

THE NEWS LETTER



October 2017

Multiply

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In Acts 1:8 we are given an incredible promise from Jesus – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...”

Starting on October 1st, we will be entering into a two year initiative called **Multiply**. It is our prayer that Jesus would continue to unleash His power in and through us in amazing ways. We have been blessed in incredible ways as a congregation for the last 50 years; building on those who have gone before us, we now turn our attention to where God is leading us next.

After spending time in prayer and planning, we have a clear direction for the ministry that we believe we as a church are being called to accomplish through His power in 2018-2019. As we spend time unpacking those plans in October and November, I am asking 3 things from you:

1. **Be in prayer!** Be praying, “Jesus, unleash Your power in me, in my relationships, in our communities and in Your world. Amen.” As you pray be open to where God might be leading you and how He might be asking you to participate in **Multiply**.
2. **Be in worship!** Make being in and participating in worship a priority each weekend in October.
3. **Be positive!** God has blessed us with so much and we have an opportunity to do something very few churches ever get to do, so let's move forward with an attitude that exudes joy!

I continue to feel so honored to serve alongside of you in the mission of Jesus at WLC. We truly are better together and will accomplish more that we could ever dream or imagine as Jesus unleashes His power in people like you and me!

Peace,
Pastor Tom



WOODBURY
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A 50TH JUBILEE FEST FOR ALL AGES

Sunday, October 8,
Noon-4:30 pm,
Valley Creek

Join us as we celebrate with a day of fun, food and fellowship! Free hot dogs and brats, plus food trucks, ice cream, popcorn and candy. Carnival games and jump houses for all ages. Special appearances by Woodbury Public Safety's finest, firetrucks and K9s, and by Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens. And home-grown entertainment on our Woodbury Lutheran's Got Talent stage. Don't miss the fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact Lori Golden, goldenL60@yahoo.com or call 651-459-9533.

Woodbury Lutheran at 50 The Year of Jubilee

It was August 1, 1967, when Paul and Rhoda Pfothenhauer arrived in Woodbury with their two small children. (Tom, their youngest, would not arrive for another 10 years.) Woodbury, newly incorporated that same year, was a sleepy little mostly rural community of 900 people.

They settled into the new Royal Oaks neighborhood, a small area of tidy homes being built in the shadow of the growing 3M Company. Rhoda remembers there were no people, no shopping, no restaurants. Just, from her vantage point, lots of cornfields. Paul began the arduous task of knocking on doors and trying to establish a new LCMS church by reaching out to people one-by-one.

The stories of his showing up on the front steps of these new homes before the moving van was unloaded gave him a reputation as a bold, albeit slightly over-eager, evangelist, ready to tell people about Jesus Christ and His love for them.

The first minutes of the young church recorded the initial meeting of (primarily) Paul and Rhoda's neighbors, who would become the church's original members. After eating together, the men stayed in the living room upstairs to work on a charter, while Rhoda and the women retired to another room to discuss missions.

From these humble beginnings around a table of fellowship and the visionary resolve of a young pastor and his wife has grown a church of nearly 4,000 members, with four campuses, and four worship venues, with a local mission field of more than 100,000 people in the East Metro area.

What could that early church, named Woodbury Lutheran to reflect its commitment to the little town in which it was settled, have in common with Woodbury Lutheran today? And what will it have in common with the church in another 50 years?

Maybe everything.

Because, while upon casual observation we may think much has changed, the heart of Woodbury Lutheran has not.

From our early beginnings in the gymnasium at Royal Oaks Elementary, to the grafting of the congregation at Oak Hill, to (in a twist of irony) the worship services on our newest campus at Liberty Ridge Elementary, it is not the buildings but the people who are Woodbury Lutheran.

When the doors opened on Valley Creek Campus in 1969, church leadership decided the building would always be a place of gathering not just for Sunday worship, but for community events. Through the years, it has been a busy place for gatherings of all sorts. In addition to our preschool program, which opened soon after the original building was dedicated, and the Christian Cupboard, we host Bible Study

Fellowship, recovery groups, dance recitals, school concerts, scout meetings, blood drives, and more. Today, the building on Valley Creek houses about 100 non-church meetings each month.

And one of the people in our neighborhood said he bought the house across the street because he assumed a church would be a quiet neighbor, except for Sunday mornings!

Our first focus as a congregation is on worship. From the Chicago Folk Service in the 1960s, to the music of Matt Redman and Chris Tomlin, among others, we have always reflected changing musical preferences of the time while honoring tradition through both contemporary and blended services. Anchoring it all has been preaching centered on God's word, and prayer. Lots and lots of prayer!

