

# THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2015

## Just One Weekend

The Weekend of October 10th & 11th will be "Just One Weekend" at Woodbury Lutheran Church across our campuses. "Just One Weekend" (JOW) is your opportunity, as a disciple of Jesus the Christ, to invite just one person who is disconnected from Jesus or a worshipping community to worship and/or Sunday School at Woodbury Lutheran Church. Invite a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member, or a stranger to join us that weekend as we proclaim and celebrate what God has done for all of creation through Jesus Christ. "Just One Weekend" will have a genuine and friendly environment like we always have at Woodbury Lutheran. The focus from our preachers and teachers will be to share who Jesus Christ is in ways that an unbeliever might be able to connect with. We invite you to bring "Just One!"

Perhaps you are thinking, as you read this article, that the person that you are thinking of is not ready to come to a church service or building, yet. This might be due to a variety of reasons, like: they have been hurt in the past by a church community, they are intimidated by the idea of corporate worship, or worship seems foreign to them, etc. For some, this is quite true. If that is the case in your relationship, I encourage you to be patient, to pray, and to be invitational in unique ways. You could invite that person over for lunch or dinner, or out for coffee, and ask them some sincere questions about their life...and listen well to them as you do this! Ask them about their passions. Ask them about their story. What childhood was like and what the journey of life has been like. Don't critique or judge, just listen. Be ready to share your life back with them, if they ask you about your story. And perhaps, just like the Apostle Peter writes, they may get to a place where they ask you about the Hope that you have. Be prepared to share that Hope in an articulate way with gentleness and respect. This is how Peter writes to the disciples scattered throughout Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) about doing so: *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do*

*this with gentleness and respect."* (1 Peter 3:15).

As you point to Jesus, the One that you hope in, and not to yourself or the things of this world, the Holy Spirit may just work in His beautiful and mysterious ways to draw your dear brother or sister into learning more about this Jesus and His church on earth. Some of you may be at a place in your relationship with that person where you need the nudge from the Holy Spirit to ask them to come and join us on "Just One Weekend." Here is that nudge: Get over yourself and your fear of being turned-down. Gently and respectfully extend an invite, that they might join us in hearing out and worshipping the One True Lord, Jesus the Christ!

We'll see you and your friend(s) on the 10th and 11th!

Jesus' Peace to you! ~ Pastor Drew



Invite a Friend or Family to Worship with You!

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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.

Many of you have heard the story of my Grandma that helps to define our value of each person, come as you are. Shortly after the new sanctuary was built on our Valley Creek Campus my Grandmother was giving my dad a hard time, saying that there was no way that they could ever fill up that big of a sanctuary. Well, the very first Easter the new sanctuary was packed and feeling good about himself my dad went to his mother-in-law ready to stick it to her with the news that the church had in fact been filled up. After sharing the news, without missing a beat my grandma looked at him and said, "Well, that's because you will take anyone at that church!"

What an amazing compliment about the purpose of the church. Jesus once said that He did not come for the healthy, but for the sick. The truth is all of us are sick and in need of what Jesus alone can offer. I am proud, yes proud to be a part of a church body who welcomes people with all sorts of skeletons in their closets.

Just this past week I heard from a person who started showing up at our door about three months ago and just recently bought their very first Bible. They kept coming back because of how God is at work in you, by the way,

this person might dress and look different than you and you know what, that's ok, you made them feel welcome anyway.

We Value Each Person - Come as you are. In 1 Samuel 16:7 we read these great words, *"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart."* May we always be a church who will take anybody, because every anybody is a somebody who needs to know the truth and grace of Jesus Christ.

Walking Together,

Pastor Tom

## Weddings:

Brynn Ligas & Richard O'Neil  
Monica Christiansen & Michael Knox  
Tara Montgomery & Ryan Huppert  
Andrea Griffin & Eric Ellert  
Alyson Bennett & Matthew Nelson

## Baptisms:

LaVonna Sharae Burgin

## Deaths:

Family of Betty Crowther  
Family of Janet Smith  
Larry Smith ~ mother, Jeanette  
Deana Schull ~ mother, Lynnette  
Shirley Hensel ~ sister-in-law, Darlene  
Family of Leon Anders  
Ken Babin ~ father, Jerry  
Family of Ted Buehring  
Family of Jack Natzke  
Family of Martha Thoele  
Diane Nelsestuen ~ brother, Carlos

## 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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WLC Small Groups

## Small Groups Just Got Smaller!

Want be in a small group?

