

# THE NEWS LETTER



FEBRUARY 2017

## Small Groups, Lent *and* **BLESS**

I love the Lenten season. We gather Wednesday at noon or evening for midweek worship. It is another chance to grow closer to God. It's a time to stop, feed your soul and be still awhile. Before the evening service we have soup dinners at OH and VC. The soup dinners offer tasty, warm, and delicious food. It is a great opportunity to be with old friends or meet new friends.

Remember the BLESS card we took home from worship a few weeks ago? BLESS is a way of reaching out to those who may not know Jesus. B - Begin with prayer. 'God how do you want me to bless others?' L - Listen, don't talk, but listen first to others. E - Eat. This takes time. An evening of eating together grows you together. S - Serve. Listen and eat with people and you will know how to love and serve them. S - Story. When the time is right, now we talk and share the story of how Jesus changed our life.

The Story piece is what I'd like to challenge you and especially our Small Groups to this spring. At each Small Group meeting set some time for your members to share their story. Have just one person share at each get-together. It will create community, bringing you closer and for some who may carry a burden it can bring healing. I've included a format below. Note - A story, ***especially in a small group setting must be written down and read.*** It is way too easy to get into detail for those who aren't public speakers. Many have no clue how long they are talking. The simple outline is below.

Your Story -

You will write a summary of the story of you. The Story of You will be read out loud to your small group. It should be no longer than 5 minutes. It's not meant to be a 'tell-all.' Rather ***it's a snapshot of your life with God.*** The following structure will help you. The questions are to give you the flow and to assist in knowing what to write.

Who are the people that influenced your life/faith?

What are your greatest successes?

What are your greatest failures?

In what way has knowing God changed you?

I would love to hear from you about the experience of Story in your Small Group.



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Interested in a Small Group? Connect with Naomi Golnitz (naomi@golnitz.com) at Oak Hill or Mary Lehman (651-739-5144 x201 or lehmanm@woodburylutheran.org) at Valley Creek or Liberty Ridge.

~ Mary Lehman

# Rejoice!

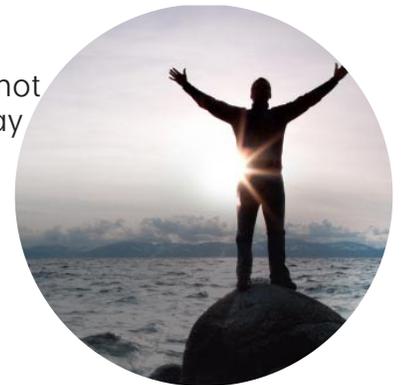
My favorite Bible character is the Apostle Paul; ever since I can remember I have always been amazed by his truly unbelievable conversion to becoming a disciple of Jesus and then how he lived out that conversion every day of his life. Sometimes when I look at all that God accomplished through Paul it can be easy for me to quickly forget all the suffering, persecution and pain that he endured in the name of Jesus; perhaps it is easy to forget because Paul was always finding a way to rejoice!

As he sailed for Jerusalem one last time from Ephesus he went expecting persecution and hardship and yet he went; and not only did he go, but he went on his way rejoicing. The book of Philippians is also known as the book of joy; if you are anything like me you find it easy to be filled with joy when the things of this life are going smoothly, but as soon as I experience hardship or loss or pain how quickly my joy can go with it.

Paul knew that the secret to being content - the secret to having joy in every circumstance - was found in Jesus. So I ask you, how is your joy quotient? Are you allowing the hardships of this world to cover your joy a layer at a time like an onion? Do you want to peel back some of the layers to once again find your joy? Are you allowing minor things to steal the joy that Jesus offers to you? Whatever the case look to Jesus, the one who for the joy set before Him endured the cross for you and for me.

If that doesn't make us rejoice, frankly I do not know what will. As we head into 2017 may this be a year that is filled with joy!

