

**Next Week: Next Week:** Second Sunday in Advent

**Theme:** Since Christ's coming is sure, and so important, he sends out forerunners like John the Baptist who help us to make proper preparation for his coming. They do it with the message that God himself has given. Pay close attention to today's heralds of the coming Lord, and to the pastors and teachers in our midst who get us ready for his coming.

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

We will meet THIS SUNDAY, 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.

### **SCRIP**

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](http://RaiseRight.com) and order from your phone!

### **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 1 – 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.

### **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 CLASS NOVEMBER 29.**

- **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 STILL 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 Zarling at Good Shepherd's ([izarling@goodshepherds.net](mailto:izarling@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.

### **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?

### **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!

### **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.

### **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 a 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.

### **WLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION**

Performing before limited audiences, Wisconsin Lutheran High School's drama department will offer two, one-act plays *Drop Dead, Juliet!* and *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* the weekend of **December 11-13**, at 7:30pm. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and can only be purchased online at [wlhs.org/drama](http://wlhs.org/drama) or by calling 414-453-4567. Seating is general admission with safety measures in place. The annual Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner, usually held on Friday night, will be postponed this year.

### **LWMS BEFRIEND A MISSION GIVING TREE**

Woodlawn and LWMS are collecting donations for our WELS missionaries as part of the LWMS Befriend a Mission program.

We will again be supporting the Apt and Walther families and the Lutheran Seminary in Lusaka, Africa. Gift cards suggestions for the families will be hanging on the Giving Tree. Please take a tag from the tree and include it with the gift card. Place both in an envelope and put in Denyce Baker's information box. Please note the 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 orders will be placed November 30 and December 7. Order forms can be found on the table with the Giving Tree.

Monetary donations for the seminary should also be put in an envelope and given to Denyce.

**All donations should be made no later than December 13.** Contact Denyce Baker with questions at 262-789-8085 or [baker021074@gmail.com](mailto:baker021074@gmail.com).

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

### **FLOWERS**

Thanks to Sam & Jenny Trissel for providing flowers this weekend celebrating daughter Eloise's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**+ Kenneth J. Bourassa +**

Passed away peacefully, Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Rosane Bourassa. Loving father of Dawn (Jerry) Smith, Randy (Sue) Bourassa, and Tammy Wergin. Proud grandfather of Jeremy (Jessica) Smith, Tyler Smith, Lucas Bourassa, Brady Smith, and Stuart Wergin. He is also survived by many other relatives and friends.

Ken was an active church member that enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golf. He loved attending his grandsons' sporting events and spending time with his family. He also took great pride in his yard and garden.

A recording of the service is available on the church website.

**+ Doris Mae Richardson +**

Passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the age of 89. Beloved wife of Ralph for 62 years. Loving mother of Lynn (David) Kapanke and Kevin (Minna) Richardson. Dear grandma of Nathaniel Kapanke, Benjamin and Annika Richardson. Sister of Ila Liske and sister in law to Myrna Felsing. Also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her son Todd. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Woodlawn Lutheran Church appreciated. Doris loved her children, grandchildren, cooking, traveling and attending church.

Funeral services have been postponed until further notice.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ralph Richardson (Aurora – West Allis)

**THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN**

**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

**Tue. Dec. 1** – Lamb of God Board meets at 6:30pm; Handbells at 6:30pm in church

**Wed. Dec. 2** – Advent Online Worship; Public School Catechism 4:45pm in the Luther Lounge; Online Bible Class (*Living in Today's Educational Environment*) at 7:30pm

**Thu. Dec. 3** – Bible Class (*Living in Today's Educational Environment*) at 10:00am in Room 206; Choir at 6:30 in church

**Fri. Dec. 4** –

**Sat. Dec. 5** – Living Nativity at Good Shepherd's 4:00-6:00pm; Worship at 5:00pm

**Sun. Dec. 6**– Worship at 8:00 and 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Bible Class (*Living in Today's Educational Environment*)) in Room 101; Sunday School in Rooms 201 & 204; Teen Bible Class in the Luther Lounge); Church Decorating at 11:45am

**Mon. Dec. 7** – SCRIP orders due by 8:00am; **Versiti Blood Drive 2:00pm-6:00pm** in the gym; Worship 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.