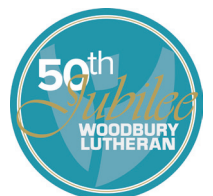
We value and emphasize growth – not corporate growth, but individual spiritual growth. We have encouraged children and adults of all ages to be in the Word, to attend worship, to join small groups and Bible studies that will challenge them and develop in them Godly wisdom. While we may not have identified it as such years ago, we have always encouraged our members to walk a Discipleship path.

As we stretch beyond our walls, and sometimes beyond ourselves, to answer the needs of our immediate community, our city, and the world, we have built a reputation as a serving and sending church. From 6,000 quilts that cover the backs of those who go through the doors at the Salvation Army shelter ... to a million meals (and counting) for Feed My Starving Children ... and so much more ... the hands of our people are busy as we reflect the love of Jesus.

Our vision for mission, which started at the first meeting, continues through supporting, sending and equipping missionaries, many of whom are children raised within our congregation. God has been faithful to us – from generation to generation!

There have been changes, but our cornerstone remains the same. Woodbury Lutheran is built on a firm foundation -- the truth of the Gospel and our adherence to scripture as God-breathed has not wavered. And it is our desire to share the love of Jesus Christ, and to reflect His heart for retrieving the lost, that was from the beginning -- and is still -- the mission of our congregation.

As we begin our 50th anniversary launch of a new campaign, "Multiply," it is our prayer that the work which began 50 years ago – outreach to those in our community and far beyond in the name of Jesus Christ -- will always be what unites us and inspires us.



50 AND 500: JUBILEE AND REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 29,
1 pm, Valley Creek

We will culminate our month of Jubilee in high style with an Oct. 29 Reformation Service at 1 pm on the Valley Creek campus. The traditional Lutheran service celebrating 500 years of the Reformation and our 50th Anniversary will be highlighted by special messages from the pulpit (including Pastor Tom, Pastor Paul Pfothenhauer, and District President Dean Nadasdy), a historical look back, beautiful music, including an original contemporary hymn by Mark Shepherd with lyrics by Dean Nadasdy, and a message of vision for the future. It will be a service to remember and inspire!

Following the service, we will have a coffee and cake reception.



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

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

Help us celebrate 50 years of Woodbury Lutheran’s mission to serve others by joining us as we pack meals for hungry children around the world.

This fun, family friendly event is open to all who are at least 5 years old. And if you can’t pack, you can still participate by labeling bags. We will be packing meals for Feed My Starving Children Thursday through Saturday, October 19th through the 21st at the Valley Creek campus.

Our goal is to pack over **272,000 meals** during these three days – which will feed over 700 children for a year. You can register online for a two-hour packing session at fmsc.org or by following the link on WLC’s home page.

If you have any questions or need assistance in registering, please contact Liz Thompson at eathompson1953@gmail.com or 651-262-9665. Don’t miss this opportunity to impact the lives of children around the world!



Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We celebrated the start of our first fall in ministry with a family picnic on Sunday, September 10. It was a great time of fellowship and connection.
- We made a shift in Kids Ministry, moving it to 10:15-11:15am. This means that kids are in worship for the first 15 minutes before they leave for their own special time.
- We blessed the staff and teachers at Liberty Ridge Elementary School, giving them a back-to-school card and small gift, letting them know we were praying for their work in the next year. We've received many thank you emails and notes from the staff.
- 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 with us as we ask God to move in a mighty way.
- Growing together in Bible study has been important at Liberty Ridge, and a great group continues to meet from 9:00-9:45am on Sundays. Currently, we are discussing the doctrines that were prevalent in the church during Luther's life.
- 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

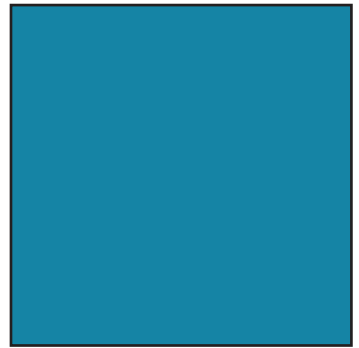
Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:

- On September 9th, we participated in the Grant Heritage Days Tractor Parade. This is always a great opportunity for us to get out into our community and spread the love of Jesus!
- This year we are blessed with 30 kids registered in Kids LINK. We thank God for the new families that have come to Oak Hill, and for our amazing small group leaders and the devotion they have to God's children.
- Roots and Foundations started up again on Wednesday nights. The campus is alive each mid-week with 25 youth and 4 adult leaders.
- We said farewell to Pastor Derek, Kristin, and their family on September 24th as they move to St. Louis. Our campus looks forward to God's plans for us and the Broten family. Praise be to God for Pastor Derek's leadership and shepherding of the Oak Hill Campus for the past 5 years!
- 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.



