

# THE NEWS LETTER



February 2019

## Woodbury Lutheran Youth

As folks who spend time with hundreds of 6th-12th grade students we have lots to be grateful for. The young people of the Woodbury Lutheran family are full of energy, thoughtful, inquisitive, goofy, facing life's challenges, all the while figuring out who they are and who God is.

We entered into this school year with a deep desire for every young person to have at least one adult intentionally investing in their faith story. 41 adults answered that call by committing to lead small groups this year across all of our campuses. In addition, more than 20 others stepped in to serve through set up, hospitality, leader care, and worship leading teams. These adult leaders span the decades, each bringing unique gifts to the table, and have said yes to the Holy Spirit using them in the lives of our youth.

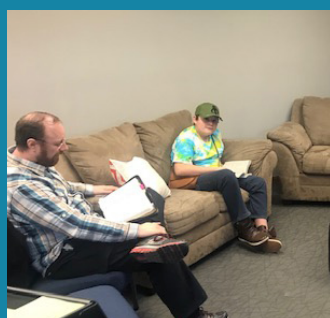
All of this works together to create an environment where students feel safe, welcomed, and able to be transformed by Jesus. Our time together is filled with laughter, worship, praying for each other, sharing the ups and downs of life, and asking deep and hard faith questions. There's also a fair amount of side conversations, squirrely behavior, hormones, and tears (ours and theirs).

We are so grateful for these folks who serve on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, summer mission experiences, events, and connect with our young people in their daily lives. We also want to say thanks to families who let us come alongside them and to our congregation for generously providing the resources needed to make this happen.

--Patrick Brewer, Lindsey Schmidt, Sarah Dibbern, Laura Stennes

Exciting Upcoming All Campus Youth Ministry Opportunities:

- March 2-3, Confirmation Weekend
- Family First Communion classes begin in March, held at the OH and VC campuses.
- Registration for Summer MinneSERVEta experiences to Rochester (middle school) and Camp Lebanon (high school) are still open and will close on March 15th.
- Summer Stretch Registration opens on April 1st. Middle school students will be serving June 20th, 27th, July 18th, 25th, and August 1st. This is also a great opportunity for high school students to serve as teen leaders.
- The Gathering is coming to Minneapolis this July. Registration closes on March 15th.



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# Grateful!

***“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ -- Matthew 25:40***

We are wrapping up the coldest week that Minnesota has seen in years; schools and businesses shut down, the power company even asked us to turn down our heat. It was fascinating to see how people responded to the Polar Vortex. People loved posting pictures of their weather apps on social media and there were plenty of people asking the question, “Why do we even live here?” and then there was Jeff.

Jeff is a fellow disciple of ours at Woodbury Lutheran who took a different approach to the vortex, instead of complaining or spending time thinking about moving somewhere else he was busy searching for homeless people who we could help provide a warm motel room for the night. Through his work we as a church were able to help a whole bunch of homeless people find warmth for a couple of days. Imagine what it would have been like to be one of those homeless persons and to experience the incredible gift of grace and warmth, transforming! The power of Jesus transforms!

The thing I love about Jeff is that this was not something out of the ordinary, this is just the way he lives his life. Always asking the question not what I can get but how can I serve. Imagine if all of us at WLC lived our lives with that

attitude, what if we served in our daily lives with the same attitude of Jesus? I bet we would see His power unleashed in even more incredible ways.

Many years ago President Kennedy said these famous words, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” I wonder what would happen if we would replace the words “your country” with “others”? Jesus gave us a picture and now we have the privilege of simply following Him and joining Him in mission as His disciples. Thank you Jeff for giving us a picture of Jesus!

Stay Warm,  
Pastor Tom



### Weddings:

Tristan Jeffers & Aaron Wesser

### Baptisms:

Amiah Noelle Casselberry  
Harper Lou Casselberry  
Rylea Elizabeth Casselberry  
Fiona Marie Frost

### Deaths:

Kim Cox - uncle, Leo Stelten  
The Family of John Jechort  
The Family of Emil Quasabart  
Helen Gland - brother, Norman VanDeWater  
Mary Emerson - sister, Susan Platou  
Peter Bloomquist - aunt, Susan Platou  
The Family of Joshua Zuehlke  
The Family of Henry Gimble  
Nancy Ritter - cousin, Jeff Imse  
Katie Barker-Sieling - aunt, Diana Anderson  
The Family of Lee Spomer  
The Family of Mark Wilkie

### Service Times at WLC:

Saturdays at Valley Creek:  
Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Valley Creek:  
Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am  
Sanctuary, Contemporary  
9:30am

Sundays at Oak Hill:  
Blended 9:00am  
Contemporary 10:30am

Sundays at Liberty Ridge  
Contemporary 10:00am

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“...in the midst of complexity wonderful ministry is happening...”

## Woodbury Lutheran Staffing

Over the past six years we have learned a few things about operating in our church's new reality: being one church in three locations. One key learning is that being a multisite church is a complex thing. Finding ways to connect with, support, minister to, resource, and involve the different ages, stages of life, needs, and gifts that are represented in any congregation is a challenge. When that church meets in three separate locations, the level of challenge and complexity multiplies.

