

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 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.



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

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Is becoming a member of Woodbury Lutheran Church your next step? Join us for a four-week membership class beginning Feb. 7 at 9:30am in the Fireside room. The membership class goes in depth on our beliefs and practices, our discipleship process as well as our expectations of members. Contact Alycen Brothen to register, 651-739-5144 or brothena@woodburylutheran.org.

WLC CHURCH APP: Woodbury Lutheran now 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>.



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 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.



GREATER REACH

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.



DATES OF 2016 MISSION EXPERIENCES: Quito, Ecuador: June 19-29; Kake, Alaska: July 6-16; Phillips Neighborhood - Minneapolis: July 17-24; Robin's Nest - Jamaica: August 12-20. To learn more, head to the Connection Center and ask about Short-Term Mission Experiences for 2016 or contact Pastor Drew Bayless at baylessa@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144 x205.

TP BOWL: Once again we are challenged to compete in this year's Toilet Paper bowl by our friends at Guardian Angels Catholic church. Last year we won the battle with 823 lbs to 730 lbs of toilet paper for the local food shelves. Providing needed TP saves money to invest in more food. Our supplies will go to our Christian Cupboard and other food shelves as needed. During the month of February bring your rolls to the drop box near the welcome center (VC). Let's raise the bar and keep that trophy. Go Lutherans!



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.

GREATER SACRIFICE

As of December 31, 2015

END OF THE YEAR	
2015 Year end Contributions	\$2,957,188.00
2015 Year end Expenses	\$2,852,752.00
2015 Surplus	\$104,435.00

THANK YOU!



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.

MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM GIVING just got easier for family or friends of WLC members who want to honor a loved one. Gifts to the WLC Endowment Fund may now be made on line. Go to woodburylutheran.org, follow the Giving link to Giving Online. Be sure to select Endowment Fund. Debit cards, credit cards, or bank account routing accepted. Endowment gifts are invested to support ministries and missions for this and future generations.

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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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY available each Sunday at 9:15am called "How To Be Rich" by Andy Stanley. Please feel free to attend one or all of the classes in the Church Office (OH).

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 wlc youth.org. Contact: Molly Schulze.



SUMMER KIDS MINISTRY DATES– Mark your Calendar.

Summer Day Camp June 13-16, 9:30-noon 3 years-4th grade completed, OH Campus.
Summer Day Camp June 20-23, 9:30-noon 3 years-2nd grade completed, VC Campus.
Summer Activities Camp July 11-14, 9:00-12:15pm grades 1st-5th completed, VC Campus. Register at woodburylutheran.org beginning April 1.



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.

KIDS AND FAMILY MINISTRY



CALLING ALL 4th AND 5th GRADERS at VC...LINK 4/5 kids are having an OVERNIGHT! 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.

SUMMER KIDS MINISTRY DATES– Mark your Calendar.

Summer Day Camp June 20-23, 9:30-noon 3 years-2nd grade completed, Valley Creek Campus.
Summer Day Camp June 13-16, 9:30-noon 3 years-4th grade completed, Oak Hill Campus.
Summer Activities July 11-14, 9:00-12:15pm grades 1st-5th completed, VC campus. Register at woodburylutheran.org beginning April 1.

BEYOND BIRDS AND BEES....March 5: A program designed for parents interested in communicating to their children about sexual topics in a way that's consistent with their values and in touch with reality. Presented by Dr. Heidi Croatt (www.communicatingyourvalues.com). Workshop times are designed to address age-appropriate communication.
Parents of children ages 2-5 - 9:30-11:30 am
Parents of children grades 1-6 - 12:30-2:30 pm
Parents of children grades 7-9 - 3:00-5:00 pm
Register online at woodburylutheran.org. Registration fee is \$5 per family. For more information contact Nancy Schubbe: schubben@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144 ext. 203.

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YOUTH MINISTRY - OH AND VC

YOUTH SNOW TUBING: Come have a blast snow tubing with friends on Wed., February 3, 6-9pm (meet at VC campus). This event is for 6th–12th graders and friends!! A Green Acres waiver is required; cost is \$10. Details and sign up at wlc youth.org. Contact: Patrick Brewer or Lindsey Schmidt.

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 wlc youth.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 wlc youth.org. If a trip fills a wait list will form. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt at 651-739-5144.

FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: Registration is now open online at wlc youth.org for the Holy Communion class (6th and up), held at both campuses. Dates at Oak Hill: Sundays, noon-1:30pm from Feb. 14 till March 13. Valley Creek Dates: Tuesdays 6:30-8pm, from Feb. 14 till March 15. Questions? Contact Lindsey Schmidt.



OTHER MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

THE ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING providing more facts on finances will be held today 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: This year at the Men's Breakaway March 4-5, we will be exploring and practicing "Living as Brothers" as we enjoy worship, conversation, and a good mix of inside and outside fun like human foosball. The breakaway is at the ARC in Osceola, WI and starts with dinner at 6pm on Friday and ends about 8pm after dinner on Saturday. Details and registration are online at the woodburylutheran.org homepage, under upcoming events. Questions? Contact Jeff Linert at 651 387-9428 or Vicar Colter 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). Resume reviews at 6pm. 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.

ESL CLASSES: Do you know a refugee or immigrant who needs help with conversational English or reading English? Woodbury Lutheran offers English as Second Language classes for beginners (conversational) and level 2 beginners (speaking and reading). Our participants have come from many corners of the world -- from Bangladesh to Central America. Next classes (for both levels) will be Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, beginning February 16 for 10 weeks. For more information, contact Luz at guerre-ro@csp.edu.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY'S 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.