New Members:

Robert & Sara Cerza
Corey Peterson,
Gianna Peterson
Anna Young, Ava Young



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- All of our Kids and Youth activities have kicked off and are going very well.
- This fall we will be refreshing our outdoor signage across campuses.
- We are very excited about kicking off ***Multiply*** and celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Make sure to check out all the great events and invite a friend.
- Please continue to be in prayer that the Lord would provide another pastor to help shepherd our Campus.
- 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.



Welcoming Mission & Reach Staff

MIKE SABBANN comes with over 15 years of experience as a volunteer with WLC's missions activities, including a year of mission work in east Asia. Prior to this role in Reach with WLC, Mike spent 30 years in the financial industry as an investment research analyst. He will focus his time working with WLC's Missions Care Team, long-term missionaries, and Liberty Ridge and Oak Hills local outreach programs. Mike and his wife Connie have been members of our church for 30 years, and have 3 adult children. He has this to say about his new role, "Our church has been very active for many years sending people to share the Good News of Jesus. I'm looking forward to building on this and bringing more integration and alignment into what we do. Our congregation is terrific when it comes to movement like this."

REGINA KEHL and her husband, Ben have been married for 22 years. They have three daughters, Hannah (19), Grace (16), and Ryan (14). Regina has been working with short-term missions at WLC for the last two years and is excited to continuing to serve both leaders and their teams. Her favorite part of working with the teams is digging in and wrestling through how we can do missions more effectively. Her local outreach focus will be through the Creek campus. She is excited to serve the Lord, our church body, and our community here and around the globe.

Weddings:

Kaitlin Edwards & Dallas Tucker

Baptisms:

Eleanor Kay Grotha
Paul Robert Krypel
Natalie Lynn Fox
Bennett Patrick Fitzgerald
Melania Jo Fitzgerald
Joslyn Arabelle Fitzgerald
Soren Hubert Voth
Nora Marie Barney

Deaths:

Greg Lewis ~ mother, Joy Lewis
Sheri Lewis ~ cousin, Lynn
Tousignant
Steve Braun ~ mother, Gertie
Braun
John McGuire ~ brother, Ben
McGuire

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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Share Your Thanksgiving Day with a Foreign Student

Janice and I had the opportunity over Thanksgiving in 2016 to host two Chinese students from the University of Minnesota at our family Thanksgiving meal. This was arranged through a program called USA Homestays.

Why did we agree to do this on a traditionally family day? Apparently, 90% of students from foreign countries that study in the US never set foot in an American home. If our [now-grown] children Ashleigh or Nic were studying in another country, I would hope that someone would invite them to experience local traditions.

We hosted two students whose English names are Cheryl and Jimmy. They were great guests to have. Their English skills were very good (certainly better than our Chinese!).

We didn't do anything different than we normally would. We prayed over our meal, we worked on a jigsaw puzzle, we watched some football on TV, we played pool and board games, and our student guests participated in everything.

At the end of the evening as we said our goodbyes

before I took them back to campus, Cheryl said to Janice “Is it OK to hug you?” Those of you who know Janice know her response. These are students who are spending multiple years away from their families - we were honored to be able to be “family away from home.”

We enjoyed the time so much that we invited both students to join us for Christmas Day. Jimmy was in China over break, so wasn't able to join us, but Cheryl and another student, Mark, did. Cheryl also joined our whole family the next day as we did a glass fusion craft.

We didn't realize what a great experience this would be. I encourage you to consider opening your home to a student over Thanksgiving. It's a great experience - and you have the opportunity to make an impact in the lives of students that may not be familiar with our customs and be-

liefs. The majority of foreign students are from China, India, and Saudi Arabia. Be open to learning about their cultures, because we found they certainly like to learn about ours!

USA Homestays provides some training in advance of your hosting a student to give you some ideas of what to expect and what you should or shouldn't do.

Please let me know if you have any questions about hosting a student - or two - over Thanksgiving. It's a great experience for the student - and it will be a great experience for you and your family!

~ Paul Grizzell



The Beckendorf's Mission Update

A written Bible without a literate community
is just an artifact on a shelf.

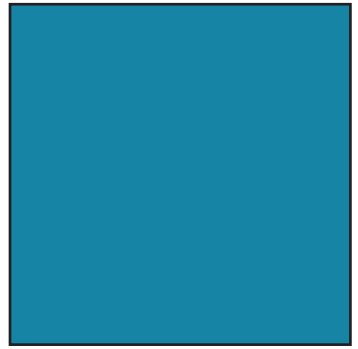
That may sound a bit pessimistic but it is the reality on the ground. For years we have been working diligently to translate God's Word into Khwedam and hoping that along the way "someone" would come along to begin teaching people to read and write Khwedam. We had conducted some literacy workshops years ago in conjunction with a local non-government-organization; we provided the knowledge of the language and its writing, and the NGO provided the logistics and funding. However, when the NGO's funding fizzled so did the literacy work. At the time the people in the villages weren't too upset because there was nothing to read. But now that we've been producing selections of Scripture there is a renewed hunger for literacy.

