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GREATER GROWTH



NEW GENESIS VC SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Counter Culture: A Compassionate call to counter culture in a world of Poverty, Same-Sex Marriage, Racism, Slavery, Immigration, Persecution, Abortion, Orphans, Pornography. Meets at 9:30am in the Genesis Room (VC).

NEW SUNDAY STUDY entitled "Killing It - Pride" starts today. Pride, it shuts us in and shuts God and others out. It keeps us from saying what needs to be said and hearing what needs to be heard. Study meets in room 1-301 at 9:30am (VC), facilitated by Dave Nelson.

FAITH AND FRIENDS Sunday Morning Bible Class for adults with developmental disabilities in room 1-507(VC). We are studying Men and Women of the Bible. For more information, call Jeanne at 651-704-9464.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a Charles Stanley DVD study entitled, "He Uses Our Suffering", 6:30-8pm in room 1-250 (VC). Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

GREATER REACH



GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD are being collected for holiday meals. Please pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center and buy a \$25 - \$30 gift card(s) at Cub Foods or HyVee. Place the card in the envelope and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by Dec. 13.

2016 MISSION EXPERIENCES: Time to start thinking and praying about whether you want to join us in Kake, AK, Robin's Nest in Jamaica, Ecuador or Trinity First, Mpls this next summer. Dates and meetings coming soon. Contact Lori Golden at goldenL60@yahoo.com or Pastor Drew at baylessa@woodburylutheran.org with questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child or served during National Collection Week! Hundreds of shoeboxes were lovingly filled with gifts and the message of Jesus Christ by WLC members, and over 8,000 shoeboxes from surrounding communities were received at WLC! These gifts along with the Good News of God's love will soon be delivered to children in the countries of Barbados, Burundi, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago.

GREATER SACRIFICE

As of November 30, 2015

GENERAL FUND

Year to Date Actual: \$2,518,602
2015 Total Year to date Budget: \$2,625,301
(-\$106,699)

GIVING HISTORY: As we approach the end of the year you may be wondering what you have donated towards your pledge this year. You can log in to myWLC anytime to see your giving history at woodburylutheran.cbchurch.com.

Reminder: We will not be mailing out year-end statements. If you do not have computer access at home or need help, please contact the church office.

WAYS TO GIVE:



Online Giving QR


OR go to woodburylutheran.org/giving

OR Text to give at 651-504-0500

GREATER CONNECTION



READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP? The WLC Connection Center is available to help you determine what your next step might be on the Discipleship PATH. Whether you want to explore options or you already know what your next step will be, our Connectors would love to help! The Connection Center staff is available each Saturday before and after 5pm Worship and each Sunday from 9-9:30, 10:30-11 and 12-12:15 in the lobby, or from 10:45-11 and 12 outside of the Genesis Room.


SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: There will be NO DECEMBER 26 Saturday worship service. Please join us at one of the Sunday morning services that weekend. 

INTRO TO WOODBURY LUTHERAN CLASS meets Dec. 20 at 9:30am in the Lounge (VC). This class is especially for second and third time guests, or anyone interested in finding out more about Woodbury Lutheran. Join us to find out who we are as a congregation, what we believe and value, where we see God leading us and what we hope for you as a growing follower of Jesus. Intro to WLC meets on the third Sunday of each month.


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.


GREATER SERVICE


OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED: The Financial Ministry at WLC, Valley Creek Campus, has an opportunity to serve as Offering Counters. As part of this important ministry, you will be assigned to a team to count the Sunday offering 5 or 6 times during the coming year from 12:15-1pm on your assigned Sunday. If you are able to help, please contact Mike Hunst at 651-353-3472 or mhunst@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY DINNER AT VC: Help needed on December 10. We had 102 guests and 5 turkeys at our Thanksgiving community dinner for users of the food shelf and the volunteers who serve them, Celebrate Recovery, and the community at large. Agnostics, Jews, Christians, and Muslims broke bread and barriers as God works to build a community of care. If you are interested in preparing and/or serving Christmas dinner on December 10, contact Vicki Strong, vickistrong@comcast.net, 651-730-5049. 

CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS: Looking for a fun way to serve your fellow WLC friends? Always wanted to be a barista? Looking to meet a few new folks around here? Cafe volunteers serve once a month or as available. Cafe shifts run from 8:45-11am. Volunteers must be 16 and older. Please contact Lindsey Schmidt if you're interested.

CHRISTIAN CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Currently, the Christian Closet is experiencing a shortage of staffing. The Christian Closet is open every Friday. We need volunteers from 8:30-11:15am and from 11:15am-1:45pm. If the Lord leads you to fulfill this vacancy, we need 8 people in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. Please call Gloria Johnson at 651-253-5416 if you would like to serve the Lord in a fun service ministry. 

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Would you be willing to knit or crochet a shawl which would be given to someone who is experiencing a life trauma, an illness, or loss? Call Tamara (651)734-3974 or ts Karl@comcast.net. 

