



April 2018

Woodbury Lutheran's **Staffing Update**

VALLEY CREEK ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

After Pastors Derek and Drew moved on from WLC, we were essentially down two pastors in addition to launching our Liberty Ridge Campus. The Search Team is so excited that Dean Dunavan will be coming on board to lead our Oak Hill Campus as he starts the Specific Ministry Pastor process this Fall through St. Louis Seminary. Even with Dean coming on, we are still thin.

Following the Ministry Planning Process (roughly June), we will again start the search for a Valley Creek Associate pastor. We are waiting so that we have a better idea of exactly the gifts we need to carry out our mission most effectively. Please continue to lift up this process in your prayers.

WLC DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP:

This May Mark Shepperd, our Minister of Music for 28 years, will be retiring. The Church Council has recently approved a job description for a Director of Worship. The Director of Worship will not be a clone of the role that Mark filled; rather they will take a more global look at designing and staffing all WLC worship services across our campuses.

The description was developed from feedback through a survey given to our current musicians, conversations with other worship leaders throughout the country and from current best practices. Let me reassure you that the organ and classical music will continue to be an important part of the ministry at WLC.

Also know that worship at WLC will also be different as this new person will no doubt bring unique gifts just like Mark did 28 years ago. We will be interviewing candidates this spring with the hopes of having a new person in place by the summer.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Tom.



Good Friday ...

"And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching."

-- Luke 23:48-49

For as long as I can remember Good Friday has always held a special place in my heart. I have vivid memories of sitting in what now is our Genesis room on the Valley Creek Campus during Good Friday Worship. The room was dark and there was a large black cloth that covered the cross, most often the service would be based on the seven last words of Jesus and slowly, one by one the candles would be extinguished until it was completely dark, and then boom, there would be an incredibly loud noise signifying the ripping of the Temple curtain that would make me jump right off of my seat.

It all worked together to tell me that something really important was happening, this was not just another worship service, there was more going on. Through the years I have reflected on why we call the day that Jesus died Good Friday, I mean what was good about the perfect Lamb of God

being beaten and killed in such brutal fashion?

Good Friday is the supreme expression of God's unimaginable love for us. The full wrath of God's justice poured out on His very own Son, so that we might receive forgiveness and salvation. You cannot have Easter; there is no Resurrection Sunday without Good Friday. So it is in our lives, without Good Friday there is no forgiveness, there is no transformation, there is no resurrection, but because of Good Friday everything changes.

During Lent this year we traveled through the Passion narrative, focusing on different characters in the story. Those characters are a lot like we are in so many ways, broken, hurting, sinful, prideful, loving and so forth. What we experience with them is THE need that culminates in Good Friday, the need for a Savior, the perfect Lamb of God who is willing to die for us.

My prayer is that Good Friday would always be a reminder of how deep and long and wide the Father's love for us truly is. May His love move us to live our lives differently for His glory.

Peace, Pastor tom



Baptisms:

Liam David Butler
Lily Marie Butler
Lauren Elizabeth Butler
Cassandra Ann Menge
Everett Charles Jurek
Oliver Alan Finnegan
Emelynn Breanne Klotthor
Hazel Charlie Phillipson
Knox Gregory Richardson
Evan Nicholas Larson

Deaths:

Ryan & Desiree Lienhard ~ grandmothers, Edna Luedeke and Inez Asleben The Family of Joe Maroney The Family of Norm Alrick The Family of James Poole Mike Spreigl ~ grandmother, Marcella Chevaz Janice Jones ~ mother, Betty Jean Adkins The Family of Mary Andersen Ginny Anderson ~ husband, Gerald Anderson Debbie Brocker ~ father, Ron Johnson The Family of Michael Gengler Tom Vaaler ~ sister, Helen Molzahn Doug Molzahn Yvonne Knoepfel ~ mother, Marion Oellermann Angela Johnson ~ father, Tony Barbeau The Family of Wilmer Holz The Family of Gene Bunkowske

Service Times at WLC:

Saturdays at Valley Creek: Contemporary, 5pm

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

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

Sundays at Liberty Ridge Contemporary 10:00am

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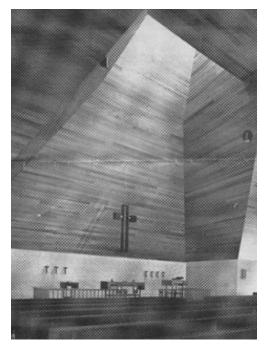
"...tidbits from that first year..."

