

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: Big Church - The church is a movement. 2000 years ago, a gathering of people in a Middle-Eastern city began a movement. Encircling the globe and leaving its mark on individuals and cultures, this movement would eventually become known as the church. This 6-part study meets in room 1-301 at 9:30am (VC), facilitated by Dave Nelson.

FAITH AND FRIEND: 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.



WOMEN OF THE WORD(WOW): Winter session has begun, Wednesdays, 9:15-11:15am. No registration for the classes, childcare requires registration. Classes are: The Patriarchs : Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by Beth Moore; When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense: The bottom-line issue of life is forgiveness by Dr. Robert Jeffress; 1,2, 3 JOHN: What Love Is by Kelly Minter (this class is for mom's of young children).

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Join us for an Andy Stanley DVD study entitled, "Go Fish: Why Fish", 6:30-8pm in room 1-250 (VC). Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

Reach. Grow. Serve.

GREATER REACH



COME AND LEARN about WLC's 2016 Short Term Mission (STM) experiences and how you can participate! A brief informational meeting about the STM experiences will be held today, 12:15-12:45pm in the Genesis Sanctuary on the Valley Creek campus. Pastor Drew and the Short Term Mission Team will be leading this meeting. Can't make it or have questions? Please contact Pastor Drew Bayless at baylessa@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144 x205.

SAVING BABIES AND SAVING FAMILIES: This week stop by the New Life Family Services table in the lobby. Grab a baby bottle, put your spare change in it and/or grab a box of diapers the next time you shop and bring them to the church by Valentines Day. These will be given to NLFS, a Christ centered ministry serving all women through a pregnancy care center offering ultrasounds, parenting help, adoption services and more.

OPEN YOUR HOME: The Bible says in Hebrews, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware." Opening our homes is a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus. Would you be willing to host an international high school student for 6 weeks this summer? Students attending an English program at Global Language Institute in St. Paul need host families from July 10-August 19. Host families will receive a stipend of \$750. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ben Robison of USA Homestays at benr@usahomestays.org. You can learn more about USA Homestays at: usahomestays.org

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.



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.

INTRO TO WOODBURY LUTHERAN CLASS meets today 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 Valley Creek, contact Larry W. (men) 651-458-0147, or Linda W. (women) 651-458-0147. For other information: Shirley M. 651-276-7224.

WLC INFORMATION



WANT MORE INFORMATION? Woodbury Lutheran Church ministries, worship schedule and activities at [all campuses](http://www.woodburylutheran.org) can be found at the welcome desk in the lobby, at www.woodburylutheran.org, by down-loading 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.



DOING LIFE
Together

GREATER SACRIFICE

GIVING STATEMENTS are available for printing any time at myWLC.org. 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.



HOW DO I GET MY ONLINE GIVING STATEMENT? Below is the myWLC Guide to accessing your giving statements.

1. Log in to myWLC at myWLC.org.
2. Click on Give in the menu on the left.
3. Select the Schedule/History tab.
4. Click on the black Giving Statement button on the right.
5. On the next screen select: Type - Family; Date Range - Last Year; then Click Run Report.

DID YOU DONATE STOCK recently? If you donated St. Jude Medical stock and did not let Trecie Horner know, please contact her 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

OAK HILL CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



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YOUTH SNOW TUBING: Come have a blast snow tubing with friends on Wednesday, February 3, 6:30-8:30pm. We will be carpooling from OH, times TBA. This event is for 6th-12th graders and friends!! A Green Acres waiver is required; cost is \$10. There will also be a bus from the VC campus (6-9pm time frame). Details and sign up at wlcyoung.org. Contact: Molly Schulze.



LISTEN! That's what Stephen Ministers do. They have gone through 50 hours of training in providing Christian care so they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say. Need someone to talk with? Contact: Cheryl O. (women) 651-777-5315, or Paul L. (men) 651-653-3467.

GREATER SERVICE

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 tskarl@comcast.net.



UPDATE ON THIS YEARS BELL RINGING: Congratulations & thank you to our wonderful team of WLC Ding-A-Lings. In our 16th season of participating in this ministry we rang at Cub Foods in Tamarack Village and at Cub Foods in Stillwater. We had 177 ringers from both campuses covering 85 shifts and raised \$15,647.15 for the Salvation Army. This ministry does make a difference in the lives of those served by the Salvation Army!



KIDS AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CALLING ALL 4th AND 5th GRADERS at VC...LINK 4/5 kids are having an OVER-NIGHT! Come for the fun, friends, and food! Watch your email for more information and how to register. The event will be Friday Jan. 29 at 7pm till Saturday Jan. 30 at 8am. Questions? Email Nancy at schubben@woodburylutheran.org.



"Multiplying Disciples. Transforming lives."

YOUTH MINISTRY - OH AND VC

ARCTIC BLAST RETREAT -- LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS JANUARY 18: (6th-12th): MS and HS students are going together this year for the Arctic Blast Retreat, January 22-24, 2016 at Camp Lebanon. Cost is \$115; register online at wlcyoung.org, camp waiver is required. Broomball, camp, great worship and snow tubing! Friends are welcome!! Sign up now!

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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. Spots are still available. Check out the details and sign up at wlcyoung.org.

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS: Middle School(6th-8th) is going to Green Bay, WI, June 19-24, 2016, cost is \$350 until full. High School/Middle School (8th-12th) trip is going to Camp Lebanon in Burtrum, MN, June 19-24, 2016, cost is \$150. Find out more about the 2016 Summer Mission trips or register at wlcyoung.org. If a trip fills a wait list will form. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt at 651-739-5144.



OTHER MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

THE ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING providing more facts on finances will be held next Sunday, January 24 at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary (VC).

OUR ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING is set for Sunday, January 31, 12:30pm in the Sanctuary (VC). A light lunch following the late services precedes the meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE: If the budget passes at the Annual Voters Meeting on January 31 we will open the voting for a new Associate Pastor that day. Voting is by paper ballot or online from January 31 till February 7. There will be a link to the ballot on the search committee page starting on Jan. 31. Go to <http://www.woodburylutheran.org/resources-media/search-committee>.

2016 MEN'S BREAKAWAY: Men of WLC, registration for the 2016 WLC Men's Breakaway event opens on Jan. 24. The event will be March 4-5, at the ARC Retreat Center in Osceola, WI. Watch for more details.



The PRAISE BAND has an immediate opening for a female vocalist. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Please contact Mark Shepperd 651-739-5144 or shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org.

SINGERS! The Woodbury Lutheran Chorale extends an invitation to high school age students and adults who love to sing to join them in rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, in the church sanctuary. In addition to preparing music for Sunday mornings, the Chorale will soon be working on music for Lent and Easter. There are no auditions or qualifications other than a willing heart to serve. Join us in ministry through music! (If you desire additional information, you may contact Mark Shepperd at 651-739-5144).

CELEBRATION, our adult vocal ensemble, has an opening for a tenor. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:50pm. Please contact Mark Shepperd for more information at 651-739-5144 or shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION welcomes Lynette Crane, as she presents "Introverts in the Workplace – Challenges During Change" on January 28, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC, check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org and then go to our Eventbrite RSVP link for the event.

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