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



**CROP HUNGER WALK**  
Sunday, October 18, 2009  
Registration—12:45 pm  
Walk—1:30 pm  
Congregational UCC  
University Avenue

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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

October 2009

## Halloween at Lakeview

Believe it or not, **October** is just around the corner, which means planning for Lakeview's tradition "Trunk or Treat" celebration the Wednesday before Halloween. This year that day falls on **the 28<sup>th</sup>**. Get your Halloween costume and spirit on a few days early! **At 6:00, we**

**will gather in East Hall** for potluck fellowship, some games and entertainment, **followed at 7:30 by "trunk or treating" in the south parking lot.**

(A meat dish and beverages will be provided. We invite you to bring a salad or side dish to share.) Festivities usually wind down around 8:00 p.m. Invite your neighbors, school friends, relatives. It's a good time!



Trunk or Treat

## Thank you, thank you!!

A huge **thank you** goes out to the huge crowd of volunteers showed up in the fog on September 24 to spread wood chips throughout the yard, If you are signed up on the Lakeview Facebook page, you can see this crew hard at work. The yard looks wonderful!!

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

The planning for the 2009 Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering is underway. The event will be held at Lakeview Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon, November 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. It will again feature a guest speaker and a variety of faithful offerings to celebrate a time of thanksgiving. This is an excellent opportunity for us to learn about and socialize with our neighbors of different religious traditions. All religions that participate exist in the greater Madison area. You may find it very similar to those first Thanksgivings where people gathered together who had different traditions and ideas. Mark you calendars.

## The Choir

The Lakeview choir season has begun. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening in the church sanctuary from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. People are encouraged to be on time so that we can begin promptly at 7:00.



The choir will sing for the first time this season on Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 am. It is never too late to become part of this group. Lynn Najem, our

director, indicates you don't have to be able read music. You need to enjoy singing, have a desire to be a worship leader and be willing to have some fun with the group. We even hit the local Culvers sometimes after rehearsals. Come on over to choir!



## Food Pantry Needs

Corn . . .  
Mac & Cheese

## Book Recommendations from Pastor DEAN

Like usual, I have read many books this summer. I would like to uplift 2 of them to you for your own reading. First, you may consider **Zeitoun** by Dave Eggers, copyright 2009 by McSweeney's Books. This is a rather unbelievable story of how a long-term Arab American businessman in New Orleans was treated in the days following Hurricane Katrina. Abdulrahman Zeitoun sent his wife Kathy and their children out of town for the hurricane. He stayed to protect multiple properties that they owned. He also rescued people from their attics and animals from abandoned houses. He was eventually arrested and received terribly frightening treatment from the military present in the city in the days following the hurricane. The book will break your heart and frighten you because it is hard to believe that it's being written about a citizen of a large city in our nation. The second book is **"The Year of Living Biblically"** by A. J. Jacobs, copyright 2007 by Simon and Schuster. Mr. Jacobs is Jewish and spends a year living as closely to the laws and expectations of the Bible as he possibly can. In a very humorous but very real way, Mr. Jacobs will open your eyes to the difficulty of biblical law. You will learn about the Bible by reading this book and you will likely enjoy it.

## The "Doris Challenge" for CROP

Last year, Doris Hicks, a long time active member of this congregation, set a fundraising goal for CROP. She wanted to personally raise \$1,000. She reached her goal to the cheers and applause of the congregation. When Doris took her funds and added them to the funds that the rest of the congregation raised, Lakeview turned in over \$8000 to the Madison CROP walk. Even though that was \$2,000 less than what we raised the previous year (over \$10,000) it was a phenomenal amount. Every year we come together as a congregation for this event to walk



