

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2016

Generosity

"...whoever sows generously will also reap generously." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6b

Thank you for your continued generous giving in the first few months of 2016! Your gifts were incredible at year end 2015 and continue to bless this ministry into this year.

Our General Fund contributions are a little ahead of last year at this time and just shy of projected for this time. Total General Fund gifts are \$718,476.00.

Your contributions to GREATER in 2016 are \$50,127. These gifts will cover future expenses for our third site starting in 2017. They will provide funding toward mission opportunities and continue our building improvement plans and debt reduction goals.

We will be talking in more detail about the many amazing things that have happened here because of your gifts and generosity. We thank you!

"the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish : the quality of being generous; especially : willingness to give money and other valuable things to others"

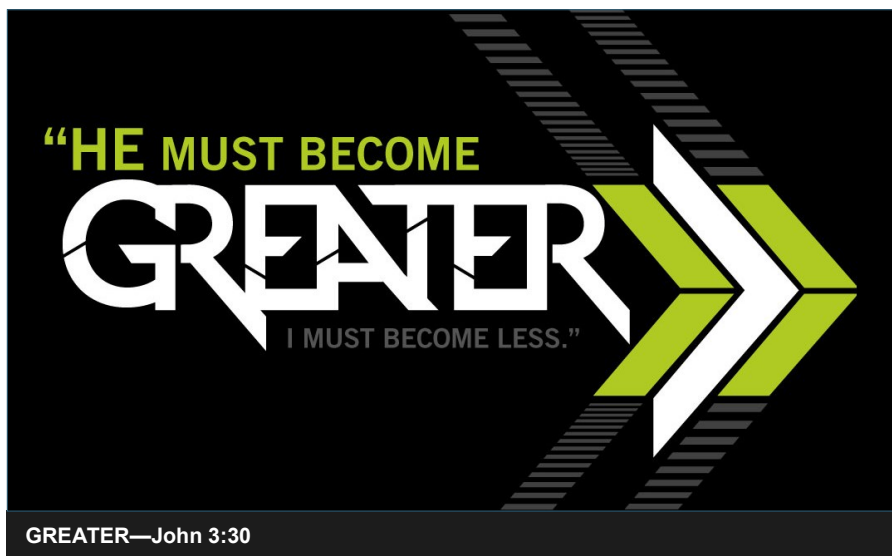
- Definition of Generosity by Merriam-Webster's Dictionary



Living a Generous Life

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Reflecting Back to Catapult Forward

“He must become Greater and I must become less.”
~ John 3:30

Over the past several weeks I have been spending a lot of my time reflecting on the last several years at WLC and thinking about where God is leading us into the future. 2017 is going to be a really important year for our church as we launch a 3rd campus, celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and 50 years together as a church it also happens to be the 50 year anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Woodbury. As I was looking back and thinking about what is ahead I came across some words that I wrote back in the fall of 2013:

During the fall of 2013 we will be moving into a new vision for the next chapter in our ministry at WLC. Our Vision is: Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives. It is our desire through the power of the Holy Spirit to be a people who truly follow Jesus as His disciples and as that happens we know that our lives will be transformed.

In order to help us launch our new vision we are spending three years walking together on a spiritual journey called GREATER. GREATER is really all about Jesus becoming GREATER in our lives and is based on the words of John the Baptist from John 3:30, “He must become GREATER and I must become less.” At the heart of GREATER are three things:

1. *GREATER is about knowing and following Jesus and helping others follow Him.*
2. *GREATER is about growing in our passion to do whatever we can to help people meet Jesus.*
3. *GREATER is about sacrificing our time, talents and treasures for Him and His Kingdom.*

Wow, pretty amazing to see this vision coming to life at WLC; I am totally blown away by what God has been doing over the last 3 years to help get us ready for what is to come:

- Our Oak Hill Campus is thriving under the leadership of Pastor Derek Broten and is now averaging more than 200 people in worship on a Sunday.
- Almost 600 adults are now a part of a Small Group.
- During the first quarter of 2016 we had 60 more guests than during the same period in 2015.
- More and more people are involved in serving.
- The connection center has proven to be very helpful in getting literally hundreds of people connected into their next step on the Discipleship Path.
- Because of Greater, strong regular giving and a very favorable refinance our financial picture is very solid – in fact we will not have to use operating money to get the third campus started!