In order to continue to do effective ministry now, and to be set up for continued growth as a multisite congregation in the future, we've made a shift to our staff and reporting structure. A Directional Leadership Team meets weekly to uplift values, focus vision, align ministry areas, lead effective ministries, review metrics/scorecards, provide direction for staff and ministry. This team is made up of department heads in the areas of:

- Worship – Joel Wetzstein
- NextGen (i.e. Kids and Youth ministries) – Nancy Schubbe
- Discipleship (i.e. Growth and Reach) – Brad Miller
- Administrative – Mary Law
- Multisite – Pastor Jon Kuehne
- Senior Pastor – Pastor Tom Pfothenhauer
- Church Administrator – Mark Stutelberg
- Director of Ministries – Joel Symmank

Each of those department heads has a team under them that works together in their ministry area. Department heads meet regularly with their teams to coordinate the various, ongoing ministry efforts. They also meet with individuals on their teams for regular encouragement, review, support, and development. I meet regularly with each of those department heads for the same purposes.

Additionally, it's worth noting that many of the positions on our staff spend their energies serving the organization as a whole. For example, Pastor Tim, as Care Pastor, provides leadership in our Care ministries across all campuses. Joel Wetzstein, as Director of Worship, and Brad Miller, as Director of Discipleship, travel to each campus each month so they are aware of the unique setting and style at each campus while providing leadership in their areas for Woodbury Lutheran as a whole. Custodial and admin staff, among others, serve the whole organization as well. Others like Laura Stennes, as Kids and Youth minister at Liberty Ridge, and Jyl Dunavan as Worship Leader at Oak Hill, serve at a particular campus.

Complex? Yes. But in the midst of the complexity wonderful ministry is happening. By the Holy Spirit's power, lives are being transformed and disciples are growing and multiplying. What a wonderful opportunity we all have, staff and members alike, to be a part of the Kingdom work that's taking place at each of our campuses!

Joel Symmank, Director of Ministries

*PS: Org charts of the whole staff were available at the annual meeting. If you'd like one let me know and I'll see that you get a copy.*



# Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



## LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

***Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:***

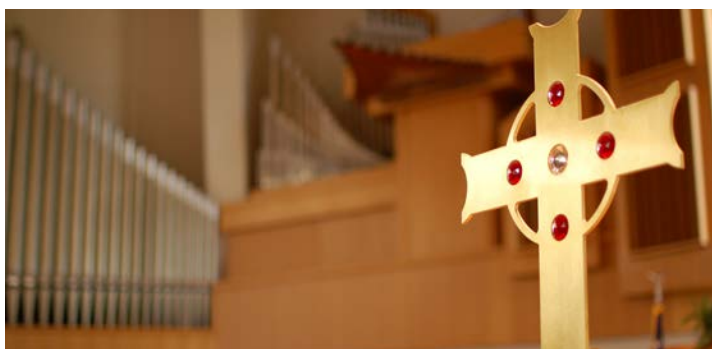
- We are excited to offer another Carnival of Crafts event for young kinds in the Stonemill Farms community on February 13 from 10am-12pm. These events have been popular in the past. We look forward to another great time connecting with the community.
- Bob Wolf and Wade Amundson are stepping on as new elders at the Liberty Ridge Campus. The elders take the lead in praying for the congregation as well as connecting with each family at the campus to pray with them and walk with them in their faith journey.
- On Palm Sunday, April 14, we are looking forward to hosting a Passion play for WLC and the surrounding community.
- We are so thankful for the many people who serve at Liberty Ridge. One group is the setup and teardown crew that helps make worship, Kids LINK, and Bible study happen every Sunday (even when it's cold outside!). We are also incredibly thankful for the Liberty Ridge Prayer Team, who is continuously praying for specific things happening at Liberty Ridge, praying for the community, and praying for God's power against Satan's attacks.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



## OAK HILL UPDATES

***Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:***

- Our 2nd and 3rd grade students along, with their parents, spent the month in Bible University. In this class, the kids learned what is in the Bible and how to use it now and as they grow in their faith.
- Jane Dibbern leads Adult Bible Class from 9:15-10:15am each Sunday. Join anytime to dive deeper into God's Word, prayer, and fellowship.
- Did you know we have 7 youth leading small groups in Kids LINK? They do an amazing job each week teaching, modeling a servant heart and having fun with their groups!
- All Campus snow tubing is February 17th from 3-5pm at Green Acres Recreation. Visit the WLC website to register and find out more information.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Oak Hill Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



## Campus Update from Valley Creek

### ***Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:***

- Woodbury Lutheran Preschool held an open house and began enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. Lots of new and returning families enjoyed fun activities and a chance to visit classrooms and learn more about what WLP offers. Enrollment is coming in and classes are already filling. We're thankful for the ongoing ministry of our Preschool as young ones grow and develop in their faith and their education. For information about our Preschool go to [preschool.woodburylutheran.org](http://preschool.woodburylutheran.org)
- The annual budget meeting and annual congregational meeting were held in January. In both meetings we were able to celebrate the many blessings God has given Woodbury Lutheran and the many ways He has been at work in and through our church.
- Third graders and their parents have been gathering on Sundays throughout January for Bible University, learning about how the Bible works, how to read and study it, and what a wonderful gift God's word is. A Bible U celebration, where students receive their Bibles, will happen on Sunday, February 10.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Valley Creek Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



# Missions at WLC

## What's A World Prayer Dive?

Our church has been actively supporting missionaries around the world for decades. And we just started something new to enhance that support – something we call a “World Prayer Dive”! Jesus told His followers to **“be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”** (Acts 1:8).

