

THE NEWS LETTER



September 2017

Ministering to the Lord

There are many ways in which we, as followers of Jesus, minister to (or serve) the Lord. We can minister to Him by serving those in need:

“...I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!” Matthew 25:40

We can minister to the Lord by presenting to Him our tithes and offerings; and we can minister to Him through praise and worship. It is on this latter way which I would like to focus.

Ministering to the Lord has many references in Scripture:

While Israel was in the wilderness, “...the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name...” (Deuteronomy 10:8). Mary, the mother of Jesus, ministered to the Lord as she spoke the marvelous worship and praise of the magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). The leaders of the early church came together publicly to fast and minister to the Lord (Acts 13:2 KJV).

Ministering to the Lord involves three things: praise, worship and communion. First, praise is responding to God for what He has done. The word, “praise,” comes from many different Hebrew and Greek roots, some of which are translated: praise; thanksgiving; to bless; to stretch out the hand; to speak well of; to boast. Therefore, when we praise God we are blessing Him, offering thanksgivings to Him and stretching out our hands before Him, glorifying Him.

Secondly, worship centers in who God is, in His person. To “worship” means “to ascribe worth.” We read in Revelation 4:11 that God is “worthy...to receive glory and honor and power.” We worship God because He is worthy, and in worship we adore Him for who He is rather than merely for what He has done.

Communion with God is the final aspect of ministering to the Lord. The human spirit (and not our minds) is the place where God communes with us as we quietly wait upon Him. Isaiah writes, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Is. 40:31). As we wait upon the Lord He impresses Himself and His mind upon us. That is why the psalmist says, “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope” (Ps. 130:5).

My God give us a renewed hunger and thirst to spend time in His presence ministering unto the Lord!

There are opportunities at Woodbury Lutheran to lead the congregation in ministering to the Lord through music of praise and worship. Each of our eight services uses singers and instrumentalists to lead the congregation’s song. We have need for more musicians to join in leading: guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and singers are all needed at each campus. In addition, at our Valley Creek campus we have musical ensembles who lead in music ministry: Woodbury Lutheran Chorale, Celebration, Praise Band, JuBELLee Ringers (bell choir), Church Mouse Choir and Brass ensemble. All are in need of more people to join them in leading. If you sense the Lord may be calling you to the ministry of music and would like more information, talk to someone in the Connection Center, or you may contact Mark Shepperd, Director of Music. shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org



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Living Out the Vision

As we approach celebrating 50 years at Woodbury Lutheran Church, my heart has been drawn more and more to the words of Jesus in Luke 12. We have been given so much from God over the last 50 years.

Here are a few of the blessings that came to my mind:

- A people who pray
- Wonderful facilities
- Numerical and spiritual growth
- Strong lay leadership
- Gifted staff
- Many more...

WLC is a very unique congregation, within both our denomination and in the American church. Trust me, this is not the normal story for most churches. Because we have been GIVEN much, much will be required from us in return, and I believe that we have been faithful to that call during our first 50.

The challenge of celebrating 50 years is not to get caught up in the past, but to use our past to look forward to where God is leading us next. This fall in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary we are launching into a 2 year initiative called Multiply. At the heart of Multiply is a desire to continue to live out our vision of multiplication and transformation.

The time is now for us to step into what God has for us next because not only have we been given much, but we have been ENTRUSTED with much. We have been given the greatest message to share with the world around us; the Good News that Jesus died and rose from the dead.

Over the next several months I want to ask you to be praying, "Jesus, unleash Your power in me, in my relationships, in our communities and in Your world. Amen." We have been GIVEN and ENTRUSTED with so much, may we be found faithful to the end.

Following Jesus,
Pastor Tom

"When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required."

-- Luke 12:28



*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere..."*

— Acts 1:8

Weddings:

Krista Brusewitz & Norco Uchal
Katlin Hastings & Paul Ruble
Whitney Baca & Chandler
Ignaszewski
Jordan Kalthoff & Michael
Stutelberg
Danielle Scott & Taylor Mitchell

Baptisms:

Gracyn Anne Jagger
Kylee Jo Bass
Dylan Randy Gallahue

Deaths:

Theresa Ingram ~ step father,
David Fried
Rocky Jonson ~ sister, Janet
Kiestner
Shirley Hane ~ son, Brad Hane
Family of Don McGorman
Cassie Kuehne ~ uncle, David
Savage
Family of Jerome Hervey

Service Times at WLC:

Saturdays at Valley Creek:
Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Valley Creek:
Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am
Sanctuary, Contemporary
9:30am
Genesis, Contemporary 11am

Sundays at Oak Hill:
Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

Sundays at Liberty Ridge
Contemporary 10:00am

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“...It’s a simple thing that will truly bless and encourage these men as they bring the Gospel to their people....”

Bible Covers for Papua New Guinea: How You Can Help

Hearts and Hands, our monthly fellowship and outreach ministry for adults with disabilities, is collecting Bible covers for pastors and seminary students at Timothy Lutheran Seminary, Birip, Papua New Guinea.

