

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2015

Blessed—Urban Plunge 2015

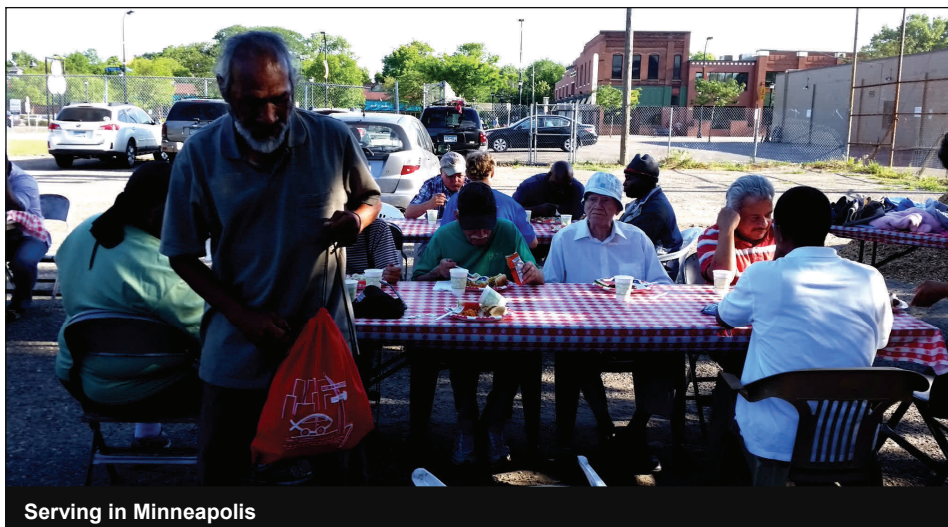
For the second year in a row, members of WLC were able to participate in a short-term mission (STM) experience that did not require a passport or a long airplane ride. In late July the Urban Plunge team spent a week in the Phillips neighborhood in Minneapolis at Trinity First Lutheran Church and School – a mere 22 miles from Woodbury.

Trinity First is one of the oldest Lutheran churches in Minnesota and there are 150+ students enrolled for the upcoming school year. However, it is a struggling congregation that is trying to find its new role in one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the U.S. Throughout the week we were able to interact with Ethiopians, Native Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Indians, and Somalis. From a neighborhood prayer walk – to working with the school's Summer Bridge to Success program – to feeding the community meals and working the local food shelf – to completing repairs on the facility and increasing the safety of the school's playground – our time was filled with people of the neighborhood. How blessed we are to be able to experience the culture of so many different nations within a short drive of Woodbury.

But even though our STM experience is over there are several ways that you could become involved with Trinity First. WLC, in conjunction with TST Catering, provides a community dinner each Thursday evening at Trinity First. If that is something that interests you, please contact Lori Golden at 651-336-1554. She can answer any questions you may have. Trinity First also has an after school program called Tiger Club. It goes from 3-5 pm and volunteers help with homework, play games with the

kids, and just provide a positive influence in their lives. For more information, contact Jerry Morton at jerry@themortonhome.com.

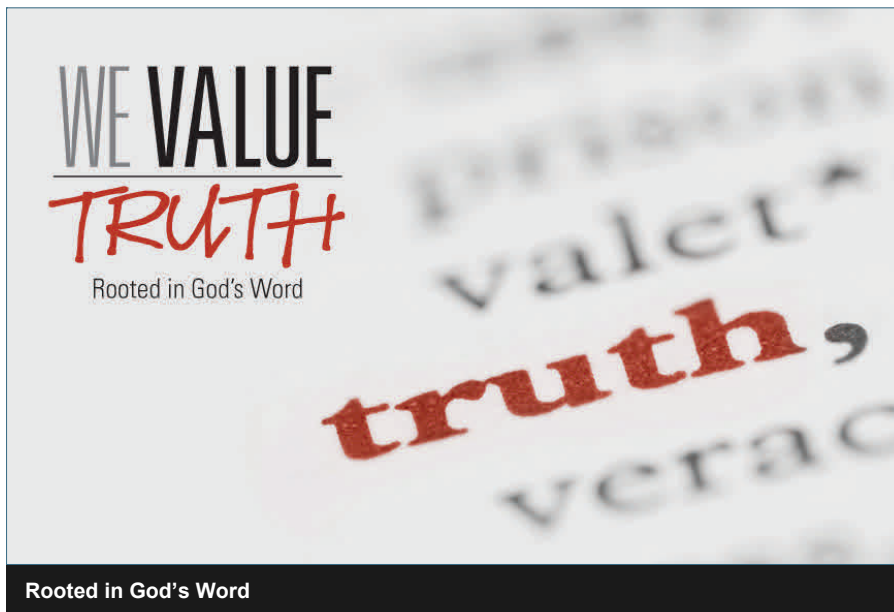
And finally, if you have any interest in next year's STM experience, please contact Pastor Drew and he will add your name to a list of possible participants.



