

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

July & August 2016

Friendly Competition in One Ton of Toilet Paper

This is the second year that Woodbury Lutheran Church and Guardian Angels Catholic Church have sponsored a toilet paper drive to benefit area food shelves.

Last year Woodbury Lutheran won the contest and 3/4 ton of toilet paper was donated and shared with four area food shelves. This year Guardian Angels won the prize and five local food shelves benefited by sharing the over **ONE TON** of donated toilet paper. Both parishes enjoyed the friendly competition and following Christ's teachings to help the needy. Human dignity is the theme of this outreach program.

We invite and encourage other parishes to join in this annual competition that will take place again in February 2017. Interested? Email cmcgough@guardian-angels.org for more information.

Below: Pastor Drew Bayless of Woodbury Lutheran Church presents the coveted Golden TP Roll Plaque to Father Rodger Bauman of Guardian Angels Catholic Church



Father Bauman & Pastor Drew

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I'm Fine

Growing up one of my mother's pet peeves was not allowing me when describing how I felt to simply say, "I'm fine." Whenever I would say that she would reply, "Tommy, fine isn't a feeling!" and I would be chastised until I told her how I was actually feeling. At the time this was really annoying, but it taught me a valuable lesson, the lesson that we need to share how we are actually feeling.

Too often in the church we come to worship with our masks that scream to the world everything is fine, when really it isn't fine. One of our values at WLC is that we value Each Person and the tagline that goes with this value is, *Come as You Are*. What this means is that we want to be a community of people who can be real with each other about how we are feeling. I love the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:15 where he tells us to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep; in other words don't just say, "I'm fine."

From time to time I enjoy reading satirical articles from a group called the *Babylon Bee*. What follows is their article, it is not talking about a real place it is sarcasm, but I believe it makes an important point about the need for us to be real with one another. I hope you enjoy it :)

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

Report: Every Single Person At Church Doing 'Fine'

July 12, 2016

ERIE, PA—The results of Pastor Mike's informal survey are in: every single mem-

ber of Bayfront Methodist Church is doing either "fine," "good," or "real good." When the pastor pressed for details, members responded with some combination of, "No really, I'm doing great," or else, "Yeah, things are good, things are good."

The survey was conducted as the pastor faithfully stood at the doors of the church after the Sunday service, shaking the hands of each churchgoer as they left and asking how they were doing.

"It's really quite spectacular," the pastor told reporters Tuesday. "You would think, given the state of our fallen world, that at least one person would be going through a crisis or battling some kind of indwelling sin that they need help with. But not at this church—we're all doing fine it seems. Praise the Lord!"

Prayer requests for the week included several reports of distant friends and family that were struggling with sin, but nobody in the church reported needing prayer for themselves. "Prayer? Me?" one congregant said to Pastor Mike, a puzzled expression on her face. "No. I mean, you can pray for me generally, but really I'm not in much need of anything right now. I'm doing awesome, really." She was later spotted at a coffee shop, bawling her eyes out over some personal struggle, according to sources.

Reporters then asked Pastor Mike how he was doing. "Who, me? Oh yeah, I'm doing just fine," he confirmed.

Weddings:

Abigail Nixon & Mason Naffziger
Christina Barnett & Jared Aldridge
Stepanie Wirth & Patrick Bagan
Leslie Sabbann & Brent Pomeroy
Alicia McFarland & John McGuire

Baptisms:

Ardak Akishev
Aliya Baibatyrova
Arslan Akishev
Evelyn Ruth Berkley
Elijah Matthew Weiss
Layla Kay Turner
Lucy Anne Michlitsch
Faith Esther Schreiber
Kenneth Theodore Boyd
Nora Andre' Oxtou
Emelia Josephine Johnson
Georgina Tate Cavanaugh
Kenley Marie McMahan

Deaths:

Lynne Arneson ~ father, Oscar
Family of Jane Jahr
Bob Hensel ~ cousin, Betty
Gerry Swanson ~ cousin, Betty
Jerry Coates ~ wife, Judy
Dave & Cheryl Schindler ~ aunt,
Dorothy

Service Times at WLC:

Sundays at Valley Creek:

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

Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

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Some Changes and Some Sameness in Youth Ministry

As we look ahead to fall and a new year of ministry programming you'll notice some changes in how we do youth ministry at Woodbury Lutheran. You'll also notice a lot of things are staying the same.

Please know that we work continuously to better our Youth Ministry Program. We have a deep love for middle and high school students, a never-ending desire to share with them the truth of a God who has called them by name and who gives salvation in Jesus, and faith in the power of the Holy Spirit to work in all of us.

Research shows that as students mature it becomes more and more important that they identify with the larger body of believers, not just with their age group. Worshiping and Serving alongside generations of believers gives students a wider perspective and experience of what being a disciple of Jesus looks like. Worship and Serve are lifelong practices that need experience and nurture. We want to give our students time and space to develop these practices as they prepare to become adult disciples of Jesus. As part of our new program the 6th-12th grade students will Worship and Serve on Sunday mornings. Experiences to help them Grow will take place on Wednesday nights.