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME, a shelter in Oakdale serving homeless families is seeking volunteers. To be eligible to serve in this safe, family friendly environment you will need to have completed a Safe Church training and have a criminal background check. For details or to sign up contact Mike Fouts (mfouts@guardian-angels.org, 651-503-3380) or go to: www.guardian-angels.org/justice-and-outreach/hjh.html. 

OAK HILL CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "Christ is Born Today!" Join us for the Kids LINK Christmas program, Dec. 13 at 10:30am. Immediately following the program, stay for Christmas treats, music, and a fantastic display of kids' artwork telling the Christmas story.



BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS: In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." WLC Oak Hill Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that—provide one-to-one care, prayer and support through difficult times. Need someone to talk with? Contact: Cheryl O. (women) 651-777-5315, or Paul L. (men) 651-653-3467.

YOUTH MINISTRY - ALL CAMPUSES



SUMMER MISSION TRIPS—June 19-24, 2016 (6th-12th) : Find out more or register for the 2016 Summer Mission trips to Green Bay, WI or Camp Lebanon, Burtrum, WI at wlc youth.org. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt, 651-739-5144.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (8th-12th) registration is open online. We'll be joining about 25,000 Lutherans gathering to praise God in worship and more in New Orleans, LA - July 15-21, 2016. Check out the details at wlc youth.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLEBEARERS(VC): We need 24 folks (8 per service) to help at the 3, 5 and 11pm services. Anyone in 6th grade through adult can help. Earn 3 service hours. Practice will be Sunday, December 20 at noon in the VC Sanctuary. Contact Lindsey Schmidt to sign up.

COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP: Come and learn insider tips to navigate the complicated college process and save lots of money. Join us Wed., Dec. 9, at 6:30pm in room L-600 (VC Family Center). Sign up to help us plan at wlc youth.org or contact Patrick at brewerp@woodburylutheran.org for more information.



SERVICE HOURS: Woodbury Lutheran Preschool is having its annual Family Fun Night and Open House on Tuesday, January 12 and needs youth volunteers to help with games, art/crafts, jumpity jumps, etc. We would need about 10-12 youth helpers available 5:30-8:30pm that night. Contact Lisa at schommerl@woodburylutheran.org.

"He must become greater, and I must become less." - John 3:30

WLC INFORMATION

WANT MORE INFORMATION? Woodbury Lutheran Church ministries, worship schedule and activities at all campuses can be found at the welcome desk in the lobby, at www.woodburylutheran.org, by downloading our church app at <http://get.theapp.co/4bbf>, or contacting us at 651-739-5144. If you want more info go to myWLC.org, where you can connect with a group, see the church calendar, look for volunteer opportunities, check out your profile/financial information and more.



KIDS AND FAMILY MINISTRY

A GREAT BIG thanks to all of our students, small group leaders, and their families for serving in worship today for our special Advent service at 9:30am.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES AT ALL CAMPUSES:

- *Valley Creek Genesis: 3:00pm
- *Valley Creek Sanctuary: 3:00, 5:00 & 11:00pm
- *Oak Hill Sanctuary: 3:00 & 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:

Valley Creek Sanctuary: 10:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE:

Oak Hill Sanctuary: 5:00pm



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OTHER MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WLC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT to be presented Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30pm and then on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4pm. The concert features the Woodbury Lutheran Chorale, Celebration, Praise Band, Children's Choir, JuBELLee Ringers and a 30-piece orchestra. Tickets (free will donation) are available at both campuses.



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available TODAY. The devotion entitled, **Fear Not!** is perfect for all ages. **Fear Not!** reminds us that though our lives are uncertain, God in Christ has conquered what unsettles us. You may pick them up at the welcome desks at both campuses.

WLC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Don't miss this window of opportunity! 2016-2017 Enrollment for Preschool/Pre-K classes and Extended Learning (Care 7:30am-5pm) begins on Dec. 7 for WLC Members. For more information about WLP's excellent early education and care, contact Dorothy Blaisdell, Director at 651-739-5146 or check out woodburylutheran.org/preschool or Facebook.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Save January 9 at 7pm, to celebrate Jane Dibbern's retirement. Feel free to invite others who have been impacted by Jane's ministry. All are welcome to attend! Drop off cards for Jane on Sundays in December in the church office to thank her for her ministry at WLC. If you'd like to include a monetary gift, make checks out to WLC with "Jane Dibbern" in the memo.

GOD IS BIGGER THAN CANCER: Cancer Companions will not be meeting through the end of the year. We are available for prayer and one on one ministry, contact Vicki Strong at 651-730-5049.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION welcomes Amy Pflieger, as she presents "Starting Your Own Business" on Dec. 10, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). Resume' reviews at 6pm. Please go to careertransitionconnection.org to register or for more information about this event and CTC.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE: A four hour refresher course will be offered on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9am-1pm in room 1-300 (VC Isaiah). Contact Tom Nelson at 651-735-4492 or tomasofwdb@comcast.net to sign up.

Reach. Grow. Serve.



To follow Jesus Christ, grow as His disciples, serving and telling others, so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

"Multiplying Disciples. Transforming lives."