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



Rummage Sale

May 14, 7:00 am—
7:00 pm
May 15, 7:00 am—
12 Noon

**Beginning May
29/30**

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Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison, Wisconsin

May, 2010

Council Installation

The new 2010/11 Congregation Council will be installed during the 10:30 am worship service on May 2. Come and meet your new council representatives who you elected into office at the annual meeting.



President	René Puzach
Vice President	Mary Cragin
Secretary	Amy Butrymowicz
Treasurer	Darlene Younger
Evangelism	Amy Luebke
Stewardship	Joyce McElmurry
Properties	Garry Puzach
Mission/Society	Chris Anders
Worship & Music	Verallyn Cline
Youth and Family	Scott Harris
Parish Education	Travis Currier
Personnel	Joy Krey

ACT 8—Aids Ride Pit Stop

Lakeview will be hosting a Pit Stop at this event again this summer. The Ride is July 28—August 1. Though nothing is definite at this time, we will try to host Saturday (July 31) morning again. We will need 6-8 people at the event and donations of home-made goodies. More to follow.

Hosting Road Home

Our next week to host the guests of the Road Home program is June 6-13. Mark your calendars so you are able to respond to the coordinators when they start to call for volunteers. Remember, we also need people on June 6 to unload the truck and set up rooms and then again on June 13 to load the truck. People who volunteer for these jobs do not need to be trained volunteers. A sign up sheet for donations of lunch food items will appear soon in the church narthex.

Synod Assembly

The South Central Synod of Wisconsin will hold the annual assembly on June 5 and 6 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Pastor Laurie will be attending the assembly as a rostered leader in the church. Linda Osterhaus and Bill Veenendaal will be attending the assembly as the two voting members from Lakeview. Pastor Dean will remain in Madison and lead worship on Saturday Afternoon and Sunday morning.

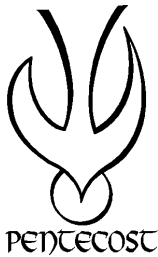
Food Pantry Needs

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Ranch Salad
Dressing



Festival of Pentecost

This year the Festival of Pentecost, celebrating the coming of the spirit and the beginning of the church, will be held the weekend of May 22/23. Red is the color for the weekend and everyone is encouraged to wear something red (**not hard in Madison**). This festival coincides with the last day of Sunday school and the end of the program year at Lakeview. Therefore, on Sunday morning, May 23 the choir will be singing, the Sunday school children will sing at 10:30 am, we will recognize our Sunday school staff and we will give thanks for the members of our congregation who have reached 80 years of age or above. It will indeed be a day to celebrate the church and the fire of the spirit. Put on your red and join us for worship. It is the final Sunday of the winter worship schedule. The following Sunday, worship is at 9:00 am.



Habitat for Humanity

Once again, Lakeview will be participating in work dates at the Northport build sites. We will need approximately 10 people to work on site on Saturday, June 19th and July 17th from 8:00am—3:30 pm(ish). Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex as these dates near. Also, Lakeview will be providing lunch on both of these days for approximately 30—40 people that will be working at three sites on Northport.

New York Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for all youth going to New York and their parents on Tuesday evening, May 4 at 6:30 pm in West Hall. We will be handing out maps and reviewing important points on the map for safety. We will also discuss packing and spending money. Everyone should attend this meeting.



The East/West Lake Conference meeting on Saturday, April 17th was very successful with an excellent response from several churches. Our own Pastor Mary Pharmer was one of the speakers and she spoke about Haiti. She had adopted children from Haiti years ago and last summer before the earthquake she and the children traveled there. The DVD she presented had many pictures of Haiti at that time. Deb Roussos spoke on Nutrition in the 21st Century.

Updates:

“A Five Star Retreat” is planned for May 14 -15 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Watertown. Registration is only \$10.00. Speakers include The **Rev. Sue Moline-Larson**, Bible study; The **Rev. Gail Brodersen-Heins** comes to us from advertising; The **Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld**, recipient of a 2010 Black Excellence Award; **Linda Post-Bushkofky**, Executive Director of the Women of the ELCA; **Nancy Davis**, executive director of ABC Connections, a volunteer program that helps the elderly. She’s also a certified laughter leader. Reservations for overnight may be made or you can attend Friday or Saturday and not stay overnight*.

Pine Lake Camp Women’s Retreat at Waupaca, WI is Friday, August 20 – Sunday, August 22.

Keep the Faith,
Shirley Storkson

Summer Bible Study

This summer Pastor Laurie will lead a Bible study on the Wisdom literature of the Bible. It will be held on Sundays, after the 9:00 am worship service. More information to follow.

