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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

October 2008

First With Kirst-October 5

Monthly Sunday evening potlucks begin on October 5 in the East Hall at 5:00 pm. Pastor Kirst will be hosting these monthly events and everyone is invited to attend. Dress casual, bring food to share and just enjoy an evening with others from Lakeview and the community. On October 5 we will also serve baked chicken. Beverages and table service will be provided. All lefse rollers are invited to join us to eat that evening as we will all be sharing East Hall. After the meal, learn about lefse and even try rolling a piece! Lots of fun for everyone.



Book of Faith

We are meeting every Wednesday at noon and Sundays at 7:00 am and 11:30 am to read the Bible. Many people have purchased a CEV Bible for this reading and are joining us. We are also posting the weekly readings in the weekend worship books so if you miss a session or if you prefer to read at home at the same pace, you can do so.



Bible Distribution

On Sunday, October 12 all Sunday school children who are age 3 or in the 3rd grade will receive Bibles during the worship service at 10:30. The Sunday school children will also be singing that day and after their song, the children and their parents will come forward to participate in the Bible distribution. We celebrate that we are able to place a Bible in the hands of our youth.

Habitat for Humanity Presentation

Many of you know that Habitat for Humanity is undertaking a very large building project of 16 to 20 dwellings at the corner of Northport and Kennedy Road. On Sunday, October 19 representatives from Habitat will be present to give a presentation to our congregation about how we can assist in this development. Habitat is always in need of volunteers to build and to prepare and serve meals. This presentation will be during education hour from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Everyone with an interest in providing affordable housing in our neighborhood should come and hear how Lakeview can get involved in this exciting neighborhood Habitat build.

Lefse Rolling!!

YES, it's LEFSE ROLLING TIME AGAIN!!!
We will be rolling lefse rolling on:

Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm

Tuesday mornings 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.

National Youth Gathering New Orleans

The following youth/adult chaperones have been registered and will be attending the 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans; Ellen Paskey, Alyx Haasl, Ashton Harris, Ryan Foye, Whitney Burkle, Ninah Netzel, Cory Meyers, Jenna McKee, Taylor MacMiller, Megan Olsen, Ray Luster, Leslie O'Kane, Kassi Olson, Greg Evans-Krueger, Shannon Bashor, Heidi Stein, Charlie Schaack, Taylor Hartman, Linnea Walstead and Derek Stevens. Adult chaperones for this trip will be Pastor Kirst, Amy Butrymowicz, Tamela Steele and Jim Foye. This trip is closed to additional participants.

The youth will be doing a variety of fundraising in the upcoming months. If, at any time, you would like to make a direct financial contribution toward the summer youth trips, you are invited to do so. Make sure that you mark your contribution for "summer youth trips." Keep all these youth and adults in your prayers.

Where's the Bell Choir?

As soon as the Bells have been refurbished (they are badly in need of some maintenance), the Bell Choir will resume rehearsals under the direction of Ms. Linda Schaack. The Bell Choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings in the balcony from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Linda is an excellent teacher if you would like to learn how to ring bells. Watch for more information.

"Trunk or Treat" Halloween Party

It's time for Lakeview's annual Halloween party. Get out your scary or strange costumes. All ages are invited to arrive at the East Hall at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 29 for this event. We'll have a potluck supper at 6:00. Sloppy Joe's will be provided along with some ghoulish beverages and table service. Bring something to share. Games, crafts and activities will occur at 6:30 pm. While the kids are enjoying these activities, parents and adults will go into the parking lot to decorate and get trunks ready and prepare their treats. Then at 7:30 the kids will come to the parking lot to trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. We finish at 8:00 am and go home. It's a great evening for everyone.



Healing from Loss and Grief

As summer comes to an end, and we enter the season of falling leaves and coming holidays, any loss or grief in our lives tends to recur or intensify. With that in mind, we will be offering a support group here at Lakeview. We would plan to meet once a month for an hour or two. Pastor Laurie will be leading the group. Simply let either Pastor or the office know if you might be interested. We could run a group as small as five. There are many kinds of support groups available in Madison from many sources already, we realize. But this would be local, faith-based, and can be planned cooperatively once we know who might be interested.



Lakeview Senior Choir

In case you missed it, the senior choir has begun rehearsals. They are a lively group of people that enjoy leading worship with music and they have fun doing it.



