

Next Week: Pentecost 16

Theme: *Unbelief mocks and says that if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn't allow misery and need in the first place. But especially in need and suffering God does all things well; that truth is the center of the Christian's quiet confidence. It is the reason for his hope based on the promises of God and earned for us by the work of Christ and its eternal consequence for us.*

New Worship Seating Plan: We have changed the sanctuary seating from fully to partly "social distanced." 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.

PLEASE NOTE: NO SERVICE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, **September 12**. The only change is that the **10:00am service moves back to 10:30am**. This schedule will be in effect until Memorial Day weekend.

BIBLE HOUR: Sunday School: Sunday School is an important way to help children grow closer to God. They learn how our Lord relates to his people every day, that he gives us life, forgives us through his Son, and guides us into the future. Sunday School begins on Sunday, **September 12th** for all children from age 3 through 5th grade. Classes meet each Sunday from 9:15 – 10:15am. Please contact Pastor Wessel with any questions or for more information.

Teen Bible Study: Teen Bible study begins on Sunday, **September 12**, at 9:15am in the library. This class is for students from 7th grade through high school. Public School grades 6-8 should be in catechism. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Wessel. Jacob Horvat will be the leader of this Bible study.

New Bible Class: *One by One* is a Bible study based on Pastor David Rosenau's keynote presentation at the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership in January of 2020. Using powerful personal stories and drawing from his wealth of experience both as a detective and a parish pastor, Pastor Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

Join us for this motivating, thought-provoking and encouraging class. We meet on Thursdays at **10:30am (NEW TIME)** beginning **September 23**, and on Sundays at 9:15, beginning **September 26**. Both classes will be held in Room 101. If you have questions, contact one of the pastors. Sign up using Sign-Up Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion>

FOOD PANTRY: September is one of the months we emphasize donating to our food pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items are distributed through Good Samaritan Outreach Center of West Allis, St. Marcus and St. Peter's food pantries and our own Woodlawn food pantry. Donations can be placed in the donation room bins, near the member information boxes. A door collection for the pantries will be gathered after all services the weekend of September 25-28.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our shut-ins: Dorothy Schiller, Barbara Schroeder, and Carol Zimdars; Alice Eggebrecht (Froedtert).

OPEN FORUM: There is an Open Forum for all members on NEXT SUNDAY, **September 12**, at 9:15am in church. We will discuss ministry updates, including the merger discussions.

"RING PRAISE" HANDBELLS: Ring Praise is not only our name, but it is also what we do. We play handbells to worship and give praise to God. We would love for you to join us. Practices will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning **September 7th**. If you can read music and would like to ring your praise to God, please contact director Tina Graham at 414-732-6894 either by phone or text.

How oft, in making music, we have found; A new dimension in the world of sound; As worship moved us to a more profound "Alleluia!" – (CW248v.2)

PRODUCE TABLE: Gardens and fruit trees are beginning to be harvested. Do you have surplus fruits and vegetables to share? Bring them to church! We will have tables in the hallway for your produce so that fellow members can enjoy the bounty. Free, and open to everyone!

LADIES AID: Ladies Aid begins meeting again on **September 9th** at 12:30pm in Room 101. Please come join us for short Bible studies, fellowship, business meetings, and snacks. We only meet once a month!

Ladies Aid supports the congregation spiritually and financially through donating to LWMS, WELS mission, and Woodlawn projects, serving Advent and Lent fellowship suppers and meals for funerals, and other activities as the need arises. We encourage all ladies of the congregation to join us. It's a great way to meet members of your Woodlawn family and make new friends! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of our current officers: President Denyce Baker, Vice-President Kathy Day, Treasurer Bonnie Delaney, Secretary Linda Wishman, or any Ladies Aid member.