The History of Our Church WLC Scrapbook

By the end of 1968 there were 250 baptized members of the Woodbury Lutheran Mission. The first annual meeting was held in January 1969. Here are some quotes from the minutes of church meetings, along with facts about the first sanctuary and education wing constructed that year:

- "Communion instructions will be placed in the bulletin. Return to seats by the center aisle will be emphasized." January
- The first sanctuary, now the Genesis room, was completed in the fall at a cost of \$215,000. It seated 350. [Photo of groundbreaking]
- The architect designed the room with the ceiling rising to a peak to draw the worshiper's attention heavenward, and the skylight provided an open view. [Photo of sanctuary]
- Education wing accommodates 250 for Sunday School, a dayschool kindergarten classroom and fellowship hall.
- "That woman suffrage, as sanctioned by the synodical convention, will be presented to the congregation." November
- "That the Board of Welfare be changed in name to the Board of Sick and Needy." December







An Update On Multiply

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

2018 is off to a strong start financially around the *Multiply* initiative. Over the next several months we will be watching the finances closely looking for new trends in giving and so forth. As we do, it is important to remember that *Multiply* is a two year 8.4 million dollar initiative that includes everything in our budget. Remember *Multiply* is one fund, meaning that everything we do ministry wise is included in *Multiply*. Here are a few updates from each bucket:

MULTISITE INVESTMENT - \$1.1 Million

We will be proactive in using the blessings God has given us to multiply new campuses for His glory.

- We continue to pay the operating expenses of Liberty Ridge and Oak Hill.
- We are setting aside funds for future multisite ministry as well as for a future permanent location for Liberty Ridge.

FOCUSED MISSIONS - \$1.1 Million

We will support the work of God's Kingdom by multiplying new church plants and leaders, partnering with developing communities and feeding the hungry.

- Mike Sabbann and Regina Kehl just returned from Ethiopia where they were exploring opportunities for us to partner with the Makane Yesus Lutheran Church body, specifically in the areas of church planting and leader development.
- Dean Dunavan will be starting into the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) process in the fall.
- We were able to write a check to Feed My Starving Children for 50K.

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES - \$4.5 Million

We will be faithful to the ongoing ministry of WLC so disciples will continue to be multiplied and transformed.

We are in a major Ministry Planning process right now. Thank you
for taking the time to fill out the Reveal survey. We continue to be
excited about where God has us as a congregation and where He is
taking us next!

FOUNDATIONAL EXPENSES - \$1.7 Million

We will accelerate the payment of debt and make needed investments in our facilities so that we can effectively say "yes" to what God has in store for our future.

- Our debt is now under 1.7 million dollars.
- The Valley Creek and Oak Hill Sanctuaries will be re-carpeted this Spring.
- New monument signs have been installed on both the Oak Hill and Valley Creek Campuses.

"Jesus, unleash Your power in me, in my relationships, in our communities and in Your world! Amen."



"...Please join us in giving thanks to God for His people..."

Oak Hill Campus Pastor Call Update

The Search Committee has continued to meet and seek God's direction and will for the Oak Hill Campus Pastor. After prayer and deliberation the Search Committee has recommended that the Church Council approve Dean Dunavan for that position.

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On Sunday, April 8, following the 10:30 am service at the Oak Hill Campus, there will be an opportunity to talk with Dean and members of the Search Committee.

Please join us in giving thanks to God for providing for His people and in welcoming Dean into his new role.

Oak Hill Search Committee Members:

Amy Larson, Dan Meyer, Dan Peterson, Don Thaemert, Heidi Hove, Jocelyn McDonald, John Foster, Tim Reberg, Molly Schulze, Joel Symmank, Vicar Christian, and Pastor Tom.





LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We are excited to celebrate our second Easter as the Liberty Ridge Campus on April 1!
- We were able to join together and observe Maundy Thursday in a different way this year. Forty people gathered for worship and a meal at Stonemill Farms Community Center. It helped remind us that we walk together as a community.
- We had 37 kids plus their parents come to the Easter Carnival of Crafts that we hosted on March 21. It was a great time to connect and meet new families in the community as well as invite them to be part of the Liberty Ridge Campus!
- We are excited that our registration for the Liberty Ridge Summer Activities Camp is already full with a waiting list! This camp will take place from July 30 August 2 at Stone Mill Park South.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He will bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



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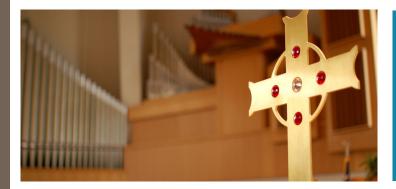
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First Communicants 2018

Oak Hill: Paul Niezgocki

Valley Creek: Ashish Abraham David Alvarez Madelyn Bauer Samantha Bauer Carli Bauman Emma Bloomquist Hadley Burger Liam Butler Diego Carmona Matthew Edwards Kaitlyn Ginkel Devin Hartwig Caden Jamison Jimmy Jensen Morgan Johannsen Eiley Kieser Layton Kokaisel Maggie Kolb Marykate Kolb Adam Koreltz Thomas Kroohn Claire Lienhard Isabella Mishacoff Olivia Mishacoff Sam Nassios Matthew Rodemeyer Jacob Rome Megan Severson Elizabeth Sofie Isabelle Spates Sophia Wall Ella Wenck Henry Wolsky



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- The season of Lent has once again been such a blessing to our Church. Everything from the devotional that the staff put together to the testimonies during our midweek services have prepared us well for the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- On Maundy Thursday over 30 students received their first communion.
- A brand new monument sign has been erected on the north side of the building.
- Through Multiply funds we have started the refresh of the Valley Creek Sanctuary. Over the next several months the lights and lighting system will be updated, the carpet will be replaced and the wood floors redone.
- We continue to see large numbers of Baptisms. it is such a joy to welcome both young and old into our family!
- We are grateful for all those who serve in the ministries of our church, specifically on the Valley Creek Campus.
- 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.



Revealing Results

As part of our ongoing ministry planning effort, 365 WLC members recently participated in a spiritual life survey called REVEAL, and the results are in. This was the same survey we completed in 2009, and so the results provide insights into to how our church body has grown over the last decade. This includes specific data for each of our campuses. Via the REVEAL process, aggregate data from our church is compared to that of over 1500 other congregations that have taken the survey. This helps us benchmark our ministry efforts and learn from best practices.

The survey data are extensive, encouraging, informative and challenging. Some key findings:

- WLC is a spiritually mature and "energized" congregation
- WLC membership mirrors the demographics of our surrounding communities
- WLC remains solidly biblically based, and members continue to demonstrate an above average commitment to discipleship, prayer, scripture reading, and small groups
- WLC supports a strong culture of service and has a solid core of servants and leaders who are also above average at serving in the church and in the community
- WLC is blessed with faithful givers, and generosity at WLC has increased since our last survey, yet in spite of this, WLC remains average in the spiritual discipline of tithing
- WLC is missional in its ministry approach yet, we can be inwardly focused in practice. This shows itself most in our below average scores for evangelism and lower percentage of attenders who are "exploring Christ". So, engaging members in sharing their faith and inviting others to join the WLC community will be key to our future ministry
- WLC members are seeking the support of the church to help them connect in relationships that promote accountability in spiritual practice
- Satisfaction is high at WLC, however regular participation in worship is being impacted by secular trends that compete for the hearts and minds of believers

The ministry planning team will use the data from the REVEAL survey as well as other research and listening efforts to help inform the ministry planning process. Please continue to pray for the team and

the process, and feel free to share your thoughts with the team in person or via an email established for this work: WLCplan@woodbury-lutheran.org.

John Foster, for the Ministry Planning Team





"...Last year, over 5,000 pounds of fresh organic produce was harvested..."

Want to Help with the WLC Garden?

Woodbury Lutheran has a garden which contributes all of its produce to the Christian Cupboard.

the meeting, please contact: Ted Bolles - <u>tedbolles@gmail.com</u> (best) or call 651-731-9436.

Last year, over 5,000 pounds of fresh organic produce was harvested! We need people who want to participate in this ministry!

We usually garden about 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

- Monday and Thursday evenings from mid-May through September
- During harvest season, we may also work a day or two during the morning.

Just come when your summer schedule allows!

The garden is located at the corner of Bailey Road and County 15 (Manning), about 7 miles southeast of Valley Creek Campus, in Woodbury.

If you are interested in donating some of your time to this ministry this summer, a short meeting will be held in the Fireside room from 7:00 - 8:00 pm Monday, May 7th.

