

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2015

Sabbath

Sabbath is an old word. The dictionary informs us it is:

- The 7th day of the week observed from Friday evening to Saturday evening as a day of rest and worship by Jews and some Christians.
- Sunday observed among Christians as a day of rest and worship.
- A time of rest.

Two words summarize it as - worship and rest. Even in writing this a bit of longing for rest surfaced in me.

When I was a child Sundays were different than they are today. Very few stores were open and it seemed as if everyone was off work. Today Sundays are as active as any day. Yet Sabbath is still observed.

Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings are different than the rest of our week. We gather in a building to worship. Some people dress up for church. We sing together to live music. Candles are lit. There are often flowers at the Altar. Families and friends sit together facing the Altar. People kneel and some people stand to receive communion.

In a world where there's so much to do and so much to consume, Sabbath provides rest for the most important part of who we are – our souls.

There is a rhythm to our lives when we practice Sabbath. God gave us rhythms – the Seasons of the year, day and night and a time for activity and a time for rest. Sabbath is worship and rest.

So it seems that Sabbath is ceasing and celebrating. We celebrate in worship. We cease our work. We catch our breath. It is a time to take your gaze off sched-

ules and screens and look to God.

There are many ways to Sabbath. It's not necessary to cease moving your body. Find the things that while you do them, your soul rests. If it's gardening, garden. While you're in the garden, recall scripture that took place in a garden. If you enjoy painting, paint and recall the way God paints the sky at dawn and dusk. Call a friend or family member and catch up. Read a good book or the Bible. Go for a walk. Teach your children card games. Take a nap.

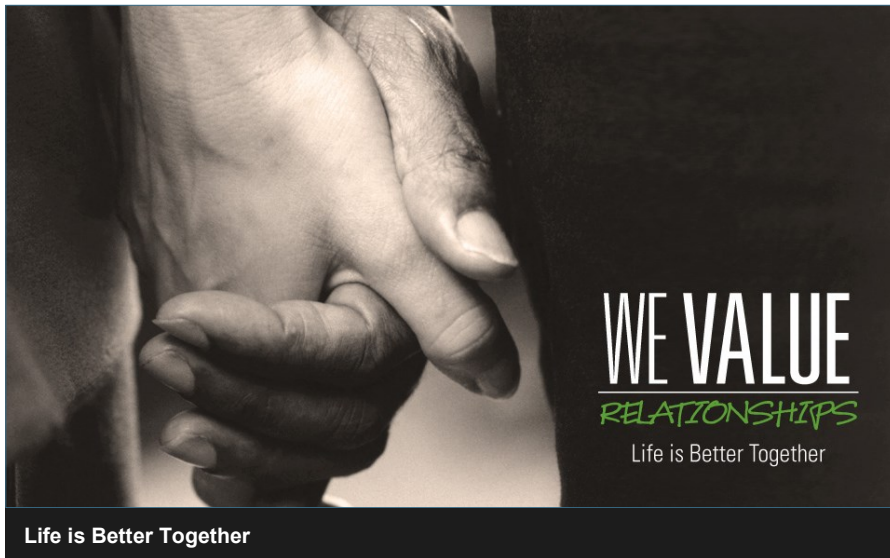
Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."



A Day of Rest and Worship—Sabbath

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We Value

Living Out Our Values

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

One of my favorite parts of the fall is teaching the 9th grade testimony confirmation class. In this class each student shares a piece of their faith story in front of their peers. I am always amazed by what these students share and the way that they then rally around each other, it gives me a picture of why we value relationships so deeply at our church, it shows us all in a tangible way why life is better together.

It seems like this same value has become increasingly more difficult for adults to experience in our culture today. Ironically, even though we have access to more relationships than ever, most people feel like they have few deep relationships, which can make life lonely. One of the ways that we truly become more like Jesus is by experiencing deep, meaningful relationships with other disciples of Jesus, which is why you hear us consistently talking about the importance of being in a small group.

