

# THE NEWS LETTER



July 2017

## A Covenant Legacy

I've come face to face with a brutal reality: despite my best efforts, I'm becoming old - I'm almost 31. I know that many of you just rolled your eyes. I know, I know, 31? Old? He's nuts...Case in point: when I'm talking with our youth, I have to remember that they weren't alive to experience the foundational moments of my life - the enculturation of the internet, Y2K, or September 11th. I was their age when these things happened - and to them, this makes me an old person. To you a foundational moment might look different - maybe it's thoughts of VJ day, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Kennedy Assassination, Watergate, or the Challenger Disaster - all moments of great historic importance - all moments which happened before I was born. I learned about them through a book, from a story from my parents or grandparents, or (unique to my generation) the internet. All of those memories, experiences and lessons have been handed down to me. That is the way it always has been, and remains to be today - it's an essential part of the human experience. We call this idea **legacy**.

As I reflect on our Number's series and God's covenant people, it's a little crazy to think that the vast majority of the people who are entering into Canaan weren't even born to see the plagues, or the Red Sea crossing, or the handing down of the 10 commandments. And despite not witnessing these foundational moments, these are the people God chooses to enter into the Holy land. So how did they know about the covenant promise? It was handed down to them from their parents and grandparents. A Covenant Legacy.

We often like to think of the people of Israel as this great homogeneous blob, but that was never the way we were meant to regard them. They were tribes, families, parents, and children. Although they were from a different time and place, they operated much the same as our families do today: they had inside jokes, gave nicknames, taught their kids skills, passed down recipes from Grandma, and heard bed-time stories by Grandpa. They were a people of legacy. And the most important legacy handed down to them was the covenant promise of God. After 40 years, they knew the mighty works of YHWH; they knew what He had done for their ancestors and what He had promised to do for them, all because they heard it from old people like you and me.

As we grow *older* one of the most important tasks we have in our life, one vocation which we all share, is to pass forward the knowledge that we've learned to someone else. By *older* I don't mean retirement age, **I mean you**, person with car keys in their pocket. There is someone in this world that wasn't alive to experience something you did. This calling to share our legacy is powerful, although it's often-overlooked. Sharing what is important about your life, explaining the things that have great value, teaching others the things that you have learned is what legacy is all about. Although I'm young (relatively speaking) I've made it a goal in my life, and in my ministry to share my legacy of faith in Jesus, which was passed down to me, with those who are learning it the first time. I hope that you see that calling as your own as well.

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary may make it easy to look back on the past and the legacy that was made here in Woodbury, Minnesota - a legacy worth celebrating. But I think even more important than past reflections are looking to what our legacy for the future will be. We are immensely blessed at WLC to have kids...everywhere. These kids are excited to hear about the love of Jesus from you. From Nursery to 12th grade, these young people are stepping into the world of faith with fresh eyes and God has uniquely positioned you and me to share the things that we care about in life with them. And while I'm sure they would love to learn all about how to catch a Walleye or how to cook one; I know that they are eager to hear about how Jesus has shown God's Covenant love with you, and just why exactly that is so important to you.

~ Vicar Scott Pitsch



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# The Joy of Being Generous...

This past week a football player by the name of Derek Carr was given a brand new contract by his team the Oakland Raiders. I remember way back in the early 90's when Kirby Puckett received a three contract worth 9 million dollars from the Minnesota Twins, at the time and still today that was a whole lot of money! One could argue that the amount of money these guys are getting today is a bit out of control as the contract that Derek Carr signed is for 5 years and will pay him 125 million dollars.

Too often we hear the stories of athletes who quickly waste these huge fortunes, so you can imagine how refreshing it was to hear Derek talk about this new contract through the lens of being a follower of Jesus. At the press conference where the contract was announced he was asked what was he going to buy first. His response was something like this, "Nothing, the first thing that my wife and I will do is what we always do, we will tithe."

Derek gets it, he understands that when it comes to giving and being generous it really is not about God wanting something from us, but it is all about God wanting something for us. Learning to be generous with our finances is a journey where we are always being challenged to think about what our Next Step is and experiencing God's provision and faithfulness with each step we take.