Anyone is invited to join the senior choir. Just come to the sanctuary at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings. Enter through the north side doors to the

upper level. Ms. Dayna Dalton is the choir director and Ms. Nel Bailey is the rehearsal accompanist. It's not too late to come and sing. We have begun music for Christmas as well.

Celebrating 15 years of Building Community on the Northside Friday, October 10

Warner Park Community Recreation Center

Guests of Honor:

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz
Former Mayor Sue Bauman
Former Mayor Paul Soglin

5-6 pm **Community Reception**
With appetizer & cash bar

6-7 pm **Anniversary Program**
With Northside Multimedia

Presentation and North Star Awards
7-8 pm **Community Party** featuring music by
"Little Vito & the Torpedos"

Northside silent Auction—All Day Friday

CROP-It's About Hunger and So Much More

October 12 is the annual Madison CROP walk to fight world hunger. It begins at 12:45 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, corner of Gorham and Brearly. The money that is raised at this event helps to reduce hunger world-wide. It supports Dane County food pantries, including the one at Lakeview and it helps to drill wells in parts of the world where fresh, clean water is scarce. Everyone at Lakeview is encouraged to participate in the CROP walk. Get a T-shirt to wear to let the rest of the community know that you are part of the Lakeview team. Help raise money by going to friends, family, neighbors and work associates. Don't feel too proud to beg for money to feed people! It's an okay thing to do and many people that you ask will be generous for this cause! Here is a tally of recent years and the dollars earned for CROP by the Lakeview team;

2008: ???????
2007: 10,470.92
2006: 8,293.54
2005: 7,233.75
2004: 5,897.70
2003: 4,446.25
2002: 2,972.25
2001: 2,030.00
2000: 3,146.00

Pastor Dean and Pastor Laurie look forward to seeing many of you at the walk.

Affirmation of Baptism

On October 19, during the 10:30 am worship service we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation with the students who have successfully completed our confirmation program. Show your support and encouragement to these young people and be present at this special service.





Dear Friends,

WARNING: This is a lengthy letter from me, but I think it's important!

In the third chapter of the gospel of St. John we find these familiar words, ***“For God so loved the world that God gave a son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*** These simple words are the foundation of the gospel and the core of our faith. As Christians, we believe that when we place our trust in the God of creation, that God will raise us to life after our mortal bodies have expired. It is that gracious good news that lies at the base of all that we are and do as individuals and as the faith community known as Lakeview Lutheran Church.

Stewardship and discipleship is how we respond to that good news. When someone does something nice for us, we are often compelled to respond in some way even though the giver does not require it. Although God does not require us to respond in a particular way to the gospel in order to receive God's grace, many of us are compelled to respond out of gratitude. Out of gratitude for that gospel message, many of us elect to live our lives in certain ways, we elect to worship regularly, to share our time and our talents to do ministry and mission and to share our financial gifts to assure that mission and ministry can take place. We share all of these things to be sure that others can see and know the same good news that we know.

The month of October will be our annual time for considering what stewardship and what being a disciple of God means for our lives. If we model the life of Christ, discipleship certainly includes reaching out in hospitality to the world. The example that Christ gives us is to be compassionate caregivers who work to end oppression wherever we see it. In our Sunday morning adult Bible study, we have learned that we are certainly called to live the words of the prophet Micah ***“do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”***

At Lakeview, we establish an annual stewardship plan. I like to call it our plan for ministry. Some would use the mundane word “budget.” As part of this plan, we maintain two large buildings and lots of parking space and considerable grounds. We call and hire a staff. We provide weekly worship services, Sunday school and confirmation for our children. We visit people in hospitals and nursing homes and hospice centers. We take youth on mission trips. We operate a food pantry, provide a thanksgiving dinner and offer money to fight hunger in the world. We provide senior forums, Red Cross Blood Drives and building space for our neighbors. We travel to other communities to build houses. We build some of those homes right in Dane County. This list is endless. We find great joy in sharing our resources and seeing the fruits of our labors.

