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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 22, 2008
3:00 pm
East Hall

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day
November 26, 2008
12 Noon
East Hall

Meal is FREE
Everyone welcome!

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Madison, Wisconsin

November, 2009

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day is November 26. 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. If you have immediate questions, contact them at 249-5241. As the month goes on, more information will be included in Sunday worship books.

There will be NO Sunday school or Confirmation class on Sunday November 1, 2009. Classes will resume at the appropriate times on Sunday, November 9.

Thank You Road Home Volunteers

The following members of our congregation have been trained to be Road Home volunteers and have shared their valuable time this past year; Rene and Garry Puzach, Nate and Barb Campbell/family, Pastor Laurie, Mary Cragin, Kris and Pastor Kirst, Kathy Krause, Linda and Todd Schaack, Jan Pond, Verallyn Cline, Dale Matthews, Chris Anders, Kathie Benson, Susan and Sterling Lynk/family, Patty Castillo/family, John Dyar, Colleen and Keith Kerl/family, Deb Meyers/family, Amy Butrymowicz, Marlene Hardick, Becky and Jason Buchda/family, Linda Osterhaus, Doris Hicks, Jackie Austin, Marlene Creaser, Lynn Case, Mary Beth Riley, and Lucy Mathiak. Many other people and confirmation students have volunteered in untrained capacities. We give thanks for all of the volunteers and look forward to an exciting year of hosting Road Home guests in our building.

Food Pantry Needs

Mac & Cheese
Corn



Hosting Road Home

Don't forget that in 2010, Lakeview will become a host church for the Road Home families. That means that we will host these families in our building 4 weeks out of the year. In 2010, these weeks will be **March 14-21, June 6-13, September 5-12** and **November 11-December 5**. If you are already a trained Road Home volunteer, mark these dates on your calendar because we will need you! If you would like to become a trained Road Home volunteer, please let Pastor Dean know and he will be sure that you are invited to an upcoming training. We would like to recruit more volunteers as we are especially in need of volunteers who will be willing to sleep overnight at the church when we host. Our congregation coordinators for Road Home are Rene Puzach, Kris Kirst and Mary Cragin. They would love to talk to you about the positive experience you or your family might have when volunteering. We will also need "untrained" volunteers when we host who can help set up rooms, move furniture, cook meals, shop for food and wash/dry sheets and towels. Let us know if you want to help in any of these areas too.

Sheets/Towels/Cribs/Car seats/ Diapers

The congregation has generously supplied us with sheets, towels and cribs for the Road Home program. A huge thank you to everyone who helped do this. We still need a car seat that meets child safety standards. It must be less than 10 years old and never been in an accident and suitable for an infant according to federal safety standards. We could also use a child

booster seat that meets standards for a car. And, we will need diapers of all sizes. If you stop using them and have some left, bring them over. If you would like to donate a bag of diapers, that works too. Thanks again for your generosity.

Upcoming Christmas Events

The Sunday School Christmas Program with communion and birthday lunch will be held at 10:30 am on December 13. An evening Christmas music event with refreshments will be held on December 20 at 6:30 pm in East Hall. Christmas Eve worship will be at 5:00 pm on December 24 and Christmas Day worship will be at 10:00 am on December 25.



Confirmation Students Say Thanks

On October 16, 18 youth and 4 adults spent the night sleeping on the church lawn in boxes to gain a better understanding of what it might be like to be homeless. The ground became our mattress, the woods became our bathroom, the bon fire became our source of heat. The event generated a healthy and sensitive discussion in the classroom the following Sunday. This event also generated \$1,246 for CROP to fight world hunger. Thank you to everyone who supported this learning experience for our confirmation students.



Lutefisk Dinner and Bazaar



The annual Lutefisk dinner at Lakeview will be held on November 6. The family style meal will be served from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. Tickets are purchased at the door (enter the northside doors of the building) as you arrive. Seating is by ticket number. Thank you to everyone who has donated items and time to make this important event a reality. Also, thank you to everyone who has volunteered to work on the day of the dinner. If you haven't volunteered yet, please consider doing so or show up to help. We need many volunteers on that day. Volunteers are especially needed at the end of the dinner for clean-up. While the dinner is being served in East Hall, the Annual Bazaar will be held in the Fellowship Room. Any member of the congregation is invited to donate something to the bazaar. Baked goods are most popular. Craft items, jams, jellies, homemade soaps, candles etc. are wonderful donations. All money raised at the Lutefisk dinner will be dispersed by the congregation at the annual meeting in April. All money raised at the bazaar will be disbursed by the WELCA group and this money often goes for a variety of needs within the church and for outreach. Thank you for participating.



