

GREATER... Growth ~ Connection ~ Service ~ Reach ~ Sacrifice

GREATER GROWTH



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).

SUNDAY STUDY: 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. Join us for a study entitled "Killing It - Pride". The 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 Forgives Our Sin", 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. Today is our final drop off day. Place the card in the designated envelope and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thanks you!

NEED MITTENS? The Mitten Ladies will be selling their handmade mittens from 7:30am-12:30pm today at the VC campus. Thank you for your wonderful support of the mittens made. 100% of money raised goes to the Robin's Nest Children's Home, Jamaica!

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.

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)

DO YOU WANT YOUR OFFERING TO GO TO A SPECIFIC FUND/MINISTRY? When submitting offering checks, please enter the fund name on the memo line of the check if the offering is for a fund other than the General Fund. If the memo line is left blank, then General Fund (money used where needed) is assumed. Also, an offering check can be split into more than one fund. Just enter the fund names and amounts for each fund on the memo line. If you have questions, contact Mike Hunst at 651-353-3472 or at mhunst@comcast.net.

GIVING STATEMENTS are available for viewing at any time at myWLC.org. All statements will be finalized by Jan. 7, 2016 for the 2015 year. 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.

DID YOU DONATE STOCK recently? Someone donated TCF stock but did not leave their name. If that was you, please contact Trecie Horner at 651-731-3349. Thanks.

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. 



SHARE CHRISTMAS with others! Take time to invite your neighbors and friends to our worship services during Christmas. All it takes is a warm, friendly invitation to those in our community to bring the hope and love of Christ this Christmas. To help you spread the word we have created an email for you to use to invite friends to worship. It is found at woodburylutheran.org/invite. We also have cards available that list our Christmas services in the lobby. Pick up a few and spread the good news!

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.

HEALING SERVICE is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on Dec. 20 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144. 

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

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.

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: The Christian Closet, which is open every Friday, is experiencing a shortage of staffing. 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.



OAK HILL CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



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"Christ is Born Today!" CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is today at the 10:30am service. 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 - OH AND VC



SUMMER MISSION TRIPS: Middle School(6th-8th) is going to Green Bay, WI, June 19-24, 2016, cost is \$325. High School/Middle School (6th-12th) trip is going to Burtrum, WI, June 19-24, 2016, cost is \$150. **DEADLINE:** Plan ahead, after Jan. 1 the \$50 deposit is non refundable and costs go up on the Green Bay trip. Find out more about the 2016 Summer Mission trips or register at wlyouth.org. If a trip fills a wait list will form. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt at 651-739-5144.

ARCTIC BLAST RETREAT (6th-12th): MS and HS students are going together this year for the Arctic Blast Retreat! Join us on Jan. 22-24, 2016 at Camp Lebanon. Registration is open online at www.wlyouth.org. Early bird cost is \$100; after Jan. 1 cost is \$115 until full. Friends are welcome!!! Broomball, camp, great worship and snow tubing!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (8th-12th): We'll be joining about 25,000 Lutherans gathering to praise God in worship and more in New Orleans, LA - July 15-21, 2016. Please register by Dec. 15! Check out the details and sign up at wlyouth.org.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLEBEARERS(VC): We still need 18 folks (6 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.

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.

ALL CAMPUS YOUTH CLASS SCHEDULE: Christmas break is coming! Take note of class schedule changes at **both campuses** this month: Wednesday night Foundations, Sixers and HS ROOTS will not meet Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. Sunday Powerhouse and Sunday Impact will not meet on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

THE BRIDGE will be closed Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. Open Bridge after-school hours resume on Jan. 6. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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

CHRISTMAS EVE is right around the corner, and it may be just the right time for you to serve in our nursery at the VC campus! It's a great chance to share the love of Jesus with little children and their parents. Our Happy Hearts Toddler Nursery will be open for the 3pm & 5pm services. Sign up in the nursery to serve. Contact Molly Keiser at kieserm@woodburylutheran.org if you have questions.



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: Final performance will be presented today 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.



YOUNG FOLKS CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY: Join us Sunday December 20 at 6:30pm in Bridge 121. Celebrating the birth of our King Jesus, gathering around hot cocoa/cider, and proclaiming the good news of Christ's birth for all people in song. Children are more than welcome, dress warm and feel free to bring your favorite bars or other winter treats to share. Contact: Vicar Colter at knippac@woodburylutheran.org.

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) is **now open for WLC Members only**. 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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERYS goal is to serve and reach out to hurting people. The beauty of CR is that it is a ministry focused on recovering from the brokenness that ANY sin brings into our lives; it is NOT exclusively for Drug and Alcohol recovery, but ministers to a variety of life issues. We meet every Thurs., optional dinner at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6:30pm, downstairs in room L-900 (VC Paul). For more information visit woodburylutheran.org/resources-media/support and click on Celebrate Recovery or call Vicky at 651-308-9112 or Larry at 651-308-9113.

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