Timothy Lutheran Seminary trains pastors to serve congregations of the Gutnuis (Good News) Lutheran Church, a church body formed from mission efforts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The pastors and seminarians are often older/second career students who have been led by the Holy Spirit to bring the Gospel to people in the Enga Province. They come from three different language groups, so the classes are taught in Tok Pisin the trade language of the country.

My younger brother Marty recently returned to our childhood home

to teach worship and music at the seminary. He said that many of the pastors serve small isolated congregations off the main road and in the bush. Their Tok Pisin Bibles take a beating from hiking to their congregations in the rain along muddy paths. Bible covers will help protect the pastors’ Bibles and make them last longer. It’s a simple thing that will truly bless and encourage these men as they bring the Gospel to their people.

We are looking for donations of gently used or new Bible covers (Canvas Type/ Size Medium) to send to Papua New Guinea. Hearts and Hands will add a Bible verse/bookmark to each cover and pack them for shipment

to Papua New Guinea in January.

If you have a Bible cover to donate please bring it to the Ruth Room (VC) on Sundays, 9:00am-10:30am. We will be collecting Bible covers until Sunday, November 19th. If you have any questions please contact, Jeanne Dicke, jmdicke@live.com Tenk yu tumas. God i stap wantaim yu!

~ Jeanne Dicke



Woodbury Lutheran at 50 The Year of Jubilee

During the month of October, Woodbury Lutheran will celebrate God's grace through our 50 years of worship, witness and service.

We have some special events planned. Get out your calendar and save the date!

50TH JUBILEE FEST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2017, 12:00 PM
LOCATION: VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS,
EAST PARKING LOT LAWN

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate as a church family WLC's 50 years in the community! All are welcome, so invite your friends and neighbors to this community-friendly event!

This carnival atmosphere will include free food, food trucks, entertainment for kids and adults, with inflatables (Noah's Ark and an EXTREME Obstacle Course - for adults as well as children!), games, and fun booths (face painting, balloons, fish pond).

We are working to bring home-grown talent to our stage. Join us to see and hear the (almost) World Famous Kitchen Band, the vocal stylings of Tom Vaaler, Spirited Feet Dancers and more!

You can be a part of the action by participating in Woodbury Lutheran's Got Talent contest! Members of WLC are invited to share their God-given talents in a family talent contest. For more information, see the Sidebar story.

Jubilee Players! Our own drama troupe will perform a couple of short plays during the afternoon. If you are interested in joining Jubilee Players, see the Sidebar story.

The Jubilee Fest is FREE! A freewill offering will be collected for the hot dog/brat picnic lunch. Independent food trucks will also be available at vendor charges. For more information please contact Lori Golden at goldenL60@yahoo.com or 651 459-9533.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
OCTOBER 19-21, TIMES VARY
LOCATION: VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS
EAST END (GENESIS AND BRIDGE)

We will again pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. This year's goal is nearly 275,000 meals! Registration for this event begins September 7! See Sidebar story.

JUBILEE REFORMATION SERVICE
OCT 29, 2017, 1:00 PM
LOCATION: VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS
SANCTUARY

Our month of Jubilee will end with a service celebrating not just our 50 years as a church congregation, but the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. At 1 pm, we will hold a traditional celebration service on the Valley Creek Campus. The service will feature Lutheran liturgical traditions, beautiful choral music including an original work by Mark Shepherd with lyrics by Dean Nadasdy. Other highlights will include a video that will take us back through our 50 year history, and special messages from Senior Pastor Tom, WLC Founding Pastor Paul Pfothenauer, and District President Dean Nadasdy that will help us look forward to the next 50 years of worship, growth, ministry and mission. It will be a service not-to-be-missed!

The service begins at 1 pm; cake reception to follow.

There will be additional surprises to come! Watch Sunday announcements and Email blasts for more information and reminders, and look for our October special newsletter highlighting 50 years of ministry in Woodbury and to the ends of the earth.

WLC's Got Talent!

We are looking for "homegrown" acts and actors for the 50th Jubilee Fest on October 8. Family acts (2 or more) can enter the Talent Competition. Contact Lori Golden, goldenL60@yahoo.com. And Jubilee Players, our own drama troupe (ages 16 and up), will perform. If you would like to be a part of Jubilee Players, contact Bruce Strong, bruce.strong@comcast.net or call 651-730-5049.





“This year’s event will be the start....to pack another million meals in two years!”

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

272,160 meals – enough food to feed over **700** children for one year!

In celebration of WLC’s commitment to service and generosity, we will again team up with FMSC to pack a trailer-load of meals at our Valley Creek location.

On October 19, 20 and 21, you and 1,200 of your friends and neighbors will have the opportunity to feed hungry children around the world. We have already packed **a million meals** – This year’s event will be the start of our push to pack another million meals in two years!

