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WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturday, 5:00 pm/Chapel
Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am/Sanctuary
9:15 am Education Hour

Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

Sunday, November 23, 2008
3:00 pm
East Hall

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2008
12 Noon
East Hall

Meal is FREE
Everyone welcome!

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Madison, Wisconsin

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We Care, We Share, We Give

Thank you to everyone who has been generous and participated in the fall stewardship program. When you make a pledge, it greatly helps the congregation council plan salaries, repairs and other ministries for the upcoming year. When you offer your gifts of time and talents, council members and ministry committees are provided with good resources to go to seek help. We all know that our congregation would not exist without volunteers and financial gifts. We would not be able to call/employ a staff and we would not be able to make repairs and updates to our buildings and grounds. If you have not had a chance to return your pledge cards or completed spiritual gifts inventories, you may mail them to the church office or place them in an offering plate during worship. Remember that copies of the cards, inventories and Simply Giving forms for electronic giving can be found on the "Calendar and Newsletter" page on our church web site. Visit the site at www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org.

WE CARE

WE SHARE

WE GIVE

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day is November 27. It is the Lakeview tradition to provide a free Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone who wishes to participate. This year that meal will be served promptly at noon in East Hall. This is a wonderful way for our congregation to celebrate the holiday with the community around us. Anyone who wishes to eat at the meal should call the church office at 244-6181 to make a reservation---we do not take names, only numbers. To put his meal on, we need people to donate and roast turkeys (**usually about 22**), we need people to donate food items like home baked pumpkin pies and potatoes, we need contributions of money to buy food that must be prepared in the Lakeview kitchen and of course we need volunteers to set up in advance, to serve the meal and to clean-up after the dinner has been served on that day. We especially need people who are willing to stick around and do dishes and clean the kitchen---it's just like going to Gramma's for a holiday meal! Bob and Donna Mohrmann have graciously agreed to chair this event again. As the month goes on, more information will be included in Sunday worship books.

Thanksgiving Dinners



Presentation by Andreas Pretzel

On Sunday morning, November 16 we will have a very unique opportunity at Lakeview. Mr. Andreas Pretzel, an historian with Technical University in Berlin Germany will lead our adult study from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Mr. Pretzel will be in Madison on behalf of the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools. He will be doing a presentation at the UW-Memorial Library on November 15 at 4:00 pm (***this presentation is open to the public***). Mr. Pretzel has done significant research on the treatment of gay prisoners in Nazi Concentration Camps. His presentation at the Memorial Library will be entitled, "***They Wore the Pink Triangle***." History has provided us with much information about the treatment of Jews in those concentration camps. At the same time, gay people were mistreated, abused and killed in the same camps. Mr. Pretzel has dedicated his work to uncover those atrocities in an effort to assure that no other government arises to repeat the deeds of the Nazis. Feel free to invite guests to come to this unique opportunity at Lakeview.

Council Meeting

The council will meet for it's monthly meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 5. Remember there are no ministry meetings in November, only the council will meet. Official ministry meetings will be on December 3 at 7:30 pm following the 6:30 pm council meeting that month.

Children's Christmas Program/ Birthday Lunch

Mark the day for the annual Sunday School Christmas Program to be held on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 am. The title of the program is "***Christmas in Your Heart, Even in Hawaii***." A birthday lunch will immediately follow the program in East Hall for everybody.

Middle School Winter Retreat

Mark your calendars! The annual winter retreat for all youth and friends in grades 6-9 will be held in Green Lake on January 16-18, 2009. The cost for the entire weekend with meals and lodging will be \$50 per person. This is a fun event that kids don't like to miss. We sleep in a dorm, eat great buffet meals in a cafeteria, have access to a gym and exercise room and do some sledding and other outdoor winter activities when there is snow. We provide an educational program on Saturday morning and a communion worship service on Sunday morning. We are back at the church by noon on Sunday. And of course, don't forget that on Saturday night we will have our usual "***Pastor Kirst's Evil Crazy and Bizarre Games!!!!***" Just to let you know, he's already planning them.

Christmas Season Update

On December 21 there will be a special music program with dessert that will raise funds for our summer youth trips. The event will be in East Hall. Christmas Eve worship will be at 5:00 pm and Christmas Day worship will be at 10:00 am. Both services will be held in the sanctuary and include special music and Holy Communion. Watch for details.

Food Pantry Needs

Cr. Mushroom Soup
Dish Soap



New Food Pantry Hours

Beginning **Monday, November 3**, the Lakeview Food Pantry will begin new hours. It will be open on **Mondays from 5:30—7:30 pm**. A call to 211 to get on the list is still required.

What is the Lutefisk Dinner and Bazaar?

