WELS Woodlawn Weekly News

Next Week: Advent 1

Theme: In the future, when our King comes again, he will transform this world.

<u>REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>: Barbara Lovett & the Strieter family (death of Barb's brother, Gilbert Crane).

No Bible Hour on November 27th!

IMPORTANT!!—You will never receive legitimate email or text messages from any of our pastors asking for gift cards for any reason. Should you receive any message like that, please disregard it!

SEASONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to worship in addition to regular Sunday services as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. A printed schedule is available on the table in the entryway.



DIVINE CALLS

A call has been extended to Mr. Daniel Johnson to serve as principal. He is currently at Mount Lebanon Lutheran School in Milwaukee. A call was extended to Ms. Jordan Paustian to teach 7th grade. She is currently at Life Lutheran School in Friendswood, Texas.

Please pray for Mr. Mike Henning, deliberating a call to serve as principal of Christ Alone Lutheran School, Thiensville, Wisconsin.



Living Hope will have two Thanksgiving Services this year. The first will be at 6:30pm on **Wednesday, November 23rd**. This service will be at Good Shepherd's. The second service will be at 9:00am on **Thursday, November 24th**. This service will be at Woodlawn. The services will be the same at each location with Pastor Wempner preaching for both services.

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday mornings will have the same study at both campuses at 9:15am: Sacraments – A Visible, Tangible Encounter with God. No Bible Class November 27th!

Wednesday classes will resume January 11, 2023.

A Senior Bible study is held at Good Shepherd's at 11:00am on Thursdays.

Mary Mornings is held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9:00am at Woodlawn.

Please take a flyer on the table in the entryway for details.

FOOD PANTRY - LOW SUPPLIES

Our food supplies are running low!! Please donate food items for our own Woodlawn Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the donation room bins, near the member information boxes.

GOOD NEWS FOR DIFFICULT DAYS - MIDWEEK ADVENT

Join us on Wednesdays to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Services will be offered at 3:30pm at both Woodlawn and Good Shepherd's and 6:30pm at Good Shepherd's only. Advent Suppers are offered at the Good Shepherd's campus between services. Sign up now to help with the meal or to attend.

<u>November 30</u> - Pastor Kneser at Woodlawn; Pastor Zarling at GS <u>December 7</u> - Pastor Aufdemberge at Woodlawn; Pastor Kneser at GS <u>December 14</u> - Pastor Zarling at Woodlawn;

Pastor Zahing at Woodlawn, Pastor Aufdemberge at GS (note: each pastor preaches the same sermon at both campuses)



LADIES' LUNCH

Join us for a ladies' lunch on Sunday, **November 20**th, at 12:00pm at Pizza Crafters in Menomonee Falls. We'll leave right after church and can carpool if necessary. Please let Holly Wempner know if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count. Email her at <u>grovegirl7@gmail.com</u> if you have questions. Ladies from both Living Hope campuses are welcome. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY

The Seminary Chorus, a 68-voice men's choir composed of students at WLS, will present its annual *Festival of Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, **December 11**, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm in the campus auditorium (11831 N. Seminary Drive in Mequon). There are no advanced ticket sales; a free-will offering is appreciated. Find more information on Facebook and at <u>wisluthsem.org</u>. The 3:00pm (central) service will be streamed live and recorded at <u>https://livestream.com/wlslive/2022-christmas-concert</u>.

WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDELIGHT



Sign up now for Living Hope's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, **November 27** at 6 p.m. at Living Hope – Good Shepherd's. Join us for an evening of Bible readings, beautiful music, and delicious desserts. We'll be learning how God places all kinds of unique women in the family line of Jesus.

Girls grade 7th and up and women of the congregations, please invite your female family members, friends, and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season. Please consider bringing a dessert to share and note that on the sign-up sheets that are in the back tables of both campuses or on this link for Sign-Up Genius by November 20th at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A44A8AB2CA1F85-advent.

For more information, please contact Trish Peterson, Lynn Wessel, Jill Parbs, or Karen Cooley.

The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee

...presents *Hail Redemption's Dawn* ~ A Prelude to Christmas Concert on Sunday, **November** 27, at 2:00pm & 4:30pm. The concert will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church (6802 W. Forest Home Ave. in Milwaukee). Please join the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, under the direction of Levi Nagel, to celebrate our Savior's birth. For a special treat, come to the 4:30pm concert when a few of the carols will be sung by candlelight! A free will offering will be collected to support the choir's ministry. Find out more at <u>lutheranchorale.org</u>.

SCRIP / RAISE RIGHT

Thank you for your orders which came to just over \$1,700! Our next order is on **Monday**, **November 28**. We will order three consecutive weeks at the end of November and into December for Christmas. Pick up an order form from the carousel outside Pastor Kneser's office. A retailer listing is also available. Contact Mrs. Gasper at mgasper@logls.org with guestions.

LIVING NATIVITY FLOAT HELP NEEDED!

We will participate in the West Allis Christmas parade on Saturday, **December 3** to promote our Living Nativity event and make the community aware of our congregations. We need to make a small float for the event. If you have skills that could help us with this, please contact Mike Zarling as soon as possible. You can contact him at <u>Mike.Zarling@directsupply.com</u>.

TEENS BLANKET PROJECT

Just an update & genuine THANKYOU for all your support for our very successful teens' fleece blanket project!! We have an amazing dozen blankets already finished with our one evening of work. We are also able to make at least another 8-10 more blankets with a bit more time. This was possible only with your generous donations (fleece & funds) toward this project! We will also give a shout out to those who let us borrow fabric scissors for our project - THANKS!