This fall you will be hearing more about what we are calling our Generosity Journey; it looks something like this:

- **Initial** - I am giving for the first time, learning to trust God with my gift.
- **Intentional** - I am choosing an amount and giving at least once a month.
- **Priority** - I am putting God first, choosing to give generously and in a way that impacts my lifestyle.
- **Fearless** - I am depending on God's provision, asking not "how much should I give?" but "how little should I keep?"
- **Legacy** - I am impacting the future of God's Kingdom, giving to outlast my life.

Will you join me in taking some time to pray about where you are at on the journey and where God is leading you next on this journey? After all, no one has ever become poor by giving, but I know many who have been blessed by learning to give and to give generously.

Following Jesus -  
Pastor Tom

*"No one has ever  
become poor  
by giving."  
-- Anne Frank*



### Weddings:

John Bystrzycki & Emily Hillesheim  
 Scott Daniels & Kirsten Euscher  
 Stephanie Rowcliffe & Paul Narr  
 Michelle Murray & Casey Zilka  
 John Horner & Sydney Steele  
 Peter Kaschmitter & Kaitlyn Godbout  
 Daniel Todd & Shari Krass  
 Jordan Berg & Kayla Zastrow

### Baptisms:

Brooks Nathan Anderson  
 Lucy James Jorgensen  
 Eugene Robert Eineke

### Deaths:

Lisa Ginn ~ uncle, Robert Albright  
 Brian Delaney ~ mother, Rita Delaney  
 Vicar Scott Pitsch ~ grandmother, EvaLee Fletcholl  
 Family of Eugene Searles  
 Kim Sachs ~ father, Kim Sachs, Sr.

### Service Times at WLC:

Saturdays at Valley Creek:  
 Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Valley Creek:  
 Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am  
 Sanctuary, Contemporary 9:30am  
 Genesis, Contemporary 11am

Sundays at Oak Hill:  
 Blended 9:00am  
 Contemporary 10:30am

Sundays at Liberty Ridge  
 Contemporary 10:00am

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“...we are not an empty people. We are a Pentecost people....”

## Summertime Prayers

If you missed last month's invitation to pray this summer, jump in and join us. Sparklers, fireworks, picnics and vacation all come to mind in July. No one wants to be indoors. When I was kid, Mom had to threaten me and my sister to come in at dusk. She was convincing, but the mosquitoes were the better motivation. Do you remember counting mosquito bites? It's a Minnesota thing.

This month's prayer theme is *Look in*. Our bodies are such amazing structures. Our insides have organs and veins and bone all working together. Will you pray for our church? Pray on land and in your car and on the lake! Don't be discouraged, if you forget, forgive yourself and start in again.

### July's Prayer Theme

***Look in*** - we are not an empty people. We are Pentecost people

blessed by God who descended and lives within our own bodies. We are not our own, we belong to God. We move together in grateful prayer for who we are and praising God for the future of Woodbury Lutheran.

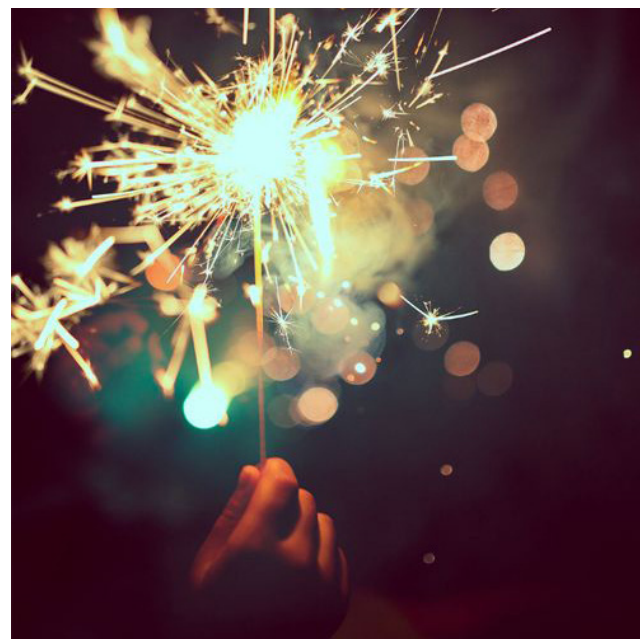
Include these Beatitudes in your prayer this month Matthew 5: 6-8.