South America		
Missionaries	Location	Primary ministry & Mission organization
Josh & Hannah Zook	Quito, Ecuador	Casa Adalia girls home, Alliance Academy student ministry; One Collective
Dario & Juanita Guerrero	Rural Paraguay	Church planting, evangelizing; Ethnos 360

With His words in mind, we want to pray more consistently for these “witnesses” WLC supports, near and far. We are diving into prayer once a month on each of our campuses for an hour at a time; hence the name, World Prayer Dive. Our Dives in February will be held on:

Asia		
Dr. & Mrs. Undisclosed	South Asia	Bible translation for Muslim people group; World Mission Prayer; (names and location are not disclosed due to security concerns)

Prayer Dive. Our Dives in February will be held on:

- Feb. 17 - Oak Hill - 8-9 am
- Feb. 24 - Liberty Ridge - 9-10 am
- Feb. 24 - Valley Creek - 11 am-Noon

Africa		
Ray & Paula Yoder	Mozambique	Church-planting; World Team
JJ & Steph Wessman	Pretoria, South Africa	Missionary trainers; Operation Mobilization
Tim & Lisa Beckendorf	Rural Botswana, Africa	Bible translation for the Khwe people; Lutheran Bible Translators

The tables shown on this page list the dedicated missionaries WLC supports financially, according

to the location in which they serve. When you attend the monthly “Dive” at your local campus you’ll receive a handout listing our missionaries’ most recent prayer requests. You’ll know you’re asking God for some of their most urgent

needs. At the end of each session there is time to ask for updates on the

North America			
Demelash Yosef	Twin Cities, MN	Ethiopian ministry here & abroad	
Don & Bev Roth	Tucson, AZ	Bible translation, publication work; Wycliffe	
Don Leonard	Lakeville, MN	Video evangelism in SE Asia; Project Video	
Grant & Danielle Hoel	Duluth, MN	Campus ministry & evangelizing; Chi Alpha	

lives of our missionaries. Please consider joining other Woodbury Lutheran members to pray for these committed servants.

Europe		
Rosen & Oksana Klepel	Ternopil, Ukraine	Orphan care, adult ministries, other; YWAM

Please consider using this page to pray for our mis-

sionaries in your home. Maybe you could rotate through this list, praying for one of them each evening when you pray before dinner! Also, if you want to send a note of encouragement to any of these missionaries, or if you have any questions about their ministry,

[sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org) or 65





## Kake, Alaska Your Next Step

Some 12 years ago WLC's then-senior-pastor Dean Nadasdy surveyed his contacts in the broader church for settings in which Woodbury Lutheran could go on short-term missions. Based on recommendations and further research, he selected the remote town of Kake, Alaska. He went on that inaugural mission for WLC, and our church has sent 10 short term teams to Kake in the last 11 years. We are **launching a new team** this summer – the dates are **July 9 – 20**. *Could God be asking you to take this “next step” in your walk on the discipleship path?* This might be a great opportunity to accompany your teenager (or teen grandchild) for a spiritual challenge together. Think about it!

Kake, with its largely Native American population, is nestled on the shore of a beautiful island off the west coast of Canada. Just like in the Twin Cities, sin has resulted in broken families, economic challenges and a degree of hopelessness. While the Church exists in Kake, it is struggling. WLC joins Jesus on His mission in Kake to bring love and hope to this community.

Through repeated and consistent contact WLC wants the people of Kake to see and feel the love of Jesus in our actions and words. Each summer we renew existing relationships and develop new ones. Our desire is to be part of people's discovering saving faith in Jesus, AND encouraging current followers of Jesus in Kake.

We do this through both informal contact (greeting folks as we walk casually along the streets) and formal contact. Our formal events include Vacation Bible School and sports/game time with kids; we spend time with adults during “Spa night” (ladies), Men's breakfast, community meals, serving lunch at the elders' center, and doing work projects around town.

We would love for you to consider Kake this summer. Registration closes March 15. The cost is roughly \$1,650, and scholarships are available up to 25% of that amount. If you have any questions contact Mike Sabbann at [sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org) or 651-739-5144. Or you can register online at: [woodburylutheran.org/ministries/reach-missions/short-term-mission-experiences](http://woodburylutheran.org/ministries/reach-missions/short-term-mission-experiences)

# WLC is Hosting A Couples Checkup

Just as life moves from season to season, so does marriage and every season brings new challenges. Disagreement, discouragement, demands of parenting, finances, heavy workload and over commitment can drive a wedge in the marriage relationship.

Maybe your marriage can benefit from a Couples Checkup. On Sunday, February 10 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. couples are invited to Date and a Dessert Night at the Valley Creek campus, and Date and Dinner, February 24 6:30 p.m., at the Oak Hill Campus. This time of marriage enrichment is designed to help couples enhance their communication, conflict resolution and spiritual growth skills. It will be both fun and enlightening.

You can register for this event and childcare at this link-[Register](#)

Questions? Contact Jane Dibbern at [jane.dibbern@gmail.com](mailto:jane.dibbern@gmail.com).  
Facilitated by Pastor Tim Marshall and Jane Dibbern







**WLC Presents**

# **A 40-DAY LIFE-CHANGING DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE**

**40 DAYS OF LENT - SUNDAYS, STARTING  
MARCH 10 THROUGH APRIL 14 (PALM SUNDAY)**

The mission of Red Letter Challenge (RLC) is to help people live more like Jesus. Everyone at WLC across campuses are invited pick up the 40 day devotional – RED LETTER CHALLENGE, starting February 17th.