Last month I heard from a guy who reluctantly joined a small group after he could no longer stand the encouragement of his spouse :). He was dead set against the idea and was coming up with every excuse in the book to get out of it. Amazingly, after giving it a try and after several months of meeting, his attitude has completely changed and he actually

said to me, *"I could not imagine my life without these people in it."* This is what real relationships do, they make life better.

We Value Relationships – Life is Better Together. Are you feeling alone? At WLC there are lots of ways to find real relationships, my prayer for each and every person who sets foot on our campuses is that they will find that life is better together. In 1 John 3:16 we read these great words, *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another."* May we always be a church who values relationships so deeply that we would willingly give our lives for one another.

Walking Together,

Pastor Tom

Weddings:

Thomas Kinmounth & Ingrid Nelson
Thomas Finnegan & Alexandra
Hansen

Baptisms:

Jackson John Norring
Riley Rose Marie Wick
Liliane May Wilford

Deaths:

Marna Uebler ~ sister, Carol
Tom Vaaler ~ sister-in-law, Joan
Mike Harris ~ father, James
Heidi Hove ~ father, Kent
Family of Margaret Slater
Gary Lehmann ~ father, Bill
Brenda Peterson ~ father, Daniel
Ellen Cochran ~ niece, Regan
Family of Kent Hadrits
Family of Bryce IntVeld

Service Times at WLC:

Sundays at Valley Creek:

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

Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Genesis, Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

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4,066,200 Meals Packed!

Thank You!

Dear Woodbury MobilePack Leadership Committee,

I'm not sure if that's what you call yourselves – I would probably call you the Woodbury Community Superstars! You are simply one amazing group of passionate volunteers and FMSC is blessed to know you.

Thank you for working tirelessly in the months leading up to your event to make the Woodbury MobilePack a huge success. Thank you for giving of yourselves during the event. Thank you for coming together as a team of community and civic leaders, business leaders, school leaders, and church leaders to feed God's kids. The **4,066,200 meals** packed will feed **11,140 kids** one meal per day for an entire year.

Below are stories of some of the kids who receive FMSC meals. Know you are making a huge difference in their lives.

- Lydia lives on the island of Marinduque in the Philippines. She has been receiving FMSC meals for 9 months. She went from being malnourished to what you see now. A very happy mom was sitting next to her.
- Agness and Richard live in Zambia. One of our partners found Agness who was abandoned by her mom and dad. At the age of 8 years old, Agness is caring for her 5 year old brother, Richard. Because of FMSC food, our partner is able to provide Agness a hot FMSC meal every day through their school feeding program. Each day Agness saves a part of her lunch to share with Richard who waits outside the gate. But, as an 8 year old head of household, Agness also goes home each night with a bag of FMSC food to prepare for her little family. When Richard is old enough to go to school, he, too, will receive his own hot meal every day.
- Nelson is from Haiti. Nelson captured my heart nearly two years ago when I traveled to Haiti to visit our partners there. On a routine trip to a village I had been to many times before, we found Nelson sitting naked among the pigs. He had literally been discarded by his family. One of our great partners asked permission to take him to their compound and feed him. Nelson has now become one of their adopted children and he is thriving! I can't wait to travel back to Haiti in January and spend some time with this precious little guy.

These three kids represent the hundreds of thousands of children you are helping us feed. May God bless you for being His hands and feet that allow FMSC and our partners to feed Lydia, Agness, Richard, Nelson, and many, many more beautiful kids all around the world.

Mark Crea, Executive Director/CEO



Children's HopeChest in Ethiopia

Partnering With Children's HopeChest

This past October, Woodbury Lutheran Church engaged in a new mission partnership with [Children's HopeChest](#) in a Kingdom building endeavor to help transform Sendafa, an impoverished city in Ethiopia.

Much of Sendafa resides in slum conditions, in housing that is not conducive for living. Waterborne diseases are as common as clean, safe water is difficult to access. Many people in the community are unemployed and work as daily laborers or petty traders with little income to support their families. As a result, many of the children survive on less than one meal a day and do not attend school.