In each of those bullets are the stories of people like you and me, people whose lives are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we look to the future may the blessings of the past give us the courage to continue to follow Jesus, grow as His disciples, serving and telling others so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

Peace,
Pastor Tom

Weddings:

Jamie LaVenture & Daniel Jorgensen
Tony Engen & Angela Knight

Baptisms:

William Gregory Anderson
Abriella Ilafasha Lema
Brooklyn Dane Meissner
Charles Wiley Herian
Maridith Berdina Parvey
Charles Cohen Lyle Ruud
Callen Scott Brittain
Gracyn Rae Becker

Deaths:

Karen Grovender ~ mother, Pat
Marsha Kveton ~ niece, Marcia
Connie Sabbann ~ father, Rollie
Delana Searles ~ grandmother,
Elaine
Family of Clarence Rabold
Family of Evelyn Fisher
Jerry Rowe & Jan Jeske-Rowe ~
son, Bruce Jeske
Rochelle Michel ~ mother, Delores

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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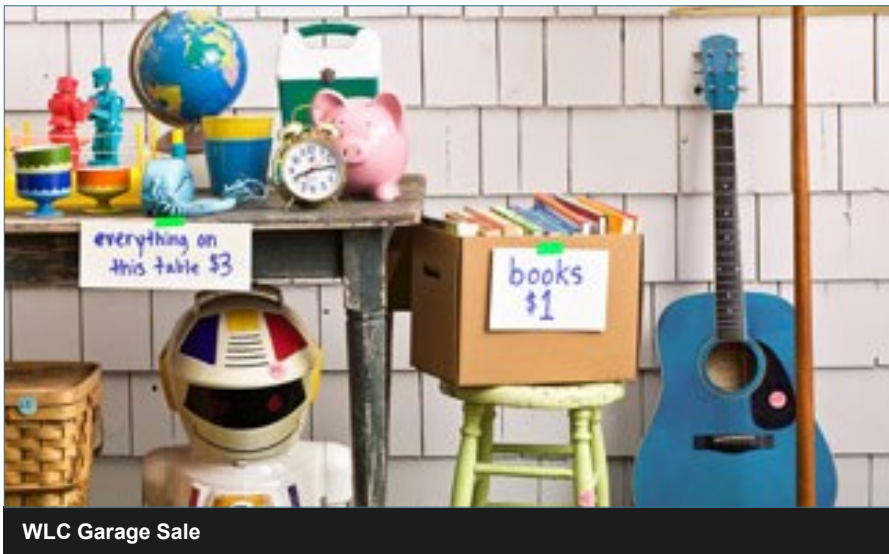
Cassie & Pastor Jon Kuehne

Welcome Pastor Jon & Cassie

We've been blessed to have Pastor Jon and Cassie come back to us after their return to seminary. We are thankful to have both of them with us and sharing their gifts amongst us!

PASTOR JON KUEHNE: As a pastor at Woodbury Lutheran, I help preach, teach, do home visits, and aid in many aspects of ministry. I oversee adult education and will soon be the campus pastor of Woodbury Lutheran's third site. I am excited to be back at Woodbury Lutheran as a pastor. I served as vicar (intern pastor) from 2014-2015. I completed my Masters of Divinity degree at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO in early 2016.

I was born in Faribault, MN. Being the son of a pastor, I spent quite a bit of my time in the church. In college, I felt God's hand moving me to become a pastor and the journey has been great. I am married to my lovely wife, Casandra. When not at church I like to compose music, work with computers, play video games, exercise, landscape, and go on nature walks with my wife.



Garage sale Treasures Needed!

Is it Spring Cleaning Time at your house yet? Please hang on to your things a little while longer! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held on May 12-14. Collection dates will be May 10, 5:30-8:30 pm and May 11, 4:30-8:30 pm.

