

# THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

March 2015

## Valuing Each Person

For many years, Woodbury Lutheran has loved people. This love started when Pastor Paul and Rhoda Pfothenauer began ministering to the community of Woodbury nearly 50 years ago, and continues to this day. It has been a part of who we are, both as a staff and a congregation. And that love has been shared with all people, no matter who they are or what they are going through. It is, after all, one of our values: "We Value Each Person." March is Disabilities Ministry month at WLC, and over the 5 years that I have been here, it has been a privilege to see the love of Jesus shared with so many people, no matter what their condition.

WLC has a long tradition of serving those with disabilities, in large part, because of the intentional ministry to people with disabilities. It can sometimes be difficult to measure the effectiveness of ministry. How do we know if we are doing the Lord's work? A number of years ago in one of our newsletters, the following was printed:

### ***"10 Practical Tips for Becoming a Disability Friendly Church"***

Source: "The Father's House", Joni and Friends

1. Provide a warm, friendly, welcoming environment.
2. Provide basic disability awareness training for your church staff and volunteers.
3. Improve accessibility. Make modifications where necessary.
4. Provide serving opportunities for people with disabilities.
5. Provide disability friendly materials.
6. Provide space for wheelchair users throughout the sanctuary.
7. Provide a sign interpreter for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **General communication and interaction tips.**

1. Treat people with disabilities as you would anyone else.
2. Speak directly with the person with the disability, not through their parents or caregivers.
3. Put the person first, not their disability.

4. Provide assistance in the handicap parking area.
5. Provide a "buddy" or mentor for those who might need assistance.

As I look over these tips, I praise God that so many of them are being followed consistently. You don't have to be a part of the Disabilities Ministry team to show the love of Jesus to those who are struggling with a disability. I see it on Sunday mornings from ushers and congregation members alike.

The disability ministry team has people with a variety of experiences and backgrounds who are willing to assist you. Please call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144 or Jeanne Dicke at 651-704-9464 with your questions or to learn about opportunities to serve with us.

Peace and Joy in Christ,  
Pastor Tim Marshall



Disability Ministry at WLC

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# WLC DISCIPLESHIP PATH



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The WLC Discipleship Path

Both the gathering and scattering are important if we are going to become more and more like Jesus everyday of our lives. During this Lenten season I want to especially encourage you to take a few extra minutes each day to connect with God through prayer. Remember, our prayers do not have to be long and complicated; the most important thing is to simply take the step to start the conversation with God.

Walking Together,

Pastor Tom

## Unpacking the Discipleship Path

Over the next four months I would like to take some time with my newsletter articles to give some further insight into each part of the Discipleship Path. I would also like to strongly encourage you to go back and listen to any of the six messages in the series, Walk This Way, that you may have missed. All of our messages are always available on both the website and the Woodbury Lutheran Church App.

At the heart of the Discipleship Path is our desire to follow a Biblical model that is led by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the command of Jesus to make disciples. In our complex and quickly changing world this is becoming more and more difficult and we can never do this on our own. In the path we have an excellent balance between what happens as the church gathers and how we live as the church when we scatter back into the world. Here is what it looks like in Worship:



WORSHIP

| Gathered Church                                      | Scattered Church                   |
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| Connecting with God through weekend worship services | Connecting with God through prayer |

## Holy Week at WLC

### Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:

- Oak Hill 7pm; Valley Creek 7:30pm
- Prayer Vigil to begin after the evening service at Valley Creek

### Good Friday, April 3rd

- Oak Hill 7pm; Valley Creek noon & 7:30pm
- Prayer Vigil to begin 6am on Good Friday offsite

### Easter Sunday, April 5th

- Oak Hill: 9am & 10:30am; Breakfast at 8am
- Valley Creek: Blended—6am, 8am, 9:30am & 11am; Contemporary—9:30am & 11am; Breakfast at 7am