Small groups will continue to be our primary focus when it comes to the Grow piece of the Discipleship Path. You've heard us say, "Life is better together." That's for all ages. On Wednesday evenings WLC's campuses will still be full of students gathering for biblical and practical large group teaching followed by small groups gathering to learn how to live as disciples today. Middle School (6th-8th grade) Foundations and High School (9th-12th grade) Roots will continue to provide growth in community. We grow better in circles than in rows. An evening gathering gives time to develop relationships and connect with one another and with God on a deep level.

What about Confirmation? At Woodbury Lutheran and across our church body the practice has been that students begin the confirmation preparation process at 7th grade. It lasts for a prescribed amount of time, in our case two school years plus September and October of a third year. Beginning this Fall, students who are 1) between 7th and 12th grade, 2) committed to being a part of a small group in Foundations or Roots, and 3) ready to begin this process may opt in to Confirmation. Students will receive a take-home study guide that will lead them through Luther's Small Catechism. This guide has been carefully created to be used by the students with their parents. There will be lessons on how to use the Bible, lessons on spiritual practices, information about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian, and information about how to share their faith story. When they've completed the study guide, with check-ins along the way from the youth staff and their small group leaders, they will make a public confirmation of their faith during a worship service.

Why the change? Not every student, upon entering the 7th grade, is developmentally ready to take on a more in-depth study and exploration of the Christian faith. *Teaching the Faith at Home* (David L. Rueter, St. Louis: Concordia, 2016, p. 78) says this, "We must remember that the Holy Spirit works the individual desire to make such a commitment to study and adhere to the promises expressed in the Rite of Confirmation. We must also keep in mind that each student has a unique developmental timeline, which God, who controls all things, also established." We believe that when a student is ready and makes the choice to take the step into confirmation, they will experience a deeper growth in and personal connection to the faith.

We are looking forward to guiding our youth down the same path we've all been following: to Worship, Grow, Serve, and Reach.

For more information or with any questions, please contact Lindsey Schmidt, middle school youth minister, Patrick Brewer, high school youth minister, or myself.

Joel Symmank, Director of Christian Education



Serve... Together ...

One of the best and yet most challenging parts of leading Woodbury Lutheran is the fact that we are a very generational church. What I mean by this is that from the outside we would not be considered either an old or a young church in terms of the people who make up our gathering. Instead, we are a generational church who reflects the demographics of our surrounding communities in a very healthy way.

On the positive side of things this is what the local church is supposed to look like, a healthy gathering will always reflect the communities that surround us and we do. Where this becomes challenging, especially in our culture today is that the needs, desires and preferences of our generations can be far different, perhaps you have noticed this. :)

One of the best ways to bridge the gap between generations is by serving with one another side by side. This fall we are making some adjustments in our Youth Ministry (see article in Newsletter) to better emphasize the Worship and Serve side of the Discipleship Path on the weekend for our students. I have a dream that instead of separating families on the weekend we will bring them together in worship and service. The service of both young and old are necessary to build up the body.

I am excited to see families serving together; I am excited to see young people being mentored by their elders as they serve together, most of all I am excited by the unity that this will bring across the body of Christ.

I want to challenge you in a couple of ways: if you are in the older generation I want to challenge you to serve and beyond that to invite someone in the younger generation to serve alongside of you. If you are a mom or dad or a student, I want to challenge you to take the step of serving together as a family.

In both cases our Connection Center and Connectors are always available to get you connected and if for some reason you are not followed up on call me directly on my cell phone at 651-295-9608. This is important stuff as we walk the Discipleship Path and continue to grow as disciples of Jesus, together!

Peace,
Pastor Tom



Thank YOU for being an integral part of the Operation Grace MN team.

Because of YOU the clinic at Woodbury Lutheran-Valley Creek Campus was a success. Over \$3500 worth of oral health care was provided for 9 patients!

*Total care included:
10 appointments
3 cleanings
9 exams
11 restorations
6 patients received radiographs
almost 20 hours of time donated by dental professionals*

We will return on September 9th.



Rooted ~ Celebrating ~ Growing

Camp Omega's Vision for Ministry

Are you familiar with Camp Omega? It is our Minnesota South District's Bible Camp located at the heart of our district in Waterville, MN. For over 50 years Camp Omega has been a place for children, teens, adults, families, and congregations to discover and rediscover the joy of being in relationship with Jesus. As campers of all ages encounter creation . . .create community . . . and commune with Christ, hearts are changed and participants return home with a revitalized and contagious faith that can't help but be shared with family, friends, and community. That is the power of camp!

As a ministry of the Minnesota South District, Camp Omega's purpose is to encourage, support, and enhance the ministries of our congregations through the unique resources found within a camp setting / ministry. It also provides a tremendous outreach opportunity to the campers and communities it serves. Did you know that 40% of those attending camp list no church or list a church that is not a Christian community?

While Camp Omega is one of a very few Bible camps in the country that has sustained growth over the last five years, we are losing more and more adult retreat opportunities. Why? Because the 175 beds are all bunk beds and the retreat center has shared bathroom facilities. While there is a great love for Camp Omega around the district, that same love is not shared for "bunk beds and shared bathrooms." That is why Camp Omega is \$1.3 million into a \$3.3 million dollar capital campaign to build a new Adult / Family Retreat Center. Over the next several months you will learn more about this project and how you can make a difference in support of this effort.