Shifts are two-hours long and will run throughout the three days. Where else can two hours of your time alleviate childhood hunger around the world?

Registration begins September 7 and is open to all. Children as young as 5 can help if they are with an adult. Groups (scouts, sports teams, youth groups) need to be in at least third grade to pack. And if you can’t stand and pack, you can sit and label the food bags.

The work is fun, but most importantly, you will be putting food into the tummies of hungry children.

You can register by going directly to the FMSC website (www.fmsc.org) or by utilizing the link found on the WLC homepage, www.woodburylutheran.org. Questions? Contact Liz Thompson at eathompson1953@gmail.com or 651-262-9665.



Join us as we begin the next 50 years of Woodbury Lutheran’s mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We are excited to host our first parenting night for people near Liberty Ridge as a way to connected with people near us and to help parents with the various joys and struggles they face in their lives.
- We are making a shift in Kids Ministry, moving it to 10:15-11:15am starting in September. This means that kids will be in worship for the first 15 minutes before they leave for their own special time.
- As a congregation, we are unifying our prayers asking that God would bring in five families from the surrounding area to become part of the Liberty Ridge campus. We invite you to pray for with us as we ask God to move in a mighty way.
- At the end of August, we will have the privilege of meeting the staff at Liberty Ridge Elementary and give them a gift, letting them know they are in our prayers as the enter into the new school year.
- On September 10, we are celebrating God's work at Liberty Ridge so far and kicking on the fall with a BBQ after worship. We'll also have a bounce house and various activities and games for families.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



OAK HILL UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:

- On Sunday August 20th we celebrated 5 years of God's blessing on the Oak Hill campus with an outdoor worship service and a cook-out. Lots of great stories were shared of transformation and personal impact.
- This summer we launched Kid Zone for ages 3-6 and was a great success. We had 5-8 kids each week.
- Lots of connections and planning for fall starting up new small groups and youth and kids ministry. Kids LINK begins Sept 17 at 9:15am.
- We had 3 people running the 200 mile Hood to Coast race in Portland Oregon end of August and 5 others who are running the Twin Cities Marathon to bring clean water to children in South Sudan and Africa.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Oak Hill Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.

Save the Date!

The month of October will be big at WLC. It is our 50th Anniversary Jubilee! A 50th Fest on Oct. 8, Noon-4:30, at Valley Creek will feature food, family fun and entertainment. October 19-21, we will again pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. This year's goal is nearly 275,000 meals! And we will culminate our month of Jubilee with an Oct. 29 Reformation Service at 1 pm on the Valley Creek campus featuring special messages from the pulpit (including Pastor Tom, Pastor Paul Pfothauer, and District President Dean Nadasdy), Lutheran tradition and beautiful music.



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- The west end stairs and parking lot are nearing completion and really help to freshen up our entrance on that end of the building.
- This fall we will be refreshing our outdoor signage across campuses.
- Fall is right around the corner and we are excited for full kids and youth ministry to start up again following Labor Day weekend.
- As we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a church please plan to come on out for the special events along the way and bring a friend or two.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Valley Creek Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



The Wessman's Mission Update

Stephanie and I want to thank you greatly for your prayer and financial support of us over the years. We want to ask you to pray with us about an awesome opportunity we are looking at with Operation Mobilization. OM has a training program in South Africa called Missionary Discipleship Training. It is for young adults post high school or post college who have a heart for missions and we are desiring to join this program as trainers!

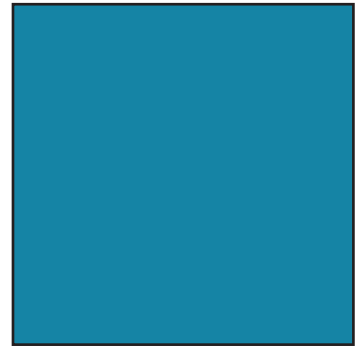
We are very excited about this opportunity because the program's emphasis is on discipleship and mentoring of the young adults, training, teaching and the logistics of running an evangelistic campaign. There are 2 intakes in the year and they both are 5 months long with the participants and trainers living in community. The program really fits the giftings that God has given us and our heart's desire for mentoring and facilitating evangelism. It will be a fantastic opportunity to prepare young adults to enter the mission field with the training they will need and having dealt with their own issues with God and their relationship with him.

We are taking a vision trip to Pretoria in South Africa in mid-October to meet the team and find housing and schools. Please pray for us that God will answer all our questions and pave the way for us! We would be looking to leave within a year.

Thank you for praying with us about this opportunity!

JJ and Stephanie Wessman





Defeating Repetitive Sin

Guys,

Every Christian man at some point asks themselves this question: “Why do I keep repeating the same sin, and yet I try new tactics with limited results?” Sometimes, it’s all too easy to get stuck in a cycle of sin that is self-defeating. Rather than feeling like sin is being conquered in our lives, we feel conquered by it.

