

Christian Education Sunday

September 10, 2023 – 9:45 a.m.

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

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Allenton, Wisconsin 53002

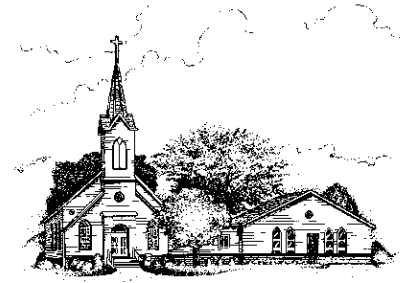
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Welcome to God's House

Today following our worship service we'll be treated to our annual church picnic. We'll eat the food that has been prepared for us and give thanks for it as it gives strength to our bodies. But we also focus on the food that gives sustenance for our souls and leads to heaven...the Bread of Life...manna from heaven. This is why Christian education is so important. This is why we encourage and invest in Christian education. May the Lord bless every effort that passes his truths on to the next generation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-service Music by *Unworthy*

My Jesus by Anne Wilson

Send Me by Bethel Music

Invocation

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

Amen.

Responsive Reading

selected Psalms

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth will declare your praise.

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;

And they in turn would tell their children.

Future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.

Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

“The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.”

My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

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.

Song

“God So Loved” by We the Kingdom

*Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the Water, come and thirst no more*

*Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

*Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot
of the cross Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms?*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

*The power of hell forever defeated, now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

*Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love (2x)*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save
For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

*The power of hell forever defeated, now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

*Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot
of the cross Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world*

Absolution

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.

Song of Praise

“Jesus Does” by We the Kingdom

Who tells the sun to rise every morning, colors the sky with the shades of His glory wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does

Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow, cries for injustice, feels every sorrow carries the pain of His children? Jesus does

So we sing, Praise to the Father, Who gave us the Son

Praise to the Spirit, Who's living in us

When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was

'Cause that's what Jesus does

Who understands the heart of the sinner, showers His grace over all our mistakes Washes us clean with His blood, Jesus does

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness Who stole the keys to hell and the grave Who has the power to save, Jesus does

So we sing, Praise to the Father, who gave us the Son

Praise to the Spirit, Who's living in us

When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was

'Cause that's what Jesus does

Oh what a Friend, Oh what a Savior

He's always been good, He's always been faithful

He came to my rescue, when I needed him most

And saved my soul

So we sing, Praise to the Father, who gave us the Son

*Praise to the Spirit, Who's living in us
When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was
So we sing, Praise to the Father, Who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit, Who's living in us
When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was
'Cause that's what Jesus does*



The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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

Exodus 16:15-31

¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸ And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

¹⁹ Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

²⁰ However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹ Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²² On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. ²³ He said to them, “This is what the Lord commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”

²⁴ So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. ²⁵ “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the Lord. You will not find any of it on the ground today. ²⁶ Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

²⁷ Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. ²⁸ Then the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? ²⁹ Bear in mind that

the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.” ³⁰ So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹ The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. ³² Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: “Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

“Miracle Power” by *We the Kingdom*

*This is for the lost and lonely for the broken and afraid
This is for those who are hurting hoping help is on the way*

*In these battles of addiction when fear is chasing after me
Whatever trouble I am facing I will lift my hands and sing*

*I believe in miracle power in a wonder-working God
I am filled with the Holy Spirit He's working wonders in my heart
I belong to a loving Father I'm a friend of Christ, His Son
When it feels like I won't make it I call on Jesus*

*Sometimes it's so hard being human so much struggle, so much pain, yes,
there is when I start singing Hallelujah I say goodbye to every chain*

*I believe in miracle power in a wonder-working God
I am filled with the Holy Spirit He's working wonders in my heart
I belong to a loving Father I'm a friend of Christ, His Son
When it feels like I won't make it I call on Jesus*

I may not know what a day may bring

*But I know who brings the day on the darkest night
When I cannot see still, my soul will say*

*I may not know What a day may bring
But I know who brings the day on the darkest night
When I cannot see still, my soul will say, my soul will say*

*I believe in miracle power in a wonder-working God
I am filled with the Holy Spirit He's working wonders in my heart
And I belong to a loving Father I'm a friend of Christ, His Son
When it feels like I won't make it I call on Jesus
Oh, there is miracle power when I call on Jesus*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness...