Rejoicing-  
Pastor Tom



*“Always be full of  
joy in the Lord.  
I say it again—  
rejoice!”  
-- Philippians 4:4*

### Baptisms:

Stella Marie Voth  
James David Barringer  
Paige Marie McNeill  
Calvin John Kane  
Axl Joseph Zilka

### Deaths:

Deane Schuessler ~ sister, Carol Miller  
Joel Schuessler ~ aunt, Carol Miller  
Donna Ignaszewski ~ father, Donald Jacobs  
Family of Merk Pieper  
Family of Pam Scapanski  
Mavis Shriver ~ brother, Dan Guida  
Family of Lorayne Tobin  
Family of Kay Brusewitz  
Gayla Pleggenkuhle ~ father, Russell Burgeson  
Kris Amundson ~ grandmother, Martha Vaerst  
Roger Erickson ~ brother, Paul Erickson  
Joy Hopke ~ mother, Marge Justus  
Phil Johnson ~ father, Ernest Johnson  
Family of Al Krummel  
Willy Mzenga ~ grandmother  
Family of Lloyd Nelson

### 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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## A Warm Minnesota Arrival

Sadiyo and her family are refugees from Somalia. She’s a single mom with six kids under 13 years old. There’s a lot of controversy right now over how many refugees we should let into the US... or where they should come from...or how do we screen them to keep our country safe. Regardless of your thoughts on the political issue of refugees, there’s a mother and her six kids that are already here. They’ve gone through tremendous hardships since their dad/husband was killed by Al-Shabaab militia. They need some help to just get their footing and allow them to become independent contributing members of society.

Our small group at the Oak Hill campus is hoping we can help them do that. We’re partnering with RLM Ministries (a part of Arrive Ministries, [www.arriveministries.org](http://www.arriveministries.org)), which is

a Christian non-profit that provides guidance, resources, and support to church teams as we all do our best to welcome and serve displaced refugees who resettle in Minnesota.

We hope that Sadiyo’s family can see that we love them, and maybe eventually they’ll see the source of our love and hope - Jesus Christ. But for right now, we’re just helping them survive all the confusion of this huge transition.

A new language, new culture, new rules - there’s so much to take in at once! And then there are the Minnesota winters. How could someone from Africa get used to those? Yet as Sadiyo and the kids are waiting for the bus on their first day of school, at -7°F, their excitement still comes through all those layers of clothing. Excitement about being able to go

to school, learn English (which they are always practicing on me), and meeting new friends.

Or maybe they were just laughing at me as I was hopping around trying to stay warm.

~ Darlene Strecker



“My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.”  
- 2 Corinthians 12:9



# 15 Years of Change

Celebrate Recovery at Woodbury Lutheran Church is celebrating 15 years of changed lives. We've witnessed many miracles as God faithfully works in and through this amazing program. We've seen relationships restored, marriages reconciled, families healed and brought together and the darkness of depression lifted just to name a few.

Celebrate Recovery's foundational verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness."

We encourage you to ask God about your own control issues, about idealized expectations of Him and life, about brokenness, selfishness and the like. You will often find things to change, heal, repent of and grow from that can provide new life for you.

When we can begin to find acceptance in the

midst of our struggles, we then can begin living in God's Reality. We become open to new choices, pathways, lessons and opportunities that are available to us. That's when true healing begins.

Instead of asking God to get rid of your problems, try to see them as the next steps of growth for you as you embrace them and persevere THRU them - not just merely tolerate them.

The secret of knowing God's complete sufficiency is in coming to the end of everything in ourselves and our circumstances. Once we reach this point we will stop seeking sympathy for difficult situations or ill treatment, because we will recognize these things as the necessary conditions for blessings - a point where we turn from our circumstances to God, realizing they are the evidence of Him working in our lives.

We cannot control all that happens to us, but we CAN control how we respond to what happens around us. The choices we make in life, to a large degree, determine the circumstances that we find ourselves living in, and the decisions we make to cope with our choices determine our destiny. Let's not forget that God's plan is not designed to make us comfortable; it is designed to make us more like Christ.

Celebrate Recovery is forward-looking - meaning that we focus on the future and change - rather than dwelling on what has happened in our past. The solution is to begin making wise choices today and learn to depend on Christ's power to help us make those changes.

We invite to you join

us on Thursday nights - Dinner (optional) served in the Paul Room from 5:30 to 6:15, Worship at 6:30, Small Groups at 7:30 and Solid Rock Café at 8:30!

For further information and contacts please visit our website at [www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/serve/celebraterecovery](http://www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/serve/celebraterecovery).



# Letting Go

During the month of January we looked at the topic of generosity and how learning to be generous can bring us great freedom and joy as we follow Jesus. During the month I received this great Poem from Jeanne Dicke about learning to let go of the material things to find what really matters. Thank you Jeanne and enjoy!

Pastor Tom

Letting go, downsizing, sorting, tossing, keeping, donating...

When does it ever end?

It's only 'stuff' they say, but 'stuff' comes with memories.

Memories of, people, places, times, celebrations and milestones, challenges and triumphs.

