

# THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2015

## Why I Serve

Over my years at Woodbury Lutheran, I've taken on a lot of different characters for various events. Last year for the Family Olympic Event, I dressed up as Sochi the Snowflake. A couple of months ago, I created my own superhero and dressed up as the "Sequined Crusader" for Middle School Mania. But, one of my favorites? I become Coach Sarah and volunteer for the Sports Vacation Bible School. For a week, I play games with kids and make it seem like I am actually athletic. I also have the opportunity to lead the kids in a prayer before they eat their snack. These prayers are set to theme songs from, "The Adams Family," "Batman" and "Superman". These prayers are great and guaranteed to be stuck in your head for days.

Last summer, I nannied for a family from church. I was outside with the boys, pretending I can play basketball, and a group of boys rode their bikes past the house yelling, "Hey! It's Coach Sarah! Let's sing the Superman Prayer!" Whenever they would ride past the house for the rest of the afternoon, they would say hi to me and sing, "Thank you God, for giving us food."

So why do I serve? It's not for the thanks, it's not for the recognition, and it's not so I can feel better about myself. I serve because we're called to make God greater and ourselves less. By serving, I'm able to use my gifts and abilities to make God greater and to praise His name. By serving, I am able to point the high school girls in my small group on Wednesday nights to the cross and I am able to show them how to be a light in their friend groups. When I serve, I grow in my relationship with God.

Serving isn't hard and it isn't painful. It doesn't require a lot of time and serving can look different to everyone. Serving can be leading a small group in Kids or Youth Minis-

try, helping the Altar Guild get communion ready for worship, or singing in the choir or playing on a worship team (if you're musical) and everything in between.

One of my favorite parts of serving at Woodbury Lutheran Church is the community that exists among the volunteers. We're able to encourage each other and grow with each other. We are making God greater and ourselves less.

I want you to take John 3:30: "He must become greater and I must become less" and pray over it. Let the Lord lead you to where He would want you to serve and see what happens and how you grow.

~ Sarah Dibbern



Sarah Dibbern AKA the Sequined Crusader

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# WLC DISCIPLESHIP PATH



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The WLC Discipleship Path

## Unpacking the Discipleship Path

This month is the second of four newsletter articles where I will give some further insight into each part of the Discipleship Path. I would also like to strongly encourage you to go back and listen to any of the six messages in the series, *Walk This Way*, that you may have missed. All of our messages are available on both the website and the Woodbury Lutheran Church App.

At the heart of the Discipleship Path is our desire to follow a Biblical model that is led by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the command of Jesus to make disciples. In our complex and quickly changing world this is becoming more and more difficult and we can never do this on our own. In the path we have an excellent balance between what happens as the church gathers and how we live as the church when we scatter back into the world. Here is what it looks like in Grow:



Gathered Church	Scattered Church
Growing in faith in small groups	Growing in faith through personal devotional Bible reading and study

Both the gathering and scattering are important if we are going to become more and more like Jesus everyday of our lives. I am so excited to say that we now have 501 adults gathering in small groups and we are beginning to hear great stories of how walking together is changing

people's lives. If you have struggled to find connection at WLC, small groups are a great opportunity, but I have to say it takes time and work for relationships to develop so be patient. If you have not taken this step please feel free to talk with me or Pastor Derek to get more information.

As we leave our small groups and scatter back into our lives a huge part of our growth is to be reading and studying the Bible. This can be really hard to get started, so we want to help you in any way possible. As we speak we are completely rebuilding our website so that we can offer more resources to help in all the scattered areas of the discipleship path, but a great place to start right now is with the Scripture cards that are available every week, they will help to guide you into God's Word and into prayer.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, may the new life that He has won for us show in the way we live as His disciples.

Walking Together,  
Pastor Tom

PS – If you are trying to figure out your next step on the Discipleship Path, make sure to stop by the Connection Center after worship!

## Weddings:

Mary Bloomquist & Kent Emerson

## Baptisms:

Emily Ann Law  
Logan Theodore Wahl  
Norah Elizabeth Wesser  
Brynn Gloria Riebe  
Stella Ann Oxton  
Joseph John Wess  
Trevor Alan Wess  
Andrew Jason Nelson  
Eva May Powers  
Brian Thomas Fong

## Deaths:

Doreen Atchison ~ brother, Wayne  
Lisa Karcher ~ uncle, Wayne  
Family of Dartha Montgomery  
Ashley Bayless ~ grandmother,  
Margaret  
Steve Grovender ~ mother, Gladys  
Pastor Tim Marshall ~ mother, Jan  
Family of Ralph Stolp  
Ted Ginkel ~ wife, Grace  
Chris & Jeff Ginkel ~ mother, Grace  
Dorothy Olson ~ father, Marvin  
Tim Wess ~ sister, Chrissy  
Mary Shepperd ~ brother, Michael

