

Contentment

from WELS Teen Devotions

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

Some people think that contentment means getting everything they want as soon as they want it. If that's contentment—a desire and want of more—it can easily lead to a negative view of life that says, "Look what I DON'T have." It can lead us to resent what others have but we don't.

What is the secret to happiness? God says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Being content with what you have rather than looking at what you do not will put your focus on the positive and not the negative. Contentment is the heart of a believer who believes God is our provider, who provides for our spiritual and earthly needs because we are his children. Jesus gave up his breath on the cross. There we find all debts of sin are paid. It promises peace with God. It assures of salvation. It leads to the conviction that "God works all things out for our good".

One of the best definitions of contentment that I have heard is, "not having all you want but wanting only what you have." Satisfied with what you have—that is being content. It means having all you need not craving for more. "But what if I do not have all I need to support my life?" Jesus answers, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26) Yes, you are valuable to Jesus! Find contentment in him!

Prayer: *Dear Lord in heaven, help us to be content with what we have and not to worry about what we do not. For we know that you will provide everything that we need to keep our bodily life. Thank you for*

sending your Son to die on the cross in our place so that we can be content in you today. Amen.

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Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes

Join us to grow in God's grace every Sunday beginning at 7:45 in the sanctuary. There is a 5-minute devotion with fellowship time and refreshments before heading to the various classes. Parents, please don't drop your children off outside or in the Sunday school room as there will be no supervision there. Bring them into the sanctuary. Thanks! If you worship on Thursday, come for the fellowship and growth on Sunday.

Note from the Chairman

We'd like to leave the first four pews in front of the care room open for families with small children and visitors. We don't want a mom or a dad carrying a baby, a diaper bag, and a car seat to have to go up and down the balcony stairs to get to the care room. We don't want them to have to sit in the front of church either. And we certainly don't want to make our visitors uncomfortable this way. Please consider choosing a pew besides the four in front of the care room. Thank you!

Advent Song Service

On **December 9**, starting at 3:30 pm, the choirs of St. John Lutheran Church of Jefferson (Junior Choir, Male Chorus, Mixed Choir, Grace Notes, and Alleluia Ringers bell choir) present a Christmas concert featuring songs of praise to our Lord Jesus who has come and will come again. Join us as we pray, "*Come, Messiah!*" After the service, there will be some light refreshments and hot chocolate, as well as a Christmas Market, a bonfire, and horse-drawn rides.

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 **December 9** at 3 and 7 pm in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advance 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.

Singers for Christmas Eve Wanted

We'd like singers (6th grade and up) to help lift our hearts to God in our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. If you'd be willing to be a part of a special choir of voices, please let the pastor or someone else on the worship committee know (Melanie Metzger, Jim Buege, Pastor Bartsch, Rita Bartsch, Carla Morris-Robinson). Thank you!

Piano Students

Does your child take piano lessons? Would they like to help provide pre-service music before the Children's Christmas Eve service? If so, please let Pastor or Carla know (immanuelinfarmington@gmail.com or 920-699-2283).

Thank you!



Candlelight Canvass

Please join us on our next canvass on 12/15/18 at 10:00. Sign up and get more information at www.immanuelinfarmington.com/canvass.

Christmas 2018

Please help with a synodwide campaign to reach one million souls with the gospel prior to and on Christmas Eve. To help and to receive regular updates go to www.welscongregationalervices.net/c18.

Martin Luther College Matching

Every year we have the opportunity to take advantage of MLC's matching grant program, where MLC matches gifts we give to support our students preparing for the public ministry there. We currently have two students attending. If you'd like to give a gift of support, please indicate "MLC Matching" on your check. Thank you!

Worship Service DVDs

Do you know someone who'd be interested in regularly receiving DVDs of our worship services? Please let Pastor know. We'll mail them out to them. Extra DVDs are next to past bulletins in the entryway and available for anyone now.

Servicemen/women

Do you know a serviceman or woman serving on our behalf? Go to www.wels.net/refer to register them for free resources.

Foster Support Informational Meetings

Kingdom Workers is developing a new Foster Support Program which will coordinate efforts through all the churches in our circuit to serve

foster families in our communities. This is an opportunity for all of us to share Jesus' love by caring for families who open their homes to hurting children. There are several ways to get involved, so we want to encourage you to attend one of the Information Nights planned for later in November. There are 4 options at 4 different locations, so that you can choose the time and day that works best for you. Immanuel will be hosting an Information Night on **November 27** at 6 pm. For more information and other dates and locations, please see the poster on the bulletin board.

LLHS Be The 60

60 years of God's grace: Lakeside Lutheran High School began its ministry in 1958. This year we are celebrating 60 years of partnering with families to educate, encourage, and equip students for life and for eternity! At the end of November is a day called "Giving Tuesday," when people are encouraged to give to causes near and dear to them. LLHS is celebrating with a program we're calling #bethe60. Any donation amount is welcome by or on Giving Tuesday, **November 27!** Give online at www.llhs.org/apps/pages/bethe60 or send your donation to LLHS Development Office, 231 Woodland Beach Rd. Lake Mills, WI 53551.

Organization of WELS Seniors

The December meeting of our area OWLS chapter will be a Christmas Party on **December 18** beginning with a potluck meal at 12 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church in Marshall. Please bring your own tableware and beverage along with an item of food to share. After the meal in the fellowship hall we will enjoy some games, sing carols, take care of business, and hear a Christmas message from Pastor Arthur Faught. We are an Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) providing ministry along with fellowship and fun for those of us who are retired and/or 50 years and older. Come and bring a friend with you.



