

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

GREATER GROWTH

GENESIS VC SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: We are digging deeper into the book of Leviticus. The class meets at 9:30am in the Genesis Room (VC). Coming this fall our new series will be 'How to Change the World: Living as a Disciple in America'.

WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY ENTITLED 'PREPARED': Are you ever afraid someone will ask you why you believe what you believe? Do you fear someone might question what you believe? Responding to people's questions and challenges can get complicated. But what if you were confident you had the answer to the most important question about your faith? The study meets in room 1-300 (VC Isaiah), Tuesday, 6:30-8pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: This week's topic is a David Jeremiah DVD, 'Slaying the Giant of Fear'. Join us from 6:30-8pm in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

THURSDAY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of I Corinthians, chapters 7 & 8. Join us on Thursdays, 9:45am-11:30am, in the Fireside room (VC). Pastor Paul Pfotenhauer will be teaching the class. Our final class will be Sept. 1 and we will celebrate with a potluck and the Kitchen Band will perform. All are welcome.

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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.

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

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.

myWLC: Join WLC's online community: myWLC! Update your contact information, email other church goers, register/pay for events, view your contributions and print giving statements, look for serving opportunities and lots more! Most importantly: Get Connect-



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

GREATER SERVICE

FMSC: Who have you invited to help pack 250,000 meals for hungry children? [On-line registration for the for the upcoming Feed My Starving Children MobilPack is open!](#) Children as young as five are welcome to pack as long as they are with their parents. If you are unable to pack, come be part of the event by labeling bags – this is a 'sit down' activity and is an integral part of the event. The packing will begin on Thursday, September 22. To register yourself and/or your family/group, just follow the link from WLC's home page. If you are bringing a group (scouts, etc.) they must be third grade or older. Contact Liz Thompson for the adult to student ratio required to participate before registering your group. Adults are also needed to help set-up on Sept. 22 and clean-up on Sept 24. If you need help registering – or just have questions – please stop by the Connection Desk today or contact Liz Thompson at 651-262-9665.

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.



GREATER REACH

VC CAMPUS: THE SHERIDAN STORY: Fighting Child Hunger - Over 100,000 children in the Twin Cities live in food insecurity. While these children have access to meals at school during the week, the weekends present a gap when kids often go hungry. This Fall WLC will be partnering with The Sheridan Story to pack weekend brown bag lunches for children at Highwood Hills Elementary School in St Paul. **GET INVOLVED TODAY:** We are collecting a special offering for 2 weekends to purchase much-needed sweatshirts for the school. For the next 2 weeks you can text SWEATSHIRT and the amount you would like to donate to 651-504-0500. For more information please visit the Connection Center or contact Pastor Drew.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Now is a great time to start collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child! Shop the back-to-school sales to get good deals on crayons, pens, pencils, sharpeners, writing tablets and other school supplies, as well as clearance items such as flip flops and t-shirts. An average size shoe box makes a perfect gift box for sending Great News and Great Joy to boys and girls. For more information on packing a shoe box or planning a packing party, visit [samaritanspurse.org](#).

HELP NEEDED IN THE CHRISTIAN CLOTHES CLOSET, a clothing ministry of Woodbury Lutheran Church. The Christian Closet is currently experiencing a shortage of volunteers needed for the afternoon shift (hours 11:15am to 1:45pm). The Christian Closet has two volunteer shifts, 8:30am to 11:15am (morning shift) and 11:15am to 1:45pm (afternoon shift). If the Lord leads you to fulfill this void please call Gloria Johnson at 651-253-5416.



GREATER SACRIFICE

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.

Reach. Grow. Serve.

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OR Text to give at 651-504-0500

OAK HILL CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



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STEPHEN MINISTRY—Why the name STEPHEN? The name 'Stephen' comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6. Need someone to talk with? Contact: Cheryl O. (women) 651-777-5315, or Paul L. (men) 651-653-3467.



YOUTH MINISTRY - OH AND VC



MIRACLE LEAGUE SERVICE PROJECT (9-12th): SIGN UP ONLINE to Volunteer with the East Metro Miracle League! We will meet at the Bielenberg Sports Center, black field cluster, off of Hargis Road. We are serving from 5:45-7pm on Aug. 22. Sign up at wlyouth.org. EMMML is a baseball league for kids with special needs and is a super fun way to serve! On Miracle League nights we'll help our buddies play the game and cheer them on! It's going to be great!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING for 6th-12th: Great times are ahead! New Wednesday night programming for MS and HS youth will start on Sept. 14 at OH and VC campuses. The night looks like this: 6-6:30pm, Game time; 6:30-7pm, Opening worship/games; 7-7:30pm, Large group teaching; 7:30-8:15pm, Small groups. (Foundations Year 3 youth see article below). Register at wlyouth.org.

