

BEACON

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

September 2008

Jesus, Justice and Jazz Rally Day 2008

We will celebrate the return of our programming on Sunday, September 14. Worship is at 8:00 am in the sanctuary.



Breakfast refreshments will be available in the Fellowship Room at 8:30 am. Pastor Kirst will show slides of his sabbatical in the sanctuary at 9:00 am.

Confirmation students and parents will attend this slide show along with anyone else who is interested. Sunday school begins at 9:15 am in the lower level. Outdoor worship begins at 10:30 am on the grass in front of the chapel. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. The social ministry group will be hosting a bake sale to begin raising money for CROP and our 2008 CROP walk T-shirts will be available for sale. Then, immediately after the worship service, anyone who wants is invited to get wet as we play in water in the parking lot! Since we were unable to end Vacation Bible School with water balloons and swimming pools in June, we will do it on Rally Sunday. Bring a towel. Everyone coming to worship on Rally weekend is invited to bring an item for the Lakeview Food Pantry that begins with the letter "J," (jam, jelly, java, Jello, etc.). All are welcome to come and worship and enjoy the morning. The nursery will be supervised all morning.

Book of Faith

The ELCA is encouraging all members to be more active in reading the Bible. The Book of Faith Initiative has been established to encourage us to do that. At Lakeview, we will be offering a plan to read the Bible as a group. A pastor will be present at every reading session. This is not a Bible study, it's a Bible reading — from cover to cover. We will be reading the Contemporary English Version-CEV. It's solid and relatively easy to understand. You may bring your own CEV or you may purchase a soft cover edition from the church office for \$3.00. We will begin these readings on Wednesday, September 10 from noon until 12:45 pm in the Conference Room, on Sunday, September 14 from 7:00 to 7:45 am in the Fellowship Room and on Sunday, September 14 from 11:30 am to 12:15pm in West Hall. If you want more information, contact Pastor Dean or Pastor Laurie.

Music Program Update

A group of Lakeview musicians will meet with the pastors on September 7 to discuss meeting the music program staffing needs of Lakeview. They will then take a recommendation to the Personnel Committee and the church council. You will be appraised of what the future music program plans will be. We will have a choir, bell choir, weekend organ/piano player and praise ensemble.

Youth to Pine Ridge

Wonderful, hot, exhausting, fun, crazy, sad and hard are just some of the words that describe the Summer Mission trip. I think I can say without any doubt that the 16 youth and 4 adult chaperones had a great time at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We found the Lakota people warm, friendly and generous. We had a very busy 9 days traveling 2,200 miles.

We took in some sight seeing both before and after the mission work, including the SPAM Museum, the Corn Palace, Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Monument and Valley Fair amusement park.



During our week at Pine Ridge, our church group broke into 3 smaller work groups and split our time between a kid's club and painting houses. The other churches at YouthWorks for the week were from South Carolina, Minnesota and Michigan. In addition to our

busy days, our evenings were packed with activities, including Monday's visit to a local ranch that raised buffalo. The youth had the opportunity to feed the buffalo and we listened to the story of the White Buffalo. Of the few "sacred" White Buffalo born, this particular ranch had two born in 1996, although they were both gone at this time. On Tuesday evening we went on a hike up CamelsBack, a series of hills near the Manderson area. Wednesday evening we traveled to the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre and listened to the story as told by Emerson Elk, a descendant of Black Elk a Wounded Knee survivor. It was a very moving experience. The evening activities concluded on Thursday with the community cook-out. Individuals living in the vicinity of the YouthWorks camp site were invited to attend the cookout. One of the families that attended brought their drum and performed a drum circle and got all of us involved in a couple of dances. It was a wonderful way to end the week.

A special Thank You to all members of the congregation who provided monetary support and prayers for our trip.

Linda Schaack

Keeping the Vision Fresh: 2008-2009 Sunday School

A fresh new year of Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 14 at 9:15 am. Ages 3-1/2 years old to 6th grade are all welcome. Complete the registration form in advance or submit on Sunday September 14.

