

**Next Week:** Advent 2

**Theme:** *WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE HUMBLER HIS PEOPLE - People tend to feel a lot of pressure this time of year. We want our houses to look good for out-of-town guests. We want to impress people with the thoughtfulness of our gifts. What a welcome relief, therefore, to hear what is required to meet the Lord: only repentance. You see, Jesus is not someone we need to impress with our good works. Indeed, repentance is the opposite of work. Repentance is the humble admission of our sin combined with the joyful trust that everything needed to bring us close to God has already been done by him.*

**Worship Seating Plan:** 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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Those affected by the tragedy in Waukesha.

**OPEN FORUM / VOTERS MEETING:** There will be an Open Forum for all members THIS 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.

**CHURCH DECORATING:** Many willing hands are needed to decorate the church entry and worship area for Christmas. We would like to do that **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?

**FLOWER THANKS:** Thanks to the Hofer family for providing flowers this weekend in celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Elina & Elza. Happy Birthday!

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG SERVICE:** After a one-year absence, we will again prepare for Christmas with our Carol Song Service. Along with several carols sung by the congregation, there will be special music by the choir, handbells, and Sunday School. Join us at 10:30am on **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. And invite a friend to hear the message of our coming Savior!

**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.)

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 [lutheranchorale.org](http://lutheranchorale.org) the day of the concert.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Mark your calendars! Join us for Caroling on Candy Cane Lane on Sunday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00pm. We will meet at Woodlawn Lutheran Church and go over to sing some Christmas carols at the homes of members of our churches for about an hour. Afterwards, we will come back to Woodlawn for fellowship and hot chocolate! Students in 7th-12th grade are welcome. Please let your youth leader know if your teen will be able to attend: [aklusmeyer@goodshepherds.net](mailto:aklusmeyer@goodshepherds.net), [amanda.m.davis10@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.m.davis10@gmail.com), [magld88@yahoo.com](mailto:magld88@yahoo.com).

**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. Please sign up by November 29 and make sure to include the number of people attending so we have enough food for everyone. Contact Betty Warras, Bev Bock, or Karan Hug with any questions.

**SCRIP:** Our next order date is **Monday, November 29**. Please note we have a small inventory of cards on hand if you need something between orders. 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](mailto:mgasper@logls.org) with questions.

SCRIP order delivery times have been lengthened! If you want to order cards for Christmas, do not wait! We will place orders three consecutive weeks – November 29, December 6 & 13. The last day to order to guarantee arrival before Christmas is Monday, December 13.

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE: Choir Concert:** The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir and Chamber Choir present their Christmas Festival Concert **December 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 [wlc.edu/boxoffice](http://wlc.edu/boxoffice) 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 [wlc.edu/boxoffice](http://wlc.edu/boxoffice) or by calling 414.443.8802.

**NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM VOLUNTEERS!** Good Shepherd's, Woodlawn, and Jordan churches 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 Zaring from Good Shepherd's. You can reach him by email at [Mike.Zaring@directsupply.com](mailto:Mike.Zaring@directsupply.com) or by phone at 414-418-4108. You can also sign up in the church entryway on the sign-up sheet.

**GRACE DOWNTOWN: First Fridays** - Chant Claire returns to First Fridays on Friday, **December 3** at Grace Church (1209 N. Broadway, downtown Milwaukee). Chant Claire, a local choral group based in Milwaukee, will perform a variety of classical and beloved works. The concert will start at 5:00pm, and last approximately one hour. Concert is free and open to the public; donations are gratefully accepted and go towards supporting the artists and concert series. For more information, visit [gracedowntown.org/firstfridays](http://gracedowntown.org/firstfridays).

**WELS/ELS SINGLES GROUP:** The WELS-ELS Singles group invites single/widowed/divorced individuals to a board game event on Saturday, **December 4**, at 1:00pm at Star of Bethlehem School, 3700 S. Casper Drive in New Berlin. Bring a game and snack to share. Pizza will be provided. Questions? Please contact Dawn Fanning Jansen at 920-427-9258 or [djansen8@hotmail.com](mailto:djansen8@hotmail.com). Not able to make it but would like to stay in the loop for future events? Find us on Facebook at WELS & ELS Singles.

**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 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!

**NEW HYMNALS HAVE ARRIVED!** If you have ordered a new hymnal or a psalter for personal use, they are available on the table in the entryway. If you neglected to order before the deadline but would like a copy, please talk to one of the pastors. Also, the old red hymnals are available for you to take home for your personal use.

Special thanks to Sharon Klinger for handwriting all of the labels and to Bonnie Delaney, Fred Klinger, and Linda Wishman for labeling and preparing the books for our use.