An Ethiopian named Sister Almaz Tarekegn has a bold vision and is leading the charge on the ground. Several years ago, she felt the Lord pushing her to start a school, Ekklesia Academy, for orphaned and vulnerable children as an entry point into the community to form relationships and to begin to tell people about Jesus.

Our community, through a partnership created by Children's HopeChest, will be sponsoring 145 kids at the school. This sponsorship enables the Ethiopia staff to preach the Good News of the gospel and assist people to become self-supportive community members. Children are served a daily meal throughout the school week and are provided with uniforms, shoes, and school supplies.

In addition to caring for orphaned and vulnerable children, there will be opportunities down the road to participate and fund-raise for initiatives aimed at transforming the larger community surrounding the school. Some examples include training people on various life skills (farming, sewing, hair-

dressing, etc.), installing wells for fresh water, and building a vocational center.

As a church, we will be making annual trips to serve and build relationships with the school staff, kids and larger community. Our next trip will be from February 20 – March 1.

We are thankful for your support, prayers and involvement in this important, Kingdom building work. We look forward to seeing how God uses and shapes the WLC and Ethiopian communities as this relationship grows over the years.

If you would like to learn more about this work or get involved, please contact Ben or Regina Kehl at benandregina-kehl@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Ben and Regina Kehl



2015 WLC Confirmands

Parker Allen
Anna Bettmann
Joseph Blomquist
Bethany Breiholz
Danielle Brocker
Max Buchholz
Adeline Burger
Julia Burns
Wyatt Corrigan
Hannah DuFresne
Eric Fernandez
Erin Fitzgerald
Morgan Gibbs
Emma Goetz
Michaela Hartinger
Erin Hattenberger
Peter Heintz
Kathryn Hohenstein
Isabella Kordosky
Andrew Kroohn
Adela Lopez
Sarah Mazzaresse
Elizabeth Mortenson
Elizabeth Murphy
Erik Nelson
Tomy Ogren
Joshua Peterson
Kaitlyn Radecki
Rachel Rasmussen
Sarah Rasmussen
Hailey Rhoades
Garrett Sailer
Baylee Scholz
Grant Schouveller
Myia Schuessler
Autumn Schuldt
Luke Symmank
Mitchel Watanabe
Adam Wiering
Isaac Wuotila



Wanted: People to Join the “Woodbury Ding-A-Lings”

For the 16th consecutive year Woodbury Lutheran Church (WLC) has accepted the challenge as an evangelical outreach ministry, to ring bells for the Salvation Army (SA) during the Christmas season of 2015. The funds collected will be used to assist the less fortunate residents of the Payne Avenue area of St. Paul.

To give you some idea of the impact our WLC Ding-A-Lings have made, the grand total for 2013 was \$ 12,202.50 and in 2014 \$19,340.55. Our participation in this program is making a difference for people that need Salvation Army assistance!

Known as the “Woodbury Ding-A-Lings”, we will be ringing the bells at both doors of the CUB store in Tamarack Village. We will ring in **2 hour time slots** from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** every Friday and Saturday beginning **Friday, November 27** through **Saturday, December 19.**

Singles, families and groups are encouraged to ring. Youth under the age of 16 may ring with an adult, but those who are at least 16 years of age may ring without an adult along.

You may sign up to ring bells for a shift by going to the "Ding-A Ling" kiosk in the narthex between church services each weekend beginning Oct 31 / Nov 1.

Adopt - A - Kettle

Another feature will be the Adopt - A - Kettle. If you desire to help the SA but are unable to ring bells, you can elect to match the moneys collected in any kettle for either location, for any day, for any percent of a day's amount, or up to any dollar amount you choose.

Watch for the Ding-A-Ling kiosk in the lobby!



The Voths

Aaron & Amanda Voth

Hi everyone! Sorry we've been a bit absentee with the newsletter. August and September have been very busy months for us. Amanda wrapped up her summer in the first week of August with a retreat and a time of debrief with her summer interns. It was a time of reflecting on the growth and struggles that each member of her team experienced, as well as looking forward to the fruit in each of their lives. They spent much of their time reflecting on what they learned about God, themselves, and others over the summer so they can hopefully live differently as they return to their lives and routines.