Rummage Sale

May 14, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

May 15, 7:00 am to noon



"I loved the sale last year. I bought cookbooks for Michael, kitchenware for Elizabeth that she'll never use and a new toilet seat cover for my wife, which she didn't want. Plus, I got enough gag gifts to last a couple of years. You'd be a fool to miss this event. I know I'll come back."

Quote from Dean Kirst, actual rummage sale shopper

"The chair I bought at the sale looks great in our house and I've been enjoying the gag gifts that Pastor Dean bought at the sale all year long. I think I'll buy some this year."

Quote from Rene Puzach, satisfied customer

"It was the most exciting thing to happen on the Northside in years."

Quote from a shopper who prefers to remain anonymous

The reports are in. The Lakeview Rummage Sale is an event that you shouldn't miss. The bargains will again fill the East Hall. You'll find kitchenware, tools, books, videos, children's clothes and toys, yard and car items, linens, holiday décor, pictures, furniture, and maybe even the kitchen sink. You'll be able to buy homemade baked goods at the bake sale. And the coffee is free. The friendly volunteers will take your money and wrap your items for safe transport.



You will not find adult clothes and shoes or large appliances. All items left from the sale will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

If you wish to donate items for the sale, and you are encouraged to do that, bring them to the church as soon as you receive this newsletter. Your donated items are what make this sale work for our customers and they raise money for our ministries. This year the proceeds from the sale will be divided between the Road Home Program and the replacement of carpet/tiles in the lower level of the church building. Last year the proceeds purchased new tables and chairs for East Hall that were used at the Lutefisk Dinner.

"Please papa, take me to the sale!"

"Yes Honey, we won't miss it"

Dear Lakeview Family and Friends



It is hard to ignore in today's world that there is a "battle for the Bible" raging. Some Christian denominations accuse others of ignoring the Bible, or of simply making it say what they want it to say, of "being blown about by every wind of new doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14), of abandoning the traditional faith to keep pace with cultural trends.

In their turn, those denominations are accused of being simplistically literal, denying scientific evidence of the age of the earth, for example, or ignoring evidence in the Bible itself of cultural change and adaptation to new conditions and change. (See Paul's first letter to the Corinthians for evidence of the struggle to integrate Gentile practices and Jewish law into the new "Way" of Jesus.)

While this larger battle rages in the public sphere, the individual reads the Bible through the eyes of personal experience, gleaning what wisdom and comfort there is to be found for the daily walk of faith. Perhaps they join a Bible study to understand in greater depth those parts which don't make much sense on the surface in the 21st century, or perhaps they just shrug and decide that parts of the Bible simply don't apply to life today.

In recent days, I have found myself thinking of my days and nights by relating them to the experiences of the Biblical writers. One of the results of seminary study, I think, like any study of writing as literature, is that I have become more aware of the writer of the text. This, of course, is another bone of contention among Christian groups: some claiming the writer's hand was literally guided by God and every word should be taken as if coming from the pen of God. Others see a human writer, inspired by faith in God, but shaped and affected by culture and experience. (I have to say, I belong to the latter group.)

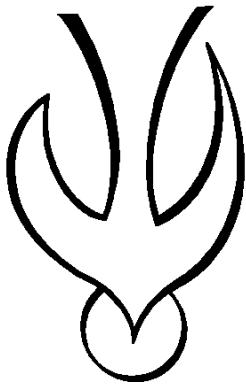
ANYWAY—to the point of all this—I have found myself lately classifying my days according to which book of the Bible they most closely resemble. When I'm feeling sorry for myself, I'm having a "Job" day. When I just don't get life at all, and realize that my own pain, real as it is, doesn't hold a candle to the suffering of much of the world, I'm having an "Ecclesiastes" day. (Yesterday was one of those—the day after visits to the oncologist tend to be Ecclesiastes days.)

But then there are the Gospel days. My father gave me a framed colorful graphic with a verse from proverbs, "God blesses the home of the just." I have hung it in a place I see every day and I realized the other day for the first time that I have always thought of "blessing" as something specific—some good thing happening, or some special protection that the "just" have that the "unjust" don't. (The unjust, of course, being those I don't agree with!) I finally got it that God doesn't work that way at all. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is God's blessing to all humankind, and that blessing came to the just and the unjust—to all people. God's blessing is not a specific event, not a magical protection, not an earned reward. It is Jesus Christ, died and risen. Jesus intends for all our days to be gospel days. Some days we don't get there, but He is there anyway, waiting for us to get past Job, and shake off Ecclesiastes, and turn to Him and be saved—from self-pity, from despair, to be filled with his life, FOR the life of the world. He knows more than any that some days we can't or won't. And still he waits, and still He is there for when we can. The Gospel days, the good news days, those are the days we live **for**. The others we just live **through**.

