



# BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

February, 2008

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

There is a song, which includes these words, ***Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.*** Do you believe that? When Jesus hung on the cross at Golgotha, he looked out at the Roman soldiers who hung him there and said, ***“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”*** Do you believe that? Do you believe that Jesus has the power to seek forgiveness for even those who despise him? In the gospel of John we can read familiar words, ***for God so loved the world that God gave us a Son so that everyone who believes would not perish but have eternal life.*** Do you believe those words?

Many of you have answered yes to these questions. Many of you believe that God’s unconditional love and forgiveness can be for you and all people. Many of you have faith that your relationship with God is secure because of God’s own doing. I agree with that also.

Now I invite you to take the next step. How do you and I take what we believe and translate those beliefs into visual imagery? How do you and I move from a trust in God’s forgiveness and love to an action that makes that trust something that the world can see? How do you and I execute the words of the author of James when he/she says, ***“For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.”***

We know that we are saved through our faith and not because of our good works. We also know that the way that the world will see our faith is through our good works. Doing good works, living responsibly, showing hospitality toward strangers, accepting all of

God’s creation all happens as a response to our understanding of God’s grace.

We celebrate that God loves each one of us. How will we show the people listed below that God loves them too? Take a moment and write those responses to the list below.

- ◆ Homeless people in Madison.
- ◆ People dying of AIDS in Africa.
- ◆ Children of Iraq whose parents were killed in the war.
- ◆ Women in Dane County who are the victims of spousal abuse.
- ◆ Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and heterosexual people who wish to find community at Lakeview.
- ◆ People living on our streets who are not receiving assistance for their failing mental health.
- ◆ Teenagers.
- ◆ Someone who cannot find safe housing because of their skin color.
- ◆ The person in your neighborhood who cannot hear or cannot see.
- ◆ The victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- ◆ Isolated nursing home residents.
- ◆ Hungry people.
- ◆ The people sitting in the same pew as you on Sunday morning.

Peace,  
Pastor Kirst

## February 6



ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of

Easter. Ash Wednesday worship will begin in silence at 7:00 pm on February 6. The service will include Confession and Absolution, Holy Communion, a Lenten Drama, Homily and the Imposition of Ashes. The Lakeview Senior Choir will assist with leading the service. You are invited to join us as we begin the journey.

## Lent 2008

During the 6 weeks of Lent, we will provide a special devotional service every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The theme of those services will be *The Marks of Discipleship*. We will explore our call to be the disciples of Christ and how we can respond to that call in the world where we live. These services will be casual and will include hymns, discussion and prayers. Come the way you are! Bring a friend. The weekly schedule will be;

- Feb 13** HEARING GOD'S VOICE;  
Daily prayer and Bible reading
- Feb 20** OUR HABIT OF RENEWAL;  
Weekly worship
- Feb 27** OUR CALL TO CHRISTLIKE LIVING;  
Serving in and beyond the congregation
- Mar 05** OUR CALL TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT;  
Nurturing relationships
- Mar 12** A REFLECTION OF GOD'S HEART;  
Giving a tithe and beyond



## Palm/Passion Weekend

March 15 5:00 pm  
Musical/sanctuary  
March 16 8:00 am  
Traditional/sanctuary  
March 16 10:30 am  
Musical/sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday

March 20 12:30 pm Traditional/chapel  
March 20 7:00 pm At tables/east hall

### Good Friday

March 21 12:30 pm Traditional/chapel  
March 21 7:00 pm Choir cantata/sanctuary

### Easter Vigil

March 22 5:00 pm Chapel

### Easter Festival

March 23 8:00 am Sanctuary  
March 23 10:30 am Sanctuary

### Easter Breakfast

March 23 7:30 to 10:15 am East Hall

## Sabbatical Update

Pastor Kirst will begin a sabbatical this summer on June 2. He will return to Lakeview on Labor Day weekend, which is August 30/31. The executive committee is pleased that Pastor Ron Mach will be the supply pastor at Lakeview during this sabbatical time. Besides leading weekend worship, Pastor Mach will also be available for hospital visits, funerals and other pastoral needs that may arise in Pastor Kirst's absence. This sabbatical time is a great gift to our pastor and his wife Kris as well as to the entire congregation. It allows some time for relaxation and refreshment for everyone. It allows the members of the congregation to assist in areas where they may not have had previous opportunity to assist. Pastor and Kris will also be doing some continuing education during this time as they look at the Civil Rights movement in our nation and how racism continues to plague our communities, schools and churches today. Pastor will plan on several presentations to the congregation once he returns.



## From the Parish Nurse

### Healing Service

February 12, 2008

7:00 pm in the historic chapel.

Everyone is welcome to this time of readings, prayers, music, laying on of hands, candle lighting and anointing.



The Labyrinth will be open in East Hall for Lenten walks on **February 6th and 7th**, Ash Wednesday and the following Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

### Labyrinth Healing Walk

Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.

East Hall

The choir will open the walk with Gregorian chant followed by candlelighting by labyrinth facilitators.

What is **BadgerCare Plus**? BadgerCare Plus is a new program for children and families in Wisconsin who need and want health insurance. The program will be available on February 1, 2008.

- BadgerCare Plus is for all kids, regardless of income.
- BadgerCare Plus is about more than just kids. It also offers access to comprehensive, affordable health care to working families and pregnant women in Wisconsin.
- BadgerCare Plus is simple. It is easy to complete an online application at [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov). Keep in mind that you will not be able to apply for BadgerCare Plus until February 1, 2008.

Contact Anne Tigan, parish nurse, for more information on this program or visit [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov) and click on the "Am I Eligible" Tool to see if you might be able to get benefits.