While the Quito Quest season winds down for Amanda, projects for the scholarship program "Education Equals Hope," pick up for a couple of months. Each new year, sites must submit statistics about each of the students they wish to enroll in the program and Christmas cards thanking sponsors for their giving. Amanda's responsibility is to input those statistics, report them to the Education Equals Hope board, as well as translate the Christmas cards and get them ready to be sent to donors in the U.S. It's a lot of administrative work, but thankfully she is very gifted in that area!

Amanda's sister, Michelle, came to visit for a week mid-August. It was a welcome visit and nice to be able to just "do life" together. Pregnancy has meant less stamina to make it through full days, and so we did what Amanda could handle and spent the rest of the time just hanging out. We're looking forward to the next time "Auntie Michelle" can visit in January!

The 28 Living & Learning students Aaron will be working with arrived in the beginning of September. Aaron has taken on more roles this semester within the department and is enjoying the rhythm he has found. He is enjoying his teaching role much more this semester and is feeling much more comfortable with the responsibility.

Thank you for lifting up prayers for Amanda and the pregnancy. With the exception of the general aches and uncomfortable feelings that come with pregnancy, she is feeling better. We are approaching the 34 week mark and we are getting more excited for our little one's arrival!

~Aaron & Amanda

Coffee & Tea Time for Our Missionaries Brad & Sandi Miller

All members of Woodbury Lutheran Church are invited to an afternoon Tea/Coffee sharing time on Thursday, November 6, 2015, in the Isaiah room to meet Brad and Sandi. Come hear their story of ministry as God has lead them from serving at WLC as Youth Director for 13 years to serving in Quito, Ecuador as missionaries for another 13 years. Presently, they are serving International Teams as World missionaries. We would like to have them share their stories, challenge us in our Discipleship role and have a time of fellowship and prayers. Invite a friend and enjoy the afternoon. The time is 2:00-3:30p.m.





Sign up today!

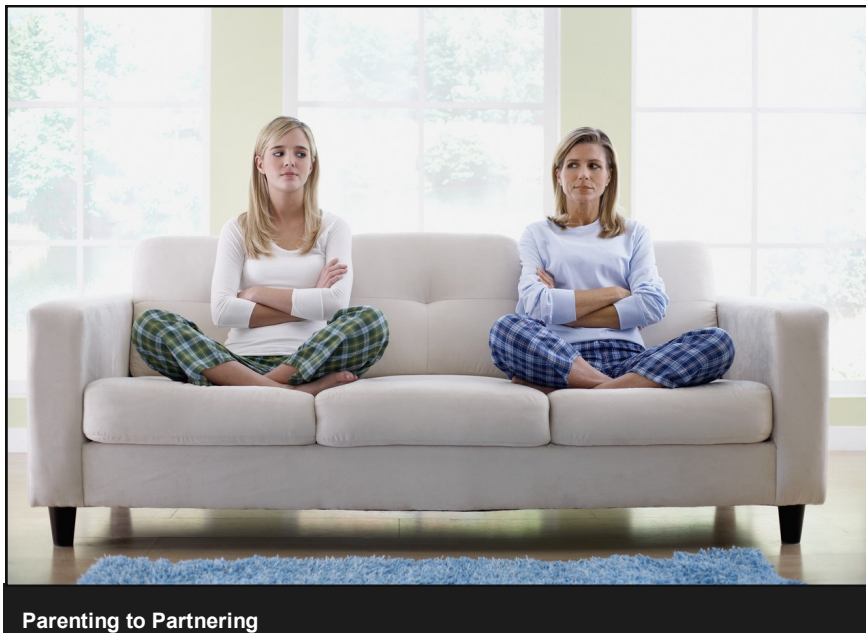
Woodbury Lutheran Preschool Christmas Boutique

Join us on Wednesday, November 18th and Thursday, November 19th
from 9AM-12PM in the Genesis/Youth hallway.

