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



**Imposition of Ashes
Holy Communion
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Beacon

Lakeview Lutheran Church Madison, Wisconsin February/March, 2010

Healing Services return in 2010

Jesus was known as both a teacher and a healer, which makes healing one of the most important ministries of the church. Healing is a process needed in our lives most of the time. Every change life brings involves loss of some sort: the loss of health that comes with illness; the loss of important roles in our lives, as parents when our children leave home or as workers when a job is lost to retirement or the economy; the loss of loved ones through death; or loss simply because as life progresses and changes occur in our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual



health. There are many avenues of healing, prayer being one of those that has been shown to make a difference in people's healing process, even from such medically-based issues as heart-disease. Our physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental lives are integrated in such complex ways that only God knows the path we need to take and the kind of healing we need, and so we use all the avenues we know including prayer, support in community, and the sacraments, in addition to responsible medical treatment.

Our first healing group and service was held on Thursday, January 21 from 5:00 to 6:45. We will continue to meet on the Third Thursday at this same time. Our location is flexible at this time until

numbers of participants are determined, but enter by the south doors and someone will greet you and let you know where we will be meeting. If you would like to be part of this group but cannot attend this meeting, let Pastor Laurie know to keep you informed as this ministry takes shape. If lack of transportation is a hindrance, also let Pastor Laurie know that some arrangement needs to be made so that you can attend if you so desire.

Rummage Sale Returns

The annual Lakeview rummage sale will be held on May 14 and 15. Start saving your donations to bring to the church the week preceding the sale. All proceeds from the rummage sale benefit the ongoing and new ministries of our congregation. Thank you for supporting this important event. Don't forget to come and buy good stuff too!





Senior Forum Schedule for 2010

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

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 Carolyn Rumph a nutritionist from Meriter Health Services on "Healthy Eating if You Don't Want (or like) to Cook!"

If you plan to attend the April 15 retreat to the newly remodeled Holy Wisdom Monastery (formerly St. Benedict's Retreat Center), please submit a check for \$25 to Nancy in the office by Friday, March 12th. This includes lunch.

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.

Super Bowl 2010

On Sunday, February 7, you could be in Miami spending \$3,795 for 3 nights at the Miami Hyatt and tickets to the Super Bowl game. Oh yeah, you would also get ground transportation to and from the stadium. However, your airfare would be additional. You could also stay at home on February 7 and watch the game there after stocking up on beverages and food. Or maybe you'll be like me and not even watch the game but spend the afternoon at a local bookstore drinking coffee

Relief for Victims of the



Earthquake in Haiti

and buying books. Whatever you do on February 7, after you come to church, you have resources to make it happen. You will have lots of opportunities for activity on that day and you and I will take advantage of them. So, I am pleading with you to pause and consider the people of Haiti. They need our help. Prior to the earthquake there were over 300,000 children without parents living in orphanages in that country. Since the earthquake, that number has risen even higher. And you have seen plenty of other distress and turmoil and devastation on television, computers and newspapers. At Lakeview, after each worship service on February 6 and 7, we will receive a special offering for Haiti Relief. We will send our funds to the ELCA Disaster Response so that we know they are being used wisely for relief efforts. One hundred percent of the money we send will go directly toward relief. Over \$1,800 from our congregation has already been donated. Make your check to "**Lakeview Lutheran Church**" and note "Haiti" on it. If you contribute cash, please note your name and envelope number if you wish to have it added onto your giving statement. We hear the words from the prophet Micah, "**do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.**" Thank you Lakeview!



Food Pantry Needs

**Pancake Mix
Syrup
Ranch Salad Dressing**

Beat the Winter Blues and All That Jazz

*A Musical Fundraiser for
Madison-area Urban Ministry*

Thursday, March 4, 2010

4:30—7:30 pm

Inn on the Park

22 S. Carroll Street

Tickets: \$25

Featuring:

Jan Wheaton

Silent Auction



Cash bar and hors d' oeuvres

For more information contact MUM offices at
608-256-0906.

