROP walk. We do know that there was a lot of purple at Christ Presbyterian Church and moving around the streets of Madison on October 14. We think about 79 people from Lakeview were there. It was excellent! We are now tallying offerings to see how we did in the money department. If you have not turned in your packets, please do so immediately. Also, if you still wish to make a contribution that is good. Write your check to Lakeview and note that it’s for CROP. Thank you to everyone from this congregation who works hard to reduce hunger and poverty. What a site to see so much purple on that day. Pictures of CROP walk 2007 can be found on the Lakeview web site at [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org). Go to Parish Programs, then Outreach Ministry and then click on CROP walk.

## Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, October 21, four young people of our congregation affirmed their baptismal vows during the service of confirmation. We celebrate with these high school youth. We wrap them in our love and we offer support for their continued faith journey. These youth include:



- Shannon Bashor, daughter of Bill and Cally Bashor
- Abby Lipp, daughter of Kevin and Sharon Lipp
- Kassi Olson, daughter of Mark and Kelly Olson
- Kyle Pierce, son of Todd and Cathy Pierce.



## Food Pantry Needs . . .

**COCOA  
MEAL IN A CAN**

## All Saints Service

The annual Lakeview All Saints service to remember the saints who have departed this past year will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 3. The service begins at the entrance to the cemetery, just outside the chapel doors. After the opening liturgy and music, the service moves into the sanctuary. There will be Holy Communion, trumpet, choir and the service of remembering. Everyone is invited to participate in this special service of remembrance.

## Discipleship/Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who supports the annual plan for mission and ministry at Lakeview. This plan is sometimes referred to as a church budget. The truth is that it is our congregation's plan for how we will do ministry from this place in the upcoming 12 months. The plan requires two things, money and volunteerism. There is no way to accomplish our well-laid goals without either of those ingredients. If you have not yet had the chance to complete a giving card to make a financial gift for the plan, please do that. The cards will be mailed to your homes soon or can be picked up in the church office. When you share an idea of how you will be able to help, it assists the council to develop a plan accordingly. Also, if you have not filled out a Spiritual Gifts inventory to share how you wish to volunteer your time at Lakeview, you are always welcome to complete one of those. This congregation could not accomplish all we do for ministry with your talent and volunteer hours and your gifts of dollars. Thank you for working together to proclaim the gospel.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, November 29**  
**1:00—6:00 pm**  
**Lakeview—East Hall**

## Summer Mission Trip

In July 2008, our high school youth will spend a week on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. While there they will paint houses, do minor home repairs and lead a Kid's Club. They will have a cross-cultural experience that they will never forget. The average family income on the Pine Ridge Reservation is \$3,700. Going on this trip are Linnea Walstead, Ryan Foye, Megan Olsen, Kassi Olson, Cory Meyers, Charlie Schaack, Jenna McKee, Heidi Stein, Leslie O'Kane, Alexis Evans-Krueger, Ashton Harris, Greg Evans-Krueger, Ray Luster, Ellen Paskey and Alyx Haasl. Chaperones for the trip will be Scott and Kim Harris, Jim Foye and Linda Schaack. In the near future, the youth will be sponsoring some fundraisers so that the congregation can assist with the cost of this trip. Keep all these young people and adults in your prayers as they prepare for this experience.

## New Orleans Round Five

The fifth trip to the gulf coast to provide hurricane recovery leaves the Burke Lutheran Church Parking lot at 6:00 am on Saturday, November 10. Nine people from Lakeview will join volunteers from Burke Lutheran and Bristol Lutheran churches to send 23 volunteers back to rebuild houses. Going from Lakeview will be Scott, Kim, Lacey and Ashton Harris, Jay Gehler, Gary Morton, Dennis Strand, Vickie Hoehn, and Chris Anders. Keep them in your prayers for safe travels and for the ability to work hard and develop meaningful relationships. If you wish to help them with a financial contribution, make your check to Lakeview and note it is for the New Orleans trip. The crew will be housed at the Camp Hope Volunteer Camp and they will work in St. Bernard Parish.

## Northside History Calendars

They are here and available for you to purchase. They include great pictures from the northside. If you are a history buff or if you have been around the northside for many years, you will want one of these calendars for 2008. The calendars were produced by the Northside Planning Council. Each calendar costs \$12. For each calendar that is purchased, the youth going on the mission trip next summer will receive \$2. So your purchase helps fund mission as well. You may purchase calendars with cash or with a check made out to NPC (Northside Planning Council).