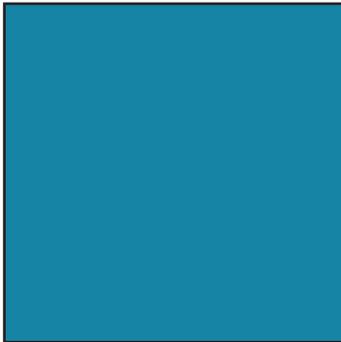
'Letting go' moves slowly, it takes time and thought.

In your 'letting go'... take time to remember God's faithfulness in your life.

He was with you then.

He is with you now.

He will be with you always.



The good news is... we can't take 'stuff' with us!  
The even better news is... we don't need to take 'stuff' with us.

"Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling."

Jesus has taken care of everything for us!

Can you imagine packing a suitcase for heaven?

*Jeanne Dicke, October 31, 2016*

## ***WLC Men's Restoration Retreat***

Friday 5pm –  
Saturday 5pm,  
Feb 17-18; at ARC,  
Osceola WI.

All guys are invited to enjoy time of recreation and reflection. We will seek to better understand and reclaim the purposes that God intended for our lives as men.

We will enjoy food, fellowship, games, volleyball, pickle ball, basketball, and tubing.

Signup and details at [woodburylutheran.org/upcoming-events](http://woodburylutheran.org/upcoming-events), Connections Center, or call or text Jeff Linert 651 387-9428.



## Worship

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on March 1, noon and 6:30pm at VC and at 6:30pm at OH. Lenten services will be March 8-April 5.

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES AND SOUP SUPPERS

Join us for the Wednesday Services at both the Valley Creek Campus and the Oak Hill Campuses. Worship at VC will be at noon and 6:30pm. Worship at Oak Hill will be at 6:30pm. Lenten services will be March 8 - April 5. During Lent before Wednesday worship, a tasty meal will be served. Also known as "the Christian happy hour," it is a time to break bread, catch up with friends and meet new people. Each week you will enjoy being served by various groups. Both campuses will serve soup suppers beginning at 5:15 to 6:15pm for VC and 5-6pm for OH. Cost is \$6 per person, \$20 max for a family.

### WLC CHURCH APP

Woodbury Lutheran has an app! Check out recent sermons, worship with us "live" at 9:30 & 11:00am, find information on service times, the weekly Scripture card, access myWLC, give your offering online and more! Get connected by simply visiting, <http://get.theapp.co/4bbf>.

### ONLINE GIVING

myWLC offers safe and secure electronic giving. This is a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make one-time or repeating automatic contributions through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from a checking or savings account. Log on to [www.myWLC.org](http://www.myWLC.org) and click on the Give tab. For more information contact: Mark Stutelberg at 651-739-5144 or [stutelbergm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:stutelbergm@woodburylutheran.org).

### STOCK DONATIONS

There are many different ways we can donate our time, talents and treasures

to Woodbury Lutheran Church. One way some members choose to donate is through the transfer or donation of stocks. A donation form is located by the welcome desk. If you have questions or want more information on how to donate stock, please contact Trecie Horner at 651-731-3349.



## Grow

### BACK TO THE BASICS

For hundreds of years, Martin Luther's Small Catechism served as a teaching tool for the basics of the faith. Join us as we dive into the basics of our faith. Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am, Genesis Room (VC); 10:30-11:30am, Church Office (OH) & 9:00-9:45am, Back Lobby (LR).

### THE STORY, PART III

Join us in discovering the Bible as a single, grand narrative. This class is great for those who are intimidated, confused or overwhelmed with reading the Bible. Classes meet Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30am, the Bridge, VC, and 9:15-10:15am, Youth Room, OH.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

#### CLASSES BEGIN FEB 12

In Financial Peace University Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you to financial freedom. This 9-week class will help you get rid of your debt, prepare for the future, and follow biblical financial principles. Classes begin on February 12th. On the OH Campus classes will run from 3-5pm, and on the VC Campus, classes will run from 4-6pm. To register and purchase your materials visit: [daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1027765](http://daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1027765) or text FPU to 872-222-WLC1 (9521). One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need. After purchasing your membership, you will receive an email from WLC. Childcare will be provided but you must register your children ahead of time. Questions? Visit the Connection Center or contact Pastor Jon at [kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org) or

651-739-5144.