Repetitive sin can often lead to all kinds of toxic feelings of regret and shame that reinforce a desire to hide our failings. Wouldn’t you love to defeat sin and end this hopeless cycle? Join *Resolute* teachers Vince Miller and Dave Mergens for this five-session study to help get out of your rut and break the cycle of sin in your life.

The class meets on Wednesdays at 6:00am starting September 20. The cost for the class is \$30. Register at the following link for WLC’s session of this study: <https://resolutecheckout.wufoo.com/forms/wcmu3pm-Owgy5aj/>.

Peace,
Pastor Jon



Our school year kicks off officially the Monday following Labor Day. We are blessed to be welcoming nearly 120 children (all of our classes should be filled!). Our theme this year is "Kids of the Kingdom" as we celebrate the fact that the kingdom of God belongs to all of us! *We are grateful of your ongoing support and prayers for this ministry!*

2017-2018 Preschool Staff



Amy is part of the Fantastic 4's 1/2 day program.



Barb is with two Terrific 3's classes & also an Extended Learning Teacher.



Becca joins us as a morning aide to support all classes.



Donna is part of the M-W-F Fantastic 4's full day classroom.



Jackie teaches 2 Terrific 3's classes including the full day class.



Jenny is with us every morning as an opener and is an aide on Tuesday/Thursday.



Katie partners with Jackie in our full day Terrific 3's.



Kim will be teaching Terrific 3's and also Extended Learning.



Laura is part of the T-TH 3's with Kim and also provides some full program support.



LeAnn is with us three afternoons each week helping with all classrooms.



LeAnne teams with Sandy in our T/TH Fantastic 4's.



Lisa is our Business Manager and helps us maintain all of our records.



Rachel will teach High 5's and one section of Terrific 3's.



Sandy is our full day Fantastic 4's teacher.



Shannon is assisting with our High 5's class.



Sara is our program director.



Tiffany teaches our 1/2 day Fantastic 4's class.

Help us connect with WLP alum!

If you or your child went to WLP can you let us know! We are planning to do something special in conjunction with WLC's 50th Anniversary.

Contact us at 651-739-5146



Is Woodworking/Carpentry your passion?

We occasionally need volunteers to help us with projects for preschool. Contact Sara at 651-739-5146.

If Pews Could Talk

I've always been fascinated with old churches. Pews, stained-glass windows, pulpits—they all hold a special place in my heart. I've even had grandiose ideas of renovating an old church into a home! I grew up going to a small church in Southern California, and it holds a lot of special memories for me. My father served as a deacon, and my mom was the church secretary for a season. My grandmother led the Women's Missionary Society, and they worked tirelessly making quilts to send to missionaries overseas—I still have a few of the extra quilts in my possession. We were at church every single Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night!

I've often dreamed of owning a church pew for extra seating, but until recently I've never had the space. The thought of having a seat where people may have given their lives to Jesus for the first time or prayed for healing or for the return of a wayward child was exciting to me. I loved imagining people connecting with Jesus as they held their hymnals and worshipped Him. When we moved last month, I began looking for just the right pew, and I found it! My four grandchildren and their daddies hopped in our cars, and we took the 30-minute drive out in the country to a small Texas town to pick it up. The trip itself was quite an adventure!

When we got home, my grandchildren, ages six through twelve, began asking what the boxes on the back of the pew were for. I explained that they held hymnals. The children gave me puzzled looks and said, "What's that?" Even though they have all been raised going to church weekly they had no idea! They attend churches equipped with the latest audio-visual equipment that projects the words of worship songs and Scripture onto a screen. I happen to have a few hymnals on hand, so we sat down together and began reading through the songs. The beautiful, deep words seemed to leap off the pages. The kids even tried singing some of the lyrics to their own tunes—it wasn't pretty! I shared with them that one of my favorite memories as a young girl was looking up at my mom, their great-grandmother, during church on Sunday mornings, holding her hymnal. We talked more about

what kinds of things happened during those church services. I explained that many times there was no children's ministry and kids sat with their parents during church (which would explain the name "JOHN" and a game of tic-tac-toe etched in the back of our old pew!).

In this unplanned and unsuspecting moment, I realized it was my responsibility to pass this history on to my grandchildren. God entrusted these little lives to my children, and in turn I get to play a big role in their lives as well. I don't want to be too busy to miss opportunities like these—opportunities that present themselves in the natural rhythm of life. It made me realize teaching moments are all around us.