Small Groups will be focusing on the 40 day challenge using the devotional book and the small group curriculum. Watch for an opportunity to join a short term small group for these 40 days.

The RLC is unique because it takes Christ's literal words and gives you practical daily challenges based on those words. <https://www.redletter-challenge.com>

The RLC will help you:

1. Have a deeper relationship with Jesus.
2. Receive God's forgiveness in your life and give grace to others.
3. Give you a greater heart of service.
4. Help you become more generous.
5. Give you confidence to speak about what Jesus has done in your life.

Questions - contact Mary Lehman at [lehmanm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:lehmanm@woodburylutheran.org) or 651-739-5144 x201

# Who We Are In Pictures

I've got an activity for you, and you can do it right now in the comfort of your own home! When we think about "Who" Woodbury Lutheran is, one easy way to answer the question is to look at our six "Values". These are strong aspects of WLC's character that have stood out for many years; I've listed them at the bottom of this page.

So what's the activity? Get out your copy of WLC's 2018 annual report (if you don't have one, pick it up at church, or download a copy from WLC's website). It's loaded with pictures that speak to the "Who is WLC" question. Look at each picture; figure out which of our Values the picture represents. For example, the picture included with this article is on the cover of the report. This is the short term team that went on mission to Robin's Nest Children's Home in Jamaica last summer. Which of our 6 Values does this point to? My answer is Movement. Why? "Faith Doesn't Stand Still" – these church members have taken a big step to grow in their faith by going on a cross-cultural mission!

What about the second picture on the cover, the one of Pastor Tim? What comes to your mind, value-wise? To me, it's Compassionate Care. Why? Tim leads our "Care Ministries". He is at the forefront of the volunteers and programs that "Bring Help to the Hurting".

Go for it! Take a look at each picture in the entire report and match it with one of our Values. Scribble your answer next to the pic. If you don't know what the picture is about, ask someone. In next month's newsletter, I'm going to list my answers – you can compare if we think alike (my answers aren't necessarily the right ones; it's just how the pictures strike me as I think about our church's Values!)

## Our Values

- Truth – Rooted in God's Word
- Each Person Matters – Come As You Are
- Relationships – Life is Better Together
- Our Community – Serving and Welcoming
- Compassionate Care – Bringing Hope to the Hurting
- Movement – Faith Doesn't Stand Still

Mike Sabbann – Reach Coordinator





Short Term Mission Experience  
Quito, Ecuador  
July 22nd- August 2nd, 2019



Once again, we will be partnering with our friends in Christ at YOUTH WOLRD, specifically two of their ministry sites: Casa Gabriel and Casa Adalia. Our main priority is to build new and strengthen existing relationships with the residents and staff of the homes. We will also aid in home improvement projects, working side by side with the residents and staff. To learn more about Casa Gabriel, visit: [www.casagabriel.com](http://www.casagabriel.com) and to learn more about Casa Adalia, visit: [www.casaadalia.net](http://www.casaadalia.net)

\*\*\*This experience is open to adults, and youth who are at least 17 years old accompanied by a parent/guardian. Online applications are now open through March 1st, 2019 at [www.woodburylutheran.focusmissions.com](http://www.woodburylutheran.focusmissions.com). If you are interested in learning more, contact Brad Miller at [millerb@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:millerb@woodburylutheran.org) or Ann Gibbs at 612.991.6471



# CRITIC OR COACH

## **Grandparents, if asked, would your children and grandchildren describe you as a critic or a coach?**

Do they view you as someone who stands in their corner guiding them with encouragement or someone who sits on the sidelines criticizing and focusing on what's wrong?

The definition of a critic is a person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something. A coach is someone who trains or urges with instruction. I don't know about you, but I find myself in the critic's corner far too often—pointing out mistakes rather than taking the time to encourage and spur my grandchildren on.

Recently, Harvard Business School studied the correlation between team performance and the frequency of praise and criticism given to the individuals on the team.<sup>1</sup>

The question asked was:

Which is more effective in improving team performance: using positive feedback to let people know when they're doing well or offering constructive comments to help them when they're off track?

The average ratio for the highest-performing teams was 5.6 (that is, nearly six positive comments for every negative one). The medium-performance teams averaged 1.9 (almost twice as many positive comments as negative ones). But the average for the low-performing teams, at 0.36 to 1, was almost three negative comments for every positive one.

American psychologist John Gottman has found similar results correlating spouses' positive and negative comments to happiness (or lack thereof) in

their marriages. My guess would be that these stats apply to our children and grandchildren as well.

It's counterintuitive to think that discipline or course correction can be done with positive comments more successfully than with negative comments; however, it appears that's the way God wired us. It's important to guide our families by sharing what we see them doing well more often than what we see them doing wrong. As grandparents, we can play a vital role in helping our grandchildren get back on track—it just has to be done in the right ratios.

So, next time you see your children or grandchildren in a season of pain or getting a little off track, stop and think: Do I want to be a critic or a coach? Do I want to lovingly guide, encourage, and spur them on, or do I want to critique and point out where they failed? It takes a lot more work to be a coach, but the reward of seeing our children and grandchildren thrive in all that God has for them is worth the extra effort!

