

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

August 2015

Blessed In Kake

Our Short-term Mission Team arrived in Kake, Alaska by ferry and we were quickly assisted in unpacking and settling in. We were blessed by many in the community during our short stay there with food donations for our meals, and in many other ways.

During our time there, we were able to renew friendships and initiate new connections between our team members and those in the Kake community. Our team set up a Culture Camp, assisted in work projects, and lead Sports Camp and VBS. It was exciting to watch our team use their gifts to serve the Lord in the community of Kake.

And as we left and returned home, we knew that we had impacted this community once again and blessed them with our time amongst them. We have left a family that loves us and we love them...and God loves us all!

2015 WLC Team – 19 members: Bil Lund, Brittany McCarty, Dan Peterson, Dan Peterson III, Dawn Osladil, Emmanuel Choragudi, Gabe Peterson, Garrett Stennes, Jeannie Backlund, Jerry Backlund, Jeff Linert, Kris Peterson, John Wutke, Laura Stennes, Mary Scott, Megan Wutke, Michael Hamann, Sally Dunn, and Steve Stone.



God's Beauty in Kake, Alaska

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Be Still!

“Be Still and Know that I am God.” ~ Psalm 46:10

As we have been spending time in Exodus this summer one of the themes that I have noticed popping up over and over again is how God is constantly reminding His people of who He is. At first glance this might seem odd; I mean God is, well God, why does He have to define who He is? The answer for the Israelites was that they were learning, they did not know much about YHWH, so as He was making for Himself a people He needed to reveal Himself in powerful ways. This was especially true as the Israelites faced difficult times and challenges, God is continually reminding them that they can trust Him, because He is God.

As those who follow the ultimate revelation of God, Jesus Christ, we need to be reminded of this same truth today, the truth that God is, well God, so He can be trusted. As the culture around us is quickly embracing the ways of the world it can become very easy for us not to be still, which actually makes the call to be still and trust that God is in control as important as ever. The headlines are overwhelming and the temptation is to get so caught up in all that is going on that we forget the truth that the God we serve is sovereign over all.

This fall we will be spending 5 weeks working our way through the book of 1 Peter learning what it is like to live as exiles in a foreign land as we answer the fundamental question of how does a disciple of Jesus live in a world like ours? In order to answer this question we will focus on how disciples of Jesus can live faithful lives in the midst of a culture that is fundamentally opposed to the truths of our faith. In 1 Peter we are given a great example of what it means to live as strangers, as those who have been exiled into a very different land. What we will learn will challenge us, but it might be exactly what disciples of Jesus need to hear today.

As we enjoy these last few weeks of summer I pray that you will be encouraged by the truth that God is in control and because that is the truth, we can rest in that truth and simply be still.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

Bible University

3rd Grade Students & Parents

3rd Grade students will attend BIBLE UNIVERSITY (formerly known as 3rd Grade Bible), Sunday mornings during Kids Link at 9:30 a.m.

Parents, you get to attend BIBLE UNIVERSITY also! Your class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

Watch for more information and registration details over the next months.



New this fall!

Weddings:

Daniel Wesser & Kaye Lanie Berg
Courtney Dolan & Zachary Barringer

Baptisms:

LaVonna Sharae Burgin
Leah Renee Bohren

Deaths:

Patrick Brewer ~ grandmother,
Suzanne Mortenson ~ father, Bob
Family of Gary Reichling
Family of Bruce Greenlee
Jim Hayden ~ step-mother, Ann
Greg Jensen ~ father, T Newlin

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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Beautiful Friendships

Wine, Women & Song

In September I will be a member of WLC for 28 years! Many of you reading this know my faith grew up here. I remember I wanted to learn and grow and I wanted to be like women I saw at church. I wanted to be like Jane Dibbern, Mavis Shriver, Pat Stevens, Judy Van-Overbeke, Joy Hopke, Peggy Lund and Ruth Wessman (there were others) and of course, Rhoda Pfotenhauer. Rhoda and I spent many hours together while I poured out my heart trying to heal and know God. I'm sure there were times she tired of my sad stories, but she never showed it. Pastor Paul consistently listened, encouraged me and pointed me to God's love. When I think of the early years on the path, they were my spiritual mentors and 'Stephen Ministers.'

At the time there were three controversial topics – Wine, Women and Song. Wine at communion is the blood of Christ. Jesus said so. This truth can be controversial. Song represents worship styles (yes the debate is decades old and likely will exist until Jesus comes again.) The Women reference refers to the boundaries that are in place for women serving in some roles. One of those boundaries was serving communion; until very recently only elders and pastors could serve communion at the VC campus. Then finally it happened, the timing was right and women were included. Just a few months ago I was served by a woman, a friend. As our eyes met that first time they filled with tears. It was joyful, beautiful and healing.