We all have God-given talents & gifts -- and we invite you to share your abilities with our Sunday School program. We are looking for volunteers such as teachers, helpers, planners, musicians, and crafters. Our mission as volunteers is to teach the children about Jesus, and to let them see Jesus in us as well. Whether you are a construction worker, a teenager, retired, or a single parent -- God calls us all.

Contact Christine Stamm at 850-3502, cstamm@tds.net or the Church Office.

2009 National Youth Gathering

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held in July 2009 in New Orleans. Our congregation will be participating. Any youth attending high school during the 2008/09 school year may register and attend. Registration forms have been mailed to high school youth and their parents. Additional forms are in the church narthex. YOUTH MUST BE REGISTERED BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2008 TO ATTEND! See Pastor Dean if you have questions.

Lefse Rolling!!

YES, it's LEFSE ROLLING TIME AGAIN!!!
Lefse rolling will begin on:

Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 23rd at 9:00 am

Many helping hands are needed to make this a success. We need at least 13 people at the Sunday sessions and 10 people at the Tuesday session. Check out the sign up sheet in the narthex and join in the fun!!! For questions or more information, call Carol Rohde at 249-9122.



Dear Friends,

“Follow me!” According to the writers of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John, when Jesus was ready to start his ministry and gather disciples, he simply said, “follow me!” “Follow me and I will make you fish for people!” The early disciples didn’t go out looking for Jesus. Jesus came to them. In like manner, Jesus seeks disciples today. Jesus comes to the regular, ordinary, everyday, sinful people of the world, including you and me, and invites us to come and follow him. It’s good for us to reflect on these simple words and this brief invitation of our Lord and Savior. It is good to be reminded that we can’t go out looking for Jesus, because he is out looking for us. He finds us and then he offers those words, “Follow me!” Each one of us is invited to follow Jesus and do what he does. We are invited to join him as he worships, praises and gives thanks to the God who gives us life. We are invited to follow Jesus as he comes before this same God in prayer, sometimes in prayers of gratitude and sometimes in prayers for strength and guidance. We are invited to follow Jesus as he stumps through the countryside meeting up with people who are blind, covered with sores, hungry, filled with demons, homeless and the victims of all kinds of oppressions. We are invited to follow this Jesus who is always about acceptance and hospitality. We are invited to follow this Jesus who eats and drinks with the sinners and the poor and the rich and the religious leaders. We are invited to follow this Jesus who said, “Love God with all your heart and soul and might, and then love your neighbor as yourself.” “Follow me!” How do we each hear Jesus’ call to follow him? How do our words and actions reflect that we follow Jesus? How do we reflect to the world around us that we are Jesus’ disciples and that we trust in his forgiveness, love and promise of new life? As we begin a new program year at Lakeview Lutheran Church, we are reminded that Jesus calls us, his disciples, with these words, “Follow me!”

Peace,
Pastor Kirst

First with Kirst

Pastor **KIRST** will be hosting a pot - luck supper for all members of the congregation and their friends on the **FIRST** Sunday evening of every month in East Hall. He’s calling the event “First with Kirst” so you remember the night. This will begin on October 5. Anyone who attends is asked to bring dish to share. We eat whatever comes. Table service and beverages will be provided. Pastor will come up with some fun, goofy activity for every event. This is a time for fun and fellowship and everyone can participate. See you in the East Hall at 5:00 pm on October 5 for “First with Kirst.”

Justice with Amos, Micah and Jesus

Come to the adult/older youth Sunday morning Bible study led by Pastor Dean. It will begin on September 21 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Room. He will be using the prophets of old, found in our Old Testament Bible, to look at justice and then at how Jesus lives that out and calls us to do likewise. If you have an interest in justice in our world, you should attend this study. If you have an interest in Old Testament prophets, you should attend this study. If you want a better understanding of how Jesus lived and of how he calls his followers to live, you should attend this study. Bring a Bible. We’ll have coffee!

