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Woodlawn Weekly News

Next Week: Last Sunday of End Time – Christ the King; Contemporary at 10:30am **Theme:** Never could there be a king like Christ, our king. Beyond all comparison is the rule he exercises in time and in eternity. In-comparably great therefore is also our joy in worshiping him even now as we await his triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and in glory.

<u>Worship Seating Plan</u>: The north side of the sanctuary and the front **7** pews on the Lincoln Ave. side are completely open. The back **4** pews on the Lincoln Ave. side are reserved for those who are masked and wish to be seated with social distancing. Please follow and respect this plan and be gracious to everyone.

<u>REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>: David & Kelly Wieting & family on the birth of their son, Emmet, on November 9; Dan Odya (upcoming surgery); Sarah Horvat & Family at the death of her father, Rev. em. Russel Kobs.

PASTOR WESSEL CALL: Pastor Wessel has received a call from Zion Lutheran in Rhinelander, WI to serve as Associate Pastor for Evangelism / Outreach as well as Youth and Family ministry. Please keep him in your prayers as he decides where best to serve the Lord at this time.

A GOD-LIVED LIFE: Our focus for November 14 – December 11 is a <u>life lived for others</u>, a life of generosity with our time and abilities. God allows us the opportunity to serve and love one another in church and in our communities. Our challenge card this month will focus on volunteering – both in church and in our community. What makes someone a good neighbor? How can you show God's love to others through your volunteer and "good neighbor" efforts? May God bless us as we live a God-lived life, serving others!

LADIES AID HARVEST FAIR: It's that time of year once again – time for our annual Ladies Aid Craft Fair/Bake Sale! This sale is vital to the work we strive to accomplish within this organization. The funds we raise go toward various projects right here at Woodlawn as well as numerous WELS agencies and missions. <u>Please consider donating baked</u> goods or crafts to our annual sale. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this event. We will be open on **Saturday, November 13** from 3:00-4:45pm and again after Saturday night service. It is also open **Sunday, November 14** after both services. <u>Bring your donated items to the cafeteria beginning at 1:00pm on Saturday, November 13</u>. You can also bring items during the sale hours. If you have any questions, please contact Denyce Baker at 262-789-8085 or Bev Bock at 262-395-4979.

SCRIP: Our next order date is **Monday**, **November 15**. <u>Please note we have a small inventory of cards on hand if you need something between orders</u>. Pick up an order form from the carousel outside Pastor Kneser's office. A retailer listing is also available. Contact Mrs. Gasper at <u>mgasper@logls.org</u> with questions.

FORWARD IN CHRIST & MEDITATIONS: Subscription forms are on the table in the entryway for these two excellent materials from our Northwestern Publishing House. *"Forward in Christ"* is our monthly magazine that is filled with devotional articles, stories of faith and service, and news about the work being carried out in your synod. *"Meditations"* is a daily family devotion booklet that has a faith-strengthening message to give you a spiritual boost. By subscribing through the church, you save several dollars compared to an individual subscription. Forms are due with payment by November 15th. The new subscription begins with the November 28th issue.

<u>GIVE THANKS BANQUET</u>: Please join us on Tuesday, **November 16th**, at 6:30pm we give thanks to God for all his blessings. The International Friendship Center at Christ Church in Pewaukee (W240 N3103 Pewaukee Road) has invited Woodlawn Church families to this special event where we can celebrate together and enjoy each other's company. Please RSVP by November 15 to Denyce Baker at 262-789-8085.

LAMB OF GOD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Our huge basketball tournament is NEXT WEEKEND - **November 18-21!** We hope to see every school family at the tournament at some point throughout the weekend! We could also use help from the congregations as volunteers or with donations. Thanks to everyone in advance for their willingness to help! We have over 100 slots that need to be filled. Just go to the school website (<u>www.logls.org</u>), click on "Athletics", then "Log Tournament" to get to the volunteer sign-up pages or follow this link: <u>https://www.logls.org/page/athletic-log-tournament.</u>

<u>HYMNAL INTRODUCTION SEMINAR</u>: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church (198 Westridge Ave.) in Burlington, WI will host an introduction seminar for the new WELS *Christian Worship* hymnal on Saturday, **November 20**. All members of WELS congregations are invited to attend. Registration, food, and fellowship begin at 8:30am; the seminar begins at 9:00am and will conclude by noon.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE: Theatre Production: The Wisconsin Lutheran College Theatre Department will present You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown November 13-14 & 17-21 in the Center for Arts and Performance. Learn more at wlc.edu/charliebrown or call 414.443.8802.

