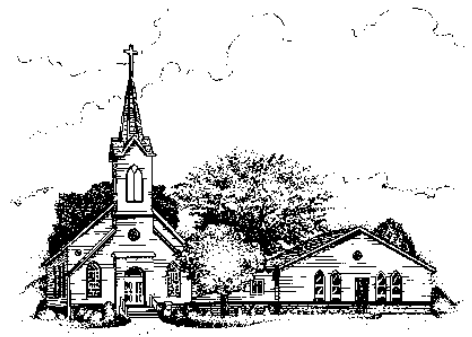




**FESTIVAL OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

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# Zion Ev. Lutheran Church



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## Welcome to God's House

Green Berets. Rangers. SEALs. Delta Force. These special forces groups are part of the United States military. They are elite: highly trained with unique skill sets. Many of their important missions are carried out in total secrecy. Two weeks ago, we acknowledged that we are in the middle of a massive spiritual war.

Today, we thank God that we fight this war with the protection of special forces. Since the fifth century, Christians have observed the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. We commemorate that God has sent Michael, one of the great archangels described in Scripture, and countless of his fellow angels to protect and serve mankind. Let us rejoice that followers of Christ have powerful allies!

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Opening Hymn

### Jesus, Brightness of the Father - NEANDER

Jesus, Brightness of the Father, Life and Strength of all who live,  
For creating guardian angels glory to your name we give  
And your wondrous praise rehearse, singing in harmonious verse.

Bless-ed Lord, by their protection shelter us from harm this day;  
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit, save us from the Foe, we pray,  
And prepare for us by grace in your Paradise a place.

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Gloria**

**HYFRYDOL CW 1023**

♪ **Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those he loves so well.  
On the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's King;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated—  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Savior, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit, Three in One!**

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

**2 Kings 6:8-17**

<sup>8</sup> Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

<sup>9</sup> The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup> So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup> This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

<sup>12</sup> "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

<sup>13</sup> "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and

capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup> “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

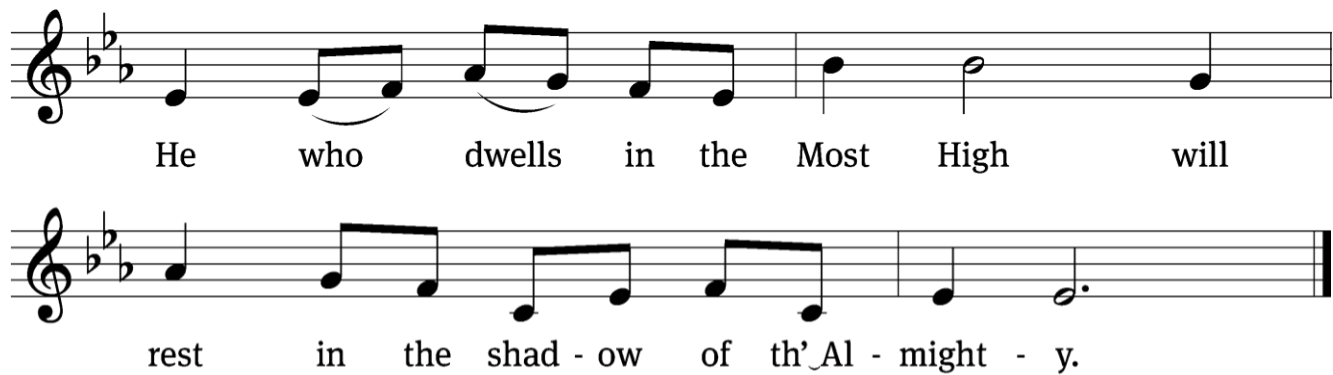
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

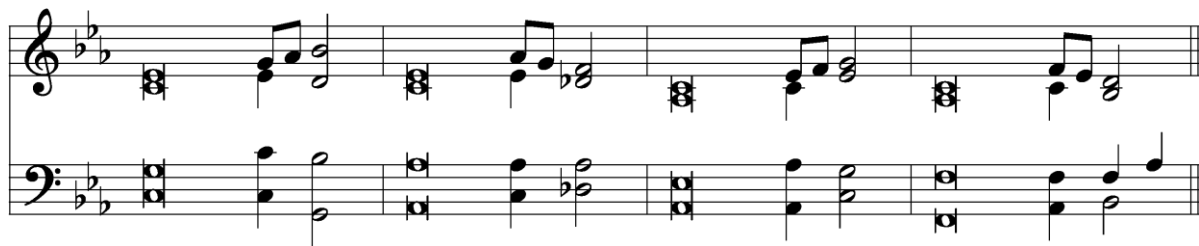
## The Shadow of the Almighty - Psalm 91A

### Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al - might - y.

### Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare  
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,  
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,  
nor the arrow that / flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. **Refrain**

If you say, "The Lord is my / refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,  
no harm will over- / take you,  
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you  
to guard you in / all your ways;  
they will lift you up / in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

## Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup> But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and night,  
has been hurled down.

<sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, you heavens  
and you who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,  
because the devil has gone down to you!  
He is filled with fury,  
because he knows that his time is short.”



The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Psalm 91:11**

Alleluia. He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways. Alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Luke 10:17-20**

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup>However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn**

**Lord God, to You We Give all Praise #500**

Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grateful hearts our voices raise  
that angel hosts you did create around your glorious throne to wait.

They shine with light and heav'nly grace and constantly behold your face.  
They heed your voice, they know it well; in godly wisdom they excel.

They never rest nor sleep as we; their whole delight is but to be with you, Lord Jesus, and to keep your little flock, your lambs and sheep.

The ancient dragon is their foe; his envy and his wrath they know. It always is his aim and pride your Christian people to divide.

As he of old deceived the world and into sin and death has hurled, so now he subtly lies in wait to undermine both Church and state.

A roaring lion, round he goes, no halt nor rest he ever knows; he seeks the Christians to devour and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

But watchful is the angel band that follows Christ on ev'ry hand to guard his people where they go and break the counsel of the foe.

O Lord, awaken songs of praise for angel hosts that guard our days; teach us to serve you and adore as angels do forevermore.

**Sermon**

**Revelation 12:7-12**

*Please stand*

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with

the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated*

### **Prayer of the Church**

Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Grant, we pray, as you have commanded them to do your will and to serve those who are the heirs of salvation, that they may also care for us that we may be delivered from every peril of body and soul that threatens us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to the people of all nations, O Lord. And since you will reveal your Son Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels to take vengeance on all who have denied you and rejected your love in Christ, extend for the nations their time of grace so that they might come to believe and live eternally. Use us as messengers of your gospel to penetrate the powers of darkness and to bring many to glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look on our own land with your favor. Give our citizens a love for what is true and right. Grant your blessing to all who have authority over us.

Prosper our schools and colleges as they train many to proclaim your grace. Bless those who work with their minds and those who labor with their hands so that all human work may benefit your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

May your holy angels serve you as they serve us and at the end of our lives lead them to carry us to the riches of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## **The Sacrament**

### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN CW 1052**

♪ **Sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,  
your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky.”**

**Our voices cry, “Hosanna!” Lord, hear our humble plea:  
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,  
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!**

**How blest are you, Lord Jesus, now coming in God’s name!**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” our grateful hearts proclaim.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God**

**ACH BLEIB BEI UNS CW 1055**

**♪ O Lamb of God, once lifted high  
upon a cross to bleed and die,  
in perfect love you took our place—  
bestow on us your saving grace.**

**O Lamb of God, your sacrifice  
has cancelled sin, has paid its price;**

**your perfect love will never cease—  
have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymn**

**I Walk in Danger All the Way #836**

I walk in danger all the way; the thought shall never leave me  
that Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares may seize me unawares  
if e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

I pass through trials all the way, with sin and ills contending;  
in patience I must bear each day the cross of God's own sending.  
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee,  
when storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way.

Grim death pursues me all the way, nowhere I rest securely;  
he comes by night, he comes by day, he takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I in death's strong grasp may lie  
to face eternity today; grim death pursues me all the way.