CHOIR: Practice is starting again soon! Choir will be held on Thursday nights at 6:30pm in church beginning on **September 9th**. We are always looking for new members so please come join us! Don't be shy; give it a try! Our first practices this fall will focus on helping to lead the congregation in singing music from the new hymnal on September 18th and 19th as we kick off National Hymnal Week. There's lots of new music so everyone will be learning together. We have great fellowship! We may look into options to sing with smaller groups for Saturday and Sunday services this year.

The message of God's Holy Word is always present in everything we perform. The power of the Holy Spirit is at work in each person as they praise the Lord with song. Contact Jean Kaldunski at 262-797-0829 or ja-kal329@gmail.com if you have questions. *Psalm 30:4 "Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name."*

MARY MORNINGS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The joint women's Bible Study (Good Shepherd's/Jordan/Woodlawn) has been well-received so it WILL continue!! It is wonderful to see how God is blessing this and our sisters that attend!!

We start our fall session on Saturday, **September 11** at 9:00am in the Woodlawn cafeteria (lower level) and plan to meet every other Saturday through December 4th. *The Bible Sister Series* is our planned study and is available from the WELS Women's Ministry website for free. In-person and zoom format will be offered each meeting. More specific information is emailed to participants during the week before each study. Consider taking this time for fellowship and faith with your sisters at Jesus' feet!! We have postcards available at each church for use as a reminder for yourself and as an invitation you may use to encourage another sister to join us! Any questions may be directed to Lynn Wessel (cell - 414.315.1897 email - wessel0802@gmail.com) or Jes Woller (cell - 414.303.8128 email - jeswoller@gmail.com).

BEATS FOR HEARTBEATS: This family-friendly event will take place on **September 18** at Washington County Fairgrounds from 2:30-9:00pm. Featuring headliner, Crowder, along with him + her worship and Koiné. Special guests include Pastor Jeremy Mattek and Pastor Ben Blumer and his wife Carrie. Tickets must be purchased for entry, available online at beatsforheartbeats.com.

NEW HYMNAL: **WELS National Hymnal Week** is coming soon. Here at Woodlawn, we'll be kicking things off the weekend of **September 19**. Our **worship service** will be an opportunity to experience some of the new resources in our upcoming new hymnal. Our Sunday Bible study hour at 9:15 am will be a **hymn sing**, where we'll hear and sing along with a video recording of choirs of students from Martin Luther College and Luther Preparatory School, and a children's choir from Brookfield, Wisconsin.

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 26, there will be a concert video featuring LPS and MLC choirs, the WELS Chamber group *Canticum*, and a liturgical ensemble, *Trinitas*. Between September 19-26, WELS worship presentation videos on a range of hymnal and worship-related topics will be made available online. Stay tuned for more details on those. *Let the message about Christ dwell among you richly. (Colossians 3:16).*

SCRIP: Thank you for your orders which came to just over \$1,200. Our next order date is **September 20**. At any time, if there are not enough orders to cover the cost of shipping, the order will be held until the next order date. 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. Contact Mrs. Gasper at mgasper@logls.org with questions.

HELP WITH PIONEERS! We have a Lutheran Girl Pioneer (LGP) group and a Lutheran Boy Pioneer (LP) group with kids in 1st grade and up from Good Shepherd's, Jordan, and Woodlawn. Meetings are held at Jordan on various Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:30pm. More leaders and helpers are needed. If you would like to help, even if it's only for a meeting or two, please let us know. You may contact Jordan at Jordanluth@att.net or call Jackie (414-324-7587), Jill (414-218-3201), Mike L. (414-640-5069), or Mike G. (414-507-4637) for more information.

IRONMEN OF GOD: The 7th annual Ironmen of God men's conference is coming up at Chivaree in Ixonia, WI, on **September 25** from 9:00am-2:00pm! Hear WELS pastors speak on topics aimed straight at men! For details and registration information please visit www.ironmenofgodwi.org.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL: Grade School Football Tailgate—Join the families of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School for a fun night at Raabe Stadium (1401 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa) on Friday, **September 24**. As part of our PK-12 partnership, WLHS is sponsoring a tailgate party for our grade school families from 5:15-5:45pm before the varsity football game against South Milwaukee, at 7:00pm. Boys and girls of all ages will get to run, pass, kick and catch on the turf of the Raabe Stadium field. Visit wlhs.org/tailgate to RSVP for this FREE event by Wednesday, September 22.

