

BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church Madison, Wisconsin June/July/August 2008



Sunday worship is at **9:00 am** only. Saturday worship continues at **5:00 pm** in the chapel.



Information concerning upcoming Bible studies:

The Summer Bible Study is a three-session study. It expands on the theme of the 2008 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering, "Come to the Waters". It is an invitation to "walk wet" – to remember, affirm, and celebrate baptism throughout life.

The 2008 – 2009 Bible Study; The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom stories from Ruth, Daniel, and Esther. Hidden hand refers to the often - unseen presence of God in our lives or in the lives of those we love – and how we are called to live through such times. Ruth: "The Journey Begins", "A Plan for Security", Esther "Two Queens in Persia", "Faithful Disobedience".

Focus on Health is also a part of each monthly Bible Study. These include: "Ouch!", "Aging Gracefully", "The Scoop", "Are You at Risk for Colon Cancer?".

There is a nationwide appeal by Lutheran World Relief for more Quilts, Health Kits, layettes, School and Sewing Kits, and soap. This was published previous to the most recent catastrophes: tornados, cyclones, and earthquake. The need is greater than ever.

Summer Office Hours

Church office hours for the summer are:

Mon.—Thurs.
9:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am—12 Noon



Rally Day 2008

There will be a slight change in dates for Rally Weekend in September.



Our annual Rally Day Celebration with outdoor worship and picnic will be held on Sunday, September 14. Our theme for the day will be "**Justice, Jesus, Jazz.**" The theme will

help us all get excited as we look toward the National Youth Gathering in July 2009. Mark your calendars for Rally Day.

Have a good summer.
Keep the faith,
Shirley Storkson

Youth to Pine Ridge

Our high school youth and adult chaperones will be leaving on Saturday July 5 for a week of mission work on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. On the way to Pine Ridge, the group will sleep a night in the basement of First Lutheran Church in Mitchell SD. They will visit the world famous Corn Palace. On the reservation, the youth and chaperones will participate in two tasks; painting houses and leading Kid's Club (like Vacation Bible School). They will be sleeping and eating in the Wings of Eagles Center (former church buildings)



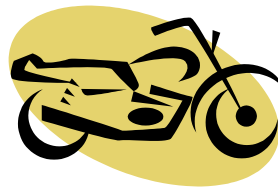
on the reservation. They will not have access to showers on site so will travel to another location to get clean. During their week on the reservation, they will be joined by two Roman Catholic groups and a Presbyterian group. These trips offer great ecumenical opportunities for our youth. One evening on the reservation the group will attend a buffalo feed at Poker Joe's and another evening will be spent at the Wounded Knee Massacre Site. There will also be a softball game and a hike at Camel's Back. When the congregation agrees to support a trip like this, you give our youth the opportunity to leave their comfortable home/community environments and experience an entirely different way of life through hands on work. We call it "**getting out of our comfort zones.**" Although there is expense with these trips, the bonding, the knowledge, and the experience that these youth will return with is priceless. Once the youth leave the reservation, they will spend a day in Shokapee MN at the Valley Fair Amusement and Water Park having fun. Remember to keep all of these travelers in your prayers. The adult chaperones are Linda Schaack, Scott and Kim Harris and Jim Foye. The youth include Alexis Evans-Krueger, Greg Evans-Krueger, Ryan Foye, Alyx Haasl, Ashton Harris, Ray Luster, Jenna McKee, Cory Meyers, Ninah Netzel, Leslie O'Kane, Megan Olsen, Kassi Olson, Ellen Paskey, Charlie Schaack, Heidi Stein and Linnea Walstead.

Financial Update

Thank you to everyone who supports Lakeview Lutheran Church with their financial gifts. On Holy Trinity Weekend we heard from the gospel of Matthew that our call as disciples is to teach and baptize and to proclaim God's gracious love to the world. Responding to that call does cost money and each year we develop an **Annual Plan for Ministry** that includes what we expect to spend on mission and ministry, including staffing and building maintenance. During April 2008, our weekly contributions totaled \$19,973.10. To meet our **Annual Plan for Ministry** and pay the mortgage, we require \$28,557.00 per month. We're a little behind but not drastic at this time. Remember that even during the summer months, while some of us will travel, camp and vacation, the costs associated with discipleship and ministry at Lakeview will continue. Many congregations have encouraged members to share their government issued "stimulus" tax returns with the church and that's fine. We just encourage everyone to take the role of discipleship seriously, as we do so well around here. When we do that, our gifts are given with great joy and enthusiasm. Travel safely this summer. Find rest and relaxation. Enjoy God's gift of creation. Worship regularly.

Join us for a great ride!

