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



Easter Sunday
April 19

7:00, 9:00 & 10:30am
Worship

7:30-10:15
Easter Breakfast

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Madison, Wisconsin

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Final Mid-week Lenten Service

The final mid-week Lenten service will be held at **7:00 pm on April 1**. Pastor Dean will be leading the discussion about the foundation stone of the Holy Trinity. A meal at 6:00 pm in East Hall will be served by the MacMiller and Mohrmann families. See you there!

Palm/Passion Musical

As we have done in the past, the Sunday school students, Senior Choir and other musicians will present a musical version of the Passion of Christ at **5:00 pm on Saturday, April 4 and at 10:30 am on Sunday April 5**. Both presentations will be in the church sanctuary. For those who prefer a more traditional worship service on Palm/Passion Weekend, we will provide that at 8:00 am on Sunday, April 5 in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend the musical.

Maundy Thursday Service

According to the gospel of Mark, Jesus went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover meal with his family and friends each year, as did all Jews who were able. The Passover meal related in Mark 14 turned out to be the meal

Christians have come to call, "The Last Supper." We invite you to remember this meal shared by Jesus and his closest companions by joining us in the **East Hall at 7:00 p.m.**,



Thursday, April 9, 2009. We will re-create elements the Jewish Seder Service in this remembrance of Jesus final Passover with his disciples.

Good Friday

This year we will gather at the cross of the crucifixion at **7:00 pm on April 10**. The Senior Choir will present a Tenebrae Cantata entitled "Shadows" on that evening. It includes music and readings that takes us through the final events of Christ's earthly life. This is a somber service that will be presented in a darkened sanctuary.



Easter Festival Celebration

On **Easter Sunday, April 12**, we will offer 3 festival worship services in the sanctuary at **7:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am**. There will be special music and Holy Communion at each service. The butterfly tree and spring flowers will adorn our sanctuary as we celebrate the open tomb. The youth going on summer trips will be providing breakfast in East Hall from 7:30 am until 10:15 am. You can expect to find egg casseroles and frittatas along with fruit, muffins, bagels, coffee, juice and more. It is a free-will offering to help offset the cost of those summer trips. There will be an **Easter Vigil service held at 5:00 pm on April 11 in the chapel**.



Butterflies for Biloxi

Every year at Easter, we erect a butterfly tree in our sanctuary. The butterfly is a reminder of new life. The caterpillar dies in the cocoon and a new, beautiful butterfly emerges. At Easter we celebrate Christ's death in the tomb and his emerging as the risen one who can give us the gift of eternal life. This year, the money raised from our butterfly tree will be used to purchase building supplies for families in Biloxi who are still rebuilding their homes after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. When insurance companies began to pay out to homeowners, many decided that the damage that was done by the tidal surge was a flood and not from the wind. Therefore, insurance wouldn't cover. When our volunteers go to Biloxi in May, we would like to be able to help purchase building materials at the homes where we work. Thank you for supporting this important outreach by purchasing butterflies or by making a donation for the volunteers.



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“**Butterflies for Biloxi**” may be purchased for \$11.00 each. They will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter with the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to remember or honor. The money received will be used to purchase building supplies and materials when the Lakeview volunteers go to Biloxi to work in May.

Given by _____ Amount _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

You may purchase multiple plants and/or “Butterflies”. Please write one check and attach to this form. Return form and money to the church office or in an offering plate. Make checks to “Lakeview Lutheran Church”



A BIG THANK YOU TO BECCA FREY for her talent, time, and energy so generously expended on the Labyrinth this past March. More than one person told me it is the most beautiful one they use. Over the course of three days, we had 30 guests—seven on Friday morning between 6:30 and 8:30. We were able to leave the labyrinth up through the following Sunday this year as well and introduced Sunday School and Confirmation students to this prayer practice. Thanks also to John Frey, who did some hauling and moving for us!





Food Pantry Needs

Toilet Paper
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Camp Sugar Bush is Coming!

This year, we will be having a whole new Vacation Bible School experience. We will be offering a camping experience right here at the church. Children will be invited to arrive at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16 and spend the night. The following day there will be lots of camping activities planned that will uplift our call to care for the environment. Meals will be provided. The kids will even be doing some of the cooking. Then everyone from the congregation is invited to join the kids and adult leaders for a potluck supper at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 17 to conclude Camp Sugar Bush. For those children who would prefer to go home over night, we will make that happen. But for those who want to stay in the "bunk house" here at the church, they will be invited to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. The cost for Camp Sugar Bush will be \$10 per camper. Kids age 3 through 8th grade will be invited to register. It will be a very exciting experience with activities, Bible stories, bon fire, tents, entertainment, games and meals. And of course, there will be waterplay so everyone should bring a swim suit and towel. Watch for more details about **Camp Sugar Bush** in the church narthex and May Beacon. Registration forms will be available soon. Adults will be needed to assist with the experience. To volunteer, please inform a pastor.

No First with Kirst in April

Because of Palm/Passion Sunday and our commitment that week to the Road Home Program, there will **NOT** be a First with Kirst monthly potluck in April.