We invite you to join us on Thursday nights – Dinner served in the Paul Room from 5:30 to 6, Worship at 6:30, Small Group 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

Changed Lives

Celebrate Recovery is built on the Biblical principles of real community, confidential small group interaction and the support of a caring community for it is in this setting that real change takes place thru the undisputed dynamic that – CHANGED LIVES - CHANGE LIVES!!!

We focus on the future and on change – rather than dwelling on our past. The solution is to begin making wise choices today and most importantly, learning to depend on Christ's power to help us make the necessary changes. As we earnestly seek change, God will meet us here. That is the core significance to Celebrate Recovery.

Problems are part of life! We all have them! In fact the problems we face are what bring us together here. They are the driving force that initiates change.

At Celebrate Recovery we recognize that problems truly are windows to the face of God because it is thru our problems that He gets our attention. And it's thru those problems that He has an opportunity to shape and mold us.

When we can understand this simple concept and find genuine gratitude for the trials he allows in our life then we will see God's grace in the recovery process thru change.

The word THROUGH is important here. God is not as concerned with getting us out of problems as He is in growing us THROUGH THEM. - We first need to look upward!!

When we ask Him to show us the inner workings of our own hearts, it's like shining a spotlight into the recesses of our hearts – illuminating the hurts and wounds that need His touch and our submission to Him. AND THAT IS WHAT GIVES US HOPE!



**WOODBURY
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Liberty Ridge Campus

Liberty Ridge Campus!

Can you believe that the launch of the Liberty Ridge Campus is less than 8 months away? Time goes by fast! On February 5, 2017, Woodbury Lutheran is going to launch the Liberty Ridge Campus. But, there's a lot that needs to happen before the launch.

In the coming months, we are looking to assemble a launch community of 125 adults plus children. The launch community will be made up of individuals from both the Valley Creek and Oak Hill campuses. Over 20 adults have already made a commitment to be a part of the Liberty Ridge Campus. *Is God calling you?*

In the coming months, you will begin to hear more about Liberty Ridge in worship. In mid-July, we have a meeting with a company called Portable Church Industries, that will create a set to transform Liberty Ridge Elementary School into a space suitable for worship and kids ministry. In August, we'll bring on two part-time staff that will help lead both the worship and the kids and youth ministries at Liberty Ridge. The launch community will begin privately worshipping at the school on Sunday, January 15 and will continue to Sunday worship privately until the full launch on February 5.

We are already starting to do outreach in the neighborhoods surrounding Liberty Ridge Elementary School. In the end of July, a WLC couple who has committed to being a part of the launch community at Liberty Ridge will be hosting a free BBQ for their neighbors. The goal is to make connections with their neighbors and let them know of the launch of Woodbury Lutheran.

We are excited to see how God will make disciples and transform lives near Liberty Ridge Elementary through the Liberty Ridge Campus. If God is calling you to be a part of the new campus, or if you have questions, email me at kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org.

Peace,
Pastor Jon



WLC Missionary Focus

JJ and Stephanie Wessman initially went to Israel in 2000 to work with a small ministry in Jaffa, and after two years they joined international mission organization, Operation Mobilization, and became part of OMI, the Operation Mobilization, Israel team. They spent 14 years in Israel ministering in different capacities.

JJ worked with a national youth ministry called **Netivah**. He did logistics for the youth, soldiers and youth workers conferences that are held monthly throughout the year. He enjoyed being a sounding board for new ideas and figuring out how to practically implement them. He was also on the OMI leadership team and enjoyed planning and leading short-term trips throughout Israel. Stephanie was on the leadership and teaching team for a single mother's/women's ministry called **Ot Oo'mofet** (Hebrew for "A Sign and a Wonder"). They conduct 5 month seminars based on the Tabernacle for believing women across the country to give them a better understanding of God and to give them the tools they need to break the cycle of problems in their lives. The goal is to move from the place of a victim to victor. They also provide training for congregations that are interested in starting women's ministry. JJ and Stephanie were both very involved in the leading of the Modi'in congregation (the local messianic church in their city). JJ was on the leadership team, the teaching rotation and facilitated the English home group and Stephanie worked with the Modiin youth.

Unfortunately, this ministry and life came to a screeching halt in June of 2014 when the Wessman's were asked by the Ministry of Interior to leave Israel. They packed up their house and the 5 kids and moved back to Woodbury. It has been 2 challenging years of readjustment for their family to a life in the USA, but God has been so good! Their eldest son just finished his first year at Northwestern University in Roseville, their second

child graduated from high school June 5, 2016 and she will be attending Colorado Christian University next year, and the younger 3 are attending St. Croix Prep. Academy and are adjusting quite well to school and life also.