### OAK HILL FAMILY TUBING EVENT

Join us on Sunday Feb. 12, 12-3pm for a family event at OH. We'll have lunch (free-will donation will be taken) at Oak Hill Campus from noon to 12:45 pm and then head to Green Acres for snow tubing from 1 to 3 pm. Dress warm and Invite your friends! All ages welcome. Tubers must be a minimum of 42 inches tall to ride alone on a tube. Cost varies by age - see online form (we must have at least 30 people to receive the group discount prices). Families, please plan your own transportation to Green Acres. Sign up online at [wlyouth.org](http://wlyouth.org) and download the required Green Acres waiver form. For more information please contact: Molly Schulze at [schulzem@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schulzem@woodburylutheran.org) or 651-739-5144.

### MS LOCK OUT RETREAT (6-8TH)

Join us all night fun on Feb. 24-25!! There will be worship followed by activities at a community center, a current movie at a local theater, bowling, pizza and more. We leave WLC Valley Creek campus by bus at 8pm, stay up all night and return at 6:45am. Friends welcome! Cost is \$40. Sign up by Feb. 22 and find our more at [wlyouth.org](http://wlyouth.org).

### YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS (6TH-12TH)

Still praying about whether to attend a summer mission trip? The time is now to sign up! Our first mission trip meeting for Duluth and Idaho will be on February 26, 1-2:30pm at the VC campus. Here is where we are going: Duluth MN(6th-8th), June 18-24, 2017; Camp Lutherhaven in Idaho, June 16-23, 2017 (8th-12th); Ecuador (16 and older) contact Patrick Brewer ([brewerp@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:brewerp@woodburylutheran.org)) for info. on the Ecuador trip. Sign up and get more information at [wlyouth.org](http://wlyouth.org).

### FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION CLASS (6th-12th)

Holy communion classes will be held on Tuesdays at the Valley Creek campus 6:30-8pm beginning on March 7 and runs through April 4. We have an alternative class time on Sundays from 1-2:30pm at the Valley Creek campus

# Getting Connected

beginning on March 12 running through April 9. Holy Communion classes are a parent(s) and child experience. Find out more and sign up at [wlcouth.org](http://wlcouth.org) or contact Lindsey Schmidt ([schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org)) with questions. **SAVE THE DATE:** First communion will take place on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter), April 13.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will begin February with a two week study called "Strong Friendships". Join us from 6:30-8pm in room 1-250 (VC Fire-side). **SCHEDULE CHANGE:** We will not meet during lent (March 1-April 12). Our study will resume on April 19. Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

## CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We would like to welcome Jeffry Brown, as he presents "Don't Lose Your WOW!" on February 9, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.careertransitionconnection.org](http://www.careertransitionconnection.org).

## CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We would like to welcome Michael Thomas Sunnarborg, as he presents "Now What? Maintaining Balance During Times of Transition" on February 23, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.careertransitionconnection.org](http://www.careertransitionconnection.org).



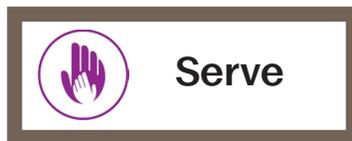
## SHORT TERM MISSION EXPERIENCES

Interested in going on a Mission Experience with WLC? There are four 2017 Short Term Mission (STM) teams for adults from Woodbury Lutheran that are actively in the recruitment process. The deadline to submit an application and \$100 deposit (together) is **January 31, 2017**. The four STM's are: Jamaica - Robin's Nest (June 22-30) Leaders: Steve and Diane Hall (contact: [cragoe12@gmail.com](mailto:cragoe12@gmail.com)); Minneapolis - Phillips Neighborhood (June 22-29) Leaders: Lori Golden and Regina Kehl

(Contact: [goldenl60@yahoo.com](mailto:goldenl60@yahoo.com); [regina.kehl@gmail.com](mailto:regina.kehl@gmail.com)); Kake, Alaska (July 4-15) Leaders: Mike and Connie Sabbann (Contact: [msabbann@usgo.net](mailto:msabbann@usgo.net)); and Quito, Ecuador (July 8-18) Leaders: Rick and Ann Gibbs (Contact: [annmarie.gibbs@gmail.com](mailto:annmarie.gibbs@gmail.com)) - This trip is also open to High School students from WLC. *\*All applications and deposits should be submitted to respective team leaders.*

## 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](mailto:kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org).



## SHERIDAN BACKPACK MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed for Fridays each week. For more information, contact Margie Gilles at 651-734-9916.

