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TOWN TOPICS

Happy Thanksgiving

The Lakeview Area News office will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 so we can enjoy the holiday with our families.

Some of you may have noticed that your paper arrived a day or so late this week. That is because of the holiday.

The annual Turkey Trot was held Thanksgiving morning. We plan on having details next week.

Speaking of next week, Saturday, December 4, is the annual Christmas in Lakeview festivities. See the schedule of events on page 4 and plan on attending. There is something for the whole family.

Check out all the local happenings in Upcoming Events, page 3.

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Fall Forecast

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Community Thanksgiving - 400 Years and Counting



Community members at LAMA's annual Thanksgiving Service

By Cindy Havens

For 400 years Americans have been celebrating Thanksgiving. It may have been to recognize a successful corn harvest, which is what the pilgrims were doing in 1621 – or it may be neighbors gathering to remember why we're grateful to God – which is what the Lakeview community was doing last Sunday night. Americans have a history of honoring God with our gratitude.

It was Governor William Bradford who organized the first pilgrim feast in 1621. The festival lasted three days. A year earlier, in September 1620, the small ship called the Mayflower, had left Plymouth, England with 102 passengers. Some were religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith. Others in the group were enticed by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the 'New World.' Their treacherous voyage lasted 66 days. They landed at Cape Cod, Massachusetts, which was far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. A month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the pilgrims began working to build a village at Plymouth. The following fall they had their first Thanksgiving meal which featured lobster and seal on the menu as well as turkey.

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Meet Lakeview FMC's New Pastor



The Marsh Family: Amber holding 3-year-old Micah and Pastor Jason holding 6-month-old Eliana

By Linda Huckins

The Lakeview Free Methodist Church has a new pastor. Jason Marsh, his wife Amber, and their two children (3-year old Micah and 6-month-old Eliana) officially started their ministry in Lakeview on Sunday, November 7. The couple moved into the parsonage that is attached

to the church last week. Pastor Jason spent the last year and a half serving as senior pastor at the Millbrook Free Methodist Church in Blanchard with the last nine months of that time also serving as youth pastor at The Woods Free Methodist Church in Stanwood. He was born in Illi-

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Community Christmas Tree Decorated



By Lisa Jensen

Christmas music is on the radio, people are shopping in stores, malls and online, Christmas cards are being written, and yes, Christmas trees are going up, and not just in homes. In Lakeview, the community Christmas tree was dressed and decorated last Sunday in preparation for the holiday festival (Christmas in Lakeview) scheduled for December 4th.

Lions Club members Greg McKenna, Todd and Dawn Johnson, and David and Lisa Jensen along with 3 exchange students (Zhanbo from Kyrgyzstan, Emeline from France and Camila from Chile) helped bring the tree to life!

Local businesses, and individuals made donations to help make a community tree a reality.

The tree was harvested off Lions Club member Mary Snyder's back property and set up on the old Bollinger's lot across from the Municipal Building.

While decorating, Christmas music was playing, kids were dancing, and even Officer Phil Gerhardt came by with some hot chocolate for the crew! It was a beautiful day, with some clouds, some sunshine and with just a little nip in the air. The Lions Club, along with Lakeview's Festival Committee, hope that you mark your calendar for the festival in town. There will be ice sculpting, reindeer, cookie decorating and even Polar Express wagon rides!

The Lions Club hopes that you enjoy the tree and festival this year. Be sure to thank a Festival

Committee member for their organization of this year's festival. If you have ever thought of joining the Lions Club or Festival Committee, new members are always welcomed.

The Lions Club Purpose:

- * To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.
- * To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs.
- * To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- * To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- * To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- * To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- * To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- * To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

For more information on joining, volunteering or being a part of the Lions Club, call Rosie Witt at 989-534-1916, Dawn Johnson at 989-287-2606 or for the Lakeview's Festival Committee, see Greg McKenna and he will connect you with the different committee members.

See page 2 for more pictures.

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