JJ and Stephanie are continuing on with ministry here in Minnesota as representatives for OMI in the United States. JJ is working on developing a ministry which focuses on discipleship and mentoring, leading trips to Israel and teaching small groups and Sunday school classes on subjects ranging from the Biblical Feasts of Israel to Hebraic Roots to maps courses about scripture using biblical historical geography. He has also been working as a handyman over the last year as the ministry is in the growing stages. Stephanie is working at the kid's school in the Upper School as a Special Ed. Paraprofessional. She is involved in Young Lives, a ministry to teen mother's in the St. Croix Valley and teaches Bible studies predominately linking Old and New Testaments and on the Tabernacle. If you would be interested in having JJ teach at your small group or Sunday school class you can contact him at

jj.wessman@om.org.



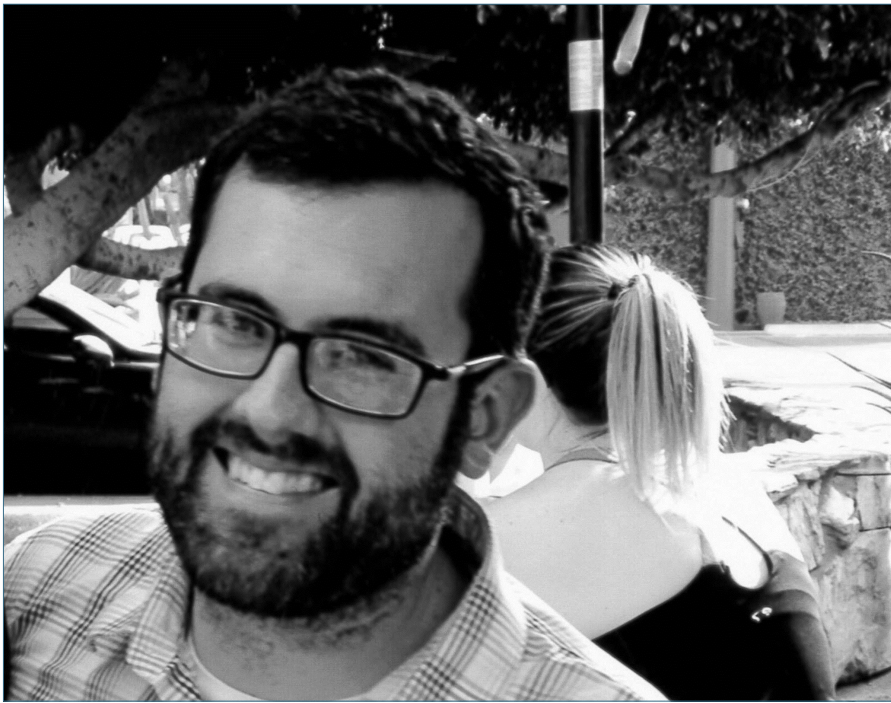
Feed My Starving Children MobilPack

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

Once again Woodbury Lutheran is teaming with FMSC to pack a trailer load of meals at our Valley Creek location. On September 23rd and 24th, you and 1,200 of your friends and neighbors will have the opportunity to feed hungry children around the world. Woodbury Lutheran has already packed 482,112 meals for children in Haiti and Nicaragua – this year's event will push that number to three-quarters of a million meals! What an impact two hours of your time can have on the lives of so many children.

Registration for the event will open in the middle of August, but please spread the word to family – friends – co-workers. Everyone is welcome to join us. Children as young as 5 can help as long as they are with their parents. Groups (scouts, sports teams, etc.) need to be in at least third grade to pack. And if you can't stand and pack you can sit and put labels on the food bags. Packing is fun, but most importantly, you will be putting food into the tummies of hungry children.

Watch for more information coming in August. Questions? Contact Liz Thompson at eathompson1953@gmail.com or 651-262-9665.



Introducing Vicar Scott Pitsch

Hello! My name is Scott Pitsch, I am a second-year seminarian at Concordia-St. Louis. Let me begin by saying that I am really looking forward to serving with you in your ministry and learning from you as well. I am grateful for the opportunity to “get my hands dirty” as they say. I feel that the last two years have done a good job of preparing me for Vicarage, and I have every confidence that this Vicarage year will also help me to prepare for a called ministry position in a few years. With that, let me briefly introduce myself.

I am the oldest of 4 children. I have a brother (Sam) who is a Pastor in Gretna, NE, 2 sisters (Miranda and Meredith) who are both Engineers. My father (Mathew) is a former engineer, who is currently serving as a Representative in the Arkansas State Legislature for my hometown of Fort Smith. My mother (Seanna) is a Special Education Teacher in Fort Smith. Now I said that I am the oldest of 4, yet I am the last one to finish school. This might be confusing at first, but I’ll elaborate and hopefully clarify this. I was an Engineer myself (seems to be a pattern I guess) for 5 years. Upon graduating from Missouri University of Science and Technology, I went to work as a Production Manager in Little Rock, AR. I then moved several times (first to Georgia, then to South Carolina) doing various jobs for the company, including Quality Management and Process Improvement.

All throughout my adult life, I’ve been moved to serve in some way or another. I was very passionate about community outreach and youth ministry. I was an adult leader for my congregation in Georgia during the San Antonio National Youth Gathering. I also served as an Elder and saw the impact that a small congregation can have on the community around it, even with limited resources, just by reaching out and trying. I served in several other capacities, including as a Thrivent Rep, a lectionary reader, on the church board, leading a men’s bible study, etc. After a while, I began to hear the Lord calling me to the ministry and

after several months of praying and deliberating with my Pastor, my friends, my parents, and my brother, I decided that I would make the leap and come to the seminary. And although the process hasn’t been easy, it has been the decision that I have made.

I should share a little about me outside of my history. I am a big sports fan (Go Cardinals) and I am the captain of an intramural sports team here at the Seminary. I played college football (where I was an Offensive Line-man) and so I love to watch football, but also baseball, basketball and hockey. I love music, I love to sing and go to concerts, but I must admit I can’t play any instruments. I love to hunt, fish and go to the shooting range. I can usually be found over most Winter Breaks out in the fields hunting one form of critter or another. I enjoy movies – going to a movie theater with a soda is how I like to often unwind after a long week. I enjoy spending time with my girlfriend Ashley. She has taught me to appreciate the finer things like wineries for example. We have gone on a few trips to wineries.

I am extremely excited to get some more practical ministry experience. I feel that I can be an asset to a congregation that has a passion for reaching people with the Good News of Jesus, and the new life that they have in Him.

God’s richest blessings to you and your Ministry; Be assured of His peace which will never end!

Scott Pitsch



Announcing Fall Adult Class

At Woodbury Lutheran, the primary way we grow as disciples is by joining a small group. Classes are a secondary way anyone 6th grade-adult can walk the Discipleship Path, follow Jesus, and experience growth. Starting Sunday, September 11 from 9:30-10:30 am, you can choose between two incredible classes on the Valley Creek Campus: *Living in the Church & State Tension* or *The Story - Part I*. *The Story - Part I* will also take place on Sunday mornings on the Oak Hill Campus (time TBD).

Living in the Church & State Tension focuses on what it means to be disciples of Jesus in America today. Oftentimes, we might try to approach political topics from our own opinions, ideologies, or systems. But what if we let our faith define how we acted and spoke about politics and political issues? Join Pastor and Concordia University professor, Mark Koschmann, as we dig deeper into politics, voting, war, social justice, and more.

The Story - Part I is the first part in a five part series on the book, *The Story*, an abridged chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single, grand narrative. This class is great for those who are confused or overwhelmed with reading a normal Bible. It's also great for those who simply want to experience the Bible as a full narrative. Join the WLC pastors and vicar as we take in the grand story of the Bible. The class will make use of *The Story, NIV*. Copies are available for purchase for \$5 at the church office. Amazon.com also offers a Kindle version for \$3.99.

If you have questions about any of these classes or want to learn more about classes at Woodbury Lutheran, contact Pastor Jon at ku-ehnej@woodburylutheran.org.

Creating "Double Identity" for Your Grandkids



Taken from the July HomeFront Monthly Magazine

Tyler, Travis, and Tori had an uphill climb regarding their family identity. Their dad was adopted, and didn't know his biological origin. As a result he struggled with his identity. His relationship with his adoptive parents was strained, and then both of them passed away while the three kids were just toddlers.

Then their dad became emotionally uninvolved, and he drifted further out of their lives. A divorce followed. The three kids struggled with hurt and anger toward him and, frankly, didn't want to have his name as theirs.

Tyler, Travis, and Tori are my daughter Andrea's three children—my grandchildren.

Their grandmother and I wanted them to get identity from us. We talked to them about being part of our family; while they didn't bear our last name, they had our blood. We told them, "Being part of the 'Fowler line' is awesome!" We did what we could to create a strong sense of identity with our side of the family.

All kids need identity, don't they? If they don't find it in their family (the best scenario), they will create their own—in a group of their peers, or in unwise relationships. And as believers, we want our grandchildren to have double identity: as part of our family, and as part of God's family. If you're a grandparent, don't you want the same for your grandchildren?

So what establishes family identity? (Think both of your family and your local church.) Here are five elements:

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

In our families, we need to not only love one another deeply, but we also need to express love to one another regularly. We're all pretty unlovable at times, but we hope our families will continue to love us no matter what! That is what families do—or ought to do. In your family, how are you doing at expressing unconditional love?

INCREDIBLE GRACE

Let's face it: it's often much easier to show grace to a stranger than it is to a family member. After all, families know one another, warts and all. But forgiveness (grace) bonds us together because we all fail each other at times. Do you need to extend grace to a family member?

UNMATCHED CLOSENESS

Developing deep relationships through "doing life together" is a critical part of creating family identity in both the church and at home. We have to laugh together, play together, and cry together to give our grandchildren a strong identity. That takes time and intentionality. How can you improve "doing life together" in your family?

COMMON BONDS

A shared interest, like camping or baseball, a family business, or ministering together—a common goal, or even a common pain or obstacle provides "glue" and gives identity. You've probably said it, and you've definitely heard it: "A family that prays together stays together." Whether it is praying together, attending church together, or engaging in another spiritual activity, the operative word is *together*. In your family, how would you describe the "glue" that holds you together?

