



# BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

March, 2008

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Something important, sad and mysterious is about to happen. It happens once every year. Again, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus is about to be celebrated. For some, that means an annual visit to church on Easter Sunday. For many of us, it means following the walk that Jesus took during the final days of his earthly life. That walk begins on Palm Sunday when we gather to worship with festive songs. We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. We remember that the people came out to see him and waved palm and olive branches as the parade passed by. The people were excited, not knowing exactly why he had come.

On Maundy Thursday, we will be reminded of why Jesus entered Jerusalem. He came there to begin the journey to his death. On this day, we return to the final meal that Jesus had with his disciples before he was betrayed and led off to Golgotha. On this day we remember that Jesus was servant of all and that he gave us a new commandment to love one another. It is an intimate, but anxious time to gather. It's good to have a meal with friends, but it's stressful to know that the next day we will stand at the foot of an instrument of death.

On Good Friday death hangs heavy in the air. The service is stark. The darkness reminds us of the darkness of human sin. But on Easter, the dark veil is lifted as we come to an empty tomb. On Easter we do indeed celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the hope that if we die in a death like his we will also rise in a resurrection like his. Although the celebration of Easter certainly can stand alone, it takes on a much fuller and complete meaning when we take the full journey.

This year, I want to invite you to participate in the entire journey. Walk the walk that Jesus walked with us here at Lakeview. I think you will have a much greater appreciation for the meaning of Easter once you have witnessed the darkness of death. Consider renewing your relationship with the Savior by participating in the full passion story. May your holy week in 2008 open up new insights into your relationship with the God of the resurrection.

Peace,  
Pastor Kirst

***Details about special services during Holy Week can be found in this newsletter.***



## Maundy Thursday

March 19 is Maundy Thursday. We will have two opportunities to gather and reflect on the final meal of Jesus with his disciples. At 12:30 pm worship with Holy Communion will be held in the historic chapel. This service will be very traditional with readings, sermon, hymns, and confession and absolution. At 7:00 pm we will gather in the candlelight of East Hall around tables as we reflect on the meal Jesus had with his disciples in the upper room before his betrayal. Communion will be around tables. The choir will assist to lead this service.



## Good Friday

March 20 is Good Friday, the day to remember Christ's crucifixion. We will gather at 12:30 pm in the historic chapel for liturgy and sermon. Although we will sing hymns, music will be minimal. In the evening the choir will present Douglas Wagner's service of darkness entitled "Shadows" at 7:00 in the sanctuary. We do not celebrate Holy Communion during Good Friday services but wait until we gather for the Easter resurrection celebration.

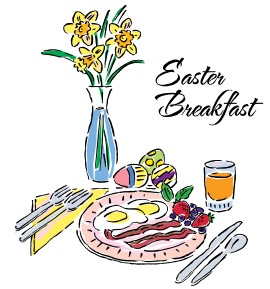


## Easter Worship

Our Easter worship services this year will be on Saturday, March 22 at 5:00 pm in the historic chapel and on Sunday, March 23 at 8:00 and 10:30 am in the sanctuary. All services will include special music and Holy Communion.

## Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter Breakfast will be offered by the youth going on the summer mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in July. It will be served in East Hall on Easter Sunday morning from 8:00 am until 10:15 am. Nelson Walstead will be the adult chairperson for the breakfast and all of the youth will be assisting him. There will be a free-will offering for the breakfast. Everyone is welcome.



## Phenomenal People Raise Phenomenal Dollars

The people of Lakeview contributed \$1000.59 for the Biloxi Loaves and Fishes meal site in our special "Souper Bowl" offering on Super Bowl weekend. What an exciting gift to be able to send off to friends in Biloxi. What a wonderful way to let them know that the victims of Hurricane Katrina have not been forgotten. Thank you Lakeview for your generosity and your passion for working for the reduction of hunger in the world.

## Lakeview Annual Voter's Meeting

Remember the annual meeting of our congregation will be held on Sunday, April 27 beginning as the 10:30 service concludes. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Only voting members have floor and voting privileges. This is a very important meeting of the congregation as we establish a plan of ministry for the upcoming year. It is hoped that all voting members will attend.

