

THE NEWS LETTER



August 2017

Mission to Kake

Where does the time go? The Kake mission team has been back home for ten days, but this phrase still sticks out in my mind from the other team members on the Friday that we departed Kake.

As the mission trip blogger, I was asked to write a few things in retrospect. As was mentioned in the blog, we had intended to insulate the church walls but God had other plans. The repairs that were done to the structures were needed and necessary.

Also mentioned in the blog, our group had a chance to connect with the community in many other ways. We held a VBS and a sports camp for the kids of the village. Some from our team helped at Kake's Culture Camp, and another group was able to interact with elderly individuals at the senior center and through home visits.

But the important thing that was accomplished was the relationships that were developed amongst the team members and the people of Kake. Had we done what was planned would a young man have bonded with Dan? Would Norm and the rest of the guys have had the opportunity to mentor another young man and would the ladies have been able to connect with his girlfriend? I won't speculate on "what ifs," but will say that we followed the path that was set before, not in frustration, but in joy that comes from the Lord.

The first timers to Kake want to return again and are talking about going next year. Could this be the short term mission trip for you? You ask "Where do I start?" Start with prayer. ***"Lord, are you calling me to do a short term mission? If not Kake where do you want to go?"*** Talk to people who have made the trip. Time passes quickly. Maybe next year you will ask "Where does the time go?"

~ Jerry Backlund



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Belong, Believe, Behave...

Several weeks ago in our 8am worship service on the Valley Creek Campus, I was blessed to be a part of something that was especially amazing. Like we always do in a Communion Service, we were communing the Music Team before the rest of the congregation and as I was doing that, I looked up and noticed that there was another person kneeling at the altar. On the surface this does not seem to be anything out of the ordinary, except that this man was different. He was not a part of the Music Team, he was not dressed all that well, he had what many would consider a strange haircut and he did not look like most of the people at our 8am service.

As I approached him to give him communion, I noticed that he was weeping and you could sense the brokenness that was flowing from his heart, it truly was an honor to serve him. After I blessed the Music Team they all stood up along with the lone man, and I could immediately see in his eyes that he knew was out of place. I think that he was so focused on receiving God's grace in Communion, that he was unaware of what was going on around him - until he looked up and noticed that he was the only one standing there.

In that moment, I was so proud of our church as several ushers helped him find his way back into the congregation; there were no looks of judgement, no annoyance that he did it all wrong, just love and concern for a child of God who needed His gifts.

One of our values at WLC is that all are welcome and when we live out that value, it truly reflects the heart of Jesus. Too often the church and its members have the attitude that before someone can belong, they need to believe all the right things and behave in all the right ways, but Jesus flips that paradigm on its head as he shows us what it looks like for people to first belong, then believe, then behave.

I pray that we will always be a church where anyone is welcome - no matter what they believe or how they believe. Because it is in the belonging where the Spirit of God is at work shaping our beliefs and transforming our behavior, just like He did in the life of a short little guy named Zacchaeus. **Belong//Believe//Behave.**

Following Jesus -
Pastor Tom



WE VALUE

**EACH
PERSON**

Come as You Are

“When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”
-- Luke 19:6

Weddings:

Nicole Schwartz & Keith Nystrom

Baptisms:

Zane Franklin Spreigl
Louis James Bernier
Jori Jane Bernier
Wesley Paul Bloemendal
Ivy Grace Haines
Madelyn Victoria Rud
Anders Michael Heggernes

Deaths:

David Parker ~ mother, Caroleen Parker
Don Hartinger ~ father, Don Hartinger, Sr.
Family of Tom Westling
Robert Kamholz ~ brother, Walter Kamholz
Jan Karlstrand ~ cousin, Robert Karlstrand
Bob Nelson ~ brother, Stick Nelson
Mike Rollefson ~ brother, Bob Rollefson
Family of John Ratliff

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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“...we are serving people with open hearts...”

Summertime Prayers

Well it's August in Minnesota. You know what that means, heat and corn dogs. I remember my dog, Daisy, looked a bit wilted this time last year. Heat, lightning, northern lights and lighting bugs are our free entertainment provided by the hand of God.

This month's prayer theme, our last one, is **Look out**. The weather in our state is often the ice breaker we use to talk to our neighbors or those on the bus. Families are getting ready for school; moms are bumping into each other at Target or the pool. How can your conversation get past the weather to be able to invite them to church?