A FAMILY HISTORY

The Word of God is "His story." It not only binds together believers all over the world, but also gives us a sense of identity. In the same way, our family history helps our grandkids know who they are. Passing on our family stories (even if our history includes some horse thieves and thugs) can help our grandkids "belong." In fact, a few "horse thief stories" will let children know they will still have family identity when they fail—and they will. Are you intentionally passing on your family history?

About Tyler, Travis, and Tori: They now have a new last name and a new family identity. Their mom eventually remarried, and their new dad, Paul, has become the father they never had. He has adopted them, loved them, guided them spiritually, and given them his name. Now they carry his identity. And more important: Their identity as Christ-followers is set as well. Double identity. They've got it, and we are thrilled!

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 brand-new ministry 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

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July Birthdays

1	Diane Kuhmeyer Paxton Anderson Gretchen Crist Matthew Gage Vincent Mueller George Malloy Donna Lorenz Hannah Mertens Shaylee Kamp Jynessa Hughes Vincent Polaski Lowell Zeller Robert Everson Aubrey Spates Evan Roncs	Kathie Widen Cindy Schmidt Daniel Schouvieller Brandon Conway 6 Emma Williams Jessica Salo Holly Zelinsky Maris Hall Lisa Karcher Heather Meek Marian Snow 7 Lucas Cronin Liliane Wilford Callie Sirovy John McLean	11 Ron Roesler Megan Petrich Tammy Ablan Garrett Horn 17 Andrew Parks Wesley Eggers Katie Dinsmore Ashley Boyd Addie Michlitsch Erin McGrath Lois Plath Renae Smailek Eric Huska Lindsey Doman Paul Niezgocki 13 Grant Conner Rachel Breiholz Lawrence Edwards Penelope Lindberg 18 Ryan Duffy Mike Wolterstorff Stella Schmidt Shirley Yates 14 Dorothy Olson Lynne Arneson Karin Barabash Michael Dowdall, Jr. Sandra Southward John Sakizadeh Marci Speckhard Brandon Dowall Patti Nelson Ashley Jensen Evan Myers Preston Widen 15 Luke Featherstone Ginny Anderson Elsie Corrigan Grace Dunavan Robert Durfee Karen Grovender Mike Kiedrowski Scott Loula Jackson Norring Graham Sanneh Hide Sudoh 16 Tara Gazdik	Justine Davison Zoe Dittmann Maeve Zilka 22 Andrew Parks Wesley Eggers Katie Dinsmore Ashley Boyd Addie Michlitsch Na Lehtonen Nancy Oehlke Sarah Rodgers Iban Drevlow Piper Hodne Hailey Rhoades Mia Hodne 18 Ryan Duffy Mike Wolterstorff Sheryl Breiholz Rylan Lange Brenda Mammenga 19 Michael Wegner Cheryl Frost Annamarie Hill- Kleinhans Mary Jeske Janice Loula Mitchell Monson Benjamin Koch Steven Awiszus Francile Cummings 20 Tyler Cowles Chase Davis Lincoln Gehring Cole Schuessler Jack Lavers Luke Swenson Gregory Cloose Tanner Thomson Jeff Yonkovich Anna Terzian Denise Tradup Cheri McKusky Molly Smith 21 Karin Anderson	Ethan Blakeman Ella Wenck Marty Coughlin John Clappier Jenna Kurth Barbara Riehle Fiona Mingus Sophia Vitela Mary Koonce Sarah Tveit Anders Dahlin 22 Roxane Becken 27 Tim Bystrzycki Mitchell Hobot Anna Rauscher Brad Johnson Caden MacLeod Jackie Sprenger Valory Tessmer Jack Uebler Bev Esala 23 Kelly Chad Stephanie Claugherly Benjamin Drasher Thomas Deverell Zachary Cronen Lisa Vitela Mary Powers Brady Burns Lauren Mortenson Elle Peterson Barbara Fleming Alissa Vik Lori Raebel 24 Lee Bunge Scott Homuth Roger Olstad Wyatt Shugg 25 Ray Braun Alisa DeCoteau 29 Dean Huska Kourtlyn Meeks-Engen John Colton Aaron Raebel 26 Cal Janacek Jake Droel	Pamela Hall Clark Dailey Jean Wendlandt Chris Edwards James Hartinger Tanner Theis Kelsey Deverell Adelita Lopez Blake McNeill 30 Isaac Wuotila 27 Eileen Reinhardt Jana Beck Keith Buchanan Hope Esala Evelyn Lillesve Emmanuel Johnson Steph Maruyama Vida Miles Jennifer Stevensen- Waldo Michael Dolan Billy Mzenga 31 Linda Bystrzycki Joshua Schrachta Baylee Scholz Collin Flanagan Jayden Carr 28 Alex Dailey Marlene Ingvallson Teresa Kanne Ervin Oertel Scott Schank Gabriella Nassios Whitney Berkman Larry Behnken Josh Hayden Dale Bjorkman Marvin Hammer 29 Alan Dittman Jenny Bouthilet Susan Boon Kristina Greengard Daniel Meyer Heidi Sorgert Scott Stebbing	Todd Johnson Gregory Opheim Rob Krueger Thomas Stork Mary Timmers Isabelle Olek Justin Hall Lindasue Lambrecht Diana Wende 30 Colleen Dokmo Amy Graham Owen Heggemes Hunter Kirby Emma Klinzing Mary Kolb Deborah Anderson Howard Boatman Scott Lange Ryan Mulso Janie Rist Ron Unneberg Danielle Retica Lucas Dailey Ethan Johnson Meghan Konop Julie Kordosky Jonathan Schulze Addison Baty Jared Brandvik Tanner Zuehlke Jimmy Salava Jessica Norring