If you have any questions or want to participate but cannot attend

Peace of Mind Seminar

Christ is Risen! The Joy of Easter is that we know beyond all doubt that because he is risen, we also will rise from the dead when Jesus comes again! In the meantime, we continue in our earthly journey, living as his disciples, which is much more than just having faith in his promises. It also incorporates how we live our lives serving others, sharing God's love with them, and being the best models of God's Word to others. It means when we fail to live like a disciple of Christ, we seek forgiveness from the Lord, as well as from those we have hurt. It means not trusting in my own abilities, but trusting in God's grace. His grace is what enables us to believe that we will rise from the dead when Jesus comes again.

When we die, we will live for all eternity with the Lord, and with all the saints. All our worries and concerns graciously come to an end, never to plague us again. But when we die, our loved ones who are left behind will have to endure the challenges of our death. Many things contribute to these challenges, including the mourning and grief that occurs, the many phone calls that need to be made to organizations that need to be notified of our death, even the funeral service planning that needs to take place. Our God meets our loved ones in their grief and mourning, and offers them his Spirit of peace in the midst of their sorrow.

If you would like to take some of the challenges off of your loved ones' plates, please consider attending a Peace of Mind Seminar at Woodbury Lutheran Church – Valley Creek Campus on April 24th at 7 pm. This hour-long seminar will help you to consider preplanning your desires and wishes and record them in advance, in order that your loved ones will have the information at their disposal immediately. At this seminar, real-life examples will be shared of those who preplanned, as well as those who did not. If you haven't considered preplanning, I would love to see you there on the 24th!

Peace in Christ, Pastor Tim





"...meet some new friends who will walk alongside you on your journey..."

What Has A Stronghold On You?

Is there something in your life that has a stronghold on you? Do you experience uneasiness but just can't figure out where it's coming from? Are you lonely? Do you or a family member suffer from depression, mental health issues, relationship issues, credit card debt that is stressing you out?. Do you shop too frequently or comfort eat? Have you lost a family member?

If you can answer yes, to any of the above situations, then Celebrate Recovery is for you! We are here to support you in your time of need! If you are uncertain where the internal conflict is coming from, that's okay. Through your involvement in Celebrate Recovery you will be able to identify and work through whatever it is that is affecting your serenity. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place! Come and meet some new friends who will walk alongside you on your journey.

We invite to you join us on Thursday nights – Dinner served in the Paul Room from 5:30 to 6:15. Worship at 6:30, Small Group at 7:30 and Solid Rock Café at 8:30!

For further information and contacts please visit our website at www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/serve/celebraterecovery

Alone, Not Alone

I had to say good bye to my fluffy four footed friend. Daisy had been sick since the end of January. Once I knew that the time was short, I bought her canned dog food rather than her usual dry. It was my gift to her and it was fun to see her gobble it up and lick the bowl clean (sort of clean). When the time came, I chose to be with her at the Vet's. I held her in my arms and I cried like a doggy mom – long and loud.

Then I had to go home. The house was so still. I knew it would be. I don't remember what I did the rest of that day. I probably watched TV - the great check out tube. Each time I enter my home from my coming and goings there is the brief moment of wondering why she isn't at the door to greet me. Then I remember the long loud cry. Slowly, I began to put her things away. First I emptied the basket with her leashes that sat on the steps ready for a walk. Next was washing and storing the water and food dishes. I took the cover off the couch (yes, she slept on the couch). In times like this you start to wonder, can there be dogs in heaven? God created the earth and all the creatures we've discovered and yet to discover. There were animals in the Garden, right? I'm thinking there are dogs in heaven. Yep. I just wrote that.

It's only been a couple of weeks so give me a break. I'm still wrestling with why. To all the singles and the married that feel like they're single, I get the alone feeling of an empty house. There's a remedy for this. You could horde dogs or cats. You could go broke buying stuff to comfort you. You could check out every night with the tube. The list can go on.

My last night with Daisy, I stayed home and streamed the Lent worship at VC. While I was alone, I wasn't really. I was worshiping with my friends. When I came home from the Vet, I wasn't alone. Because Jesus loves me and he will never forsake me or leave me alone. I had the company of the Savior of the World. I cannot hide from his love. I trust the man who hung on a cross for me. I believe His words.

Matthew 28:20 "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And *surely I am with you always*, to the very end of the age."

Isaiah 43 1-2 "But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, *I will be with you*;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze."

Thank you, Lord for friends – the furry and the un-furry.



[~]Mary Lehman



"Want to know more about CTC?"