Moving? Did you forget something?

Please remember to inform the church office when moving. Newsletters are not forwarded but returned to Lakeview at a cost of .65 cents per copy. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

A Note from the Associate Pastor

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ
(and your new Associate Pastor, Laurie Veenendaal),

The first order of business is to thank all of you who came to celebrate my ordination at St. Martin's on Aug. 9. It is certainly a day I will never forget and it means a lot that so many from Lakeview made the time to come. The experience of presiding at the Eucharist for the first time I can only describe as transcendent and holy. To have my husband Bill, our children, my sister, Kathy, my father, and my mother listening in, thanks to "techie" kids, was also such a gift.

There are days in anyone's life when change comes dramatically, and suddenly. It may be a good change, or an unwanted one, but as we look back at these "signposts," we often think of them as turning points in our passage through life and wonder how things might have been different if Then there are days for which we pray, or dream or hope, or sometimes, it must be said, even dread, and either way, there we are—with a new life. As I write this, I am contemplating how really unspeakable is my joy and thankfulness to be a pastor. If I could actually DO what the women in either of these pictures is doing, they would express my feelings pretty well!



Since I am remaining in a city with which I am familiar, many things remain the same, and yet everything is different. How does one begin a new life? Just like one begins new life in God each day—one step, one prayer, at a time. This morning, Monday, August 18, 2008, my ministry as a pastor began by assisting Pastor Mach with communion during a funeral. It also began with composing an article for the monthly news letter, with organizing my desk, with getting dates on calendars, with meeting the many people who have dropped in to say, "Welcome to Lakeview," and remembering to stop to pray throughout the day so that the Holy Spirit can get a word in edgewise!

I am getting to know the North and East parts of Madison a little better each day, and made some visits with Pastor Mach. The next two weeks will be more visiting, preparation for Confirmation, preaching, installation, and more getting to know the neighborhood. I am "psyched" as my kids would say, and it sounds like Pastor Dean is too, from what I've heard so far. I hope you will feel free to drop in, introduce yourself, offer thoughts, suggestions, and comments. As Norma Cook Everest at Wartburg always says, "the ministry of daily life is the real life of the church." I agree.

"And now to God who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed . . ." be praise and thanksgiving. (Romans 16.25-26)

Pastor Laurie

Food Pantry Needs

Syrup
Meal-in-a-Can



Money Matters

At the August council meeting, treasurer Amy Butrymowicz informed the council that we are about \$13,000 behind in our annual giving. We are not in a panic situation and all bills have been paid. However, bills are lighter in the summer and tend to be greater during the winter and program months. If we continue with this trend, we could be in a panic situation. Sometimes during the summer, people get behind in their giving. The council is asking everyone to make a good effort of getting up to date with giving. Ministry takes money, we all know that and our call to discipleship is a call to do ministry. The council also wishes to thank everyone who continues to support the many ministries of Lakeview with their financial gifts. Also, thank you to all the volunteer hours that occur each week to assure ministry happens from this place.

Sabbatical Slide Show

On Rally Sunday, September 14, Pastor Dean will present a slide show in the sanctuary of his recent sabbatical trip. There will be several components to this show. There will be many slides of interest to the civil rights movement of the 1960's. There will also be pictures of people and homes in Biloxi and St. Bernard Parish where the members/friends of Lakeview have worked since Hurricane Katrina. You will see the gratitude that these families have toward the people of Lakeview. The slide show will include pictures of the community of Bayou La Batre where the Lakeview youth spent a week in 2004 doing mission work. The city of Atlanta is well represented with the National MLK Center and various places that our youth visited when they

attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in that city in 2003. There will be pictures of the beautiful and historic city of Savannah Georgia and of course, there will be some shots of Tybee Island. The thing you won't see in the slide show is a picture of Pastor Dean in a Speedo at the beach! Give God thanks for this small favor! The presentation will end in time for everyone to attend the outdoor worship at 10:30 am. Feel free to invite a friend to enjoy the show.