Remember our BLESS card - Begin with prayer; Listen to their stories; Eat together; Serve them; Story. When the time is right share your story of how Jesus changed your life.

August's Prayer Theme

Look out - we are not a selfish people, like Judas clinging to coins. We are serving people with open hearts to God and open arms to our neighbors inviting others to Woodbury Lutheran. We move together in grateful prayer for the work God has called us to do.

Include these Beatitudes in your prayer this month Matthew 5: 9-10.

God blesses those who work for peace,
• for they will be called the children of God.

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,
• for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

~ Mary Lehman



Windows

Stories of Our Past

Have you ever wondered about the history of the stained glass windows in the Valley Creek worship center lobby? These four windows on the south wall each tell a story which is worth knowing. How they got there is also a story.

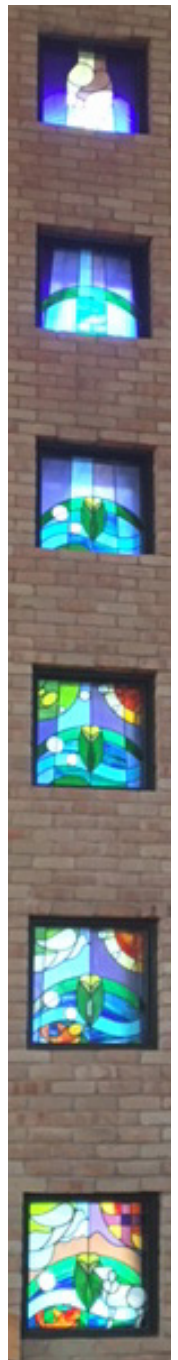
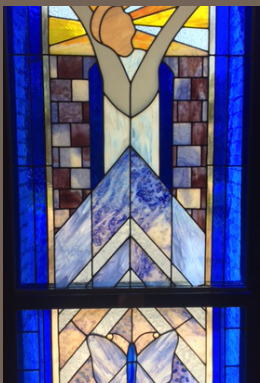
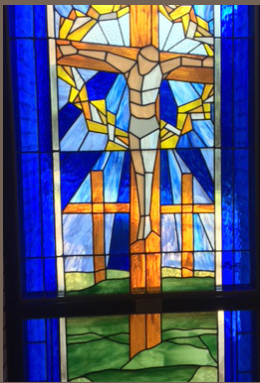
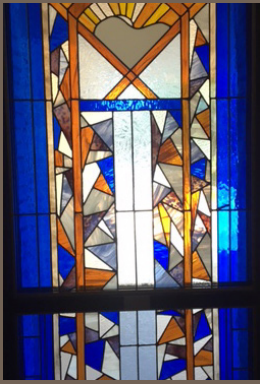
Early in 1985, several members of Woodbury Lutheran Church were encouraged by Pastor Paul Pfothenauer to create stained glass windows for each of the four windows in the WLC sanctuary, now known as the Genesis Room. It was a challenge, but Margie Jones and her husband Paul accepted that challenge. They recruited a team of helpers. Margie, along with Beth Petrowski, designed the pictures themselves and the team set out to learn how to cut glass, fitting lead soldering and cementing. Although there were several other team members, Margie singled out Eldon Lamprecht, Dave Frost and Carol Hadrits as perhaps the most committed to the project. The project was completed and the windows were installed and dedicated on January 5th, 1986. Eighteen years later when our sanctuary was built the four windows were moved to their current location - the south wall of the VC worship center...

Each window is a story. The first window (represents the birth of Christ. The biblical verse supporting this is Luke 2:11, "For unto you is born this day..." The Biblical verse for window two is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world..." and the window depicts the Crucifixion. In John 11:25, we read "I am the resurrection and the

life..." and window three shows us Christ's resurrection. Finally, window four with the dove and tongues of fire tells us Pentecost. See Acts 2:2-4. "...and they were all filled the Holy Ghost."

When facing the altar in the main VC sanctuary, you will notice we also have stained glass windows. That's a story for another day. Suffice it to say that stained glass windows have been a part of church ornamentation for hundreds of years. We are blessed to have windows and the stories they tell. We are also grateful to have skilled servants willing to devote their time and gifts so that we all may be blessed by these windows.