# Thanksgiving Dinner

For many years, our congregation has responded to hunger and socialization needs by sponsoring a free Thanksgiving Dinner. This year it will be served at noon on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. The menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, gravy, cole slaw, yams, cranberries, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverages. It is served family style in the East Hall to about 250 folks. People come to the dinner for a variety of reasons and everyone is welcome. There is also a need for volunteers from the congregation to help by baking pumpkin pies and roasting turkeys at home and bringing them on Thanksgiving morning to be carved and served. Other volunteers help serve the meal and it is very important to have volunteers who can help clean



*Thanksgiving  
Dinner*

up after the meal. It is a very wonderful day. We do ask that anyone coming to eat simply call the church office at 244-6181 to tell us how many will come. To plan food, it is helpful to know approximate numbers of guests. If you can donate or help in any way, contact the chairpersons, Bob and Donna Mohrmann and/or fill out the slip below.

**THANKSGIVING DAY  
12:00 NOON  
East Hall of the church  
November 22, 2007**

Join us and invite neighbors or friends to our Thanksgiving Dinner. If you can help donate food or your time preparing or serving the meal, or clean up when it is over, contact:

**Bob/Donna Mohrmann at 249-5241**

Below is a list of food donations needed as well as volunteer help in preparing, serving & cleaning up. Please complete it and leave in the offering plate, give it to an usher or drop it off at the church office.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER VOLUNTEER LIST:

_____ Help prepare dinner	_____ Help serve at dinner
_____ Help clean up after dinner	_____ Donate one turkey
_____ Cook a donated turkey	_____ Donate two pumpkin pies
_____ Donate & cook a turkey	_____ Donate one pumpkin pie
_____ Volunteer to be a driver	_____ Donate money

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Needed: 20 to 25 turkeys  
40 to 50 pies**

Help us decorate our sanctuary this  
Christmas with **RED** poinsettias  
and evergreens.



**Deadline** for ordering is  
**Sunday, November 25th**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6” Poinsettia @ \$10.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7” Poinsettia @ \$16.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8” Poinsettia @ \$25.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evergreens @ \$25.00 each

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to “Lakeview Lutheran Church”  
And mark “Poinsettias/Evergreens”



Plants may be picked up  
**AFTER** the  
Christmas Day Worship Service

## **Advent/Christmas at Lakeview**

It's not too early to start planning your holiday calendars. There will be lots happening at Lakeview in December including these highlights:

- December 1 and 2— Prayer Path for youth, children and families in East Hall
- December 2—Choir Retreat
- December 8—Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal—9:30 am
- December 9—Sunday School Christmas Program/Birthday Lunch—10:30 am
- December 16—Choir Concert with dessert in East Hall—6:30 pm
- December 24—Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship—5:00 pm
- December 25—Festival Christmas Day Worship—10:00 am



## Usher Teams 2007

Todd Schaack

\* Team Captain

### Early Service

#### Team A

Joanne Cotter  
Philip Knudsvig  
Nate Campbell  
Keith Kerl

#### Team B

\*Art Zogbaum  
Pat Davis  
Cody Davis

#### Team C

\* Steve Diemer  
Liz Seymour  
David Seymour  
Blanche Herritz  
David Smith

#### Team D

\*Nate Campbell  
5th and 6th grade  
Sunday School Students

### Late Service

#### Team G

\*Terry Warnke  
Frank Leverentz  
Dave Haselow  
Steele Schilling

#### Team H

\*Chris DuPré  
James Foye  
Daniel Zinsmeister  
Roberta Kiesow  
John Dyar

#### Team I

\*Bob Mohrmann  
Garry Puzach  
Tracy Stamm  
Nicholas Stamm

#### Team K

\*Todd Schaack  
Linda Schaack  
Charlie Schaack  
Joe Schaack

## Counter Teams 2007



#### Team A

Colleen Kerl  
Blanche Herritz

#### Team B

Bill/Cally Bashor  
Gary/Joyce McElmurry

#### Team C

Al Wessel/Ellen Bethel

#### Team D

Barry Jensen  
Darlene Younger  
Steve Norton

#### Team E

Rick Blanchard  
Phil Uekert