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,  
 • for they will be satisfied.

God blesses those who are merciful,  
 • for they will be shown mercy.

God blesses those whose hearts are pure,  
 • for they will see God.

~ Mary Lehman





# The Fireside Room

## A Dream for the Future

The following is the story of the dedication of a man on a crusade to accomplish a dream for the future.

On a dark and stormy evening, four men drove to a house on a hill outside of Newport. Their mission was to confront a man about what was needed to complete the new church addition that was in the planning stages. The group had spent the afternoon in the District Office concerning funding for the project. Among other things, money for a fireplace in the Fireside Room was denied. It was just to be a conference and meeting room. Undeterred, Pastor Paul Pfothauer would not take no for an answer. He persuaded the other three men to accompany him to this hilltop meeting.

The discussion lasted for a while until he looked the man in the eye and stated, "You have been chosen to build a fireplace in the fireside room. It must be stone just like the one you have built here in your home. But it should hold a four foot log. And by the way, we have no funds to build it. You need to get the rocks for it and it needs to be completed within 90 days."

The architect, Rod Neujahr, came out to determine the measurements needed to provide the footings to accommodate a four foot log. Volunteers were recruited. Vern

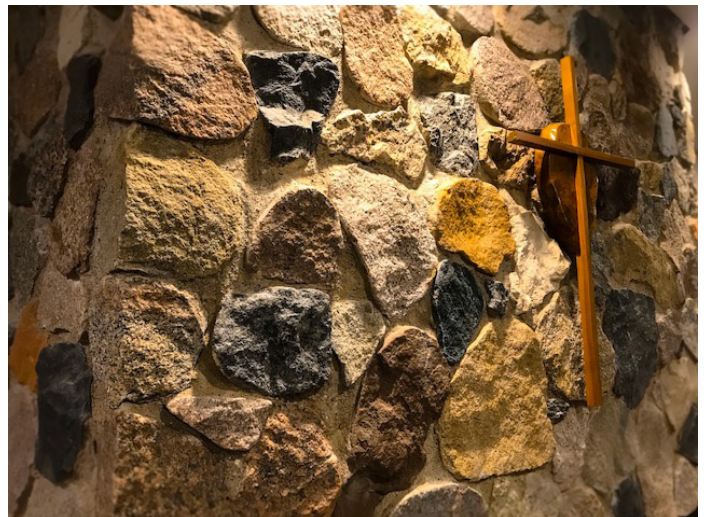
Ingvolson placed all of the mortar for the entire fireplace. Norm Alrick, Vern Elverson, Scott Stevens, Scott Gilles, Dick Kveton, Ray Merle, Roy Kyndburg and others assisted me, Jack Lavers, in the build. Fran Oehlke provided the truck that we used to pick up the rocks from Wisconsin.

We put the rocks into the form before placing them into the wall of the fireplace. Members were invited to choose and place a family rock into the fireplace. It was completed on time, despite the fact that all of these men had full time jobs at the time.

Although it has gone through many changes over the years, the "Fireside Room" will continue to provide a cozy and comfortable setting for classes, groups and meetings.

*P.S. If you have a "family rock" in the fireplace, but aren't sure which one it is, I'm sure Jack would be happy to help you find it.*

- Jack Lavers



## Welcome New WLC Members!

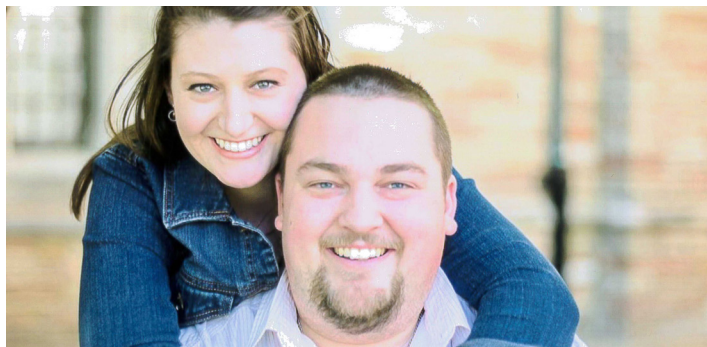
Emily & Nate  
Anderson, Brooks

Maggie Haug

Patrick Svoboda

Julia Cordes

LaVonne Hamilton



“...I have little  
doubt that you  
will be a great  
blessing to us as  
well.”