Serving in Minneapolis

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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 individuals are a unique part of the body of Christ, so each gathering of Jesus followers is also unique.

One of the things that I love about our church is that we are completely and totally reliant on Scripture as our guidepost. We believe that in the Bible God has revealed His truth to us in such a way that we can build a firm foundation of trust with the creator of the universe.

One of the greatest challenges for those who follow Jesus, is to not get drawn into the realm of relativism, which teaches that truth is in the eye of the beholder.

While there can be different interpretations of Scripture, we must never lose the fact that there is a source of truth that norms right and wrong in the world around us and that truth comes from God and His unchanging Word.

What does it mean to be, *Rooted in God's Word*? It means as Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:16 that, "*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training...*" It simply means that we have a strong foundation on which to build. What could be stronger than

the truth of God?

One of the important things for us to understand is that our values work together. Truth in a vacuum devoid of grace is a very dangerous place to be, (see the story of the Pharisees for a good example of where this type of thinking can lead). So in order for truth to work as God intends we must see it working in conjunction with all of our values.

For now, know that Woodbury Lutheran will always be a gathering of disciples who are becoming more and more like Jesus as we live lives guided by, and built on, the foundation of His truth. Spend some time this week thinking about what this might mean for your walk with God.

Walking Together,

Pastor Tom

Weddings:

Jennifer Hoffbeck & Adam Doehrmann
Karina Lopez & Zach Barabash
Brian Hawkinson & Michelle Spude

Baptisms:

Benjamin Branson Mertens
Paxton Nolan Anderson
Freyja Olivia Brothen
Joshua Robert Jepperson
Penelope Lindberg

Deaths:

Oliva Levitz ~ grandmother, Ruth
Hannah Levitz ~ grandmother, Ruth
Linda Gill ~ mother-in-law, Ruth
Ron Roesler ~ mother
John Swanlund ~ aunt, Pat
Family of Joe Adams
Mel & Alyssa Medin ~ mother, Vera
Marsha Voss ~ mother, Suzanne
Dave Martini ~ father, Elmer
Kristi Starzynski ~ grandfather, Elmer
Amy Larson ~ grandmother, Frances

Service Times at WLC:

Sundays at Valley Creek:

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

Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Journey, 5pm

Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

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Beautiful Friendships

4 Million Meals! 11,000 Children Fed for One Year!

Woodbury Lutheran Church has joined with the City of Woodbury, local churches, schools and businesses to pack 4 million meals for starving children around the world. From October 8-11, you, along with 20,000 of your friends and neighbors will have the opportunity to participate in a FMSC packing event to be held at Bielenberg Sports Center. Adults and children will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Children as young as five can also help as long as they are with a parent/adult. If you are a leader of an organization that would like to participate (Scouts, etc.) then the minimum age is third grade. For more information on adult to student ratio for groups, please contact Liz Thompson (651-262-9665).

An exciting aspect of this year's MobilPack is that 10% of the funds raised – up to \$80,000 – will go directly to the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf (CCEFS). So in addition to packing for hungry children around the world we will be helping to feed the hungry right here in Woodbury.

Registration is now open via the volunteer link found at www.woodburyfeeds.org. Each packing session is 2 hours and the times are the same on all four days: 9-11am, 12-2pm, 3-5pm and 6-8pm. WLC has reserved 600 spots on Saturday, October 10th. You will need to sign-up with a join code if you want to pack at one of those reserved times:

9-11am – use join code 728256

12-2pm – use join code 728259

3-5pm – use join code 728260

WLC members and friends do not have to pack at our reserved time. And you can pack as often as you would like – just remember to register for each session.