Please drop donations at the East entrance of the Valley Creek campus. We ask that you have all clothing sorted, bagged and labeled in the following categories - men, boys, women, girls and infants. It helps tremendously - thanks! Sale proceeds support youth attending mission trips and NYG.

If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at [612-859-1365](tel:612-859-1365). Thank you!!

Camp Omega— Hearts for Jesus 2016

Camp Omega is launching a capitol campaign. In support of their Rooted * Celebrating * Growing campaign to build a new Family / Adult Retreat Center, the Minnesota South District is encouraging members to support the camp. Through your support for Hearts for Jesus – 2016 this new center will transform ministry at Camp Omega to reach people of all age demographics for generations to come. It is their prayer that it will benefit attendees in many ways and serve to reach others in our communities with the love of Jesus.

For more information, please visit the website of Camp Omega at www.campomega.org. Or contact Randy Ash at 952-220-4530.

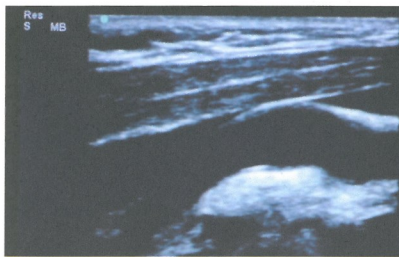


A Proactive Way to Stay Healthy & Active

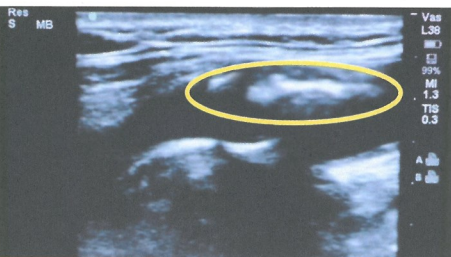
Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors*

All 5 Screenings for \$149

**Carotid Artery/
Plaque Screening**

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup.

**Heart Rhythm
Screening
(Atrial Fibrillation)**

Screens for irregular heart beat.

**Abdominal
Aortic Aneurysm
Screening**

Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta, which could rupture.

**Peripheral Arterial
Disease Screening**

Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

**Osteoporosis Risk
Assessment**

Ultrasound screen the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density.

*Key Risk Factors include Age 55+, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Obesity, tobacco usage, family history of CVD or stroke

We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: Saint Paul - Woodbury Lutheran Church

When: Friday, May 20, 2016

To register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount, Please call 888-653-6450 or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners

May

1 Jack Atchison	Scott Perala	Micah Symmank	Bailey Roloff	Ben Brocker	Megan Blomquist	Caryn Meyer
Jaren Aunan	Amy Peterson	Ethan Symmank	Thomas Wilson	Elizabeth Campbell	23 Jerome Backlund	Isabella Mishacoff
Deborah Cain	Sarah Rothstein	9 Ron Bargsten	13 Joshua Boon	Larissa Colvin	Kelsey Engen	Olivia Mischacoff
Ben Kehl	Jessica Swanson	Mario Carmona	Abby Harris	Lucas Cronin	Dorothy Erban	Sarah McKinley
Kole McKinley	Kelsey Schultze	Ted Ginkel	Jaelyn Lelei	18 Nathaniel Bolles	Nancy Feuerherm	Benjamin Ratcliff
Katherine Meryhew	Aaron Weixel	Christina Hammerstrom	Ken Nelson	Wyatt Corrigan	Jeffrey Fett	Elliott Sieling
Erik Pieper	5 Jonathan Arend	Susan Joines	Giada Rothchild	Tracy Evanoff	Audrey Fischer	28 Sheri Anderson
Emil Quasabart	Alessandra Benson	Deborah Morgan	Gage Stehura	Ashley Faeth	Jessica Golla	Kathryn Barnes
Diane Theissen	Aksel Drevlow	Nathan Nelson	Keri Stifter	James Golden	Abigail Haglin	Patrick Fleming
Claudia Wolfgram	Peggy Krause	Jane Pashina	Cindy Thompson	Robin Knutson	Miranda Kreger	Lindsay Schneider
Karen Wright	Melissa Kucharski	Patricia Smith	14 Joshua Baumann	Brayden Mishacoff	Megan Nelson	Wyatt St. Clair
2 Ryan Helgason	Katie Mueller	Benjamin Sweet	Nathan Fong	Nicholas Norton	Keith Nixon	29 Kimberly Bauman
Michael Moore	Stephanie Sadowski	John Taraldsen	Melisaa Goerlitz	Rachel Parks	Mary Scholz	Philip Baumgam
Lorraine	Jacob van Jaarsveld	Jenni Xiong	Zachary Nelson	19 Joel Esala	Scott Shriver	Chase Boudreaux
Holmstrom	Logan Wahl	Shari Zuehlke	Kay Peltier	Ellen Harelstad	Wes Soehl	Annabelle Brewer
Theresa Ingram	6 Kathleen Anderson	10 Angela Dittmer	Diana Peter	Gabe Howard	Dorothy Young	Megan Butcher
Steven Neils	Elizabeth Anderson	Ashley Hoffbeck	Thomas Schwartz	Jeremy Kanne	24 Brady Hannula	Caitlin Foley
Lydia Runge	Greg Bailen	Joshua Jepperson	Roy Thomson	Caitlyn Nelson	Kevin Cavanaugh	Robert Hensel
Lois Starks	Rachel Conant	Jacqueline Johnson	Tana Vogele	Samantha Odegaard	Cheryl Jensen	John Ratliff
Dale Thompson	Margaret Fett	Stephen Krampe	15 Ryan Blaisdell	Jon Raymer	Marian Nelson	Ryan Welsh
Brian Whitemarsh	Daniel Lanz	Mavis Rubsam	Timothy Butina	Michele Taylor	Nicole Taraldsen	30 Jenna Cordes
Jacob Wolfgram	Richard Ross	Makayla Shugg	Kim Carlson	20 Doreen Atchison	25 Linda Kirsch	Eddie Carlson
3 Dan Behnken	Andrew Stakston	Benjamin Zuehlke	Kim Dolan	Debra Berg	Jaime Jorgensen	Lucy Clappier
Anna Bettmann	Isaac Tepe	Kate Figmiller	Lauren Faeth	Matthew Jenkins	Christopher Madden	Matthew Dunn
John Blaisdell	Jennifer Weixel	Jordan Vilas-Tucker	Kevin Featherstone	Kati Kanne	Ashley Salzman	Tyson Klusmann
Julie Blaisdell	David Wende	11 Daniel Amundson	Jewel Jeske	Devin McAlpin	Jack Schrachta	Carley Ogren
Zachary Golla	Tim Wess	Patricia Ameson	Luke Sabbann	Abigail Pashina	26 Todd Breiholz	Tricia Powers
Abraham Rockwell	7 Jeffrey Arndt	Myron Baumann	Evan Pflieger	J. Robert Swanlund	Rae Bury	Kim Sandrock
Melissa Rones	Leah Gage	Hunter Bell	16 Emma Christopherson	Brenda Schuster	Ernest Ginn	31 Lucas Ingram
Carly Slusser	Bernise Giefer	Mark Dokmo	Abigail Jenkins	21 Tim Becken	Nathan Howard	Kate Holmquist
Peyton Browning	Justin Grinstead	Gerald Ehlers	Kathryn LaMott	Ella Biederman	Brian Janacek	Mark Lagerstedt
Tanya Gahler	Eric Landgrebe	Joycelyn McDonald	Mike Law	Julie Bloom	Ryan Johnson	Casey Linert
Jay Ignaszewski	Peggy Lund	Diane Miller	Sara Lower	Renee Boehme	Rhonda Jones	Kenzie MacLeod
MaryEllen	Barbara McCarthy	Yudyli Salcedo	Sarah Ochiagha	Theresa Leis	Sandi Miller	Denise Pieper
O'Connor	Cynthia Matejka	Aiden Smith	Carter Price	Larry Tschaeokfske	Cameron Rhoades	Char Les Stohlmann
Ryder Rogotzke	Maryllis Oehlke	12 Marcas Cronin	Darlene Rengstorf	Julia Charron	Evelyn Ratzloff	Jean La Shomb
4 Kory Eastenson	Matthew Stoffel	Rachel Gage	Jan Rygh	22 Chloe Boon	Marsha Voss	Jennifer Strange
Miles Hane	8 Barb Arend	Herb Goetsch	Sophia Sandstrom	Janet Rohlfing	Hanna Wiebold	Isabella Ratzloff
Sydney Watanabe	Joan Converse	Nicholas Hobot	Jill Taylor	Allie Conant	Jim White	Esther Kumpula
Kira Iverson	Hannah Cowles	Colleen Johnson	Allison Weiss	Steve Johnson	27 Joel Arend	Brad Zinke
Timothy Kelsey	Michelle Schoenecker	Tom Karlstrand	Bob Wuggazer	Jake Knupp	Matt Fowler	
Lisa Lien	Carolyn Krampe	Andrea Krause	Tahua Yu	Jonathan Randt	Grady Jensen	
Ben McCrady	Ashley Parker	Taya Moran	17 Andrew Betts	Brenda Score	Kellie Clappier	
Mary Murray	Peter Rogers	Dana Pederson	Andrew Baumgam	Joe Traynor	Catelyn Corredor	
Nancy Menge			Debbie Brocker	Annalissa Wessel	Avery Jilek	

