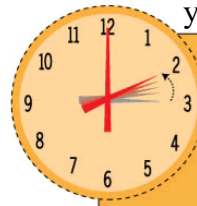


# The Pylon

Woodmar United Methodist Church

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

REMEMBER: Before going to bed on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, turn your clocks back one hour!



Change your  
CLOCKS and  
smoke  
alarm  
BATTERIES!



Pastor Esta Rosario

November 2022

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

November is here! There are so many special things happening in November! Our Stewardship Campaign continues through November 20<sup>th</sup>, and we mark the celebration of stewardship with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 11:15AM. The tradition of the Woodmar Thanksgiving Dinner is to invite our Community Preschool and Childcare families and our community-at-large to our feast. It is a beautiful time of coming together and being thankful for the ways God has blessed us through friendships old and new. I hope to see you there!

Speaking of new friendships: Pastor Dale Zylstra of Christ Lutheran Church (7051 Indianapolis Blvd) has invited us to participate, along with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, in a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Christ Lutheran. Our worship will include a combined choir...what a beautiful way to express our gratitude to God! Please join us at 7PM at Christ Lutheran!

ADVENT also begins in November! The first Sunday in Advent is November 27<sup>th</sup>, and our Advent Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM via ZOOM and in-person in the Fireside Room. We will be reflecting on the Lectionary Gospel Readings for Advent...please join us!

Lots of exciting things happening in November! I would be remiss if I didn't speak a little more about stewardship. Sadly, stewardship has become a four-letter word for many people. When, it should be a word we embrace and for which we give thanks! The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines stewardship: "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something *especially*: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." I didn't add the emphasis to the word especially...Merriam-Webster did, but I like it! Stewardship is *especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care*.

Think for a moment about what has been entrusted to the care of each and every one of us? I'm sure we can each make a very long list of the things and *people* who have been entrusted to our care. What about ourselves? Haven't we each been entrusted with the precious gift of life? How are we carefully and responsibly managing the life God has entrusted to our care?

Are we being good stewards of our health: spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically? Our time? Our finances? The six weeks of our Stewardship Campaign: *Committed to Christ* have focused on being good stewards of the life God has entrusted to our care. When we respond to the longing in our hearts to draw closer and closer to Jesus, we set aside consistent, intentional time to pray, to read and study God's Word, to worship with our community of faith on Sunday mornings, to share our faith stories (witness), to give a tithe to our church (Biblical tithe=10% of our earnings), and to serve.

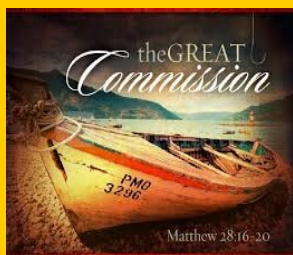
How are we doing in each of these areas? Are we growing? Are we stagnating? We who claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be *growing disciples!!!* Are we willing to step up in each of these areas?

**PLEASE PRAY THIS  
PRAYER EVERY DAY:**

Holy Spirit, fill me  
and empower me for  
the work to which you  
have called me. Holy  
Spirit, fill Woodmar  
United Methodist  
Church and empower  
us for the work to  
which you have called  
us through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**PEOPLE OF  
WOODMAR, WHO  
ARE YOU?**

I am a beloved child  
of God, called and  
sent to make a  
difference in the  
world.



**Our Mission:**  
**To make disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world.**

**Our Vision:**  
**Go. Teach. Love.**

Growing as disciples isn't something we wait to do when we have time, or when life is more settled, or...or...or (fill in your own excuse)...friends, the time is NOW! I am praying that we are digging into this series: *Committed to Christ*, that we may grow in our personal relationship with Jesus, and as a result, our church will be filled with passion for the call God has on our lives to live life intentionally with our neighbors.

I'm willing to step up...won't you join me?

See you in worship!

Living in the Grip of God's Grace,

Pastor Esta

**LUNCH/DINNER/DESSERT WITH THE PASTOR &  
THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM:**

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5PM in the lounge

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-7PM in the lounge

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Combined Thanksgiving Worship on **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 7051 Indianapolis Blvd. Participating churches: Christ Lutheran, Gloria Dei Lutheran and Woodmar UMC!

**Hanging of the Greens & pizza on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>!**

Combined Choirs will present a Merry Methodist Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 3PM at Ridge UMC. Participating churches: Christ, Fifth Avenue, Marquette Park, Hobart First, Hammond First, Hyde Park, Dyer, Griffith, Ridge, and Woodmar. Each church is asked to bring five desserts to share.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

During the holidays we try "to put on a happy face," even though we might be dying on the inside. If you or someone you know can relate to this due to losing a loved one, losing a job, a divorce, an unexpected diagnosis, or \_\_\_\_\_, you are invited to come just as you are to our Longest Night Service on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** in the Lounge/Library. We will read Psalms of Lament, pray, and sing together as we acknowledge our grief in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the "happiest time of the year."