More information can be found on the woodburyfeeds.org website. If you have questions, need more information or need help with registering, please contact Liz Thompson at 651-262-9665.

FMSC is a Christian nonprofit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals, MannaPack™ Rice, formulated specifically for malnourished children. Organizations in nearly 70 countries around the world distribute these meals to children in greatest need. In 2014, FMSC sent over 229 million meals around the world thanks to the work of almost 900,000 volunteers. FMSC is able to spend more than 92% of total donations directly on feeding children because of its volunteers.

**11,000 hungry children around the world
thank you for your generosity!**



WLC Endowment Fund

Insuring the Church's Mission

Before he was married and had children, a member of Woodbury Lutheran purchased a small life insurance policy with a beneficiary value that would cover his burial in the event of an untimely death. Many years later, this member, through continued good planning and God's abundant favor, has far greater financial resources. His children are grown and he has a pension, a stock portfolio and an additional insurance policy that would more than cover his family's needs.

The member wanted to make a gift to the Woodbury Lutheran Endowment Fund but, even with good planning, he had kids on their way to college, and was concerned about a large cash outlay. So, after talking with his wife and his accountant, he determined he could make a substantial gift by transferring the rights of this early-purchased insurance policy to the Endowment Fund.

What are the benefits to you of assigning one or more of your insurance policies to WLC's Endowment?

Gifts of a life insurance policy allow you to make a much larger single gift than you might otherwise be able to afford. Although the cost to you (your premiums) is relatively small, the amount WLC's endowment will receive (the death benefit) can be quite substantial. As long as you continue to pay the premiums on the life insurance policy, the church is guaranteed to receive the proceeds of the policy when you die. (Guarantees are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company.) Since life insurance proceeds paid to a charity are not subject to income and estate taxes, probate costs, and other expenses, WLC receives 100% of your gift.*

Giving life insurance to charity also has certain income tax benefits. Depending on how you structure your gift, you may be able to take an income tax deduction equal to your basis in the policy or its fair market value (FMV), and you may be able to deduct the premiums you pay for the policy on your annual income tax return. When an insurance contract is transferred to a charity, the donor's income tax charitable deduction is based on the lesser of FMV or adjusted cost basis.*

How do you make the transfer of an existing policy?

You must assign all rights in the policy to the Woodbury Lutheran Endowment Fund and deliver the policy itself. By doing this, you give up all control of the life insurance policy forever. This strategy provides the full tax advantages of charitable giving because the transfer of ownership is irrevocable. You may be able to take an income tax deduction equal to the lesser of your adjusted cost basis or FMV. The policy is not included in your gross estate when you die, unless you die within three years of the transfer. In this case, your estate would get an offsetting charitable deduction.*

The member of WLC continues to pay the premiums through a regular cash gift to the church designated specifically for this purpose. This ongoing financial gift results in additional tax deductions for him. The current cash value of the policy is included in WLC's Endowment Fund account balance, allowing the church to make larger disbursements to supported missions each year.

His gift is truly an "above and beyond" mission investment that will benefit generations to come.

For more information on how you can make an insurance gift to WLC, contact church administrator Mark Stutelberg, stutelbergm@woodburylutheran.org.

Next time, we will address easy ways you can ask others to invest in WLC's missions through memorials and honorariums.

* All tax information is general, and provided by www.360financialliteracy.org. Please see your accountant or tax adviser for advice specific to your financial situation.



In the Footsteps of the Apostles Paul & John

Turkey, Greece & Islands—
September 24-October 6,
2016. Led by Pastor Paul &
Rhoda Pfothenhauer.

Contact them for more infor-
mation at 651-261-3416 or
Pfothenhauer@juno.com.

Information Meeting on
Thursday, October 29th at
WLC at 7pm



Beautiful Words

I Have Hidden Your Word....

Chris Webb, in *The Fire of the Word*, describes the Bible as a “thin” place where we meet God: the Scriptures are a “place where the boundary between heaven and earth has been worn through...When we open the Bible, it does not say to us, ‘Listen: God is there!’ Instead, the voice of the Spirit whispers through each line, ‘Look: I am here!’” The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16); through it He speaks to us. Through it the Holy Spirit shows us who God actually is. As we come to know Him, we are changed more and more into his likeness.