Thanksgiving Fellowship Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

If you have not had the opportunity in the past to attend the Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering, you are encouraged to make time to do that this year. It will be held right here at Lakeview, in East Hall, on Sunday November 22. The event will begin at 3:00 pm and will include a keynote address from Joe Elder on "*Cross Cultural Perspectives on Thanksgiving.*" Professor Elder is in the departments of Sociology and Language/Cultures of Asia at the UW in Madison. Other presentations this year will come from Unity Church, Circle Sanctuary, Tibetan Dancers, Niagara Foundation Muslim Community, Quakers, Sufi Dancers, Women with Wings, Bahi of Madison, the local Hindu community and more. You are invited to bring finger food appetizers and desserts to share at the fellowship time following the gathering. Bring canned food items for local food pantries. Thanksgiving is about diversity and this is a great opportunity for just that.

Rite of Confirmation

On October 25th Aidan Dalton, Jon Olson, Olivia Knudtson, Kari Seeliger and Nicholas Stamm affirmed their baptismal faith and promise during the Rite of Confirmation. We welcome these fine young people into an active life within our congregation.





Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am preparing to travel with my wife, and my parents, to visit our son in Charleston South Carolina. We are excited to be able to spend a few days in Charleston. Even though we love the city, our excitement comes from being able to spend several days with Michael, our son. It's a time to be with family.

This morning, I spent time with our daughter who recently moved back to Madison and is in the process of buying her first home. She is excited. And because she is excited, so are her mother and I. Not only will this be a new experience for her, but we have our daughter living near us again. It's a time to be with family.

What is a family? It is very difficult to define that word or even that concept. It could be people who are related by blood or through marriage. It could be people who have committed relationships with each other. It could be extended or nuclear, of origin, of procreation, of gentrification, of many or of few. It could be people you live with or people who are in distant places.

To me, family is the group of people where I can be myself (and that's a bit scary). My family includes the group of people who will accept me as I am, even when they don't agree with me. My family includes the people who I can depend on and who are there for me to celebrate my joys and to help me bear my burdens. I am grateful for my family.

One of the joys of being active within a faith community is that you have a family. The people of Lakeview are my family. You see me as I am. I can be myself even if you don't like it. You are there when I celebrate joy and you are there as we grieve together. We were family last weekend when many of us participated in the fight against world hunger. We were family when we worked at the Road Home Homeless Shelter this week. We were family when we gathered for worship and celebrated the holy meal and when we baptized a new member into this family and when we lifted up five teenagers being confirmed. Jesus once defined his mother and brothers and sisters as any one who did the will of his father. He was defining his family as people who had the same commitment as he did.

Who are your family? Worship is a time to be with family. When you miss worship, I miss you, because I miss my family. I need you. We need each other because this journey of life, with many hills and valleys, and this call to be disciples is all about being a family. We are children of God. We are inheritors of eternal life. We are family!

Peace,
Pastor DEAN

Road Home Training

If you would like to volunteer with the Road Home program when we host families in 2010 and haven't been trained, reserve Thursday evening, November 19 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. If you are currently a Road Home volunteer, we would like you to mark this date and time also. The Road Home staff will be here to train new Lakeview and new Burke Lutheran volunteers. At the same time, the Lakeview coordinators will meet with our current volunteers to give them some direction and overview of what will be happening when we begin hosting families in March. We hope lots of people will show up. Remember, adults who volunteer with the families **MUST** be trained. Children do not need to be trained if they volunteer with their trained parents or another adult. Please consider coming to this meeting. All volunteers will meet promptly at 6:00 pm in East Hall on November 19. See you there. If you are in choir, we will make sure that you can be to choir at 7:00 pm.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 10
1:00—6:00 pm
East Hall

