

October 23-30, 2016

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

GREATER GROWTH

GENESIS VC SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join us for "A Man Named Martin", 9:30-10:30am in the Genesis Room. Pastor Deane Schuessler and Mike Sabban will lead this class exploring Luther's life and times through the lens of history, religion, and theology. With aid from numerous scholars via video presentation, this class will illustrate Luther's unique life in a powerful way. Join us as we look back on Luther's life and see lessons on how we might live as disciples today.



'THE STORY' VC BIBLE STUDY: Join us for "The Story, Part II", in the Fireside Room (9:30-10:30am). "The Story" is an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references and Scripture is woven together with transition text into one grand narrative. This class is great for those who are intimidated or overwhelmed with reading a normal Bible or those who want to experience the Bible as one grand narrative. Copies of "The Story" can be purchased for \$5 in the church office.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY on Wednesday night is entitled 'Uninvited' by Lysa Terkeurst. Uninvited reminds us we are destined for a love that can never be diminished, tarnished, shaken, or taken--a love that does not reject or 'uninvited'. The study starts on Oct. 26, 6:30-8pm in room L-600 (VC Family Center).



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

PEOPLE OF FAITH: A Bible Study group for adults with different disabilities meets at the VC campus. The group develops relationships, trust, and fulfillment in scripture and God's will for us. This is a Bible-based study.

We do require aides to stay with the participants. A typical evening opens with prayer, a question, verse, song, or word that brings conversation and attachment to a biblical teaching. For dates and times please contact Maureen at 612-719-0661.



GREATER SERVICE

CARING CAPS: Would you be willing to knit or crochet some soft, Chemo/Neuro Surgery caps and baby caps/afghans? For information, call Tamara 651- 734-3974 or email tskarl@comcast.net.



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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.



WLC has a Pastoral Care Assistant (PCA) team who help Pastors with visits. The PCA team would like to know if you, or someone you know, have a specific prayer request, wish to have a visit, or would like a phone call. You may contact Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144 ext. 221 or marshallt@woodburylutheran.org.

SERMON DISCUSSION: Don't forget to text in your questions about this week's sermon to 872-222-9521 and listen to the weekly podcast at woodburylutheran.org.

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 Oak Hill, contact: Cheryl O. (women) 651-777-5315, or Paul L. (men) 651-653-3467. 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.



GREATER REACH

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—SHOEBOXES: The Power of a Simple Gift! WLC is thrilled to partner with Operation Christmas Child again this year by donating gift filled shoe boxes and serving as a drop off location for donors, Nov. 14 - 21. Brochures and sign ups are available in the lobby. You may also contact Bev Manship at 651-458-3241; jamesmanship@comcast.net or Laurel Mills at 651-503-9090; mlekm@msn.com. Visit samaritanspurse.org to learn how to pack a shoebox. What goes into an OCC shoebox is fun. What comes out can change lives forever!



2017 MISSION EXPERIENCES: Time to start thinking and praying about whether you want to join us in Kake, AK, July 6-15, Robin's Nest in Jamaica, June 22-30, Ecuador, July 8-18 or Trinity Frist, Mpls (TBD) this next summer. Contact Lori Golden at golden60@yahoo.com or Pastor Drew at baylessa@woodburylutheran.org with questions.

WANT TO HELP with the hurricane Matthew disaster? Thrivent Financial is matching donations up to \$250,000. Visit the Disaster Response page at thrivent.com to find out more.

FMSC HOSTED AT VC CAMPUS ON NOVEMBER 10-12: The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) is hosting four FMSC mobile packs for Minnesota South District congregations and the surrounding communities with a goal to pack 1 million meals! The VC campus is the host site for the east metro area. All members are welcome to come and serve. To register go to mnsdistrict.org/fmsc/, scroll down and click on the Woodbury Lutheran Church link.

AN INVITE FROM PASTOR DREW: Host an International Student this Thanksgiving. The USA has thousands of international students who study in our universities...many will become prominent leaders back in their home countries. Sadly, most international students who study in the USA, never step foot into an American home. USA Homestays is trying to change that this Thanksgiving by providing Christian hospitality to international students in the Twin Cities. Would you please pray about hosting an international student or two at your family Thanksgiving meal? You can learn more about them at usahomestays.org. If you are willing to host a student, please contact Pastor Drew at baylessa@woodburylutheran.org.