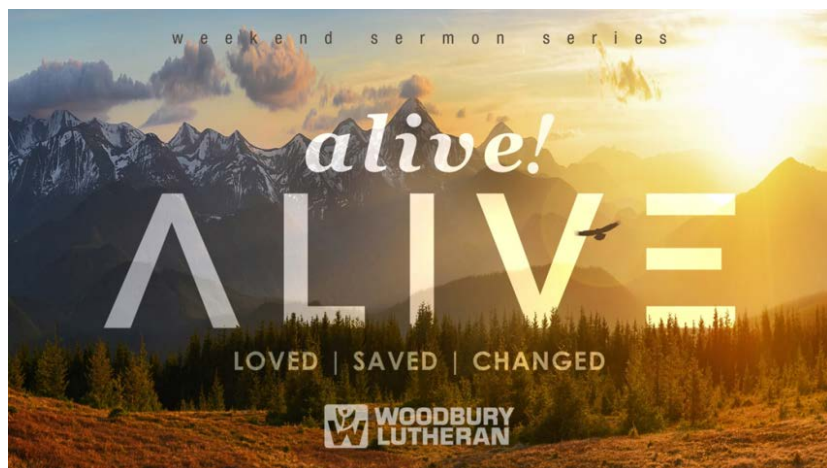
What simple life lessons and stories can you pass on to your grandchildren? Are there things you'd be surprised they don't know? You don't have to plan out teaching times—just spend time with them and be present. It's our God-given responsibility to influence the lives of our precious grandchildren, and it can be as simple as imagining if pews could talk!



Picking up the pew in Taylor, TX

by Debbie Guinn

Taken from the September 2017 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.



Starting on the weekend of September 9th and 10th we will gather for a three week message series called **Alive**. In this series we will focus on Ephesians chapter 2 where the Apostle Paul outlines what it looks like to be truly **Alive** in Jesus as he shows us what it means to be Loved, how we are Saved, the Change that comes from being Loved and Saved and why it matters for us today.

Here is a preview for each weekend:

September 9/10

Title: Loved
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Verse: Ephesians 2:4-5
2nd Reading: John 13:1-9
Focus: Too often in our culture we believe that love is something to be earned. In God we are given a different picture of love; one where even when we were dead in our sin He **Loved** us enough to give us life by raising His Son Jesus from the dead. How will this kind of Love transform your life?

September 16/17

Title: Saved
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9
2nd Reading: Luke 18:18-29
Focus: The gift of salvation is just that, a gift; it cannot be earned, it cannot be bought, it cannot be deserved, it can only be given, because it is a gift. The disciples marveled wondering, *“Who can be saved?”* Our culture screams just the opposite, *“Everyone will be saved!”* So...who can be **Saved**, how are we saved and why does it matter?

September 23/24

Title: Changed
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Verse: Ephesians 2:10
2nd Reading: John 20:19-21
Focus: Something happens when we are Loved and Saved; we cannot help but to be Changed. It happened in the lives of the disciples of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit it happens in our lives as well. How can God better open our eyes to see all the good that He has created for us to do?