These blankets will be given to area food pantries to give to our homeless & less fortunate. We hope this helps many keep warm this winter & also know of God's love & caring community members thinking about them. Blessings to all.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Our Living Nativity program "A Night in Bethlehem" is back on Saturday, December 10th from 4:00-6:00pm. We will also be inviting the greater West Allis community this year at the West Allis Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd via a float and parade walkers. Sign-up and attendance sheets are on the table next to the display. For added comfort for all this year, we will host most of this event in our cozy warm gym at Good Shepherd's.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Choir Concert: The WLC Choir and Chamber Choir present their Christmas Festival Concert December 2 & 3 at 7:30pm and December 4 at 2:30pm in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at wic.edu/boxoffice or by calling 414-443-8802. Band Concert: The WLC Concert Band will present its Christmas Festival Band Concert on Friday, December 9 at 7:30pm in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tick-

ets are \$6 and may be purchased at <u>wlc.edu/boxoffice</u> or by calling 414.443.8802.

ACCOUNTING POSITION AVAILABLE - DEADLINE EXTENDED

JOB OPENING

Are you looking for a part-time position with flexible hours and the potential to work remotely? Living Hope is a recently merged WELS congregation in West Allis that is seeking an accountant for its church, childcare center, and school. Primary job duties include ac-

counting and bookkeeping functions such as paying invoices, preparing monthly financial reports, reconciling statements, working with the school choice auditor, and assisting in the preparation of annual budgets. The accountant will also oversee other financial-related church functions done by members of the congregation or by an external payroll company. An accounting degree or equivalent experience is required. If you are interested, please send your resume to LivingHopeWELS@gmail.com by November 30th.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

On Saturday, **December 3** we will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season, beginning at 10:00am. We will have a pizza lunch for those who come and help. Anyone is welcome to come and help.

SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED!



Joe Lucchesi has stepped down as our snow removal coordinator. No one has yet stepped up to coordinate snow removal for our church and school. We do thank the two volunteers who offered to help out. The sidewalk in front and the entryways to the church and school will need to be kept clear of snow. You must be available during the day and early morning to help out. There are snow blowers available. For more details or if you have questions, please contact one of the pastors.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

WLHS Host Families Needed-Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for help to find more host families for international students during the short Thanksgiving break, as well as for the upcoming Christmas and spring breaks. Families receive a stipend to support their efforts with the student. If you are interested in learning more, please visit whs.org/homestay for more details, or contact the International Student Program Director Mr. Eric Duwe at eric.duwe@wlhs.org.

NOVEMBER IS LWMS BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH



There are several ways that we at Living Hope can Be a Friend to our three LWMS specific missions and missionaries this year. First - We partner with them and get to know where and what their ministry is and to know personally the missionary serving each of them (along with his family, the joys and challenges of the ministry, and how we can help meet their specific needs). Second – We can pray. This is the most frequent mentioned "wish" that missionaries ask of us and it is the most powerful thing we can do. Anyone can pray! Third – We can encourage them with cards, letters and emails. Highlights of each of our missions will be shared each Sunday in November or you can view them all on the LWMS Befriend A Mission board in the lobby. Our three missions for November are: Beautiful Savior in Fayetteville, NC; Carbon Valley in Firestone, CO: and The Vine in Joplin, MO.

<u>USHERS</u>

We are looking to make an Ushers schedule to extend into next year. The current schedule ends in January 2023. The new schedule would go through the end of July 2023. Both male and female members of Woodlawn and Jordan and encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Dan Odya at <u>U1194212@gmail.com</u> if you would like to be included on an usher team.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to each and every one of our cleaning volunteers who have stayed on the schedule to clean our church each week. Your service is greatly appreciated! We will be working on a new schedule for January – June 2023 very soon. A list of duties can be found at the top of the Cleaning Schedule posted on the bulletin board between the mailboxes. If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like to be removed from the schedule, please contact Mrs. Gasper in the church office at 414-321-2126 or email at mgasper@logls.org. A new schedule with current volunteers will be completed in mid-December.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONS

Martin Luther College is again providing daily devotion booklets for Advent and Christmas, December 1-25. This year's series is called: *Word Made Flesh: The Historical Reality of Christmas*. Discover how the gospels of John the Elder and Luke the Historian record the details of the incarnation – God becoming man. Pick up your copy from the table in the entryway or contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

<u>Sun. Nov. 20</u> – Worship at 8:00am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Bible Study (*Sacraments*) in the cafeteria; Kids Club in church, then Rooms 201 & 204); Contemporary Service at 10:30am; Lamb of God BB Tournament

<u>Mon. Nov. 21</u> – PBJ at 2:30pm in the cafeteria; Worship at Good Shepherd's at 6:30pm; Jesus Cares at 6:30pm in Room 101

<u>**Tue. Nov. 22**</u> – Prospect Mailing at 10:30am; Pioneers at 6:00pm in Rooms 201 & 204; Handbells at 6:30pm; Living Hope Council at 6:30pm

Wed. Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Eve Service at Good Shepherd's at 6:30pm

Thu. Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day Service at Woodlawn at 9:00am

Fri. Nov. 25 – NO School

Sat. Nov. 26 – Stretch Class at Good Shepherd's 10:00am in the gym; Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

Sun. Nov. 27 – Worship w/Communion at 8:00am & 10:30am; No Bible Hour

Mon. Nov. 28 – SCRIP orders due by 8:00am; PBJ at 2:30pm in the cafeteria; Worship at Good Shepherd's at 6:30pm