December 19, 20, 21, 2020

Next Week: Christmas 1

**Theme:** What's There are two great miracles in Christmas: the one that God has become man for us and for our salvation, and that he in grace reveals the first miracle even to me and blesses me with all its benefit.

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

December 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 on **December 24, 25, 27, and 28.** 

### SEASONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT WOODLAWN

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have had to change our worship opportunities this season. The schedule is listed below. Sign-up on the church website or by calling the church office.

- Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, December 24 at 2:00, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day Services on Friday, December 25, at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- 1 No Service Saturday, December 26.
- Worship w/Communion on Sunday, December 27 at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. and Monday, December 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- New Year's Eve Worship w/Communion, on Thursday, December 31 at 6:30 P.M.

# **SCRIP**

Orders this week came to just over \$1,400! Our next order will be on **Monday**, **January 4**. **NOTE: We have a small inventory of cards on hand if you need something between orders or for a last minute gift.**Contact Mrs. Gasper at <a href="mailto:mgasper@logls.org">mgasper@logls.org</a> with questions. Order forms and a retailer list are in the carousel outside Pastor Kneser's office.

### **COMMUNION DEVOTIONS**

In addition to our normal weekend worship with the Lord's Supper, we will be offering six small group devotions with the Lord's Supper (maximum of 8 people each session) on Wednesday, **December 30**, afternoon and evening. Follow the link for times and to sign up if you plan to attend: <a href="https://www.signupge-nius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion">https://www.signupge-nius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion</a>

#### 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. 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 21. Contact Denyce Baker with questions at 262-789-8085 or <a href="mailto:baker021074@gmail.com">baker021074@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your generosity as we reach out to our missionaries to make their Christmas very merry!

# **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 Odya (414-475-6288), or Ross Whiting (414-326-0083). Current ushers should also contact them if you need to change your status / time.

#### **POINSETTIA THANKS**

Special thanks to Ed & D'Anne Tonne for providing the large, beautiful poinsettias for our services this Christmas season.

#### **VOLUNTEER REMINDERS**

We still need our church cleaners! A new schedule for January – June is in process. If you wish to volunteer or remove yourself from the list, let Mrs. Gasper know immediately at <a href="mailto:mgasper@logls.org">mgasper@logls.org</a> or call the church office at 414-321-2126. Also, a reminder that volunteer opportunities to be Greeters and for Bulletin Stuffing have been suspended indefinitely.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The family of Mel Stirmel who passed away last December 12; Trenten Fieldstad (Children's Hospital).

## THIS WEEK AT WOODLAWN

<u>Sun. Dec. 20</u>— Worship at 8:00 and 10:30am; Bible Hour at 9:15am (Sunday School in Rooms 201 & 204; Bible Class (*Living in ANY Environment*) in Room 101; Teen Bible Class in the Luther Lounge)

Mon. Dec. 21 - Worship at 6:30pm

Tue. Dec. 22 – Lamb of God Online Christmas Service

Wed. Dec. 23 -

Thu. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Carol Services at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 7:00pm

Fri. Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Worship at 9:00am & 10:30am

Sat. Dec. 26 – NO SERVICE

Sun. Dec. 27- Worship w/Communion at 8:00 and 10:30am; NO Bible Hour

Mon. Dec. 28 - Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm

If you plan on attending **Communion devotions, weekend or special worship services, and Bible Classes,** we ask <u>everyone please sign up</u> 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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion</a>. 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.