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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

**5:00 pm Candlelight Worship
With Holy Communion**

Christmas Day

**10:00 am Festival Worship
With Holy Communion**

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Sunday School Christmas Program



The Sunday school Christmas program is a time when our congregation and guests can come together and uplift the children of Lakeview. The kids are working hard at some wonderful music for this event. They will also be working on narrating the story of the birth of Christ. This year, we will incorporate Holy Communion into this unique worship service. The program will be presented at 10:30 am on Sunday, December 13. The service will last for an hour and immediately after the service, everyone is invited to the East Hall for a birthday party lunch. Consider altering your schedules to be able to attend this Christmas tradition here at Lakeview. You will hear the story of your Savior's birth told through music, song and movement from our children. Your presence will uplift the kids and encourage them as well.

Sunday School Program Rehearsal

All Sunday school students are asked to attend the final Sunday school program rehearsal on **Saturday, December 12**. We will begin promptly at **9:00 am** in the sanctuary and end at 10:30. This is early in the day so you can all have time to spend with family and friends during this busy month. Parents can either stay for the rehearsal or return to pick children up at the end.

Change In Worship Times

Note that there will be one worship service on Sunday December 27 and Sunday January 3. On each day that service will be held at 9:00 am in the sanctuary with Holy Communion. Saturday worship will continue to be at 5:00 pm on each of those weekends in the chapel. There will be no confirmation or education time on December 27 or January 3. We return to our regular weekend schedule of events on January 9/10, 2010.

Christmas Music Event

Traditions of Christmas continue at Lakeview with the annual Music Concert on Sunday, December 20th at 6:30 pm in East Hall. Join church musicians of all ages as you gather with friends and family around tables to hear Christmas music and to share beverages and refreshments.

Since we began this style of concert several years ago, many people have commented on how

enjoyable it has been to have this evening of relaxation and refecation and food, fellowship and music at a time when the world around us becomes so hectic and over-burdened. Let's keep the meaning of the Savior's birth simple and honest. He came to bring us life and through that he reminds us of the importance of living in relationship with each other. See you on December 20th.



Food Pantry Needs

Tuna Fish
Corn



“Biblepalosa” Middle School Winter Retreat

You’ve heard about it and maybe you’ve even attended it. It’s the annual middle school winter weekend event that we host each year in January. In 2010, we’ll be headed for the Green Lake Center, in Green Lake Wisconsin on Friday evening January 15th. We’ll return to Lakeview on Sunday, January 17th at noon. Any youth in grades 6 through 9 and their friends are invited to join us for this great weekend away. While at the Green Lake Center, we will stay in a 2-story dorm. Three youth stay in a room in bunk beds and there is a bathroom with shower for every 2 sleeping rooms. The dorm has a nice gathering room with fireplace and Ping-pong table. There is a small kitchen as well for snacks. We go to the Dining Hall for buffet style meals that are huge and very good. Some of our time at Green Lake is spent having fun in the recreation center where there is basketball, Ping-pong, volleyball and a weight training room. Some of our time is spent sledding and cross-country skiing or walking on the trails. On Saturday morning, we will have a program that will engage us in a fun way of learning Bible stories. Then, on Saturday evening we all will look forward to the grossest and most bizarre games that can be played inside of a building. Youth and adult chaperones who have attended before can tell you all about these wild and wacky games. If you are in 6th grade, all you need to know is that there is lots of laughing, bring clothes to get messy and who knows, you may be lucky enough to puke! Don’t miss the 2010 Middle School Winter Retreat. The cost is \$50 per youth and the registration form is included in this newsletter. And beware, Pastor Dean will indeed find some unique way to wake everyone up in the morning!!!!!!

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve worship with Holy Communion and special music will be at 5:00 pm in the church sanctuary on December 24. This will be a candlelight service. On Christmas Day, we will gather at 10:00 am in the sanctuary for festival worship with Holy Communion and special music. A different pastor will preach at each service and both services are unique. You are invited to incorporate both of these celebrations into your Christmas schedule. Worship is the heart of the season. The gift in the manger is the only gift we need.



CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Children Sing in Worship

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th, at the 10:30 am worship service the Sunday school children will be singing “I Am a Promise” to kick-off the Advent theme of “Promise” this year. The children will also be making a small token to give to each worshiper that day for you to wear throughout the Advent season that will be a reminder that each one of us is a child of the promise. Come and celebrate Advent and the anticipation of the promised Savior.

New Tables/Chairs

We will not be able to loan the new tables and chairs outside the building. This means that we will have a very limited supply of old tables and old chairs available. If you wish to borrow some of these older items, please make arrangements in advance with Nancy in the church office.