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**AND LET US CONSIDER  
HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE  
ANOTHER ON TOWARD  
LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS.  
HEBREWS 10:24**

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by Debbie Guinn

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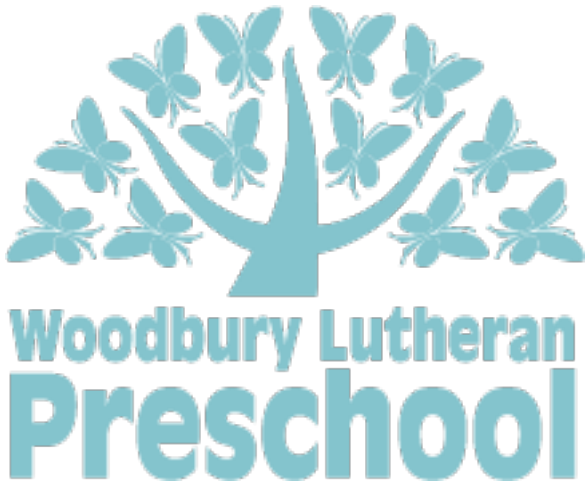
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1. <https://hbr.org/2013/03/the-ideal-praise-to-criticism>



**FULL TIME –5 DAY A WEEK**

**PRESCHOOL**



Children now has the opportunity to have high-quality preschool 5 days a week! We're excited to offer a Monday-Friday 9am-2pm option to our class offerings for 2019-2020 - extended learning can be added to these hours. We recognize that this is a growing need of families in our community and we're excited to offer a more consistent programming option.

Contact us at 651-739-5146 or [mulsos@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:mulsos@woodburylutheran.org) to schedule an educational consult and learn more about this exciting option



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A  
4-STAR PARENT AWARE PROGRAM?**

Woodbury Lutheran Preschool is committed to being a high quality early childhood program and one way that we demonstrate this is through our participation in the State Wide Parent Aware Program

- This is a voluntary program where a 4-star rating indicates the highest commitment to best practices in early childhood education.
- The process requires program to demonstrate the quality standards are being met every 2 years.
- Staff participate in additional training and have outside observers provide feedback on teaching strategies and child interactions.
- Our program shows a high level of partnership with families by providing ongoing information on child development.
- Families who qualify are also eligible to utilize state Early Learning Scholarships in our program.

**Thanks for Loving Woodbury Lutheran  
Preschool –a ministry of Woodbury  
Lutheran Church!**

**We are grateful for the BIG and *small* ways that you  
show us your love!**

- ♦ **Your smiles and “hellos” to our little people as they walk down the hall.**
- ♦ **Your thoughtful donations of paper and craft supplies**
- ♦ **Your prayers**
- ♦ **Your talents that bless us with classroom equipment and gifts to give to new siblings**
- ♦ **Your financial support both through Multiply and direct gifts which fund financial aid**
- ♦ **Your sharing with others about the great education and ministry that children receive at Woodbury Lutheran Preschool.**

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# STRANDED



**DATE RANGE :: 19.02.09 - 19.03.03**

Life isn't easy. Everyone has moments where they struggle. But what do you do when there's nothing you can do? How do you conquer a problem that seems to have no solution? Grief, loss, our jobs, our marriages, and just life in general can cause us to throw up our hands. What do we do when it seems like we're just stranded?

## **Week 1 | February 9/10**

- Title :: Stranded
- Readings
  - Matthew 11:1-6
  - Key Verse: Matthew 11:6
  - 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

What do we do when our circumstances are so challenging that there's no way forward and no way out? We have problems for which there seem to be no solutions. We have questions without answers. During times like these, we're tempted to run or give up. We're tempted to give in to jealousy, resentment and anger. Life gets hard and it feels like God is just angry with us. But what if he isn't? Is it possible to hang on to joy, hope, and patience in the midst of the struggle?

## Week 2 | February 16/17

- Title :: Handling It
- Readings
  - Philippians 4:8-13 Key Verses: Philippians 4:12-13
  - Secondary Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4,9-10,15-18

What do you do when there's nothing you can do? Maybe a relationship isn't going anywhere. Maybe your finances are stuck. Maybe you're not sure what's next professionally. Maybe there's a health diagnosis that has recently changed your life. Challenging circumstances can make you jealous or resentful. They can breed discontentment. But the problem with discontentment is that it can drive you in self-destructive directions that will eventually leave you with regret. So, what is the secret of finding contentment even when times are tough?

## Week 3 | February 23/24

- Title :: Refocus
- Readings
  - Hebrews 12:1-7
  - Key Verse: Hebrews 12:2b
  - Secondary Reading: John 9:1-7

What do you do when life hasn't gone the way you've wanted and there's nothing you can do? What do you do when you're living in a stranded moment? You may think that nothing will work out or no good can come from the situation. Can it really be truth that God will make things right?

## Week 4 | March 2/3

- Title :: A Room with a View
- Readings
  - Luke 7:11-17
  - Key Verse: Luke 7:12
  - Secondary Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

When we're stranded, it seems like our life can only go one way: nowhere. Negativity only reinforces this thinking. But something special happens when Jesus collides with our stranded perspective. When death meets Deity, only one can win. In his victory, Jesus invites us to live our lives with the overwhelming view of what's to come.



# Be included in our directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.



## What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.

## You will receive

- One FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory.
- PLUS free gift with purchase.

**Schedule your session and be included in our new directory.**

Photography dates and more information will be shared with you soon.

**Lifetouch.**

[churchdirectories.lifetouch.com](http://churchdirectories.lifetouch.com)



# Answers to Who is WLC In Pictures

Hey – thanks for doing the activity shown on page 10! I've listed here WLC's Values that I think are embodied in the pictures from the annual report. Lots of them have more than one answer; again, my answers are based on how the picture struck me when I looked at it.