Support our school by purchasing local, unique, high quality handcrafted gifts
for your family and friends. Proceeds from our 20th annual fundraiser will be
used toward classroom technology equipment and student scholarships.

For more information/details or to give a donation to WLP contact Lisa
Schommer at 651-739-5146 or schommerl@woodburylutheran.org





Parenting to Partnering

Moving From Parenting to Partnering

Whether the teen years are already upon you or still ahead, this class will give you the right tools to build and strengthen your family. Join me for 5 weeks and you will receive insights on how to shape your teen's conscience and character so that they can withstand the pressures of the teen years. Valley Creek Campus, 9:30 a.m., beginning November 8th in the Family Center Room.

Jane Dibbern, Facilitator

**WOODBURY LUTHERAN ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT**
 Inspirational music, familiar carols, classics & new arrangements
 Friday & Saturday; December 11 & 12 at 7:30pm
 and Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm
 Performed by WLC Chorale, Celebration, Praise Team, Brass Ensemble,
 Soloists, and full orchestra
 Ticket Envelopes (freewill offering)
 will be available at the Welcome Center (main lobby)
 beginning November 15

2015 3rd Grade Bible University Students

Jacob Anderson
 Tatum Brigl
 Zach Brocker
 Hunter Burt
 Blake Chirpich
 Matthew Christopherson
 Gavin Dahl
 Lucas Dailey
 Keegan Deilke
 Zander Hall
 Avery Horacek
 Noah Hruby
 Logan Knight
 Cameron Krueger
 Tyler LaMott
 Molly Law
 Caden MacLeod
 Sean Ngu'e
 Leah Nordstrom
 Alex Oehlke
 Aspyn Offenhauser
 Annika Peper
 Sean Polaski
 Caleigh Proulx
 Joshua Rasmussen
 Henry Reinhard
 Molly Rohrer
 Caden Schlattman
 Max Schmidt
 Jarek Schrachta
 Tessa Score
 Logan Traynor
 Charlotte Vossen
 Lauren Wess
 Grace Winter
 Bennett Zeller
 Griffin Zeller





**Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

MATTHEW 28:19

What is required of us?

To act justly, love mercy and
walk humbly with our God.

MICAH 6:8

Declare his glory

among the nations,
his marvelous
works among all
the peoples!

PSALM 96:3

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Missionaries Discipling Our Congregations in November!

November is the time we look back and forward to what our next step is in God's plan as His disciples.

This year instead of our traditional "Show and Tell" about our missionaries, we have asked them to come where we are to teach and help us grow along our discipleship path.

Different missionaries will be speaking at youth and adult Bible classes, Sunday school, Stephen Ministry, and many more venues where we already gather. May we be blessed by our missionaries as we continue to grow in our faith and move along on our discipleship walk.

Watch for the detailed missionary speaker schedule in the Weekly news and at the kiosk at both campuses.

Available Speakers:

Luz Guerrero, Grant & Danielle Hoel, Don Leonard, Grand Buse, JJ & Steph Wessman, and Brad & Sandi Miller

Come and Grow!