*Just grab 2 friends and your group is ready to go!*

Register your group with Mary Lehman at VC or Naomi Golnitz at OH  
Pick up your first study, Discipulus, available for all Small Groups starting October 17th and 18th in the Lobby.

## DISCIPULUS: Everyday Habits for Everyday People



**noun**

1. The Latin word discipulus can mean both "disciple" and "discipline."

Discipulus Sermon Series

## All Campus Small Group Bible Study

*As Greater continues to unfold and as we walk the Discipleship Path together, we are given beautiful Spiritual Practices that help us to become more and more like Jesus.*

DISCIPULUS is a 6 week Sermon based Bible study produced and taught by WLC pastors.



Quito Team 2015

## A Mission Experience in Quito

A team of 15 went to Quito, Ecuador from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>: five from Woodbury Lutheran and ten from theAlley. With a variety of ages and life stages, our team bonded much better than most of us probably expected. We worked with Youth World and International Teams and were hosted by Aaron and Amanda Voth – two supported missionaries from Woodbury Lutheran Church. Amanda’s job is to host teams through Quito Quest (a Youth World ministry) and Aaron typically works with college students but was allowed to partner with Amanda to host our team. It was a blessing for the team to be able to pour into our sent missionaries and learn from them on the field.

Amanda and Aaron did a nice job of describing our ministry:

We just finished hosting a team from theAlley and Woodbury Lutheran... We spent the first half of their stay at a church called Dios Es Amor (God Is Love), where we helped paint the church, participated in some children’s programs, and visited the homes of community members the church was trying to reach out to. The connection with this site was special and it was difficult to say goodbye. There were some very powerful times of prayer for the leadership and the youth of the church. Then we traveled to Riobamba, where we partnered with an indigenous Quichua community to work on their church property and run some kids’ programs. Overall it was a really fun 10 days, and a great chance to grow closer to old friends and new from home!

A blessing I have noticed from going on a short-term mission experience, and one in particular that involves our sent missionaries, is that we were

able to validate their experiences in Ecuador. Now they have a little larger support network back in Minnesota that understands some of the work they have been doing, met some of the same friendly believers they have been spending their time with, has more specific prayer requests, and can empathize with some of the cultural differences and struggles that may have come up.

This was wonderfully eye-opening to me and the team and I want to encourage you to consider stepping out of your own comfort zone to have your horizons expanded and relationships deepened whether in Minnesota or abroad.

-Addie Michlitsch



# What you don't know! COULD HURT YOU!

## A FREE FINANCIAL SERIES TO HELP YOU AVOID THE PAIN...

### Seminar Series

1

**Thursday, October 8th**  
**5:15 p.m. Registration**  
**5:30 p.m. Seminar**

- Preparing for Long Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves
- Social Security: Strategize to Maximize

#### Location:

Oak Marsh Golf Course-Willow Room  
526 Inwood Ave. N.  
Oakdale, MN 55128

**RSVP by October 2nd**  
**(details below)**

*Dinner will be served*

2

**Thursday, November 5th at 6 p.m.**

- Heart to Heart - As Your Parents Age

3

**Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

- Woman, Wine and Wealth

**RSVP required to attend these FREE seminars**

*To reserve your spot, please contact*

*Nancy at 651-788-6586 or*

*nancy@WoodburyFoundation.org*



**WOODBURY**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### Event ONE Details...

#### Preparing for Long Term Care:

#### **A Gift Your Family Deserves**

**In an instant, a disability or  
diagnosis can change your life...  
and your family's.**

Where would you receive care?

Who would provide it?

How would you pay for it?

#### **Social Security:**

#### **Strategize to Maximize**

**Now vs. later is just one of many  
options to consider.**

When should I apply?

How much will I be taxed?

Why do I need to think about this  
now?