## Weddings:

Mark Hounder & Kristin Wheater

## Baptisms:

Gradey Michael Olafson  
Olivia Nkauj Xaad Thao

## Deaths:

Family of DeeAnn Celusta  
Kay Brusewitz ~ sister, Jan  
Bary Kucharski ~ brother, Bob  
Sarah Rasmusson ~ husband, Trevor  
Pastor Tom ~ cousin, Trevor  
Rhoda Pfothenhauer ~ nephew, Trevor  
Elaine Schlenner ~ brother, Melvin  
Debbie Holmquist ~ mother, Sharon  
Elaine Schlenner ~ sister-in-law,  
Marjorie  
Larry Smith ~ father  
Larry Smith ~ sister, Christine  
Family of Dorthea O'Neill

## Service Times at WLC:

### Sundays at Valley Creek:

Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am  
Sanctuary, Contemporary 9:30am  
Genesis, Contemporary 11am

### Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Journey, 5pm

### Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am  
Contemporary 10:30am

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Matt Krotzer & Family

## Introducing Matt Krotzer, Oak Hill Worship Leader

### A little bit about the Krotzer Crew....

It was a wintery day perfect for snowboarding when we met, became fast friends, married a couple years later—now we will be celebrating 10 years of married life. Matt's passion for music and ministry was ignited at a young adults church plant. He felt called to ministry and graduated from the University of Northwestern with his degree last spring. In addition to worship leading he enjoys teaching music lessons, rocking out with his band, and aspires to rope us into a family band. Leah is a data analyst/researcher at a small non-profit in Minneapolis and keeps busy with advocacy & fundraising for orphans & adoption through her crafty Etsy shop.

Our growing family keeps things lively – our spicy, nearly 5 year old, Eve and her dog Lola give us great adventure daily. Eve loves all things pink, princess, music, dancing and painting. It is a great joy to watch her grow and know she will change the world – she wants to be a baby doctor when she grows up. We also have two daughters, Esther+Ruth, 3 year old twins we are in process of adopting from Congo [central Africa]. Blessed with the opportunity to meet them last fall, we hold them tightly in our hearts, even if they aren't in our arms. There are many complications in adopting from Congo, but our particular case has experienced an unforeseen roadblock and we continue to pray for God's guidance in this journey.

We are a mission minded family with great passions for global ministry including orphan care, poverty alleviation & clean water projects, and music ministry. We have been blessed with opportunity to serve in Mexico, Taiwan, and Congo as a family. We absolutely love immersing in the culture, learning the language, and trying new foods. In addition to our adoption process we are currently in partnership with our daughters' orphanage working on a sustainability plan and provision for the 50+ kiddos that call it home.

We are all so excited to continue to grow and serve with our new church family and look forward to what this year holds.





Rosen Klepel

## How I Know Woodbury Lutheran

I got to know Woodbury Lutheran through some of my personal supporters and close friends of my parents, Duane and Joyce Klepel. Some of my personal supporters have attended Woodbury Lutheran Church for many years and they are Will Bartley, Bob and Karen Johnson, Kavin and Mary Landgrebe and Julie. Will Bartley was part of the missions board and he, Kavin and Bob tried to get Woodbury to support me when I first started. Then we met Chuck Kenow. He was very interested and heard what I was doing as a missionary. Chuck was really touched with what I do and he talked to the missions board. I came to, and presented to, the missions board about what I was doing and planning to do. They were very excited and very interested in supporting me.

Woodbury Lutheran is the biggest supporter I have and I am very blessed and thankful for Woodbury Lutheran. Without you I would not be doing most of the ministry that I am doing now. I am so blessed by Woodbury Lutheran.

### Plans for 2015:

At this moment I am in my 2nd year of School of Ministry in Redding, CA. From March 19 to March 31, I will be going back to Bulgaria for a missions trip. Our team will be working in the slums and the poorest of the poor gypsies. We will be feeding 500 widows and orphans in Bulgaria. I am from Bulgaria and I was adopted by Duane and Joyce Klepel. I was adopted at age 12 1/2 years old. God gave me vision for the orphans and the girls that are trafficked and the kids who are at risk. I have a heart for the orphans and the widows and the trafficked victims. I will be still trying to find my real parents on this trip. I will finish the school of ministry on May 7th.

On May 8th, I will be heading back to China for 4 orphan camps and visit 4 of the leper colonies that we minister to. I will be there for almost 3 months. From China I will be heading for 3 weeks to Kyrgistan to speak to the government about social justice and implementing human development in the orphanage system in that country.