I list here the page number, a very short description of each picture, and the Value I considered to be represented. WLC's Values are listed at the bottom of this page.

## Cover (top to bottom)

- Short term mission team; Movement – faith doesn't stand still (or Relationships – life is better together)
- Pastor Tim; Compassionate Care – bringing hope to the hurting
- Child praying; Each Person – come as you are
- Kendall Johnson training someone on video technology; Relationships – life is better together

## Page 1

- Pastor Tom teaching at the Valley Creek campus; Truth – rooted in God's Word

## Page 2

- Bob and Carol teaching young kids; Truth
- Members volunteering at a Stonemill Farms neighborhood event; Our Community – serving and welcoming
- Members of our Liberty Ridge campus church plant; Movement

## Page 4

- Two members working on crafts at our Oak Hill campus; Relationships
- One of our youth doing a crazy youth activity; Each Person
- Kids in the Nativity scene; Truth

## Page 6

- Two ladies “catching up” between services at the Valley Creek campus; Relationships
- One hand touching another; Compassionate Care
- Young family in worship; Truth

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- Serving communion; Truth
- Youth being confirmed; Movement
- A hand on the shoulder of a boy; Compassionate Care
- Pastor Jon baptizing an infant at the Liberty Ridge campus; Truth

## Pages 12, 13

- Young folks in church – toddlers, kids, youth; Truth
- Adult small group meeting in the Fireside Room; Relationships
- Little girl at our preschool; Our Community

## Pages 14, 15

- Members praying at Highwood Hills Elementary School; Our Community
- Short term mission team in Ecuador; Movement
- One of our missionary families; their work on a college campus exemplifies Compassionate Care

## **OUR VALUES**

**Truth** – Rooted in God's Word

**Each Person Matters** – Come as you are

**Relationships** – Life is better together

**Our Community** – Serving and welcoming

**Compassionate Care** – Bringing hope to the hurting

**Movement** – Faith doesn't stand still

Mike Sabbann – Reach Coordinator



## Worship

### HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on February 17 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

### TEXT TO GIVE

Text your gift amount to 651-504-0500. You'll receive a text with a link. Enter your info with the credit/debit card you'd like to use. Only fill out this form once! Next time just text your gift amount to 651-504-0500.

### ONLINE GIVING

myWLC offers safe and secure electronic giving. This is a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make one-time or repeating automatic contributions through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from a checking or savings account. Log on to [myWLC.org](http://myWLC.org) and click on the Give tab. For more information contact: Mark Stutelberg at 651-739-5144 or [stutelbergm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:stutelbergm@woodburylutheran.org).

### STOCK DONATIONS

There are many different ways we can donate our time, talents and treasures to Woodbury Lutheran Church. One way some members choose to donate is through the transfer or donation of stocks. A donation form is located by the welcome desk. If you have questions or want more information on how to donate stock, please contact Trecie Horner at 651-731-3349.



## Grow

### OAK HILL GAME NIGHT (6-12TH)

Game night the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm. Join us on February

7th. Meet at Caribou Coffee, 1830 Market Dr. Stillwater, MN 55082. Come hang out with Sarah and play games!

### ALL CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

Join us at the VC Campus: 6:30-8:30pm on Friday, February 22. We're going to be playing games like sardines or extreme capture the something! 6-8th graders from all campuses won't want to miss it! Free! Friends welcome.

### MARCH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Students who are planning to confirm their faith on March 2/3 be sure to complete the THREE sign up forms at [wlc-youth.org](http://wlc-youth.org) by February dates requested. We need your completed online registrations. Contact Lindsey Schmidt at [schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org) if you have any questions or to register for your confirmation celebration interview. Save the date: Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11:30am, Confirmation brunch for students, parents & loved ones. We will take pictures, rehearse, and have a blessing and prayer service.

### LIBERTY RIDGE SUNDAY DONUTS AND DEVOTIONS (6TH-12TH)

On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month we will gather to enjoy donuts together as we meet in the kids/youth area to have fun, get to know each other more, spend time in God's word together, and connect as a Liberty Ridge community. 9-9:45am. Contact Laura at [stennesL@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:stennesL@woodburylutheran.org) with any questions.

### WEDNESDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Wednesday night ministries for 6th-12th meets at the VC and OH campuses (LR youth attend at VC or OH) from 6-8:15pm. We meet on Wednesdays for games, Bible teaching, and small group community. Register online: [wlc-youth.org](http://wlc-youth.org).

### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING(NYG)

The gathering will be in Minneapolis, July 10-15, 2019. Registration is open to current 8th-12th graders. Interested? We have 5 spots left! Registration cost goes up on March 1! Sign up by March 17. To find out more go to [wlc-youth.org](http://wlc-youth.org) and to see if there are spots still available

please contact Patrick Brewer directly.

### CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

What is Confirmation Journey? A year long, devotion led, family-based experience for students (7th-12th grades) designed to prepare to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This process is for mature students who want to explore their personal relationship with Jesus and grow in their understanding of what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus for a lifetime. The process involves Worshiping, Growing, Serving, and Reaching (sharing their faith with others) and is a great opportunity for students who want to personalize their faith and grow as a disciple. If you're interested, set up a Confirmation Launch meeting with Lindsey Schmidt.

### CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Kurt Thompson as he presents, "Be Memorable -- Making a Great Impression in Your Interviews" on February 14, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.career-transitionconnection.org](http://www.career-transitionconnection.org).

### CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Nancy Burke as she presents, "The Art of Tactful Self-Promotion: A Critical Skill for Job Seekers" on February 28, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.career-transitionconnection.org](http://www.career-transitionconnection.org).

### PEOPLE OF FAITH

A Bible Study group for adults with different disabilities and 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.

# Getting Connected



**Reach**

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - NEW ITINERARY (OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 5, 2019)**

Led by Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer. Contact Pastor Paul at 651-261-3416 or [paulrhoda@comcast.net](mailto:paulrhoda@comcast.net)



**Serve**

## **MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Would you be willing to knit or crochet shawls, soft chemo/Neuro surgery caps or baby caps/afghans which would be given to someone who is experiencing a life trauma, an illness, or loss? We would love to have you join us on Monday afternoons at the Valley Creek Campus, or bring your completed items to us at the Valley Creek Campus. Call Tamara (651) 734-3974 or [tskarl@comcast.net](mailto:tskarl@comcast.net) for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

## **EAGER HANDS QUILTERS**

We are seeking volunteers who enjoy sewing to sew and assemble quilts for the Salvation Army on Tuesday mornings at the Valley Creek Campus. If interested, please contact Delores Fitzgerald at 651-738-1812.

## **CHRISTIAN CLOSET**

A clothing ministry of Woodbury Lutheran Church. The closet is open every Friday 8:30am-12pm, at the VC Campus. All clothing is free to those in need in our community. We accept donations of clean seasonal clothing (all ages), shoes, bed linens, towels and blankets (please no more hangers and if possible smaller bags to minimize lifting weight for volunteers). Donation tax receipts are available. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Gloria Johnson at 651-253-5416.

## **SUMMER YOUTH SERVANT EXPERIENCES**

Come and join us as we 'MinneSERVE-ta' this summer. Middle School Summer Serve Event will be June 9-12, 2019 in Rochester MN, cost is \$100. Contact Lindsey Schmidt with questions. High School Summer Serve Event will be June 16-21, 2019 at Camp Lebanon, Burtrum MN, cost is \$175 (NYG discount available). Contact Patrick Brewer with questions. Go to [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org) and click on mission experiences to sign up for one of these great service opps! Sign up by MARCH 15!!

## ***Garage Sale Treasures Needed!***

Looking for a way to tackle the winter blues? Start a garage sale stash for the Youth Garage sale! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held on May 9-11. Collection dates will be May 7, 5:30-8:30 pm and May 8, 4:30-8:30 pm. Please drop donations at the East entrance of the Valley Creek campus during the designated collection times. We ask that you have all clothing sorted, bagged and labeled in the following categories - men, boys, women, girls and infants. It helps tremendously - thanks! Please no tube TV's or old computer equipment. Sale proceeds support youth attending mission trips. If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365 or email at [ssalzman1@comcast.net](mailto:ssalzman1@comcast.net).



# February 2019 Calendar

## **2 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**

Saturdays, 8:00am  
Contact: Molly Schulze,  
651-739-5144

## **2 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**

Saturdays, 7:00am  
Contact: Jeff Linert,  
651-387-9428

## **2 (V) Baptism Class**

Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Rachel Symmank,  
651-472-1975

## **2 (V) New Member Class**

Saturday, 9:00am  
Contact: Brad Miller,  
651-739-5144 x209

## **4 (O) Women of the Word**

Mondays, 9:30am  
Contact: Jane Dibbern  
651-239-0258

## **4 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry**

Mondays, 12:00pm  
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,  
651-734-3974

## **5 (V) Cancer Companions**

Tuesday, 7:00pm  
Contact: Vicki Strong,  
651-08-4353

## **6 (V) Women of the Word**

Wednesdays, 9:00am  
Contact: Mary Lehman  
651-739-5144 x201

## **6 (V) Mitten Ladies**

Wednesdays, 12:00pm  
Contact: Lyndis Vander Louw  
651-459-3313

## **7 (V) Celebrate Recovery**

Thursdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Larry Smith,  
651-308-9113

## **10 (V) Couples Checkup**

Sundays, 6:30pm  
Contact Jane Dibbern,  
651-239-0258

## **14 (V) Career Transition Connection**

Thursday, 7:00pm  
Contact: Tom Colosimo,  
612-386-3715

## **22 (V) All Campus Middle School Mania**

Friday, 6:30pm  
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt,  
651-739-5144 x219

## **23 (V) Baptism Class**

Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Nancy Schubbe,  
651-739-5144 x203

## **28 (V) Career Transition Connection**

Thursday, 7:00pm  
Contact: Tom Colosimo,  
612-386-3715

## **28 (O) Directory Pictures**

Thursday, 2:00pm  
Contact: Mary Law,  
651-739-5144 x222

# THE NEWS LETTER

Want more events?

