

Next Week: Advent 3

Theme: *When the world opposes Christ and his Church, Christians do not respond with anxiety or anger, but gentleness. We bring all our concerns to God in prayer and rest in his peace of knowing the Lord will humble his enemies in due time.*

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: Jamie Wendorf (surgery next week); Naomi Carnot (death of her sister, Joanne Franz); and Helmut Roemer (grandfather of Mariah Kneser, hospitalized in Illinois).

VOTERS MEETING UPDATE: On Sunday, November 28th, Woodlawn voters called Mrs. Patricia Koestler from Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin to serve as 1st and 2nd Grade Teacher at Lamb of God School. Please keep Mrs. Koestler in your prayers as she determines how best to serve the Lord at this time. The voters also recognized Mrs. Jamie Wendorf's completion of WELS teaching certification and changed her call from provisional to permanent.

YOUTH GROUP: Join us for Caroling on Candy Cane Lane **this Sunday, December 5th** 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: aklismeyer@goodshepherds.net, amanda.m.davis10@gmail.com, 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 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.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT WOODLAWN: There are many opportunities to worship along with regular Sunday Services. Join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

Christmas Carol Song Service on Sunday, December 5 at 10:30am ONLY

Advent Services on Wednesdays, December 8 & 15 at 3:30pm at Woodlawn and 6:30pm at Jordan

The Lamb of God School Christmas Service will be held at Jordan Church (77th & National) on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30pm. Grades 3K – 8 will participate.

Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Christmas Day Service w/Communion on Saturday, December 25, at 9:00am.

Regular Worship w/Communion, Sunday, December 26.

No Service on Monday, December 27

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.

LADIES AID: Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 14**, at 12:30pm in Room 101. We will have a business meeting, snacks, and fellowship. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE: Choir Concert: The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir and Chamber Choir present their Christmas Festival Concert **December 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 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 or by calling 414.443.8802.

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!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT: Pearl Harbor 80th Anniversary Remembrance Day Concert is **December 7** at 7:00pm in the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Auditorium (330 Glenview Ave.). Presented by the Soli Deo Gloria Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Patricia Backhaus. The program is re-creation of one of the last concerts played by the band of the USS Arizona. All of the bandsmen perished in the attack. A ceremony to honor their memories will be part of the program. To help support the work of the Lutheran Military Support Group, a freewill donation will be accepted.

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. Everyone 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!

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). Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The program includes anthems by the choir and hymns for the congregation. The 3:00pm service will be streamed live and recorded at livestream.com/WLSLive.

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. All gift cards are participating retailers with the Scrip program – PLEASE NOTE – THEY ARE OUT OF DAIRY QUEEN CARDS, SO DO NOT ORDER THEM! Remember, if you use Scrip a percentage of the profit goes to support Lamb of God School. Scrip order dates are 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!

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.

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.

OLD HYMNALS: The old red hymnals are available for you to take home for your personal use. You can find them on the table in the hallway.

THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

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

Tue. Dec. 7 – Pioneers at Jordan at 6:00pm; Bible Information Class at 6:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Handbells at 6:30pm

Wed. Dec. 8 – Advent Service at 3:30pm; Advent Service at Jordan at 6:30pm

Thu. Dec. 9 – Bible Class (*Elephants in the Room*) in Room 101 at 10:30am; Public School Catechism at 5:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Choir at 6:30pm

Fri. Dec. 10 – School Chapel at 9:00am

Sat. Dec. 11 – Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

Sun. Dec. 12 – Worship w/Communion at 8:00am & 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Room 201 & 203; Teens in the Luther Lounge; Bible Class (*Elephants in the Room*) in Room 101); Evangelism at 11:45am in the Luther Lounge

Mon. Dec. 13 – SCRIP Orders Due by 8:00am; Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm