

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

December 2015



Christmas Blessings to You!

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.*

From the Staff of Woodbury Lutheran

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We Value

Living Out Our Values

Over the next several months I would like to take some time with my newsletter articles to give some further insight into the values that make Woodbury Lutheran unique. Of course as followers of Jesus we have certain beliefs and practices that connect us to the wider body of Christ, but we also need to recognize that there are certain things about our gathering that make us unique from the church down the block. In the same way that each of us as individuals are a unique part of the body of Christ, so each gathering of Jesus followers is also unique.

Way back in 1966 the leadership of our congregation made a very important decision that would guide the direction of our church for years to come. Today, it is a decision that we might take for granted, or not even recognize as a big deal, but back then it was a really big deal. So what was this big decision you ask? It was choosing a name, for this new congregation. Instead of going with a typical church name it was decided that we wanted our church name to emphasize how important our community was going to be to our church, hence the name, *Woodbury Lutheran Church*.

We Value Our Community – Serving and Welcoming. Over the last 50 years this value has been evident in the life of our church and it has been really fun to watch this value come to life at our Oak Hill campus over the last three years. There is something about a church that is willing to both open its doors to allow people to come in, but then also be willing to serve the people of our community in significant ways.

Several years ago I was reading a book that challenged its readers to

ask the question: would your community notice if your church was gone, in other words, is the church making a difference in the community. It is pretty exciting to be able to answer that question with a resounding yes! Each month we have more than a hundred community meetings in our buildings; at our Valley Creek Campus we house the Christian Cupboard which serves more than 400 families each month providing food and clothes and when I tell people that our doors are open from 6am – 10pm on our Valley Creek Campus they think I am crazy, but this is just who we are.

As we prepare to move into our next 50 years of ministry as Woodbury Lutheran Church, may we do so with eyes fixed on this value of serving and welcoming our community as the description of Jesus in Matthew 9:36 continues to guide us, *“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”*

Walking Together,

Pastor Tom

Baptisms:

Abraham Robert Rockwell
Violet Eleanor Finch
Aiden Ivan Smith
Raya Marie Nelson
Tenley Ryan Knutson
Judah Hudson Bayless

Deaths:

Diane Baran ~ brother, David
Roger Hopke ~ sister, Darlene
Bob Olsen ~ mother, Pat
Nancy Schouveller ~ father, George
Jan Steffel ~ mother, Jane
Kim Duis ~ grandmother, Jane
Family of Gerald Groth
Family of Joyce Goodell
Tammy Huberty ~ niece, Maddie
Joe Allenspach ~ sister, Bernice
Larry Faffler ~ sister-in-law
Family of Arlene Nadeau
Family of Gary Wells
Lisa Ginn ~ mother, Diane
Lynne Ramin ~ mother, Sharon
Diana Weum ~ uncle
Family of Peter Riehle

Service Times at WLC:

Sundays at Valley Creek:

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

Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Genesis, Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

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Only the Lonely...

Roy Orbison wrote and performed a song I remember from childhood. My big sister had a small record player and a rack with her 45's lined up in it. I can still hear Orbison's unique voice and the sorrow in the lyrics. The song starts with: *Only the lonely, Know the way I feel tonight, Only the lonely, Know this feeling ain't right.* It ends with the hope: *Maybe tomorrow, A new romance, No-o-o more sorrow...*

I took a brief look at some statistics for dating websites (in other words I checked one website, Dating Sites Reviews). This is what I discovered: "According to a number of the major dating sites the busiest day to try out online dating is the first Sunday after New Year's Day between 5pm and 8pm. This year it happened on January 4th."

I guess as a single person you power through the holidays. For some, it's pretty painful to be alone. Maybe no one even asked you what you wanted for Christmas. So you look for a relationship and hope dating sites can help.

The truth is we are all lonely regardless of our marital status. We all disappoint people and we are disappointed by people. The loneliest I ever felt was when I was married and ignored. There had been a potential for togetherness, but I was the only one wanting it.

I wonder if God gets lonely. I wonder when I forget to be thankful for all I have, or I fall asleep watching TV and never get to prayer, or I don't bring God into my day to day living if he misses me? I wonder if God longs for me to recognize he's there for me.

With loneliness, the one who doesn't disappoint is God. He is close to us all the time. But the guy is invisible and really quiet. It would be nice if once in a while after a prayer you could hear something. I guess what we need is to learn to lean into the lonely and lean into our friends and lean into God. Here are a couple of verses that you may want to meditate on or pray with:

Psalm 25:16-17 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.

John 16:31-33 "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Mary Lehman



Juan Miguel from Casa Gabriel, Ecuador

Update from Juan Miguel

I've been off and running since the close of my time working with Youth World. This summer was a trialing yet an exciting time for me. Leading mission teams with Youth World not only gave me the opportunity to make money and have a place to live, but I was able to make good friendships as well. Besides everything that goes into leading mission teams, it was hard to see people leave but a joy to know that so many hearts were lit on fire to serve the Lord. Shortly after working with Youth World, I was on the search for a part-time job and a place to live.

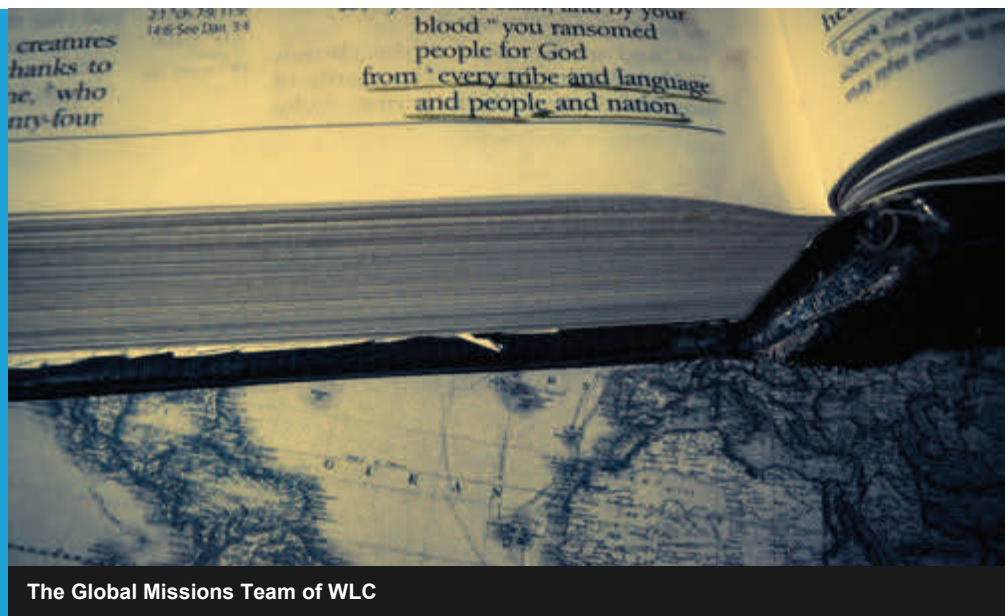
Finding a part-time job in Ecuador is a challenging thing because most employers offer only full-time positions. Being in school and finding a place that will work with my schedule has been one of my greatest challenges so far. Not having an official part-time job is not what I expected, but God is still providing. Missionaries from Youth World let me stay at their place while they were traveling for about a month and so this gave me the time to find a place to live. Unfortunately, I have to travel an hour and a half every morning to get to school, but I'm just thankful I finally found a place. As for finding a job, working with Youth World this summer led me to become the worship leader for Youth World's semester abroad program. Also, I have temporarily taken the leadership role for the worship team at an English speaking church (English Fellowship Church), which has also led to playing for some people from church.

College has always been a distant dream of mine. No one from my immediate or extended family has attended college. It's a dream that has been becoming a reality. And it is happening because of the people supporting me and believing in me. I recently joined Youth World's ministry, Education=Hope, which is a scholarship program for kids that live in desperate and difficult places. Growing up on the streets and then being brought in by Casa Gabriel (Youth World's discipleship ministry for street kids) has drastically changed my life; it has given me hope in pursuing my passions

and has taught me to use the gifts God has given me to the best of my abilities. So besides those early morning 7 a.m. classes, going to college is something I never thought would be apart of my life. But studying vocal performance and business at La Universidad de Las Americas has been amazing. We just finished 2 weeks of testing and have been learning to sing the blues. School has been a lot of work, along with making income and trying to still find a sustainable and part-time job. But in the meantime, like I said, the Lord is providing and I am extremely thankful.

Prayer Requests:

- Find a part-time job
- New supporters in my education through Education=Hope
- Strength in my voice



The Global Missions Team of WLC

Missionaries Land in Woodbury!