## "Souper" Bowl Offering

No, we're not taking up an offering for those who are playing in the Super Bowl. But we are taking up an offering on February 2/3 for those who work hard to reduce hunger by offering soup in bowls. At the conclusion of each service on Super Bowl weekend, the confirmation students will be available with soup kettles to receive your financial gifts. All gifts will go to the "Loaves and Fishes" meal site in Biloxi Mississippi. "Loaves and Fishes" serves between 100 and 150 hot meals every day to those who are in need. After Hurricane Katrina, the building that houses this service had major destruction because of flooding. During Lakeview's first trip to Biloxi in January 2006, our members, Bill Shelton and Dennis Strand, worked hard to rehabilitate the facility so that food service could be reestablished. (See pictures in the church narthex.). We are grateful that our ministry can reach back down to Biloxi with this financial offering. You are invited to give cash or checks. Make checks to "Lakeview Lutheran Church" and indicate that it's for Souper Bowl. A gift by check allows your church giving statement to be credited. Thanks for helping with this important ministry of feeding those who hunger and thirst.

## Food Pantry Needs

**SALTINE CRACKERS  
TOILET PAPER**



## Take STOCK in our Youth!

During the month of February you will be invited to purchase stock in the summer youth mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. After each worship service, the 16 youth going on this trip will be willing to sell you shares of stock. Each share will cost \$20. You may buy as many shares as you wish. Purchasing a share of stock in this trip helps to assure that our youth are all able to attend. A share of stock also gets you a handsome stock certificate, a post card from the kids while on the trip and an invitation to the stockholders dessert and presentation after the youth return. Owning stock in our youth is even more valuable than owning stock in the Green Bay Packers because here we already know we have a winning team! Thank you for supporting this mission experience.

## Transfiguration Weekend

On the weekend before Lent begins, the church celebrates the transfiguration of our Lord. During both services on Sunday morning, February 3, the Praise Band will lead worship. The Senior Choir will sing the *Gloria* from Vivaldi's work by the same name. We will hear the story of Jesus going up the mountain to be changed. On Saturday evening Feb 2 we will not only celebrate the transfiguration, but we will do that looking back at our history. We will worship at 5:00 pm in the 1884 chapel. All music and liturgy will come from the old "red" **Service Book and Hymnal**, which preceded the green book in the Lutheran church. Pastor Kirst will preach an "old" sermon and communion will be kneeling at the rail. Although the heat will be on in the chapel, we will only use candles and oil lamps for light. You are encouraged to dress up in clothing that reflects the 1930's, 40's or 50's. After the worship service, there will be a potluck supper in East Hall. We will provide 2 Lutheran potluck favorites, tuna/noodle casserole (with crushed potato chips on top) and green Jell-O with pears. We'll also provide beverages and table service. You bring food to share. Dig out one of those old "women of the church" cookbooks and take our palates back to an earlier time. At 6:30 pm Ms Ann Waidelich will present a slide show on Northside history. Ann presented last year at a Senior Forum at Lakeview and we loved her show, so will you! We will also be sure there is a child friendly video showing in the library if your children prefer that to the history show. Come for all of the evening or parts of it. Just come and have some fun reminiscing. Bring a neighbor or friend. If you have a transportation need, contact Pastor Kirst or Anne Tigan in the church office.

## Adult Bible Study Continues

You are always welcome to join the Sunday morning adult Bible study group at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room. We are studying the writings attributed to St. Paul. Coffee is served. Bring your Bible.

## Dance Alive at Lakeview

Madison's 28<sup>th</sup> **Dance Alive!**, a celebration of diversity and community through music and dance, will be held on **Friday February 15 from 6:30 to 11:00 PM at Lakeview Lutheran Church**. The celebration begins at 6:30 PM with **Last Gaspe'** providing lively contra and square dance music with instruction and calling by **Steve Pike**. The second half of the evening begins at 9:00 PM with **Cajun Strangers** playing traditional Cajun music until 11:00 PM. Cajun dance instruction will be provided by Deb Bachmann. In addition, at 8:30, the **Vera Court Girl Neighborhood Power Drill Team** will present a dynamic performance and teach us all a few steps. This dance is a collaborative creation of **Dance Alive!** volunteers and **Lakeview Lutheran Church**.



A \$5 to \$10 donation to support the musicians and instructors will be accepted at the door. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the church youth group. **Dance Alive!** events welcome people of all ages, cultures, and abilities in a smoke-free, drug-free, alcohol-free, and barrier-free environment. Information is also available at the **Dance Alive!** website at [www.dancealivemadison.org](http://www.dancealivemadison.org).

## Tim/Dean at Colonial Club

On Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Tim Mueller and Pastor Kirst will be leading a senior presentation on faith and love at the Colonial Club Senior Center in Sun Prairie. The event will begin at 1:30 pm and include a presentation on "love" and the appropriate music provided by Tim. There will be songs to sing together. It will be a time of inspiration, fun, fellowship and music. Join us for the Tim and Dean Show!



# Easter is March 23, 2008

Help to decorate our sanctuary and/or support Meals for Madison.

Deadline is Thursday, February 28, 2008

Plants are **\$10.00 each**. Indicate number of plants. Circle color. Plants may be picked up **AFTER** the 10:30 am Easter worship

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily      \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil      \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips *red/yellow/pink*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths *pink/blue*      \_\_\_\_\_ Mums *yellow/lavender*

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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“Meals for Madison“ **Butterflies** may be purchased for \$10.00 each. They will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter with the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to remember or honor. The money received will be given directly to the St. Mark’s Lutheran Church (ELCA) “Meals for Madison”. A meal is served at this site every Friday Noon for at least 100 people.



Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

You may purchase multiple plants and/or “Butterflies”. Please write one check and attach to this form. Return form and money to the church office or in an offering plate. Make checks to “Lakeview Lutheran Church”