

Next Week: Advent 1

Theme: *WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE HUMBLER HIMSELF - What would it be like to meet God? We know he is almighty and holy. He loathes sin. No wonder that when God appears to his Old Testament people, their first response is typically terror. But when Jesus Christ came into our world, he hid his glory and power. He humbled himself so that sinners would be drawn to him rather than driven away in fear.*

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.

PASTOR WESSEL'S CALL DECISION: *"My own thoughts and feelings are very unclear on the choice that is before me, but for the sake of both congregations, I don't wish to delay my response any longer. Trusting that our gracious Savior will continue to bless both congregations, I have decided to remain in service to God's people in West Allis."* – Pastor Wessel.

May God continue to bless our ministry together at Woodlawn as we devote ourselves to knowing our Savior better each day, serving one another in love, and letting all people know about the wonderful things our God does for us.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our shut-ins: Richard Leikam, Germaine Kerzner, Naomi Carnot.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND; In the 8:00am service this Sunday, Emmett Thomas Wieting will be received into God's kingdom of grace through Holy Baptism. He was born on 11/09/21 at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital, the son of David and Kelly (Pehowski) Wieting. Serving as godparents are Hugh, Serina, and Julie Pehowski. May the Holy Spirit fill Emmett with joy and peace through his Savior Jesus Christ.

GIRL PIONEERS: There will be a special GIRLS PIONEERS ONLY gathering on Tuesday, **November 23**, at 6:00pm at Jordan. Contact your leader with questions.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES: Be sure to join your fellow members and friends in giving thanks and praising our gracious God for all his physical and spiritual blessings. Our services will be on Wednesday, **November 24** at 6:30pm and Thursday, **November 25** at 9:00am. The Woodlawn Choir will be singing for Thursday's service. Invite a friend or out-of-town visitors to come along!

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

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 the day of the concert.

SCRIP: Thank you for your orders which came to just over \$1,000. 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 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.

NEW BIBLE CLASS! When we say “there are elephants in the room,” we mean that people are ignoring important issues. Theistic evolution relies on ignoring key biblical teachings in order to appear reasonable. Our next Bible Class topic is called, “*Elephants in the Room: Evolution Versus the Message of Scripture.*”

Using God’s Word alone, former Woodlawn member and NPH editor Pastor Robert Koester breaks down evolutionary arguments and shows believers how to discern biblical teachings about creation from common doctrinal errors. In this seven-lesson Bible study participants will gain a better ability to discuss these problems with others and avoid confusion about science’s relationship with God’s Word. They will also learn about incompatibilities between Scripture and evolution as well as the doctrinal errors that arise when they are combined.

Classes are on Thursdays, at 10:30am and Sundays at 9:15am. Classes will meet either in Room 101 or the cafeteria. Use the SignupGenius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion>. See one of the pastors if you have questions. **NOTE: No Classes on November 25 & 28 and December 2 & 5.**

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 Fix-in'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.

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 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.

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.

RootedMKE Bible Study-Are you a 20-or-30-something looking for fellowship with others at a similar place in life? Consider coming to RootedMKE’s weekly Bible Study! Offered Tuesday evenings, socializing begins at 5:30 or 6:00pm, followed by a Bible study at 7:00pm. RootedMKE also likes to get together for volunteer work as well as to enjoy all Milwaukee has to offer--past events have included kayaking the Milwaukee River and camping! If you’d like to know more, head to the Grace Downtown Facebook page, and ask to join the RootedMKE Facebook group. If you have any questions, or to find out where RootedMKE is meeting next, send an email to rootedmke@gmail.com.

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?

YOUTH GROUP: Mark your calendars! Join us for Caroling on Candy Cane Lane on 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: aklsmeyer@goodshepherds.net, amanda.m.davis10@gmail.com, magld@yahoo.com.

FLOWER THANKS: Thanks to Dave & Cheryl Oldenburg for providing flowers this weekend in celebration of their 47th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

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 Zarling from Good Shepherd's. You can reach him by email at Mike.Zarling@directsupply.com or by phone at 414-418-4108. You can also sign up in the church entryway on the sign-up sheet.

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 5th**. And invite a friend to hear the message of our coming Savior!

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.

A LIFE OF SERVING OTHERS: Last week we kicked off 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!

THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

Sun. Nov. 21 – Worship at 8:00am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Room 201 & 203; Teens in the Luther Lounge; Bible Class (*Elephants in the Room*) in Room 100); *Contemporary Service at 10:30am*; **Lamb of God Basketball Tournament**

Mon. Nov. 22 – Worship at 6:30pm

Tue. Nov. 23 – Prospect Mailing at 10:30am; Bible Information Class at 6:00pm in the Luther Lounge; Handbells at 6:30pm

Wed. Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Worship at 6:30pm

Thu. Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Worship at 9:00am

Fri. Nov. 26 – No School

Sat. Nov. 27 – Worship w/Communion at 5:00pm

Sun. Nov. 28 – Worship 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 at 6:30pm