Food will be served at 6:00pm and includes raffle prizes for the kids! The tailgate party will be held at the northeast end of the stadium. Your attendance includes free admittance to the football game. We can't wait to see you there!

Used T-shirts Needed—If you have old, used t-shirts taking up space in your closets, consider donating them to Wisco! Woodshop class will use any donated t-shirts for staining projects. Drop off your donations to Central Office, or contact Joel Radue at joel.radue@wlhs.org.

Fashion Tech Donations Needed—Fashion Technology classes at WLHS are looking for donations of yarn and cross stitch fabrics, floss, and hoops for our students to develop their God-given talents. Please contact Patti Wenzel at 715-360-0407 or patti.wenzel@wlhs.org.

GRACE DOWNTOWN: Job Opening at Grace—Grace is urgently seeking a qualified candidate for the role of **Events Coordinator**. This part-time position works closely with the Events Director and is responsible for select events and activities held at Grace. If you have a passion for working with people, the ability to share your faith, and experience in events, this is a great opportunity! Candidate must be a WELS member in good standing, and willing to work evenings and weekends. For the full job description and more information, contact Veronica Brewer, Events Director at vbrewer@gracedowntown.org or 414-271-3006.

Doors Open Milwaukee—Doors Open is back in person! Grace Lutheran Church (1209 N. Broadway in Milwaukee) is once again participating in this great event. The church will be open to the public Saturday, September 25, 10:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, September 26, Noon-5:00pm. Contact Paul Sherwood for details or to sign up: 414-791-6010 or paulsherwood3@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE: The next blood drive at Woodlawn for Versiti / Blood Center of Wisconsin will be held on **October 4th** 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 or dates or zip code.

Appointment are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. There are also sign-up sheets on the table in the entryway. Refreshments will be provided. Help save a life by donating!

PICNIC THANK YOU: On behalf of Pastors Kneser and Wessel and your Picnic Committee: We were truly blessed this past weekend with God's People Gathering for our special worship services and church picnic.

We gathered, sharing in fellowship, fun and partaking in a delicious meal catered by Bunzel's Meat Market, topped off with a variety of delicious desserts prepared by Grebe's Bakery and Kwik Trip. There was entertainment at the picnic with music provided by Al Schumacher's band and a fun game of Human Bingo!

There were many lucky winners for our door prizes consisting of gift cards for food, fuel and entertainment along with tasty gift baskets. We thank everyone who attended. Our picnic was a success because of YOU! Blessings to all.

CALLING ALL COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS! Are you heading to college this fall? Do you know someone who is going to college? Don't leave your faith life at home! Sign up with WELS Campus Ministry to get connected with the local campus pastor near your school and to receive free copies of *Meditations* devotions and *Forward in Christ* magazine. Sign up at wels.net/college.

THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

Sun. Sep. 5 – Worship at 8:00am & 10:00am

Mon. Sep. 6 – LABOR DAY – NO SERVICE; NO SCHOOL

Tue. Sep. 7 – Lamb of God Board at 6:30pm; Handbells at 6:30pm

Wed. Sep. 8 –

Thu. Sep. 9 – Ladies Aid at 12:30pm in Room 101; Choir at 6:30pm

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

Sat. Sep. 11 – Mary Mornings at 9:00am in Room 101; Cornhole Tournament at Lamb of God at 9:00am; Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

Sun. Sep. 12 – Worship w/Communion at 8:00am & **10:30am**; Sunday School at 9:15am in Room 201 & 203; Teen Bible Class at 9:15am in the Luther Lounge; **Open Forum at 9:15am** in church

Mon. Sep. 13 – Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm