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



### Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24  
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day, December 25  
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

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## Sunday School Christmas Program and Lunch

It is our tradition to have the Sunday school children present the Christmas story each year in a unique and memorable way. This year will be no exception. Plan to attend the program on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 am. Immediately after the program, everyone is invited to East Hall for the traditional birthday party lunch. Support our children by being present for them on this special day.



## Christmas Music Event

You are invited to attend a special music event on Sunday, December 21 at 6:30 pm in East Hall at Lakeview. A variety of Christmas music from the senior choir, the bell choir, soloists and youth musicians will be presented. A portion of the music will be sacred and a portion will be secular. A Christmas Carol sing-along will also be part of the evening. The youth who are going on summer trips will be providing appetizers, desserts and beverages for your enjoyment during the concert. East Hall will be festively decorated. Come and enjoy music, refreshments and great fellowship. An offering will be re-



ceived to benefit the summer youth trips. The nursery will be open and staffed.

## Christmas Worship

On Christmas Eve our congregation will worship at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. Special music, a children's time and Holy Communion will be served. The nursery will be open and staffed. The service will conclude in candlelight. On Christmas Day we will worship at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will also be special music and Holy Communion. The Christmas services will be different each time so you are invited to attend both of them. The nursery will not be open on Christmas Day. If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take it with you AFTER the Christmas Day worship service.



## Koins for Kids

We have placed a large water bottle in the church narthex. You are invited to clean out your dresser drawers, sofa cushions, ashtrays, car seats and anywhere else that you deposit coins and bring them to the water bottle. The coins will eventually be used to help fund the summer youth trips. It's always fun to watch this jug fill up. Thanks for helping with this project.

## Food Pantry Needs

Coffee  
Cocoa



## Spiritual Gifts Inventories

Thank you to everyone who has been completing Spiritual Gifts Inventories indicating how you will volunteer your time in the upcoming year. We appreciate you and we need you. This is a reminder that if you wish to serve in a particular way in the upcoming year, you **MUST** complete a form. We delete everything from the system from the previous year. This process allows people who do not wish to continue to volunteer in the same capacity the opportunity to be removed from the system. For example, if you are currently an usher and you wish to continue to be an usher after February 1, 2009, we need to know that through the use of the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Or if you are a current reader but do not want to be a reader after February 1, 2009, you can indicate that by not completing that portion of the form. We know that there has been confusion over this in the past, so remember to complete the form. You can find additional copies of this form in the narthex of both buildings.

## Furnace News

Sometimes people are looking for a unique spot to make a tax deductible charitable contribution at the end of the year. If that is you, you may wish to make it to the Lakeview boiler. We just had a repair of nearly \$3000. Now we need to replace the East Hall thermostat for \$300 and we have an estimate of \$1200 for a needed compressor replacement in the very near future. Contact Pastor Dean if this looks like a project you would like to financially support.

## Winter Youth Retreat

The annual Winter Youth Retreat for all youth in grades 6-9 and their friends will be held on January 18-20, 2009. We will leave Lakeview at 5:30 pm on Friday and travel to the Green Lake Conference Center. **EAT BEFORE YOU COME TO CHURCH.** We will be staying in the Robbins Hall Dormitory and eating meals at the Kraft Dining Center. Each sleeping room includes 3 beds, bedding, pillows and towels. There is a bath/shower for every 2 sleeping rooms. Meals are served cafeteria style and are **VERY** generous. The program this year is entitled "**Believe it?...or not. I believe.**" We'll be having fun looking at what we believe and what it means in our lives as we use the words of the Apostle's Creed. On Saturday afternoon everyone will



**Youth Winter Retreat**

go outside on the sledding hill. Like usual, we will also be walking to the dining hall. Warm outside clothes, mittens, hats and boots are absolutely necessary! Leaving them at home doesn't prevent one from going outside so be sure to come with comfortable clothes. On Saturday evening, we will have crazy and messy games. We have lots of fun on this retreat and even learn some neat stuff so invite your friends and let's have another great year. There is a copy of the registration form and schedule included in this newsletter. You can also get the form from the narthex or from the web site. Go to [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org). Click on the newsletter page and you will find it. The cost per person is \$40 and we ask that your payment and completed form be returned to Pastor Dean or Pastor Laurie by January 11, 2009. Please complete all areas of the registration form to assure the safety of your youth.

## The Road Home and the Christmas Giving Tree

Where will you find the giving tree this year at Lakeview? In a new spot in the sanctuary. It will be part of our Advent and Christmas decorating. During the season of Advent, you can help decorate this tree by purchasing an ornament to remember a loved one or to honor or celebrate someone you know. The cost of each ornament is \$10. The name of the person you wish to remember will be written on the ornament and all the money collected will be put into a fund for volunteers from our congregation to purchase food when we cook meals for the Road Home Homeless Shelter. We will list the names of all people on ornaments and their donors in the Christmas bulletins. Remember your loved ones, decorate the sanctuary and help a very valuable cause this year with the Lakeview giving tree.