Join the **The East Metro Financial Team of Thrivent Financial** for these educational workshops to learn how to sort through the options to help ensure the choices you make are right for you.

# October Birthdays

1 Brian Christianson Marianne Eineke Mason Himes Brian Smith Rick Stinogel Janna Duban	7 Linda Atchison Caitlyn Beck Courtney Beck Veronica Pettit Audrey Forciea Julia Gibbs Will Grant Luanne Greengard Roger Haukland Shirley Hensel Dick Maguire Don Piper Brian Rieck April Reed	11 Sharla Phermetton Kevin Graham Amy Meyer Eric Heintz Lorraine Wohlhuter Seryozha Mzenga Bruce Montgomery Daniel Krause Abram Neumann Marlen VanOverbeke Abby Schissel Jill Hodne Michael Vandinburg Christopher Rieck	Elise Schuenke Sophia Skadberg Amy Tessmer Eric Varin	Robbie McKusky Everett Morri Marit Soli Justin Thompson Kimberly Herr Hannah Dufresne	Elizabeth Hanson Tim Pleggenkuhle Jeremy House Andrew Eineke Roman Rogotzke Connie Sabbann KC Swanlund Lisa Thao
2 Rhonda Affield Kaylee Amundson Carly Anderson Dan Arend, Jr. Nathan Bloomquist Kurt Brammer Joshua Brocker Barrett Connolly Joshua Kirchhoff Scott Stevens	8 Ellen Cochran John Foster Alanna Hill Aaron Bauman Katie Dahm Parker Huebsch Tyler Huebsch Brian Kirchhoff Bob Kolb Jacob Mertens Etta Meyer Scott Reinhard Mark Smith Olivia Thao Cheryl Tveit	12 Barbara Groth Alyssa Baggenstoss Christopher Neutz Ella Schwarzenbach Meshana Khang Alexander Konop Cindy Schwartz Jamison Mackey Melanie Haberman Dawn Kroohn	17 Harry Larson Brooke Albrecht Paige Albrecht Bill Hellenberg Kristen Nesvig Mike Rist Cynthia Martin Lillian Stenzel Jacob Speckhard Matt Weiss	23 Hannah Bauman Lesa Clarkson Peter Bloomquist Julia Esboldt Elden Lamprecht Tom Kroohn Paul Rubert Diana Neumann Jennifer Wenck Annaliese Voss Madeline Haut Caitlin Johnson Brad Sweet Warren Weum Adam Wiering	28 Robert Nelson Maria Engen Nolan Aspen Quinn Haines Lori Haukland Joel Hoffbeck Carley Kokaisel Kelsey Wegner LeRoy Wilke Parris Vitela Rachel McFarland Anastacia Speckhard Katie Schultze Wendy Schultze
3 Alex Barker BJ Brown Kris Bruesehoff Lyn Foley Jared Foster Cynthia Freeman Amber Ignaszewski Daniel Kuhrmeyer Bethany Mathot Gabe Peterson Kavin Ramesh Nancy Ritter Carol Score Nick Skadsberg	9 Ava Baggenstoss Jesse Spates Terri Albrecht Alexandra Pashina Jeff Konop Grant Schouveler Matthew Meek Griffin Zeller Bennett Zeller	13 Courtney Heerwald Jennifer Anderson Thomas Albrecht Zachary Taylor Michael Zenner	18 Julia Glatzmaier Olivia Hassebroek Addison Rohm Will Bartley Mark Kreger Diane Kruger Ryan Lindstrom Jim Sobaski Ben Wilson	24 Melissa Butzler Laurie Fredregill Arlene Halleen Zachary Cartier Arul Ramesh Justin Topp Payton Robillard Jennifer Granlund Pat Stevens	29 Amanda Brigl Cheryl Stensvad Bennett Lodermeier David Schelling Beejay Zager Linnea Rizzo
4 Paul Burandt Brook Burt Ross Davis Elias Aune Patrick Brewer Jerry Helander Marvel Mitterholzer Kendel McKinley	10 Hadley Combs Briggett Hanson Debra Heggernes Piper Beck Eugene Anderson Lachlan Gotschall Stella Hall Olivia Hillmeyer Kaye Christianson Logan Duis Ruth Premiah Delaney Palmer Danielle Nelson Francis Menge Gradey Olafson Brian Stakston Dottie Tillery	14 Rick Blomquist Caleb Bartholomew Mackenzie Fossan David O'Connor Eva Powers Josephine Mack Stacey Wagley Warren Wittkopp Jessica Gergen	19 Ruth Camilli Cortney Rygh Paul Claugherly Kelly Mackey Ari Meyer Molly Yee Amy Gehring Christian Johnson	25 Charles Wilson Ryan Loss Sarah Lonergan Julie Drevnick Nicholas Crist Valerie Reichel William Adams Maggie Law Nancy Brezina Yvonne Knoepfel	30 Bob Albrecht Simona Awiszus Rana Browning Thomas Campbell Jason Chorba Matthew Dahlstrom Chad Helgason Jack Kohlbeck Candace Lilleboe Aspyn Offenhauser Thomas Ogren Keira Rosin
5 Sophia Carlson Elizabeth Huebsch Janet Harrison Alden Nelson Deb Reynolds Brenda Stoffel Brindley Schull Alejandro Trujillo- Corona Lori Voth		15 Justin Bloomer Jessami Bruesehoff Amy Fitzgerald Max Lanz Robert Cummings Cole Bruesehoff Marie Klinzing Gerald Morton Marie Schultz Catherine Jacobus Chelsea Lewis	20 Viola Alrick Matt Prestegord Daniel Kapernick Scott Bolles, Jr. Judy Pirkil Jennifer Singleton Benjamin Jacobus Thomas Matejka Steve Hull Heidi Hove Lois Setten	26 Don Arneson Olivia Bell James Belmonte Colin Davis Kristen Finell Christina Gurrola Alyssa Kreutzfeldt Rick Albrecht Eric Bjornson Kaeli Khang Lisa Huska Katherine Reinhard David Wolterstorff	31 Justin Behnken Renee Kenow Trevor Brammer Brian Kieser Janice Lindau Quinn McHarg Alyxia Morris Katherine Parker Megan Ross Michael Scheid Bill Taylor
6 George Achterling Michele Eggers Logan Foster Fritz Feuerheim Matthew Hanson Glennae Meyer Gina Pearson Elora Riley Kimberly Sorgert Dave Wegner		16 Kirstin Doman Jennifer Foss-Wille Jake Freyer Sam Froseth Amy Johnson David Hayden Jan McLean Max Schmidt	21 Harriet Porter Cheri McKusky Eli Book Vienna Carlson Philip Harris Andrea Hitzemann- Johnson Autumn Schuldt Gerald Steffel Matthew Edwards Helen Louie-Terzian Daniel Wesser	27 Nathan Fredregill Aiden Baggenstoss Michele Jacobus	