Toward the end of 2016, as we were planning for 2017, we decided that we had put off literacy work long enough and made a plan to begin teaching. Splash and I (Tim) developed some new materials and refined others that we had created some years ago to use for literacy engagement and practice. Then we began producing more literature. We produced several health booklets that addressed good hygiene, tuberculosis, alcoholism and vaccinations. Moses also wrote a number of Khwedam fables that everyone knows, adding drawings to illustrate the characters. These are becoming very popular with those who already read Khwedam. The purpose of producing these booklets is for the people to have literature to read in order to develop their new reading skills (as well as to impart information).

Moses and Splash have visited Khwe communities in Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa teaching reading and writing in Khwedam. These sessions have been hugely successful and already those who received training are reading and beginning to write in Khwedam and are urgently requesting that Splash and Moses return to give follow up training.

All of this takes a lot of time away from Bible translation, but is necessary so that the Bible we are producing will be used. We ask that you would please pray that literacy will dramatically grow among the Khwe and that it will significantly increase their knowledge of salvation as they read God's Word in Khwedam.

~ The Beckendorf's



Hurricane Relief Teams

Our first Harvey Relief team is currently in Rockport, TX. They are helping clean Bart and Karen Gentry, the parents of Woodbury Lutheran's Sally Cronin.

It is with great joy that we share Christ's love with our friends, our family, and all of God's children.

~Vicar Christian



WALK ON WATER

We live in a culture obsessed with obtaining the most comfortable lifestyle. God commands us to comfort others, but we would rather comfort ourselves. We even have comfort foods! Comfort isn't necessarily bad, but our ultimate comfort should not be dependent upon things or circumstances but rather upon God.

As we follow Jesus, we discover that He is not as concerned with our continual comfort as much as we are. God is more concerned with our character. God knows that discomfort actually has the potential to help us grow closer to Him, to depend on Him, and it allows God to show Himself strong on our behalf. God tests us, stretches us, and shapes us in uncomfortable ways—ways we would never choose for ourselves. Jesus often led His disciples out of their comfort zone and into uncomfortable, even dangerous, situations.

One night, Jesus sent Peter and the other disciples away in a small boat, knowing that a raging storm was on its way. Jesus came to them like a ghost, walking on the dark water in the middle of the sea, unmoved by the wind and the waves. To prove He was Jesus, He instructed Peter to get out of the boat and walk on the water toward Him. This was an ultimate out-of-the-comfort-zone moment! Peter's obedience and quick faith allowed him to walk on the water, but fear almost drowned him when he took his focus off of Jesus.

Jesus used discomfort to show His miraculous power that night. Jesus and Peter walked on water, Jesus rescued Peter and the other disciples, Jesus calmed the storm, and He accepted their worship. When we obey God's voice, take steps of faith outside of our comfort zone, and focus on Jesus, miracles can happen. If we recognize Jesus as God, we can trust Him in any situation. Jesus is our Comforter. He has saved us. Jesus deserves our trust and our worship, regardless of our circumstances.

HEAR IT

Read Matthew 14:22-33 with your family. Imagine being one of the disciples in the boat. Discuss the following questions and talk about how this story relates to your lives today.

- If Jesus knew the disciples would be caught in a storm why do you think He sent them out that night?
- Was Peter comfortable walking on the water? Why did Peter start to sink?
- What happened when Jesus got in the boat? What changed?
- What do you think the disciples learned that night? What can you learn from this story?

DO IT

Challenge yourself this month to do something out of your comfort zone that you know would be pleasing to God. Trust that even if you are uncomfortable, Jesus will show up and uphold you. Suggestions:

Ask someone (maybe a neighbor) if there is anything he needs prayer for, and if he does, pray for him right then and there.

Compliment someone you think needs some encouragement or as uncomfortable as it might be, say, "I love you" to a family member who needs to hear it.

Look intently for opportunities to help someone. When you see an opportunity, no matter your comfort level, go for it—just like Peter jumping out of the boat!

Invite someone to go to church with you. Or maybe join that person for an event she would enjoy that you may not.

by Trent Armstrong

Trent lives in Southern California with his wife and four children. Trent studied organizational leadership and holds a bachelor of science degree from Biola University. He currently serves at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA, as a drummer on the worship team and has been involved in music ministry for more than 25 years.



