

# NEWS & NOTES

Sunday 12/8	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Faith and Fellowship Hour
		Advent Preparation: The Prophecies
	3-5 PM	Dominoes Afternoon
Mon. 12/9	6:30 PM	Monday Night with Jesus
Tues. 12/10	6:30 PM	Church Council Meets
Wed. 12/11	10:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
Fri. 12/13	5:00 PM	Back to the Basics
Sat. 12/14	2-4 PM	Christmas Party at Pastor's
Sun 12/15	9:00 AM	Worship and Member Communion
	10:15 AM	Fellowship

## Willing Hands

<b>This Sunday:</b> 12/8	<b>Next Sunday</b> 12/15
Organist: Computer	Carol Johnson
Ushers: Wally Marsh	Joe Schindler
	Larry Wiersum
Altar Care: Kelley Buch	Kelley Buch
Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel	Dick and Cathy Yeakel
Kitchen Helpers: the Luckes	



**Summerlin Lutheran Church Officers:**  
Please call our elected officers with questions.

Chairman:	Mr. Chuck Ochsner
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Mark Boehringer
Treasurer:	Mr. Eric Braun
Trustee:	Mr. Mark Osterberg
Elder:	Mr. Duane Meyer

### Coming Up:



**Dominoes Afternoon:**  
Today. 3-5 PM  
No Experience Necessary!!

### Congregational Christmas Party

At Pastor's House....  
Saturday, December 14 2-4 PM  
Bring your favorite snack to pass....



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship: 10:00 AM



**Our Thanks to the Lord:** Our congregation has prayerfully and thankfully chosen to support the ministry of our church through our thank offerings.



# We're here to Serve

December 1	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
December 8	Wally Marsh	Bill Meyer
December 15	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum
December 22	Andrew Ryan	Mark Boehringer
December 24	Jim Moldenauer	
December 25	Jim Moldenauer	
December 29	Bryan Becht	Chuck Ochsner
January 5	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum
January 12	Andrew Ryan	Mark Boehringer
January 19	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
January 26	Bill Meyer	Bryan Becht



### How are you growing in faith?

In the Bible we see God's people joining together to study God's Word and to grow in that Word. Many have indicated in Listening Sundays that Bible Study is important. We have a number of great studies going on right now. Each study digs into Scripture and helps us to grow in faith. Which one can you attend?

#### Sunday Morning: Preparing for Christmas

We will take a closer look at the wonderful Christmas story through prophecies and the different Biblical accounts.

#### Wednesday Morning: A study of the book of Romans

A look at God's plan of salvation by grace through faith.

#### Friday Night (or available upon request): Back to the Basics

A look at the basic doctrines of the Bible.

For the Young.... and Young at Heart  
Crayons are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.





## Knitting with Friends



January 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6pm

For all adult skill levels and talents.

Beginners: Bring yarn and needles and learn to knit.

Experienced: Bring along a current project and work on it.

Everyone: Come and enjoy the time getting to know one another.

RSVP to Shawncee Osterberg by DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

## WELS Together Newsletter

In early 2018 the Conference of Presidents (COP) decided to produce a restatement of Scriptural Principles of Man and Woman Roles, the WELS doctrinal statement adopted in 1993. The decision to produce a restatement was not meant to question or debate the doctrine, nor was it merely a reaction to any specific challenge to the doctrine. The COP viewed a restatement as an opportunity for congregations and called workers to restudy and reapply this important doctrine.

The COP commissioned a study committee to begin the work of producing a restatement. Professor Rich Gurgel and President Earle Treptow of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., and Rev. Bart Brauer, Emmanuel, Phoenix, Ariz., agreed to serve on the study committee, with Marilyn Miller, chair of the WELS Women's Ministry Committee, serving in an advisory capacity to give input and feedback.

The study committee began its work in August 2018. The committee first studied together the biblical passages that teach about the relationship of male and female. The committee also reviewed the 1993 doctrinal statement and the numerous documents from the 1970s, 1980s, and early 1990s that led up to the 1993 statement. As it began to prepare the statement, the committee sought input from the doctrine committee of the COP, the faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and other district leaders to help state as clearly as possible this biblical teaching.

The restatement on the doctrine of man and woman is now available. The restatement seeks to help called workers and laypeople revisit the beauty of God's design for male and female and seek anew to put that design into practice in their homes, their churches, and their callings in the world. The restatement also gives clear testimony that WELS is still committed to the biblical doctrine that the synod resolved to uphold in 1993. An accompanying Bible study is also available online.

The COP desires that congregations go through the Bible study together and that pastors use the Bible study in their circuits and conferences. So that we all share a clear confession and maintain a spirit of unity, the COP is seeking feedback and input from called

workers and lay people as they view the restatement and use the Bible study in preparation for district conventions in June 2020. This comment box will allow individuals and groups to provide direct feedback to the COP through the spring of 2020. Each district will also provide a summary report of the discussions that take place at the district conventions. After the COP has considered the feedback and the discussions at district conventions, the COP plans to present a restatement on the doctrine of man and woman to the synod convention for adoption in the summer of 2021.

May the time invested in studying the Word reopen all our eyes to the beauty of what God has made and lead us all to greater joy in serving our Savior together!

Serving with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

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Please find our Christmas door hanger invitation on the table in the entryway. Make sure to take a few and invite your family, friends and neighbors to see why there is no Christmas without the Cross. Take as many as you need.



# Advent Wreath

**1st Candle (Purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF HOPE.** We have hope because God is faithful and will keep all of the promises he has made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd Candle (Purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION.** Preparation means to get ready. God keeps his promises, especially his promise to send a Savior. We prepare to welcome our Savior as God fulfills his promise again. (Luke 3: 4-6)

**3rd Candle (Pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY.** The angels sang the good news with joy. The shepherds went to find the Savior and returned with joyful hearts telling all they had seen. (Luke 2:7-15)

**4th Candle (Purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE.** The angels announced the good news that God, in his love, has kept his promise and sent his Son to earth to save us.

**5th Candle (White) THE CHRIST CANDLE.** The white candle, lit on Christmas Day, reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to be the sacrifice to wash our sins away. He was born to take our place and die for us! (John 1:29)