Here at Woodbury Lutheran we have a multitude of growth opportunities for kids, youth and adults, for folks who have been following Jesus forever and for folks who are just finding out who He is and what following Him looks like. But growth is bigger than just what the church offers. Lifelong spiritual growth requires the personal practice of engaging in God’s Word.

Note that we’re not just talking about reading the Bible, or even studying the Bible. Both are good, and important. But engaging is about interacting with God’s word in a way that allows the Holy Spirit to speak to us, where we hear God’s voice speaking to us and transforming us into His likeness. Words like mulling over, marinating, reflecting, dwelling on, pondering describe this kind of interaction with Scripture.

As we walk along this Discipleship Path together, worshiping, growing, serving and reaching let’s follow the Holy Spirit’s lead to engage in God’s word. The weekly scripture cards are a simple way to reflect on the text for the week and listen for God’s calling and challenge. Apps like You Version and others have a variety of reading and reflecting plans to choose from.

The Psalmist gives us some good encouragement: “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you...I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.” Psalm 119: 11, 15-16. What an incredible gift God has given us in His word. Let’s be a people devoted to that word and the transformation it gives.



Learning Much More Than English

I met her May 2015. She came to the English language classes at WLC unexpectedly. She introduced herself and asked if she could stay in class that day. She knew about the class through one of our students she met at a local gym. She has not missed a class since that day. She enjoys memorizing the Bible verses we talk about in class.

After one of our classes, I invited the students to tour our church library. Only Soonyeong accepted. She was very excited to know that she could have access to Christian books, music, and movies. After that, I showed her the sanctuary and invited her to worship with us the next Sunday. Immediately, she asked me: "What time?"

When saying goodbye, Soonyeong asked, "Are you my friend?" I said "Yes, I am." Then, with tears in her eyes, she told me her story.

She is Catholic, her husband is working in South Korea until retirement, and she is here raising their two children, who are starting college. She had been experiencing depression so her husband had been praying for God to send a friend and a church into her life. After ending her story, she asked me again, "Are you my friend?" and I answered back "Yes, I am your friend." We hugged each other in tears, praising God for this conversation and His provision.

Soonyeong has been coming to our church every single Sunday since that invitation. She does not understand everything but she goes home and reads the Scripture in Korean. She is also using her electronic dictionary to understand the church bulletin even when worshipping. She constantly repeats "I am so happy now, I am not depressed anymore!" She

smiles in excitement every time I introduce her some friends at church –and she even remembers their names!

Last Sunday, Soonyeong invited me for breakfast at Perkins after church. Her husband told her to do so - via Skype. With the church bulletin in hand, she told me she wants to volunteer in our church and pointed to CARING CAPS, knitting or crocheting chemo/ neuro surgery caps and baby caps. I have now introduced her to the second group she has chosen to join in our church.

No attachments, no impositions, no agendas. I am not in charge, but it is the Holy Spirit of our powerful God who can answer the prayers of an afflicted man in South Korea whose name I still do not know but I cannot wait to meet to be his friend too, and welcome him to the Church of Christ.

Thank you Lord, that still today, I can find myself in awe of Your amazing power and grace!

Luz Guerrero



Basic Biblical Finance Class

- Learn what the Bible says about managing money.
- Learn to develop a financially stress free life.
- Learn practical steps you can take *immediately*, for getting out of debt.
- Learn how to overcome common budget-busters.

Six Saturday's, starting
October 10, 2015
9AM
WLC-VC-Isaiah Room
\$13.

For more information,
contact: Tom Tibbetts
651-247-0501 or
tdtibbetts@comcast.net



WLC Ladies

Mitten Ladies Making Meals

Twice this summer a group of Mitten Ladies have had the opportunity to serve in a different way. Through the leadership of Vicki Strong and Lyndis Vander Louw 70 frozen meals have been prepared to share with WLC members, friends and others.

If you know of any families that are in need of a frozen crockpot meal, please contact Vicki Strong at 651-730-5049. If you are interested in joining this group to make mittens gifting Robin's Nest Children's Home in Jamaica, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Isaiah Room is the place to come. Any questions call Lyndis at 651-459-3313. It is a great time of fellowship and sharing with women of all ages.