November was "Mission Month" at Woodbury Lutheran, and there was a whole lot of learning going on last month at both campuses. Many of the missionaries our church supports dropped into our services, small groups and Bible studies to teach us things they've learned over the years in their ministries. For example, Brad Miller introduced a tool (the "up, in and out triangle") that helps us mimic the balance Jesus demonstrated in His life and relationships. Grant Buse shared tips on how to "be a missionary right where you are." Grant and his wife, Beth, have been campus missionaries in Minneapolis for 16 years. Kurtis Smith taught about social justice and how it interacts with God's mission for us. Sandi Miller talked about sharing Jesus with your adult grandchildren and children. Most of their topics provided ideas for us to "grow" in our own spiritual walks and to "reach" others with the refreshing concept of a Savior. These are ways for us to join Jesus on the Discipleship Path!

The Global Missions Team is excited about the "mutual" relationships we have with our missionaries. Our church members can benefit by hearing from and interacting with them about their lives and experiences, even as we partner with them with financial and prayer support. We hope you learned by hearing directly from them. If you have questions or comments about our speakers, or want to follow-up with any of them, please contact Mike Sabbann at 651-731-6236.



McLain Cronin

WLC Troop 559 Celebrates Its 100th Eagle Scout

The Boy Scouts of America's motto is "Be Prepared". Woodbury Lutheran's Troop 559 has been doing just that, to prepare boys for life since 1970. This year we are fortunate to celebrate our 100th Eagle Scout. It is also special to note that this Scout is from our congregation, McLain Cronin, son of Paul and Sally.

As the Troop Charter Representative, I have the privilege of watching these young boys grow into leaders in their schools, churches, and community. Currently the troop has 57 boys and 25 adult leaders meeting every Monday night. The troop has either a campout or other recreation activity each month.

Paul Cronin's family has been fortunate to have two Eagle Scouts. McLain's brother, Lucas received his Eagle in May 2013. In addition to working your way through the Scouting ranks, Eagle Scouts must complete a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership, and complete a service project. McLain started his career as a Cub Scout and participated in numerous camping activities. He actively participated in the flood recovery project in Hammond, Minnesota to help reconstruct houses and a church. A graduate of New Life Academy and football player, he wanted to give something back to his school. He chose a service project to construct new winter boot racks in the Elementary School of NLA in replacement of the old ones. Raising donations, he created 8 two-level boot racks with drip trays. The project took 3 months and 300 hours to complete. Leading the project and completing all this while still enrolled in school and sports takes dedication and perseverance. These are the characteristics of an Eagle Scout.

At his Eagle Ceremony, it was clear that this journey was an important one to him, his family, and his fellow Scouts that have followed and mentored him along this path. His remarks were filled with appreciation for those that helped along his journey to Eagle Scout. The skills he has learned as a Scout will serve him well not only in this community, but also his country. Upon completion of the ceremony, McLain turned in one uniform for another – the United States Marine Corps. McLain completed Marine Corp Boot Camp on October 16, and is currently on active duty.

We wish him God's blessing and pray for his safety wherever he may be serving. McLain's Eagle pamphlet concluded with an appropriate quote from Isaiah 40:31.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Semper fi, McLain

Charles Kenow, WLC Charter Representative, Troop 559



Oak Hill Campus of WLC

Oak Hill Update

We are so blessed by what God continues to do at our Oak Hill Campus. Each Sunday there is a vibrancy and excitement for when we gather together. In fact we have run into a great issue with four of the last six Sunday's having a parking lot that is completely full and the need for more people to park down the street. It is exciting to see more people taking their next step on the Discipleship path. This fall we launched another small group and have one more in the making which brings us close to 60% of this campus involved in a small group. We are also seeing more people using their gifts to serve as 76% of our campus is involved in some type of service. One of the areas I am most excited about is the growth in people inviting their friends and family. Each week we have between 8-15 visitors. Two weeks ago we had two separate people attend who haven't stepped into the church in the past 10 years. We are excited that in December we will be welcoming 20 new Members who bring great energy and gifts.

We continue to have a great connect with our community at Valley Outreach. We have a consistent group that serves every Thursday evening and others throughout the week. It's great to walk into this building and see our food box filled and overflowing. For the second year in a row we captured the Undies Sunday's trophy as we brought in 1,500 pairs of new underwear and socks for Valley Outreach. We continue to see great growth in our kids and youth program as well. How great is it that we get to celebrate God's movement at two locations.