## 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](mailto:tskarl@comcast.net) for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

## LOVE TO SING?

Celebration, our adult vocal ensemble, has openings for a tenor and a bass. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:50pm. Celebration sings approximately once a month in our 8:00 or 11:00am Sanctuary services (VC). Please contact Mark Shepperd for more information at 651-

739-5144 or [shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org).

## SINGERS NEEDED!

The Woodbury Lutheran Chorale extends an invitation to high school age students and adults who love to sing to join them in rehearsal on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the church sanctuary (VC). In addition to preparing music for Sunday mornings the Chorale will soon be working on music for Lent and Easter. There are no auditions or qualifications other than a willing heart to serve. Join us in ministry through music! (If you desire additional information, you may contact Mark Shepperd at 651-739-5144).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

WLC will be commissioning newly trained Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry is a confidential, one-to-one, caring ministry. Please keep the care receivers and givers in your prayers. Some of the graduates are: Dawn Osladil, Ann Gibbs, John Kuhrmeyer, Beth Kothe, Cindy Schmitt, Kris Peterson, and Sally Meyer

With Dorothy Blaisdell's retirement at the end of this school year Woodbury Lutheran is currently receiving applications for a new full-time director of our Preschool and Extended Learning program. The director is responsible to promote the mission of Woodbury Lutheran Church, Preschool, and Extended Learning by developing, coordinating and administering early education and extended learning programs of exceptional quality, through excellence in Christ-centered leadership and supervision. Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Education, Early Childhood Education, Child Development or a related field, current (or working toward) state education license, minimum of 3 years leadership experience in field, experience as a Preschool Director (preferred but not required), committed disciple of Jesus Christ with a heart for service. The director ministry description may be found at [psdir.woodburylutheran.org](http://psdir.woodburylutheran.org). Resumes and questions may be directed to Joel Symmank at [symmankj@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:symmankj@woodburylutheran.org), 651-739-5144.



*In the September 2016 edition of the **INSIGHT Into Diversity**, Dr. Lesa Clarkson was recognized as one of 47 women making a difference in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with the 2016 Inspiring Women in STEM Award. These women work to inspire and encourage the next generation of young people to pursue STEM education and careers via teaching, mentoring, research, and groundbreaking discoveries and innovations. As scientists, researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, and university presidents and deans, they serve as role models to students and professionals alike, emboldening them to follow in their footsteps. Dr. Clarkson is a member on our Valley Creek Campus.*



Motivated by a sense of urgency to help students who get “left behind” – specifically those from the African American, Hispanic, and low-income communities – **Lesla Covington Clarkson**, PhD, works to increase their access to STEM education. In one such community in north Minneapolis, she supports, tutors, mentors, and encourages young people to be prepared for future study and opportunities in STEM fields. She created the Prepare2Nspire program to provide math tutoring to urban middle and high school students by an ethnically diverse group of University of Minnesota undergraduate STEM students; the program has supported nearly 400 young people thus far. Clarkson, who was a first-generation college student, is the only African American to earn a PhD in mathematics education from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, where she currently works as an associate professor.

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2	Mike & Debbie Heggernes	11	Rocky & Karen Johnson	18	Mark & Linda Erickson	26	Steve & Elaina Hane
2	John & Beth Welsh	12	Richard & Diane Kruger	19	Adam & Glennae Meyer	27	Daniel & Peggy Krause
2	Eric & Kim Sandrock	14	Jeff & Sarah Yonkovich	20	Elliott & Paula Walther	28	Cal & Kathy Janacek
	Perry & Kelly Rogotzke		Joel & Lorreen Mohlenhoff	21	Steve & Harriett Porter		Adam & Kimberly Jorgenson
	Mike & Holly Rollefson		John & Jean Rock	22	Mel & Allyson Medin		Gary & Teresa Kanne
5	Ed & Phyllis Dicke		Dan & Jamie Anderson	23	Paul & Kim Dolan		
	Scott & Janice Loula	15	Mike & Carrie Steffel	24	Perry & Michele Eggers		
7	Ivan & Angie Niezgocki	16	Norm & Vi Alrick		Steven & Kris Carlson		

# Grandparents: Respect the Parents!



**According to Solomon, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10).** I want my grandkids to have spiritual wisdom. Wisdom begins with awe-filled respect (fear) for God. Because learning respect is so vitally important for my grandkids, I know I must model it in my relationship with God and with their parents.

“I only said it out of love.” Marie, the grandmother on the sitcom *Everybody Loves Raymond*, often justified her cutting remarks with this phrase. Whenever she didn’t approve of the way her grandchildren were being raised (or how Debra and Ray ran their home), nothing restrained her opinions. We laugh because it is a TV comedy, but when you hear something similar in real life, it is no laughing matter. Comments like that hurt—no matter how we try to justify them. Such remarks are examples of disrespect.