- Tom Vaaler





Short Term Mission Experience The Phillips Neighborhood

The Phillip's Neighborhood mission experience 2017 was our 4th year to serve, learn and experience what God is doing only 18.5 miles from Woodbury Lutheran Church. And not surprisingly-He is doing A LOT! Although our full time Team number was 10 (Jim and Lori Golden, Brad and Sharon Fong, Kim Dolan, Mike Hamann, Marty Ostermann, Sandy Hayden, Peggy Novak, Len Score) our Team extended to many more than that. There were 4 people (Jerry Morton, Cathy Swenson-Goetz, Carol Score and Barb Flemming) that were not able to commit to the whole week but were with us a number of days. In addition to that, there were a number of others from our congregation who came down to help us on our work days (even some very new members!) as well as a small discipling group that came down and served and encourage us for one of our evening team dinners.

Our week was full with the work projects we do for Trinity First Lutheran. We added new mulch to the playground, cleaned classrooms, painted, did fixing projects, and even were able to do "new 'wish list" projects. A couple of those projects that especially blessed the teachers and staff were a new monitor for their security system and a couple raised vegetable garden beds. We spent 3 days with over 60 students that came for their Summer Bridge Summer School and VBS program. More than half of our Team spent a morning helping across the street from TFL at the Community Emergency Services in miscellaneous jobs they had. There were many opportunities to gather and worship with people from the community. On Saturday we helped serve an outside hot dog lunch to over 100 people, many that live there on the streets and in difficult living situations. Stories could be shared about reconnections that were made with people that were our regular guests from the Thursday dinners we use to serve there at Trinity! This was our 4th year to be blessed with sharing a meal (Ethiopian/American pot roast) with our Oromo speaking brothers and sisters in Christ from the Ethiopian church. We brought a dinner to the small but steadfast Christian congregation gathering in the Native American Little Earth Community to fellowship and worship with them. Our Team spent time listening and learning from a few of the Christian outreach organizations serving in the area such as Source MN that work with the sex trafficking that is happening right in our own backyard, New Life Family Services, Arrive Ministries that work with resettlement of refugee families, (these are the 3 organizations that WLC blessed with our Easter offerings) as well as having Pastor Ben Griffin share with us about the vision and efforts of LINC. Pastor Ben brought a guest speaker with him, Dorsey Howard, Jr. who shared about his life of making many wrong choices that led him to a life of crime and even prison and now his new life in Christ that has inspired the writing of his book, *One Way- No Left Turn*. I believe I speak on behalf of many on the Team, who would say they felt a huge impact from our 4 hour "A Day in The Life" tour through St. Stephen's Human Services that let us listen to and ask even "difficult" questions to those who have personally experienced the life of living on the street and trying to navigate the system of finding housing, food and employment. At the close of our time with each of these organizations, we were intentional in lifting them up to the Lord as we presented them with a prayer shawl made from some of the women of WLC and prayed over them. These were very touching moments that we believed encouraged them in the difficult work they are doing in the name of the Lord. We hope to continue in our encouragement to each of these ministries as well as staying connected to them in one way or another. If you have a personal interest in any of them please feel free to contact Lori Golden (goldenL60@yahoo.com) or any of our team members and we would love to help get you connected.

The Phillip's Neighborhood mission "trip" is one that offers the ease of travel. No passports, no plane tickets, simply a 23 minute drive from the comforts of our own homes. It provides all the same opportunities of any international mission trip with the added thought that you not only experience one new culture but are surrounded by a multi-cultural experience. I would strongly encourage anyone to consider serving on the Phillip's Neighborhood Team in 2018!

~Lori Golden

*"After this I looked,
and there before
me was a great
multitude that no
one could count,
from every nation,
tribe, people and
language,
standing before
the throne and
before the Lamb"
-- Revelation 7:9*

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We are starting to see consistent interest and interaction from the community surrounding Liberty Ridge. We are excited to see a few of them get connected.
- We have hired Laura Stennes to be our part-time Kids Ministry Coordinator. We are excited for the gifts she brings to the table to be used by God!
- We hosted our first Family Craft Night in the Stonemill Farms neighborhood. It was a great time with a mix of members and non-attenders in the community.
- We are continuing to build up servants. We are always looking for people to help with setup or teardown. If you want to experience Liberty Ridge for one weekend this summer and help with setup or teardown, email Pastor Jon at kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org.
- 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.
- 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 August 20th we will be celebrating 5 years at the Oak Hill location with an outdoor service at 9:30am and a meal to follow.
- We had a great VBS week with amazing leaders and over half the kids that came were from our community.
- We give thanks for Naomi Golnitz who served as our Small Group counterpart for the past 3 1/2 years.
- Thanks to a couple of generous gifts we have two new stoves and a dishwasher that is coming.
- Starting in the fall, Tony and Stacy Moran are going to lead a team to provide a once a month community meal after church.
- 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.