## Service Times at WLC:

### Sundays at Valley Creek:

Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am  
Sanctuary, Contemporary 9:30am  
Genesis, Contemporary 11am

### Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Journey, 5pm

### Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am  
Contemporary 10:30am

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Matt Krotzer & Family

## To Fast

*To those with which I share the common struggle, I pray this blesses you. ~ Mary Lehman*

by Christine Valters Painter

I am called to fast from being strong and always trying to hold it all together, and instead embrace the profound grace that comes through my vulnerability and tenderness, to allow a great softening this season.

I am called to fast from anxiety and the endless torrent of thoughts which rise up in my mind to paralyze me with fear of the future, and enter into the radical trust in the abundance at the heart of things, rather than scarcity.

I am called to fast from speed and rushing through my life, causing me to miss the grace shimmering right here in this holy pause.

I am called to fast from multitasking and the destructive energy of inattentiveness to any one thing, so that I get many things done, but none of them well, and none of them nourishing to me. Instead my practice will become a beholding of each thing, each person, each moment.

I am called to fast from endless list-making and too many deadlines, and enter into the quiet and listen for what is ripening and unfolding, what is ready to be born.

I am called to fast from certainty and trust in the great mystery of things.

And then perhaps, I will arrive at Easter and realize those things from which I have fasted I no longer need to take back on again. I will experience a different kind of rising.



Cora Children/Neighbors in Santa Teresa

## Roth Report

Don and Bev Roth are members of Wycliffe Bible Translators. They work with the indigenous people group, the Cora, who live in the small village of Santa Teresa in the north east area of the state of Nayarit, Mexico. Don serves as a linguist/translator in the Mexico branch of Wycliffe. Bev assists with tasks related to their ministry, as well dedicating her time to the needs of their family and home. They have five children; the two oldest, Diana and Rachel are married. Joshua lives in Sapporo, Japan and teaches English. Maria is a senior at Holland Christian high school in Holland, Michigan. Their youngest, Elizabeth, is 12 and their only child at home.

It has been a productive year for the Cora de Santa Teresa language program. Recently Don has been involved with carefully reviewing and making corrections in the two manuscript edits and supervising the proofreading of the text of the Santa Teresa Cora New Testament. He recently submitted Genesis, Ruth, Psalms, and Jonah for consultant review. Don also obtained the signatures of two indigenous authors in order to publish each of their Santa Teresa Cora literacy booklets.

Along with their own responsibilities, Don and Bev also look for opportunities to serve others as needs arise. Later this month they will be assisting fellow colleague Betty Casad, her daughter and grandson, with transportation from Guadalajara to the Cora village of Jesus María, Nayarit, during Holy Week 2015. Don, Bev and their daughter Elizabeth will then travel to the village of Santa Teresa to spend time ministering to their Cora acquaintances. Activities planned include scripture distribution and literacy projects with a special emphasis on spending time with the children using word games and media resources. We want to bless a few needy families with food and clothes and other gifts as supplies permit.

It is very possible that later this year, most of the Scripture publication goals for Santa Teresa Cora will have been met. In seeking direction as to what their new responsibilities will be, Don has been invited by the director of publications, and the head of typesetting, to spend three weeks at the Wycliffe Mexico Branch Center in Catalina, Arizona, to learn about Scripture

typesetting software used, and get some hands on experience to see if that might be a way for Don to serve the Branch in the future.

The Roth's are very grateful for the prayers, encouragement and gifts of support that Woodbury Lutheran Church has given on their behalf for their ministry to the Cora people.



Maria, Don, Bev, Elizabeth & Diana

## Holy Week at WLC

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:**

- Oak Hill 7pm; Valley Creek 7:30pm
- Prayer Vigil to begin after the evening service at Valley Creek

### **Good Friday, April 3rd**

- Oak Hill 3:30 & 7pm; Valley Creek noon & 7:30pm
- Prayer Vigil to begin 6am on Good Friday offsite

### **Easter Sunday, April 5th**

- Oak Hill: 9am & 10:30am; Breakfast at 8am
- Valley Creek: Blended—6am, 8am, 9:30am & 11am; Contemporary—9:30am & 11am; Breakfast at 7am

# What you don't know! COULD HURT YOU!

## A FREE FINANCIAL SERIES TO HELP YOU AVOID THE PAIN...

### Seminar Series

1

Thursday, April 9th at 7 p.m.