I know. I’ve been on the receiving end of such remarks. Unfortunately, I’ve been the giver as well. However, I am learning—and now that I am in the grandparent role myself, I’m attempting to be a better catalyst for respect. **Here are three things I try to remember:**

1. *Advice, if not asked for, is usually viewed as criticism.* My mom had come to visit us for a week. Our kids were small, and Mom had her ideas about what the kids ought to be doing and not doing. She had strong feelings about things like completely cleaning your plate, and she generally disdained all television shows. Our family routines, which weren’t as stringent as hers, grated on her, and she couldn’t help but make comments. She didn’t mean them to hurt, but they did hurt my wife, Diane, and I felt caught in the middle.

2. *Although I am still a parent (noun), I no longer parent (verb).* Our roles have changed, haven’t they? God gives the parents authority and responsibility over their home; grandparents move into a different role—a multi-generational responsibility of passing on our spiritual heritage. That means we don’t meddle in the small stuff of daily family life (remember #1?) so we can be more effective in our new task. If we want our children to respect our role, we must respect theirs.

3. *A good relationship with the parents (especially the mother) is primary.* Without it, grandparents may not be able to enjoy and spiritually influence their grandchildren. If passing on spiritual heritage is our mission, then a harmonious relationship with the parents is the conduit. In difficult situations, the mission may demand a strategy of leading with grace and extending unconditional love. But we must do it if we want to be effective in seeing future generations follow Christ.

“That’s well and good,” you say, “but you don’t know my situation.” What if the grandkids are out of control? Or what if one (or both) of the parents is making bad choices? What if your grandchild’s mom or dad isn’t worthy of respect?

**Then here’s a brief outline of your strategy:**

- First, redouble your efforts to improve the relationship with the parents. Find ways to connect and pursue them.
- Remember to never undermine their rules or their role. Damaging words like, “Don’t tell your mom, but ...” should never come out of your mouth.
- Always build up the parents in what you say to the grandkids. Model respect.
- Finally, be worthy of respect yourself. Keep your promises. Don’t make threats you won’t follow through on.

Show respect. Yes, you, Grandpa. And you, Grandma. Teach it, too. Respect is better caught than taught—but best if both caught *and* taught. It is the beginning of wisdom—something our grandkids desperately need.

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by Larry Fowler

*After 40 years of children’s ministry, Larry Fowler has followed God’s call on his life to found the Legacy Coalition, a group of national ministry leaders who are focused on envisioning and equipping Christian grandparents. He is looking forward to leading the first ever national conference on Christian grandparenting!*

 [grandparentingmatters.org](http://grandparentingmatters.org)

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# February 2017 Calendar

**1 (V) Women of the Word**

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

**1 (O) Wednesday AM Study**

Wednesdays, 10:00am  
Contact: Pastor Derek,  
651-739-5144

**2 (O) Women of the Word**

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

**2 (V) Celebrate Recovery**

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

**4 (V) Baptism Class**

Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Rachel Symmank,  
651-730-0847

**5 (L) Kick Off Sunday**

Sundays, 10:00am  
Contact: Pastor Jon Kuehne,  
651-739-5144

**5 (V) Young Folk Super Bowl Party**

Sunday, 4:30pm  
Contact: Vicar Scott Pitsch,  
651-739-5144

**6 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry**

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

**6 (V) Grief Class**

Mondays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,  
651-739-5144

**7 (V) Cancer Companions**

Tuesday, 7:00pm  
Contact: Vicki Strong,  
651-730-5049

**9 (V) Career Transition Connection**

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

**12 (O) Family Tubing**

Sunday, 12:00pm  
Contact: Molly Schulze,  
651-739-5144

**12 (O & V) Financial Peace University**

Sundays, 3pm (O) 4:30pm (V)  
Contact: Pastor Jon Kuehne,  
651-739-5144

**13 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, 1:00pm

**14 (V) AARP Safe Driver Class**

Tuesday, 9:00am  
Contact: Tom Nelson,  
651-735-4492

**17-18 Men's Retreat**

Friday & Saturday  
Contact: Jeff Linert,  
651-387-9428

**19 (V) Healing Service**

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

**26 (V) HS & MS Mission Trip Meetings**

Sunday, 1:00pm  
Contact: Patrick or Lindsey,  
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