## A Message from Vicar To Be Christian Jones

Dear Brothers & Sisters,  
Grace and peace to you from god, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I am writing to formally announce that I gladly accept the opportunity to serve as vicar at Woodbury Lutheran Church. I was overjoyed when I heard the news that Krysti and I would have the privilege of being a part of the Woodbury family during the Vicarage Placement service beginning in August 2017. In the two years that I have been in the seminary, I have only heard incredible things about the ministry that your church is providing in Woodbury. I have spoken with Pastor Tom Pfothenauer, Vicar Scott Pitsch, and my friend, Pastor Jon Kuehne. Each one has personally expressed how wonderful a blessing Woodbury has been for them. I have little doubt that you will be a great blessing to us as well.

Before coming to Concordia Seminary, Krysti and I were originally from the greater Detroit area. Our home congregation is Immanuel Lutheran, in St. Clair, MI, for those of you who may be familiar with the area. I also served as an office manager and worship leader at several sister congregations while locally attending college. After I graduated from Oakland University, Krysti and I were married in May of 2015. I have been, and still am, very proud to be her husband as she is graduating this year with her B.S.W. from Wayne State University, making her the first person in her family to graduate from college. She has also recently been accepted in the online M.S.W. program from Mizzou, which she hopes to work on during our time in Woodbury. We are equally excited for the opportunities that the Twin Cities provide for her this year as she hopes to become a social worker.

As a little further background on my time at seminary, this past year my primary ministry has been serving at a local congregation where I helped operate an inner-city afterschool program in North St. Louis. It was a ministry I had no previous background in and it forced me to stretch as a person; however, it was an opportunity that I found to be incredibly rewarding. I know this coming year will be filled with even more excitement and learning; and, I am incredibly thankful that you have graciously invited me to be a vicar in your congregation. I pray that this upcoming year will be a richly beneficial year for us all as you help shape, form, and mold me into the pastor I will one day become.

In Christ,  
Christian M. Jones

# Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

## LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

*Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:*

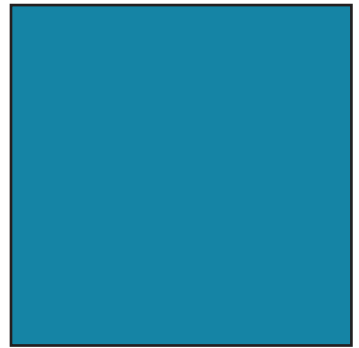
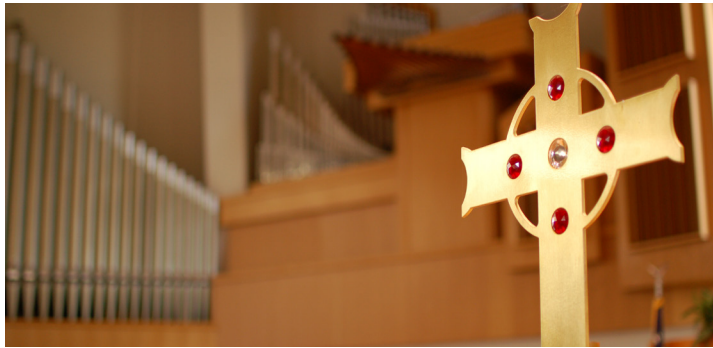
- We are starting to see consistent interest and interaction from the community surrounding Liberty Ridge. We are excited to see a few of them get connected.
- We were able to celebrate our second baptism on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.
- We have 4 youth going on Summer Mission Experiences (as well as 2 adult leaders), and several adults going on trips as well.
- Since we don't have kids programming on Sunday mornings during the summer, all services have a separate children's message featuring two goofy fishermen convinced they can fish in the desert: Wade and Bob.
- We are continuing to build up servants. We are always looking for people to help with setup or teardown. If you want to experience Liberty Ridge for one weekend this summer and help with setup or teardown, email Pastor Jon at [kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org).
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