Motorcycle riding group will be leaving from Lakeview Lutheran Church parking lot for fun food and fellowship at 10:30 am on the following dates:



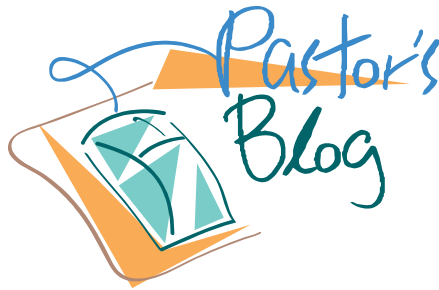
June 1st
July 13th
August 17th

If it is raining, we can take cars. For more information and to RSVP, please call Dick or Karen Munson. All Motorcyclists and people interested in motorcycling are invited!

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Shortly after you receive this newsletter, I will begin the cherished sabbatical that you have gifted to Kris and I. We really appreciate this opportunity to have some time to relax and find refreshment. I look forward to enjoying some bike rides, reading some books that have piled up and are waiting in my living room and accomplishing some household repairs that seem to end up on the back burner---YUCK!



We are particularly excited to be spending time exploring the civil rights movement of the 1960's. Since Kris and I both have a passion for equality and justice, we will look at how racism has been lifted up in our nation's history. We will also have the opportunity to consider how our society and the church continue to support separation and segregation today. Hopefully, our experiences will give us additional skills for breaking down barriers and walls established by race, gender, sexual orientation and religion. As people of God and disciples of Christ, we are called to be in harmony with all of creation. We know this isn't an easy task, but we believe that with education and exposure, the task becomes less difficult. I look forward to being able to share things with you upon my return to Lakeview.

It does indeed seem odd to think about walking out of the office in June and being away for this length of time. I tend to be a bit of a workaholic so I hope I can handle this. I know I'll be anxious for the fall to begin at Lakeview. And since you voted to call a full-time associate pastor, the fall programs will be increased, enhanced and filled with excitement.

My prayer is that each of you has a good summer. I pray that you are safe and that you have opportunities for refreshment. Worship at Lakeview, or when in another community, visit another church. Find out how other denominations and congregations worship. We look forward to doing that throughout the south. I'll see you all on August 30, 2008. And again, thank you for this gift!

Peace,
Pastor Kirst



National Youth Gathering

Summer 2009-Youth Trip to New Orleans to the Triennial ELCA National Youth Gathering. Theme-*"Justice, Jesus, Jazz"* Anyone in high school during the 2008-09 school year will be eligible.

Summer Worship/Music at Lakeview Lutheran Church

Since Advent 2006, our congregation has been using liturgies and hymns from the new hymnal entitled "Evangelical Lutheran Worship-ELW." We have been using these sources in combination with many other liturgy and hymn sources. This summer, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, we are only going to use music from the ELW.



This will give us an opportunity to find out what has all been included in this new resource for our church. We will sing a selection of hymns that reflect our past traditions and we will

sing hymns that reflect the new diversity within the Lutheran church. It will be an exciting opportunity for everyone. If you would like to purchase your own copy of the ELW, you can do that at Madison Church Supply on South Park Street. The cost is \$20. Listed here are the summer hymns and the dates we will be singing them.

- 6/01** As we gather at your table—#522
My hope is built on nothing less—#597
The Lord now sends us forth—#538
- 6/08** You are holy—#525
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me—#860
Go my children, with my blessing—#543
- 6/15** Praise to the Lord—#858
We all are one in mission—#576
To be your presence -#546
- 6/22** Oh sing to the Lord—#822
Lord, speak to us,
that we may speak—#676
I love to tell the story—#661
- 6/29** All are welcome—#641
There's a wideness in God's mercy—#588
Rock of ages—#623

- 7/6** Before you Lord we bow—#893
Lord of all hopefulness—#765
This is my song—#887
- 7/13** Light dawns on a weary world—#726
Almighty God your word is cast—#516
You are mine—#581
- 7/20** Golden breaks the dawn—#852
Build us up Lord—#670
Blessed assurance—#638
- 7/27** We eat the bread of teaching—#518
What a friend we have in Jesus—#742
Goodness is stronger than evil—#721
- 8/3** We eat the bread of teaching—#518
O Christ your heart, compassion—#722
Goodness is stronger than evil—#721
- 8/10** Calm to the waves—#794
My life flows on in endless song—#763
Precious Lord take my hand—#773
- 8/17** How great thou art—#856
In Christ there is no east or west—#650
God be with you till we meet again—#536
- 8/24** We sing to you O God—#791
The church's one foundation—#654
My hope is built on nothing less—#596
- 8/31** We sing to you O God—#791
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song—#808
Jesus loves me—#595

Food Pantry Needs

**Cr. Mushroom Soup
Toilet Paper**



Dear Lakeview,

During the next three months, I will be supplying pastoral services at Lakeview Lutheran Church. My name is Ron Mach. I am a retired ELCA pastor and have substituted for your pastor on vacation weekends in the past. With Carol, my wife, I am living at Oakwood Village East and am neighbor to some Lakeview members.

While Pastor Kirst is on sabbatical for refreshment and renewal, I have been contracted by your Church Council to collaborate with staff, lead worship on weekends and respond to pastoral care needs. I plan to meet with Nancy in the church office on Tuesday mornings and be available to members during the hours of 9:00 am to Noon. I can be available by appointment before and after worship times each week as well.