I walk with angels all the way, they shield me and befriend me;  
all Satan's pow'r is held at bay when heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense; all fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way, his guidance never fails me;  
within his wounds I find a stay when Satan's pow'r assails me;  
and by his footsteps led, my path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way; await, my soul, the morrow,  
when you at last with joy can say farewell to sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay; my walk is heav'nward all the way.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Luther's Evening Prayer**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Luther's Morning Prayer**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## Abide, O Dearest Jesus #924:1-2, 5-6

Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace  
that Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your Word  
and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.

Abide with your protection among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.

Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

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## This Week at Zion

<b>Today:</b>	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study
<b>Tue:</b>	12:30 p.m.	Pastoral Circuit meeting at KML
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher meeting
<b>Wed:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
<b>Thu:</b>	1:00 p.m.	District Council - St. Paul, Muskego
	7 :00 p.m.	Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Online Bible study
<b>Fri:</b>	9:00 a.m.	District Council - St. Paul, Muskego
<b>Sat:</b>	8:30 a.m.	LWMS Rally at Peace, Hartford
	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Night at KML
<b>Sun:</b>	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study
	2:30 p.m.	KML Fall Concert

**In Our Prayers** Marilyn Martin, hospitalized at Froedtert – West Bend and undergoing a procedure this Tuesday; Lee Frasier, brother-in-law of Milton Griepentrog, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

**Holy Communion** We believe that gathering together at God’s altar to receive the Lord’s Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

**We thank** our organists this weekend: Jared Peterson on Thursday and Bea Pamperin today (Sunday).

**Pick up an** October edition of the *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in

the entryway, as well as the October church calendars and newsletters.

**WELS 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book** One of the major projects of the WELS 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary (coming up in 2025) is the publication of a pictorial history book. This book will provide a narrative of the synod's history in seven chapters with various vignettes highlighting stories of interest. The book will be in color and contain over 600 images. The deadline to preorder the book and receive 20% off the cover price. (\$23.99 instead of \$29.99). You can order them at <https://online.nph.net/175annivbook>. See the poster on the bulletin board.

**LWMS Rally** Learn about a relatively new mission that aids an orphanage in Zambia. The Payne family – Tim, Jessica and Josh - will be presenting on their trip to Zambia to work with the Vulnerable Children's Foundation, which is affiliated with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. The rally will be held at Peace Lutheran on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the rally goes from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**The WELS Connection**, a monthly news video from our national church body - the WELS - will be shown after church today. This month, meet the WELS European Civilian Chaplain, a pastor who serves military members and their families as well as civilians who are scattered across Europe.

**KML Fall Band & Choir Concert** Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online ([kmlhs.org/stream](http://kmlhs.org/stream)) as students from KML glorify God through music! This concert will take place next **Sunday, October 6, at 2:30 PM** in the KML PAC Auditorium. We hope you can join us!

**Online Bible Study** If politics is driving you crazy right now, there is a perfect bible study for you starting this week and over the first four Thursdays in October (7:30 p.m.). Register for this online study at [www.forwardinchrist.net/online-study](http://www.forwardinchrist.net/online-study)

**Craft/Bake Sale for Branch Lutheran Schools** of Haiti will be held at

Trinity Community Center (the old Herman school) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, October 12**. There is more information available on sheets that are available on the usual counters, including news about the schools' plans for ministry this year, presentations that are scheduled for October 12, and information about the kinds of crafts and baked goods that could be donated and when to bring them. For more information, contact Kim Wiepking at [kimwiepking@gmail.com](mailto:kimwiepking@gmail.com) or 920.904.5699.

**WELS Youth Night at WLC**—Calling all youth in grades 9-12! Join us at Wisconsin Lutheran College on **Sunday, October 20** from 6-8 p.m. for an event where you can experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, a Bible message, small group discussions, and fun with other high schoolers from local WELS congregations. Pastor Clark Schultz will provide a message, and young adults from Southeast Wisconsin will lead the worship, games, and small group discussions. Everyone will get free food and fun! Register now at [forms.gle/mnyc58TErtBv86ri6](https://forms.gle/mnyc58TErtBv86ri6).

**Women's Retreat** David's Star Lutheran Church is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The topic is "Forgiveness: When Kindness Fails, Grace and Forgiveness Prevail." There will be additional breakout sessions on different topics as well. See the poster and registration info on the bulletin board.