## The Road Home Program

At the congregation council meeting in November, our council agreed to become a "buddy" congregation with the Road Home Homeless Program. The Road Home is a shelter that is located in various host churches and synagogues in the Madison area. Other churches, like ours, serve as buddy churches to these host congregations. That means during 4 different weeks of the year, we will recruit volunteers to cook evening meals, supervise evening activities and stay over night at a host congregation. Very soon we will be recruiting members of Lakeview to serve in these various capacities. We need many volunteers for this, but knowing of the dedication that Lakeview members have toward outreach ministry and toward the fight against hunger and homelessness, we don't believe finding volunteers will be difficult. Families can volunteer together for this. Confirmation students will be able to earn service points. High school youth will be able to get service-E hours. The Road Home serves about 4 families or around 14 individuals each week. You can go to the web site at [www.trhome.org](http://www.trhome.org) for more information or you can contact Pastor Laurie or Pastor Dean.

## Habitat Build

Lakeview will be working hard on December 20 at the Habitat for Humanity work site at the corner of Northport and Kennedy. If you have signed up to work, you will receive a mailing with details about the day very soon. If you have not signed up, feel free to stop by and see your fellow Lakeviewians on the job. You can even see your pastors using hammers!!!! The noon meal will be served at the church and will be coordinated by Mary Cragin and Kris Kirst. The confirmation students will be helping to serve this meal. If you would like to contribute food for this meal, contact Mary Cragin or Kris Kirst to help. They would love to hear from you.

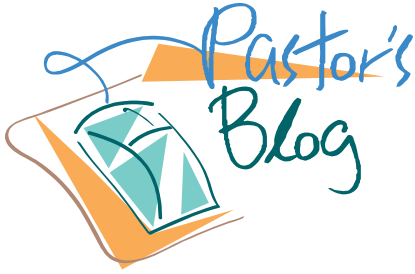
## Road Trip

The van has been rented and Pastor Dean will serve as the designated driver on Wednesday, December 10. We will be leaving Lakeview at 8:30 am and having breakfast at



Walker's Restaurant and Bakery in Beaver Dam. The next stop will be Elkhart Lake where we will spend time at the Old World Christmas Market at the Osthoff Resort. It costs \$6 per person to enter

the market, which features traditional European gifts, toys, ornaments and specialty foods. The next stop will be to the Kohler Design Center (no cost) to see the Great Wall of China. Then we'll head home with a stop in Fond du Lac for a bite to eat. We hope to be back at Lakeview by 5:30 pm. Fourteen people can ride in the van. The van cost per person is \$10. To reserve your seat on this trip, give your name and \$10 payment to Pastor Kirst. Once the seats are full, you will be out of luck.



Dear Friends,

Although Irving Berlin dreams of a white Christmas, I am dreaming of a green one. I am not referring to the weather, but to our use of energy and our production of waste during this season. We have all become familiar with the words “going green.” They encourage us to care for the creation and reduce our carbon footprints to preserve and protect the ozone layer that blankets our planet. Although the words “going green” do not appear in the book of Genesis, the concept is loud and clear. God created humans to have dominion over the earth, to take care of everything that God had made. In that creation story we are called to care for, not to misuse, all the resources that God has given us. Humans are created to be “green.”

This is the time of the year when we typically produce an abundance of environmental waste. Perhaps we could make changes in our traditions to become greener people. Despite our desire to hang a brightly colored Christmas light on every tree we own, we could take the call to be “green” seriously and use less energy. Check out more effective lighting at [www.holidayleds.com](http://www.holidayleds.com). Maybe we could better plan our trips to the mall or carpool with a neighbor to burn less gas. Maybe we could take our own reusable cloth shopping bags to stores and reduce the insane use of plastic. Maybe we could find ways to reduce our use of gift-wrap and ribbons and greeting cards and all those things that create extra garbage/recycling. Maybe we could do a better job of buying locally produced items to reduce the energy necessary to transport/import things. Maybe we could purchase fresh foods with better nutritional values and less wrapping and packaging. As we carry out our holiday traditions this year, maybe we can challenge ourselves to reduce waste and be conscientious of unnecessary packaging.

After spending the summer along the Louisiana gulf coast and seeing first hand the devastating effects that global warming is having on our nation’s fragile marshlands and coastlines, the idea of “going green” has taken on new and urgent meaning for me.

We are going to try to be greener at Lakeview this holiday season. We will not put up multiple trees with lights in our building. We will incorporate the giving tree into our sanctuary decorations. We will reduce the size of our Christmas worship books to save paper. We will discourage the use of styro-foam and plastics. We will do a better job of recycling in the office.