Career Changes

Our Career Transitions Connection, or CTC, continues to meet twice a month at Woodbury Lutheran – Valley Creek Campus to assist those who are going through a job transition, or unemployment experience.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the Fireside Room at 7 pm with presenters offering their skills and knowledge to assist those who are searching for employment. Mock interviews and resume reviews are offered by CTC, and a section of WLC's library is devoted to CTC materials.

The presentations always start with a devotion and prayer, and Pastor Tim is available to meet with those who desire spiritual counseling during this sometimes difficult transition in their life.

Each month you can find the list of that month's speakers in our "Getting Connected" section. For this month's speakers, see below.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION welcomes **Nathan Perez** as he presents, "Networking for Job Search & Career Development" on **April 12** at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at http://www.careeertransitionconnection.org.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION welcomes **Cindy O'Donovan** as she presents, "Playing the Hiring Game!" on **April 26** at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at http://www.careeertransitionconnection.org.

Coffee and Desserts with Hilary and Kate!

The Oak Hill Campus is proud to host a Christian Folk Rock concert featuring Hilary and Kate on Monday evening, April 23rd at 7pm. This is a *FREE* concert open to the community.

Coffee and desserts will be offered for purchase at 6pm before the concert. All proceeds go to WLC Youth Missions.

Please invite your friends and family to enjoy an evening of music, rooted in Americana, bluegrass, folk, and Celtic styles. Catch some soundbites of Hilary and Kate on Spotify as well as Pandora.

More information is available on their website: www.fishers.com/hilary. Hope to see you on the 23rd.



Sacrificial CIVING

My wife and I are addicted to Amazon Prime.

Just one click and a package will arrive on our doorstep in two days. This last December, deliveries containing Christmas gifts arrived almost every day. My three-year-old son caught on quickly. Every knock on the door was greeted with, "Oh Daddy, it's another Christmas present for me!" I soon realized that we needed to have a conversation—one that every parent has to have at some point. You know the one: the "money doesn't grow on trees" discussion.

Many of us have been on both sides of that conversation—as a child and as a parent. It takes many forms, such as "We bought you this," "It costs something," or "We sacrificed to buy you this." Regardless of the wording, it's an important conversation to have as we teach our kids about money.

But for many kids, the only time they see us give financially is when we're buying them things. Therefore a parent's generosity is almost always tied to making their kids happier and more satisfied. Is it important to give gifts to our kids? Absolutely. But the hard truth is that generosity will most often mean losing things that make us happy. In other words, generosity involves sacrifice.

Jesus sacrificed all He had to bless us. Paul stressed the idea that Jesus became poor so we might become rich. And yet our Savior did this joyfully. A momentary loss brought eternal gain to the kingdom of God. Because of the riches we now have in Christ we can live the same way. We can lose because in Christ we've already won. God calls us to respond to His mercy by living sacrificially for His glory. And there may not be a more practical outlet for this than our finances

There are many ways we can get off course when it comes to giving. It's easy to close our fists and find our hope and comfort in money. It's easy to fall prey to the idea that God is only pleased when we hit a certain percentage with our giving. It's easy to forget why we're called to sacrifice. First John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." Simply put, we give because Jesus first gave everything for us. As we seek to live a life of sacrifice, we do so with our eyes fixed on Christ's abundant grace.

So how do you get on course as a family? Maybe your family can save money together in a visible space in your home and then give it to others in need. But maybe that isn't the only option for your family. The truth for adults is that giving is difficult because money is important to us. Giving something that isn't important to us is pretty easy. There's no sacrifice in that.

So, what's important to your kids? It might not be money, but maybe it's toys, video games, time, or donuts. How can your family cultivate a spirit of generosity in those things? How can you all worship God by giving sacrificially? If your kids are like mine, there's a new desired toy every week. What if, instead of buying it for our kids, we bought it together as a family and took it to the house of another family in need? That would be a sacrifice—that would be worship! There's also the potential for our kids to see the great joy in giving and not simply in receiving.

Regardless of exactly how it looks, may we actively show our kids the joys of joining in God's mission. Let's teach them that when we lose, we actually gain. Let's show them that when we lay aside our kingdom to benefit God's kingdom, we will actually find joy in the sacrifice—no matter the amount.

by Nick Ranieri

Nick is the Student Ministries Pastor at Arbor Road Church in Long Beach, CA. He has been married to his wife, Jaci, for six years, and they have two young children. As a father and a pastor, Nick is passionate about seeing parents and students follow Jesus side by side.