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

"My Feet Are On The Rock" by I Am They

*I can see the clouds roll in I can feel the winds, they try to shake me
I will not be moved my feet are on the rock*

*I can feel the waters rise I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the rock*

*When I feel my hope about to break I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain my feet are on the rock*

*I can see the morning light I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground*

*When I feel my hope about to break I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain my feet are on the rock*

*On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands our feet are on the rock (2x)*

*When I feel my hope about to break I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way I'll be dancing in the rain*

*When I feel my hope about to break I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain my feet are on the rock (3x)*

Gospel

John 6:25-34

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him,
"Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because
you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your
fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal

life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Song

“Trust in You” by Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet

Every moment of my wandering, never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess, my hands are weary I need Your rest

Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move

When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through

When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings, there's not a day ahead You have not seen

So, in all things be my life and breath, I want what You want Lord and nothing less

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You! I will trust in You!*

*You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation; the rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go, You've not already stood*

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You! (3x)*

Devotion

Exodus 15:16-31

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable

them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.

Offering Songs

"Another In The Fire" by Hillsong

*There's a grace when the heart is under fire
Another way when the walls are closing in
And when I look at the space between
Where I used to be and this reckoning
I know I will never be alone*

*There was another in the fire standing next to me
There was another in the waters holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding of how I've been set free
There is a cross that bears the burden where another died for me
There is another in the fire*

*All my debt left for dead beneath the waters
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore
And should I fall in the space between
What remains of me and this reckoning
Either way I won't bow to the things of this world*

*And I know I will never be alone there is another in the fire standing next to me
There is another in the waters holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding what power set me free there is a grave that
holds no body And now that power lives in me*

There is another in the fire (3x)

*And I can see the light in the darkness as the darkness bows to Him
I can hear the roar in the heavens as the space between wears thin*

*I can feel the ground shake beneath us as the prison walls cave in
Nothing stands between us - nothing stands between us*

*And there is no other name but the name that is Jesus
He who was and still is and will be through it all
So come what may in the space between all the things unseen
And this reckoning I know I will never be alone*

*There'll be another in the fire standing next to me
There'll be another in the waters holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding how good You've been to me
I'll count the joy come every battle 'cause I know that's where You'll be
There'll be another in the fire (3x)*

"Count The Stars (Be There For You)" by We the Kingdom

*Please...tell me what you need
I hate to see you bleed I will bleed for you*

*Life...has left you high and dry
And now you wonder why
You're lonely and confused*

*I would climb over mountains and the great divide
I would stay right beside you on the darkest night*

*Tell me what it takes to win your heart
Tell me anything that I can do
Just look up and count the stars
I will be there for you*

*Even on a thousand sleepless nights
When you think you won't make it through
Just look up and count the stars
I will be there, I will be there for you*

*I...I see you hide behind
The shadows and the lights 'cause both can leave you blue*

*But home is just around the bend, And it's calling like a friend
Where everything feels new*

*I would climb over mountains and the great divide
I would stay right beside you on the darkest night*

*Tell me what it takes to win your heart
Tell me anything that I can do
Just look up and count the stars
I will be there for you*

*Even on a thousand sleepless nights
When you think you won't make it through
Just look up and count the stars
I will be there, I will be there for you*

I will be there for you

All for you be there for you

Tell me what it takes to win your heart

Tell me anything that I can do

Just look up and count the stars

I will be there for you

Even on a thousand sleepless nights

When you think you won't make it through

Just look up and count the stars I will be there

Yeah, I will be there for you

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Prayer

Gracious God, you bless your church through the willing work and special gifts of so many people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to the servants we are installing today that they may carry out their duties with diligence, wisdom, and humility. Encourage them to seek guidance from your Word and lead them to pray for your direction. Help them to be good examples to others and support the work of the gospel ministry in this congregation. Keep them in your care and encourage them by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, in Word and song today you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word,

we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 Song

"Child of God" by We the Kingdom

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road

I was chasing the high life, tryn' to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in, left me crying like the rain

Then I saw lightning from heaven, and I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it, I am a child of God

I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus, I am a child of God

I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw You in the flames

Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave

I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it, I am a child of God

I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus, I am a child of God

Yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh), I am a child of God

Yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh), I am a child of God

*Nothing can change the way You love me, nothing can change the way
I belong to You, yes, I do, nothing can separate
Nothing can change the way You love me, nothing can change the way
I belong to You, yes, I do, nothing can separate*

*I'm gonna climb a mountain, I am a child of God
I found a world of freedom, I am a child of God*

*I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it, I am a child of God
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus, I am a child of God*

*Yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh), I am a child of God
Yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh), I am a child of God*

UNWORTHY

We thank the members of *Unworthy*, who led us in worship this morning. *Unworthy* is a group of area WELS members that loves to praise Jesus with fellow believers, playing popular songs off Christian radio. Thanks for being with us today!