You are Invited

Join A Small Group

Life is Better Together!

You were created to experience life with other people. In fact, God hates loneliness. At Woodbury Lutheran we encourage you to get into a small group.

A small group is a group of 3 or more people who meet in a home or workplace.

- They are flexible. They usually meet every other week; some meet every week. They meet in each other's homes*. Members are usually in a similar season of life and age. They grow friendships and faith by doing Bible studies together and praying and serving together. They do life together.
- Mary Lehman at Valley Creek and Naomi Golnitz at Oak Hill put groups together. However you can grab a couple of friends and start a group as small as 3.
- There's help for your group. Mary and Naomi will provide advice and resources for new and existing groups. Just give them a call 651-739-5144 x201 or lehmanm@woodburylutheran.org

**Sometimes members cannot host, so those that can, do.*



Typical Wednesday schedule:

9:10—*Coffee time in the Isaiah Room—Join your friends for a visit and coffee before WOW begins

9:15—Childcare is open

9:30—Self dismiss from Coffee Time. Classes begin

11:15—Classes are dismissed; Childcare is closed

WOW Calendar Fall 2015

September 16* —23—30

**On the 16th we gather as one large group in the Fireside Room (VC) for worship, prayer, information on the classes, then on to the classes.*

October 7—14—21—28

November 4, 11, 18

(no meeting the week of Thanksgiving 25th)

December 2, 9, 16

(no meeting the 23rd and 30th, Christmas—Resume January 6)

Note When School District 833 is cancelled due to weather, Women of the Word will not meet.

We support New Life Family Services—Pregnancy Resource Center with donations of disposable diapers and baby formula.

Women of the Word

Starts September 16 —December 16 Wednesdays 9:15—11:15

Childcare is limited registration is required. Forms online and in the office

Proverbs—The Ways of Wisdom The Ways of Wisdom leads the reader in a detailed study of this book of wisdom literature. Each lesson has five days of questions (along with helpful comments and context) guide in a process of careful examination and application of the biblical text. Early lessons explore the background, shape, and theme of the entire book. The bulk of the lessons dig into Proverbs poetic kaleidoscope of wisdom-themes: words, work, neighbors and friends, marriage and family, sex, money, planning for the future. This study leads readers to listen well to God's inspired word in the book of Proverbs. Facilitated by Julie Schuessler, meets in the Fireside Room

The Book of Ephesians—Following God Series by Eddie Rasnake As you walk verse by verse through its chapters and become intimately acquainted with all its wealth, you will learn how a mystery that had been hidden for ages (the plan and purpose for God's universal church) was at long last revealed to the apostle Paul, and will see how the ageless message of Ephesians should be lived out today. Facilitated by Diane Panning, meets in the Family Center

David—Seeking a Heart Like His by Beth Moore We all go through times when we feel insignificant or times when we feel certain that we have experienced a degree of failure from which there is no return. This is not a reality we experience alone, but is one that a man after God's heart experienced as well. From shepherd, to refugee, to king of Israel, David exhibited the purest virtues and the most heinous sinfulness, but through it all his relationship with the Lord continued to grow. Facilitated by Dawn Droel, meets in the Paul Room

Shepherding Your Child's Heart— For moms of young children. Shepherding a Child's Heart is about how to speak to the heart of your child. The things your child does and says flows from the heart. Luke 6:45 puts it this way, "...out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." Written for parents with children of any age, this insightful book provides perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child's heart into the paths of life.