Volunteers needed!
 Call the church office to
 make an appointment
 244-6181

Summer Trip to New York City

The summer youth trip for 2010 will depart for New York on July 8 and return on July 12. We will be flying direct to LaGuardia from Madison. We will be staying at the Lutheran Seafarers and International House Retreat Center on Union Square. While in New York we will participate in several service/mission projects, we will experience some historical venues and we'll explore several cultural communities like Chinatown, Little Italy, Harlem and the Lower Eastside Jewish and tenement community. To attend this trip young people must be in high school this year and under the age of 21. Registration forms and deposits of \$50 should be to Pastor Dean by November 1. We will begin fundraising later in December. Chaperones for the trip will be Pastor Dean and Kim and Scott Harris.



A HUGE thank you to all who helped with the Lutheran World Relief Boxcar loading and to those who filled the boxes. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also, to everyone who helped with the bazaar by your talents and/or your help. I will have more next month with the results.

Keep the faith,
 Shirley

“Biblepaloosa”

The annual middle school winter retreat will be held at the Green Lake Center. We will leave Lakeview on Friday evening, January 15 and return to the church at noon on Sunday, January 17. Any youth or friends in grades 6, 7, 8, or 9 are invited to attend this annual event. The cost per person will be \$50 for the weekend. We will stay in Robbins Hall North again. We will use the Recreation Center for games, basketball, Ping-Pong and weight room. We'll eat buffet meals in the dining room and go sledding and cross country skiing on Saturday afternoon. There will be a closing worship on Sunday morning and our Saturday morning program will be a fun and unique experience of different Bible stories. Of course, there will be evil, messy, horrible, gross, rotten games on Saturday night!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Get ready for chicken feet, crickets, happy meals, shave cream, whipped cream, duct tape, and alka-seltzer. Watch for registration materials coming soon. Pastor Dean is looking forward to having a large group attend this retreat and invites all 6th graders to participate for the first time.

November Senior Forum Coming Up Fast!

Since it became necessary to reschedule Bishop Burnside's presentation of Palestine to the 21st, there are only two weeks until the next presentation. **On Tuesday, November 3, at**

11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard

Wright of Sun Prairie Vision

Care (Pastor Dean's

optometrist) will speak about

eye care and the difference between private practice optometry and the franchise approach. We will meet in the sanctuary for a power point presentation, followed by lunch. Call the church office (244-6181) to reserve a spot so we can plan enough food



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Sharing the Peace

We will continue to share the peace as part of our worship services. Sharing the peace is the reminder that we are called to forgive each other and that when we come to share the holy meal in worship, we are all the same, sinners redeemed by a loving God. If you are concerned about the spread of germs during this part of the liturgy, you are invited to place your hands behind your back and share the peace verbally. Please be sensitive to one another's wishes. Pastor's will continue to share a handshake of greeting at the conclusion of each worship service. Since we touch hundreds of germ infected areas every day of our lives, we have decided not to give up the important component of human contact and a handshake of hospitality and love. Wash your hands often---especially after pushing your shopping cart, using the gas pump, touching a stair railing, opening a public door etc.



THANKSGIVING DAY
12:00 NOON
East Hall of the church
November 26, 2008

Join us and invite neighbors or friends to our Thanksgiving Dinner. If you can help donate food or your time preparing or serving the meal, or clean up when it is over, contact:

Bob/Donna Mohrmann

Below is a list of food donations needed as well as volunteer help in preparing, serving & cleaning up. Please complete it and leave in the offering plate, give it to an usher or drop it off at the church office.

THANKSGIVING DINNER VOLUNTEER LIST:

_____ Help prepare dinner	_____ Help serve at dinner
_____ Help clean up after dinner	_____ Donate one turkey
_____ Cook a donated turkey	_____ Donate two pumpkin pies
_____ Donate & cook a turkey	_____ Donate one pumpkin pie
_____ Volunteer to be a driver	_____ Donate money

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Needed: 20 to 25 turkeys
40 to 50 pies

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

Deadline for ordering is November 29, 2009



_____ 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

PS—During Advent there will also be an opportunity
to support the out reach ministries of
Lakeview with a special project.
Watch for information coming soon!!