The stewardship committee has adopted the theme of **We Care, We Share, We Give** for us to consider in many ways during the month of October. We will receive some mailings. We will hear how we live this theme out in sermons and presentations. And we will be asked to consider how we will care, share and give to support the Lakeview plan for mission and ministry. These are exciting times at Lakeview with the addition of a new pastor and increased youth activity. Did you know there were 54 children registered for Sunday school? Did you know that on September 21 Pastor Laurie had 19 youth in the confirmation program? Did you know that we have 20 high school youth going to the summer National Youth Gathering in July 2009? That's more youth than we have ever taken on a trip before. Did you know we have nine middle school kids taking a “first ever” mission trip to Duluth in August? It's all part of the plan. And each one of us is encouraged to consider how we will support that plan and respond to the good news of St. John's gospel.

Peace,
Pastor Dean Kirst

CONFIRMATION

The first week of confirmation class this year, we had the grand “problem” of running out of chairs in the conference room! Nineteen students have registered, which includes three 9th graders who will be confirmed this month. This year, class will be taught by Pastor Laurie and students will study **Luther’s Small Catechism**. Our first unit is the **10 Commandments**.

Our fall **Road Trip** will take place this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Pastor Laurie and her husband Bill are chaperoning the trip. Students will visit Milton, WI for an experience volunteering for the morning in a program called “Kids Against Hunger.” This program is part of a



national outreach network which provides balanced meals consisting of a variety of grains which the kids mix and package. Each local chapter has a particular mission outreach they work with. Some are church based and some are community based. We will lunch in a local park, and then, in keeping with our justice theme this year, we will tour the Milton Museum which was a site for the Underground Railroad in the days before the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation. Our next stop will be the Basilica of Holy Hill, a religious site of the Carmelite monks, and a tourist attraction for its historic significance, and its height at 250 feet above the surrounding countryside. There is also a life size, outdoor Stations of the Cross. Heading home, we will visit Mark’s Country Market near Oconomowoc, and end our day with a stop at Mullin’s Dairy Bar and Eatery in Watertown.

The following students have registered: Krista Brown, Payton Castillo, Aidan Dalton, Darrian Driskel, Cassie Foye, Hunter Henderson, Olivia Knudtson, Kayla McKee, Donna O’Kane, Maddie Olsen, Jon Olson, Marshall Reed, Kari Seeliger, and Nicholas Stamm, though not all have yet confirmed.

In addition, for the first time, middle school students will be taking a **summer mission trip** next August 1st through the 7th. We have registered with Youth Works, the same organization through which the high school students arrange their trips. There are fewer sites available for

middle school and most involve visiting local ministries and lending a hand. We will visit Duluth, Minn., the closest site to Lakeview. We are limiting the number of registrants for this first trip to one van of nine students. So far eight students have registered, and there is one space still available. Those registered include: Krista Brown, Payton Castillo, Aidan Dalton, Olivia Knudtson, Maddie Olsen, Robert Sanders, Kari Seeliger, and Nicholas Stamm. Pastor Laurie and Bill will again be the chaperones.



SPANISH CLASS

We are happy to report that we have 14 registrations for the class which begins next week on Tuesday, October 7 from 6:30-8:30 and will run for 10 weeks. We will meet in the West Hall. I received a message from the MATC coordinator that they could raise the cap on the class to 30 if there were sufficient interest. The course is also open to the community.

If interest remains high, Spanish II will be offered starting in February. The fee for the class is \$69.48. It is considered an adult continuing education course and is not for college credit. (If you wish to take a course for credit, you may visit the MATC website for more information.) At this point, the following people have registered: Craig, Janet, Phyllis and Andy Adams, Kathy Benson, Colleen Burke, Dayna Dalton, Dean and Kris Kirst, Rene Puzach, Kay Richmond, Linda Schaak, Deb and Luther Torgerson, Chris Anders, Karen Schilling, Kathy Krause and Laurie Veenendaal. Several more have expressed interest in registering, and/or may have registered by phone.

The books will be available for purchase the first night of class. The cost of a new book is \$25.00 (The book is not available online as it is published locally by a small publishing firm.) There may be used copies available for \$19.00 through the downtown MATC bookstore.

The most frequently expressed reason for taking the class has been that Spanish is more and more often useful in the workplace. We are also hoping to be able to extend Lakeview’s outreach to the Northside Latino community.

Food Pantry Needs

Syrup
Meal-in-a-Can



New Food Pantry Hours

Beginning the first Monday in November, the food pantry will be open on Monday evenings only. The hours will be from 5:30—7:30 pm.