## & Anniversaries

1 Gary & Diane Baran Tim & Brittany Bystrzycki Nick & Julie Kordosky	5 John & Dorothy Blaisdell Burt & Reighe Nagel	11 Kevin & Kristin Esboldt	John & Jessica Norring Bill & Karen Klinzing	Ed & Cathy Yee Kevin & Deb Tacheny
2 Gary & Byrna Iskason Kevin & Darlene Meissner Bill & Andrea O'Keefe	6 Paul & Sally Cronin Jeff & Aimee Wilford	12 Glen & Cindy Boedecker David & Jenna Bonofiglio	Josh & Melanie Anderson Tom & Kristine Stork	Peter & Barb Cavanaugh
3 Dave & Sue McNally Mike & Kathy Harris Karl & Cheryl Hohenstein Mark & Kim Sorgert Rich & Shelly Ahlquist	7 A. J. & Sarah Dorff John & Joy Taraldsen	Brett & Lisa Corrigan Brian & Donna Herian 13 Brad & Sandi Miller	19 Ken & Lindsey Babin Charles & Janice Jones Fred & Alyssa Kreutzfeldt	24 Grant & Pixie Anderson 26 Jeremy & Theresa Craven Brian & Addie Michlitsch
4 Mark & Cameo Kosanke Gene & Phyllis Letendre Jeff & Katie Mueller	8 Andrew & Stephanie Aplin Nathan & Jennifer Weixel	15 Justin & Amanda Brigl Doug & Beth Mackey Nathan & Amy Randt Bill & Donna Gauwitz	20 Gerald & Robin Dittmann Chike & Sarah Ociagha Dick & Nancy Ritter	27 Keith & Cynthia Gustafson Michael & Brenda Haut 28 Mark & Tami Jelinek 30 Tim & Roxane Becken Justin & Lisa Bloomer 31 Dwight & Patti Schultz