September I will be back in Redding, CA for my 3rd year and intern for 9 months. They have a large Human Trafficking Ministry in Redding and in San Francisco. The ministry there is opening a safe house for girls that are trafficked and a transitional home for boys and girls that are trafficked. I will be mentored and coached and will live with them for 9 months. I will learn from them about how I can manage a team and start my own project like theirs. I will also be traveling with them and speaking in churches with them. I will help build an Agape Village for foster families, a safe house for girls and boys who are trafficked and a family home for kids who don't have parents. This couple in this ministry will mentor me and coach me through every step of the way in their vision and will help me accomplish and build my vision for the children at risk.

Those are my plans for 2015! Thank you for everything and blessings to you Woodbury Lutheran. Thanks for all you do for me. Love you and miss you all. ~ Rosen Klepel





2015 Women's Retreat!

## Take a Walk with God at the Garden Getaway Women's Retreat!

Looking for time away from the busyness of life? Need time to "stop and smell the roses"? Come relax with friends, share laughter and stories, rejuvenate and spend time with God!

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**When:** Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Woodbury Lutheran- Valley Creek Campus

**Time:** 9 am – 5 pm (8:30-8:45 Arrival, Check-in, Refreshments)

**Cost:** \$30 -- Includes lunch

**Registration & Payment Deadline:** Friday, March 20th

Register in Church Office or Online

**Checks payable to:** Woodbury Lutheran Church

**Contact Person:** Terri Albrecht [651-731-8633](tel:651-731-8633)





Tiling...Carpeting...Painting... Oh My!

## A Spring and Summer of Changes

It is going to be a busy year as we continue many much needed building improvements. We have already begun many of them and others will be starting over the next few months.

Painting started several weeks ago in the Kids Ministry area downstairs. We are painting all of the classrooms, large gathering spaces and door frames. Beginning late March all of the carpet in the same areas will be replaced. It will be a mess for a while and will probably be a little inconvenient too, but we are excited by what it will look like when complete. We are also hoping to do some much needed carpet replacement in the Preschool areas.

We are replacing the old rectangular florescent lights in the upstairs hallway. That work started February 23rd and should be done within a week. You may not even notice that work but it will really make the hallway look nice and with the new LED lights should save on electrical and replacement costs.

We have detailed plans to remodel the upstairs main bathrooms and have approved the new materials. Work on those areas will start after Easter because the main upstairs bathrooms will be out of service for a few weeks while the work is done. We are also adding a family restroom near the nursery area that will make it easier for moms and dads to handle multiple kids needs and will be handicapped accessible.

Another big change will be in the Fireside room. We will be filling in the hole in that room and removing the ceiling cove. The walls will be sheet rocked and new sound and video systems will be installed. This will sig-

nificantly change the look of the room and will make it safer and more usable for all sizes of groups.

We also have bids to fully repair the east parking lot. The entire lot will be removed, soft clay will be replaced and new underlayment and asphalt will be installed. This will occur when weather permits.

All of this is being paid for with GREATER financial support, past years surplus gifts and from the general operating budget.

You will see changes over the next few weeks and months. I appreciate your patience and understanding. We all thank you for you generous contributions that have made all of this possible.

Please contact me if you have questions.

*by Mark Stutelberg, Business Administrator*



2015 Men's Retreat!

## Focusing on Jesus

### Annual WLC Men's Retreat 2015

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This year's retreat is about learning to Focus on Jesus and how that gives the Holy Spirit more chances to work on those around us. Pastor Tom, Pastor Drew, Vicar Jon, and Fung Lo from Linc will lead us. On Friday, we will Skype a missionary in Indonesia that spoke at our 2013 and 2014 retreats as he was transitioning from 3M to full time missionary work with his family on the other side of the planet.

After the talks we break into small groups, we discuss the talks and get to know each other. After the discussion, we enjoy being together by playing sports, continuing in study of the Word, or just hanging out. Friday can be late but does not have to be. Our Good News Lodge has many rooms to accommodate those who want to get to sleep at a decent hour. Saturday will be a mix of talks, discussion and open time to enjoy the resort with friends by trap shooting, foosball tourney, more gym time, praying together, hiking, or whatever.