- Economic Update

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Tuesday, June 9th at 5:45 p.m.

- Estate and Legacy Planning

3

Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.

- Identity Theft
- Internet Security

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Thursday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m.

- Preparing for Long Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves
- Social Security: Strategize to Maximize

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Thursday, November 5th at 6 p.m.

- Heart to Heart - As Your Parents Age

6

Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

- Woman, Wine and Wealth

### Event ONE Details...

#### Looking for some Financial Insight?

Join us for an Economic Update to learn more...

- Should I react to economic headlines?
- Could my investments be doing better?
- Is it time to change my financial strategy?

**Thursday, April 9th**  
6:45 p.m. Registration  
7:00 p.m. Seminar

**Location:**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
2125 Tower Drive  
Woodbury MN 55125

*RSVP by April 3rd*  
*Refreshments will be served*

**RSVP required to attend these FREE seminars**

*To reserve your spot, please contact*

*Nancy at 651-788-6586 or [nancy@WoodburyFoundation.org](mailto:nancy@WoodburyFoundation.org)*



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## BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 John Kuhmeyer<br>Kathryn Brusewitz<br>Steve Fog<br>Stuart Priest<br>Kayley Pokrandt<br>Jason Schubbe<br>Benjamin Stevensesen  | Brock Lundervold<br>Emma Moris<br>Joyce LeMay<br>Jennifer Jechort  | Vicki Hunst<br>Krista de Zeeuw<br>Mia Morgan<br>Sandy Lewis<br>David Mammenga<br>Emily Odegaard<br>Sheila Olson<br>Colin Schlattman  | Devin Gervais<br>Gina Vogelsberg<br>Dick Peterson<br>Christopher Smith<br>Charles Stakston<br>Ellis Swanson   | Donna Robertson<br>Beverly Manship<br>25 Madonna Barnett<br>Roger Hopke<br>Anna Severson<br>Laurie Carlson<br>Mason Aldean<br>Vi Natt                          |
| 02 Richard Betts<br>Vicki Hogeboom<br>Paul Jeske<br>Madeline Meyer<br>Layla Schmidt  | 08 Jim Blass<br>Joey Matejka<br>Christy Mertens<br>Benjamin Retter<br>Robert Fischer<br>Bobbi Nibbe<br>Miles IntVeld<br>Connie McCoy   | 14 Sheryl Arend<br>Peter Cavanaugh<br>Emma Flatterrud<br>Karl Grant<br>Gary Kanne<br>Shanna Salzman  | 20 Tonya Smith<br>Diane Wollner<br>Tom Crist<br>Edward Allen<br>Stacey Loula<br>Norma Mackey<br>Rachel Scholz<br>Amanda Schreiner   | Brynley Olafson<br>Jerry Panning<br>Emmit Roepke<br>Cameron Rud<br>Gil Thoele  |
| 03 Thomas Bystrzycki<br>David Ferguson<br>Karin Davidson<br>Kristin Broten<br>Kally Lombard-Kutz<br>Jacob Meek<br>Gary Nelson<br>April Ferguson<br>Ponmalar Ramesh<br>Kristine Reed<br>Lorraine Rogers<br>Leanne Bloom | 09 Peter Fleming<br>Barb Brammer<br>Barbara Cavanaugh<br>Gordon Elton<br>James Gland<br>Karen Johnson<br>Jason LaMott<br>Alex Ledo<br>Mike McGrath<br>Isaac Neumann<br>Samuel Ratcliff<br>Soraya Rothchild<br>Karsen Schlattman<br>Bernie Spaudie<br>Logan Traynor | 15 Henry Adams<br>Lisa Bloomer<br>Kyle