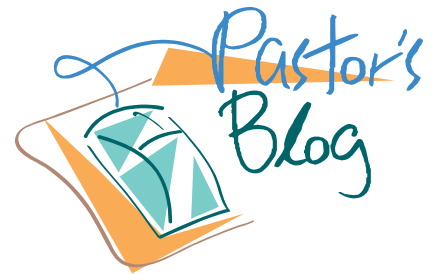
in our brightly colored T-shirts (this year it's blaze orange) and to make a statement to the community that we want to end hunger in the world. Our presence in those shirts reminds

everyone who sees us walking that Lakeview Lutheran Church wants people to have clean fresh water and adequate food supplies and medical care. Remember, some of this money comes to our food pantry. Buy a shirt (*the money goes directly to CROP*) and then plan to walk on October 18. The event will be held at First Congregational United Church of Christ by Camp Randall. Then, let's all give Doris a challenge. Rumor has it that she's already trying to top last year's goal. What if we each took the **"Doris Challenge"** and raised \$1,000????????????? Contact friends, family, neighbors, work associates, school peers, teachers, employers, your doctor, dentist and anyone you hire to do service. Ending hunger is worth responding to and this congregation has done a marvelous job in the past. See you at the CROP walk, you'll be the one in blaze orange! **Wear your orange shirt to worship at 10:30 am on October 18. We will be doing a sending service for all CROP participants.**

Dear Lakeview Family and Friends,

In his sermon this past Sunday on a difficult Gospel text, (Mark 9.42-48), Pastor Dean commented that the Bible is to be taken **not literally, but seriously**. In our discussion in our Adult Bible Study on the books of Acts, as one member put it, “It is comforting to know that right from the start, people struggled over who Jesus was and what his life meant.” Since I have visited hospital the intensive care units as pastor and chaplain often enough recently for that place to be on my mind a lot these days, I have also thought that the image of “intensive care” (to be taken seriously, but not literally!) is very useful, both in our personal lives and relationships with God, as well as for the “holy, catholic church” in the world.

First, as a personal example, most of you know I have been divorced. From 1988 until 1992, I was a single parent of three young children (ages 12, 8, and 4) and a full time teacher. This same image of “intensive care” occurred to me, (I believe as gift from the Holy Spirit). In my imagination, a part of me was a patient in God’s intensive care unit, connected to all kinds of nourishment, medication, and watchful nurses and doctors who sustained my life, while my body was out doing what anybody needs to do when one has children to care for and a job to do. It was—like the footprints story—as if God was helping me see how I was being cared for even when my life felt like a tornado had blown through it.



Since the national gathering of the ELCA in August, and a widening gap between those who think there is only one way to be a Christian, and those who believe the church should be welcoming to all and leave the “winnowing” to God, I see the larger Christian church at a critical juncture in its history and in need of the same spiritual “intensive care.” As we here at Lakeview study scripture together as a community, through Bible reading, in-depth study, preaching, and praying, I imagine the church, somewhere in the depths of God’s heart, being sustained by spiritual life support until it is actually able to function as God has called us to function—in the unity of fellowship, and peace-filled wholeness through the Holy Spirit.

I must confess that there is a part of me that wants to confront other believers with questions like:

- ◆ What is it about being a male that qualifies one to preach, offer the sacraments, read scripture in the assembly, acolyte and serve as pastors that being female does not?
- What is it about having one gender identity over another that qualifies one to do those same things—serve the community of God, as congregation member or clergy? To be faithful in relationships?
- ◆ What is it about skin color, ethnicity, denomination, or any other divisive way to categorize human beings, that makes some qualified to be members of “God’s team” and others “left in the outer darkness.” What is it that enables some to claim to know the mind of God better than another?

I would really love to hear some answer besides, “read the Bible.” I have. For a human being to claim to know exactly what the word of God means says more about that human being than it does about the God we worship. (See Isaiah 40.12-14; 2 Corinthians 2.8-13; Philippians 2.1-7).

## Pastor's Blog (Cont')

But I also know that, again as yesterday's sermon proclaimed, I am called to examine my own mind and heart, and as our national assembly also called for, to truly maintain respect for those who differ on issues of interpretation of the gospel. None of us can judge the heart of another believer without falling into the same error that has resulted in so many divisions in the Christian church in the first place.