The funny thing is you would think I would have been the first to enlist! But for some reason I hesitated. I didn't understand why I didn't jump in, until a few weeks ago. I was in the lobby on a Sunday morning and Scott Stevens asked if I was trained to be a communion assistant. I told him no. "Well, would you like to be?" And so I was trained right then and there.

I was a bit nervous as I began – I even forgot to say anything to the first person I offered the bread to. From there on it became more and more comfortable... "The body of Christ broken for you," I repeated. That phrase inside me went from my mind wanting to be sure to say it "right" to it becoming a prayer and then after that to praising God like a song in my heart. When we finished, we communed together at the altar and then covered the bread and wine. I took a moment to look at who I served with, Mr. Morton, who recently helped me in need, Mr. Stevens, a man I've respected and *Rhoda*. We stood at the altar together, serving shoulder to shoulder. I have grown through her mentoring just like the students of Rabbis in the time of the Last Supper.

God has placed me here in this place just like he did you. He placed me in the lobby that Sunday. He placed Rhoda there, too. The reason for my hesitation serving as a communion assistant was clear; there was a purpose for the wait. It was written by God way back when I didn't know Old from New Testament. He knew one day Rhoda and I would experience this together and I believe He smiled when we did. What an awesome God we have. I will hold this in my heart.

And one more thing, thank you to all the women and men who have taught me all along.

Matthew 26:26: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ~ Mary Lehman

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2 Louie Doane Janice Grizzel Carson Kiedrowski Sarai Kieser Erika Roepke Doug Mortneson Jessica Munn LeAnn Perry Ellyson Roepke Emma Wiering Sanka Wolfgram MaKenna Yonkovich	6 Kristi Brandon Lindsey Schmidt Kristine Carlson Cole Corner Robert Engen Ron Gehring Katy Hohenstein Michael Jensen Todd Hickethier Allison Pokrandt Adam Schreiner Sarah Stakstorf Perry Varin Cali Yee	11 Kinsey Ferguson Susan Haukland Bryan Hawkinson Jenny Lanz Susie Nadasdy Breana Voss	17 Nora Bystrycki Courtney Dolan Jeffrey Figimiller Desiree Ginn Deborah Maves Allison Ortiz Susan Reichling Alyssa Salava Carolynne Schmidt Austin Schwartz Beth Tessmer	22 Adam Aurich Marilyn Carlson Brandon Firkus Michael Hamann Charles Helgason Christopher Holmgren Stephanie Gow Kathleen Janssen Joseph Koehn Brittany Roth	28 Lucas Ameson Ashley Ameson Matt Brocker Lisa Cordes Abel Evens Debbie Gimmer Marvin Jenkins Mark LeClair Daniel LeMay Joel Schuessler Brad Scibak Lori Standly Joyce Stiebner Jack Vander Louw
3 Del Anderson Matthew Bolles Helen Engman Pam Evars Jenni Sutton Andrew Stoffel Ava Vander Louw Michelle Wright	7 Susan Ackerman Pat Durfee Nancy Gustason Carl Jackson Marni Kanne Sue Lange Maria Mueller Kaleb Munn Brenda Peterson Greg Rome	12 Connor Bertram Bruce Dibbern Ellen Kistner Tim Loeffler Jeff Mueller Jim Noren Stephanie Penalzoza Piper Timmers Kyle Swenson Cory Topp Carley Tuman Steve Wright	18 Corey Hannula Justin Janacek Michael Karcher Olivia Lueders Kelley Rubbert Mike Steffel Mitchell Watanabe	23 Norm Berg Brandon Cadwallader Kim Cox Christine Borscheid Deborah Tachery Rachel Treadway Jonathan Wesser	29 Steve Coates Lisa Ginn Janet Kochmann Justin Mack Kata McLaren Cary Mielke Adriana Tachery John Welsh
4 Madison Bieniek Brianna Fog Emilie Gutzmann Thomas Koch Erin Kowalke Mary Jo McNeal Samantha Meyer Matt Raymer Martha Thoele Jaylin Tuman	8 Lowell Ackerman Richard Carlson Twyla Franzen Matthew Haehn Todd Hanson Lacey Harrington Nancy Kapemick Karen Miner	13 Jacob Bloomer Marvin Heaton Dan Loffthus Nate Mears Austin Raebel Nathan Randt Jeff Miner Lisa Reberg John Swarlund	19 Kevin Doyle Ma Faeth Elijah Ginkel Lamy Hall Jason Matthews Sue McDowell Leah Peterson Dave Voss Marilyn Wood Sarah Zelinsky Erica Zilka	24 Derek Broten Abigail Eggers Adam Hanson Dave Martini Lorynne Tumer Marta Rowcliffe Joshua Salo Andrew Sirovy Shelley Spain	30 Ryder Aurich Emily Colosimo Robin Dittman Jim Krengel MaryAnne Linser Michael Mills Addison Mohlenhoff Mariah Nasby Dennis O'Connor Audrey Rogotzke Carl Wischnack Megan Wollner
5 Grant Boehme Joe Bonnette Joan Figimiller David Johnson Brant Larsen Michelle Manship Rowan Opheim Derek Rohlf Mark Shepperd	9 Kylie Fischbach David Jacobson Jane Jahr Charlotte Crane Frankie Hines Joel Jensen Gloria Johnson Kayley Johnson Tony Moran Matthew Nepsund Mike Sabbann	14 Brynna Cattell Tom Christianson Sally Cronin Carson Jeske Zora Pankratz 15 Diana Albrecht Brielle Deilke Mark Kosanke Mitchell Leonard Dylan Lorence Matthew Lorence Kaitlyn Mammenga Holton Sailer Mary Beth Schwartz	20 Zachariah Brocker Janell Cohoes Phyllis Dicke Eloise Gehring Chandler Ignaszewski Madelyn Murray Daniel Ogren Jack Fossan Chase Sanders	25 Peggy Calvin Cheryl Schindeldecker Michael Stoddard Daniel Stoerzinger Grace Winter	31 Katie Benson Beau Brown Dawn Droel Morgan Gillard Troy Goetz Robert Horning Jodi Kelsey Adam Koretz Ella Perera Paul Reberg Jane Wilke
10 Ella Broten Michael Hurst Gail Kamrath		16 Joshua Kayek Cody Arend Tami Bauer Kristen Bettmann Maggie Haines	21 Gregory Arku Harold Converse Cerise Diedrich James Finell Alexis Huber	26 Christian Hall Danielle Lyden Madison Mayer Tim Schwartz 27 Alicia Bata Rachel Bay Morgan Gibbs Jaxon Dwyer Ronald Hintz Jenny Jurek Peyton Kiedrowski Herb Larson Jean Lehman Don McGorman	