Taken from the April 2018 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.



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Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens irregular for plague buildup.

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Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta. which could rupture.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Ultrasound screen of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density.

We will be in your neighborhood soon on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Woodbury Lutheran Church - Valley Creek Campus

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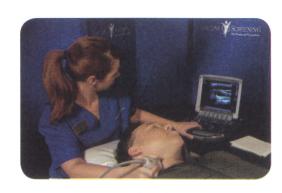
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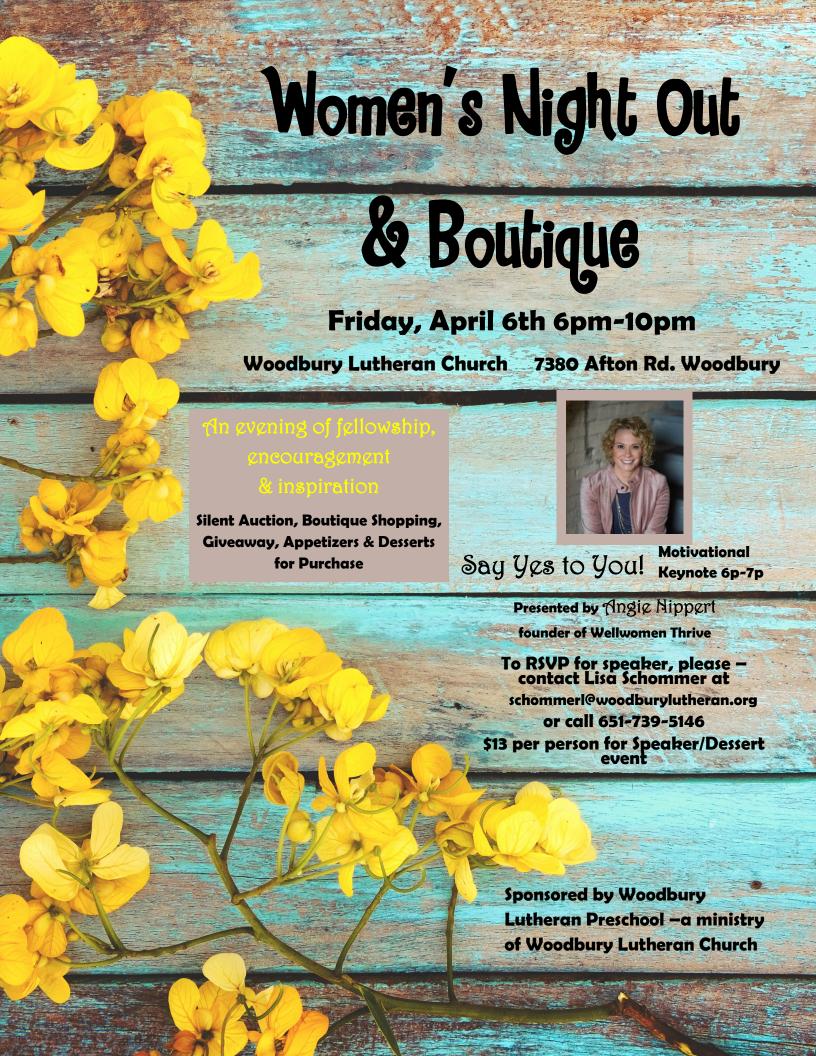


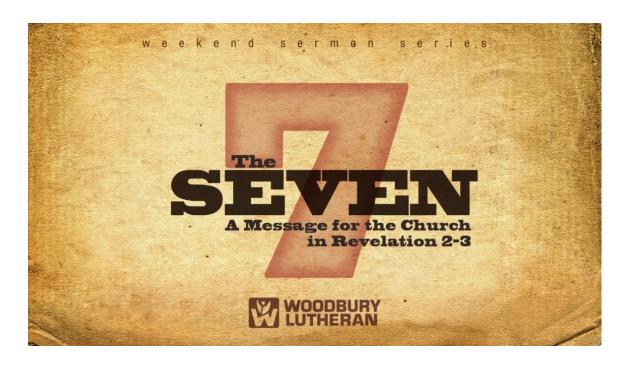
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In Revelation 1 Jesus instructs John to write a letter to the Seven Churches who were at the center of the geographic regions of Asia Minor. Jesus would speak a message specific to each of the churches and their context. What can we learn from *The Seven* about being the church today and our call to be the hope of the world?