Welcome New WLC Members!

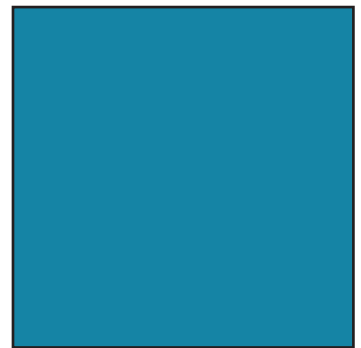
David & Mary Jo
Pearson, Belle Anne
& Rafael

Kristin Charlson,
Connor & Caylee

Desiree & Aaron
Morningstar

Lucille Johnson

Kip Sander



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- Work on the West End stairs is wrapping up and over the next couple of weeks the west parking lot will be completely resurfaced.
- Our activities camp had over 125 kids and many volunteers as kids participated in everything from sports to art to help them learn about their identity in Jesus.
- We recently worked with a consultant looking over our signage on both our Valley Creek and Oak Hill Campuses and we look forward to some great improvements in that area over the next few months.
- 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.



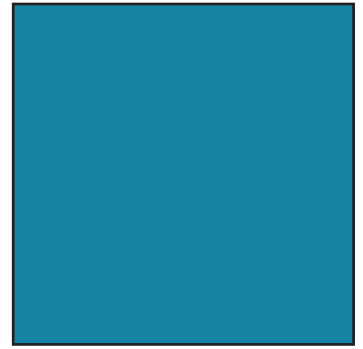
High School Mission Trip!

The High School Mission Experience this year was in Northern Idaho over June 16-23rd. Our team of 26 high schoolers and 8 adults had an amazing time serving a region of the country that is greatly affected by poverty. Many on our team served individual residents with home repairs they couldn't afford or accomplish on their own, while others worked with organizations that served the community.

All week we grew in our faith through study, worship, prayer, and reflecting on our theme of "Masterpiece" based off of Ephesians 2:10. We also had some incredible encounters with God's creation through hikes, playing in the river, and an incredible bike ride. The week was truly a masterpiece!

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
-- Ephesians 2:10*





Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

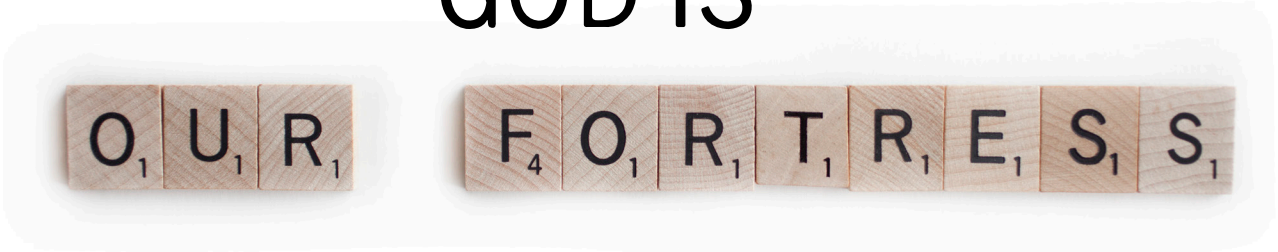
Life Line Screening will be here at Woodbury Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 31, 2017 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these important screenings today. The first 7 people to pre-register on the sign up sheet located on the information table (at each campus beginning August 1st) will receive a \$25 discount off of any package priced at \$139 or more!

Learn to lower your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. There is no time like the present to take action!



GOD IS



A fortress is a highly protected and impenetrable building—a stronghold in battle. Martin Luther penned the words, “A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.” (A bulwark is a fortified wall, like a dam, that would hold back whatever would seek to invade). Long before that, the psalmist penned Psalm 91:2, “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” These writers knew the intimate peace of a protected place, a fortress that came from the protection of an Almighty God.

We have likely all had our living rooms disrupted by an architectural wonder made of chairs, blankets, and couch cushions, a fort where our kids can hide from the snares of cleaning their rooms and feel the close belonging of those invited into the space.