Meanwhile, God sustains the life of the church in some other-worldly intensive care unit, while here on earth, we work our way toward health and unity of purpose. The work of justice and faith we carry on here at Lakeview will continue to bear witness to our understanding of God's word as best we can, and through grace alone, by faith alone, as Lutherans we can, with a free heart and spirit, let go of controversy and get on with the business of the kingdom and will of God here in our corner of this world.

Peace and blessings  
Pastor Laurie



## **Senior Forum Schedule**

*(Lunch will be provided by the church staff for each forum held here at church.)*

### **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Bishop Bruce Burnside will speak on his recent visit to Palestine and take questions.

### **Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

Dr. Richard Wright of Sun Prairie will speak on vision and eye care

### **Thursday, December 3, 2009**

Fireside Dinner Theatre Trip: We will see a performance of "Here's Love," a musical interpretation of the Christmas movie, "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street." We will carpool.

### **Tuesday, January 13, 2010**

Ryan Funeral Home presentation on pre-planning

### **February (day and time pending)**

Sr. Georgeanne Rodebush on Hospice Care, Inc. and available services

### **Tuesday, March 2**

Presentation by Meriter nutritionist on "Healthy Eating When You Don't Want to Cook!"

### **Thursday, April 15**

Retreat day and tour of Holy Wisdom Ecumenical Community (Formerly St. Benedicts) There new, state-of-the-art "green" facility will be open and available for a tour. We will gather at 8:00 a.m. at Lakeview. The retreat will include a number of activities and a tour of their facility. We will conclude with our noon meal which may be purchased in their new dining facility.

### **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sun Prairie Community theater's presentation of "Children of Eden." Tickets are \$7.50 in advance; \$8:00 at the door. We will begin making reservations in late April. We will have dinner together at a near-by Sun Prairie restaurant for those who are interested. We will carpool.

## Thank you for your generous donations

Greetings,

As I am writing this newsletter, the rain has come. The grass will be green again. And it is officially Fall.

Please note the following:

### Lutheran Box Car Loading is October 10th.

Please have your items to the church by October 9. The items needed are Quilts, Soap, and the various Kits. Clothing is no longer accepted except for the items in the kits. Financial donations are also welcome. Shipping charges are increasingly higher. Any donations for shipping will be forwarded to Lutheran World Relief.

### Lutefisk/Bazaar November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The WELCA woman hold a bazaar during the Lutefisk Dinner each year. The success, of the dinner and the bazaar, depends upon the Congregation. Everyone is welcome to bring Jams, jellies, candy, cakes, pickles etc. as well as craft items to sell at the bazaar to the church beginning on Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. The bazaar will be open during the hours of the Lutefisk dinner. We are looking forward to a variety of items for the sale. Lefse made prior to the event will be for sale also. This is an opportunity to work with fellow members and see the old friends and make new friends.

Thank you in advance for all your help and contributions.

Keep the faith,  
Shirley Storkson

Thank you to all who helped with the quilts for



Lutheran World Relief with donations of material. Because of your generous donations, we are sending **142 quilts** to LWR. More material is always welcome. If you have extra material, old sheets (in

good condition) etc. bring them to the church office. I will pick them up there.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Ronda Richard

## Bible Distribution

We again have the wonderful opportunity to give Bibles to the children in our Sunday school who are three years of age and to those who are in third grade. We will do this on Sunday, October 4 during the 10:30 am worship service.



Everyone is invited to worship and celebrate this tradition of sharing God's word with our children.

## Name tag weekend



is October 3 and 4. Wear a name tag so that our new members, and some of our old members can connect your name with your face.