November


1	Lindsey Carlson Kylee Collyard Joy Hopke Easton Johnson Matt Krotzer Jon Kush Candice Lee Addison Lower Allison Lower Diane Panning Dana Southward Steven Stone Victor Thiesse Karen Wachal	5	Brian Tobin Jessica Dowdall Max Gentry Kathy Harris Donna Herian Jeffery Crane Simeon Dommer Robert Heck Rachel Homuth Sarah Jahn Ethan Johnson Brody Loeffler Natascha Mishacoff Matthew Nelson	11	Jim Bolles Thomas Butina Samuel Beucler Michelle Bunge Greg Carlson Keith Esala Lawrence Faffler Richard Hanson Christopher Hauge Tyler Schutz Kelli Wick David McNally Kayla Wesser	16	Mark Sorgert Brian Whitemarsh, II Ariana Awiszus Megan Becken Emily Betts Lynn Clark Tyler Johnson Alayna Oehlke Connie Kling Harold Pearl Phillip Stebbing Janice Wenker	22	Peyton Lange Gene Letendre Joyce Piper Miranda Slater Jasmyn Carlson Amanda Claphan Eliza Beyers Dale Kreft Marsha Kveton Kyla Sonn Tim Mertens Stacey Schuessler Jeff Sieling Madelynn Stevensen	27	Pat Bouthilet Abigail Ceaglske Maxine Carter-Arku James Culbertson Kris Daugherty Pat Duffy Madeline Fong Perry Rogotzke Claire Becken Stephanie Aplin Cassandra Baty Glen Boedecker Alex Gierke Marge Helander Mark Landgrebe Eleanor Meyer Mark Retica Everleigh Vossen Jennifer Wiechert Jeffrey Wilford Robert Wilkie Any Steffel
2	Carissa Bartholomew Luke Burger Lauren Eddinger-Danner Makayla Gillard William Klingzing Betty Krueger Jill Leonard Karen Mielke Pat Morsching Angie Niezgocki Jason Pleggenkuhle Amber Gehring Isabella Sanneh Kelly Vo Dianna Weum	6	Logan Longworth Erin Fitzgerald Tara Dalbec Micah Gamble, Jr. Griffin Graham Cindy Grove Steve Matejka Kristen Meyer Taylor Moquist Judy Patraw Sarah Riechling Melissa Traynor Natasha Culbertson Calley Edlund Connie Jones Matthew Kleinhans	12	Ryan Hansen Ann Bloemendal Len Score Helen Spindler Matthew Boyd Daniel Ferguson Michael Dicks Ivan Niezgocki Misty Nickle Kylee Nickle Bob Ogren Chad Peterson Thomas Zamke Rene Kraft Trudy Scholten	17	Ellyn Figlmiller Brittany Gierke Molly Greenshields Ruth Harrison Emma Lee Cosette Hannula Jackson Jones Cory Jung Vince Lelei Dawn Mroszak Kristi Starzynski Julia Davison Lavonna Burgin Dean Dunavan Brennan Grimm Steve Schultze Angela Stanek	23	Jennifer Barnett Thelma Altman Isaiah Anderson Kendra Berkman Grace Beseman Angela Fossan Mike Brocker Emma Feldkamp Keegan Fritze Delaney Goerlitz Tyson Morris Richard Schmidt Blake Standly Sydney Ulrich Kaleb Bloomquist	28	Eric Chad Scott Conant Brandon Brown Gayle Huska Mark Hogeboom Colton Longworth Molly McGrath Sean Ngu'e Linda Pierre Casey Schultz Holly Sorgert Eryn Stoerzinger Daniel Bock Bethany Brocker Nathan Hartwig Teeghan Herian Erin Kohlbeck Maggie Kolb Caleb Ruud Dale Werth
3	Patty Blomquist Dean Galvin Helen Gland Neil Hom Gerald Miller Kassandra Olson Donna Peting Gabrielle Ratcliff	7	Natasha Culbertson Melissa Traynor Connie Jones Matthew Kleinhans Marian Lensegrav Karen Longworth Vicki Strong Avery Vo Gabriel Waldo Nick Christianson Mark Erickson Bruce Johnson Peter Riehle Virginia Obermire Ronald Shriver	13	Matthew Boyd Daniel Ferguson Michael Dicks Ivan Niezgocki Misty Nickle Kylee Nickle Bob Ogren Chad Peterson Thomas Zamke Rene Kraft Trudy Scholten Joslyn Davison Aaron Duffy Deborah Ferguson Gary Grohoski Evan Hillmeyer Charles Jones Michael McNally Laurel Mills Gerald Palesh Lindsay Sandrock Shanessa Schlattman	18	Jackson Jones Cory Jung Vince Lelei Dawn Mroszak Kristi Starzynski Julia Davison Lavonna Burgin Dean Dunavan Brennan Grimm Steve Schultze Angela Stanek Jeanie Strohus Brandon Thompson Kristi Weichert Seth Bridenbecker Gary Carlson Caylee Clifford Adam Krause Caitlin Linert Henrik Johnson Kristina Johnson Donna Gauwitz Colette Miller Colette Nelson Monica Ross	24	Grace Beseman Angela Fossan Mike Brocker Emma Feldkamp Keegan Fritze Delaney Goerlitz Tyson Morris Richard Schmidt Blake Standly Sydney Ulrich Kaleb Bloomquist Barbara Daak Joan Engen Owen Galvin Kyle Hagen Eric Host Kevin Lange Luke Lombard Marilyn Quamme Ethan Reynolds Cael Spates Emily Yee Wade Amundson Madeline Baumann Cindy Boedecker Ted Bolles Kelly Cadwallader Kent Emerson Linda Kontz Nichole Mohlenhoff Jennifer Schwarzenbach Julia Voss Sarah Bloom	29	Eric Chad Scott Conant Brandon Brown Gayle Huska Mark Hogeboom Colton Longworth Molly McGrath Sean Ngu'e Linda Pierre Casey Schultz Holly Sorgert Eryn Stoerzinger Daniel Bock Bethany Brocker Nathan Hartwig Teeghan Herian Erin Kohlbeck Maggie Kolb Caleb Ruud Dale Werth
4	Adeline Beucler John Carlson Avery Corrigan Sarah Dorff Austin Dunham Afton Kirby Madison Lien Erin Ecker Coriena Hanson Michael Heggernes Tim Huska Addison Lange Brady Roloff Naveena Spitz James Thoele	8	Nick Christianson Mark Erickson Bruce Johnson Peter Riehle Virginia Obermire Ronald Shriver Steve Skytte Richard Carlson Julie Fritze Leo Johnson Vasanti Madsen Jim Montgomery Ben Muenstermann Paul Neubrand Kelly Schmidt Angela Zenner Norm Alrick	14	Trudy Scholten Joslyn Davison Aaron Duffy Deborah Ferguson Gary Grohoski Evan Hillmeyer Charles Jones Michael McNally Laurel Mills Gerald Palesh Lindsay Sandrock Shanessa Schlattman Kennedy Bertram Jeannie Backlund John Bloom Nancy Branton Susan Finell Thomas Karrow Bryce Mohlenhoff Rochelle Michel Kristi Rohlf Tom Schlattman Marjorie Seeger Zachary Singleton	19	Julia Davison Lavonna Burgin Dean Dunavan Brennan Grimm Steve Schultze Angela Stanek Jeanie Strohus Brandon Thompson Kristi Weichert Seth Bridenbecker Gary Carlson Caylee Clifford Adam Krause Caitlin Linert Henrik Johnson Kristina Johnson Donna Gauwitz Colette Miller Colette Nelson Monica Ross Cathy Bloom Craig Bloom John Baranick Gabrielle Baty James Brewer Michael Chandler Ajay Craven Keith Gustafson Rosalyn Johnson	25	Richard Schmidt Blake Standly Sydney Ulrich Kaleb Bloomquist Barbara Daak Joan Engen Owen Galvin Kyle Hagen Eric Host Kevin Lange Luke Lombard Marilyn Quamme Ethan Reynolds Cael Spates Emily Yee Wade Amundson Madeline Baumann Cindy Boedecker Ted Bolles Kelly Cadwallader Kent Emerson Linda Kontz Nichole Mohlenhoff Jennifer Schwarzenbach Julia Voss Sarah Bloom	30	Eric Chad Scott Conant Brandon Brown Gayle Huska Mark Hogeboom Colton Longworth Molly McGrath Sean Ngu'e Linda Pierre Casey Schultz Holly Sorgert Eryn Stoerzinger Daniel Bock Bethany Brocker Nathan Hartwig Teeghan Herian Erin Kohlbeck Maggie Kolb Caleb Ruud Dale Werth

BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1	Ron & Tammy Price	8	Timm & Helen Spindler	15	Gwen & Dan Froseth	21	Daniel & Jana Beck
2	Larry & Yvonne Knoepfel	9	John & Patrice Horner	16	Michael & Linda Peterson	24	Jim & Tracey Jensen
3	Nathan & Alisa Hartwig	10	Paul & Janice Grizzell	17	Brian & T.J. Cartier	25	John & Sue Ratliff
4	Robert & Kristal Treadway		Ben & Marissa Jagger		Lon & Kim Berven		Kevin & Keri Stifter
5	Andrew & Kathrine Beebe	11	Brian & Molly Kieser		Shane & Angela Fossan	27	Joshua & Jennifer Granlund
6	Carl & Marlene Andrews	12	Edward & Francina Lelei		Matt & Ashley Boyd	29	Frank & Kathleen Janssen
7	Dale & Elizabeth Thompson		Steven & Bernie Spaudie		Phillip & Carrie Jenkins		John & Debbie Hukee
	David & Diana Wende	13	Mark & Dena Schull		Thomas & Cynthia Mertens	30	Douglas & Rhonda Jones
	Israel & Cindy Camona	14	Frederick & Heidi Conrad		Curt & Deborah Anderson		
	Steve & Michelle Fog		Mark & Gail Kreger	19	John & Lynnette Mahlke		