This month, we’d like to encourage you to build a family fort as a place to hide away and pray. It can be something you create in your living room with blankets and pillows or you may choose to create an outdoor fort following the directions on the next page.

As you build your physical fort and create a quiet and protected place to meet with God, discuss how the protection of God as our fortress makes you feel. Do you feel safe? Protected? Hidden?

Consider these occasions when you might come to your fortress to pray:

WHEN YOU NEED REST

- Psalm 91:1 declares, “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” Sometimes the intimacy of a fort allows rest, and God encourages us to find our rest in Him. Pray for peace and rest when you feel weary.

WHEN YOU FEEL AFRAID

- Psalm 91:4-5 comforts us with, “He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings

you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.” God will keep us safe from that which we fear, covering us and giving us refuge. Confess your fears to God and trust Him as a strong fortress.

WHEN YOU FEEL THREATENED

- Psalm 91:9-10 says, “If you say, ‘The LORD is my refuge,’ and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.” Tell God when you feel threatened by harm or disaster, and declare Him as your refuge.

WHEN YOU NEED REASSURANCE

- Psalm 91 ends with verses 14-16, “‘Because he loves me,’ says the LORD, ‘I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.’” These verses encourage us to declare our love for God and to call on Him. God will be with us, deliver us, and honor us, and ultimately show His salvation. These verses say, “I know God and I am known by God.”

“God is our fortress” means we know Him as both intimate protector who covers us, and Almighty God who fights against our enemy.

by Courtney Wilson

Courtney is the Elementary Director at Christ Community Church in the suburbs of Chicago. You can usually find her chasing her four amazing kids around with coffee in one hand and a camera in the other.

Taken from the August 2017 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.

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BIRTHDAYS

& ANNIVERSARIES

1 Eldon & Kay Banitt Jack & Cathy Carlos Adam & Jennifer Doehrmann Jared & Melissa Goerlitz Alden Nelson & Marian Snow	Jim & Helen Gland Neil & Julie Horn Jeff & Cindy Linert Barry & Cindy Thompson Robert & Kari Ulrich	Richard & Jennifer Schmidt	Hal & Carolynne Schmidt Christopher & Sherri Smith	Jerry & Marjorie Seeger Ross & Stephanie Smith Lev & Sondra Wagner LeRoy & Jane Wilke
2 Jason & Susan Brusewitz Matthew & Debbie Eddy Tom & Marilyn Harrold Dean & Susie Nadasdy Eric & Jill Leonard Daniel & Mary Powers	9 Justin & Amber Gehring Lars & Hannah Heggernes Gary & Sue McDowell Steve & Kristi Rohlf Peter & Molly Shepperd	14 Wes & Patty Bolin Clark & Katie Dailey Steven & Susan Joines Tom & Marci Speckhard Tom & Darlene Tibbetts Corey & Rhonda Topp	21 Howard & Karen Boatman Tom & Ann Crist Jonathan & Lizzie Wesser Derek & Kelli Wick	26 Sang & Peg Albrecht Allen & Karen Bergh Tim & Bethany Mathot Dave & Marsha Voss
4 Ron & Kathy Lutes Scott & Denise Schuenke Stephen & Ashley St. Clair	10 Keith & Lavonne Buchanan Rodney & Diane Nelsestuen Christopher & Dawn Radecki Francis & Karen Rheinberger Jim & Marlys Sobaski	15 Steve & Lori Raebel Chad & Leah Peterson Don & Joyce Piper	22 Bryan & Michelle Hawkinson Mark & Vicki Hogeboom Bryce & Rikki Mohlenhoff Todd & Cayla Klusmann	27 Will & Arlene Bartley Joshua & Susan Boon Ben & Jeanne Doane
5 David & Becky Nelson Mark & April Reed	11 Donald & Michelle Hartinger Marv & Joyce Jenkins Lester & Sue Lange	16 Jim & Lori Golden Ron & Lori Kane Rick Ortmeier & Chris Fagerblom	23 Mike & Sherrie Kinmouth Monte & Rochelle Michel Joseph & Kimberlee Seltz Hal & Nancy Shaver Kirk & Mary Nesvig	28 Tim & Ruth Bredahl Marv & Joan Bugnon Brian & Lisa Smith
6 Michael & Jennifer Hamann Steve & Lori Johnson	12 Eric & Roxy Bjomson Brian & Karlee Pitt	17 Derek & Kristen Broten Eddie & Jennifer Carlson Ricky & Jamie Pearson Brad & Kim Scibak	24 Roger & Betty Fockler Mike & Carolyn Kohbeck Matthew & Kris Nelson Dan & Kris Peterson Perry & Deb Varin	29 Kurt & Kathleen Anderson Mark & Eli LeClair Dennis & Mary Ellen O'Connor
7 Steven & Rhonda Affeld Matthew & Heather Meek Mark & Annette Reagan	13 Gerald & Ginny Anderson Michael & Amy Gannon Kevin & Barbara Rosemann	18 Norm & Deb Berg Christian & Brenda Bertram Chris & Joelen Deilke Steven & LuCinda Schwartz	25 Tom & Barb Koch Rod & Kimberly Beseman Tim & Kathy Johnson Kevin & Leslie Lange	30 Brant & Melissa Larsen John Waldo & Jennifer Stevensen-Waldo
8 Don & Linda Arney Zack & Karina Barabash Daniel & Gail Field		19 Ron & BevHintz 20 Mike & Tina Pokrandt		31 Don & JoAnne Arndt James & Jen Gillard Herb & Jan Lyson