New Meeting Schedule

Since Pastor Laurie will have Monday as her weekly day off, the church council has changed the meeting schedule for council and ministries at Lakeview. The council will meet at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. The ministries of Lakeview will meet at 7:30 pm on the even numbered months—October, December, February, April, June, August. Yes, this means that the council will only have a one-hour meeting on those months. It also means that the ministries will meet in formal meetings only 6 times per year. However, ministries may meet as often each month as they individually feel is necessary. Also, the Finance Ministry will meet every time the ministries are scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

Pastor Office Hours

With the addition of Pastor Laurie to the Lakeview staff, we now have the luxury of having a pastor in the church office every day during the work week. Pastor Dean will continue to take Friday as his day off. Pastor Laurie will take Monday as her day off. Both pastors will be present to lead worship on Sunday mornings. Only the pastor who is scheduled to preach the sermon will be present at Saturday evening worship. Both pastors are excited to be working together and serving the people of Lakeview. Contact the pastors directly or the church office if you have a pastoral need or if you simply wish to speak with a pastor.

Welcome Pastor Laurie Veenendaal



We are very excited to welcome Pastor Laurie Veenendaal to Lakeview Lutheran Church. Pastor Laurie's first day at Lakeview was August 18th. Pastor Laurie graduated from Wartburg Seminary in May with a Master's of Divinity and was ordained at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Cross Plains on August 9th.

Laurie and her husband Bill were married in 1992 and for the first ten years of their marriage lived as a blended family comprised of Bill's children, Adam and Eric and Laurie's children Ben, Lucas and Julie. Pastor Laurie's background is in education, she has a B.A. in both English Education and Psychology, and a M.A. in Secondary Education. Prior to attending seminary, Pastor Laurie taught English for the Waunakee school district in both the middle and high schools. Pastor Laurie will be working side by side with Pastor Dean on all ministries. With the calling of a second pastor we are looking forward to the growth in our church ministries that a second pastor allows.

Please take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome her into your church.

Installation of Pastor Laurie

Pastor Laurie Veenendaal began her call at Lakeview on August 18, 2008. She will be installed as our pastor on September 21 during the 10:30 am worship service. Pastor Blake Rohrer, Assistant to the Bishop, will install her and preach at this service. There will be special music. Immediately after the service, everyone is invited to East Hall for a potluck dinner with Pastor Laurie and her husband Bill. The church council will be providing BBQ pork and chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and veggie burgers. They will provide beverages and table service. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a salad or dessert or another food contribution for the meal. Come and celebrate with Pastor Laurie and the Lakeview community.

Please make note of the following events.

The 2008-2009 Lutheran Woman Today Bible study begins in September. "The Hidden Hand of God" contains sessions on Esther and Daniel 1-2, and Ruth and Daniel 3-6. The two authors are the Rev. Gwen Sayler a professor of Hebrew Bible at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA., and The Rev. Ann Fritschel is associate professor of Hebrew Bible at Wartburg Seminary. I am looking forward to this study. Many of us are familiar with "Ruth" and "Esther" and have heard their stories many times. However, this will be new to us and open many discussions.

THE MESSENGERS ARE COMING. If you attended last year's performance I know you won't want to miss this gospel singing group. If you missed last year this is an opportunity to enjoy their talents. Yes, they will be at our Salad Supper on Tuesday, September 30th. Bring your favorite salad and a friend. Supper at 6:00 pm, program 7:00 pm. This is for everyone, bring family and friends

September 20th is the East West Conference Gathering at Good Shepherd, Madison. The session includes music, beading, sharing by Mary Kay Baum of her early onset of dementia, reports on Triennial Convention and new Bible study. This begins with registration at 8:30 am and concludes with a salad luncheon. Contact me for details.