<u>Choir Concert</u>: The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir and Chamber Choir present their Christmas Festival Concert **De**cember 3 & 4 at 7:30pm and **December 5** at 2:30pm in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at <u>wlc.edu/boxoffice</u> or by calling 414.443.8802.

Band Concert: The Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Band will present its Winter Band Concert on Friday, **December 10** at 7:30pm in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at <u>wlc.edu/boxoffice</u> or by calling 414.443.8802.

<u>NEW BIBLE CLASS!</u> When we say "there are elephants in the room," we mean that people are ignoring important issues. Theistic evolution relies on ignoring key biblical teachings in order to appear reasonable. Our next Bible Class topic is called, *"Elephants in the Room: Evolution Versus the Message of Scripture."*

Using God's Word alone, former Woodlawn member and NPH editor Pastor Robert Koester breaks down evolutionary arguments and shows believers how to discern biblical teachings about creation from common doctrinal errors. In this seven-lesson Bible study participants will gain a better ability to discuss these problems with others and avoid confusion about science's relationship with God's Word. They will also learn about incompatibilities between Scripture and evolution as well as the doctrinal errors that arise when they are combined.

Classes are on Thursdays, beginning **November 11** at 10:30am and on Sundays beginning **November 14** at 9:15am. Classes will meet either in Room 101 or the cafeteria. Use the SignupGenius link <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion</u>. See one of the pastors if you have questions.

THE TREES OF CHRISTMAS: That's the theme of this year's midweek Advent services, meant to prepare our hearts and minds for understanding the true meaning of Christmas. We will focus on the tree of sin and promise (Garden of Eden), the tree of redemption (Calvary's tree) and the tree of life (described in Revelation). We are working jointly with Jordan congregation for these services.

We will worship on Wednesdays, **December 1, 8 and 15**. Services will be at Woodlawn at 3:30pm and at Jordan at 6:30pm. Feel free to attend at either location. Your offering envelopes can be used at either church and will be returned to Woodlawn. If you have questions, check with one of the pastors.

Also, on Wednesday **December 1** the Woodlawn Ladies Aid will be serving a "Chili Dump with all the Fixin's." The meal will begin in the cafeteria right after the first service at approximately 4:30pm and they will serve until 5:30pm. <u>Please sign up by November 29 and make sure to include the number of people attending</u> so we have enough food for everyone. Contact Betty Warras, Bev Bock, or Karan Hug with any questions.

<u>MILITARY OFFERINGS</u>: It is time to gather items for Woodlawn members serving in the military. We would like to get this delivered in time for Christmas. We currently have two active and one reservist.

Suggested items are: hard candy, Starburst candy, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, hot chocolate, toothpaste, nuts, gum, microwave mac & cheese, fruit snacks, etc. Place the gifts in the box in the entryway.

If you choose a monetary donation, please give to Bonnie Delaney or put it into her information box. She will shop, pack, and ship all packages. **The deadline is Monday, December 6**. Any questions, you can call her at 414-530-3808. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING SERVICES: Be sure to join your fellow members and friends in giving thanks and praising our gracious God for all his physical and spiritual blessings. Our services will be on Wednesday, **November 24** at 6:30pm and Thursday, **November 25** at 9:00am. The Woodlawn Choir will be singing for Thursday's service. Invite a friend or outof-town visitors to comes along!

OPEN FORUM / VOTERS MEETING: There will be an Open Forum for all members on Sunday, **November 28**, at 9:15am in church. Bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns about what is happening at Woodlawn and Lamb of God and hear reports on the various programs and ministries we conduct.

A Voter's Meeting will be held immediately after where we will issue a call for a teacher for Grades 1&2 for next school year.