Birthdays &

Anniversaries

2 Larry & Nancy Tschaeokfske	11 Jules & Jeannette Butcher	19 Mike & Jennifer Spreigl	Rob & Rachel Krueger	Kemal & Jessica Munn
3 Chauncey & Carly Charlson	Will & Colleen Grant	James & Susan Finell	Eli & Naveena Spitz	Nathan & Ashley Price
Larry & Dorothy Wolfgram	12 Jay & Renae Holthaus	Pete & Cheryl Olofson	25 Ronald & Bev Faust	31 Geoff & Allie Boyd
4 Kevin & Kay Moquist	13 Brad & Colleen Johnson	Scott & Pat Stevens	Tim & Mary Wess	Rich & Dena Petrich
Thomas & Jane Pashina	Leroy & Karvel Longworth	20 Richard & Carolyn Carlson	26 Ross & Melissa Dahlin	Jim & Sandra Hayden
5 Steve & Jan Skadsberg	Scott & Tracie Tuman	David & Cheri Frost	27 Greg & Donna Jensen	Daniel & Mary Matasovsky
Glenn & Lois Rogers	Scott & Shari Zuehlke	Matt & Leah Krotzer	Dan & Sheri Anderson	Marilyn & Michael Myers
Konnie & Mark Harstad	14 Zachary & Gina Vogelsberg	John & Mary Maroney	Brian & Jennifer Aspen	Chris & Lisa Peterson
Dan & Sally Meyer	15 Jaime & Kathy Hegna	Jeff & Karen Miner	Steve & Cheryl Butz	Mike & Stacy Winter
Eric & LeAnn Perry	Gregory & Laura Cloose	21 Jeff & Melody Haines	Jeff & Jacqueline Konop	
6 Todd & Annette Ratcliff	Doug & Suzanne Mortenson	Steve & Kenya Skytte	Alex & Lisa Thao	
Myron & Patrice Baumann	John & Marvel Mitterholzer	22 Bob & Mayonne Benson	Holly & Jeffrey Zelinsky	
7 Jeffrey & Sandra Southward	Morgan & Denise Jenkins	Bob & Shirley Hensel	28 Brian & Tanya Daniels	
Eric & Sarah Host	16 Dean & Lorraine Wohlhuter	Patrick & Pamela Riley	Jack & Doreen Atchison	
Harry & Dotti Rensenbrink	Adam & Natalie Krause	23 Jim & LaVonne Liljedahl	Steve & Amy Meyer	
8 Ron & Donna Bargsten	17 Tim & Andrea Sobaski	24 John & Marilee Schoenewald	29 Rick & Ann Gibbs	
10 Mike & Connie Sabbann	18 Bob & Mary Albrecht	Christopher & Shelli Burns	Bob & Sally Kolb	
Ed & Vicki Huebsch	Steven & Simona Awiszus	Scott & Rachel Homuth	Joseph & Melissa Traynor	
Doug & Norma Mackey	James & Viginia Langan	Tim & Toni Loeffler	30 Charles & Ruth Stakston	
	Daniel & Eleanor Meyer	Steph & Tim Maruyama	Robert & Jileen Cowley	