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?



“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

Coming Fall of 2017

What if by God’s power...

What if... by God’s power we could *Multiply* what we are doing missionally? What if... by God’s power we could *Multiply* a multisite war chest that would allow us to be ready for future campuses? What if... by God’s power we could *Multiply* our effectiveness by cutting our debt? What if... by God’s power we could *Multiply* our spiritual impact on members and guests by refreshing our current worship spaces?

“Jesus, unleash Your power in **me**,
in my **relationships**, in our **communities**,
and in Your **world**. Amen.”

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Save the Date:

WLC 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration – Sunday, October 8th

FMSC Children Mobile Pack – October 19-21

WLC 50th Anniversary Celebration – Sunday Afternoon, October 29th



Worship

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This "caring" ministry provides confidential, one to one, Christian care to those who are experiencing difficult life challenges. Need someone to talk with? At Oak Hill, contact: Cheryl O. (women) 651-777-5315, or Paul L. (men) 651-653-3467. At Valley Creek, contact Larry W. (men) 651-458-0147, or Linda W. (women) 651-458-0147. For other information: Shirley M. 651-276-7224.

MYWLC

Join WLC's online community: myWLC! Update your contact information, email other church goers, register/pay for events, view your contributions and print giving statements, look for serving opportunities and lots more! Most importantly: Get Connected! Log on at: myWLC.org. For more information or help logging in contact: Alycen at brothena@woodburylutheran.org.

WLC CHURCH APP

Woodbury Lutheran has an app! Check out recent sermons, service times, the weekly Greater Scripture card, access myWLC, give your offering online and more! Get connected by simply visiting, <http://get.theapp.co/4bbf>.

HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on August 20 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

Starting in September, 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.

COLORADO PEACHES ARRIVING!

Order taking for this annual peach fundraiser for our youth scholarship program is closed. We do have a wait list for extra crates that were order. Please contact Steve or Donna Retter directly at 651-739-5326 to be put on the list. Delivery day is projected to be August 10. Price per crate is \$30, or half crate for \$15 (one crate is 18 pounds, approximately 40 tree ripened, juicy peaches). Thanks for supporting our youth!

YOUTH SERVE

We are in need of people to help with distribution and phone calls upon the arrival of the peaches on and around Aug. 10. Great way to earn service hours for Confirmation or give back if you have ever been helped by the youth scholarship fund. Check for sign up link at wlyouth.org or Contact Stacy Winter to volunteer.

MIRACLE LEAGUE

For two nights this summer we'll be vol-

unteering with the East Metro Miracle League! EMLL is a baseball league for kids with special needs and it looks like a super fun way to serve! On Miracle League nights we'll help our buddies play the game and cheer them on! It's going to be great! Miracle Field is part of the Bielenberg/Healtheast Sports Center. It is located in the black field cluster, off of Hargis Road. Plan to meet us there! Event runs 5:45pm to approximately 8pm on Monday August 14 and 21. Sign up at wlyouth.org to let us know if you're coming. Contact: Patrick Brewer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer we will be exploring Acts and discovering that faith doesn't stand still. Summer Bible study is a great way to continue growing in your faith, seeing your friends, and eating weird foods! Bible Study runs till Aug. 16, 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your Bible!