<u>AMAZON SMILE</u>: Woodlawn is now receiving donations from the Smile Amazon program. You can direct a portion of qualified Amazon purchases to Woodlawn simply by starting at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>. On your first visit you need to select Woodlawn as your charity of choice. Then shop as usual and Woodlawn receives a portion of qualified purchases. Remember, only purchases made at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, (not <u>www.amazon.com</u> or the mobile app) generate AmazonSmile donations. Please keep us in mind as you think about the upcoming gift-giving season.

LUTHERAN CHORALE: Kick off the Christmas concert season with the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee! We are excited to present our annual Prelude to Christmas concert entitled: "*Light from Light*" ~ *A Hymn Festival* on Sunday, **November 28**, at 2:00pm. The concert will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha (1052 White Rock Ave.)

This year's concert will take the form of a hymn festival, featuring selections from the last Sundays of the Church Year through Christmas as beyond. Included will be arrangements from prominent Lutheran composers John Behnke, Carl Schalk, Kevin Hildebrand, Charles Ore, and of course J.S. Bach.

During the concert we will also honor former Chorale members Lynn and Cal Kozlowski for over 50 years of service. As her final performance with the Chorale, Lynn will play about 20 minutes of music before the concert, so come early! To see the show on Live-stream: Go to <u>lutheranchorale.org</u> the day of the concert.

<u>CHURCH DECORATING</u>: Many willing hands are needed to decorate the church entry and worship area for Christmas. We would like to do that on **Saturday, December 4**, beginning at 10:30am. The work takes about 90 minutes. We will serve pizza for all those who show up. Won't you join us?

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM VOLUNTEERS! Good Shepherd's, Woodlawn, and Jordan will again have a living nativity this year. It will be on Saturday, **December 4** at Good Shepherd's Lutheran Church from 4:00-6:00pm. We need more volunteers for: actors and people who will be behind the scenes, refreshment service, shepherds to direct traffic, a family to play the role of Potters and to lead participants in a basic playdough craft, a carpenter family, and a photographer for the event.

Specific items we would like to borrow or need donated are: Hay bales, patio heaters (will be returned after event), any "props" we can use to help set the Bethlehem scene (baskets, etc.), blankets and sheets with a color scheme that might fit that of Bethlehem to be used as tablecloths.

Anyone interested in volunteering in any way should contact Mike Zarling from Good Shepherd's. You can reach him by email at <u>Mike.Zarling@directsupply.com</u> or by phone at 414-418-4108. You can also sign up in the church entryway on the sign-up sheet.

AUDIO / VIDEO TECH HELP WANTED: We are looking for some enthusiastic people to serve on a two-person team for live streaming our weekend and special church services. We will train you until you are comfortable operating the camera or computer with a teammate in a 4-6 week rotation. We are also looking for people to learn the basic operation of our new digital mixing board so that they can assist with mixing and shaping audio for special church services and other occasions, especially our monthly Contemporary services with the Worship Team. If interested, talk to a pastor or contact Jef Jaeger (414-423-9173 or jef.jaeger@juno.com).

THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

Sun. Nov. 14 – Worship w/Communion at 8:00am & 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Room 201 & 203; Bible Class (*Elephants in the Room*) in Room 101; Ladies Aid Harvest Fair between services and after last service in the cafeteria

<u>Mon. Nov. 15</u> – SCRIP orders due by 8:00am; Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm; Jesus Cares at 6:30pm in Room 101 <u>Tue. Nov. 16</u> – PTO Meeting at 6:00pm; Handbells at 6:30pm

Wed. Nov. 17 -

<u>Thu. Nov. 18</u> – Bible Class (*Elephants in the Room*) at 10:30am in Room 101; Public School Catechism at 5:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Choir at 6:30pm; Worship Team Rehearsal at 7:30pm; Lamb of God Basketball Tournament
Fri. Nov. 19 – School Chapel at 9:00am; Lamb of God Basketball Tournament

Sat. Nov. 20 – Mary Mornings at 9:00am in the cafeteria; Worship at 5:00pm; Lamb of God Basketball Tournament Sun. Nov. 21 – Worship at 8:00am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Room 201 & 203; Bible Class (*Elephants*

in the Room) in Room 100); Contemporary Service at 10:30am; Lamb of God Basketball Tournament Mon. Nov. 22 – Worship at 6:30pm