OAK HILL CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



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TWO FALL STUDIES: THE STORY: From 9:15-10:15am in the youth room, join us for "The Story": an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. "HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD": From 10:30-11:30am, meets in the church office. Join us for this class which focuses on what it means to be disciples of Jesus in America today as we discuss current issues.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TIME IS APPROACHING! The OH campus will once again serve as an official Relay Center for Operation Christmas Child the week of Nov. 14-21. Ways you can serve: 1. Donate gift-filled shoe boxes. 2. Serve on the OCC team, greeting donors and receiving shoe boxes. Sign up online by responding to the OCC Need Request through MyWLC or stop by the OCC display in the church lobby for more information. You may also contact Cheri Frost at 651-730-7052 or cherifrost6@gmail.com. Your OCC shoebox donation can have an eternal impact on the life of a child and his or her family!



NEW MEMBER CLASS AT OH: Are you interested in becoming a member of Woodbury Lutheran, Oak Hill Campus? There will be a New Member class on Nov. 6, 11:45am - 2:30pm. Contact Cheri at cherifrost6@gmail.com with questions or to register.

OH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is October 30. During the 10:30am service, we will celebrate the Confirmation of 6 of our young people. Join us for a cake reception immediately following the service.



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 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 - ALL CAMPUSES



MS LOCK IN (6th-8th): Join us for a night of fun on Friday, Nov. 11, 8:30pm-7:30am, at the Valley Creek Campus. There will be games, late night pizza, a movie, a little sleeping and tons of fun! Cost is \$10. Friends welcome!



VALLEY CREEK CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is Oct. 30. 42 youth will confirm their faith in a special service at 1:30pm in the VC Sanctuary. Confirmands, please meet in the Bridge at 11am, remember to bring your robe, stole and photo form (if purchasing).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING for 6th-12th: Come check it out 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. Register at wlcyoung.org.

STUDENT CONFIRMATION JOURNEY is a personal faith process for students who are currently in 7th-12th grades, who would like to dive deeper into understanding what they believe and why. Find out more at confirm.wlcyoung.org or contact Lindsey at schmidt@woodburylutheran.org to set up your launch interview.

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

LIBERTY RIDGE CAMPUS: As followers of Jesus, God sends us to make more disciples. Today, God is calling us to continue living out our vision, Multiplying Disciples :: Transforming Lives, in a new place: Liberty Ridge Elementary School in southeast Woodbury. The Liberty Ridge campus will launch on February 5, 2017. We firmly believe that God is calling 125 adults (plus children) to help launch the new campus. Is God calling you to be a part of the Liberty Ridge campus community? Contact Pastor Jon at kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org to learn more or ask any questions you might have about this new site.

COME JOIN US for what we are calling "Widow House on the Pray-we." Join other widows as we gather for a short devotion, lots of sharing and sisterhood time. We will meet on October 27 at 1pm in room L-600 (Family Center VC). Give Jude a call at 651-334-9041 with questions. All ladies are welcome!

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS: If you would like to be on the list to receive weekly mailings (copies of the Bulletin, Prayer page, Weekly, etc.) from church, please contact Barb Arend at 651-739-5144 or arendb@woodburylutheran.org. Podcasts of all messages are available at woodburylutheran.org under the resource and media tab.



WE WANT YOUR LEAVES: Have leaves that you need to dispose of? Bring them to the WLC garden on the Afton property (NE corner of Manning Ave. and Bailey Rd.) any day between Saturday Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. We will be mulching them with a mower and then cultivating them in, so please spread your leaves out evenly and take your bags back home with you. PLEASE: Leaves only – no garden waste, house plants, shrubs, etc. Our WLC garden has had a great year, a record harvest of over 4,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious food for the Christian Cupboard. You can help us to prepare for next year! Any questions, please call Ted Bolles 651-308-5775.

LOOKING AHEAD: COLLECTING CHAPSTICK & TRAVEL SIZED LOTION. The youth are collecting these items to share with those they will be serving at the Salvation Army on Nov. 23. Bring your donations to the youth info desk (VC) or inside the youth room (OH) in November.

HOST A CHRISTMAS GATHERING in your home this year. Our home is one of the most powerful places to affect a life for God. Never underestimate the POWER of an invitation in our isolated world. For more info go to christmasgatherings.org for video and instructional manual. Christmas Gathering training will be held at Bethlehem Baptist, Mpls on Nov. 5, 10-11am, contact Pastor Vince at 651-353-9779 and at Grace Church Eden Prairie, Nov. 6, 6:30-8:30pm, contact Joyce at 612-483-7006.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION welcomes Michael Thomas Sunnarborg, as he presents "Now What? Maintaining Balance During Times of Transition" on October 27, 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.

AN INTRODUCTON TO CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY course is being offered free to anyone wishing to learn about prison ministry. The six week class will be facilitated by Jim Seemann, Ph.D. Online learning is also available. Classes meet Monday nights, 7-9pm beginning Oct .31 at Concordia University, St. Paul Campus. Interested? R.S.V.P. to seemann@csp.edu.

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 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.