## OAK HILL UPDATES

*Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:*

- We are thrilled that Cheryl Schindler has agreed to be our new Care Counterpart at the Oak Hill Campus. With growing care needs Cheryl will work closely with Pastor Derek and care leaders to provide better care across the campus.
- This Summer we are providing a Kid Zone on Sunday morning's during our 9:00am worship for ages 3-6.
- We have 13 youth and 10 adults who will be participating in one of 4 different mission trips this summer.
- July 24-27 we will be hosting a community VBS and are encouraged by all who have registered so far.
- During next year we are going to be hosting a monthly community meal that we will use as a great opportunity for people to invite their friends. Tony and Stacy Moran have graciously offered to be in charge of the meals.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Oak Hill Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



## Campus Update from Valley Creek

### *Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:*

- A huge thank you to all the servants who helped over 200 kids have a great week at our Summer Day Camp (VBS) Gizmos and Gadgets learning about how in Christ they are wonderfully made!
- The work on the West Entrance steps will continue for a few more weeks and then we will be doing a full replacement to the West End parking lot. Thank you for your patience, it will be very nice when it is all finished.
- Our Middle and High School youth are busy serving each Thursday through Summer Stretch, please keep them in your prayers.
- We are looking forward to our Summer Activities Camp in July for 2-5 grade students as we use sports, art and different activities to help kids see their value in Jesus.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Valley Creek Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.





# Middle School Mission Trip!

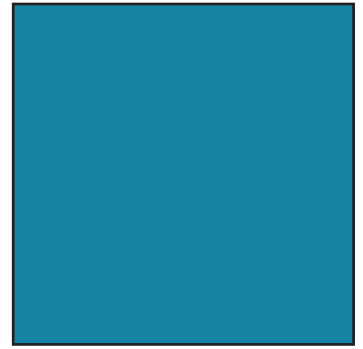
Our Middle School students traveled to Duluth, MN the week of June 17-23rd. We had 20 students and 5 adults participate this year. Our team represented every campus, which we are very excited about! We served at a variety of places: two nursing homes, 2 boys and girls clubs, CHUM food shelf, volunteer services doing yardwork, the Duluth Parks and Rec, Union Gospel Mission, Vineyard food shelf, and Vineyard Prison Ministry.

The theme for our week was “The Good Life” based on John 10:10. Our students experienced the Holy Spirit working in and through them as they sought to serve and respond to the requests of others. Thank you Woodbury Lutheran for supporting and praying for our experience. This year especially, it was reassuring to know that so many of you were praying for us as we served.

*“The thief comes  
only to steal  
and kill and  
destroy; I have  
come that they  
may have life, and  
have it to the full.”  
-- John 10:10*







## An Update On the West End Construction

As you can see, construction on the west end steps has begun. We are removing and replacing the old steps. They had settled nearly 8 inches and fallen away from the building. As a result they were becoming a hazard to people using them and were unsightly.

The new steps are being built on footings which will make them last a lot longer, there will be more greenery and landscaping (less concrete) and there will be a drop off lane which should improve traffic flow. The plan is for it to be done around the end of July.

At that time we will remove and replace the parking lot. This project will be similar to what we did on our other lot a few years ago. The start date will be in August and the timeline is dependent on a number of factors.

Financially we are having a good year. As of the end of May contributions are slightly ahead of budget and expenses are a bit below budget. I thank you for your interest and for you financial support.

~ Mark Stutelberg  
Business Administrator





“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.”