On Friday, November 7th, Lakeview will host the annual Lutefisk Dinner and Bazaar. The family style meal will be served from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. Between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, the Edvard Greig Norwegian Chorus will provide a free concert in the sanctuary. The cost for this dinner is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children between age 6 and 12, and free for children under age 6. The annual Lutefisk Dinner is a fundraiser for the ministries of our congregation. At the annual meeting in April, the voting members present decide how to spend the proceeds from this event. The congregation has agreed that these monies should not be used for routine budget items. Often a contribution is made toward our summer youth trips or toward unexpected building repairs and updates so that ministry can continue from this place. The Lutefisk event benefits all of us at Lakeview and it can be a fun way to meet new people and develop relationships with others from this congregation. You can help support this congregational event in several ways:



- donate food when a caller calls your home,
- volunteer to help at the dinner throughout the day,
- volunteer to help clean up at the end of the evening,
- come and eat at the meal,
- take a poster from the narthex and hang it up in the community,
- encourage others to come to the dinner.

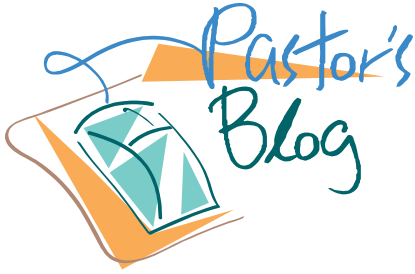


The **Bazaar** is held in the Fellowship Room during the same time that the Lutefisk Dinner takes place. All members of the congregation are invited to donate things to the bazaar and bring them to the Fellowship Room during the week or on Friday morning, Nov 7th. The proceeds from the bazaar are distributed to support various congregation needs and local charities. Any member of the congregation may contribute items for the bazaar. They welcome arts and crafts and woodwork items. Things that sell best include home baked goods like candy, cookies, cakes, pies, breads, bars, muffins etc. Other good sellers include home canned jams, jellies, pie-fillings, pickles etc. Homemade Lefse

is sold at the bazaar for \$7.50 for six full rounds.

**Saturday,
November 1st**





Dear Friends,

November 1st is All Saints' Day. Here at Lakeview, we devote our Saturday service to the remembrance of those who have died in the past year. One of the traditions is to recognize each with a rose during the service. Thinking about this service, I recalled one of my clearest and most cherished memories. It involved my maternal grandfather and a red rose.

I grew up as the oldest of seven children. When there are that many children in a family, it's hard work for parents to be sure they have time for each child. My parents tried as hard as any—but references to us were most often things like, "the kids," "the girls," "the boys." We were singled out for attention on birthdays and special events, but we mostly grew up as one of the "herd." It never occurred to me to care until I reached my early teens, when all of us start realizing we are separate individuals. We start feeling separate from our families and wonder what our own lives will be like.

Just about then, we took one of our yearly trips to see my maternal grandparents. We only saw them once or twice a year as the cost of travel was always a factor. (They lived six hours away and gas was 30 cents a gallon!) On this particular visit, for some reason, I was struck by how many roses my grandparents had growing around their place—a mobile home where they had retired to be near Kentucky Lake since they both enjoyed fishing. I was surprised to learn that the roses were my grandfather's doing, and not my grandmother's, as I had supposed. I must have commented on how beautiful they were more often than I realized because on our last morning, as we were giving the rounds of hugs and kisses necessary to say good-bye in my family, my grandfather grabbed me before I got in the car and said, "Wait here just a minute." He disappeared into the house and came out with a pair of scissors, walked up to the nearest trellis of roses, cut the biggest one, and brought it over for me. Even then I realized how much it meant to me that Grandpa had noticed how much I enjoyed the roses and wanted to give me one to keep. Such a small thing—to be noticed, and remembered.

But I have realized since that it is only small on someone's arbitrary scale of how much things are worth. We are conditioned by our culture to think in terms of dollars when we think of worth, but our faith asks us to use a different scale of value. That rose and that memory have brought me joy and comfort in moments of my life when they were lacking. So has prayer. So has my family—both my church family and the one I was born into. And who can put a value on joy and comfort?

That memory reminds me that it is human connections that sustain our lives, and in Jesus Christ, God became human to be part of our human network of connection which sustains us in all times, easy and hard, bitter and sweet. This November, let us pray for the church, the world, and our own families, that we remember the saint's gone before us and those among us most in need, even as we give thanks for the many good things in our own lives and world.

Blessings on your November!
Pastor Laurie

From the Cemetery Committee

Reminder . . .

Summer decorations in the cemetery are to be removed by October 1st and the deadline to remove winter decorations is April 1st. If you have any questions, please call Phil Uekert.



Dates to remember: Try to watch/record

Sunday, November 16 ABC television 11:30 a.m. "Native Nations Standing Together for Civil Rights" hosted by Peter Coyote. This is produced by Native Americans in association with B&B Productions for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Available on DVD at www.elca.org/native nations.

Sunday, November 23 Thankoffering Sunday Please label any donations as Thankoffering. Checks made payable to Lakeview Lutheran Women.