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1 Chauncey Charlson Hazel Crist Jeanne Dicke Carol Edwards Jonathan Gage Jerry Hanggi Justin Heintz John Leis Sophia McFarland Daria Turner	Samuel Taylor 6 Kris Brandon Lindsey Schmidt Kristine Carlson Cole Conner Robert Engen Ron Gehring Katy Hohenstein Michael Jensen Todd Hicketier Allison Pokrandt Adam Schreiner Sarah Stakston Laura Stennes Perry Varin Cali Yee	Jordan Kirsch Nancy Schultz Nathan Xiong 11 Kinsey Ferguson Susan Haukland Bryan Hawkinson Jenny Lanz Susie Nadasdy Cohen Ruud Breana Voss	Maggie Haines Corey Houseman Joshua Hayek Thomas Mertens Marilyn Myers LaRee Opdahl Nate Schank Ethan Wess 17 Nora Bystrzycki Courtney Barringer Jeffrey Figimiller Desiree Ginn Deborah Maves Allison Ortiz Susan Reichling Alyssa Salava Carolynne Schmidt Austin Schwartz Beth Tessmer	Harold Converse Cerise Diedrich James Finell Alexis Huber Brian Nelson Brooklyn Peltier Cheryl Wasko Charles Wessner 22 Marilyn Carlson Brandon Firkus Michael Hamann Charles Helgason Stephanie Gow Kathleen Janssen Richard Markgraf Brittany Roth 23 Norm Berg Kim Cox Christine Borscheid Mark Koschmann Deborah Tacheny Rachel Treadway Jonathan Wesser	Jean Lehman Don McGoman Jennifer Schrachta Rachel Symmank 28 Ashley Arneson Matt Brocker Lisa Cordes Debbie Grimmer Marvin Jenkins Mark LeClair Daniel LeMay Joel Schuessler Brad Scibak Lori Standly Joyce Stiebner 29 Lisa Ginn Janet Kochmann Justin Mack Kata McLaren Cary Mielke Adriana Tacheny John Welsh 30 Robin Dittman Jim Krengel MaryAnne Linser Kathy Lutes Michael Mills Addison Mohlenhoff Mariah Nasby Dennis O'Connor Audrey Rogotzke Carl Wischnack Megan Wollner
2 Justin Brigl Louie Doane Janice Grizzel Carson Kiedrowski Sarai Kieser Erika Roepke Doug Mortneson Jessica Munn LeAnn Perry Ellyson Roepke Emma Wiering Sarika Wolfgram MaKenna Yonkovich	7 Susan Ackerman Pat Durfee Nancy Gustason Carl Jackson Marni Kanne Sue Lange Maria Mueller Kaleb Munn Brenda Peterson Greg Rome 8 Lowell Ackerman Richard Carlson Twyla Franzen Matthew Haehn Todd Hanson Lacey Harrington Nancy Kapernick Karen Miner 9 Levi Burrows Kylie Fischbach David Jacobson Charlotte Crane Frankie Hines Joel Jensen Gloria Johnson Kayley Johnson Tony Moran Matthew Nepsund Mike Sabbann	12 Connor Bertram Ellen Kistner Tim Loeffler Jeff Mueller Jim Noren Stephanie Penaloza Piper Timmers Kyle Swenson Corey Topp Carley Tuman Steve Wright 13 Jacob Bloomer Marvin Heaton Dan Lofthus Nate Mears Austin Raebel Nathan Randt Jeff Miner Lisa Reberg John Swanlund Ryan Wrgner 14 Brynna Cattell Tom Christianson Sally Cronin Carson Jeske Zora Pankratz 15 Diana Albrecht Brielle Deilke Mark Kosanke Mitchell Leonard Dylan Lorence Matthew Lorence Kaitlyn Mammenga Holton Sailer Mary Beth Schwartz	18 Corey Hannula Justin Janacek Michael Karcher Olivia Lueders Nichole Murray Kelley Rubbert Mike Steffel Mitchell Watanabe Riley Wick Kevin Doyle 19 Kevin Doyle Mia Faeth Elijah Ginkel Larry Hall Jason Matthews Sue McDowell Leah Peterson Dave Voss Marilyn Wood Sarah Zelinsky Erica Zilka 20 Zachariah Brocker Phyllis Dicke Eloise Gehring Chandler Ignaszewski Madelyn Murray Daniel Ogren Jack Fossan Kayla Zastrow 21 Gregory Arku	24 Derek Broten Abigail Eggers Adam Hanson Dave Martini Loryne Tumer Marta Rowcliffe Joshua Salo Drew Sirovy Shelley Spain 25 Peggy Calvin Cheryl Schindeldecker Michael Stoddard Daniel Stoerzinger Grace Winter 26 Christian Hall Danielle Lyden Madison Mayer Tim Schwartz 27 Alicia Bata Morgan Gibbs Jaxon Dwyer Ronald Hintz Jenny Jurek Peyton Kiedrowski Herb Larson	31 Katie Benson Beau Brown Dawn Droel Morgan Gillard Troy Goetz Robert Horning Jodi Kelsey Adam Koretz Paul Reberg Steve Wagner Jane Wilke