# AND A CHILD WILL»»»»»» »»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»» LEAD THEM

**My earliest memories of “big church” were sitting with my mom and singing hymns at the top of my lungs.** I would pretend to read the lyrics from the hymnal and everyone around me would say how cute it was. There were no musical instruments at our little church, so you can imagine how loud I really must have been with just voices to carry the tune.

I was born with a birth defect that caused me to be completely deaf in my right ear. Even so, as the years went by, I found a rooted love of all types of music. This led me on a journey to explore gospel music, southern gospel, and eventually mainstream worship music. Regardless of the genre, from pop to jazz, music has always been spiritual for me. It has been an incredible gift as a way to learn Scripture and to learn how to worship.

**Now, as a parent, I have seen the effects of how exposing my children to different styles of worship music at young ages is influencing them.** My one-year-old daughter, Mazie, who was born with the same birth defect as I was, is already showing signs of being a music lover. I remember when my son James was two, we started bringing him in to worship with us on the weekends. He would sing at the top of his lungs—yep, just like mama! We were worshipping together as a family and showing him what it looks



like to worship as a faith community. We were amazed at how quickly he learned the songs and would just randomly start singing them at home while playing with his super heroes.

**Isn't it interesting that at the youngest of ages, worship is defined and understood within the confines of music and music alone?** Music is a great starting point for understanding how to worship our Creator. This foundation has allowed me to further expand my definition of worship and recognize that worship exists in other ways, too—sacrificial giving, prayers of adoration, and so much more. It's an obvious practical step to suggest that as parents we invite our children into our environment of worship in “big church,” but wouldn't it be interesting this month if you, the parent, invited yourself into your child's environment of worship? To have our kids see us worshipping alongside them in ways we might see as silly or goofy is actually an opportunity to affirm their approach to worshipping their Creator. In this way, we allow their foundation to be further cemented by our example. My prayer for you this month is that through these practical steps you will have a hand in shaping the next generation's approach and understanding of worship that includes, but is not limited to, music.

Parents: Consider joining your children in their environment this month and allow them to lead you in worship.

by Keri Larson

*Keri Larson is a studio-session singer in Los Angeles, CA. She is the co-creator and co-producer of The Black & White Sessions, a YouTube channel project that launched in April 2015. She lives in Costa Mesa, CA with her husband, Tommy, and her two children, James and Mazie.*

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YouTube [the black and white sessions](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

**Taken from the October HomeFront Monthly Magazine**

**1** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**  
Thursdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-735-7725

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

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

**5** (V) **Cancer Companions**  
Mondays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim,  
651-739-5144 x221

**7** (V) **Women of the Word**  
Wednesdays, 9:15am  
Contact: Mary Lehman,  
651-739-5144 x201

**8** **FMSC MobilePack @ Bielenberg**  
Thursday-Sunday, 8:00am-8:00pm  
Contact: Liz Thompson, 651-262-9665

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

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

**10** (V) **Basic Biblical Finances**  
Saturdays, 8:00am  
Contact: Tom Tibbetts, 651-330-2101

**11** (V) **Congregational Meeting**  
Saturdays, 12:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Tom, 651-739-5144

**12** (V) **Grief Support Class**  
Mondays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144 x221

**25** (V) **Confirmation Sunday**  
Sunday, 1:30pm  
Contact: Joel Symmank, 651-739-5144

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## October 2015 Calendar Highlights

Want more events?  
Visit [myWLC.org](http://myWLC.org) and click on  
Calendar

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

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

**St. Croix Campus (S)**  
Afton, MN 55001

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