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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

**Lenten Suppers**  
**Wednesdays, 6:00 pm**  
**East Hall**

**Lenten Meditations**  
**Wednesdays, 7:00 pm**  
**Sanctuary**

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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

March, 2009

## Special Offering

We will host a special offering at the conclusion of each worship service on Feb 28 and March 1. The offerings received at that time will go to the South Central Synod Seminarian Assistance Fund. This money is then distributed to any individuals from our synod who are currently attending seminary. This is a great way for us to support these people who will eventually be serving in our congregations. Your checks may be made to Lakeview on this weekend. Just note that you wish them to go to the seminary fund or place them in the appropriate collection container.

## Planning Ahead

This year, our Easter Sunday worship services will be held in the church sanctuary at 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am. These services will all be special festival services with music, instruments, choir, procession, Holy Communion and preaching. Pastor Dean and Pastor Laurie will share the preaching on Easter morning. Easter Sunday is April 12. The youth will host breakfast in East Hall that morning between 7:30 am and 10:15 am. Mark your calendars to come and celebrate the resurrection at Lakeview.

## First with Kirst

The monthly potluck in March will be on March 1 at 5:00 pm in East Hall. Bring food to share and enjoy fellowship. Pastor Dean will be sure there is table service and beverages. He'll also assure there is some entertainment after the meal. Come and be surprised!

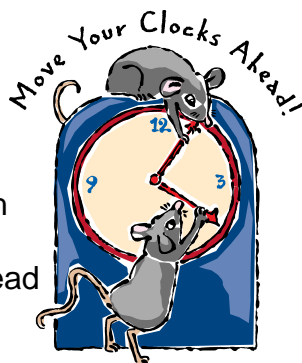
## March Senior Forum

On Tuesday, March 10, the senior forum will host a speaker on the topic of **near-death experiences**. Our speaker is a registered nurse named Yeelah Subrahmanyam who had such an experience during the birth of her fourth child. She shared her fascinating story and the ways it changed her life at one of Meriter Hospital's monthly chaplain training meetings. Her presentation generated valuable discussion and left everyone with much food for thought. We will continue our practice of lunch at 11:30 and program at 12:30.

Daylight Savings  
Time Begins

Sunday, March 8th

Turn your clocks ahead  
one hour





## Food Pantry Needs

Toilet Paper  
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## Monthly Bible Study and Communion to be offered at Waunakee Manor

Lakeview Lutheran currently has several members living at Waunakee Manor, both in the nursing home and the assisted living facility. Both pastors as well as several congregation members have brought communion and/or visited with members there. Interest in a regular bible study at the Waunakee facility has led to our plan to offer a monthly bible study and communion on the **Third Thursday of every month from 2:30-3:30 in the afternoon.** (This time was selected in cooperation with the activities director at the Manor.) The bible study is open to any who would like to travel to Waunakee to participate. It will be open to all residents of the Manor as well. We will focus on the Psalms as expressions of intimate relationship with God. We will begin with **Psalm 139 at our first meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.** Communion will close our gathering.

## Friday Walk and Worship

On Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, we'll begin the annual process of shedding winter's sluggishness and getting in shape for the more active seasons of spring and summer. We will meet at 9:00 in the west hall. We will begin with walking tapes and "doing laps" of the church building. Did you know that 10 laps=1 mile? When the weather is fine, we can take the walk outside—maybe venture down Sherman Ave. to Manna Café for coffee occasionally! We will begin with a brief worship time (10 minutes). We will read a brief scripture, share prayer concerns, and close with prayer.



## Labyrinth to Return to Lakeview on Ash Wednesday

For those who enjoy a contemplative prayer experience as a way to enter the Lenten season, the labyrinth will again be available in the east hall on Ash Wednesday from 5:00-9:00, on Thursday from 12:00-7:00 p.m., and on Friday from 6:00-9:00 a.m. for those interested in stopping on their way to or from work.

## Fruit Sales And Fundraisers for Youth

Help support the 29 youth who are going on summer trips by purchasing apples, oranges, grapefruit and pears. The prices of these cases, ½ cases and dozens of fruit are included in this newsletter. Just let a youth know what you want. They will gladly take your order. The fruit will be delivered on Saturday, March 14. You will pay the youth who delivers your order on that day. Checks are made to Lakeview. Another way to order is to contact the church office via phone or email with your requests. We will not be having a table in the narthex for this sale. Youth are expected to sell on their own. The fruit sale will end on March 1. During the month of March, the kids will be selling America's Best gift certificates as in the past, for all you flower lovers out there. The youth going on summer trips will also be hosting the mid-week Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. These will be free will offering meals and all proceeds will assist with trip expenses. They will host an Easter breakfast in the same manner on Easter morning from 7:30 am to 10:15 am in East Hall. And of course, the coin jug (or cup in the chapel) is out every weekend if you wish to contribute.



## A Note From Pastor Dean

Dear Friends,

We all know the story of the wise man and the foolish man from the gospel of Matthew. The wise man built a house on rock so that when the rain and floods and winds blew, his house would continue to stand strong and firm. There was also the other guy in the story who built his house on sand. His foundation wasn't very sturdy so when the rain and wind came, the house fell down.