- **OH Summer Bible study (6-12th):** At the Oak Hill Campus.
- **VC & LR Middle School (6-8th):** Abby Krueger's house, 8986 Princeton Road, Woodbury. (on July 5 and Aug 2 we'll be in the Bridge at the Valley Creek campus)
- **VC & LR High School (9-12th):** Patrick Brewer's house, 1220 Silverwood Court, Woodbury.

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 7/27 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 **Joan Runnheim Olson** as she presents, "Brand YOU: How to Stand Out from Your Competition" on **August 10 7pm**, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

Getting Connected

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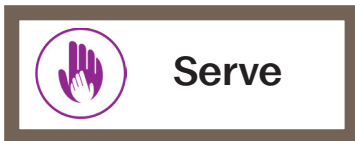
There will be a meeting on **August 24** 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). Watch for details on the speaker and his presentation on the website at www.careertransition-connection.org.



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.

MUSICIANS! SINGERS &



INSTRUMENTALISTS!

There are many opportunities for service across our three campuses at WLC. Singers, guitarists, bass players, drummers, and keyboard players are needed in **ALL EIGHT** of our weekend worship services. On our Valley Creek campus our bell choir and vocal choirs will begin rehearsing in September. Is God calling you to use your musical gifts in worship? Contact Mark Shepperd, Director of Music, for more information: shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org.

CHRISTIAN CLOTHES CLOSET

Every Friday the Christian Closet, located at VC, provides clothing for the community during the Christian Cupboard food shelf distribution hours. This is an absolutely amazing outreach where people are encouraged by the generous hearts of those who serve. To get connected with this outreach or to find out clothing items accepted, contact Gloria Johnson at 651-714-0245.

USHERS NEEDED – VC

We're looking for Ushers to join us in serving in either our Blended or Contemporary Services at our Valley Creek Campus (Especially 8am & 11am)! Please pray about serving once a month! Contact Mary Law to serve. 651-739-5144 or lawm@woodburylutheran.org

KIDS CARE

We are looking for caring individuals or families who would like to serve in our Sunday Morning nursery at VC campus, any service. Contact Rachel at conantr@woodburylutheran.org to volunteer or if you have questions.

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.

WL PRESCHOOL

We are looking for WLP Alums for a **"Where are They Now"** display as part of the 50th anniversary. Please send the names and contact email or phone number of these alums to mulsos@woodburylutheran.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Our 2017-2018 School year is about to begin! We are preparing and excited about what's in store for this upcoming school year! Please register for Wednesday youth programming at wlc youth.org. Opportunities are for students 6th-12th grade. All Youth ministries take place on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm**. We meet at both campuses of Oak Hill & Valley Creek.

- **SIXERS** is our 6th grade ministry (available at the VC campus, at Oak Hill 6th grade are a part of Foundations): we spend the year studying the Lord's Prayer, the Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit, & 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 & being His Disciple, it will be a journey through lots of core basics of faith and theology.
- **ROOTS** is our 9-12th grade ministry & it meets at both our VC and OH campuses. 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, & playing some ridiculously fun games!

We invite families & 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 students to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus. 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, & Reaching (sharing their faith with others) & is a great opportunity for students who want to personalize & grow as a Disciple. If you're interested, chat with Lindsey Schmidt or attend a group launch meeting (dates are posted at wlc youth.org).

August 2017 Calendar

1 (V) Cancer Companions

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

2 (V) Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Mike Zenner,
651-592-9435

3 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

5 (V) Baptism Class

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

5 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 8:00am
Contact: Pastor Derek Broten,
651-739-5144 x331

5 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

7 (V) Monday Morning

Men's Bible Study
Mondays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144 x221

7 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

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

10 (V) Peaches Distribution

Thursday
Contact: Steve Retter,
651-470-3862

10 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

14 (V) Miracle League Service Project

Monday, 5:45pm
Contact: Patrick Brewer,
651-739-5144 x211

20 (V) Healing Service

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

20 (O) Celebration

Sunday, 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Derek,
651-739-5144 331

21 (V) Miracle League Service Project

Monday, 5:45pm
Contact: Patrick Brewer,
651-739-5144 x211

24 (V) Grief Support for Women

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

28 (V) Germany Trip Information Meeting

Monday, 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Paul,
651-707-7144

31 (V) Life Line Screening

Thursday, 8:30am
Contact: Mary Law,
651-739-5144 x222

THE NEWS LETTER

Want more events?

Visit woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com

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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

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