During this holiday season, I would like to invite each of you to respond to our call in creation and strive to become “greener” people. In the upcoming year, I would like to publish the creative ways that members of this congregation are being “greener” people. If you are doing something to protect the environment that you think would be good for the rest of us to do, email me. I will share your suggestions in the newsletter. May our Christmas gift this year to each other and to our future generations be a greener world. May our Christmas gift to each other be a serious understanding of our call in creation to take care of all that God has made.

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Kirst

## Truax Christmas Food Basket Needs

140 Christmas food baskets will once again be distributed at the East Madison Community Center in the Truax neighborhood. The same generous donor will provide all the turkeys as he has for 18 years. Lakeview will again provide a portion of the food as listed below. There will be a donation box and a sample basket in the narthex. Please help our neighbors in need. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 14th. Items needed:

- 32 cans—green beans and/or peas
- 16—40 oz. cans yams  
(more of smaller size)
- 16—bags of stuffing for 10-12# turkey  
(more of boxed stuffing)
- 16 boxes—peppermint candy canes
- 5 dozen—apples and/or oranges
- 60 grocery bags
- \$ towards items needed to Arlene Phillips.

Thank you,  
Arlene Phillips, coordinator

## Thank you

To our “Family in Christ” at Lakeview  
Lutheran Church . . .



We cannot express enough how “thankful” we are for all your love and support during this difficult and sad time.

We love the friends and family relationships

we have built here through the years.

God Bless all of you.

PS—A special thank you to ALL the people who helped at for Gail’s luncheon.

Love,  
James Foye Family

## “New” Knitting/Crocheting Ministry at Lakeview

On November 10 the following people gathered at Lakeview; Sue Warnke, Sandy Hefty, Pam Roesler, Carol Lofgren, Shirley Ewert, Karen Knudsvig, Deb Meyers, Jane Rose, Sandy Tuttle, Daniele Payne, Arlene Moody, Ellen Bethel, Doris Gartley, Deb Torgerson, Cathy Pierce, Liz Seymour, Blanche Herritz, Emilie Scheerenberger, Linda Schaack, Mary Cragin and Kris Kirst. This crew of people decided to begin a knitting/crocheting ministry within our congregation. This ministry will meet monthly at the church and the next meeting is **Monday, January 12**.



The group will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and you can arrive when you are able. After an evening of work, there will be a closing devotion. They will be working on a variety of projects such as afghans for Warm Up America, several military projects, prayer shawls and Afghans for Afghans. Anyone is welcome to join the group even if you don’t knit or crochet---their will be plenty of people who are willing to teach and assist you to learn this craft. Bring needles, crochet hooks and any extra yarn you may want to donate to the projects. If you are interested in this ministry and were not able to attend the organizational meeting, call Kris Kirst to get on the email/ mailing list for patterns and other information. Contributions of yarn from other members of the congregation are welcomed.

## Youth Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for all the youth going on summer trips, their parents/guardians and the chaperones on Wednesday evening, **December 10 at 6:30 pm** in the East Hall at the church. Please be sure you are in attendance.

## January Senior Forum

Dear Lakeview Members and friends,

The annual bazaar was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated. Lots of hard work went into the lefse baking and all the other projects. Also, many hours spent on decorating the Fellowship Room into a Holiday Bazaar site. The many people who spent hours working need to know this is all appreciated. Once again Lakeview Women will be able to make significant contributions to the community and to our congregation. This information is available as soon as contributions are made.

Keep the Faith  
Shirley Storkson

### CROP Results

Way to go members of Lakeview. You raised just over \$8000 in the 2008 CROP walk. That is an excellent amount. Thank you for taking seriously our call to feed the hungry.



Senior Forums return this month on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We will begin with a light lunch prepared and served by church staff. From 12:00—1:00, Rev. Mary Baum will be with us as our guest speaker. The title of her presentation is “Living Life Well with Young-Onset Alzheimers.” From 1:00—2:00, there will be cards, coffee, and dessert. We will gather in the West Hall.

I will be coordinating these events and will plan one for each quarter of 2009. As you may know, I serve as a night chaplain at Meriter Hospital once a month. In that capacity, I attend monthly meetings and belong to the Association of



### Seniors' Gathering

Spiritual Caregivers. Many of the topics presented are of general interest and I hope to bring several of them to Lakeview. However, if you become aware of a speaker, presentation, or topic you would like us to know about and perhaps share, please let either Pastor Dean, Nancy, or me know. To reserve your spot for January 13, call the church office at 244-6181.

We look forward to hosting as many of you as can make it. And I look forward to sharing the Christmas Season for the first time with the Lakeview Community.

Blessings on your December,  
Pastor Laurie