

**Next Week:** Epiphany 3

**Theme:** *Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him.*

### **BIBLE CLASS – PHILIPPIANS**

It's often called "Paul's Letter of Joy." More than a dozen times, Paul uses "joy" or "rejoice" in just four chapters, despite the fact that he was writing from prison to Christians who had been persecuted. Join us to be filled with this same joy in Christ. Classes are held online at 7:30pm on Wednesday; in person on Thursday at 10:00am in Room 204; and in person on Sunday at 9:15am in the cafeteria. Remember to sign-up for classes online!

### **THANK YOU MISS BLIEVERNICHT**

Miss Lynette Blievernicht served as our teacher from 1983-2020. In summer of 2020, she retired after 43 years in the WELS teaching ministry. We will show our appreciation for her service to our Lord and our congregation. There is a box for notes and cards in the entryway. Write a note of thanks or share a memory with her. You can also include gift cards or certificates. We will present them to her at the 10:30 service this **Sunday**.

### **OPEN FORUM**

There will be an Open Forum for all members on Sunday, **January 31, at 11:45am in church**. We will be providing an update on the merger discussions. Bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns about what is happening at Woodlawn and Lamb of God.

### **BASIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE**

We are beginning a new Bible Study on Basic Christian Doctrine. This course is for those who want to review the Basic Teachings of the Bible or who wish to become members of Woodlawn Lutheran Church. Classes begin on Saturday, **January 23rd** at 1:00pm and meet each Saturday for approximately 1-1/2 hours each session. Topics studied include the Trinity, Creation, Sin, Grace, the Commandments, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The next blood drive at Woodlawn for Versiti / Blood Center of Wisconsin will be held on Monday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:00-6:00pm**. Please sign-up online at [Versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org). There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway. You will need to create an account to sign-up online! Go to Schedule an Appointment and search for Woodlawn. Our Sponsorship number is: spon003213 or you can search by range or dates or zip code. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Help save a life by donating!

### **2021 FLOWER CHART**

... is up on the bulletin board in the hallway between the mailboxes! Anyone wishing to donate flowers for the sanctuary is encouraged to sign up. Use this in memory of a loved one, to celebrate an anniversary or birthday, or for no special reason at all. **PLEASE NOTE: You are responsible for purchasing and removing your flowers! We are currently without anyone in charge of or on the Flower Committee. If anyone would like to be in charge of the Flower Committee, please contact one of the pastors.**

Committee members are usually responsible for one month at a time (if we have more than one volunteer!). We purchase the flowers per members' request at any store (Pick 'N Save, Piggly Wiggly, or a flower shop). We bring them to church on Friday or Saturday and place them on the altar stands. The stands and vases are located in the vestibule. The receipt is then placed in the member's box who sponsored flowers for that week and they give the payment/reimbursement to you. Please contact one of the pastors if you are interested in helping out.

*Thanks to everyone who came to "undecorate" the church last Sunday. Your help is greatly appreciated!*

### **SCRIP**

Our next order will be on **Monday, January 18**. An order form and a retailer list are in the carousel outside Pastor Kneser's office. Please note we have a small inventory of cards if you need something between orders. Contact Mrs. Gasper at [mgasper@logls.org](mailto:mgasper@logls.org) with questions.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Gloria Kneser (at Clement Manor for rehab after injury suffered in a fall).

### THANKS FROM THE WALTHER FAMILY

*I just wanted to thank the church family at Woodlawn SO MUCH for your incredibly generous "Christmas package"! We were blown away by the sheer number of gift cards, and our boys are already excited to eat out at Olive Garden and Dairy Queen (two of their favorites!).*

*After sort of a crummy year where it feels our momentum has been sapped as a mission congregation, this was a wonderful reminder that we're not alone, and that we have so many others supporting us through their prayers and in many other ways. Happy New Year!*

*In Christ, Pastor Nate Walther - Grace Lutheran Church (Minot, ND)*

### THANKS FROM THE APT FAMILY

*Dear Members of Woodlawn,*

*I can't tell you how much you all mean to Anne and me. Over the past couple of years, you've supported us with your words of encouragement, with your gifts, and your prayers. We have been truly humbled and blessed by your love and kindness to our family. Though we are sad we will no longer hear from you, it brings us joy knowing you will give that same love and support to another missionary. God bless you as you continue to be little missionaries in your area.*

*Love, Stephen Apt, Pastor, Divine Savior Church - Santa Rita Ranch, Liberty Hill, TX*

### THANKS FROM THE ONE AFRICA TEAM

*Dear Members of Woodlawn,*

*Thank you very much for your wonderful donations to the Lutheran Seminary. We would like to express our deepest gratitude for this kind gesture of support.*

*After a two month delay due to Covid restrictions, a new seminary class of 13 men (plus families) began their first year of studies earlier this month. We are thankful here in Lusaka that we are able to conduct in-person classes for our students, which makes communication much easier and teaching more effective.*

*May the Lord bless your heart for missions and all your efforts to carry out his ministry in your midst throughout 2021!*

*Dr. Ernst Wendland, One Africa Team, Lusaka Lutheran Seminary, Zambia, Africa*

### THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

**Sun. Jan. 17** – Worship at 8:00am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Bible Class (*Philippians*) in Room 101; Sunday School in Rooms 203 & 204; Teen Bible Class in the Luther Lounge); **Contemporary Service at 10:30am**

**Mon. Jan. 18** – SCRIP orders due by 8:00am; Worship at 6:30pm

**Tue. Jan. 19** – Church Council at 7:00pm in the cafeteria

**Wed. Jan. 20** – Public School Catechism at 4:45pm in the Luther Lounge; Online Bible Class (*Philippians*) at 7:30pm

**Thu. Jan. 21** – Bible Class (*Philippians*) at 10:00am in Room 204;

**Fri. Jan. 22** – School Chapel at 9:00am

**Sat. Jan. 23** – Christian Doctrine in Room 101; Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

**Sun. Jan. 24** – Worship w/Communion at 8:00am & 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Bible Class (*Philippians*) in Room 101; Sunday School in Rooms 203 & 204; Teen Bible Class in the Luther Lounge)

**Mon. Jan. 25** – Endowment at 6:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm

If you plan on attending **Communion devotions, weekend or special worship services, and Bible Classes**, we ask everyone please sign up for the service or class you will be attending. Our limit will be approximately 55 people per service. (The new sign-up will be posted on Monday). The simplest way is to go online using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion>. Or click on the link on the church web page ([woodlawnlutheran.org](http://woodlawnlutheran.org)). For those without internet access you can call, text or email one of the pastors to be put on the list. The Monday service is the least attended, so perhaps consider attending that if you are worried about too many in the service.