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There was a fire in Lakeview this week. The family's cat is missing. Can you help find him? See page 10.

We attended the Museum fundraiser (this page) and the Mexican Dinner at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Both had great food.

Summer weather is finally here. See the great forecast below. It may hit 80 on Saturday.

Spring Forecast

Thu Sunny, high 66. North wind 8 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thu Night Partly cloudy, low 41.

Fri Partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Fri Night Partly cloudy, low 52.

Sat Sunny, high 78. Breezy.

Sat Night A chance of showers after 2am. Partly cloudy, low 51.

Sun A chance of showers. Partly sunny, high 76.

Sun Night Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, low 57.

Mon A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, high 78.



A Well-Attended Museum Fundraiser



A sincere thank you to all who came together to support the Lakeview Area Museum building campaign on Friday evening of May 8th. The community came out to show their support. Many commented how much they enjoyed the mashed potato bar. Area businesses and individuals were so generous in donating items for the Silent Auction. We appreciate the generosity of those businesses and the individuals who donated and those who made bids on the items. We estimate about \$3,500 or more was raised through this fundraiser.

On display was a picture of how the Museum Board expects the facade of the new addition will ap-

pear, hoping to replicate the original Town Hall building (1895-1975). Pictures of the original town hall were displayed, showing the history of this building. With the community showing their interest and support, we are looking forward to improving what the Museum can share about our town's history.

The Museum will be open on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25th) from 10:00 to 1:00 and every Saturday throughout the summer (June through September) from 10:00 to 2:00.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Thanks again!!!



National Day of Prayer: Seventy-five Years Seeking God for Our Country

By Bethel Larsen

Seventy-five years after the National Day of Prayer was established as an act of Congress and thirty years after the first NDOP gathering in Lakeview, a small group of Lakeview area residents assembled outside Lakeview Community Center to pray for the needs of our country and our community. Based on I Chronicles 16:24 as rendered by the New American Standard Bible, the theme was "Glorify God among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations." This first Thursday in May, the officially designated day of the annual observance, attendees gathered beneath the flagpole just before the daily noon whistle sounded.

On behalf of the Lakeview Area Ministerial Association, Pastor Mark Mitchell of New Life

United Methodist Church welcomed the group and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bill Dodge of Lakeview United Church of Christ led in singing "America the Beautiful." Pastor Mitchell led a prayer acknowledging God's rule over all the peoples of the earth and asking Him to "forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth." The group then moved out of the chilly wind into the Community Center for the remainder of the program.

Pastor Jason Marsh then led the group in a National Prayer written by National Day of Prayer Task Force President Kathy Branzell. The prayer sought forgiveness for our individual and corporate pride that "sought our own glory and comfort, allowing evil to take root instead of Your fruit in our hearts,

homes, culture, and country....Please purify and renew our hearts with holy attributes, affections, attitudes, and actions—to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength." Citing 250 years of God's guidance and giving thanks for our Founding Fathers and all throughout our history who have sought God in fervent prayer, the collective petition sought God's Kingdom and will in all the various facets of our individual, community, and national lives.

Pastor Bill Dodge lent his strong, resonant voice to lead the group in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace" before a unison Prayer of Confession written by Anne Graham Lotz was led by Pastor Jason Marsh. Students from Brockway Christian Academy sang for the group, accompanied by Pastor Jeff

LeMire, Jr. on guitar and Ms. Kathy Gunderman on piano. Various petitions were then offered by individuals for family, community, and national issues, each prayer concluding with "Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer." Pastor Dodge then led the singing of "God Bless America" before Pastor Jason Marsh offered a closing benediction.

As small and large gatherings were being held in small towns and larger cities throughout our country, leaders in Washington, D.C. also observed National Day of Prayer. U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, addressing a gathering in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall, noted that the National Day of Prayer was established during the height of the Cold War with the then-U.S.S.R. and noted that a chapel between the House and Sen-

ate chambers features a stained glass window of the "Father of Our Country" on one knee in humble prayer to God. He cited a statement above the House Speaker's platform expressing our nation's dependence upon God, also installed during the Cold War in the face of Communism's basic premise that there is no God. Speaker Johnson's brief speech may be seen on YouTube.

Those who gathered to observe the National Day of Prayer or took time to pray privately would affirm that it was not a mere formality but a deep and everlasting necessity to "remember our Creator in the days of [our] youth"—or our advanced age—and seek His forgiveness, protection, and guidance on our families, communities, and country. May each generation be moved to seek Him!

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