Twice is Nice

We all know that the Reason for the Season is our Savior Jesus, yet it's the rare one among us who doesn't succumb at least a bit to the shopping fever around this time of year. We at Twice is Nice encourage you to not forget about us even as you are bombarded by the colorful fliers and catalogs from everywhere else – from decorating to gifts to warm and cozy or festive and fancy seasonal apparel, we are open 9-5 six days each week for you to find those merry bargains!

Lord's Prayer

Following input received at the semi-annual voters' meeting, the Worship Committee recommended to the Council that we start using the current Lord's Prayer in the 2nd and 4th weekend services. The Council approved this recommendation and to begin this schedule in November. Feedback will be appreciated at our annual voters' meeting in January.

Register for Holy Communion

Please remember to fill out a registration card for the Lord's Supper. These cards are used by our Inreach Team to encourage faithfulness in worship. Thank you!

Building Improvements

Would you like to help with building improvements? Please use the envelope in your box of envelopes, one of the envelopes kept at church, or simply indicate on your check that your gift is to go towards "building improvements." Check out our fundraising progress on the poster on the north wall of the hallway. Thank you!

Family Usher Teams

The idea behind Family Usher Teams is to have ushers representing who we are—a family, to have guests welcomed by folks just like them—a mom, a grandpa. Imagine the impact when a young mother comes to our church for the first time with her baby in her arms, a little nervous as it's her first time to any church in a while, and another young mother opens the door for her and calms her nerves, tells her where things are. Or a grandpa with his granddaughter going out to open the car door of an elderly woman who needs help with her walker. Everyone in our church can help make such an impact. Please ask others to help you make a team. We'd like at least four people on each one, and you don't even have to be of the same family (we're all family in Christ). See the schedule in the main hallway and sign up for a date today!!

Large Print Editions

Could you benefit from a large print edition of our weekly worship folder, the *Meditations* devotional booklet, or the *Forward in Christ* magazine? We'll gladly make these available if you'd like. Please let Pastor or Carla know. Thanks.

Electronic Giving

Did you know you can give your offerings electronically? Whether you're able to make it to church or not, you can always make sure your offering

arrives. It's a safe, convenient way to give your firstfruits every week. Ask Carla for more information.

Offerings vs. Budget as of 10/31/2018

Offerings: \$274,145.09 Budget: \$263,006.67 Difference: \$11,138.42

Sunday Usher Teams

- Dec. 2 Joseph Family
- Dec. 9 Kruesel/Klausch
- Dec. 15 Morris/Maron
- Dec. 23 Emrath Bartsch
- Dec. 24 Braunschweigs (7pm)
- Dec. 30 Burk Family



**** Volunteers needed for Christmas Day & New Year's Eve****



Couple	Date	Years
Alvin & June Miller	12/2	68
Orville & Marilyn Schultz	12/5	65
David & Irene Kugler	12/3	51
John & Joyce Hanke	12/28	33
Paul & Jane Schmidt	12/11	13





Madysen Heald, 12/1

Janelle Horack, 12/2

John Hanke, 12/3

Ray Lauersdorf, 12/3

Gordon Butzine, 12/4

Robert Lemke Jr, 12/4

Stephanie Schulze, 12/4

Eric Shuppe, 12/4

Cooper Woolley, 12/5

JoAnn Meinel, 12/7

Linda Buxa, 12/11

Gail Maron, 12/11

Cody Schultz, 12/11

Madalynn Bessel, 12/12

Ian Olszewski, 12/12

Glenn Rummler, 12/12

Harley Draeger, 12/13

Vicki Morris, 12/14

Toni Braatz, 12/15

Tamra Buglass, 12/15

Kristi Gawel, 12/15

Leia Hartwig, 12/15

Benjamin Buxa, 12/16

TammyHartwig, 12/16

Ella Olszewski, 12/16

Orville Schultz, 12/16

Michael Walters, 12/16

Cassie Naatz, 12/17

Troy Naatz, 12/19

David Streich, 12/19

Lloyd Potts, 12/21

Hailey Stade, 12/21

Brianna Klausch, 12/22

Angela Heald, 12/30

Evelyn Bainbridge, 12/27

MarcusStreich, 12/27

EarlynnZimmerman, 12/27

Judah Gawel, 12/28

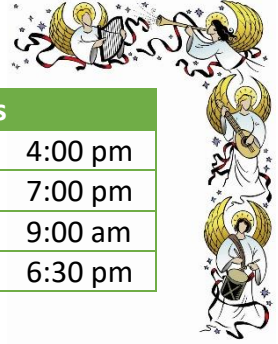
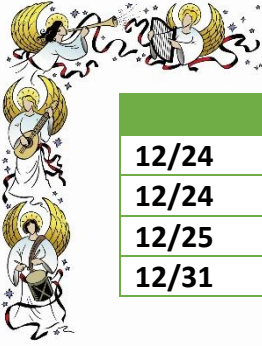
Taylor Buglass, 12/30

Daymian Hudson, 12/30

Grayson Meyer, 12/30

Landon Meyer, 12/30

Loretta Martin, 12/31



Special Worship Services

12/24	Children's Service	4:00 pm
12/24	Candlelight Service	7:00 pm
12/25	Christmas Day Service	9:00 am
12/31	New Year's Eve Service	6:30 pm



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