Romans 12:1 MSG



# ROAD WORSHIP

If your life is the slightest bit like mine, you spend a good amount of time driving from place to place on a daily basis. We drive kids to school and sports; we drive to work, church, stores, and events. If I am honest, I spend more time driving than I do spending time alone with God at home. And for whatever reason (maybe because we live such hurried lives), the task of driving and sharing the road with other drivers has the potential to turn the gentlest, kindest Christian into the angriest, most frustrated heathen. Ashamedly, I am someone who has spent sweet time in worship only to find myself, moments later, driving impatiently and judgmentally, with a strong sense of road entitlement. We worship and draw near to God in our churches and in our homes; but what if we turned our actual modes of transportation, our vehicles, into worship centers? God has been gently course correcting me and has been showing me that even my car should be an intentional place of worship.

I like how The Message paraphrase of Romans 12:1 puts it—that even our “going-to-work,” our traveling, should be an act of worship, an offering to God. The Israelites traveled with their worship center, the tabernacle, and Moses encouraged the Israelites to continually engage in worshipful family talk as they traveled. They were instructed to talk to each other about God’s goodness wherever they would go and as they were going.

“Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your dashboards and on your steering wheels ...” (Deuteronomy 11:19-20, my paraphrase).

What if every time we got into our mobile worship centers, our vehicles, we drove as if it were our

ministry? It has not been easy, but I have been attempting this. Often I drive alone and will drive in silence as I listen to God, but some of my best times of driving (now ministering and worshipping) have been with my family. As the worship leader and pastor of my mobile ministry (haha), I encourage my full-capacity congregation of five to intentionally look for people to pray for. We worship the Lord with singing, and we take advantage of our close proximity to each other and engage in meaningful conversation. I also teach them about God while we drive.

Rather than being a typical defensive driver, I aim to be a humble road servant who is willing to sacrifice for others, yield, brake, slow down, kindly let people change lanes in front of me, gladly give up my parking space, or even pull over and stop to help someone. I seek to drive with a greater purpose than simply traveling from place to place as quickly as possible. I look for opportunities to minister the love of Jesus to others on the road, and I teach my children to do the same. By ministering like Jesus, even by the way we drive in and out of our neighborhoods, we allow for the opportunity to share the gospel with others. I’m trying hard to travel in such a way that if I were to park next to someone who had been watching me drive, that person would want to listen to what I have to say.

As we seek to live Spirit-filled lives, we must be willing to ask ourselves if we drive with the fruit of the Spirit engaged. Do I drive with love? Do I drive with joy? Do I drive with peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? As challenging as it is, let’s live lives of sacrificial worship even while driving and allow our Navigator, our GPS, the Holy Spirit, to correct our course when we steer off in the wrong spiritual direction.

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by Trent Armstrong

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

***Taken from the July 2017 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.***

# Growth & Change

## What If We Could See...

Problems are part of life! We all have them! How we approach them defines us. Some people, when faced with an obstacle or crisis in their lives, stop right there. They obsess about it – all they want is to rid themselves of it. They turn inward and become quite myopic which prevents change of any kind from happening.

At Celebrate Recovery we strive to actually find something useful in our problem. Doing that requires an act of grace from God, because our natural tendency is to simply deal with the problem and move on. But the way out of our problem shouldn't be our first concern because God sees our difficulties very differently. In a very real sense, they are his "gifts to us", for they bring us to Him and His ways. He has many lessons and a new life for us as we learn to go through our problems.

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!!

A problem that you cannot solve is, by definition, beyond you. If you could have fixed it, you probably would have. So – whatever your struggle, all of your own attempts to resolve it, are not enough. Problems bring us to the end of ourselves and that's the place where God truly is – He will meet you there!

With the community of Celebrate Recovery and the vehicles available to us here, which are the worship, the teaching, the small group and step study, combined with embracing the 12 Steps and 8 Principles, God then takes us through a journey into ourselves to help us understand what's going on inside us in terms of our attitudes and reactions. 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, wounds, weaknesses and opinions that need His touch and our submission to Him!

When we look inward, it is then that God reveals that we have certain central issues that are like attitudinal foundation stones. They form reactions that occur in not just one but many areas of life.

Through the tools we have available here, God DOES help us identify themes or patterns in our lives. And as we ask Him to show us TRUTH, we are molded and shaped by that truth into what He wants us to be.