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October Birthdays

1	Marianne Eineke Mason Himes James Poole Victoria Riehle Brian Smith Rick Stinogel Janna Duban	Garrett Sailer Kimberly Sorgert Dave Wegner	Delaney Palmer Danielle Nelson Fran Menge Gradey Olafson Brian Stakston Dottie Tillery	Marie Klinzing Gerald Morton Marie Schultz Chelsea Lewis	Helen Louie-Terzian Daniel Wesser	Karin Stensvad David Wolterstorff
2	Rhonda Affield Kaylee Amundson Nathan Bloomquist Kurt Brammer Josh Brocker Barrett Connolly Joshua Kirchhoff Scott Stevens	2 Linda Atchison Veronica Pettit Audrey Forciea Julia Gibbs Luanne Greengard Roger Haukland Shirley Hensel Dick Maguire Lisa Noblett Don Piper Brian Rieck April Reed Nick Weiler	11 Sharla Phernetton Kevin Graham Amy Meyer Raya Nelson Eric Heintz Lorraine Wohlhuter Seryozha Mzenga Bruce Montgomery Abram Neumann Daniel Krause Marlen VanOverbeke Abby Schissel Irene Sczublewski Jill Hodne Michael Vandenburg Christopher Rieck	16 Kirstin Doman Jennifer Foss-Wille Sam Froseth Amy Lee Jan McLean Max Schmidt Elise Schuenke Sophia Skadberg Amy Tessmer Eric Varin	22 Diane Cragoe Hall Zach Howard Jan Jeske-Rowe Lisa Peterson Robbie McKusky Everett Morri Justin Thompson Kimberly Herr Hannah Dufresne	27 Michele Jacobus Tim Pleggenkuhle Jeremy House Andrew Eineke Roman Rogotzke Connie Sabbann Jeanette Schmidt KC Swanlund Lisa Thao Debora Vandenburg
3	Alex Barker BJ Brown Kris Bruesehoff Lyn Foley Cynthia Freeman Amber Ignaszewski Bethany Mathot Gabe Peterson Kavin Ramesh Nancy Ritter Carol Score Nick Skadsberg	8 Ellen Cochran John Foster Alanna Hill Aaron Bauman Katie Dahm Parker Huebsch Tyler Huebsch Brian Kirchhoff Bob Kolb Etta Meyer Scott Reinhard Mark Smith Olivia Thao Cheryl Tveit	12 Barbara Groth Christopher Neutz Ella Schwarzenbach Alexander Konop Zachary Koschmann Cindy Schwartz Mike Steingraber Meshana Thaxton-Khang Jamison Mackey Melanie Haberman Dawn Kroohn	17 Brooke Albrecht Paige Albrecht Bill Hellenberg Kristen Nesvig Cynthia Martin Lillian Stenzel Jacob Speckhard Matt Weiss	23 Hannah Bauman Lesa Clarkson Peter Bloomquist Julia Esboldt Melania Fitzgerald Elden Lamprecht Tom Kroohn Paul Rubbert Jen Wenck Annaleise Voss Madeline Haut Caitlin Johnson Brad Sweet Warren Weum Adam Wiering	28 Bob Nelson Maria Engen Nolan Aspen Quinn Haines Carley Kokaisel Kelsey Wegner LeRoy Wilke Parris Vitela Rachel McFarland Anastacia Speckhard Katie Schultz Wendy Schultzze
4	Paul Burandt Brook Burt Elias Aune Patrick Brewer Jerry Helander Marvel Mitterholzer Kendel McKinley Jason Sirovy	9 Jesse Spates Terri Albrecht Steve Dopson Alexandra Pashina Jeff Konop Grant Schouveller Matthew Meek Griffin Zeller Bennett Zeller Jarek Schrachta Rick Theissen Anne Johnson	13 Courtney Heerwald Jennifer Anderson Tommy Albrecht Cathy Carlos Hannah Rodemeyer Zachary Taylor Brittni Weber Michael Zenner	18 Julia Glatzmaier Olivia Hassebroek Addison Rohm Will Bartley Erin Brandvik Mark Kreger Diane Kruger Ryan Lindstrom Jim Sobaski Ben Wilson	24 Melissa Butzler Arlene Hallee Zachary Cartier Presley Olafson Arul Ramesh Justin Topp Payton Robillard Jenny Granlund Pat Stevens	29 Amanda Brigl Cheryl Stensvad Bennett Lodermeier David Schelling Beejay Zager
5	Sophia Carlson Camryn Goerlitz Elizabeth Huebsch Janet Harrison Rod Lund Alden Nelson Deb Reynolds Brenda Stoffel Brindley Schull Alejandro Trujillo-Corona Lori Voth	10 Georgina Cavanaugh Hadley Combs Briggett Hanson Debbie Heggernes Gene Anderson Dominique Villaume Lachlan Gotschall Stella Hall Olivia Hillmeyer Kaye Christianson Logan Duis Ruth Premiah	14 Rick Blomquist Dominic Browning Mackenzie Fossan Carolyn Hernandez David O'Connor Eva Powers Josephine Mack Stacey Wagley	19 Ruth Camilli Jacob Rygh Paul Claugherly Ari Meyer Molly Yee Christian Johnson Aliya Baibatryova Matt Prestegord Judy Pirkel Jennifer Singleton Benjamin Jacobus Heidi Hove Lois Setten	25 Kaitlin Albrecht Ryan Loss Julie Drevnick Valerie Reichel Maggie Law Desiree Morningstar John Rodemeyer Nancy Brezina Yvonne Knoepfel	30 Bob Albrecht Simona Awiszus Judah Bayless Chad Helgason Jack Kohlbeck Candace Lilleboe Aspyr Offenhauser Thomas Ogren Keira Rosin
6	George Achterling Michele Eggers Fritz Feuerherm Matthew Hanson Glennae Meyer Gina Pearson Elora Riley		15 Justin Bloomer Jessami Bruesehoff Amy Fitzgerald Robert Cummings Cole Bruesehoff	20 Aliya Baibatryova Matt Prestegord Judy Pirkel Jennifer Singleton Benjamin Jacobus Heidi Hove Lois Setten 21 Harriet Porter Cheri McKusky Eli Boon Vienna Carlson Andrea Hitzemann-Johnson Autumn Schuldt Gerald Steffel Matthew Edwards	26 Don Arneson James Belmonte Cristina Gurrola Alyssa Kreutzfeldt Rick Albrecht Eric Bjornson Lisa Huska Mel Medin Katherine Reinhard Vicki Huebsch	31 Renee Kenow Trevor Brammer LaVonne Hamilton Brian Kieser Latha Kirubakaran Janice Lindau Quinn McHarg Alyxia Morris Katherine Parker Megan Ross Michael Scheid Jean Steinbraber Bill Taylor