September

1	Craig Baumann Perry Firkus Addison Fluegel Jaime Hegna Sandy Johnson Lois Langholz Maleah McKinley Angie Moris David Pearson Lily Pieper Stephanie Smith		Niko Morris Eldon Engen Karen Brown Madison Himes Julie Mittelholtz Emma Goetz		Jami Zelinsky Jill Zelinsky		16	Ruth Stakston James Biederman Lance Huebner Greg Johnson Matteo Izzi Mike Looney Zoe Marth Sarah Rasmussen Stacy Winter Johanna Broten		Mark Sikorski Daniel Stoddard Dylan Walker Arlene Holst		Gregory Rohm Katherine Stebbing		
2	Joan Bugnon Pamela Riley Laura Skadsberg Laura Schumacher Jim Tradup	2	Morgan Ingram Parker Allen Donna Bargsten Leann Radel Kyle Topp Jillian Rubbert Ellen Schubbe Pepper Skytte		12	David Butina Noah Danner Vicky Smith Matthew Struck Carly Mears Tyler LaMott Lars Heggernes Spencer Sadowski Wayne Harelstad Craig Laue Ella Oehlke Amanda Voth		22	Jileen Cowley Maggie Haug Willy Mzenga Sharon Opheim Nicole Rosin Michael Brandmire Jo Youngquist Jason Sakizadeh Patrick Svoboda Steve Grovender Aaron Wesser Lisa Ziemer	27	Joseph Baumgarn Ken Olson			
3	Caleb McDonald Alexa Diedrich Artie Lehtonen Abi Naffziger Alexander Oehlke Carrie Steffel Lyndis Vander Louw Alan Wilkie	3	Samuel Scholz Sharon Larson Evan LaMott Hudson Lueders Kemal Munn Kathy Siegling Steve Rohlf Jennifer Mahlke Jennifer Aspen Kimberly Beseman Keith Heintz Wilmer Holz Brandi Knippenberg Joyce Biagini Abby Schouvieller Todd Rizzardi		13	Ashley St. Clair Franklin Anderson Wesley Bloemendal Chuck Nelson Michaela Bradshaw Andy Stone Taylour Blakeman Jim Nassios Elizabeth Edwards Teressa Raymer Becky Nelson Judith Lindemeier		17	Lucy Anderson Caitlyn Conway Brian Ingram Dylan Longworth Brooke Salzman Ava Sonn Owen Zeller Joseph Wolsky Yvonne White Ryan Thompson	23	Marilee Schoenewald Angela Cowles Tim Fett LaJuan Jackson Bill Jacobus Molly Kieser Stephen Jeske Dorothy Wolfram	28	Tyler Rubbert Don Amey Dan Field Sarah Host Corbin Johnson Janice Jones Karen Klinzing Jack Kristiansen Jeanne Luebker Gary McDowell Clark Peterson Cheryl Olstad	
4	Ann Baumann Frank Janssen Sara McConaughy Carolyn Ortiz Annette Reagan Dottie Rensenbrink Max Schissel Martin Strohfus Kristina Swanson Lily Thomson Isabella Trujillo Krista Uchal Coleen Vossen	4	Michael Albrecht Sharon Fong Robert Brings Madelyn Bjostad Leeanne Grether Nancy McDonagh Leo McFarland Sarah Nelson Dan Oehlke Melissa Bjornson Mikayla McKinley Sophia Van Jaarsveld		14	Ronn Hannula Dan Hove Ryan Karrow Jenna Karrow Kelsie Knippenberg Alex Laney Paige Lee Ed Nelson Ray Nibbe Meghan Rheinberger Ethan Topp Sara Murray Scott Schuenke		18	Brianna Andrasfi Sara Carson William Anderson Brennen Featherstone Cullen Featherstone Skip Peltier Kris Peterson Everly Phillipson Dan Colvin Arlene Nadeau Mary Nesvig	24	Vincent Setten Connor McHarg Patrick Claugherty Allison Marshall Nathan Anderson	29	Stone Sterling Amanda Durow Timothy Moody Stacy Parks Aaron Pederson Kalvan Reyes Drew Anderson Sonya Anderson Mason Aspen Lory Cedarbloom Steven Joines Cayla Klusmann Lisa Kush Toni McLaren Emily Menge Fred Peting Neil Schwartz	
5	Ava Aune Camryn Connolly Brenda Engen Donavin Hansen Erik Hendrickson Christina Himes Denise Jenkins Mike Kinmounth Vivienne Rothchild Matthew Varin Beth Welsh Dave de Zeeuw	5	10	Sharon Fong Robert Brings Madelyn Bjostad Leeanne Grether Nancy McDonagh Leo McFarland Sarah Nelson Dan Oehlke Melissa Bjornson Mikayla McKinley Sophia Van Jaarsveld		15	Sherry Monson Lindsey Babin Brent Clifford Lauren Bunge Wyatt Crist Dominic Hansen Rocky Johnson Marna Uebler Brynn O'Neil Adam Brandmire Justin Sather		19	Bob Youngquist Larry Wilford Blaine Raymer Susan Brusewitz Doug Jones Kari Schiltgen Daniel Wegner	25	Nathan Anderson Katie Featherstone James Butzler Erin Mills Carl Clark Mary Galvin Avery Krause Nicholas Larson Mason Lowe Dan Powers Aaron Mertens Thomas Becken Andrew Geiser, Jr. Marlys Sobaski	30	Drew Anderson Sonya Anderson Mason Aspen Lory Cedarbloom Steven Joines Cayla Klusmann Lisa Kush Toni McLaren Emily Menge Fred Peting Neil Schwartz
6	Mike Rygh	6	11	John Strharsky Daniel Mertens Luke Feuerherm Lori Kane Jacob Hanson Bryan Jackson Aaron Waldo		16	Blake Fluegel Noah Gow Alisa Hartwig Xander Hill Adele Salava		20	Paul Gerver Spencer Dunham Kyle McKinley Peggy Novak Aksel Rasmusson Kirk Steineck John Horner John Horner Blake Fluegel Noah Gow Alisa Hartwig Xander Hill Adele Salava	26	Mary Betts Elijah Broten Kiera Daniels Sydney Fedorowski Sherri Graham Gianna Juliano Greta Norman Dena Petrich		