Thoughts on Thankofferings –

Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given to us. Thankofferings help Women of the ELCA provide resources, events, and programs. They also support the organization's crucial annual gift to the ELCA.

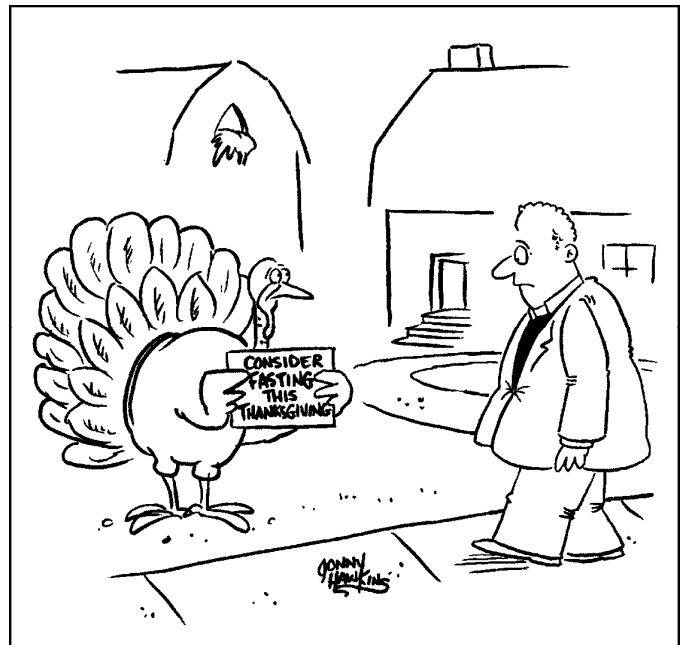
Keep the faith,
Shirley

On October 15 there were 14 riders who joined Pastor Kirst, the designated driver, for a van trip. We had lunch in Mazomanie at the Old Feed Mill. Then we continued down Highway 14 to Peck's Market to buy apples, squash and pumpkins and enjoy the Halloween displays and animals. The trip ended with a stop at the Wollersheim Winery and tasting bar. We discovered that we liked many of the wine offerings that day! It was a fun trip and we are planning another trip in early December so watch for details.

Bargain Price—Lakeview T-Shirts

Here is your last chance to get a 2008 Lakeview CROP t-shirt at the bargain price of **\$5.00**. Check with Lynn Case or in the church office. Shirts are great to wear for church activities such as Habitat Work days as they are a visual reminder to others of our Lakeview community. Sizes available:

- 7—Medium
- 9—Large
- 8—X-Large
- 7—2X-Large



CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

of all or no skill level!

Anyone interested in participating in an outreach ministry devoted to charity knitting and crocheting is invited to an organizational meeting. We can teach anyone to knit or crochet – even Pastor Kirst. . . but then perhaps we don't want him to have a sharp stick.

Where: The Fellowship Room at Lakeview

When: Monday, November 10, 2008 at 6:00P.M.



We're hoping to meet on the second Monday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 beginning in January. Stitchers would be welcome for all or any part of this time period. There are a number of charities we are considering including prayer shawls, afghans for the Linus project, and squares for Warm-Up America afghans, although all ideas will be considered and discussed. If you are interested in this new, exciting ministry at Lakeview, contact Mary Cragin or Kris Kirst.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

Again, our congregation will host the Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering on **Sunday, November 23**. People are invited to begin arriving at 2:30 pm in East Hall. The program begins at 3:00 pm with keynote speaker, Ms Patty Loew. Ms Loew is an enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. She teaches documentary production and Native American Environmental Issues and the Media at UW-Madison. The event will also include music, readings, dance and prayers from area religious traditions including Wicca, Jewish, Islam, Quaker, Baha'i, and Hindu. The Christian contribution will be musicians from The Crossing led by Northside resident, Clare Norelle. The Madison Sufis will conclude the program with the Dance of Universal Peace that you will be invited to join in.

After the program, there will be a time for fellowship. Beverages will be provided and those who attend are invited to bring unique or ethnic finger food appetizers and desserts. Cash and in-kind donations of food will go to the Lakeview Food Pantry. About 250 people attended this event last year and it was a wonderful opportunity to come to know and fellowship with those of other faith traditions---hey, that's just like the very first Thanksgiving! Join us. Invite a friend!

Help us decorate our sanctuary this
Christmas with **RED** poinsettias
and evergreens.

Deadline for ordering is
December 1, 2008



_____ 6" Poinsettia @ \$11.00 each

_____ 7" Poinsettia @ \$17.00 each

_____ 8" Poinsettia @ \$25.00 each

_____ Evergreens @ \$25.00 each

In Memory of _____ **OR**

In Honor of _____

Name _____

Make checks payable to "Lakeview Lutheran Church"
And mark "Poinsettias/Evergreens"



Plants may be picked up
AFTER the
Christmas Day Worship Service