Facilitated by Joy Ostrom, meets in the Lounge

September

1 Craig Baumann
Perry Firkus
Addison Fluegel
Jaime Hegna
Sandy Johnson
Nathan Krampe
Lois Langholz
Maleah McKinley
Angie Moris
Kathryn Hallas
Lily Pieper
Chris Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
2 Joan Bugnon
Trevor Foster
Artie Lehtonen
Alex Oehlke
Pamela Riley
Laura Skadsberg
Laura Schumacher
Jim Tradup
Hannah Hurner
3 Caleb McDonald
Alexa Diedrich
Abi Nixon
Alexander Oehlke
Carrie Steffel
Lyndis Vander Louw
Alan Wilkie
4 Ann Baumann
Bruce Greenlee
Frank Janssen
Kelly Jardine
Steven Lutes
Sara McConaughy
Carolyn Ortiz
Dottie Rensenbrink
Max Schissel
Martin Strohfus
Kristina Swanson
Lily Thomson
Isabella Trujillo
Coleen Vossen
5 Mark Anderson
Ava Aune
Camryn Connolly
Brenda Engen
Donavin Hansen
Erik Hendrickson
Christina Himes
Denise Jenkins
Mike Kimmounth
Afsaneh Rothchild

Birthdays

Matthew Varin
Beth Welsh
Dave De Zeeuw
6 Mike Rygh
Niko Morris
Eldon Engen
Karen Brown
Madison Himes
Julie Mittelholtz
Emma Goetz
7 Morgan Ingram
Jason Arndt
Donna Bargsten
Leann Radel
Kyle Topp
Jillian Rubbert
Mark Franklin
Ellen Schubbe
Pepper Skytte
8 Samuel Scholz
Sharon Larson
Clemeunt Douglass
Evan LaMott
Hudson Lueders
Kemal Munn
Kathy Siegling
Steve Rohlf
9 Jennifer Mahlke
Jennifer Aspen
Kimberly Beseman
Keith Heintz
Wilmer Holz
Brandi Knippenberg
Joyce Biagini
Abby Schouvieller
Todd Rizzardi
10 Diane Hawkinson
Scott Ferguson
Sharon Fong
Robert Brings
Madelyn Bjostad
Leeanne Grether
Nancy McDonagh
Leo McFarland
Sarah Nelson
Daniel Oehlke
Michael Albrecht
Melissa Bjornson
Mikayla McKinley
Sophia Van Jaarsveld
11 Aaron Brady
Samantha Ehler
John Strharsky

Nicole Tobin
Daniel Mertens
Luke Feuerhem
Lori Kane
Jacob Hanson
Mia Hampton
Elizabeth Gardner
Cole Greengard
Bryan Jackson
Aaron Waldo
Jamie Zelinsky
Jill Zelinsky
12 David Butina
Noah Danner
Carrie Jenkins
Vicky Smith
Matthew Struck
Carly Mears
Tyler LaMott
Lars Heggernes
Spencer Sadowski
Wayne Harelstad
Craig Laue
Ella Oehlke
Amanda Voth
13 Ashley St. Clair
Franklin Anderson
Charles Nelson
Michaela Bradshaw
Andy Stone
Taylor Blakeman
Jim Nassios
Brandon Chan
Elizabeth Edwards
Teresa Raymer
Rebecca Nelson
Judith Lindemeier
14 Ronn Hannula
Dan Hove
Ryan Karrow
Jenna Karrow
Kelsie Knippenberg
Alexander Laney
Paige Lee
Edward Nelson
Ray Nibbe
Meghan Rheinberger
Ethan Topp
Sara Murray
Scott Schuenke
15 Sherri Monson
Thomas Westling
Lindsey Babin

Pam Bloemendal
Brent Clifford
Lauren Bunge
Wyatt Crist
Dominic Hansen
Janie Koehn
Bob Johnson
Marna Uebler
Brynn Ligas
Adam Brandmire
Justin Sather
16 Ruth Stakston
Lucia Rizzo
James Biedeman
Gwen Behnken
Kory Evans
Lance Huebner
Greg Johnson
Matteo Izzi
Mike Looney
Zoe Marth
Andrew Nelson
Hadley Wasrud
Stacy Winter
Johanna Broten
17 Caitlyn Conway
Brian Ingram
Jeff LeMay
Dylan Longworth
Brooke Salzman
Ava Sonn
Owen Zeller
Yvonne White
Ryan Thompson
18 Brianna Andrasfi
Sara Carson
Brennen Featherstone
Cullen Featherstone
Roma Devine
Skip Peltier
Everly Phillipson
Dan Colvin
Arlene Nadeau
Mary Nesvig
19 Robert Youngquist
Larry Wilford
Blaine Raymer
Susan Brusewitz
Douglas Jones
Maria Rist
Chase Cadwallader
20 Paul Gerver
Spencer Dunham