In addition to being fed spiritually we have plenty of opportunity to be fed physically starting at 6:30 Friday evening with supper, and continue through Saturday with three meals. We will wrap up after dinner on Saturday evening with worship time, communion, and sending. We should be done by 8pm. We hope to see you there.

When: April 17 – 18, 2015

Check-in can start anytime after 5:00pm with supper served at 6:30pm. Ends Saturday evening at about 8pm.

Where: Association Retreat Center (ARC) Osceola, WI (38 miles from Woodbury)  
2372 30th Ave, Osceola WI 54020.

How to Register: Go to <http://www.woodburylutheran.org/mensretreat> Or find the paper sign ups in all the lobbies of both sites or email [linertj@gmail.com](mailto:linertj@gmail.com) or call Jeff Linert @ 651-739-4103.

Cost: \$70.00 for Friday & Saturday (4 meals included). Please feel free to contribute extra to help support scholarships. \$10.00 optional for trap shooting ammo. \$7.00 optional for linens, towels & pillow.





## Annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Our Annual Vigil is a time set aside for individuals, families and small groups to come to Valley Creek campus and spend 30 minutes in prayer. Our vigil is a way of responding to Christ's invitation to "Stay here and keep watch with me." Matthew 26:38

Oak Hill vigil begins 6:00 AM on Good Friday and continues until the Good Friday evening worship service. This vigil meets off site. A sign up will be posted at both campuses closer to Holy Week.

Valley Creek vigil begins after the Maundy Thursday worship service and continues through midnight on Good Friday (we will break during the Good Friday evening worship service.) This is a round the clock vigil on site. A sign up will be posted at both campuses closer to Holy Week. When you sign up there will be more information for you.

## Garage sale Treasures Needed!

Is it Spring Cleaning Time at your house yet? Please hang on to your things a little while longer! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held on May 7-9. Collection dates will be May 5-6. We ask that you have all clothing sorted, bagged and tagged in the following categories - men, boys, women, girls or infants. It helps tremendously - thanks! Sale proceeds support youth missions. If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365.



Clean out your closets and storage!





## Mid-Week: Last Words

March 4  
Love Each Other – John 15:17

March 11  
Wash One Another's Feet - John 13:14

March 18  
You Do Not Belong – John 17:20b

March 25  
That They May be One – John 17:23b

April 2: Maundy Thursday  
Drink it Anew – Mark 14:25

April 3: Good Friday  
It Is Finished – John 19:30

## Sundays: God

March 1  
Holiness, Isaiah 6:3

March 8  
Incomparability, Ephesians 1:18-19

March 15  
Mercy, Hebrews 4:16

March 22  
Jealousy, 2 Peter 3:9

March 29  
Sovereignty, Matthew 10:29



Lenten Soup Dinners Are Back!

# Lenten Soup Dinners

## Valley Creek Campus:

- 5:15 – 6:15 in the Genesis Room
- Lent Worship follows at 6:30 in the Sanctuary; Suggested donation for the meal \$5.00; Family Max \$20 – Kids under 5 are free
- March 4 – Navy bean or Chicken and noodle soup; salad; dessert
- March 11 - Baked potato or Beef barley soup; salad; dessert
- March 18 - Cream of broccoli or Chicken and dumpling soup; salad; dessert
- March 25 - Chicken wild rice or Beef barley soup; salad; dessert
- Our caterers... TST Creative Catering

## Oak Hill Campus:

- 5:15 – 6:15 in the Fellowship Room

Wednesday evenings at the Oak Hill campus enjoy a soup dinner starting at 5:00. The soup dinners are served by members. Worship begins at 6:30. Gather the family in the Fellowship Hall and have a meal with old and new friends.