2016 CONFIRMANDS: Foundations for Year 3 students resumes Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8pm. Please schedule your confirmation interview at inter-view.wlyouth.org. Also, mark your calendar. The confirmation service will be Sunday, October 30. OH campus is at the 10:30am service and VC Campus is a special 1:30pm service.

KIDS AND FAMILY MINISTRY



KID ZONE on Sunday mornings at VC campus for kids ages 3 years - 5 years at 9:30am. Kids will leave worship with a parent right before the sermon begins and get picked up at the end of the service in the Isaiah room. Check your child in at one of the check-in stations in the lobby. For younger siblings, the Kids Care will be available. If you have older kids with you in worship, check out the new kid's activity bulletins available as you enter the sanctuary.

VC REGISTER NOW FOR KIDS LINK! Online registration is available at woodburylutheran.org. **SAVE THESE DATES!** VC Kids LINK Open House on Sunday Sept. 11, 9-9:30am and 10:40-11am. Meet small group leaders and find rooms! Kids LINK begins on September 18! Questions?? Contact Nancy Schubbe at schubben@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144 ext. 203.



MOPPETS LEADER NEEDED: Do you love helping other moms? Do you love children? Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) are looking for MOPPET leaders to care for their children while they meet. MOPS meets approximately every other Monday September-June. MOPPETS leaders are needed from 9:00-noon and compensation is \$15/meeting. Email moppetswoodbury@gmail.com if you're interested!

WLC INFORMATION

WANT MORE INFORMATION? Woodbury Lutheran Church ministries, worship schedule and activities at [all campuses](http://allcampuses) 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.



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OTHER MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

THIRD SITE LAUNCH: Woodbury Lutheran is going to launch its third campus, Woodbury Lutheran, Liberty Ridge Campus, in February 2017. The campus will begin meeting at Liberty Ridge Elementary School in southeast Woodbury. Have questions about this special mission? Interested in being a part of the new campus? Contact Pastor Jon at kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org to learn more!



THREE PAID POSITIONS: WOODBURY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2016-17 needs a part-time Extended Learning Teacher, Preschool Assistant Teacher, and Aide for WLC's celebrated, Four Star Parent Aware rated, growing early education program. **LEARN MORE:** Contact Dorothy Blaisdell, Director at 651-739-5146 or blaisdell@woodburylutheran.org. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of an upbeat, dynamic team that is passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and families!

REFORMATION TOUR 2017: MN South District President Dean and Susie Nadasdy will host a 500th Anniversary Reformation tour of Germany September 22-October 3, 2017. The trip will include visits to the historic Reformation sites as well as the German and Austrian Alps. President Nadasdy, a former parish pastor and seminary professor, will provide brief Bible studies and lectures on Reformation themes. For more information, brochure, and registration form, contact the Nadasdys at dean.nadasdy@mnsdistrict.org.

CELEBRATION, our adult vocal ensemble, has openings for TENOR and BASS for the coming choir season, September-May. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:50-6:50pm. Celebration sings once per month alternating between the 8am and 11am blended services. Please contact Mark Shepperd: 651-739-5144 or shepperdm@woodburylutheran.org.



WOMEN'S GATHERING GROUP: Join us Mondays, 12:30-4pm in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Come as often as you can, stay as long as you want. Visit while we create jewelry, caring caps, prayer & comfort shawls, etc. Bring your own project or work on one of ours. Contact Ellen about jewelry at 651-731-9129 or poozelle@usfamily.net and Tamara for general information at 651-734-3974 or tskarl@comcast.net.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE: A four hour refresher course will be offered on Tuesday, August 30, 9am-1pm in room 1-300 (VC Isaiah). Contact Tom Nelson at 651-735-4492 tomasofwdby@aol.com to sign up.

DONATIONS NEEDED: With 160 refugees being resettled by Arrive Ministries in the Twin Cities between now and the end of September, they are in short supply of many welcome kit items for refugee families. They especially need the following: light-weight indoor brooms, dust pans and brushes, cleaning buckets, liquid surface cleaner, dish washing soap, laundry baskets, laundry soap, kitchen waste baskets, 13 gallon trash bags. Go to arriveministries.org/ways-to-give/ to see what they need and how to donate (look for cleaning supply list on right side bar).

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION welcomes Cindy O'Donovan and Dr. Julie Tschida, as they present "The Hiring Game" on August 25, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). Mock interviews at 5:45pm. Please go to careertransitionconnection.org to register or for more information about this event and CTC.