That battle for the Bible will continue to rage, I am sure. We can only speak for our own understanding of our faith tradition and our own relationship with our Savior. If we live the Gospel, as the Lakeview community does so faithfully, there will certainly be more gospel days IN the world for others to experience, and perhaps wonder again, "Who is this Jesus, and how can I know him?" That is what we pray for and what our witness is about, after all is said and done.

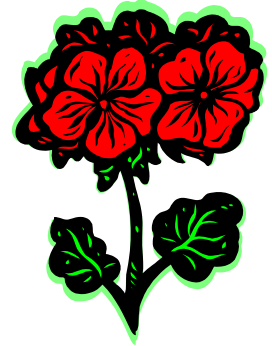
With blessings and prayers that this spring with bring mostly Gospel days for us all and for the mission of Lakeview,

Pentecost is May 23
You are encouraged to wear
RED to worship!



PENTECOST

Join us in getting out the **RED** on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd by purchasing a red geranium to decorate our sanctuary. The geraniums will be a nice addition to your yard after the celebration, or donate your plant to be planted around the church grounds.



Please place your order, along with your check/cash in the offering plate or put it in the church office no later than May 16th. The order will be placed first thing Monday morning, May 17th.

<input type="checkbox"/> Geraniums(4-1/2" Pot) at \$4.00 each	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Geraniums(6" pot) at \$11.00 each	\$	
Total	\$	

I will pick up my plant(s)
 I will donate my plants(s)

_____ Name

Geraniums are coming from Klein's Floral

Dead Sea Scrolls Trip

The Sunday Adult Study Group is planning a trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum for **Sunday, June 6**, to visit the Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit. Prices are as follows: **Adults, \$26; Seniors (over 60) and youth (age 3-12) or students with ID, \$24. (If we have a group of 15 or more, we will receive \$2.00 off of each ticket.)** Please let Pastor Laurie or the church office know as soon as possible if you would like to go. We will car pool after the 9::00 service and have lunch before the museum tour.



The tour itself takes one and a half to two hours to complete. Visitors may purchase an **audio self-guided tour for an additional \$6.00**. There are no bathroom facilities in the exhibit itself and once you leave the exhibit, visitors may not return on the same ticket. No food, drink, gum, or large bags are allowed in the exhibit for the protection of the exhibit itself. "Please get your name and check for the tickets to either Pastor Laurie or to Nancy in the office by May 15th. You may put checks in Pastor Laurie's file in the Narthex on Sunday mornings."

LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN LIT LOVERS READING SCHEDULE



Date	Title
May 3rd	<i>Zeitoun</i> by Dave Eggers
June 7th	<i>Book Thief</i> by Markus Zisak
July 5th	<i>Out Stealing Horses</i> by Per Patterson
August 2nd	<i>Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> By Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
September 6th	<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.

Sunday, May 23: 9:15 am - 10:15 *The Spirit of Sunday School*

Families and guests of our Sunday School students are invited to join their children on Sunday morning, May 23 for an hour of music and activities. Our extraordinary children will guide you through an energetic experience of learning about God's love. Everyone is welcome to attend. Just another day at Sunday School? You be the judge!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Members

If you own insurance policies or annuities through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you will soon have the opportunity to participate in a new charitable grant program called Thrivent Choice. This will replace the former "Care in Congregations" program whereby Lakeview received congregational funds by holding a fundraiser such as the Lutefisk Dinner or the Rummage Sale. Now Thrivent members will be more involved in the process of deciding where Thrivent will distribute at least \$1 million of its charitable dollars.

The first part of the Thrivent Choice program takes place between April 19 and May 20, 2010. All benefit and associate members will be eligible to "vote" to distribute a portion of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds among a short list of national charities (Lutheran and non-Lutheran). Votes can be cast at Thrivent.com/choice_vote or by completing the reply card in the Spring issue of Thrivent magazine. Among the organizations listed are: ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Habitat For Humanity, and the American Heart Association. Each organization will receive a portion of the dollars distributed based on the percentage of votes it gets as a "favorite" organization. If more than 350,000 Thrivent members (15%) vote, Thrivent will add a second \$1 million dollars to the distribution. This is your incentive to vote.

The second part of the program is called "Choice Dollars" and will launch in June, 2010. Approximately 30% of benefit members will be able to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran non-profit organizations, including Lutheran congregations such as **Lakeview Lutheran Church**. (Approximately 75% of past participants in the GivingPlus® program will be eligible to direct Choice Dollars.) Eligibility for Choice Dollars is based on a benefit member's insurance premiums, account values and volunteer leadership. Most eligible benefit members will be able to direct between \$25 and \$100, and some may be able to direct as much as \$500. If you are a Thrivent member and can designate choice dollars, we encourage you to designate Lakeview as your designated choice.