Road Home Week

The families being served in the Road Home homeless program will be hosted at Lakeview from March 14 through March 21. During this time, our guests will be using the Sunday school rooms and Conference Room for bedrooms. Meals will be served from our kitchen in East Hall. Thank you to everyone who generously donated sheets, pillowcases and towels. We have all we need because of your generosity. Burke Lutheran Church members will be working with us during this week. Those who spend evenings at the church with the families must have completed the Road Home training program. Many of you have done that. There are also many other volunteer opportunities during that week including; unloading the moving van and setting up

bedrooms on Sunday, March 14 at 11:30 am, cooking food throughout the week, shopping for supplies, packing the moving van at 7:00 am on Sunday, March 21, returning the Sunday school rooms back to classrooms on Sunday, March 21 at 7:00 am, washing the sheets and towels at the end of the week, etc. Our congregational coordinators are Kris Kirst, Rene Puzach and Mary Cragin. If you are trained and wish to volunteer with families, please contact them. If you are NOT trained, but wish to help in other areas listed above, please let them know that also. **MANY** volunteers are needed for this week. The next time we host the Road Home guests will be June 6-13.



Because of the success of the Bazaar, contributions have been made to community non-profits as well as our own congregation, i.e. the Food Pantry and improvements. (A full report is available and will be included in the Annual Report.) Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

The two women who have spear headed the bazaar for many years have said that they are unable to do it again. With that said, we need a few people to step up and chair the bazaar. There will be help to get you started. Prayerfully consider this and contact Shirley Storkson or Carol Rohde if you would like to help.

Keep the Faith
Shirley Storkson



Dear Lakeview Family and Friends

The church year continues to surprise me as we prepare for the season of Lent while Christmas echoes in leftover food, decoration, packaging, and music. This year, which the church calls Year C, is the year we concentrate on the Gospel of Luke—with readings from the Gospel of John interspersed. But the Gospel for Ash Wednesday this year comes from Matthew. It is the familiar one about fasting and praying in secret so that we do not draw attention and praise from our fellow human beings—for then, Jesus says, we will have had our reward. Rather, give alms and fast in secret, “and your Father in heaven, who sees in secret, will reward you.”

That teaching has perhaps been stressed, unfortunately, to such an extent that much good work of the church goes unnoticed by the world, and much of the witness of people who follow Christ, whose lives are based on love for him and his gospel, goes unacknowledged. So how do we find the balance between a witness that lets people in a post-Christian world know that Jesus Christ still has many faithful followers, and one that comes across as “holier-than-thou” or judgmental of those who do not follow him?

The best way I know of is simply to tell stories of our own experience in which our faith life has played some positive role. Such personal stories help others to know that Christian faith remains a power in people’s lives for good without delivering the message that unless they believe the same way they are condemned. In the current religious climate, often called pluralistic, individual witness to the gospel message has become as important as it has ever been since the time of Christ himself. The Christian church is so divided that it is no wonder many people are uncertain about what to think and so simply turn away from Christian worship altogether and turn either to other traditions, or to secular community for fellowship and spiritual needs.

One of the best ways to become a witness or advocate for the faith is to have a clearer understanding of the ways the faith has been understood down through its history and how we have come to have so many different expressions of what is still called in the Creed, “one, holy, catholic church.”

This year during the season of Lent, we will explore the many ways that Jesus and his life and ministry has been understood and how that has resulted in division within the Christian family. Each Wednesday during Lent, we will experience a dialogue between the ELCA Lutheran understanding of the Gospel and various other understandings such as the Roman Catholic/Episcopal, the Evangelical, the Pentecostal, the Methodist, and divergent Lutheran understandings. The series will be called, “The Splintered Manger,” which both connects us to our recent experience of joy at Jesus’ birth, and the broken nature of the church which has taken root in the world since that day.

The most important thing for every Christian to remember throughout the season of Lent—and really throughout life—is that “Easter’s a-comin’” our promise of hope and the reason for our faith.

Pastor Laurie

Lakeview "Knots of Love"

The Knots of Love Knitting and Crocheting Ministry meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Room. Everyone, is welcome for all or part of that time period. Any skill level is welcome. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we would be happy to teach you, too. Our current projects are scarves and lap blankets for the Veterans Administration, prayer shawls for Hospice, strips (roughly 6 inches wide by 60 inches long) which will be pieced together to make afghans for the Road Home families and hats for the homeless men who wait for shelter at Grace Episcopal. You don't have to attend the meetings to contribute. Just bring whatever you have made to church. All knitters and crocheters should keep track of the hours you put in on your projects and give them to Lynn Case for Thrivent supplemental funds. Thank you to Thrivent for \$350 in 2009. We will be applying for Thrivent funding in 2010. Also, the knitting and crocheting ministry welcomes donations of yarn. If you have any you'd like to donate, bring it to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Mary Cragin or Kris Kirst.



Youth Fruit Sale

Remember how good that fruit was last year? Remember those sweet red and golden Delicious apples, juicy oranges and red grapefruit and tantalizing pears? We'll have it all along with golden sweet pineapple. The youth going to New York this summer will be selling fruit again in February. This year, the office will not be taking calls for fruit but everyone is welcome to call a youth going on the trip and place an order. More information will coming later but get your mouths ready for fruit!