& Anniversaries

1	Gary & Diane Baran	5	John & Dorothy Blaisdell	Brian & Donna Herian	19	Ken & Lindsey Babin	24	Grant & Pixie Anderson	
	Joey & Kirsten Benke		Jorge & Acela Lopez	Tom & Patti Nelson		Charles & Janice Jones		Tom & Alex Finnegan	
	Tim & Brittany Bystrycki		Burt & Reighe Nagel	13	Brad & Sandi Miller		Fred & Alyssa Kreutzfeldt	25	Kelly & Tiffany Fitzgerald
	Nick & Julie Kordosky	6	Paul & Sally Cronin	14	Dave & Cheryl Schindler	20	Gerald & Robin Dittmann	26	Brian & Addie Michlitsch
2	Gary & Byrnina Iskason		Jeff & Aimee Wilford	15	Justin & Amanda Brigl		Chike & Sarah Ociagha		Chad & Alison Kurth
	Kevin & Darlene Meissner	7	John & Joy Taraldsen		Doug & Beth Mackey		Dick & Nancy Ritter	27	Keith & Cynthia Gustafson
3	Dave & Sue McNally	9	Aaron & Jamila Drevlow		Bill & Donna Gauwitz	22	Jeff & Joan Figlmiller		Michael & Brenda Haut
	Karl & Cheryl Hohenstein	10	Kevin & Katie Featherstone	16	Bob & Amy Schlichenmaier		Aaron & Haley Raebel	28	Mark & Tami Jelinek
	Thomas & Ingrid Kinnounth		John & Theresa Leis	17	Larry & Carol Edwards		Mark & Tonya Smith	30	Tim & Roxane Becken
	Mark & Kim Sorgert		Brian & Katie Whitmarsh	18	Greg & Sharon Opheim		Bob & Fran Cummings		Justin & Lisa Bloomer
4	Rich & Shelly Ahlquist	11	Jim & Alicia Culbertson		John & Jessica Norring	23	John & Diane Kuhrmeyer	31	Dwight & Patti Schultz
	Mark & Cameo Kosanke		Kevin & Kristin Esboldt		Billi & Karen Klinzing		Ed & Cathy Yee		
	Gene & Phyllis Letendre	12	Glen & Cindy Boedecker		Josh & Melanie Anderson		Kevin & Deb Tacheny		
	Jeff & Katie Mueller		Brett & Lisa Corrigan		Tom & Kristine Stork		Peter & Barb Cavanaugh		



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September 30/October 1

Title: Disciples
 Reading: Acts 1:6-11
 Verse: Acts 1:8
 2nd Reading: Matthew 28:16-20
 Focus: The power of Jesus was unleashed in the disciples as His Holy Spirit was given to them and the result was they became powerful witnesses for His life transforming invitation. At the heart of **Multiply** is the call that we have been given as His disciples to make disciples as Jesus unleashes His power in us, in our relationships, in our communities and in His world.