Meetings at Lakeview Lutheran Church

On the first Wednesday of October, we will begin our new meeting schedule at Lakeview. On October 1, the church council will meet in the Conference Room at 6:30 pm. At 7:30 pm all ministry/committee members will meet in their committees in the West Hall. These ministries include; Worship and Music, Social Ministry, Education, Properties, Evangelism, Stewardship, Youth and Family, and the Finance Committee. If you currently serve on one of these ministries/committees, you should attend. If you would like to serve on a particular ministry/committee, you should also attend and you will be welcomed. The new meeting schedule has the Council meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30. Those who serve on ministries/committees will meet during the even numbered months of October, December, February, April, June, and August at 7:30 pm.

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.



Welcome to Pastor Laurie! It is so good to have her at our circle meetings. What a great addition to our Lakeview staff.

Upcoming events:

Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading is October 18th. Clothes are no longer accepted. Quilts, kits and soap are requested. The information is available for putting together the kits in our Circle Yearbooks. Soap must be new, in wrappers. Bring items to church.

The bazaar is November 7th. Everyone supports this event along with the **Lutefisk Dinner**. Arts, crafts, cookies, cakes, candy, cupcakes etc. are all welcomed and appreciated. The proceeds are distributed to various charities etc., in our community. Monies are made available for congregational needs.

Thankoffering Sunday will be November 23rd. It is most appropriate as there are other "thank you" events during that time. Thanksgiving is during that week. Thankofferings have been a part of Lutheran church women for generations. This offering shows gratitude for God's blessings and supports our partnership with God in making Christ known to all the world. Over the years there have been particular "boxes" available for a reminder to say "thanks" each day. Any form of donation is welcome. There will be a time available during the service for women to come to the altar and deposit their individual offerings.

Donation of fabric for quilting is welcomed. Please leave it at church.

For all members that saw "Church Basement Ladies", are you still laughing?

Keep the faith,
Shirley Storkson

CROP WALK/ROCK EVENT

- What:** 34th Annual Madison Area CROP Hunger Walk/Rock Event
- When:** Sunday, October 12
- Time:** Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. - Lakeview Group picture 1:00 p.m.
Kick-off at 1:15 p.m. – Walk Start at 1:30 p.m.
- Where:** Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Street – carpool if you can
(secondary parking at Lapham School)
- Why:** To raise money in the fight against local and global hunger
- Do:** Buy a Lakeview CROP T-shirt (money goes to CROP); get a pledge form and ASK people to support you with a cash or check donation (made out to Lakeview Lutheran Church or to CROP). Go online and join the Lakeview Lutheran Lucky Stars Team – send emails for people to support you with a pledge. It's easy to ask via an email. Every dollar we raise helps us reach our goal of \$10,000!

In less than two weeks, Lakeview Lutheran Church will join 50-60 other Madison area churches in a symbolic walk to fight local and global hunger. As the saying goes “We Walk Because They Walk.” We walk in solidarity with millions of people all over the world who must walk every day for a little bit of food or water, for firewood, to attend school, to find work, to see a doctor or just to survive. Here in the U.S. the rising cost of fuel and the housing crisis has made it difficult for people to have enough money to buy the food they need. Dane Co. CAC reports a 15% increase in families using food pantries in 2008. They expect that by the end of the year, more than 100,000 families will visit a pantry – up from 85,000 in each of the last two years.



Persons raising \$300 or more for CROP will receive a free T-shirt or hat from the CROP office. Bring your completed pledge form with all money collected and give to Lynn Case, Mary Cragin, Chris Anders OR take it with you to the CROP Walk on October 12th. Lakeview had several people that each raised over \$300 last year.

Fact: A child dies of hunger every 5 seconds. (Food and Agriculture Organization)

Fact: the number of chronically hungry people is growing by 4 million per year. (FAO)

God has richly blessed our nation in many ways. We can be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in need here at home and around the world. Please help support the fight against hunger.

Thrivent will do a 2:1 match up to \$600 this year (not the \$1,600 they did in 2007). We need to raise \$1,200 for the additional \$600 – easy to do but means we need to make up that extra \$1,000

Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

Interfaith Thanksgiving on Sunday
afternoon, November 23 Celebrates Diversity

Madison's third annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration is being sponsored by the Greater Madison Inter-religious Association (GMIA) and more than two dozen area churches and civic organizations, including Lakeview Lutheran which is hosting the event in its East Hall.