Duffy<br>Everett Flatterrud<br>Alison Glatzmaier<br>Diane Nelsestuen<br>Eric Welsh<br>Jennifer Schmidt<br>Janis Steffel<br>Reighe Nagel<br>Elsie Riehle<br>Larry Wolfgram     | 21 Morgan Jenkins<br>Janice Belmonte<br>Zack Beyers<br>Megyn Gillard<br>Tracey Jensen<br>Eric Stifter<br>Paul Pfothenauer<br>Olivia Schouvelier<br>Juliana Ruud                           | 26 Liviah Anderson<br>Tom Charley<br>Derek Decker<br>Taylor Hegna<br>Derek Landsverk<br>Austin Ledo<br>Nicole Nelson<br>Abbey Schwarzenbach<br>Shelby Sadowski |
| 04 Tony Engen<br>Angella Fish<br>Joel Hampton<br>Eva Haine<br>Logan Huber<br>Barbara Jackson<br>Bonnie Pollock<br>Jill Radabaugh<br>Olivia Ramin<br>Eliana Stork<br>John Tepe<br>Jennifer Thelen                       | 10 Jon Bloemendal<br>Richard Gibbs<br>Emma IntVeld<br>Phyllis Letendre<br>Monica Monson<br>Patricia Noren<br>Henry Reinhard  | 16 Debrah Firkus<br>John Wutke<br>Madelon Button<br>Corinne Clifford<br>Collin Hemberger<br>Bob Jensen<br>Carneo Kosanke<br>Elizabeth Mortenson<br>Grant Monson<br>Cameron Clarkson<br>Nathan Price<br>Matthew Price | 22 Jennifer Boudreaux<br>Thomas Freeman<br>Dave Hove<br>Dylan Jackson<br>Sara Murphy<br>Tom Novak<br>Allayna Pennington<br>Sean Kristiansen<br>Isaac Smith<br>John Waldo<br>Cyprin Wright | 27 Julia Burns<br>Kevin Ostrom<br>Tim Reberg<br>Perry Eggers   |
| 05 Herb Lyson<br>Sue McNally<br>Tyler Anderson<br>Joshua Granlund<br>Grace Wright<br>Taylor Karrow<br>Margorie Prestegord<br>Shelagh Stoerzinger   | 11 Victoria Drasher<br>Christian Bertram<br>Faye Coffey<br>Richard Hebert<br>Jadyn Norring<br>Theresa Rubbert  | 17 Terri Bay<br>Marian Cunningham<br>Christina Dawit<br>Danny Woods<br>Jack Krueger<br>Breck Meissner<br>Karly Shriver   | 23 Jess Blaisdell<br>Tyler Reed<br>Nicholas Reed<br>Kari Robinson<br>Roger Rodgers<br>Mark Rygh<br>Emily Schulze<br>Tessa Score<br>James Maves<br>Vifian Thiesse<br>Makayla Peterson      | 28 Jennifer Carlson<br>Bailey Engen<br>Laura Finell<br>Daniel Matasovsky<br>Michele Murray<br>Grace Nixon<br>Wellington Rothchild<br>Stormi Wood               |
| 06 Lee Jorgensen<br>Diane Mergens<br>Quinn Horacek<br>Haley Carlson<br>Donna Jensen<br>Esther Adalikwu   | 12 Joanne Arndt<br>Avery Burger<br>Eric Fog<br>Jason Haberman<br>Alice Jones<br>Jim McCoy<br>Shirley Rodgers<br>Evan Roepke<br>Jesse Stone<br>Daniel Timmers   | 18 Todd Albrecht<br>Mark Jelinek<br>Mary Law<br>Kaden Longworth<br>Amy Pflieger  | 24 Jenna Blass<br>Gwendolyn Bolles<br>Brian Follett<br>Nutzy Gohnitz<br>Jan Rowan<br>Katelyn Ross<br>Cathy Swenson-Goetz<br>Gladys Keopp<br>Joann Kjelshus                                | 29 Samuel Ankrah<br>Kevin Moquist<br>Sandra Hayden<br>Diana Jensen<br>Nathan Schouvieller<br>Luke Stebbing<br>Steven Vandimburg                                |
| 07 Elden Bannitt<br>Carver Charlson<br>Mary Lou Krengel<br>Linnea Lundervold   | 13 Dan Arend<br>Scott Daniels<br>Benjamin Feldkamp<br>Kirsten Holthaus   | 19 Ann Goodell   |   | 30 Richard Burt<br>Kelli Isakson<br>Layla Khang<br>William Lund<br>Laurie Muenstermann<br>Annette Ratcliff<br>Pat St. Germain<br>Kallie Spates                 |