Kyle McKinley
Peggy Novak
Kirk Steineck
John Horner
21 Jacob Janacek
Blake Fluegel
Noah Gow
Alisa Hartwig
Xander Hill
Adele Salava
Mark Sikorski
Daniel Stoddard
Dylan Walker
Arlene Holst
22 Ashley Grizzell
Jileen Cowley
Willy Mzenga
Sharon Opheim
Nicole Rosin
Michael Brandmire
Jo Youngquist
Gregory Dahlstrom
Jenni Brocker
Jason Sakizadeh
Steve Grovender
Aaron Wesser
Lisa Zierner
23 Marilee Schoenewald
Angela Cowles
Tim Fett
LaJuan Jackson
Bill Jacobus
Molly Kieser
Mark Lindeman
Logan Camilli
Stephen Jeske
Dorothy Wolfgram
24 Vincent Setten
Connor McHarg
Patrick Clougherty
Allison Marshall
25 Liam Hitzemann
Kathleen Featherstone
James Butzler
Erin Mills
Carl Clark
Mary Galvin
Avery Krause
Nicholas Larson
Mason Lowe
Daniel Powers
Aaron Mertens
Thomas Becken

Thomas Davison
Andrew Geiser, Jr.
Marlys Sobaski
26 Heather Bay
Mary Betts
Elijah Broten
Kathleen Conner
Kiera Daniels
Clint Foster
Sherri Graham
Kelly Goertzen
Gianna Juliano
Dena Petrich
Gregory Rohm
Katherine Stebbing
27 Joseph Baumgarn
Anika Bramer
Maxwell Bramer
Ken Olson
28 Tyler Rubbert
Don Amey
Bret Amundson
Brian Cornwell
Charlotte Esala
Daniel Field
Sarah Host
Corbin Johnson
Janice Jones
Karen Klinzing
Jack Kristiansen
Jeanne Luebker
Gary McDowell
Clark Peterson
Cheryl Olstad
29 Stone Sterling
Samantha Drasher
Amanda Durow
Jonathan Johnson
Stacy Parks
Aaron Pederson
Kalvan Reyes
30 Drew Anderson
Sonya Anderson
Mason Aspen
Lory Cedarbloom
Steven Joines
Cayla Klusmann
Lisa Kush
Toni McLaren
Emily Menge
Matt Matejka
Fred Peting
Neil Schwartz

& Anniversaries

1 Mark & Mary Shepperd
Andy & Andrea Stakston
Scott & Tina Stebbing
2 Ken & Marian Nelson
Mark & Tracy Jo Gardner
Gregory & Heather Rohm
Mark & Deborah Stutelberg
3 Harold & Joan Converse
Herb & Pat Morsching
Harold & Nona Pearl
Dean & Gayle Huska
4 Nev & Betty Crowther
Roger & Joy Hopke
Cal & Nancy Branton
5 Jack & Grace Lavers
Francisco & Steph Penalozza
6 Mike & Kelly Vo
7 Wayne & Twyla Franzen
Jim & Yvonne White
Richard & Julie Peterson
James & Lee Fischer
Justin & Jenny Jurek
8 David & Dawn Butina

Leo & Denise McFarland
Nathan & Amanda Fong
Greg & Holly Rome
Keith & Beth Heintz
9 Paul & Joyce Stiebner
John & Marianne Eineke
Steve & Diann Lindeman
Dan & Shelagh Stoerzinger
10 James & Margarite Thoele
Lalin & Sheila Perera
Justin & Emily Janacek
Jon & Lisa Kush
Tim & Sonya Mertens
Paul & Sharon Neubrand
Myron & Linda Tank
Jim & Denise Tradup
11 Blake & Brenda Score
Jason & Colleen Schuldt
Herb & Kaye Larson
Bill & Kathleen Taylor
12 Steve & Lindsey Conley
Jerry & Diane Panning
13 Carl & Lynn Clark