Birthdays

& Anniversaries

1	Mark & Mary Shepperd Andy & Andrea Stakston Scott & Tina Stebbing		Nathan & Amanda Fong Greg & Holly Rome Keith & Beth Heintz		Jerry & Diane Panning Carl & Lynn Clark		25	Don Dufresne & Jeanne Yee
2	Ken & Marian Nelson Gregory & Heather Rohm Mark & Deborah Stutelberg	9	Paul & Joyce Stiebner John & Marianne Eineke Steve & Diann Lindeman Jerry & Muriel Lindeman Dan & Shelagh Stoerzinger		13	Tim & Jeannine Buchholz Ken & Julie Drevnick Paul & Amy Pflieger	26	Matt Nelson & Alyson Bennett Craig & Karen Bettmann
3	Harold & Joan Converse Herb & Pat Morsching Harold & Nona Pearl Dean & Gayle Huska	10	William & Bernise Giefer Jon & Lisa Kush Dan & Amy Lee Tim & Sonya Mertens Paul & Sharon Neubrand Myron & Linda Tank Jim & Denise Tradup		14	Steven & Cheryl Stensvad Paul & Stephanie Claugherty Joseph & Erica Zilka Gary & Sarah Nelson Gary & Char Les Stohlmann John & Susan Wildman Jerry & Marge Helander Scott & Joy Ostrom	27	Todd & Jennifer Schwarzenbach Mike & Jean Steingraber Chad & Colleen Vossen Nick & Lindsey Weiler
4	Roger & Joy Hopke Cal & Nancy Branton	11	Blake & Brenda Score Jason & Colleen Schuldt Herb & Kaye Larson Bill & Kathleen Taylor		15	Carl & Barbara Jackson Bruce & Kaye Montgomery Joe & Rachel Browning Harry & Cristina Gurrola Steve & Cynthia Matejka	28	Scott & Rachel Conant
5	Jack & Grace Lavers Francisco & Steph Penaloza	12	Nathan & Emily Anderson Steve & Lindsey Conley Richard & Brynn O'Neil		16	Lou & Luanne Greengard Jesse & Angie Spates	29	Todd & Anna Albrecht Csaba & Brianna Andrasfi Matthew & Michelle Cattell Ronn & Laurel Hannula Nick & Allison Ortiz Tom & Tara Schlattman John & Jenna Voyda
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Worship

HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on September 17 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.



Grow

A MAN NAMED MARTIN: THE MOMENT BIBLE STUDY PART 2

All campuses will be hosting the second part in a study on Martin Luther. The study is called **A Man Named Martin: The Moment**. As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, A Man Named Martin examines the errant teaching and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation. A theological overhaul was set into motion most notably by Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg. The 95 Theses were just the beginning, and the theological overhaul of the Reformation didn't just impact the Late Medieval Church. It impacts our lives even today. Join us for this study, starting **Sunday September 10**. Valley Creek: 9:30am in the Genesis Room; Oak Hill: 9:15am in the Church Office; and Liberty Ridge: 9:00am in the Back Hallway.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for this low pressure DVD bible study where all ages, gender and relationships are welcome. The topics focus on God's continuous presence and promises in our lives. Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR 6TH-12TH

We are preparing and excited about what's in store for this upcoming school

year! We have great ministry opportunities for students 6th-12th grade. All Youth ministries take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm, starting on September 13. We meet at both the Oak Hill and Valley Creek campuses (Liberty Ridge meets at VC campus). **Registration** is now open at wlc youth.org for:

- **Sixers** is our 6th grade ministry (available at the VC campus, at Oak Hill 6th grade are a part of Foundations): we spent the year studying the Lord's Prayer, the Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit, and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- **Foundations** is our 7th and 8th grade ministry: this year we will be diving deep into what we know and believe about Jesus and being His Disciple, it will be a journey through lots of core basics of faith and theology.
- **Roots** is our 9-12th grade ministry: Roots meets at both our VC and OH campuses and it's a great chance to grow your faith in community with other high schoolers! We'll spend time in Bible study, discussing relevant issues, praying for each other, and playing some ridiculously fun games!

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

Alongside of these great ministries we invite families and students who are already actively following Jesus to consider participating in the Confirmation Journey. The Confirmation Journey is a year long, devotion led, family-based experience for students (7th-12th grades) designed to prepare to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This process is for mature students who want to explore their personal relationship with Jesus and grow in their understanding of what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus for a lifetime. The process involves Worshiping, Growing, Serving, and Reaching (sharing their faith with others) and is a great opportunity for students who want to personalize and grow as a disciple. If you're interested, set up a Confirmation Launch meeting with Lindsey Schmidt or attend a group launch meeting (dates are posted at wlc youth.org).

OPEN BRIDGE

Join us for this after-school ministry at the Valley Creek campus for 6th-12th grade students to hang out, play video games, listen to music, talk to people who care, get help with homework, eat, dance, play games, and be known. The Bridge is open on Wednesdays from 3-6:30pm during the school year. The cafe is open with snacks available to purchase (\$.25-\$3.50). Come stop in and hang out with friends!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

September 29th, 6:30-8:30. 6th, 7th, & 8th graders we're going to be playing big church games and having a blast. Grab your friends, bring a couple of bucks for the cafe if you'd like a treat and come ready to play! This is an all campus event held at the Valley Creek Campus.

NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Students who are planning to confirm their faith on November 4/5th. Please be sure to turn in your completed check-in sheets and your Worship notes & Service hour sheets by October 1st. Also be sure to register for your confirmation celebration interview after you share your testimony with your small group. Contact Lindsey Schmidt if you have any questions. Save the date: Saturday, November 4, 9:30-11:30am, Confirmation brunch for students, parents & loved ones. We will take pictures, rehearse, and have a blessing and prayer service.

HS NERF NIGHT (9TH-12TH)

Great night of fun on Sept. 16 at the VC campus. It's Nerf night, 7-9pm, all campuses welcome! Register at wlc youth.org.