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1 Eldon & Kay Banitt Jack & Cathy Carlos Adam & Jennifer Doehmann Mark & Brenda Franklin Jared & Melissa Goerlitz Alden Nelson & Marian Snow	Daniel & Gail Field Jim & Helen Gland Neil & Julie Horn Jeff & Cindy Linert Barry & Cindy Thompson Robert & Kari Ulrich Tim & Chris Schwartz Warren & Dianna Weum	Richard & Jennifer Schmidt 14 Wes & Patty Bolin Clark & Katie Dailey Steven & Susan Joines Thomas & Marci Speckhard Thomas & Darlene Tibbetts Corey & Rhonda Topp	20 Mike & Tina Pokrandt Hal & Carolynne Schmidt Christopher & Sherri Smith	Tim & Kathy Johnson Kevin & Leslie Lange Gerald & Marjorie Seeger
2 Jason & Susan Brusewitz Matthew & Debbie Eddy Thomas & Marilyn Harrold Dean & Susie Nadasdy Eric & Jill Leonard Daniel & Mary Powers	9 Justin & Amber Gehring Lars & Hannah Heggernes Gary & Sue McDowell Steve & Kristi Rohlif Peter & Molly Shepperd	15 Stephen & Lori Raebel Chad & Leah Peterson Don & Joyce Piper 16 James & Lori Golden Ron & Lori Kane Rick Ortmeier & Chris Fagerblom	21 Howard & Karen Boatman Marven & Emma Rosen Tom & Ann Crist Jonathan & Elizabeth Wesser Derek & Kelli Wick	Ross & Stephanie Smith Lev & Sondra Wagner LeRoy & Jane Wilke
3 Alyssa & Michael Fuller 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	17 Dan & Gwen Behnken Derek & Kristen Broten Eddie & Jennifer Carlson Ricky & Jamie Pearson Brad & Kim Scibak	22 Bryan & Michelle Hawkinson Mark & Vicki Hogeboom Bryce & Rikki Mohlenhoff Todd & Cayla Klusmann	26 Sang & Peg Albrecht Allen & Karen Bergh Dave & Marsha Voss
4 David & Rebecca Nelson Mark & April Reed	11 Donald & Michelle Hartinger Marv & Joyce Jenkins Lester & Sue Lange	18 Nom & Debra Berg Christian & Brenda Bertram Chris & Joelen Deilke Steven & LuCinda Schwartz	23 John & Marie Duffert Mike & Sherrie Kimmouth Monte & Rochelle Michel Joseph & Kimberlee Seltz Hal & Nancy Shaver Kirk & Mary Nesvig	27 Will & Arlene Bartley Joshua & Susan Boon Ben & Jeanne Doane
5 Michael & Jennifer Hamann	12 Eric & Roxy Bjornson 13 Gerald & Ginny Anderson Michael & Amy Gannon Kevin & Barbara Rosemann	19 Ronald & Beverley Hintz Roger & Candi McCausland	24 Roger & Betty Fockler Mike & Carolyn Kohlbeck Matthew & Kris Nelson Daniel & Kris Peterson Perry & Debra Varin	28 Timothy & Ruth Bredahl Marv & Joan Bugnon Brian & Lisa Smith
6 Steven & Rhonda Affeld Matthew & Amanda Johnson Matthew & Heather Meek Tom & Nancy Scanlan			25 Thomas & Barb Koch Rod & Kimberly Beseman	29 Kurt & Kathleen Anderson Mark & Eli LeClair Dennis & Mary Ellen O'Connor
7 Don & Linda Arney Zack & Karina Barabash				30 John & Andrea Kieffer Brant & Melissa Larsen John Waldo & Jennifer Waldeus-Waldo
				31 Don & Joanne Arndt James & Jennifer Gillard Herb & Jan Lyson

18 (V) **Gambler's Anonymous**
Mondays, 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144

18 (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974

20 (O) **Wednesday Morning Study**
Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Derek, 651-739-5144

21 (V) **Thessalonians Study**
Thursdays, 9:45am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144

21 (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9113

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

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Mondays, 7:00pm
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1 (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974

2 (V) **Cancer Companions**
Tuesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Vicki Strong, 651-730-5049

6 (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847

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

11 (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9113

11 (V) **Open Doors Thursdays**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144 x221

19 (V) **Middle School Mania Event**
Friday, 6:30pm
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt, 651-739-5144

21 (V) **Healing Service**
Sunday, 12:00pm
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