Pastor Derek

WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT

Inspirational music, carols old and new, & classic songs
Friday & Saturday; December 11 & 12 at 7:30pm
and Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm

Featuring the Woodbury Lutheran Chorale, Celebration, Praise Band,
JuBELLee Ringers, Children's choir, Soloists, and 30 piece orchestra

Ticket Envelopes (freewill offering) are available at the Welcome Center (main lobby)

WORSHIP WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Christmas Eve

Blended (Sanctuary) Valley Creek Campus: 3:00, 5:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Contemporary (Genesis) Valley Creek Campus: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Oak Hill Campus: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sanctuary Valley Creek Campus: 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Sanctuary Oak Hill Campus: 5:00 p.m.



Brad & Sandi Miller

November Mission Month Activities

November 2015 has been a wonderful month of sharing with our Missionaries. We had 42 events at Oak Hill and Valley Creek campuses. We were able to learn how missionaries live and work in many different cultures and places.

We would like you to continue praying for all of our missionaries around the world. If you are interested in sending a Christmas card please visit the kiosk in the lobby or check at the information desk for names and addresses.

Woodbury Lutheran Church supports 16 different Missionaries from many countries and we support 6 Mission projects. Learn more at www.woodburylutheran.org.



Share the GREATEST Gift this Christmas!

Host a Christmas Gathering for your neighbors! Everything you need to know is found on the website:

www.christmasgatherings.com

All you have to do is follow the suggestion on how to host a Gathering. Show your friend the Speaker's part on the Gathering (have them watch the video on how to warmly and relationally give the talk), and you too can share the

greatest news ever announced in the warmth and comfort of your home.

"I have done this and it is so rewarding. YOU can do this too." Together, with the help of the wonderful website, we can get the message of God's love and provision of His Son, Jesus, to the people all around us who may NEVER feel comfortable to come with us to our church to hear of His love.

In Luke 10:2, Jesus states that **"the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."** It doesn't take a Bible scholar to see that Jesus says people are ready and ripe for harvest. The parable isn't the harvest, but the **harvesters**. In fact, this is the ONLY prayer Jesus asked us to pray! He said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest."

Christmas is the MOST open time of the year for people to hear about spiritual matters. People's hearts are open and the Christmas season is so conducive to parties and social get-togethers.

If anyone is interested in coordinating this Ministry, call Marsha Kveton—651-731-9333.

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| 2 | Mike Anderson Rachel Carr Edward Dicke Jason Boon Joel Feldkamp Samuel Nassios Dillon Kindom Alexandra Retica | 8 | Tom Danner Elli LeClair Jerry Rowe Markus Schull Lisa Dwelly Alexis Boudreaux Jordan Holmquist Casey Jahn Kevin Esboldt Jennifer Hamann Lisa Lodermeier Mary Maroney Micah Stohlmann Allison Lyden Mary Zamke Katie Whitmarsh | 13 | Melanie Carlson Lois Carlson Derek Fong Jill Connolly Steve Retter Tom Vaaler Mark Wilkie Myia Schuessler Joey Murphy Connor Charlson | 19 | Steven Affield Sylvia Bay Nancy Dittmer Jessica Jechort Steve Hall Ivy Laney Lucy LeMay Natalie Mack Jonah Niere Marvin Rosen Kevin Tacheny Athena Stifter Donna Ignaszewski Francis Oehlke Brian Cartier Caden Schlattman Robert Ulrich LaVonne Liljedahl Dan Anderson Jenna Bonofiglio William Conway Gina Kibble Luke Symmank Alexandra Arnt Brody Cattell Bella Brown Jason Schuldt Joel Lopez Shelly Ahlquist Sandra Engen Jacob Engen Sharon Fitzenberger Pete Olofson Axel Rogotzke Lisa Smith Mark Lund James Jensen Jeffrey Zelinsky Timothy Wolfram Mackenzie Illiff Eric Fernandez Wayne Franzen | 24 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
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BIRTHDAYS