YOUTH SENIOR SUNDAE EVENT (12TH)

Sunday, Sept 17, 3:30-5pm (Fireside room VC) for all campuses. Being a senior presents a very unique set of challenges and opportunities for both the student and their parents! We'll have sundaes as well as some tips on how to thrive during this final year of High school and preparing to successfully (and peacefully) launch afterward.

Getting Connected

VC DONUT TRAINING

Two training sessions at 9:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, Sept 24 in the Bridge (VC). The donut sales fundraiser is for students in 8th-12th grade, but you must go through a brief (15 min) training before participating.

OAK HILL YOUTH (6-12TH)

Sunday mornings you're welcome to join the youth Bible class before or after you go to Worship. There's also lots of ways to serve on Sundays! Upcoming event: On Sept 30 we will go to the Corn Maze at Afton Orchard. 6-8pm. Meet at OH at 5:30pm to carpool. Cost is \$9.

LIBERTY RIDGE YOUTH (6-12TH)

We'd love to see you serving on Sundays at the Ridge. Contact Laura Stennes if you're looking for a way to serve! Upcoming event: Join us on Oct 1 for a Bonfire & Game Night, 5:30-8pm at Pastor Jon Kuehne's house.

GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS FOR WOMEN

Women who are experiencing the grief and the loss of a loved one, whether recently or some time ago, are welcome to this group. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month (next meeting 9/28 at 1 pm VC Family Room). Together, with God, we will walk this "maze of healing." Facilitated by Joy Hopke (651-735-0124) and Dorothy Young (651-492-9320).

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome **Julie Desmond and Mickey Moore** as they present, "Interview 20 Questions, and the Only 3 You Need to Know" on **September 14 at 7pm**, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

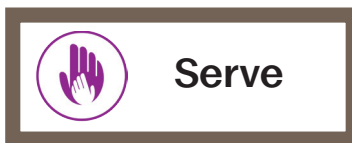
CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome **Gracie Miller** as she presents, "Career Clarity Now" on **September 28 at 7pm**, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.



INVITE A FRIEND TO LIBERTY RIDGE

Do you know someone who's looking for a church to get connected with and lives by Liberty Ridge Elementary? Why not invite them to our new campus, Liberty Ridge! Worship at LR is at 10:00am each Sunday. Kids Ministry and Adult Classes are also available beginning at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. Need more info? Contact Pastor Jon at 651-739-5144 or kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org.



MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Would you be willing to knit or crochet shawls, soft chemo/Neuro surgery caps or baby caps/afghans which would be given to someone who is experiencing a life trauma, an illness, or loss? We would love to have you join us on Monday afternoons at the Valley Creek Campus, or bring your completed items to us at the Valley Creek Campus. Call Tamara (651)734-3974 or tskarl@comcast.net for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

WLC'S 50 YEAR JUBILEE EVENT

Our planning committee is looking for potential entertainment sources for our Jubilee kick-off event on October 7th, 2017. We would be interested in music groups, comedians, any variety of stage shows, etc... If this is YOU, or if you know anyone who might be interested in helping us in this area- we need to hear from you! We would especially love to use the talent right from our own church body! Please contact: Lori Golden 651-459-9533 or goldenL60@yahoo.com.

MEET WITH JIM & SUSAN KAISER - LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATOR TEAM

Dr. Jim & Susan Kaiser will be at the Oak Hill Campus on September 11 meeting, at 10 am.

Jim is currently working as a consultant on five different language groups within the southeastern part of Ethiopia, in co-operation with the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, Evangelical Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus ("Place of Jesus").

Previously, Jim and Susan have worked on translations in Sierra Leone, and in the Chaldean language.

If you have questions, contact Bev Esala at beves55@gmail.com or 651-485-5755.

September 2017 Calendar

2 (V) Baptism Class

Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-472-1975

4 (V& O) WLC Offices Closed for Labor Day

4 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974

1 (V) Cancer Companions

Tuesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Vicki Strong,
651-208-4353

6 (V) Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Contact: Mike Zenner,
651-592-9435

7 (V) Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith,
651-308-9113

9 (O) Saturday Morning

Men's Bible Study
Saturdays, 8:00am
Contact: Pastor Derek Broten,
651-739-5144 x331

9 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 6:30am
Contact: Jeff Linert,
651-387-9428

10 (L, V & O) Kids LINK Open House

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (L & VC),
10:00am (OH)
Contact: Nancy Schubbe,
651-739-5144

11 (V) Monday Morning Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144 x221

13 (V& O) Youth Program- ming Begins

Wednesdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Stacy Winter,
651-739-5144

14 (V) Career Transition Connection

Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo,
612-386-3715

17 (V) Healing Service

Sunday, 12:15pm
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144 x221

17 (V) TheAlley's 10th Anni- versary Service

Sunday, 2:15pm

20 (V) Women of the Word

Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman,
651-739-5144

21 (O) Women of the Word

Thursdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman,
651-739-5144

28 (V) Grief Support for Women

Thursday, 1:00pm
Contact: Joy Hopke,
651-295-9269

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