Visit [woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com](http://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com)

Valley Creek Campus (V)  
7380 Afton Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125

Oak Hill Campus (O)  
9050 60th Street North  
Stillwater, MN 55082

Liberty Ridge Campus (L)  
11395 Eagle View Blvd  
Woodbury, MN 55129

St. Croix Campus (S)  
Afton, MN 55001

(651) 739-5144  
Visit us on the web at  
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2	Don Hartinger Toni Loeffler Bree Matysik Bill Nisbit Quinn Sand Roger Swanson Sharon Wuggazer Diana Wutke	7	Lindsey Featherstone Sara Gurrola Julie Horn Aaron Jenkins Brenda Kavanagh Alyson Nelson Ken Nelson Jennifer Reinhard Kris Sweet	13	Linda Amey Craig Bettman Gerald Dittmann Ashley Frisque Clair McReynolds Alec Michel Kim Scibak Kathleen Searles Andy Smialek Tom Speckhard Michael Theis Marc Turner	19	Diane Baran Donna Greenlee Cindy Hoffbeck William Kosanke Carter LaMott Pam Meissner Adalyn Mueller Rachel Mueller Cheryl Schindler Colleen Schuldt Marge Thoele Lauren Young	25	Thomas Camilli Audrina Conley Stella Oxton Michael Peter Mike Pokrandt Erin Powell Elaine Southward Carter Wyeth Dean Wohlhuter Bethany Breiholz Dylan Granholm Justin Jurek Mya Lomnes Madison Nystel Andrew Olson Daniel Runge Tara Schlattman Quinn Stoerzinger Alex Thao Kari Ulrich Mary Weiss
3	Cary Arneson Kathy Girgen Michael Haut Kaye Larson Jeremiah Parker Pam Stafford James Stebbing Parker Taylor Richard Wachal	8	Jacob Bloom Michael Engstrom Frank Johnson Loren Opdahl Peter Rowcliffe Brett Wilkie	14	Muriel Gimble Bob Kamholz Sherri King Larry Lombard Mallard Olson Elsie Thomas	20	Janice Masanz Art Plath Mildred Roznick Terri Swanson	26	Elaine Southward Carter Wyeth Dean Wohlhuter Bethany Breiholz Dylan Granholm Justin Jurek Mya Lomnes Madison Nystel Andrew Olson Daniel Runge Tara Schlattman Quinn Stoerzinger Alex Thao Kari Ulrich Mary Weiss
4	T.J. Cartier Benjamin Gannon Shane Lombard Brian Michlitsch Arlene Schindeldecker Steve Schreiner Reed Siegling Jodee Watanabe Nicholas Zilge	9	Dorothy Blaisdell Freyja Brothen Kaylee Dahl Ethan Flotterud Ricardo Lopez Samuel Miner Jean Rock Joel Symmank	15	Jecoah Cedarbloom Bev Diederich Bennett Johnson Roy Klasinski Molly McNeely Hal Shaver Lyn Wilkie Sophie Young	21	Isabelle Kurth Gail Mullaney Amanda Nelson Mark Reed Karen Boatman Kaye Bradshaw Amiah Casselberry Cole Horak Dominic Ortiz Ruby Salewski Jeanie Yee Nick Yee	27	Ellyn Barker Nora Barney Adeline Burger Paul Cronin Elaine Feider Bennett Fitzgerald Elly Lutz Nicholas Muenstermann Sam Muenstermann Megan Twait Tony Vik Charlotte Vossen
5	Gary Anderson Don Bocker Pamela Clark Oliver Finnegan Rich Horacek Kylee Jacobson Millie Lodahl Duncan MacLeod Diana McHenry Tom Pfothenauer Carrie Pieper Daniel Quiros Karen Wolterstorff	10	Caleb Anderson David Beseman Laura Cloose Lincoln Daniels Arthur Grant Jennifer Krueger Kathleen McNeely Brooklynn Meissner Brian Short Anna Wagner	16	Ed Erickson Bill Gauwitz Charles Kenow Todd Klusmann Denise LaFontaine Alyssa MacLeod Alvin Michlitsch Jonas Michlitsch Sandy Petrich Barbara Vik Jan Zeller	22	Amiah Casselberry Cole Horak Dominic Ortiz Ruby Salewski Jeanie Yee Nick Yee Raquel Beucler Jeanne Carlson Dean Danner Mark Jones Tamara Karlstrand Nicole Nelson Paula Powell Aubrey Strohfus	28	Ellyn Barker Nora Barney Adeline Burger Paul Cronin Elaine Feider Bennett Fitzgerald Elly Lutz Nicholas Muenstermann Sam Muenstermann Megan Twait Tony Vik Charlotte Vossen
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		12		18	Konnie Harstad				

## B i r t h d a y s

## & Anniversaries

1	Dan & Aleesha Berkman	8	Timothy & Kathleen McNeely		Mike & Carrie Steffel		Troy & Krista Hobot
2	Mike & Debbie Heggernes John & Beth Welsh	10	Dan & Jane Rose	16	Robert & Elsie Thomas	25	Steve & Elaina Hane Dan & Peggy Krause
3	Eric & Kim Sandrock Perry & Kelly Rogotzke Mike & Holly Rollefson	11	Rocky & Karen Johnson	17	Mark & Linda Erickson	26	Andres & Carolyn Hernandez Cal & Kathy Janacek
5	Scott & Jan Loula	14	Dan & Jamie Anderson Dave & Midori Howard Joel & Lori Mohlenhoff	18	Adam & Glennae Meyer	27	Aaron & Miranda Everson
6	John Jeevanandam & Sarah John		John & Jean Rock	19	Elliott & Paula Walther	28	Adam & Kimberly Jorgenson
7	Ivan & Angie Niezgocki		Jeff & Sarah Yonkovich	20	Mel & Allyson Medin		Gary & Terri Kanne
		15	Steve & Kelly Frisque	21	Paul & Kim Dolan		
				22	Perry & Michele Eggers		
				24	Steven & Kris Carlson		