

Next Week: Epiphany 1 - The Baptism of Jesus

Theme: *During the Epiphany season we want to get to know Jesus. This Sunday we get to know him by baptism – his reveals him as one person in the Triune God; ours brings us to faith in Jesus as our Savior.*

PLEASE NOTE: NO BIBLE CLASSES OR SUNDAY SCHOOL ON JANUARY 3RD.

THANK YOU MISS BLIEVERNICHT

Miss Lynette Blievernicht served as our teacher from 1983-2020. In summer of 2020, she retired after 43 years in the WELS teaching ministry. We would like to show our appreciation for her service to our Lord and our congregation. We will have a box for notes and cards in the entryway. Write a note of thanks or share a memory with her. You can also include gift cards or certificates. We will present them to her at the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 17th**.

NEW BIBLE CLASS – PHILIPPIANS

It's often called "Paul's Letter of Joy." More than a dozen times, Paul uses "joy" or "rejoice" in just four chapters, despite the fact that he was writing from prison to Christians who had been persecuted. Join us to be filled with this same joy in Christ. Classes start online at 7:30pm on Wednesday, **January 6th**; in person on Thursday, **January 7** at 10:00am in Room 204; and in person on Sunday, **January 10th** at 9:15am in the cafeteria. Remember to sign-up for classes online!

USHER CHANGES

The head ushers are working on the ushering schedule for 2021. If you would like to be part of an ushering team, contact one of the head ushers – Scott Warras (414-801-5787), Dan Olya (414-475-6288), or Ross Whiting (414-326-0083). Current ushers should also contact them if you need to change your status / time. There is a need for a new Team Captain for Saturday evening worship as Scott's work schedule has changed. Contact Dan or Ross if you are interested.

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, January 14th. All ladies of the congregation are invited! We will start with a Bible study at 12:30pm followed by a business meeting at 1:00pm. See you there!

SCRIP

Our next order will be on **Monday, January 4**. An updated order form and a retailer list are in the carousel outside Pastor Kneser's office. Contact Mrs. Gasper at mgasper@logls.org with questions.

MARY MORNINGS – A NEW WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY

We believe the New Year is the best time to start something new! Lynn Wessel and Jes Woller have decided to start a womens' Bible study. It is open to women who are members of Woodlawn, friends & family of our members, as well as nearby sister WELS congregations.

We plan to meet Saturday mornings twice a month from 9:00-10:30am beginning January 16th. We are planning to offer both in-person & Zoom formats so you can attend in the way you are most comfortable.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to take a moment to sit at Jesus's feet and 'choose that which is needful' (Luke 10:38-42). It will also give us a chance to connect and be together - something SO healthy and needed for us women!!

We have chosen the newer NPH Bible study *Full Accessories of God - The Spirit's Makeover for Women* by DeLyn Wagenknecht (NPH order# OL-1201801 \$14.99). You can choose to invest in your own copy of this study or join us without the book. If you plan to buy a copy, reach out to Lynn or Jes as we would qualify for a small discount if we purchase 10 or more books! If the cost is a concern, please reach out to us. Plan to grab a cup of coffee/tea and join us!! Looking forward to spending time with you at Jesus' feet!! ♥♥♥

Contact Lynn (wessel0802@gmail.com or cell 414-315-1897) or Jes (jeswoller@gmail.com or cell 414-303-8128) with questions.

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to all who gave over \$3,000 to our Woodlawn Food Pantry collection in December. These funds are distributed through Good Samaritan Outreach Center of West Allis, St. Marcus and St. Peter's food pantries, and our own Woodlawn food pantry.

CHURCH UN-DECORATING

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after the 10:30am service next Sunday, **January 10**. If you are willing to help, please let one of the pastors know.

Merging in Pursuit of Mission

God our Savior "wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3). These words sum up God's ultimate desire for a sinful world. The harsh reality is that sin and unbelief condemn people to an eternity in hell. But our Lord in his love wants people spared this judgment and with him in heaven. So he sent his Son Jesus to this world to accomplish our salvation on the cross.

God has engaged the church to serve a role in leading people to heaven. God's people are to proclaim the message of his word so that the Holy Spirit can change hearts. Faith comes from hearing the message that leads people to repent and believe. Until the Lord Jesus returns, we have the calling to go and make disciples through the gospel.

A New Mission Statement - The joint Merging for Mission team has developed the following mission statement to summarize this assignment from God and guide a new merged West Allis congregation in pursuing our calling from God: This mission statement focuses on the two-fold task of evangelism and discipleship. Our efforts would seek to bring new people to faith in Jesus and grow those believers deeper in their faith and walk with God. It is a mission in which we all have a role as individuals and by working together as the church.

OUR MISSION

**To personally and collectively lead all people
to know Jesus and grow in a relationship with God.**

A Renewed Commitment to the Mission - It can be easy to lose focus on our mission as the church. We get caught up in facility repairs and reacting to the latest funding shortfall. We can become so focused on serving our members that we lose sight of the mission field outside our doors. And personally, we can assume that sharing the gospel is the responsibility of church staff rather than God's call to all of us as witnesses in our world. But we are the church – all of us! May God inspire in us a renewed commitment to boldly pursue our mission from God to his glory.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Bonnie Delaney (recovering at home after surgery); Steve VanLieshout & family at the death of his father.

THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

Sun. Jan. 3– Worship at 8:00 and 10:30am; NO Bible Hour

Mon. Jan. 4 – School Resumes; SCRIP orders due by 8:00am; Worship at 6:30pm

Tue. Jan. 5 – Lamb of God Board w/Subcommittees at 6:30pm

Wed. Jan. 6 – *Epiphany* – Public School Catechism at 4:45pm in the Luther Lounge; Online Bible Class (Philippians) at 7:30pm

Thu. Jan. 7 – Bible Class (Philippians) at 10:00am in Room 206; Worship Committee meets at 5:30pm in the Luther Lounge; Worship Team rehearsal in church at 6:30pm

Fri. Jan. 8 – School Chapel at 9:00am

Sat. Jan. 9 – Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

Sun. Jan. 10– Worship w/Communion at 8:00 and 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Bible Class (Philippians) in Room 101; Sunday School in Rooms 203 & 204; Teen Bible Class in the Luther Lounge); **Take Down Christmas Decorations 11:45**

Mon. Jan. 11 – 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). 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.