October 7/8

Title: Leaders
 Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
 Verse: 2 Timothy 2:2
 2nd Reading: Matthew 9:35-38
 Focus: Paul encouraged Timothy to entrust the teachings of Jesus to trustworthy people who would continue to pass them on to others. Jesus Himself called us to pray to the God of the harvest that He would raise up workers to go out into the harvest fields. The church stands at a crossroads, in need of trustworthy leaders who will pass on the teachings of Jesus; will you step into your gifting and allow the power of Jesus to be unleashed in you?

October 14/15

Title: Generosity
 Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19
 Verse: Habakkuk 3:18
 2nd Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Focus: Something happens in our hearts when we begin to learn to hold loosely to the financial blessings that God has given to us. When it comes to being generous givers we are called to be sacrificial,

Multiplying Disciples//Transforming Lives

To follow Jesus Christ, grow as His disciples, serving and telling others, so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

have a joy filled attitude and be gracious. As you think about your own Generosity Journey where are you today and what step is Jesus calling you to take next?

October 21/22

Title: Churches
Reading: Matthew 16:13-18
Verse: Matthew 16:18
2nd Reading: Acts 13:1-6a
Focus: Jesus promises that not even all the power of hell will be able to stand up to His church. The Apostle Paul gives a great example of how when the power of Jesus is unleashed in new church plants that entire communities are transformed. What if God was calling us at WLC to **Multiply** churches locally and around the world?

October 28/29

Title: Imagination
Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
Verse: Ephesians 3:20
2nd Reading: John 14:8-14 (*Epecially 12-13*)
Focus: The promise of God is that He can and will do far beyond what we could ever imagine. We have seen that for 50 years at WLC and as we look forward to the next 50 as we continue to pray that His power will be unleashed and **Multiply** beyond what we could ever dream or imagine.

November 4/5

Title: The Harvest
Reading: Mark 4:1-20
Verse: Mark 4:8
2nd Reading: None
Focus: By the power of Jesus we as His disciples are called to produce fruit. Jesus describes a farmer who sows seeds and when that seed falls on good soil it multiplies and produces a harvest 30, 60 and even a 100 times what was planted. Now is the time for us at WLC to step into what is next by producing a multiplied harvest.

November 11/12

Title: Abundance
Reading: Mark 6:30-44
Verse: Mark 6:41
2nd Reading: Psalm 65:1-13 (Read Responsively)
Focus: Jesus provides for us abundantly in so many ways and the proper response to this great blessing is to praise the name of our great God! As we think about the abundance of our blessings may we turn them into multiplied blessings in our relationships, in our communities and in His world.

November 18/19

Title: Miracles
Reading: Exodus 7:1-5
Verse: Exodus 7:3
2nd Reading: Exodus 36:1-7
Focus: God hardened the heart of Pharaoh specifically so that His miraculous signs would be multiplied. As the Israelites came to offer their gifts for the Tabernacle Moses had to turn them away because they brought too much. As we bring our first fruit gifts this day may the miracles of God be multiplied through our offerings.

Multiplying Disciples//Transforming Lives

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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 October 15 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

On November 4th and 5th we will get to celebrate with our young people who have completed their Confirmation Journey. These students have set aside many hours over the past year to intentionally invest in their understanding of and relationship with their Lord, Jesus. They've served, participated in Worship, invested in others and been invested in on Wednesdays in their small groups, as well as setting aside time at home to personally study the Bible and catechism, exploring what it means to be an adult who follows Jesus. They've written and shared their testimonies that celebrate how the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives. Be sure to be here on November 4th and 5th as dozens of our youth will be confirming the faith that was given to them in their Baptisms and standing up here as a young adults making a public declaration that they are disciples of Jesus and they will be continuing to grow as an adults following Jesus. The list of names will be shared in the November newsletter. We will be praying over each student on Saturday, November 4th at 10:45am at the Valley Creek campus Sanctuary, all are welcome to participate in that special prayer service.



Grow

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for this low pressure DVD bible study where all ages, gender and relationships are welcome. The topics fo-

cus on God's continuous presence and promises in our lives. Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR 6TH-12TH

All Youth ministries take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm. The night looks like this: 6-6:30pm, Game time; 6:30-7pm, Opening worship/games; 7-7:30pm, Large group teaching; 7:30-8:15pm, Small groups. 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, Foundations and Roots.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

The confirmation Journey at WLC, 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).

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. Find the link to the THREE sign up forms at wlc youth.org

FIGHT THE NEW DRUG

"With a simple desire to make an impact on the world, we used science, facts and personal accounts to help spread the message about the harmful effects of pornography." This awesome organization is coming to the Valley Creek campus this fall to speak to students (6th-12th) and their parents about the realities of pornography. Please plan to be there on November 8, 6:30-8:15pm! This is an all campus event. Oak Hill families please meet at VC that evening. Find out more at <http://fightthenewdrug.org/>.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP REVEAL

We will be revealing our 2018 Summer Mission trips during the large group opening from 6:30-7pm on October 25. Parents please join us at both the OH and VC campuses as we share where we'll be serving next summer!!! Registration will open the next day!