The band name is a simple reminder of how faith in Jesus changes everything. We are sinful people who are *unworthy* of the grace that God freely gives us, but through faith in Christ and His sacrifice we become *worthy* as He forgives our sins and grants us eternal victory in heaven.

We play songs that you will hear on Christian contemporary playlists and stations to encourage hearts of faith and support worship of our Savior. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching @unworthyband. *Unworthy Band* consists of: Vocalists: Katie Greefkes, April Shanks, Rick Land, Jamie Luehring / Guitarists: Rick Land, Jamie Luehring / Bass Guitar:

David Bieberitz / Drums: Bill Trueebenbach / Keyboard: Dan Albrecht,
Linnea Peterson / Sound Techs: Mike Nichols, Dave Peterson

This Week at Zion

Today:	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Outdoor Worship with <i>Unworthy</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Church Picnic
Mon:	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Tue:	6:00 p.m.	OWLS Presentation at Hartford Library
Wed:	7:00 p.m.	Dartball practice in fellowship hall
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun:	7:30 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Worship

In Our Prayers Tera Bartelt, hospitalized at Froedtert – West Bend after an appendectomy; Debra Pamperin, recovering at home following surgery this past week; Milton Griepentrog, hospitalized in Madison following surgery this past week; Jay German, making progress with his physical therapy at Care-Age in Brookfield.

Christian Education Sunday Sunday School kicked off today at 8:30 a.m.



Even if you missed it today, we meet every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the church proper before being dismissed to the classrooms. Bring your Pre-K – 8th grade students to learn about Jesus! No registration required. For confirmed members and guests, our Sunday adult

bible study begins next week at 8:45 in the fellowship hall.

Teacher Installation Today the following teachers will be installed as our Sunday school staff for this year: Pre-K: Barbara Kluever; 1st-2nd: Shannon Allison & Tarah Allison; 3rd – 4th: Julie Wolf, Heather Stensaas & Abbi Wolf; 5th-6th: Joy Pamperin; 7th-8th: Adam Janz. We thank them for their willingness to volunteer time and talents for our children. Please keep them in your prayers as they assist parents in the extremely important task of bringing the children of Zion up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and teaching them about Jesus.

Missions Rally Come to St. Lucas in Kewaskum on **Saturday, October 7th** for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The opening devotion begins at 9 a.m. and the rally ends at 12:30 p.m. Food and/or monetary donations will be collected at registration for Trinity Community Center and LWMS Working Fund. Join with other missionary minded and hear about WELS Campus Ministry and enjoy some food and fellowship as well.

Call Received Pastor Bode has received a call to teach religion at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Prayers and advice are appreciated as he deliberates where he could best serve the Lord.

Dartball Practice If you've already signed up – or are curious / thinking about it – you're invited to another dartball practice this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Pick up a copy of the updated September church calendar and newsletter, along with the monthly *Forward in Christ* magazine.

KML 50th Anniversary You are cordially invited to attend a special 50th anniversary worship service on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 1:30 PM in the KML Performing Arts Center. More info at kmlhs.org/50th. There is an alumni choir being put together to sing with current KML students during the service. A rehearsal would take place approximately one hour before the service. If you're interested in participating in the alumni choir, please sign up at www.kmlhs.org/50th by Monday, September 11. All KML alumni

are invited to participate in the choir. KML will communicate more details closer to the event with those who sign up.

OWLS Presentation / Meeting Historical impressionist, Jessica Michna, will represent Katherine Wright, the Wright brother's sister this Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hartford library [Jack Russell Memorial Library]. There is no fee and all are invited to attend.

WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023 Come to the second annual WELS/ELS Singles Retreat at Camp Phillip in Wisconsin on November 10-12! You can still register for the regular price of \$150 at <https://wels-els-singles.com/2023-retreat/> before registration closes on October 1. For more details and to register, go to our website: <https://wels-els-singles.com/2023-retreat/>