



Woodlawn Ev. Lutheran Church

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Brothers and sisters,

In our gospel lesson for this Sunday, Jesus told his disciples that he was going to the Father. This was the night before his crucifixion. Then he assured them that he would send the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to be with them, that he would not leave them as orphans. Maybe you are feeling like an orphan these days, abandoned and alone, because of the great reduction in contact with people. There's a good reason for it, of course – to slow down the spread of corona virus. But God's Word has the best solution – his love and promises. Be sure to view our worship service at woodlawnlutheran.org this Sunday where Jesus addresses that feeling of loneliness, lovingly reminding us that we "don't have to go it alone" through life.

One way that he reminds us of his presence in life is by sharing with us his body and blood in the sacrament. Next week we are again offering small group devotions which include the Lord's Supper. They will be held every half hour on **THURSDAY, MAY 21, 4:00 – 8:00pm** and on **FRIDAY, MAY 22, 9:00am -12noon**. Groups will be limited to no more than 8 at a time, social distancing is practiced and the wearing of masks is welcome. To sign up follow this link on SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFAD2CA6F85-communion> You can also call or email one of the pastors to be put on the list. Be sure to specify your desired time slot. If you don't feel comfortable in a small group setting, you can set up a private appointment with us.

Many of our shutins and elderly members are having those feelings of isolation and loneliness. Why not spend some time calling a few of them, or sending them a card. We will gladly mail you a list, or check your church directory – Vi. S., Jeanette P., Leola B., Carol Z., Bill B., Betsy H., Gloria K., Barbara K., Peter and Betty K., - among others.

Kay Krenz wishes to thank all the members and friends who sent cards (more than 70 of them) and well wishes in celebration of her 104th birthday a few weeks ago. **Evelyn Bauer** also wants to thank everyone for the prayers and cards during her hospital and rehab time these past several weeks. She has now returned to her new residence at the Heritage of Deer Creek in New Berlin. **Ken Bourassa** has also returned home after his emergency surgery and rehab. We praise God for his blessings on these fellow members. Continue to remember **Lois Leikam** in your prayers. She remains hospitalized at Froedtert but is in a regular room and slowly improving.

Woodlawn will be hosting another **blood drive on Monday, May 18**. Donations can be made from 2:00 – 5:30. There will obviously be extra safety measures in place and the drive will be held in the gymnasium to spread things out for safe distancing. All donors will have their temperature taken, asked to wear a mask and to wash their hands prior to screening. You need to sign up on line at this link: <https://bit.ly/woodlawnheroes2020> Every attempting donor will receive a coupon for \$4 off at Noodles & Co.

Stay safe, and God's blessings to all of you!

Pastor Kneser and Pastor Wessel