The Old Testament readings for summer in Genesis include the great stories of our ancestors in faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Joseph. I will be focusing sermons on those lessons with the overall theme: **OUR GENESIS FAMILY TREE: SINNERS AND SAINTS.**

Sincerely,
Pastor Mach

Dear Fellow Lakeview Congregation,

We want to thank you, Pastor Kirst and the Lakeview staff for your generous contributions & support for the successful benefit that was held on March 29, 2008 in our honor. The benefit was held to help us pay our outstanding bills from the numerous hospitalizations & illnesses the two of us had over the past seven (7) years. It will really help us pay on these bills.

Thanks you very much and God bless each one of you.

Sincerely,
Mary & Charles Anderson

RUMMAGE SALE!!!!

WOW!!!! The grand total for our rummage sale was \$4,229.00!!!! Is that fantastic or what? Pastor Dean was dancing all the way to the bank!!!!

Thank you to everyone who worked to make this event such a success. I don't dare list names because I will undoubtedly miss someone. No matter what you did or how long you did it for – helped set up, marked, donated, took in money, bagged, greeted visitors – your help was appreciated. This wouldn't have been a success without all of you. A particular thanks to everyone who helped clear the room and load the truck. We were completely finished in less than 45 minutes!!! And to everyone who baked a cake – thank you. The two I bought were YUMMY!!!!



A special thanks to the amazing members of the committee: Janet Adams, Lynn Case and Rene Puzach. All of them put in countless hours organizing and marking (especially Rene, our organizational whiz) and then working the three days of the sale. Special thanks, too, to Pastor for all the extra time he spent marking items and to Verallyn Cline who worked every minute of the sale and just about every night the week before. And to John Frey who came up with extra tables on Thursday night and set up the flags outside – thanks.

I think we should do it again next year!!!

Mary Cragin

Silent Auction

If you have not picked up/paid for the items you won at the Auction, please do so as soon as possible at the church office.

Sunday School Survey—2008

Do you have children aged birth – 12 years old? ___YES ___NO

If you have children aged 3-12, do they attend Sunday School? ___YES ___NO ___Sometimes

If you answered “NO”, why doesn’t your child(ren) attend? (check all that apply)

- Sunday mornings are not convenient
- 9:15 am is too early
- We have conflicts with weekend sports schedules
- I/we work weekends
- My child(ren) doesn’t like to attend
- We’ve had a negative experience
 - with other children
 - with a teacher or another adult
- Attending Sunday School is not important to us
- My child(ren) thinks Sunday School is boring
- My child(ren) does not have friends that attend
- The activities are out-dated and not relevant
- Class sizes are too large
- Class sizes are too small
- We don’t feel safe leaving our child(ren)
- My child(ren) has special needs
- We’re not familiar with the program
- Other _____

If you answered “YES”, why does your child(ren) attend? (check all that apply)

- Sunday mornings are a convenient time
- My child(ren) likes to attend
- We feel Sunday School offers a positive experience
- Teachers & adults are friendly and caring
- Classes are well-supervised and staffed
- We feel it is important to attend Sunday School
- We force our child(ren) to attend, even though they’d rather not
- My child(ren) has friends that attend
- The activities are interesting and relevant
- We feel our child(ren) is in a safe environment
- Other _____

Sunday School should be held at:

- 9:15 am
- 10:30 am (during the worship service)
- 11:30 am
- Saturday mornings
- Other _____

In your opinion, Sunday School activities should include following: (check all that apply)

- Singing/vocal
 - Playing instruments
 - Dance
 - Skits

 - Prayer
 - Bible stories & characters
 - Small Catechism (10 Commandments, Apostles Creed, etc)
 - Faith Traits (love, kindness, generosity, cooperation, respect, peace, etc.)
 - Memorization of verses, books of the Bible, etc.
 - Same-age classroom-based lessons and activities
 - Small group lessons and activities
 - Mixed age lessons and activities
 - Group or rotational lessons and activities
 - Multi-generational lessons and activities
 - Family lessons/activities
 - Computer or multi-media based lessons and activities
 - Service or volunteer projects
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Participation in worship services
 - Other _____
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The Children's Christmas Program (check all that apply)

should be held on
 Sunday morning Saturday or Sunday afternoon Saturday or Sunday evening

The program content should be
 Traditional Christmas pageant Contemporary story Multi-generational

We typically attend worship services (check all that attend)

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Occasionally Never

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? _____

Bashford's Youth Troupe and Faith Co.
Presents
4th Annual Dinner Theater Benefit

The Attic

A Tribute to Life's Memories

Friday, August 22, 2008 - 7:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm
Saturday, August 23, 2008 – 7:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm
Sunday, August 24, 2008 – 10:00 am Brunch 12:00

Proceeds from this benefit will support:

The Heather Wipperfurth Scholarship Fund
Lakeview Lutheran Food Pantry
Bashford Food Pantry
Bashford Youth Ministries

\$10 donation /person

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