Road Home in April

We will be serving as Road Home buddies at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Spaight Street for the Road Home program on April 5, 6, and 7. We need people to cook, spend the evening and to sleep overnight. Rene Puzach is coordinating the volunteers for that week. If you have a slot that you want to volunteer in, call Rene at 849-4731 in the evening. We appreciate all of our Road Home volunteers for this important homeless shelter program. Doing it during holy week seems to reflect exactly what it is we celebrate with the death and resurrection of Christ.

Volunteers to Biloxi

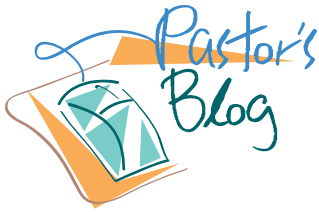
Yes, Pastor Dean is leading a team of builders back to Biloxi on May 2 to work on hurricane damaged homes for 1 week. Please keep this team of workers from Lakeview in your prayers as they travel and work and represent you. We have come to know many people in Biloxi and we look forward to making our presence known there again in May. If you would like to help the volunteers with the expenses of this trip, write a check to Lakeview and note that it is for the Biloxi work trip. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



2009 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of our congregation will be held during the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday morning, April 19. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. If you are not a voting member, you are most welcome to attend to hear what the ministry plans for Lakeview will be in the upcoming year. This is always an important meeting to elect new council members, establish a plan for ministry for the year and to disburse Lutefisk funds. Mark your calendars!





Dear Lakeview Family and Friends

During a sermon last fall, I shared a prayer from a book called *Writing on the Wall: Prayers, Psalms and Laments of the Rising Culture*, compiled by Brian Heasley. His ministry is a street ministry, and this collection of poems has been gathered from walls of all kinds. In an age when new walls are being erected every day, some made of concrete, some made of human hearts, how fitting that a people's cry for God be strewn across them like some great S.O.S. to God.



I'd like to share another prayer from this collection this month. Lent and Easter are the seasons when our relationship with God through his Son is renewed through our paying attention—to what is in us, and what we lack; to what we have to give, and what we take; to the real possibility that each day is our last, and surge of joy that in Jesus Christ, there is no last day. I offer this prayer as one we can say together during the month of April as we contemplate our suffering and dying Lord who nevertheless lived again and lives in us.

We, You

We keep asking
You keep doing
We keep falling
You keep catching
We forget to thank you
You forget our failings
We keep dying
You keep living
We keep hating
You keep loving

We keep trying
You keep helping
We are self-obsessed
You are us-obsessed
We keep straying
You keep calling
We keep wondering
You keep pointing
We keep praising
You keep saving

We don't tell people
You keep leading
We keep praying
You keep listening
We keep learning
You keep teaching
We keep forgetting
You keep reminding
We think you are amazing
You think we are too!

Peace and Blessings abound!

Pastor Laurie

Coming events:

The East/West Lake Conference Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 25, at Bethel Lutheran Church at 312 Wisconsin Avenue. Speakers include **Nora Miller, Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation.** **The topic is: Grapevine Project, a parish nurse program. Barbara Martin, Friends of the Market. The topic is Farmers' Market on the Square and the importance of buying locally.** These are timely subjects. There will be a Business meeting and update by Judy Mau, district liaison. Hopefully we will learn more about Bethel Church's Hispanic program. Registration is at 8:30am – 9:00am. Lunch will be served – soup, salad, sandwich, dessert bar. Cost is \$6.00. If interested in attending please call Shirley or Jane Dohler. (A count for the luncheon is needed.)



The Biennial Convention will be held June 26 & 27. It will be at the Bishop O'Connor Center here in Madison. The speakers are **Patricia Lorenz**, "Humor for the Health of It". She is one of the top contributing writers in the country to the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. **Inez Torres Davis**, "Finding Joy in the Journey." She will share with us her journey in finding sacred spaces and experiences as a core anti-racism trainer and educator. There will be eleven workshops. This is too good to miss. Registration by June 1, delegates by May 1.

Keep joy in your heart and Faith in your soul.

Shirley Storkson

Lakeview's 2009 Rummage Sale

Friday, May 15-7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 16-8:00 am to noon

East Hall-Lower Level

Donations accepted during these times:



May 9	8:00 am-4:00 pm
May 10	8:00 am-noon
May 11	9:00 am-8:00 pm
May 12	9:00 am-8:00 pm
May 13	9:00 am-8:00 pm
May 14	9:00 am-noon

Donate: childrens' clothing and shoes, toys, baby supplies, dishes, housewares, linens, tools, sports equipment, books, CD's, DVD's, holiday decorations, cookware, furniture, perfume, soap, some building supplies, musical instruments, games, puzzles, pictures of the pastors, etc.

DO NOT Donate: adult clothing or shoes, computer equipment, televisions, weight lifting equipment, toilets, mattresses or box springs, large appliances, windows, doors, siding, carpet, paint, stain or varnish.

*All unsold items will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul Society.
Proceeds from sale will buy badly needed tables and chairs for East Hall.*

See pictures of the 2008 Rummage Sale on the opening page of the Lakeview Web site at www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org.

**Don't miss this event-bargains galore,
bring a friend!**