8 ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Todd & Sheryl Breiholz Owen & Nancy McDonagh | 13 | Eldon & Sandra Engen Del & Liz Anderson | 27 | Dave & Krista De Zeeuw Pastor Drew & Ashley Bayless | Jerry & Jan Rowe Joel & Rachel Symmank |
| 5 | Gerald & Joyce Moran Patrick & Margaret Clagherty | 15 | Michael & Lori Charron | | Mike & Debbie Brocker Jim & Madelon Button | John & Marna Uebler Robert & Jo Youngquist |
| 6 | Roger & Cheryl Olstad Rick & Diane Theissen | 17 | Todd & Jodee Watanabe | | Donald & Janet Harrison Tim & Nancy Schubbe | William & Laurie Fredregill David & Beth Johnson |
| 9 | Tom & Sara Murphy Jim & Kathie Widen | 18 | Joel & Lucy Mba-Ngué | | Larry & Pamela Hall Casey & Kristin Charlson | Justin & Kelly Mack Steven & Yvonne Neils |
| 11 | Daniel & Lyn Foley Ron Vogt & Shirley Yates | 20 | Skip & Kay Peltier | 28 | Mike & Jan Rygh Jerry & Phyllis Hanggi | Jerry & Jeannie Backlund Gerald & Kristine Bohrer |
| 12 | Jerry & MaryAnne Linser | 22 | Robert & Suzanne Horning | 29 | William & Kristi Weichert | Matthew & Julianne Gage |

Taken from the December HomeFront Monthly Magazine

MORE THAN A SONG

Luke's account of the birth of Jesus is one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture. It is a story packed with excitement and wonder as we read about Jesus entering the world as a babe. It is a picture of the miraculous intersecting the ordinary.

As a worship leader, one of my favorite examples of this intersection is the angels worshipping God around the shepherds. Luke 2:13-14 says, "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest'"

The angels model worship to God in an incredible way; they worship God simply for who He is. They

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have not experienced the joy of redemption, yet they never tire of worshipping God. Their worship comes directly from their love. I am so thankful for this reminder to give God the glory because He is worthy of worship.

As parents, we have an amazing opportunity to model worship for our children. This is something that sometimes happens in a corporate setting as we demonstrate what it is to worship God in song with other believers. However, worship is so much more than only that. As Matt Redman puts it in his song, "The Heart of Worship,"

I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required.

It is in our time between the Sundays that we have our greatest opportunity to model worship. Like the angels in the field, this is where the miracle of worship intersects with the ordinary of our life.

I heard a story this week of a family in our church that wanted to be a light in their neighborhood. As a family, they decided to make pies for every home on their street. They went to the store together, purchased ingredients, baked them together, and went door-to-door introducing themselves and handing out delicious homemade apple pies. Before passing them out, they prayed together that through this act of service God would be glorified and that His love would shine bright. What a beautiful example of more-than-a-song worship.

Take some time this month to worship with your kids between the Sundays. Here are some practical examples you might try:

- Play worship music while driving in the car.
- Help your neighbor by mowing the yard, raking the leaves, or shoveling their driveway.
- Pray together.
- Be intentional about conversation that focuses on the Lord.
- Treat other people the way you want to be treated.


As we lay down our lives as an act of worship, we are creating a culture of worship in our homes that our kids will not miss. Make a point to worship God, like the angels, simply because He is worthy of it. You will not be disappointed!


by Bobby Taylor

Bobby and his wife, Rachel, love to travel, lead worship, and speak to worship leaders about the value of authentic worship and local church ministry. They have three children and live in Colorado Springs, CO. Bobby currently serves as the Worship Pastor at Mountain Springs Church.

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- 2** (V) **Women of the Word**
Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 3** (O) **Women of the Word**
Thursdays, 10am
Contact: Jane Dibbern, 651-739-5144
- 3** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9112
- 5** (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847
- 7** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974
- 10** (V) **Career Transition Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715
- 10** (V) **Open Door Thursday**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144
- 11** (V) **Christmas Festival Concert**
Friday, 7:30pm

- 12** (V) **Christmas Festival Concert**
Saturday, 7:30pm
- 13** (V) **Christmas Festival Concert**
Sunday, 4:00pm
- 24** (V) **Christmas Eve Worship**
Thursday, 3:00pm, 5:00pm & 11:00pm
- 24** (O) **Christmas Eve Worship**
Thursday, 3:00pm & 5:00pm
- 25** (V) **Christmas Day Worship**
Friday, 10:00am
- 31** (O) **New Year's Eve Worship**
Thursday, 5:00pm

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December 2015 Calendar Highlights

Want more events?
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Valley Creek Campus (V)
7380 Afton Road
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Oak Hill Campus (O)
9050 60th Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082

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