When we build houses for Habitat for Humanity in Dane County, we give them a good foundation made of concrete that will keep ground water out, warm air in and give strength to the structure above. When we work on homes in Biloxi we also seek a solid foundation, very different from the ones we build in Wisconsin. These foundations are open under the home to allow flooding hurricane waters to roll under the house at the same time giving the structure that sits on those concrete pilings stability and integrity during those massive storms. Wherever and however you build a building, a strong foundation is absolutely necessary for the building to stand.

Of course, this is all a biblical metaphor for our faith lives. We all believe in something. Here at Lakeview we claim that's a belief in the God who unconditionally loves us and offers us forgiveness. But that whole belief system has to be built on a foundation. What is it that underlies our beliefs as Lutheran Christians in the year 2009? This year during the season of Lent, we are going to explore exactly that during the mid-week Wednesday times of gathering and devotion. Join us every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary as we explore together the foundation of who we are and what we believe. Pastor Laurie and I will share in the discussions that will be biblical, doctrinal and historical. They will also be practical for our lives today. And because we enjoy being together as a community, I'm sure there will be some humor thrown in.

When I was a child, it was tradition to give things up for Lent. My Roman Catholic friends used to deprive themselves of chocolate or soda or movies. In the Lutheran church we also were expected to give up a dime every day in Lent and place it in a Self-Denial Folder and then give it to the church before Easter. Denial has been part of the season of Lent for centuries. You are certainly invited to consider denial as part of your lenten practices this year. However, I'd like to encourage you, to add instead of deny. Add the 6 Wednesday evenings at Lakeview to your weekly schedule during this season. Come to share food and fellowship at 6:00 pm. We are a community and this meal offers us an opportunity to develop those community relationships even deeper. Then attend the informal devotions at 7:00 in the sanctuary. Increase and stimulate your knowledge about the foundations of our faith life. Grow in your spirituality this year during Lent. Reinforce that foundation that you have so that as winds come up and floods roll down, your house will stand firm and those around you will indeed see you as the wise man (or woman or child) from the gospel of Matthew.

Peace,

Pastor Dean

## Going Back to Biloxi

Pastor Dean has spoken with the people of Biloxi and learned that there is still lots of work to be done to continue to complete housing destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. We will have a meeting at Lakeview at 9:15 am on March 8 to discuss a return trip for adults. We are looking at going the first week in May. If you have interest in joining us to do some dry walling, mudding and taping or painting---come to the meeting. These are the jobs that they need volunteers to do.



## Middle School Blitz

Calling all youth in grades 6-9 and their friends. Pastor Kirst and some responsible chaperones are hosting a 12-hour middle school blitz at Lakeview. The cost is \$5 per person and registration forms can be found in the church narthex or on the newsletter page of the church web site ([www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org)). Youth will arrive at church at 8:00 pm on Friday, March 20. We'll watch movies, play games, do a project for people who live in nursing homes, have a fire in the fireplace, eat pizza, drink soda and juice, bake cookies and have breakfast together before leaving at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 21. We'll get out the Ping-pong table and floor golf. Sleeping rooms will be available so kids can bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Pastor Dean promises a good time for everyone. We will not leave the building during this event. Invite a friend.

## Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

The next gathering is March 9th from 5:30—7:30 pm in the Fellowship Room. Bring your needles. The group is currently making sleeves for dialysis patients, skull caps for the military, prayer shawls, quilt square for Warm Up America and hats/mittens for Road Home. Donations of yarn are always appreciated.



## Lakeview Lutheran Church Youth Fruit Sale Prices

### Red Delicious Apples

Case, 100 apples, \$42  
Half case, 50 apples, \$21  
Dozen, \$5

### Golden Delicious Apples

Case, 100 apples, \$50  
Half case, 50 apples, \$25  
Dozen, \$5

### Oranges

Case, 80 oranges, \$40  
Half case, 40 oranges, \$20  
Dozen, \$5

### Pears

Case, 120 pears, \$50  
Half case, 60 pears, \$25  
Dozen, \$5

### Grapefruit

Case, 48 grapefruit, \$30  
Half case, 24 grapefruit, \$15  
Dozen \$6

## Themes for Wednesdays in Lent

- Mar. 4:** The Foundation Stones of Law and Gospel  
**Mar. 11:** The Foundation Stones of Word and Sacrament  
**Mar. 18:** The Foundation Stones of Faith and Works  
**Mar. 25:** The Foundation Stones of Two Kingdoms—Divine and Human  
**April 1:** The Foundation Stones of the Trinity—Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier

## Annual Rummage Sale

Mark your calendar, the Lakeview Rummage Sale will return May 15 & 16. Start saving your stuff as your donations will be appreciated.

# 12-Hour BLITZ

## Middle School Youth

Lakeview Lutheran Church

8:00 pm Friday, March 20

TO

8:00 am Saturday March 21

*Arrive at 8:00 pm, bring a sleeping bag, pillow and toothbrush. There will be pizza, soda, cookies, games, movies, crafts, fire in fireplace, breakfast and many other crazy things. Anyone in grades 6-9 may attend. You MUST register in advance and you MUST plan to spend the night. We'll have a sleeping room for those who want to sleep/read.*

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Youth name and phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adult contact name/phone \_\_\_\_\_

Second adult contact name/phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or special needs of youth \_\_\_\_\_

Name/phone of person picking youth up at 8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_

**Return with \$5.00 attached to Pastor Kirst  
Form MUST be completed in it's entirety.**