## Lakeview Is On Facebook

For the past month, Lakeview Lutheran Church has had a Facebook page. It is an open group that anyone who is on Facebook can join. You are encouraged to open your Facebook page and then search for Lakeview Lutheran Church. When you find it, sign up to join and be a Lakeview friend. On that page you will find pictures of church activities, announcements of events, links to other Lutheran sites and periodic videos of things happening here. There is also a discussion board and you are invited to begin a topic that you would like to discuss. Don't waste time, become a Lakeview Facebook friend. Also, don't forget our web site at [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org).

## Affirmation of Baptism

Each year our congregation celebrates with our youth the affirmation of their baptisms. Sometimes this is called "confirmation." This year, after successfully completing the confirmation program provided by our congregation, five 9<sup>th</sup> graders will stand before you on October 25 to affirm the faith that their parents and sponsors affirmed when these young adults were baptized. This special service will be held at 10:30 am and since it is also Reformation Weekend, the rest of the congregation is encouraged to wear red. Those youth affirming their faith this year are Aidan Dalton, Kari Seeliger, Olivia Knudtson, Jon Olson and Nicolas Stamm. In their honor, a special time with refreshments will be held on October 25 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and uplift our youth.



## Confirmation Homeless Box Night

The 21 confirmation students, led by Pastor Dean and other adults, are doing something a little unusual and they need your help. On Friday, October 16, they will become homeless for 12 hours. They will be sleeping in boxes in front of the chapel. The only supplies they can bring to the event must fit into a brown paper grocery bag. They will not have electronic devices. They will not have access to the church building. They will have to struggle and make decisions for that short period of time like any person in our community who does not have a place to call home. Yes, that includes dealing with weather conditions. This is meant to be a sensitivity learning experience for these youth. We hope to have a better understanding of this difficult social ill and then, have a stronger desire to end hunger and homelessness. **Then we need YOU!** During the time that the youth are homeless, they will be raising money for the CROP hunger walk to be held on Sunday, October 18. You are invited and encouraged to bring your contribution to the youth on Friday, October 16 from 7:00 pm until 7:00 am. Make all checks to Lakeview Lutheran. The youth would like to raise \$1,000 for CROP through their experience. Give our confirmation students a hand, but better yet----fight hunger with your dollars and your willingness to walk in the CROP walk.

## Dartball season is upon us!

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lakeview Lutheran, Bristol Lutheran or Vermont Lutheran for a game of dartball!!! Come, watch or participate and get the feel for the dartboard. The season goes until March 2010. Upcoming events will be against Vermont Lutheran Church and Daleyville Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact John Frey at for more information.

## Lutefisk Dinner

### Hand Over the Money

Some people have that attitude when it comes to stewardship in the church. "All they want is my money," is not an unusual response to a church stewardship program. The truth is, WE, the church, don't want your money. WE, the church, do want you to contribute money along with your gifts of time and talent, so that we are able to fulfill our call as disciples and spread the gospel through our words and deeds in the world. That's the purpose of the church. Each year we establish a plan for doing ministry in our annual budget. We decide how we want to staff our congregation based on what kinds of ministry



and services we want to offer in response to our call to discipleship. Part of that plan is to upkeep the buildings and grounds, part of that plan is to assure we have regular worship, Sunday school,

confirmation, adult education, funerals, weddings, baptisms, Holy Communion, and hospital visitations. Part of our plan is for outreach like the food pantry, Road Home, Biloxi trips, Habitat building, Thanksgiving dinner, youth trips and so much more. Part of our plan for ministry includes paying for water, heat and electricity, for snow removal and for yard upkeep that is not covered by volunteers. Our plan for ministry also includes supporting the larger church and it's mission through our contributions to our synod and to the ELCA church at large. We are called to model Christ who was always about lovingly opening the doors for people who hurt and seeking justice for everyone. To do that, money is necessary. Money, along with the donation of our time and the use of our hands, feet and sometimes our backs.