OUR PRAYERS WRITE OUR STORIES

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." – 1 John 5:14

When I was in high school, my church small group leader gave me a prayer journal. The concept was simple—I would record the date and my prayer request on the right side of the page, then, when my prayer was answered, I would record the date and how it was answered on the left hand side.

My prayers were simple.

I prayed to do well on my next test. I prayed for sick family members. I prayed about inviting friends to my youth group.

My prayers told the story of my life.

Almost 20 years have passed since high school (gasp!) and I still keep a prayer journal of sorts. I have a five-year journal: each page has the date at the top, and every day I write a few sentences about my day. The following year on that same date, I record what my family did that day on the same page. In five years I'll be able to look at any given date and see what we did that particular day.

I'm in the third year of this journal, and it's eye-opening to look back and see how my life has changed. Three Mays ago, my husband and I were at a loss for what to do about school for our oldest child. He was very behind academically. His asthma was so severe he had missed almost two months of class. Looking back at my entries, I can see the hopelessness in my words. As the story unfolded and my cries to the Lord became more urgent, God guided us to a prayer night at our church. That night was the first night in two months we didn't have to do breathing treatments. And the next day our specialist was shocked to see our son's asthma episode was completely over. God became real to our son after that prayer night, and he was baptized the next month.

School was still a huge struggle for our family, and again we sought the Lord's will through prayer. And again, God brought just the right people into our lives. Now I'm running a thriving homeschool co-op! And that's one thing that was most definitely NOT at the top of my prayer requests.

Not only did God use our son's asthma to bring us closer to Him, He changed the course of our family's life. Through prayer, God directed our path and wrote our family's story according to His will!

I want so desperately for my children's life stories to be guided by their prayers.

I want them to look back at the twists and turns in their stories and see God's mighty hand in each situation.

I want them to see that they are part of a bigger, more important story—God's story.

God has walked my family through difficult times and answered our prayers in ways that have created the most beautiful stories. I often wonder what the next chapter will bring, but I know one thing: it's a better story than I could ever write!

Help your young children see how their prayers are part of a bigger story by creating a Picture Prayer Journal. Weekly, have your child draw a picture to represent their prayer requests, no matter how big or small. Then write their prayer on the back of the picture and pray together. Every week, revisit the requests as you make new ones. Don't forget to write the date for each prayer request. Older children can write their prayers in a special journal.

Then watch as God answers their prayers and lets each story unfold in His perfect way!

by Kara Noel Lawson

Kara is the blogger liaison for HomeFront. She is a homeschooling mom to four, wanna-be farmer, and a freelance writer. Kara writes from the heart on her blog and speaks at moms' groups about how the small things in our lives can make a big impact.

 [Blog smallthingsarebigthings.com](#)

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Taken from the May HomeFront Monthly Magazine

- 2** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974
- 4** (V) **Women of the Word**
Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 4** (O) **Wednesday Morning Study**
Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Derek, 651-739-5144
- 5** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9113
- 7** (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847
- 12** (V) **Open Doors Thursdays**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144
x221
- 12** (V) **Career Transition Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715

- 12** (V) **Youth Garage Sale**
Thursday, 12:00pm
Contact: Shanna Salzman,
612-859-1365
- 13** (V) **Youth Garage Sale**
Friday-Saturday, 8:00am
Contact: Shanna Salzman,
612-859-1365
- 30** (O & V) **Offices Closed**
Monday, All Day
Memorial Day Holiday

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

May 2016 Calendar Highlights

Want more events?
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Valley Creek Campus (V)
7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

Oak Hill Campus (O)
9050 60th Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082

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