Leftover Lutefisk

The annual Lakeview Lutefisk Dinner is over but the memories continue to linger. That's why we are having a special Lutefisk event on Sunday evening December 6th. Arrive at the church at 5:00 pm for a potluck in East Hall. Table service and beverages will be provided. You bring some food to share (can be made out of leftover Lutefisk if you desire, or real food is preferred). When we finish eating, we will go to the sanctuary for an evening of wonderful Lutefisk entertainment on the big screen. First we will see the Lakeview slides of members rolling lefse for the dinner and then more slides of the dinner itself. This will take about 15 minutes. Following the Lakeview pictures, we will watch the documentary entitled "***Fishin' for Tradition: The Lutefisk Sage***" recently produced by Eric J. Nelson. This is a 26-minute film that you will love to see and features the Lakeview Lutefisk dinner and several of our Lakeview members. You will laugh and you will cry as Mr. Nelson takes us on this journey with his "***engrossing***" documentary. Don't miss this evening event of a lifetime! Bring a friend.

Truax Christmas Food Baskets

Truax Christmas Food Baskets have been distributed by East Madison Community Center for about 18 years. Every year, including 2009, the same gentleman who is now 89 years old has provided ALL the turkeys. Every year members of Lakeview, along with other churches/groups have provided the fixing's for a turkey dinner. 140 baskets will be distributed. Items needed by December 20th are:

- Canned green beans or peas, need 38
- Canned yams, need 19 large or more, if small
- Bagged stuffing, need 19
- Candy canes, need 19 boxes
- Apples/oranges, need 5 dozen
- Grocery bags, need 60
- \$ toward the purchase of needed items to Arlene Phillips.

A sample basket containing the needed food items is on display in the narthex. Please help as you are able and thank you for continuing to support our neighbors in need.

How Do I Get Great Pictures of Lakeview Events?

This is not an uncommon question. We have been posting great pictures of events around Lakeview and a variety of videos from special services on the Lakeview Facebook page. Currently there are 58 people who are members of this group and have the opportunity to access these pictures, videos and a variety of other important information. If you want to become a member of the Lakeview group, here's what you need to do. Set up a personal Facebook page. There is no cost and you can refrain from putting any details about yourself on this page. You will need to have an email address to have a Facebook page. Then, once you have a page, go to www.facebook.com and search for Lakeview Lutheran Church Madison. When you find the page, simply indicate that you wish to join. Again there is no cost but you have to have a computer, email address and a personal Facebook page. Happy viewing!



Once again the annual Lutefisk dinner and Bazaar have both been a success and an opportunity to see and work with fellow members. This is one of the greatest examples of working for the Lord's many projects.

There is a troubling matter that needs to be considered by our congregation. A few women that have continued year after year to set-up and run the bazaar feel it is time to ask for more involvement. We do not know what the future will bring but hopefully having more volunteers will make it possible to continue to have a bazaar in connection with the annual dinner. Please give this some thought and prayerful consideration.

Wishing everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Keep the faith,
Shirley Storkson



Dear Lakeview Families and Friends

For most people, the new year does not begin until January 1, but for Christians, it begins four Sundays before the traditional birthday of Jesus—December 25. So we begin celebrating a new year in a new way. We change the colors in the church to blue, and pastors wear blue stoles. Blue is said to be the color of hope.

Blue is also the color of clear skies, the Pacific Ocean, and my father's eyes. Scientists have actually determined that there are specific changes in the eyes when exposed to blue skies—changes which help keep the eyes healthy and also affect our mood. More people choose blue as their favorite color than any—in addition to hope, blue is said to be the color of calm, serenity, and peace—something this poor old world could surely use. Blue is the color the church has chosen to symbolize a “hope that does not disappoint.” Only God can promise such a hope.

As with the secular celebration of New Year's Eve, the church has traditions to mark this special season. The advent wreath is brought out of storage; a candle is lit to begin each service until all four tell us that the birth of Jesus is just around the bend. We sing special music, add special pieces to worship, and choose some “Giving Tree” project so that others outside our community will be reminded of their connection to the family of God.



Think about a time in your life when you were really looking forward to something—the excited feeling of anticipation when you could hardly wait for this good thing—the birth of a child, a wedding, a date, gift, a driver's license, a visit with family or friends, a party, a graduation--there are so many things in life we look forward to with anticipation.