## & Anniversaries

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|---|---|---|
| 1 Mark & Debra Benschopf                                    | Robert & Sandra Petrich   | Judy & John Pirkil  |
| 3 Tom & Kaye Christianson<br>Wayne & Sharon Fitzenberger    | Michael & Sue Zabilla<br>Jerry & Terri Swanson                              | 26 Kevin & Janna Duban<br>Jim & Connie McCoy<br>Tom & Gail Mullaney<br>Matt & Allison Weiss             |
| 4 Greg & Cindy Johnson<br>Richard & Michele Starr           | 17 Jim & Patricia Noren   | 28 Gary & Lee Jorgensen<br>Charles & Renee Kenow<br>Ernesto & Valori Smith<br>Neil & Mary Beth Schwartz |
| 7 Wilmer & Louise Holz                                      | 18 Jason & Melanie Haberman   | Ryan & Brooke Hansen<br>Barrett & Jill Connolly   |
| 8 Shawn & Diane Norton                                      | 19 Dick & Janis Maguire<br>Dave & Deb Reynolds<br>Victor & Vivian Thiesse   | 29 Alvin & Bonnie Salo<br>Steven & Melissa VanderLouw   |
| 9 Gary & Sonya Anderson                                     | 20 Satoru & Hide Sudoh  | 30 Nathan & Katherine Williams<br>Jean & Bob Everson  |
| 10 Kelly & Mady Parker                                      | 21 James & Melissa Butzler  |   |
| 11 Harold & Lori Voth                                       | 22 Tom & Ruth Camilli<br>Timothy & Jennifer Beck<br>Lucas & Amanda Atkinson |   |
| 12 Randy & Madonna Barnett<br>Michael & Laurie Muenstermann | 23 John & Sharon Baranick<br>Ron & Pat Gehring                              |   |
| 14 Michael & Lisa Karcher<br>Tom & Carol Roeller            | 24 John & KC Swanlund   |   |
| 15 Paul & Mary Jeske<br>Don & Mavis McGorman                | 25 Joe & Kaye Bradshaw  |   |
| 16 Jan & Tamara Karlstrand                                  |   |   |

# Prayer Frame

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- frame (suggestion: 8" x 10")
- fabric or scrapbook paper
- dry erase markers

### Jesus' resurrection is cause for celebration!

When He rose from the grave, Jesus proved that He is more powerful than sin and death!

On the morning of Jesus' resurrection, two women brought spices to His tomb. When they arrived, they noticed that the stone had been rolled away and that an angel sat atop the stone. The angel told the women not to be afraid. He shared the incredible news that Jesus had risen from the dead and instructed the women to quickly share the news with the disciples (Matthew 28:1-7).



Imagine what the women might have been thinking. *What? Jesus is alive?!? How can this be? What does this mean?* A million questions must have surged through their minds, but something even greater likely settled in their hearts—hope.

Just as these women told others about the profound hope that they experienced on that life-changing morning, we too can share this experience with our friends and family. Each day we encounter people who don't share our hope in Christ. Their hearts have been hardened toward God and the news of His Son, Jesus.

**One way we can care well for those around us is by praying for them.** This month, create a Prayer Frame. Find a picture frame that you like, but instead of a photo, put a piece of scrapbook paper, canvas, or fabric behind the glass. Then, as a family, sit down with the frame and some dry erase markers. Think about people in your life who don't share your hope in Christ. As you think of neighbors, friends, and extended family members, use the markers to write their names on the glass. Throughout the month, pray for the people in your frame.

The women at the tomb that morning were astonished. From that moment on, their lives changed completely. God called them to step out in faith and to spread the news about Jesus. **God also calls us to step out in faith.** If you have trouble finding the words to pray for those in your prayer frame this month, depend on God for encouragement. Consider how you can step out and encourage these people by telling them that your family has decided to pray for them. Your prayers could give them the same hope that you have and be the beginning of their relationship with Christ.

by Krista Heinen

**Taken from the April HomeFront Monthly Magazine**

- 2** (V) Celebrate Recovery  
Thursdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-735-7725
- 2** (O) Maundy Thursday Worship  
Thursday, 7:00pm
- 2** (V) Maundy Thursday Worship  
Thursday, 7:30pm
- 3** (V) Good Friday Worship  
Friday, 12:00pm
- 3** (O) Journey to the Cross  
Friday, 3:30pm
- 3** (O) Good Friday Vespers  
Friday, 7:00pm
- 3** (V) Good Friday Vespers  
Friday, 7:30pm
- 4** (V) Baptism Class  
Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Jane Dibbern, 651-739-5144
- 4** (V) Easter Vigil, Journey  
Saturday, 5:00pm
- 5** (V) Easter Worship  
Sunday, 6, 8, 9:30 & 11am
- 5** (O) Easter Worship  
Sunday, 9 & 10:30am

- 6** (V) Women's Gathering Group  
Mondays, 12:00pm  
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,  
651-734-3974
- 6** (V) Cancer Companions  
Mondays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144
- 9** (V) Open Doors Thursdays  
Thursday, 5:00pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144 x221
- 9** (V) Career Transition Connection  
Thursday, 7:00pm  
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715

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## April 2015 Calendar Highlights

Want more events?  
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Calendar

**Valley Creek Campus (V)**  
7380 Afton Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125

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