& ANNIVERSARIES

1 Eldon & Kay Banitt Mark & Brenda Franklin Jared & Melissa Goerlitz Alden Nelson & Marian Snow	Jeff & Cindy Linert Barry & Cindy Thompson Robert & Kari Ulrich Tim & Chris Schwartz	Thomas & Marci Speckhard Thomas & Darlene Tibbetts Corey & Rhonda Topp	Mike & Tina Pokrandt Hal & Carolynne Schmidt Christopher & Sherri Smith	Tim & Kathy Johnson Kevin & Leslie Lange Gerald & Marjorie Seeger
2 Jason & Susan Brusewitz Matthew & Debbie Eddy Thomas & Marilyn Hamold Dean & Susie Nadasdy Eric & Jill Leonard Daniel & Mary Powers	9 Warren & Dianna Weum Justin & Amber Gehring Lars & Hannah Heggemes Gary & Sue McDowell Steve & Kristi Rohlf Peter & Molly Shepperd	15 Stephen & Lori Raebel Chad & Leah Peterson Don & Joyce Piper	21 Howard & Karen Boatman Marven & Emma Rosen Tom & Ann Crist	Ross & Stephanie Smith Lev & Sondra Wagner LeRoy & Jane Wilke
3 Brian & Lory Cedarbloom Alyssa & Michael Fuller	10 Keith & Lavonne Buchanan Rodney & Diane Nelsestuen Christopher & Dawn Radecki Francis & Karen Rheinberger Jim & Marlys Sobaski	16 James & Lori Golden Ron & Lori Kane Rick Ortmeier & Chris Fagerblom	Jonathan & Elizabeth Wesser Derek & Kelli Wick	26 Sang & Peg Albrecht Tim & Bethany Mathot Dave & Marsha Voss
4 Scott & Denise Schuenke Stephen & Ashley St. Clair	11 Donald & Michelle Hartinger Marv & Joyce Jenkins Lester & Sue Lange	17 Dan & Gwen Behnken Derek & Kristen Broten Eddie & Jennifer Carlson Travis & Lindsey Finch Ricky & Jamie Pearson Brad & Kim Scibak	22 Randy & Terry Bay Mark & Vicki Hogeboom Bryce & Rikki Mohlenhoff Todd & Cayla Klusmann	27 Will & Arlene Bartley Joshua & Susan Boon Ben & Jeanne Doane Marv & Joan Bugnon
5 David & Rebecca Nelson Mark & April Reed	12 Eric & Roxy Bjornson	18 Norm & Debra Berg Christian & Brenda Bertram Chris & Joelen Deilke Steven & LuCinda Schwartz	23 John & Marie Duffert Richard & Marinda Hanson Mike & Shemie Kinmouth Monte & Rochelle Michel Joseph & Kimberlee Seltz Hal & Nancy Shaver Kirk & Mary Nesvig	28 Timolthy & Ruth Bredahl Brian & Lisa Smith
6 Michael & Jennifer Hamann John & Sonja Sowers	13 Gerald & Ginny Anderson Michael & Amy Gannon Kevin & Barbara Rosemann Richard & Jennifer Schmidt	19 Thomas & Coreen Davison Ronald & Beverley Hirtz Brad & Kimberly Scibak Roger & Candi McCausland	24 Roger & Betty Fockler Mike & Carolyn Kohlbeck Matthew & Kris Nelson Daniel & Kris Peterson Perry & Debra Vann	29 Kurt & Kathleen Anderson Mark & Eli LeClair Dennis & Mary Ellen O'Connor
7 Steven & Rhonda Affeld Matthew & Amanda Johnson Matthew & Heather Meek Tom & Nancy Scanlan Gil & Martha Thoele	14 Wes & Patty Bolin Clark & Katie Dailey Steven & Susan Joines	20 Jason & Sabrina Chorba Daniel & Hannah Humer	25 Thomas & Barb Koch Rod & Kimberly Beseman	30 John & Andrea Kieffer Brant & Melissa Larsen John Waldo & Jennifer Stevens-Waldo
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A fortress is a highly protected and impenetrable building—a stronghold in battle. Martin Luther penned the words, “A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.” (A bulwark is a fortified wall, like a dam, that would hold back whatever would seek to invade). Long before that, the psalmist penned Psalm 91:2, “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” These writers knew the intimate peace of a protected place, a fortress that came from the protection of an Almighty God.