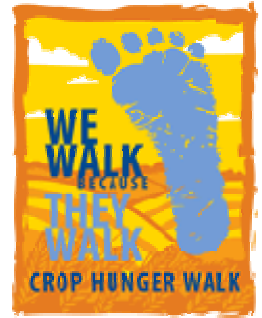
There are two dates for the annual "Updates" held by the Synodical Woman's Organization for the South - Central Wisconsin Synod. Anyone interested I have more information. The dates are Sept. 14th and Sept. 20th.

It is not too early to make plans for the annual bazaar held in connection with the Lufefisk Dinner. The date is Nov. 7th. It is good to work with one another for the good of our church and the community. More later...

Keep the faith,
Shirley Storkson

It's time! Time for the 34th Annual Madison Area CROP Hunger Walk

Mark your calendar and save this date for the CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 12, 2008. We need you to participate more than ever this year. With the downturn in the economy, high gas and food prices, and loss of jobs in the area, many people in our neighborhood, our community and around the world are hurting and need our help. The Dane County Food Pantries report a 15% increase in usage for the first 6 months of 2008. Chris Brockel, manager of Food Resources for the Community Action Coalition, reports an expected 100,000 visits to area food pantries by the end of the year, up from 85,000 in each of the last two years. Twenty-five percent of the total dollars raised by CROP helps feed our local community. That was more than \$20,500 in 2007!



As a kick-off for CROP, we are planning a Bake Sale on Rally Day Sunday, September 14th – “Cookies and Cupcakes for CROP.” We need people to bake and people to buy. You might bake some CROP cookies or cupcakes but we’ll sell anything that comes in to us on that day. If you don’t have time to bake, bring something fancy from a bakery. Bring to the church kitchen on Friday or Saturday (if open) or by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Be sure to clearly mark it for CROP. All profits to go to our CROP account. (Remember last year when pies sold for \$35 to \$50 per pie and we received over \$900 on that day for CROP!) Sign up in the narthex.

Can we surpass the \$10,400 Lakeview raised last year? What can you do?

- Bake something to donate for the bake sale.
 - Buy a CROP t-shirt for \$10.00 and proudly wear it when you ask others to support you with a pledge and again on the day of the event.
 - Take a pledge form and ask your family, friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers to support you with a pledge. The more people you ask, even a pledge of \$5.00 or \$10.00, when added together with everyone else – DOES make a difference.
 - Make a pledge to sponsor yourself. Write your pledge first before you ask others to sponsor you.
 - Educate others about hunger and the needs right here in Madison.
 - Walk, rock in a rocking chair if you can’t walk, or volunteer to register or bake cookies on the day of the event.
 - Join our online team – the “Lakeview Lutheran Lucky Stars” to raise at least \$2,500 in online pledges. Go to www.churchworldservice.org/crop (or Google CROP), go to Wisconsin and then the Madison Walk to join our team. Set up your personal page as part of our team, and email your friends to support you with a pledge.
- Pray regularly for the success of CROP this year.

Thrivent will match what we raise for CROP up to \$600.

Lakeview Lutheran Church
Sunday School Registration 2008-2009
 (ages 3-1/2 – 6th Grade)

Return this completed form to the Church Office or in the box in the narthex

Child's Full Name	Date of Birth mm/dd/yy	Current Age	Grade in School 2008-09
1.			
2.			
3.			
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5.			
6.			

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home ph: _____ Cell ph: _____

e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Ph: _____

Preferred Hospital: _____

Special needs or concerns: List child(ren)'s name and any special needs or concerns that we should be aware of:

Special Talents: My child(ren) plays an instrument (list: _____)

____ Sing ____ Acts ____ Other _____

____ Contact me! I am interested in learning more

____ Classroom teacher or team-teacher ____ Special Projects & Events

____ Parish Education Committee ____ Substitute Teacher ____ Christmas Program

Questions? Contact Christine Stamm, Sunday School Superintendent
 Via the church office 244-6181 cstamm@merr.com