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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Beacon

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

January, 2010

Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you

To all who donated to the Truax Christmas Baskets. Much was received and all leftovers were donated to the Lakeview Food Pantry. Arlene Phillips

Healing Services return in 2010

Among the technical marvels of the 20th century, modern medicines have made living with chronic illness an increasingly common occurrence for people of all ages. A new branch of psychology has been developed in response to the need for coping strategies and support for those living with chronic illnesses of many types.



This year at Lakeview, a group will begin to meet on the Third Thursday of each month from 5:00-6:45. The first hour we will meet as a group and the second hour will offer a return of the healing services previously led by parish nurse, Ann Tigan. Pastor Laurie will present and facilitate discussion during the first hour and preside at the service to follow. Our first meeting will take place on January 21st. We will meet in the library space just inside the south entryway.

Weather Cancellations

We hope that it will not happen, but unfortunately, we aren't able to control the weather and road conditions. If we MUST

cancel activities or worship services at Lakeview this winter, we will put the information on the phone voice message at 244-6181. We will also send the cancellation out on Facebook. We will attempt to put it on the church web site and we will use Channel3000.com and nbc15.com on the web.

Potluck Is Coming

Reserve Sunday evening, January 24 and come on over for a potluck at 5:00 pm in East Hall. You will be able to meet and join in fellowship with those who will be attending the new member group. Bring some food to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. After we eat, we'll head to the sanctuary to watch slides of the Middle School Winter Retreat on the big screen. It will be a fun evening of food, fellowship and goofy pictures.

Spanish Continues at Lakeview

Spanish II will begin this semester on Feb. 2nd. The time and place remain the same—6:30-8:30 in West Hall. Our instructor is an excellent one and makes the time go by quickly through a variety of activities and class participation. Hopefully many who took Spanish I will continue, and we invite any who have some Spanish background to join us. This course is also listed in the Adult Continuing Education catalog through MATC so we may have a few neighborhood folks join us as well. The fee remains \$69.48. You may see Pastor Laurie for a registration form, (in person or via email) or simply call 246-6240 and tell them you want to register for class 68732.



Senior Forum Schedule for 2010

Lunch will be provided by the church staff for each forum held here at church—January, February, and March. Meeting time remains 11:00 for presentation and 12:00 for luncheon.

Tuesday, January 13, 2010

A representative of Ryan Funeral Homes will present on the topic of pre-planning services and options.

Tuesday, February 16th

Chaplain Steve Zwettler from Hospice Care, Inc. will share information on services available through and/or provided by Hospice Care, Inc.

Tuesday, March 2nd

Presentation by Meriter nutritionist on “Healthy Eating When You Don’t Want to Cook!”

Thursday, April 15th

Retreat day and tour of Holy Wisdom Ecumenical Community (formerly St. Benedicts). Their 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 9th

Sun Prairie Community Theater will present “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 from church for those preferring not to drive.

“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 should be returned to Pastor Dean by January 10. Registration forms are in the church narthex or can be downloaded from the church web site. Go to the newsletter page of the site to find the form.



Food Pantry Needs

**Corn
Cr. Mushroom Soup**

New Member Group

A New Member Group will be held on Sunday, January 24 in West Hall. Anyone who would like to join Lakeview at this time is invited to participate in this evening event. We will begin at 4:00 pm with a general discussion. At 5:00 pm

New Members Class



there will be a congregation potluck in East Hall to welcome the new members. Table service and beverages will be provided, everyone

attending is invited to bring food to share. Immediately after the meal, we'll go to the sanctuary and watch the pictures of the Middle School Winter Retreat on the big screen. If you wish to become a member of Lakeview and will be attending on this evening, please call the church office to let us know. Thank you! New members will be officially received into membership at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 31.

Social Ministry Committee

The Social Ministry Committee at Lakeview will be having it's first meeting of 2010 on Thursday, January 14 at 5:00 pm. If you would like to be part of this important committee serving the congregation in this important way, come to the meeting. The committee has recently hosted the Advent Giving Tree for American Red Cross and is looking at our congregation building a house in Guatamala, more work days with Habitat, getting ready to host the Road Home Program in March and more. Thank you to all who serve on this committee and to Chris Anders who is the committee liaison to the church council.

