

May 16, 2020

Fellow members of Woodlawn,

Because of the Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision announced on Wednesday, guidelines and requirements about how to deal with the corona virus have been left up to county and municipal governments and health departments. West Allis is part of an association of Milwaukee county communities that have united to maintain guidelines that were already in place, with a few tweaks. I have yet to see anything that addresses mass gatherings for church worship, other than the 10 person limit. Waukesha county and others are now allowing larger groups so you may hear of some of our WELS churches, outside Milwaukee county who are starting services already this weekend. The leaders of Woodlawn, our **church council, will be meeting on Tuesday** evening to see how and when we will resume our worship services. So watch for more information starting Wednesday.

In the meantime, we know that not everyone will be comfortable returning to public gatherings at church just yet, even with special precautions so keep tuning in to watch our **online worship** this weekend and for the foreseeable future at our church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. One new feature is that we have posted a **children's bulletin** that can be downloaded and printed so the kids can feel a part of the service too.

There are still a few open spots between 3:30 and 5:30 for this **Monday's blood drive**, sponsored by Versiti/Blood Center of Wisconsin. Three spots for the donation of dual reds are also still open. No walk-ins will be accepted so you need to sign up on line at this link: <https://bit.ly/woodlawnheroes2020> Extra safety measures will be 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. Every attempting donor will receive a coupon for \$4 off at Noodles & Co.

On Thursday (4:00 – 8:00) and Friday (9:00am – 12noon) we will have a series of **Communion Devotions**. They will begin every half hour in groups of 8 or less. 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.

Member updates: **Lois Leikam** has been released from Froedtert hospital and is now residing in the Maplewood Residence Center at the Village at Manor Park. **Lynn Wolcyk** wishes to thank her Woodlawn family for all the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy at the death of her sister, Carol Yanke. **Michael Gunder**, brother of our member Larry Gunder, has been released from University hospital in Madison.

God's blessings to all of you during these turbulent times, and we hope to see all of you again soon!

Pastor Kneser and Pastor Wessel