Suds and Spuds

It's back! Beginning on Wednesday evening, February 24 the Wednesday evening Lenten supper will be served at 6:00 pm in East Hall. This year an old favorite returns. Baked potatoes will be served and every week there will be a different variety of toppings. Then, ice cream and soda will be available for dessert----thus, suds and spuds! You won't want to miss these meals. The youth going to New York will be assisting to put them on and your free-will contributions will go toward their trip this summer. Don't miss suds and spuds before Lenten Devotions at 7:00 pm.



High School Youth To New York

The following high school youth will be going to New York July 8-12, 2010; Shannon Bashor, Whitney Burkle, Aidan Dalton, Alyx Haasl, Taylor Hartman, Olivia Knudtson, Ninah Netzel, Leslie O'Kane, Kassi Olson, Jon Olson, Kari Seeliger and Nicholas Stamm. The chaperones for this trip will be Scott and Kim Harris and Pastor Dean. The group will be flying from Madison to LaGuardia. While in New York they will stay at the Seafarers International House which is run by the ELCA and located on Union Square in Manhattan. The group will participate in several mission projects including delivering meals to people who are terminally ill and dying of AIDS. There will also be time to visit museums and do some sightseeing. We appreciate the support of the Lakeview congregation for this and all youth trips and activities.

Let's Build a House

During the season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we will be building a house in San Pedro Yepocapa Guatemala. We won't actually be going there, but we will work to raise the \$1,800 necessary to build a 2-room home to accommodate a family who is currently living in a grass and cardboard shelter. The home we build will be a metal structure with roof, exterior door and 2 windows. It will be constructed in Georgia and transported to the mountain site in Guatemala for assembly on a cement slab. Please check out the pictures in the church narthex. The Lakeview Mission and Society Committee will be accepting your financial contributions in memory or in honor of loved ones and friends to build this house. All names will appear in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please consider assisting with this Lenten project.

Winter Youth Retreat

The winter middle school retreat was held in Green Lake at the Green Lake Conference Center on January 15-17. There were 27 youth and 8 adult chaperones who participated. It was an excellent weekend and the youth were phenomenal. What a great group of young people we have at Lakeview! It is a joy to be able to participate with these kids in this capacity. While at Green Lake we spent some time learning Bible stories in unique ways, we ate lots of food, we went sledding and played basketball and Ping-pong. We also played many crazy games—some were even very gross and messy. Did you know that peanut butter is an excellent facial? Were you aware of how much fun you can really have with cooked chicken's feet? Thank you to chaperones Rene Puzach, Tracy Stamm, Nate Campbell, Leah Voight-Potter, Leland Potter, Mindy McElmurry and Elizabeth Kirst. Thank you to the youth for your engaging and positive attitudes and excellent behaviors. Thank you to the congregation of Lakeview for making youth activities a priority for ministry here. Next year the retreat will be held on January 14-16, 2011. Mark your calendars. Who likes cymbals?

Palm/Passion Weekend Musical

As in the past, our Sunday school students, adult choir and other musicians will present a musical retelling the story of Christ's



passion and crucifixion at 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 27 and at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 28.

Both of these services will be held in the church sanctuary. This will be a dramatic and moving presentation of Christ's life prior to his Easter resurrection. The dress rehearsal for this important event will be on Saturday, March 27 at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday is a term used for the day preceding Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the time of Lent, a time that Christians have traditionally spent in fasting, prayer and devotion. Lent is a solemn time. Shrove Tuesday is the final night to celebrate and feast before we gather for confession and absolution at the Ash Wednesday worship service. In some locations, new traditions have been established on this Tuesday such as the final Mardi Gras celebration in areas of Brazil, the Caribbean and certainly in New Orleans. This year, the youth going on the high school trip to New York in July will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in East Hall. All-you-can-eat pancakes, syrup, apple-sauce, sausages, and beverages will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. A live jazz band, the "Dixie Horizon," will play for your entertainment and dancing pleasure. Wear colorful and celebrative clothing. Beads will be given away. A "free-will" offering will be received. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate, enjoy food and fellowship and support our youth before we begin Lent.



LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN LIT LOVERS READING SCHEDULE



Date	Title
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 met in January with Olan Mills to finalize details. Scheduled dates for the picture taking are: Friday & Saturday, March 12th & 13th and Tuesday & Wednesday, April 6th & 7th. There will be times available throughout the day and into the evening. Watch for announcements in the bulletin.