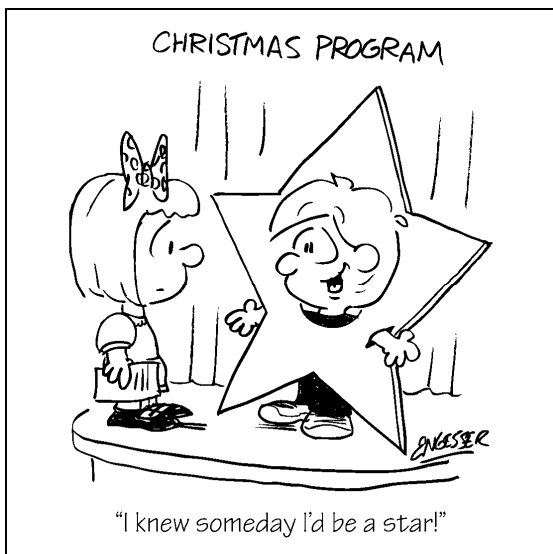
Through the season of advent, the church plans worship and special events to create this feeling of excited anticipation as a remembrance of the greatest event in human history—the coming of God to earth in the form of a baby boy.

To borrow some words from my current favorite devotional, “Gracious God, we put ourselves before in this season with waiting hearts and expectant desire. Open our eyes to see your promise fulfilled; open our ears that we may hear your words whispered to our deepest being.”

With hope in the Promise,
Pastor Laurie

Advent Giving Tree

This year, during the season of Advent, you are invited to help the social ministry committee at Lakeview by supporting the giving tree in the church narthex. The committee has erected a tree in the narthex but it has no decorations. So, your job is to help decorate the tree. You can do that by purchasing new, sturdy pairs of flip-flops in all sizes and colors. We may be the only church in town with a "flip-flop" tree for Christmas. The American Red Cross needs flip-flops. We are also collecting for the Red Cross; new bath towels, baby bottles, baby shampoo, baby wipes and warm-up outfits for men, women and children. All these items are used by the Red Cross when they respond to an emergency where people may have to quickly leave their dwellings because of flood, fire, wind, ice, hurricane etc and who don't have time to take necessary items. The American Red Cross has provided relief to victims of disasters and helped communities prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies for over 125 years through Disaster Response, Disaster Prevention and Preparedness, Health and Safety Education, and Armed Forces Emergency Services. Please consider helping with this project.



"Knots of Love" Knitting and Crocheting Ministry

Have you wondered what all those Lakeview knitters and crocheters do every month when they gather? Here is a review of their work this year.

January & February:

Dialysis sleeves 33, Hats/mittens/scarves 12, Warm Up America squares 7, Prayer shawls 2

March:

Dialysis sleeves 3, Helmet liners 17, Warm Up America squares 25, Prayer shawls 6

April:

Prayer shawls 2, Lap robes 1, Preemie blankets 1, Dialysis sleeves 31, Helmet liners 17, Warm Up America squares 38

May

Wool "afghans for Afghans" 2, Prayer Shawls 2, Lap robes 2, Preemie hats 5, Warm Up America square 1, Helmet liners 6

June

Helmet liners 1, Prayer Shawls 1

July

Prayer Shawls 4, Lap Robes 1, Helmet liners 8, Preemie hat 1, Warm Up America squares 4

August

Preemie blanket 1, Dialysis sleeves 6, Warm Up America squares 5

September

Prayer Shawls 3, Preemie blankets 4, Helmet liners 2, Warm Up America Squares 3, Dialysis sleeves 2, Preemie hats 3, Bag of granny squares

October

Prayer Shawls 2, Helmut liners 3, Lap robe 1

November

Prayer Shawl 1, Preemie blanket 1, Warm Up America squares 45

Thank you to everyone who participates in this ministry. Remember you can join the group on the second Monday evening of every month at 5:30 in the Fellowship Room.

DONATIONS of YARN and QUILTING MATERIAL is always welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you.

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB READING SCHEDULE



December	No meeting
Jan.4, 2010	Pigs in Heaven by Barbara Kingsolver
Feb. 1	The 13 th Tale by Diane Setterfield
Mar. 1	Leap into Darkness by Michael Lesker
Apr. 5	Outliers by Malcomb Gladwell
May 3	Zeitoun by Dave Eggers
June 7	Book Thief by Markus Zisak
July 5	Out Stealing Horses by Per Patterson
August 2	Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
September 6	Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai

Anyone interested in ordering as a group through Amazon in order to receive free shipping, Let Pastor Laurie know. The cost per book is usually less, too.

LAKEVIEW LIT LOVERS

(i.e. formerly Lakeview Book Club,
but we use LitLovers.com resources,
hence the name change.)

At our November meeting, we agreed to change the day of the monthly meeting at the request of a member who wants to join us, but can't on the third Mondays. Therefore, starting in **January of 2010, we will begin meeting on the 1st Monday of the month.** Time and place will remain 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. Coffee and light treats provided. Copies of the schedule may be picked up on Sunday mornings next to the mail drawer on the back pew in the narthex.