Road Home News

Mark your calendars that our first week of hosting the families in the Road Home Program will be March 14 through March 21. Many trained volunteers will be needed---some untrained ones as well to cook, shop, do laundry and move belongings. If you attended the new volunteer orientation back in November, please remember to complete your volunteer packets and get them to Pastor Dean as soon as possible. Those packets must be completed and returned before you can volunteer with the guests. If you have misplaced your packet (emailed to you in November) you can obtain a hard copy of the packet from Pastor Dean. Don't delay, we will need you in March. Our coordinators, Rene Puzach, Kris Kirst and Mary Cragin will be getting in touch with volunteers soon.

Lakeview Coffee Shop

You may have realized that our Sunday morning coffee tastes different. It is freshly roasted over at Ancora Coffee Roasters on Stoughton Road on the north side. The coffee you are drinking is fairly traded so that coffee farmers benefit from selling those beans. By using Ancora coffee, we are supporting those farmers and a local north side business. The result is better coffee but also a slightly higher cost to us. Enjoy the coffee and if you are able to help pay for it by making a donation in the basket in the coffee room, thank you very much.





Dear Friends,

At the beginning of each year, many people make New Year's resolutions and then break them before February rolls around. Been there, done that! This year, instead of a New Year's resolution, I am offering you a challenge. It is a challenge that I am taking as well because I would never encourage you to do something that I wouldn't do. I would like to call my 2010 challenge "See Christ, Be Christ."

Throughout the Advent and Christmas season, we have been reminded of how the revelation of God has come in very unlikely and unexpected ways. The word of God came to John out in the wilderness, it did not come to a powerful political leader. The spirit of God came upon a young teenage girl from Nazareth, not to the daughter of a King. The Savior of the world showed up in a cow manger, not a palatial palace. And throughout the gospels, we see examples of Christ in the meek, the lowly, the outcast, the poor, the tax-collectors, the bereaved and sinners of all kinds. So, the first part of my challenge for you in this upcoming year is to keep your eyes open to "see Christ." In what unlikely situations and through what unexpected people will you see Christ in the upcoming days? Are you always looking in the right places? Where have you forgotten to search to see this Bethlehem baby born to be the Savior of humankind?

Second, the stories about the life of Jesus are filled with repeated calls for each of us to continue his ministry of mercy and justice on the earth. We are called to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, cloth those who are naked. Jesus constantly calls us to be hospitable, to advocate for justice, to find ways to assist those with needs and to forgive those who have wronged us. He calls on us to love God and our neighbors as our selves and he even wants us to pray for those who persecute us. The second part of my 2010 challenge is to encourage you to experience new ways to "be Christ." How will you fulfill the call of discipleship to make Christ visible in the upcoming year? What new risks might you be willing to take to make Christ known? How might our congregation take on new challenges and continue old challenges of being the hands and feet of Christ?

"See Christ, Be Christ." Together we can take on this New Year's challenge and continue to be the disciples we were called to be. Go forth, Team Lakeview, and spread the gospel in 2010.

Peace,
Pastor DEAN

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A huge thank you to everyone who remember the Lakeview staff during the Christmas season. Your cards, food and gifts are greatly appreciated. We are grateful for all of the members of this congregation who work hard to do ministry in the name of the Christ and we look forward to partnering with all of you in 2010.

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB READING SCHEDULE



Date	Title
Jan.4, 2010	<i>Pigs in Heaven</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
Feb. 1 st	<i>The 13th Tale</i> by Diane Setterfield
Mar. 1 st	<i>Leap into Darkness</i> by Michael Olesker
Apr. 5 th	Outliers by Malcomb Gladwell
May 3 rd	<i>Zeitoun</i> by Dave Eggars
June 7 th	<i>Book Thief</i> by Markus Zisak
July 5 th	<i>Out Stealing Horses</i> by Per Patterson
August 2 nd	<i>Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
September 6 th	<i>Inheritance of Loss</i> 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.



New Picture Directory coming in 2010

A committee has been formed and will be meeting in January with Olan Mills to finalize details. We have a tentative plan for taking pictures in March before Holy Week which begins on March 28th. Watch bulletins and February newsletter for further details