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

4PM – Lessons & Carols, Candle-Light

9PM – Lessons & Carols, Holy Communion, Chancel Choir, Candle-Light

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 10AM – Yes!**

Christmas is on a Sunday!

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

***Committed to Christ Bible Study*** runs until the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>!  
**There are three sessions to choose from:**

Sundays at 11:30AM in the lounge/library led by Pastor Esta

Tuesdays at 11AM via ZOOM led by Donna Benirschke & Yvonne Jackson

Fridays at 1PM via ZOOM led by Rosanna Fowler & Ramah McCabe

Week 3: Worship

Week 4: Witness

Week 5: Financial Giving

Week 6: Service

### PRAYER STATIONS

Prayer stations will be set up in the Sanctuary on Thursdays beginning October 20<sup>th</sup>, through November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 1PM. Please come and spend intentional time praying for our church members and our church. You will be blessed as you bless others through prayer.

**Racial Equity** will resume on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10AM via ZOOM. We will be listening to a six-week podcast series called “Expanding the Table.” Here is the link, if you’d like to get a head start! <https://www.r2hub.org/library/podcast>. There is also a downloadable discussion guide.

### ADVENT STUDY

begins Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM  
via ZOOM and in-person in the Fireside Room.

Week 1: Matthew 24:36-44

Week 2: Matthew 3:1-12

Week 3: Matthew 11:2-11

Week 4: Matthew 1:18-25

Esta Rosario is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Advent Study

Time: Nov 22, 2022 10:00 AM Central

Time. Every week on Tue, until

Dec 13, 2022, 4 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85824731385?pwd=SUC2OXJhbmRjbWttYjJueGpIRUZrUT09>

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 858 2473 1385

Passcode: 015681

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd2Dfm18ua>



**EVA ARCE** is performing in the production of “The Lion King” through the Hammond Academy of the Performing Arts in November.

Performance Dates/Times:

Thursday, Nov. 10th @ 7PM

Friday, Nov. 11th @ 7PM

Sunday, Nov. 13th @PM

Let’s all go and support Eva! What a fun field trip!

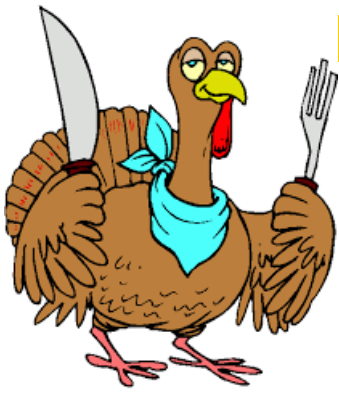


October was an exciting month. Our program had a visit from the Hammond Fire Department and Police. We appreciate our community heroes! Classes also took field trips to Scheeringa's Farm Stand for pumpkins, a hayride, farm animals and a giant corn bin. A Halloween parade rounded out the month of October with class pictures on hay bales.

With Gratitude, Pastor Esta







## WOODMAR'S ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

### IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and stuffing will be graciously prepared by Cathy Gonzalez and Prudi Leslie. Thank you, ladies! We will also supply a variety of beverages.

Please bring a dish to share following the first letter of your last name.

A-I Salad      J-R Vegetable      S-Z Dessert

Also, please bring your own table service, however, we will supply the cups for the drinks.

We look forward to us all gathering for this wonderful time of sharing a meal and fellowship!

We will also be delivering meals to our homebound. If you are available to deliver some, please let Nancy Craig know (219)688-2705.

**PLEASE RVSP BY NOV. 14. LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL EAT IN,  
CARRY OUT, OR DESIRE DELIVERY!**

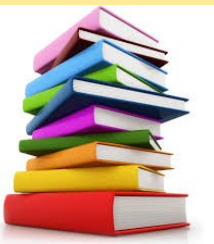
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12 Chris Matthews  
13 Francis McCabe



14 Donna Baggett  
Ricardo Rosario  
15 Fran Vukovich  
16 Danielle Romero  
21 Hailey Brambert  
26 Donna Benirschke

## WOODMAR BOOK CLUB

### Woodmar Book Club



**Book club will  
meet via  
Zoom on  
Monday,  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 1PM**

The book for November is *A Lowcountry Christmas* by Mary Alice Monroe. "A wounded warrior and his younger brother discover the true meaning of Christmas in this timeless story of family bonds. A poignant continuation of the Lowcountry Summer series.

As far as ten-year-old Miller McClellan is concerned, it's the worst Christmas ever. His father's shrimp boat is docked, his mother is working two jobs, and with finances strained, Miller is told they can't afford the dog he desperately wants. "Your brother's return from war is our family's gift," his parents tell him. But when Taylor returns with PTSD, family strains darken the holidays.