**A LIFE OF SERVING OTHERS:** We are in the midst of part 2 of *A God-Live Life*. The particular focus through mid-December is a *life lived by serving God and others*, a life of love and generosity. God allows us the opportunity to serve and love Him and one another. Our challenges this month focus on being a good neighbor. Every member of the congregation should have received a challenge card and sheet of volunteer opportunities. You can pick them up at church or find them on our website and Facebook page. Please focus on at least one of the challenges and select one activity to volunteer for. Return those volunteer slips the next time you come to church. May God bless us as we live a God-lived life, serving others!

**CHRISTMAS AT WISCO:** This Christmas season, the fine arts department at Wisconsin Lutheran High School will be providing three opportunities to attend sacred and secular music concerts.

**Winter Band Concert • Sunday, December 5, at 3:00pm**—featuring Concert Band. Tap your toes to secular Christmas tunes as well as familiar sacred pieces. Admission is free.

**Sacred Christmas Choral Concert • Sunday, December 12, at 7:00pm**—featuring A Cappella, Freshman Choirs, Inspiration, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

**Winter Chamber Ensembles Concert • Saturday, December 18, at 7:00pm**—featuring small ensembles such as Wisco Kids, Inspiration Vocal Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbells, brass, woodwind, percussion, and more! Enjoy the secular and sacred Christmas tunes of the season. Admission is free.

**SEMINARY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Join the Seminary Chorus for their annual Christmas concert on **December 12**, at 3:00 and 7:00pm in the auditorium at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (11831 N. Seminary Drive in Mequon). The program includes anthems by the choir and hymns for the congregation. The 3:00 pm (central) service will be streamed live and recorded at [livestream.com/WLSLive](http://livestream.com/WLSLive). Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**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: *We Have Seen His Glory*. Similar to an Advent calendar, each devotion features a visual reminder of the salvation story from Creation to Christmas. Pick up your copy from the table in the entry or contact the church office to receive one.

**JOB OPENINGS AT NPH:** Northwestern Publishing House connects people with God's Word through the publishing and sales of quality Christian books and gifts. The following part-time positions are open: Digital Marketing Assistant, Customer Service Representative, and Information Technology Specialist. Complete job descriptions are posted on the bulletin board. For additional information or to apply, visit [wels.net/careers](http://wels.net/careers).

**ADVENT FOLDERS:** There are special Advent offering folders on the table in the hallway. It's a great way to make a special gift to the Lord for all the spiritual and earthly blessings we receive from his gracious hand this holy season and throughout the year. Please note the dates of Advent printed inside are inaccurate.

**LWMS BEFRIEND A MISSION GIVING TREE:** Denyce Baker, LWMS Reporter for our congregation has organized a fundraiser for Christmas. She would like to collect gift cards and donations for our WELS missionaries as part of the LWMS Befriend a Mission program.

We will support the Bence, Glende and Spiegelberg families this Christmas by giving gift cards. We will also support the Lutheran Seminary in Lusaka, Africa with monetary donations. Please note all gift cards are **participating retailers** with the Scrip program. Remember, if you use Scrip a percentage of the profit goes to support Lamb of God School. Scrip order dates are 11/29, 12/06 and 12/13. Order forms can be found on the table with the Giving Tree. **All gifts are due by December 20.**

Thank you for your generosity and join us as we reach out to our missionaries to make their Christmas very merry!

### **THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN**

**Sun. Nov. 28** – Worship w/Communion at 8:00am & 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Room 201 & 203; Teens in the Luther Lounge; No Bible Class); Open Forum & Voters' Meeting at 9:15am in church

**Mon. Nov. 29** – SCRIP Orders Due by 8:00am; Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm

**Tue. Nov. 30** – Bible Information Class at 6:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Handbells at 6:30pm

**Wed. Dec. 1** – Advent Service at 3:30pm; Ladies Aid Chili Supper 4:30-5:30 in the cafeteria; Advent Service at Jordan at 6:30pm

**Thu. Dec. 2** – No Bible Class; Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon at Meyer's at 11:30am; Public School Catechism at 5:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Choir at 6:30pm

**Fri. Dec. 3** – School Chapel at 9:00am

**Sat. Dec. 4** – Mary Mornings at 9:00am; Christmas Decorating at 10:30am; *Streets of Bethlehem* Live Nativity 4:00-6:00pm at Good Shepherd's; Worship at 5:00pm

**Sun. Dec. 5** – Worship at 8:00am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Room 201 & 203; Teens in the Luther Lounge; No Bible Class); Carol Song Service at 10:30am; Teen Group Caroling 6:00-8:00pm (meet at Woodlawn)

**Mon. Dec. 6** – SCRIP Orders Due by 8:00am; Worship at 6:30pm; Stewardship Committee at 7:30pm in the Luther Lounge