

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

GREATER GROWTH



GENESIS VC SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Mark Koschmann starting Sunday, September 11, for the class, *To Change the World: Living as Disciples of Jesus in America*, a class that focuses on what it means to be disciples of Jesus in America today. In discussing current issues like war, politics, and immigration, the goal of this class is to help disciples apply their faith to the most pressing issues of today, equip themselves for mission and ministry wherever God calls, and grow by placing greater trust in Christ as our Lord and Savior. The class meets for six weeks at 9:30am in the Genesis Room (VC).

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 Discouragement," 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. Join us on Thursdays, 9:45am-11:30am, in the Fireside room (VC). Pastor Paul Pfothenhauer 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 SERVICE



FMSC: Who have you invited to help pack 250,000 meals for hungry children? On-line registration for the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack 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, Sept. 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.

KIDS CARE is looking for caring individuals or families who would like to serve in our Sunday morning nursery at VC campus, any service. Contact Rachel at conantr@woodburylutheran.org to volunteer or if you have questions.

FLOODING IN LOUISIANA: WLC has a long history of providing aid to families whose lives have been devastated by floods. Recently, up to 60,000 homes in Louisiana have been flooded, lives lost, belongings destroyed and diminished hope. The need for relief effort is dire. We believe God is calling us to serve with the LCMS church in Baton Rouge, and we are beginning the process of planning. Please pray for the people of LA and us as we discern God's call. Watch for more information. If you have a desire to serve or questions, contact Pastor Drew at baylessa@woodburylutheran.org or Vicki Strong at vickistrong@comcast.net.

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.

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.

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/hope.

GREATER SACRIFICE

WLC ENDOWMENT FUND: The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to further the mission of WLC over and above our regular operating budget. Our most current fund recipients are Feed My Starving Children and Valley Outreach in Stillwater! Thank you for joining in bringing our vision of multiplying disciples to life through the WLC endowment fund! If you would like to donate to the fund, consider one of the following gifts: Memorial gifts that honor a loved one; Honorarium gifts that praise God for life milestones; Life insurance designations to the fund or an Estate gift. Questions? Contact Mark Stutelberg at stutelbergm@woodburylutheran.org.

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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REGISTER NOW FOR KIDS LINK! Online registration is available at woodburylutheran.org. **SAVE THESE DATES:** Kids LINK Open House is on September 11, 10-10:30am. Meet small group leaders and visit rooms. September 18 Kids LINK begins at 9:15am. Questions?? Contact Molly Schulze at schulzem@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144 ext. 332.



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

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 wlc youth.org.

2016 CONFIRMANDS: Foundations for Year 3 students resumes Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8pm. Please schedule your confirmation interview at interview.wlc youth.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 at 1:30pm.

DONUT FUND RAISER TRAINING: There will be a required Donut Fundraiser training for those who have never sold donuts at the Valley Creek Campus (open to 9th-12th graders and 8th graders attending a mission trip). Watch for a training date in September.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA (6th-8th): Join us at the VC campus on Friday, Sept. 9, 6:30-9pm for NERF WARS. Cost is FREE! Bring your friends for this awesome event!



*God is good...all the time...
and all the time...God is good.*

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 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.



Reach. Grow. Serve.

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!



WOODBURY LUTHERAN
Liberty Ridge Campus



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.



GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS will be offered Monday's starting Oct. 12, 6:30-8:30pm until Nov. 16. During this 6-week course, participants identify thoughts, feelings, and emotions that are common to the grieving process. We'll meet in room 1-106 (Lounge VC). For more information or to register please contact: Pastor Tim at marshallt@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144.

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.