# STAFF

## Lakeview Staff Changes



# CHANGES

Recently Tim Mueller, our Director of Liturgical Arts for 2.5 years, announced that he will be leaving us after Easter to have more

time with his family and to focus on his piano studio. At the same time, Anne Tigan, our Parish Health Nurse for 8 years, announced she will be leaving on March 1 to take a position at the UW-Children's Hospital. We will miss both of these dedicated members of the Lakeview ministry team and we wish them many good things and God's richest blessings in their new endeavors. The Lakeview personnel committee has begun meeting to discuss staffing patterns at Lakeview and to reflect these plans in the 2008/09 budget.

## Easter Butterflies

The money raised from our Easter butterflies this year (\$10.00 per butterfly) will go to St. Mark's Lutheran Church hot meal program. St. Mark's serves 100 hot meals every Friday at noon on the south side of Madison. Pastor Mary Pharmer leads this congregation (Pastor Mary is a former Lakeview pastor). We are grateful that we can assist this wonderful food ministry in our community. A butterfly will be hung in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday for each contribution you make to this meal program. Use the enclosed form. Make all checks to "Lakeview Lutheran Church." Thank you for your generous support of this effort.



## Food Pantry Needs

Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Catsup



Each year The Feinstein Foundation, out of Rhode Island, divides \$1 million dollars among hunger fighting agencies nationwide. The agencies, i.e. our food pantry, are given money from the foundation if they make an effort to raise funds for their agency. We can do this by monetary donations, and also by food donations (values at \$1.00 per item or pound).

To that end, all donations, cash, checks and food items, received from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> can be counted. At the end of April, the food pantry sends in the total amount of their donations, plus any announcements concerning the drive to the foundation.

One million dollars will be divided proportionately among all the agencies complying with the above (a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$50,000 to participating agencies. WOW!

On the **March 1 & 2**, there will be a special offering at all services for the pantry to be put towards this effort.

Thank you from all of us at the Food Pantry.

Randi Matthews



# Annual Youth Flower Sale

This summer, the following youth will be going to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota for a mission trip; Linnea Walstead, Ninah Netzel, Alyx Haasl, Ellen Paskey, Ray Luster, Greg Evans-Krueger, Ashton Harris, Alexis Evans-Krueger, Leslie O'Kane, Heidi Stein, Jenna McKee, Megan Olsen, Ryan Foye, Kassi Olson, Cory Meyers, & Charlie Schaack. Chaperones are Linda Schaack, Jim Foye, Kim Harris & Scott Harris. While at Pine Ridge, they will paint houses and lead a community kid's club. The Pine Ridge Reservation has one of the highest poverty rates in our nation.



Again this year the youth will sponsor an America's Best Flower sale to help fund their trip. It's easy to participate. You buy a gift card in any denomination (buy several if you like). You then can purchase shrubbery, flowers and vegetable plants from America's Best for the amount of your gift card. America's Best gives our youth 25% of your purchase amount. Buy a card for \$100. Spend \$100 on flowers. The youth receive \$25 from America's Best toward their trip. By the way, the gift certificate never expires.

America's Best greenhouse, open year around, is one mile east of Madison just off County BB on Vilas Hope Road. During the spring season, they also sell from the parking lot of Menard's East Side and U-Haul in Sun Prairie. Check their web site at [www.americasbestflowers.com](http://www.americasbestflowers.com).

*To help the youth with this fundraiser you can purchase certificates in the church narthex or complete the form below, attach your check to Lakeview Lutheran Church and return it to the church office before April 1, 2008. Thank you for your support!*

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Amount of Certificate (as on check) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to: **Lakeview Lutheran Church**  
**Return by April 1, 2008**

## **Inclement Weather**

With snow, ice, cold and wind sometimes come cancellations. Unfortunately, we have had to do much of that already this winter. Be aware, that if a decision is made to cancel a worship service or other activities at Lakeview, it will be posted on the Lakeview web site at [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org), on the church answering machine and with the 3 local television stations. Most television stations require you to go to their web sites for cancellations other than school closings. If you are unsure about an event, check these locations. If there is nothing posted, the event is taking place.