Dan & Carol Bolles
14 Tim & Jeannine Buchholz
Daniel & Carol Bolles
Mark & Kristin Retica
Ken & Julie Drevnick
Paul & Amy Pflieger
15 Steven & Cheryl Stensvad
Paul & Stephanie Clougherty
Joseph & Erica Zilka
Gary & Sarah Nelson
16 Gary & Char Les Stohlmann
John & Susan Wildman
Jerry & Marge Helander
17 Carl & Barbara Jackson
Bruce & Kaye Montgomery
Joe & Rachel Browning
Ted & Marcella Buehring
Charlie & Michelle Devine
Harry & Christine Gurrola
Steve & Cynthia Matejka
18 Terry & Theresa Rubbert
Mark & Laurie Carlson
Lou & Luanne Greengard

Jesse & Angie Spates
19 Ray & Jan Braun
Jake & Tara Dalbec
Andy & Angela Hassebroek
Bill & Mary Young
Matt & Nicole Huonder
20 Clark & Sandra Petersen
Greg & Sheri Lewis
Jake & Tara Dalbec
Andrew & Holly Sonn
Bruce & Vicki Strong
Nic & Danielle Yee
21 Peter & Barbara Fleming
Brian & Kirsten Mueller
Henry & Muriel Gimble
Warren & Mary Ann Wittkopp
22 John & Kellie Clappier
A.J. & Erin Ecker
23 Steve & Wendy Schultze
Francis & Nancy Menge
Scott & Kate Groth
Christina & Ronald Himes
24 Mark & Katherine Anderson

Jim & Laura Salava
Don & Nancy Thaemert
Mark & Lisa Lodemeier
Jim & Mary Lou Krengel
Rick & Mary Scholz
25 Don Dufresie & Jeanne Yee
26 Matt Nelson & Alyson Bennett
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Chad & Colleen Vossen
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It can be scary to bring up God in front of our friends. Playing video games, laughing at funny television shows, talking about the latest gossip at school—these things often feel easier to do than talking with our friends about God. It might feel unnatural for us to bring up how God is working in our lives. We might even wonder, “What if my friends don’t like me anymore? What if they don’t accept me because of my faith? Will they make fun of me?”

We don’t need to worry, because God promises to always be with us. God declares us responsible for sharing our faith with our peers, but since we’re powerless without Him, we can trust that the Holy Spirit will be by our side as we witness to others.

We can declare our faith in Jesus in many different ways. Some of us may be uncomfortable talking about our faith at first, but we can always demonstrate our faith through our loving actions—like the men in Mark 2 who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus. These men took responsibility for their friend and showed their faith through their actions.

Can you imagine being in a crowded room in your home when all of a sudden someone breaks a hole into the ceiling? That’s what the men in Mark 2 did. They felt so responsible for their friend that they dug a hole in the roof and lowered their friend down to get him to Jesus! God asks us to feel the same urgency and responsibility in sharing and showing our faith to family and friends who don’t know Jesus.

The men brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus to be healed physically, but Jesus did more. **Jesus knew the man’s deepest need was peace with and forgiveness from God.** Only God can change someone’s heart toward Him and offer forgiveness of sins, but we get to be part of the process as we take

on the responsibility of planting seeds of faith in our friends’ lives.

HEAR IT

As a family, read Mark 2:1–12. Notice how the friends showed their belief in Jesus by taking responsibility for their paralyzed friend and bringing him to Jesus.

- Re-read vv. 2–4. The packed room was an obstacle in getting the paralyzed man to Jesus. Are there any obstacles in our lives that make it tough to share Jesus with our friends?
- Re-read v. 5. The men took responsibility for their friend’s condition, and Jesus saw their faith. For which person or people do you feel responsible? Do you believe that Jesus can heal these people (physically, emotionally, spiritually)?
- Re-read v. 12. The men showed their faith by bringing their friend to Jesus, and Jesus affirmed their action of faith by healing the man. How have you demonstrated your faith with actions?

DO IT

Do you have friends who need to be “brought to Jesus”? You might not be able to carry your friends to Jesus on a mat, but you can invite them to come with you to church! Write down the names of three friends and a different way to show Jesus to each one. You can demonstrate your faith through your actions as well as talk about your faith. Jesus uses many unique ways to draw people to Himself!

by Phil Shulz

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

7 (V & O) **Offices Closed**
Monday, Labor Day Holiday

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (V) **Healing service**
Sunday, 12:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144 x221

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