The annual Lutefisk Dinner at Lakeview will be held on **Friday, November 6**. Dinner will be served from **11:00 am through 7:30 pm**. Many volunteers are needed all day to make this dinner happen. Callers will soon be contacting every member of the congregation (active and inactive) to ask you to participate. You will be invited to donate peeled and cubed potatoes, butter



(no margarine), desserts, and your time. Please consider how you may wish to assist with this event and inform your volunteer caller. It's hard work but we always have a fun time. As in the past, the congregation will determine where the money raised from the Lutefisk Dinner should be spent when we meet for our congregation's annual meeting in April. Nelson Walstead is the general chairperson of this dinner but the dinner can't happen without the support of the entire congregation. By the way, you can volunteer to help roll lefse on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the church kitchen or on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Just show up ready to work!

### Welcome New Members

On Sunday evening, September 27, the following individuals attended the new member training event and will become members of the Lakeview family during worship on October 4 during the 10:30 service;

Aubrie Divine-Scott, Sierra, Milo  
Eric & Leah Bachim  
Jamie Rosemeyer, Jeremy, Reese  
Jennifer Faust  
Leland & Leah Potter  
Nancy Keichinger  
Pat Smith, Trevor

When you see these folks, welcome them to Lakeview. Let them know why you enjoy being a part of this faith community. Invite them to participate in the things that you have found to be important in your life. Let them know we are glad that they are here.

## Summer 2010 Youth Trip

In July 2010, Pastor Dean will lead a youth trip to Manhattan in New York City. We will fly from Madison to LaGuardia and stay at a Lutheran Retreat Center on Union Square. During the 3 full days that we spend in the city, we will divide our time between providing service, exploring history and experiencing cultural communities different from our own. We will also plan to worship in one of the large New York Cathedrals. Youth who are in high school this year and those who are no longer in high school, but under age 21, are invited to participate in this trip. All youth in this age range should be receiving a commitment form very soon in the mail with greater detail. As usual, we will offer a variety of opportunities for the youth to fund raise their expenses. However, this year, each young person attending the trip will be responsible for raising their own costs by either direct payment or by fundraising or a combination of both. If you have questions about this event, please contact Pastor Dean.

## Winter is Coming-darn!

It's inevitable, the cold, wind, snow, ice and all the joys of the season will soon arrive in Madison and at Lakeview Lutheran Church. As we move into that season, consider the parking situation in our parking lots. Although we have plenty of good parking here at Lakeview, it is located in several different areas of the property. If you are able to walk comfortably from the upper parking lot, consider parking in that lot and allow stalls to remain open and available in the lower lots for seniors and those who may not be as able to walk safely down the hill.



## Road Home

Lakeview will buddy at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Oct. 18, 19, & 20 with the Road Home Program. If you wish to volunteer, contact René Puzach, Kris Kirst or Mary Cragin. Soon they will start calling people to fill in the schedule and to cook.

## Road Home Needs

Beginning in 2010, our congregation will host the families of the Road Home Program in our building four weeks out of the year. In preparation for that, we are collecting the following items:

- ◆ 15 sets of twin sheets that are new or gently used. (1 flat, 1 fitted, 1 pillow case). Any design or color.
- ◆ 15 hand towels and wash clothes. Can be new or gently used in good shape.
- ◆ Donation of 1 or 2 folding "pack and play" style cribs that can be easily transported. (Maybe you have one that you are finished using.)

Bring your donations to a worship service or the church office.

## Road Home Fundraising Breakfast

Pastor Kirst will again serve as a table captain for the annual Road Home Fundraising Breakfast. He needs to recruit 10-15 people to join him and many others at the breakfast on Tuesday November 3. The event begins at 7:30 am at the Alliant Energy Center. Complimentary breakfast will be served along with several presentations about the Road Home program and other services provided by the Road Home agency. At the conclusion of the meal, all guests will be invited to make a financial contribution to the Road Home if they choose. So far, 5 individuals have reserved a spot at Pastor's table. If you wish to join the Lakeview group, RSVP to Pastor Dean before October 9, 2009. Please consider joining us for this important event.