**NOVEMBER USHERS’ SCHEDULE**

***800 am, Sunday Team 3E*** Dan Sauer, Len Collyard, Joel Fischer, Nate Grulke, Jonathan Grulke, Lucas Grulke, Caleb Grulke,

Mike Sauer.

***10:30 am, Sunday Team 1L***: Bob Duckart, Joey Polheber, Gary Johnson,

Noah Johnson, Josh Johnson, Gary Suckow

***Thursday, 7:00 pm Team 1:*** Russ Whitford & Trenton Whitford

**November ALTAR GUILD**

Linda Eidman, April & Katelyn Shanks, Andrea Seamann

**GREETERS FOR November 25th**

8:00 am Tom & Linda Hering

10:30 am Angie Kapitz

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR november 25th**

Strook Family

**ALTAR ASSISTANTS FOR November 15th & November 18th**

7:00 pm Stu Stein

8:00 am Marty Dierker & Joel Grulke

10:30 am Ken Lemke & Aaron Platzer

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|  | Last Week | Last Year |
| Thursday | 48 | 64 |
| Sunday Early  | 144 | 161 |
| Sunday Late | 118 | 137 |
| Total | 310 | 362 |

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**News & Notes**

**November 18th, 2018**

***THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR***

 Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday,

 **November 21st at 7:00 pm**,

 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,

 **November 22nd at 9:30 am**.

 No Worship Thursday night.

**FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – **Beginning of the End.**   September 9 – November 25.   Does it feel like we’re living in crazy times?  Is the world coming to an end soon?  Almost every day people comment about how troubled they are about trends in our country:  increased violence, immorality and selfishness.  Seniors sit in front of the evening news shaking their heads.  Parents fret over the safety of their babies, big and small.  Children are exposed to images and content that once was hidden from public.  What answers do we have in Scripture?  What does God tell us about the end times?  For the first time in a decade we’re back into the book of Revelation to hear what the Spirit shared with the Apostle John.  We’ll watch the Lamb open the seals of judgment and call for the trumpets to sound forth.  We’ll also see how the Lion of Judah (Jesus) is woven into every theme and every victory described in Revelation 6-9.  This study will be taught by our Pastoral Team in the Sanctuary.  Child care is available.

**SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – **Gospel of John** In our study of John’s gospel, we are taking a journey through the life of Jesus. John offers perhaps the clearest reason why the Holy Spirit has given us these inspired writings: “…these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). We apply our Savior’s teachings to our own lives throughout the study. The class is taught by Staff Minister Hering in the Church Office Classroom on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, continuing through November 20th.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Romans** - A Bible study on Tuesday evenings meets from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the church office classroom which is located in the white building. Bring your point of view because you will be able to give it during our discussions.

**A NIGHT OUT – FELLOWSHIP EVENT –** Please join us for “A Night Out” on February 16, 2019 at The Bog. This wonderful night of fellowship will consist of hors d’oeuvres, a sit-down dinner, and entertainment by Fish Sticks Comedy. Seats are limited to 175 so don’t wait to RSVP. You may RSVP for up to 10 people on one card to reserve your table for this event. The cost is $65 per person and it includes, hor d’oeuvres, dinner, dessert and entertainment. Payment and RSVP’s are due by December 9th and can be placed in the black box in the narthex. Any questions call Sarah in the church office.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** ***– SIGN UP TODAY! - Ladies, reserve the date, Sunday, December 2nd*** to participate in the 4:30 pm Advent by Candlelight at Our Savior. Sign-up sheets for attending, hosting or making a dish to share are on a table in the Narthex. Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.  Beautiful decorations and fellowship provide a delightful atmosphere for the ladies to enjoy music and devotional time by candlelight. *Please sign up by November 18th*. Please contact Sarah in the Church office if you would like to help with the planning.

**CARIS TREE FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS** – Our Savior is again participating in the Charis Tree for the Seminary Students and their children. Seven local WELS churches have joined hands to provide gifts for each student and their family. A Charis tree will be on display in the narthex *next week for our members* to select a name, purchase a gift or gift certificate, and return the gift to the box provided by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**.  We encourage all families who are able to participate in this expression of support and thanks directed towards the students!

**Help Spread the Good News! -** We are excited for the opportunity to share Jesus and the Christmas story this December 7th & 8th from 6-8pm at Cedarburg Creek Farm and we need your help.  In order to proclaim the good news of a Savior with a Living Nativity, we will need people to help with: Costumes, Characters, lighting/Sound, Set-up/Take-down. **Want to help? Sign up in the back of church.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!! CHRISTMAS TREE & CHURCH DECORATING** **-** Will be held **Sat., Dec. 1st** starting at **9:00 am.** We need your help! We all truly enjoy the beautiful decorations in church at Christmas time. Please come and help decorate our worship facility to celebrate our Savior’s birth.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING -** Join us for Christmas caroling on Sunday Dec. 9th at 5:00pm. We will meet in the Church office building and head out. Please indicate your plan to participate by signing the sheet in the narthex. Please note that there will not be a chili meal this year.

**HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME BRIDGE UPDATE**

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| Gifts through September 30 | $557,479 |
| Gifts in October | $6,030 |
| Capital campaign gifts to date | $563,509 |
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| Mortgage balance on Oct 31 | $635,778 |

Capital campaign funds are used to make all mortgage payments. We try to maintain a reserve to cover six months of payments ($8,143 per month). All additional gifts are used to pay down mortgage principal. As of Oct 31, $129,390 of commitments were outstanding. Questions? Contact BRIDGE Leaders Andy Koffman or Philip Babler.

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**Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary -** The Seminary Chorus, a 52-voice men’s choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced tickets sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wls.wels.net.

**Other Area News…**

**KML ADULT CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - The Kettle Moraine Lutheran Adult Chorale will present its annual, Christmas concert, titled "To Us a Child Is Born," on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 777 S. Indiana Avenue in West Bend. The program will feature several Advent and Christmas anthems by the choir, with organ, piano, handbells, flute, a brass quartet, and hymns sung by the assembly. A freewill offering will be gathered.