

**Next Week: Next Week:** First Sunday in Advent

**Theme:** He comes both to destroy and to save. Get ready!

### **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

Our Service of Praise and Thanks will be on Wednesday, **November 25** at 6:30pm and again on Thursday morning, **November 26** at 9:00am. Handbells will play on Wednesday evening and the Choir will sing at the Thursday morning service. While for many it has been a year of stress and turmoil, take the time to come and give thanks to the Lord for his many blessings. Please sign-up for Thanksgiving services at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion).

### **OPEN FORUM & VOTERS MEETING**

We will meet on Sunday, **November 29**, 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. The Voters will also be extending a call for a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.

### **MILITARY OFFERINGS**

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 one 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 make checks out to Bonnie Delaney and put it into her information box. She will shop, pack, and ship all packages. **The deadline for donations is Monday, December 7.** Any questions, you can call her at 414-530-3808. Thank you!

### **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. Samples of each are available for your use. If you have questions, talk to one of the pastors. Forms are due with payment by **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Or call the church office to place your subscription order.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The next blood drive at Woodlawn for Versiti / Blood Center of Wisconsin will be held on Monday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, from 2:00-6:00pm. Please sign-up online at Versiti.org. 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 of dates or zip code. A sign-up sheet is also available on the table in the entryway. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Help save a life by donating! There will be testing for Covid-19 antibodies on each successful donation.

### **BIBLE CLASS**

Our current course is "The Christian in Today's World." The purpose of this study is to take an insightful look at areas of deep concern to God's people today. **NO CLASSES NOVEMBER 25, 26, & 29.**

- **Living in Today's Technological Environment** (Nov. 22)
- **Living in Today's Educational Environment** (Dec. 2, 3, 6)
- **Living in ANY Environment**

Classes are being held both on-line and in person. PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE WORSHIP SIGN-UP LINK. The on-line class is on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm**. The Zoom link will be provided to those who sign up. **Wednesday's class is recorded. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the pastors.** In person classes are held on **Thursday mornings at 10:00am** and on **Sunday mornings at 9:15am**. Out of consideration for other participants please wear a face covering or mask.

### **LIVE NATIVITY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

This has been a long year, and many hearts are restless for the comfort that Jesus brings. What better way than to remind people of our Savior's birth! This year, on **December 5th**, from 4:00-6:00pm, Good Shepherd's Church will be hosting a living nativity that is open to the community, and we're hoping Woodlawn and Jordan will participate and volunteer to work together and further the community impact. We already have some materials and volunteers but are looking for more, including some with basic carpentry skills and "Bethlehem villagers". If you are interested in helping please contact Pastor Zarlring at Good Shepherd's ([jarling@goodshepherds.net](mailto:jarling@goodshepherds.net)) or Jes Woller at Woodlawn ([jeswoller@gmail.com](mailto:jeswoller@gmail.com)). Please give some thought to volunteering for this event - people need the comfort that is only found in Jesus!

### **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 'The Jesse Tree.' Similar to an Advent calendar each devotion features a visual reminder of the salvation story from Creation to Christmas. Families are encouraged to create their own Jesse Tree, using the small "ornament" from each day's lesson, or downloading a larger one from the website listed in the devotion booklet. Also at that website are children's version of the devotions and a black line ornament for you and your children to color. Pick up your copy from the table in the entryway, or contact the church office to receive one.

### **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**

We have decided not to have in-person worship on the Wednesdays of Advent. Instead, the pastors will record an online abbreviated service on December 2, 9 and 16. Our theme this year is "Old Testament Good News," part one – Heard by Adam and Eve; part 2 – Believed by Abraham; part 3 – Proclaimed by Isaiah. Be sure to prepare yourselves for celebrating Christmas in the best way possible – with Jesus front and center.

### **SCRIP**

Orders this week came to just over \$800. Our next order will be on **Monday, November 30**. We have a small inventory of cards on hand if you need something between orders. Contact Mrs. Gasper at [mgasper@logls.org](mailto:mgasper@logls.org) with questions. Order forms and a retailer list are in the carousel outside Pastor Kneser's office.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS! We will do three consecutive weeks of orders – November 30, December 7, and December 14. If you will be sending the gift cards for your socially distanced Christmas celebrations, SCRIP is the way to go! E-cards are also available at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Check out the new App at RaiseRight.com and order from your phone!

### **CHURCH DECORATING**

Many willing hands are needed to decorate the church entry and worship area for Christmas. We would like to do that on Sunday, **December 6**, beginning at 11:45am. The work takes about 90 minutes. We will serve pizza for all those who show up. Won't you join us?

### **SNOW SHOVELERS**

Pastor Kneser has received a couple of inquiries from neighbors looking to hire someone to clear their driveway and sidewalk. See him if you want more information.

### **MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP THANKS**

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Military Support Group collection. We collected a total of \$687.13 for this group.

### **HARVEST FAIR THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who dropped off baked goods or craft items as well as all who browsed, purchased, and/or donated to our Harvest Fair this past weekend. We appreciate everyone for their support of our event and the work of Ladies Aid. See you next year!

### **FLOWERS**

Thanks to Brian & Mariah Kneser for providing flowers this weekend celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Rosane Bourassa & family at the death of her husband, Ken; Ralph Richardson & family at the death of his wife, Doris.

## **THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN**

**Sun. Nov. 22** – Worship w/Communion at 8:00 and 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Rooms 201 & 204; Teen Bible Class in the Luther Lounge; Adult Bible Class (*The Christian in Today's World – Technological Environment*) in the cafeteria);

**Mon. Nov. 23** – Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm

**Tue. Nov. 24** – Prospect Mailing at 10:30am; Handbells at 6:30pm in church

**Wed. Nov. 25** – Service of Thanksgiving at 6:30pm

**Thu. Nov. 26** – Service of Thanksgiving at 9:00am

**Fri. Nov. 27** – No School

**Sat. Nov. 28** – Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

**Sun. Nov. 29** – Worship w/Communion at 8:00 and 10:30am; Sunday School at 9:15am in Rooms 201 & 204; Open Forum / Voters' meeting at 9:15am

**Mon. Nov. 30** – SCRIP orders due by 8:00am; 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.

## **The Following People Are Celebrating In December.**

<b><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>ANNIVERSARY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>
Carson Landowski	2	Ed & D'Anne Tonn	28
Jeremy Chudada, Erin Martin	3	Nick & Laura Pucci	23
Annette Hooker, Joseph Lucchesi	4	Ken & Barb Hausch	28
Rebecca Stirmel, Mitchell Stirmel	6	Jim & Susan Knutson	31
Samuel Hull	7		
Darlene Carnako, Joel Davis	9		
Diana Burger	10		
Eileen Pankonin, Nicholas Hall	12		
Roger Pufahl, Jamie Read	14		
Pastor Thomas Kneser	15		
James Warras	16		
Alexandra Fuller	17		
Shawn Zumbach	20		
Laura Brantner	22		
Miles Woller	23		
Yesenia Harders, Ken Miller	24		
Luke Miller, Ellen Wheeler	26		
Wayne Kabelowsky	28		
Victoria Kneser	31		