We cannot control all that happens to us, but we CAN control how we respond to what happens around us. It has been said that our choices determine our circumstances and our decisions determine our destiny.

~ Tom Christianson





# July Birthdays

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## Worship

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

### MYWLC

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

### WLC CHURCH APP

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

### HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on July 16 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

### TRAVEL TO GERMANY

Two spots remain to travel to Germany with Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer this fall. For more information, contact them at [paulrhoda@comcast.net](mailto:paulrhoda@comcast.net).



## Grow

### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

Only God sets us aside or sanctifies us. As we use His gifts of the Spirit, we grow closer to Him and to His goal for our spiritual maturity. This 8-week class begins 6/7 @ 9:30 am.

### GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY

An in-depth look at the book of Galatians. This class is being taught by Pastor Paul Pfothenhauer. It will begin on 7/27 @ 10:00 am.

### DEEPER INTO NUMBERS

Each Sunday, we'll go deeper into the text that is being preached and look at some parts of Numbers that aren't covered during weekend worship. This class is held during the Sunday education hour at VC and LR this summer.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for this low pressure DVD bible study where all ages, gender and relationships are welcome. The topics focus on God's continuous presence and promises in our lives. Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

### COLORADO PEACHES!

This annual peach fundraiser for our youth scholarship program will begin taking orders beginning July 2. Order forms will be available at all campuses and at [woodburylutheran.org](http://woodburylutheran.org) under Youth Fundraising. Price per crate is the same as last year! One crate for \$30, or half crate for \$15 (one crate is 18 pounds, approximately 40 tree ripened, juicy peaches). Order deadline to guarantee availability is July 23. Delivery day will be late July, early August. Watch the website for updates. Please contact the Retter's at 651-739-5326 with questions. Thanks for supporting our youth!

### SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Welcome new 6th graders and new Freshmen! The summer is a great time to

move up into the new ministry areas and get to know other students! When an event says Middle School (MS), it's for all new 6th graders through old 8th graders. When an event says High School (HS), it's for all new 9th graders and old 12th graders. New 9th graders, y'all get to do everything!!! (Summer stretch is the only middle school ministry that isn't available to new 6th graders yet).

### SUMMER STRETCH (SS) REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT 6-8TH GRADERS!

Summer Stretch for this fall's 7-9th graders runs on Thursdays, 8:15am-5pm, with time in God's Word, service and fun. Haven't signed up yet? You must register one week in advance for each SS date. Go to [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org) and click on SS link to find dates, info/FAQ and the sign up/payment link. Cost is \$20 per week you attend (ValleyFair is \$30).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer we will be exploring Acts and discovering that faith doesn't stand still. Summer Bible study is a great way to continue growing in your faith, seeing your friends, and eating weird foods! Bible Study runs June 28 till Aug. 16, 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your Bible!

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

### HIGH SCHOOL CANOE TRIP

Join us on Friday, July 28, 9am-4:30pm. We're doing our annual trek down the St. Croix and you know it's going to be a blast! We'll head up to Taylor's Falls and spend the day on the river. Bring clothes and shoes that can get wet, a sack lunch, A FRIEND and maybe some dry clothes for the drive home! Sign up at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org). Cost is \$15. Contact: Patrick Brewer.

# Getting Connected

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

Middle Schoolers we're gonna get wet and we're gonna have a blast! Join us on Monday July 31, 6-9pm at the Valley Creek Campus. Come prepared to get wet as we play some outside water games. All incoming 6th graders through current 8th graders. It's Free! Questions? Contact Lindsey (Schmidt@woodburylutheran.org) or 651-739-5144 ext. 219.

## CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

If you'd like to start your confirmation journey, please contact Lindsey Schmidt to set up a launch meeting or register for one of the summer group launch meetings at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org). Our next group meeting is July 13, 6-7pm, VC campus. RSVP at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org). Future Confirmation weekends dates: November 4/5, 2017 and February 3/4, 2018.

## GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS FOR WOMEN

Women who are experiencing the grief and the loss of a loved one, whether recently or some time ago, are welcome to this group. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month (next meeting 7/27 at 1 pm VC Family Room). Together, with God, we will walk this "maze of healing." Facilitated by Joy Hopke (651-735-0124) and Dorothy Young (651-492-9320).

## CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Meredith Mattison as she presents, "How to make recruiters and agencies work for you!" on July 13, 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 welcome Margie Dirks as she presents, "5 Common Mistakes Interviewees Make" on July 27, 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).

## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

A refresher course will be offered on Monday, July 24, 9am-12:30pm in room 1-300 (VC Isaiah). Contact Tom Nelson at 651-735-4492 [tomasofwdby@aol.com](mailto:tomasofwdby@aol.com)

to sign up.

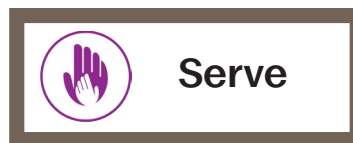


## INVITE A FRIEND TO LIBERTY RIDGE

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).

## ECUADOR MISSION TRIP SHARING

Join the Short Term Mission Team that served in Ecuador on July 30th at 12:30pm (VC). We want you to hear about their awesome experience!



## CHRISTIAN CLOTHES CLOSET

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

## KIDS CARE

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

## MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Would you be willing to knit or crochet shawls, soft chemo/Neuro surgery caps or baby caps/afghans which would be given to someone who is experiencing a life trauma, an illness, or loss? We would love to have you join us on Monday afternoons at the Valley Creek Campus, or bring your completed items to us at the Valley Creek Campus. Call Tamara (651)734-3974 or [tskarl@comcast.net](mailto:tskarl@comcast.net) for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

## WLC'S 50 YEAR JUBILEE EVENT

Our planning committee is looking for potential entertainment sources for our Jubilee kick-off event on October 7th, 2017. We would be interested in music groups, comedians, any variety of stage shows, etc... If this is YOU, or if you know anyone who might be interested in helping us in this area- we need to hear from you! We would especially love to use the talent right from our own church body! Please contact: Lori Golden 651-459-9533 or [goldenL60@yahoo.com](mailto:goldenL60@yahoo.com).

# July 2017 Calendar

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

**4 (O, L, V) Offices Closed**

**5 (V) MS & HS Summer Sudies**  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Lindsey or Patrick,  
651-739-5144

**5 (O) Youth Sudy**  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Sarah Dibbern,  
651-739-5144

**6 (V) Summer Stretch**  
Thursdays, 8:15am  
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt,  
651-739-5144 x219

**6 (V) A Man Named Martin**  
Thursdays, 10:00am  
Contact: Mary Lehman,  
651-739-5144 x201

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

**8 (V) Baptism Class**  
Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Rachel Symmank,  
651-472-1975

**10 (V) Summer Activities Camp**  
M-Th, 9:00am  
Contact: Nancy Schubbe,  
651-739-5144 x203

**10 (V) Art Camp**  
M-Th, 12:30pm  
Contact: Nancy Schubbe,  
651-739-5144 x203

**12 (V) The Fruit of the Spirit Study**  
Wednesdays, 9:30am  
Contact: Mary Lehman,  
651-739-5144 x201

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

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

**20 (V) Galatians Study**  
Thursdays, 10:00am  
Contact: Mary Lehman,  
651-739-5144 x201

**23 (V) New Member Class**  
Sunday, 3:00pm  
Contact: Pastor Jon,  
651-739-5144 x228

**24 (V) AARP Class**  
Monday, 9:00am  
Contact: Tom Nelson,  
651-735-4492

**24 (O) Summer Day Camp**  
M-Th, 9:30am  
Contact: Molly Schulze,  
651-739-5144 x332

**28 (V) HS Canoe Trip**  
Friday, 9:00am  
Contact: Patrick Brewer,  
651-739-5144 x211

**30 (V) Ecuador Mission Trip Sharing**  
Sunday, 12:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Derek,  
651-739-5144 x331

# THE NEWS LETTER

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7380 Afton Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125

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

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

St. Croix Campus (S)  
Afton, MN 55001

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