ALL CAMPUS YOUTH TAILGATE PARTY (6-12TH)

Join us as we share some free hotdogs and hot cocoa with our community at the Woodbury vs Stillwater High school football game on Wednesday, October 18, 6-7pm. We'll be tailgating before the game (if you're wanting to attend the game, be sure to get a ticket and set up a plan, we won't be going to the game as a group) in the field west of the stadium right off the parking lot at Woodbury High School. We'd love to see you there!!! Look for a white tent with some fun folks with hot cocoa!

OAK HILL GAME NIGHT (6-12TH)

Game night the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm. The first one will be October 5. Meet at Caribou Coffee, 1830 Market Dr. Stillwater, MN 55082. Come hang out with Sarah Dibbern and play games!

LIBERTY RIDGE YOUTH (6-12TH)

Join us on October 1 for a Bonfire & Game Night, 5:30-8pm at Pastor Jon Kuehne's house. Sign up at wlc youth.org and let us know if you can make it! Contact: Laura Stennes.

Getting Connected

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 **George Dow** as he presents, "Three Career Change Strategies after 50" **October 13 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 **Kathleen Murray** as she presents, "Thriving Through a Layoff" on **October 27 at 7pm**, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.



SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS!

Have you considered living out the Discipleship path through missions? Join a WLC Short-Term Mission Experience in 2018:

- Robin's Nest, Jamaica - June 14-22
- Phillips Neighborhood, Minneapolis - July 21-28
- Kake, Alaska - TBD
- Quito, Ecuador - TBD

Applications (<http://www.woodburylutheran.org/resources-media/missions/short-term-mission-experiences/>) and \$100 deposit due 1/31. Email KehlR@woodburylutheran.org with questions.

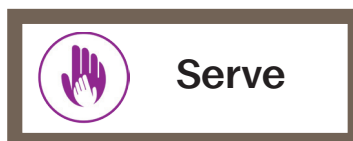
MISSION DESSERT GATHERING WITH THE MILLERS

Join Brad & Sandi Miller - WLC sent missionaries with ITeams on Tuesday, October 24 - 7pm, at the home of Ron and Mavis Shivers - 5751 Deer Trail - Wood-

bury. All are invited to come and hear stories of what God is doing around the world!

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.

VC NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking adult volunteers to mentor and work alongside our student volunteers in our nursery during all services. Our nursery serves ages birth to 3 years old. If interested, please contact Rachel Conant at conantr@woodburylutheran.org

SINGERS!

The Woodbury Lutheran Chorale invites singers from ALL THREE CAMPUSES to join them in presenting our annual CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT, Dec. 8-10. Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 7:45-8:45PM the Chorale will begin learning music for the concerts. Come and join us! Questions? Contact Mark Shepperd, director, at shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org

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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.

October 2017 Calendar

**2 (V) Monday Afternoon
Women's Ministry**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974

**2 (V) Monday Morning
Men's Bible Study**
Mondays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144 x221

3 (V) Cancer Companions
Tuesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Vicki Strong,
651-208-4353

4 (V) Women of the Word
Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman,
651-739-5144

**4 (V) Wednesday Evening
Bible Study**
Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Contact: Mike Zenner,
651-592-9435

5 (O) Women of the Word
Thursdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman,
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,
651-472-1975

**7 (O) Saturday Morning
Men's Bible Study**
Saturdays, 8:00am
Contact: Molly Schulze,
651-739-5144

**7 (V) Saturday Morning
Men's Bible Study**
Saturdays, 6:30am
Contact: Jeff Linert,
651-387-9428

**7 (V) Basic Biblical
Finances**
Saturdays, 9:00am
Contact: Tom Tibbetts,
651-247-0501

**8 (V) 50th Anniversary
Jubilee Fest**
Sunday, 12:00pm
Contact: Lori Golden,
651-459-9533

**10 (V) Congregation
Interview with Candidate
Adam Hengst**
Tuesday, 7:00pm

**12 (V) Career Transition
Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo,
612-386-3715

15 (V) Healing Service
Sunday, 12:15pm
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144 x221

**19-21 (V) Feed My Starving
Children MobilePack**
Thu-Sat, Various Times
Contact: Liz Thompson,
651-262-9665

**22 (L) Multiply Advanced
Committment Event**
Sunday, 6:00pm

**29 (V) 50th Anniversary
Reformation Service**
Sunday, 1:00pm

THE NEWS LETTER

Want more events?

Visit woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com

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

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

Liberty Ridge Campus (L)
11395 Eagle View Blvd
Woodbury, MN 55129

St. Croix Campus (S)
Afton, MN 55001

(651) 739-5144
Visit us on the web at
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