Taken from the November HomeFront Monthly Magazine



Don't Judge A BOOK BY Its Cover

Recently my adult son shared a difficult conversation that he'd had with a much older co-worker. He said, "They really don't know how much experience I actually have. I think they're judging me by my cover and not taking the time to read the whole book!" The "judging"—although not acceptable—was understandable, since my son's arms are covered with tattoos.

My son's tattoos have become invisible to me, but this wasn't always my story. In my generation, tattoos were viewed as rebellious signatures or as something done on an inebriated whim. Since that time, such markings have become more mainstream. In fact, a 2014 Fox News poll discovered that 20 percent of all Americans have a tattoo, up from 13 percent in 2007. And the percentage goes up as the age goes down; one-third of people under age 30 have a tattoo—and one in five have three or more.

I have to agree with my son; there is much more to him than inked skin. There's much more to his "book" than simply the cover. He is a chosen child of God who loves Jesus and has given his life to Him. He is single-parenting with ferocious intent so his children will know that they're deeply loved and valued by God.

How often do we judge others based on visible displays of style that sometimes clash with what we deem appropriate? How do we view our children and grandchildren? Do we just look at the "cover"? Or do we take the time to read the book? Do we ask questions that help us discover where their identity lies? Do we value them simply because they are children of God?

We must remember that our adult children and grandchildren are bombarded with lies from this world that tell them they're unloved and unwanted. They don't need that from us as well. We need to view them through the clearest, most accurate lenses of all: the eyes of God. And when we do, we will see each one as someone precious, someone made in God's image, someone whose story is being written by God Himself—and someone who's much more than just the cover!

by Debbie Guinn



- 2** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974
- 4** (V) **Women of the Word**
Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 5** (V) **Missionary Visit with the Millers**
Thursday, 2:00pm
Contact: Rhoda Pfothenauer,
651-739-1522
- 5** (O) **Women of the Word**
Thursdays, 10am
Contact: Jane Dibbern, 651-739-5144
- 5** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-735-7725
- 7** (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847
- 12** (V) **Career Transition Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715
- 12** (V) **Open Door Thursday**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144

- 16** (V) **Operation Christmas Child Collection Begins**
Monday 11/16-Monday 11/23
- 21** (V) **Time Away Respite Care**
Saturday, 4:30pm
Contact: Cheri Frost, 651-739-7052
- 25** **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**
Wednesday, 7:30pm
King of Kings Lutheran Church
- 26** (V) **Thanksgiving Day Worship**
Thursday, 9:00am

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

November 2015 Calendar Highlights

Want more events?
Visit woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com

Valley Creek Campus (V)
7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

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

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