## **The Bread of Life**

This is an invitation for you to join us for a special biblically based presentation on March 11 in East Hall at the church. Mr. Bert Whitcombe, an activist from the Episcopalian tradition from Fergus Falls MN, will be leading a program that will give us an understanding of how basic and necessary foods and the preparation process of these foods can help us Re-member ourselves to our rich heritages and to Re-store ourselves to a positive direction with the earth. As part of this presentation, Mr. Whitcombe will be having participants assist with bread making from basic ingredients. Anyone is invited to attend this event. You are encouraged to arrive at 9:00 am for some breakfast refreshments, coffee and fellowship. Mr. Whitcombe will begin his presentation at 9:30 am.

**1 hour on  
Saturday,  
March 8, 2008**



## **Celebrate Anne!**

With sadness, we will say good-bye to our parish nurse, Anne Tigan on March 2 during the 10:30 am worship service. The congregation is invited to attend that worship service and the reception for Anne that will immediately follow worship. This will be your chance to send Anne forward into new endeavors with your blessing and well wishes. Mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance.

## **Fundraiser for Andersons**

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 9 PM at the Westside club, a Circle of Friends will hold a fundraiser for Mary and Charlie Anderson, who are members of Lakeview Lutheran Church. This is a chance to say "thank you" to a couple that have donated their time, talent and support to families facing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

For 13 years, Mary and Charlie cared for Charlie's grandparents in their home while raising two children. Goldie (grandmother) had dementia and in searching for help, Mary recognized the enormity of the unmet needs of caregivers. To meet the need she started an information and support service that eventually became the South Central chapter of the Alzheimer Association.

Mary suffered a stroke that left her right side paralyzed six years ago. Subsequently, she has had severe shoulder injuries, a hip fracture, knee replacement, a heart attack and surgery for a benign tumor. Fifteen days after her heart attack, Charlie had a heart attack leaving him in a coma for 10 days followed by quadruple by-pass surgery. Charlie and Mary are the parents of Patty Castillo, also a member of our congregation.

Medical expenses have far exceeded their insurance coverage and pocketbook. This benefit gives us a chance to show we are "a circle of friends". Contact Betty Dorow (241-1379) or Patty Castillo (335-4248) for more information, raffle tickets and event tickets.



## Usher Teams 2007

Todd Schaack 241-3565

\* Team Captain

### Early Service

#### Team A

Joanne Cotter 244-8004  
 Philip Knudsvig 249-4699  
 Nate Campbell 243-1446  
 Keith Kerl 846-8639

#### Team B

\*Art Zogbaum 241-5141  
 Pat Davis 249-6847  
 Cody Davis 249-6847

#### Team C

\* Steve Diemer 244-1178  
 Liz Seymour 230-3154  
 David Seymour 249-9388  
 Blanche Herritz 249-6275  
 David Smith 249-7168

#### Team D

\*Nate Campbell 243-1446  
 5th and 6th grade  
 Sunday School Students

### Late Service

#### Team G

\*Terry Warnke 244-2047  
 Frank Leverenz 230-3603  
 Dave Haselow 244-0297  
 Steele Schilling 249-1891

#### Team H

\*Chris DuPré 249-0585  
 James Foye 241-5444  
 Daniel Zinsmeister 246-4244  
 Roberta Kiesow 249-7809  
 John Dyar 833-2728

#### Team I

\*Bob Mohrmann 249-5241  
 Garry Puzach 849-4731  
 Tracy Stamm 850-3502  
 Nicholas Stamm 850-3502

#### Team K

\*Todd Schaack 241-3565  
 Linda Schaack 241-3565  
 Charlie Schaack 241-3565  
 Joe Schaack 241-3565

## Counter Teams 2007



#### Team A

Colleen Kerl 846-8639  
 Blanche Herritz 249-6275

#### Team B

Bill/Cally Bashor 825-1419  
 Gary/Joyce McElmurry 244-1643

#### Team C

Al Wessel/Ellen Bethel 246-3917

#### Team D

Barry Jensen 244-6415  
 Darlene Younger 244-9460  
 Steve Norton 846-3886

#### Team E

Rick Blanchard 846-7905  
 Phil Uekert 241-8869