Then Taylor's service dog arrives—a large black Labrador/Great Dane named Thor. His brother even got the dog! When Miller goes out on Christmas Eve with his father's axe, determined to get his family the tree they can't afford, he takes the dog for company—but accidentally winds up lost in the wild forest. The splintered family must come together to rediscover their strengths, family bond, and the true meaning of Christmas." Review ~ Mary Alice Monroe's website

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



The November mission is our **Thanksgiving dinner**. The funds collected will pay for the cost of the meal.

Please also note that our cupboard is running low. The **Blessing Box** could use supplies. Please nothing in glass containers, and nothing fresh or frozen!!

Thank you!

You never know what good we are doing or who we are helping...

Yvonne goes to Aqua Swim at the Y. She has met many people and, of course, knowing Yvonne, speaks to them all! Some asked about the garden and could they pick because it had a fence around it. She explained it was free for everyone and also told them about the Blessing Box and Little Library. She was saying—just yesterday—that so many of the people have thanked her and told her that with the help of the fresh produce and items in the Bless Box they were able to make ends meet.

Thank you, God, for allowing us to share your bounty.



Our Caregivers will continue to meet at the Wheel at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month. We welcome any additional people who would like to share, or just attend, and hear what others have to say. It is an hour of relaxation in Christian fellowship.

A Caregiver can be a grandparent raising grandchildren or someone caring for an ill relative or friend. It is important to learn to take time for yourself. Please feel free to join in.

**Congregational Care Corps** is looking for volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving dinner, including clean up afterwards. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Please help us with the Hanging of the Greens and pizza after worship on Sunday, Nov. 27!



## WHAT'S UP, WOODMAR?

Sonrise Seniors, darts, and Karate are again meeting in the church and are all extending an invitation to you to join in the fun!

Brianna's Hope meets on Wednesdays at 6PM. Each meeting starts with a light meal.

**News to share?**  
The deadline for the *Dec/Jan Pylon* is November 14.



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Normal Sunday Schedule	Children's Sunday School-9AM Worship-10AM, Children's Church-10:15 Coffee fellowship following





## Remember Scrip!

When you purchase Scrip cards through the church, you are donating to the church's current expenses! It does not cost you anything additional to purchase one. It is as simple to use as a credit card. There is a wide variety of cards that we can order for you and we have many on hand. Just ask Nancy Jarmula on Sunday morning. They are great to use yourself or to give as a gift! And...the church earns a percentage from every order! Thank you for your support!



The United Women in Faith, formerly the UMW, continued meeting regularly. We have combined our circles and gather together on the third Wednesday of the month at 2PM in the narthex. When the weather gets bad in the winter we will shift our meeting to Zoom. To support Brianna's Hope, once a month, two of our members will bring dinner to that organization. Our board continues to meet via Zoom on the first Monday of the month.

Church Women United is hosting *A Call to Prayer* at Dyer UMC, 2016 Church St., Dyer, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration 9AM. Luncheon at noon.

## FINANCES



We ended September with income over expenses of \$5,000, but only due to a contribution from Community Preschool of \$10,000 to pay our bills for the month. Total expenses were in line with our budget for the month. We also received funds from the Foundation to reimburse expenses from VBS, Community Garden & the Community Picnic. Community Preschool had income over expenses of \$3,500. Their enrollment is up and they are doing well.

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

### Income for budgeted expenses

Donations	10,416
Rental income	540
Fundraisers	
Foundation	1,828
Scrip	28
Preschool-church exp	11,765
Preschool for custodian	350
Income for budgeted	24,927

Year to date income to expense <11,148>

### Budgeted expenses

Program expenses	424
Building related	5,991
Office related	1,081
Staff expenses	11,157
Apportionments	609
Finance & Fees	355
Total Expenses	19,617

September operating income to expenses +/- 5,075

### Unbudgeted Income, Special Funds

Missions	125
Special Memorial Fund	
Property Maintenance	540
Capital Campaign	495
Altar Flowers /Communion	12
Other spec. donations	
Brianna's Hope/Rehab	94

### Interest income

Total 1,266

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Remember to go  
**VOTE**

**INFO FOR EVENING PRAYERS BEGIN-  
NING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

Esta Rosario is inviting you to a scheduled  
Zoom meeting.

Topic: Evening Prayers

Time: Nov 16, 2022 08:00 PM Central Time  
(US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, Mon, Tue, Thu, un-  
til Feb 2, 2023, 46 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following  
iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/88561615296?](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/88561615296?pwd=Zk0wNWxMSGljYkdDUXRNeGc5TDExQT09)  
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Join Zoom Meeting

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needed.

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DECEMBER 8!**