We have likely all had our living rooms disrupted by an architectural wonder made of chairs, blankets, and couch cushions, a fort where our kids can hide from the snares of cleaning their rooms and feel the close belonging of those invited into the space.

This month, we’d like to encourage you to build a family fort as a place to hide away and pray. It can be something you create in your living room with blankets and pillows or you may choose to create an outdoor fort following the directions on the next page.

As you build your physical fort and create a quiet and protected place to meet with God, discuss how the protection of God as our fortress makes you feel. Do you feel safe? Protected? Hidden?

Consider these occasions when you might come to your fortress to pray:

WHEN YOU NEED REST

- Psalm 91:1 declares, “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” Sometimes the intimacy of a fort allows rest, and God encourages us to find our rest in Him. Pray for peace and rest when you feel weary.

WHEN YOU FEEL AFRAID

- Psalm 91:4-5 comforts us with, “He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings

you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.” God will keep us safe from that which we fear, covering us and giving us refuge. Confess your fears to God and trust Him as a strong fortress.

WHEN YOU FEEL THREATENED

- Psalm 91:9-10 says, “If you say, ‘The LORD is my refuge,’ and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.” Tell God when you feel threatened by harm or disaster, and declare Him as your refuge.

WHEN YOU NEED REASSURANCE

- Psalm 91 ends with verses 14-16, “‘Because he loves me,’ says the LORD, ‘I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.’” These verses encourage us to declare our love for God and to call on Him. God will be with us, deliver us, and honor us, and ultimately show His salvation. These verses say, “I know God and I am known by God.”

“God is our fortress” means we know Him as both intimate protector who covers us, and Almighty God who fights against our enemy.

by Courtney Wilson

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Taken from the August HomeFront Monthly Magazine

- 1** (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847
- 3** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974
- 3** (V) **Cancer Companions**
Mondays, 6:30pm
Contact: Pastor Tim,
651-739-5144 x221
- 5** (O) **Short Term Mission
Trip Sharing**
Wednesday, 6:00pm
Contact: Pastor Drew,
651-739-5144 x205
- 6** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-735-7725
- 13** (V) **Open Doors Thursdays**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim,
651-739-5144 x221
- 13** (V) **Career Transition Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715

- 16** (V) **High School Mission
Trip Sharing**
Sunday, 12:00pm
Contact: Patrick Brewer,
651-739-5144 x211
- 16** (V) **Healing service**
Sunday, 12:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144 x221

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August 2015 Calendar Highlights

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