This multicultural and inter-religious event is free and open to the public. It will be held on Sunday, November 23, from 2:30 - 5 pm. Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road, is located at the corner of Mandrake and Northport Drive in Madison, Wisconsin.

Arrivals for this year's event begin at 2:30 pm with music by Celtic bard, Michael Doran. The interfaith program starts at 3 pm, and a potluck social follows. There will be free childcare from 2:30 - 5:30 pm in the church nursery.

This year's keynote will be by Patty Loew, Ph.D., an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she teaches documentary production and Native American Environmental Issues and the Media. An enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, Loew has produced more than a dozen award-winning documentaries on Native topics and published two books, *Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal* and *Native People of Wisconsin*, a fourth-grade textbook currently used by 15,000 Wisconsin school children. Her most recent documentary, *Way of the Warrior*, which explores Native American veterans and cultural healing traditions associated with combat, aired nationally on PBS in 2007.

This year's program also will include music, readings, dance, and prayers from a variety of spiritual and cultural traditions in the greater Madison area.

Those who attend this year's event are invited, but not required, to bring canned goods or a cash donation for the charity food drive to benefit Dane County food pantries. Attendees also are welcome to contribute appetizers, snacks, or desserts to the social that concludes the program.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

From both of us to all of you, many, many thanks for the food and beverage shower and potluck dinner on the occasion of my installation as a pastor here at Lakeview. It was such a lovely idea to receive things that Bill and I could enjoy together. We received many gift certificates for dining out, so we will be able to enjoy many "date nights," thanks to your generosity. We also received many practical gifts like spaghetti and sauce, rice, juices, graham crackers and nuts, tea, wine and beer, homegrown pears, the makings for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, freshly caught fish, and pasties, a variety of chocolates, a Mozart CD which I will enjoy listening to when preparing sermons, and a "guardian angel" Christmas ornament which will represent the beginning of our Lakeview life on our Christmas tree this year. We received a generous contribution to the food pantry in our honor, and gift cards for a local grocer which we plan to use for the same purpose. You have welcomed us so warmly that we feel like part of the Lakeview family already. Please let us know how we can serve you in return.



Gratefully,
Bill and Pastor Laurie Veenendaal

Dear Fellow Members of Lakeview Lutheran,

As you may know, our congregation is a member of the Northside Planning Council, and I am your representative to the Council.

I am writing this brief letter to make you aware that we are planning a wonderful celebration of the **Northside Planning Council's 15th Anniversary on October 10 from 5-8 pm at Warner Park Community Recreation Center**. This note kicks off my personal invitation to you as a member of Lakeview as well as your family, and any and all Northside neighbors and friends.

Lakeview has been a member of NPC for seven years. NPC is an important part of our connection to the neighborhood our church resides in, and our mission to reach out to the world. *Lakeview is unique among NPC member organizations in that we are the only faith community.* This makes our participation even more critical. **Now let's help NPC fill the Warner Park Gym to the brim with our members at the 6pm Anniversary Program to show our city our Northside pride! Come earlier to socialize at the Community Reception and stay late to celebrate with me at the Community Party and Silent Auction.**

As a member organization, my goal is to have at least 25 of us in attendance. During the Anniversary Program when Lakeview Lutheran is called, we're going to stand together and cheer loudly to our pride in Lakeview alongside over 25 other Northside organizations coming together to improve the quality of life for everyone on the Northside. As part of the Northside Planning Council, we know the value that our shared voice and work creates for our Northside community. October 10 is our night to express ourselves – and to make the case for continued City investment on the Northside – to Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, former Mayors Bauman and Soglin, our Northside Alders Rhodes-Conway and Schumacher and their peers on the Common Council in attendance, as well as the whole Northside.

RSVP! If possible, please email me at sterlinglynk@tds.net or call me at 204-0657 with your phone, email and who's coming with you if. *If you received an RSVP card from NPC, please send that in as well.*

Looking forward to hearing from you. God Bless!

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PS – For more details on the event or NPC, call me or check out:
<http://www.northsideplanningcouncil.org/npc%2015th.php>