# March

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## Birthdays

## & Anniversaries

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| 1 Gerald & Janis Steffel<br>John & Ellen Kistner | Bob & Mary Jo McNeal<br>Peter & Marta Rowcliffe | 20 Kent & Carol Hadrius<br>Ron & Leann Linden<br>John and Courtney Colton | 25 Kurt & Barb Brammer                                 |
| 3 Steve & Diane Hall                             | 14 Tom & Jodi Burger                            | Ted & Grace Ginkel  | 26 John & Lyndis Vander Louw                           |
| 5 Fred & Donna Peting                            | 15 Bryan & Kim Hughes                           | 21 Alan & Lynn Wilkie   | 28 David & Shirley Schelling                           |
| 7 Douglas & Renee Boehme                         | 16 Perry & Debbie Firkus                        | David & Janet Jacobson  | 29 Richard & Judith Lindemeier                         |
| 11 Bruce & Donna Greenlee                        | Rick & Nancy Hoffman                            | 22 Tyrone & Raquel Beucler  | 30 Don & Virginia Brocker<br>Jay & Lisa Deverell       |
| 12 Brad & Julie Fisher                           | 17 John & Janice McLean                         | Al & Laverne Krummel  | 31 Richard & Beth Ferguson<br>Merriell & Denise Pieper |
| 13 Ben & Tami Lower                              | 18 Rob & Kristi Starzynski                      |   |  |

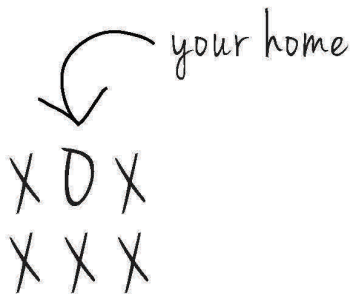




# IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN your neighborhood

**A couple of years ago I had lunch with a friend who's a church consultant.** Some of the largest churches in the country call upon him to share his experience and wisdom, and still he takes time to meet with young, enthusiastic pastors looking to plant small start-up churches. He shared how these wide-eyed young men and women come to him sure that they've heard from God about reaching their communities. They go into great detail as they share their passion and experience and talk about how they hope God will use them to change the world.

My friend then showed me something he communicates to these enthusiastic pastors-to-be that stops most of them in their tracks. I know it rocked *my* world. He pulled out a napkin and drew the following diagram:



He explained, "This is your neighborhood. You live in the house in the middle. If you can tell me the stories of the neighbors who live to the right and left of you as well as those who live in the three homes directly across the street, then you're ready to change the world for Jesus!"

Wow! I knew I wouldn't be able to recount the stories of those who lived closest to me. And according to my friend, 99 percent of these young ministers can't either. He sends them on their way back home and tells them to get to know their neighbors—encouraging them and reminding them that loving their neighbors is the best place to start their ministry.

Needless to say, this diagram impacted and convicted me! I recognized that it's my responsibility to know and love my neighbors. It's easy to wave and quickly duck in my car to drive away to my job in ministry. Or to walk out and grab the mail with a quick, "Hello, how are you?" when secretly I'm hoping they don't make eye contact and just say, "Great!" and allow me to get on my way. It's much more difficult to stop and take the time to listen and then respond to their needs.

**I knew this was something I needed to change—after all, I have the responsibility to model this kind of neighborly love to my grandchildren.** We began by having conversations about the importance of being kind, caring, and respectful to those who live near us. We also discussed that those we should consider our neighbors don't necessarily live next door or across the street—but loving those who do is a great place to start showing God's love. We now look for opportunities to bless our neighbors, and we've started praying for them as we get to know their stories and hear their needs.

**Our grandkids can be world-changers for Jesus,** and we can play a large role in their ministries by simply following Jesus' command to love our neighbors.

*by Debbie Guinn*

***Taken from the March HomeFront Monthly Magazine***

**2** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**  
Mondays, 12:00pm  
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,  
651-734-3974

**2** (V) **Cancer Companions**  
Mondays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim,  
651-739-5144 x221

**5** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**  
Thursdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-735-7725

**7** (V) **Baptism Class**  
Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Jane Dibbern, 651-739-5144

**12** (V) **Open Doors Thursdays**  
Thursday, 5:00pm  
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144  
x221

**12** (V) **Career Transition Connection**  
Thursday, 7:00pm  
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715

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9050 60th Street North  
Stillwater, MN 55082

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