April 7/8

Title: Fundamentalist in Ephesus: Quick to Judge, Slow to Love

Reading: Revelation 2:1-7
Verse: Revelation 2:4
2nd Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Focus: Jesus commends the Ephesians for how they serve faithfully, endure hardship, have sound

doctrine, and hate heretics, but His big criticism is they have forsaken their first love. Their love of sound doctrine has trumped their love for Jesus and for one another. What can we learn from the church at Ephesus about the relationship between sound doctrine and love?

April 14/15

Title: Persecuted in Smyrna: Faithful to the End

Reading: Revelation 2:8-11 Verse: Revelation 2:10 2nd Reading: Matthew 24:1-14

Focus: Jesus gave thanks and encouraged the church in Smyrna to endure, to be faithful to the end

and they too would receive the crown of life. Modern day Turkey remains one of the least churched nations in the world where persecution is the norm for disciples of Jesus. What

can we learn from the church at Smyrna about being faithful, even in the face of

persecution?

April 21/22

Title: Apostate in Pergamum: In Name Only

Reading: Revelation 2:12-17 Verse: Revelation 2:14-15 2nd Reading: Matthew 23:27-28 Focus: Jesus encourages the church in Pergamum for withstanding physical, political, and spiritual

persecution in their city, where Satan's lives. Despite the good that they have done they have been deceived by false gods and the lure of immoral living. What can we learn from the church at Pergamum about living as disciples who are becoming more and more like

Jesus every day?

April 28/29

Title: Progressive in Thyatira: More Tolerant than God

Reading: Revelation 2:18-29
Verse: Revelation 2:20
2nd Reading: Matthew 7:15-20

Focus: Jesus commends the church in Thyatira for their actions of love and service, but then

sternly corrects their doctrine. They were sinfully more tolerant than God—which is still a temptation for us today. In a world that preaches tolerance of all things what can we learn from the church at Pergamum about what tolerance looks like in the life of a disciple of

Jesus and in His church today?

May 5/6

Title: Sleeping in Sardis: The Frozen Chosen

Reading: Revelation 3:1-6
Verse: Revelation 3:3

2nd Reading: Matthew 7:24-29

Focus: Sardis was the site of the pagan Temple of Artemis. Many in Sardis worshiped false gods

and goddesses at that temple, yet the church in Sardis was indifferent, hard hearted, and stiff, asleep and indifferent to what was going on around them. Jesus calls on them to wake up and obey what they have received and heard. What can we learn from the church in Sardis about where we might need to wake up and remember to obey what we have

received and heard?

May 12/13

Title: Missional is Philadelphia: Not Giving Up or Giving In

Reading: Revelation 3:7-13
Verse: Revelation 3:8
2nd Reading: John 17:20-26

Focus: Jesus knows the works of the church in Philadelphia and He has only encouragement for

them. Though Satan hates and hinders the church and though they were weak in the eyes

of the world, they did not deny Jesus' name. What can we learn from the church in

Philadelphia about how the love that Jesus has for His church empowers us to stand firm?

May 19/20 (Pentecost)

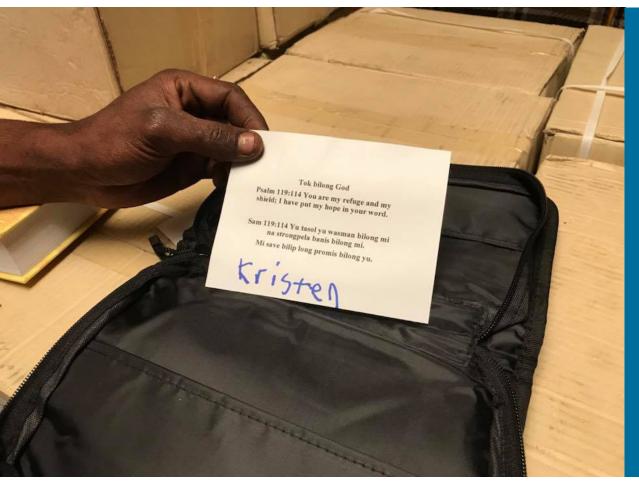
Title: Lukewarm in Laodicea: Comfort and Convenience before Jesus

Reading: Revelation 3:14-22 Verse: Revelation 3:16-17 2nd Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Focus: Jesus has little encouragement for the church in Laodicea; they are lukewarm and worship

comfort, not Christ. Though materially wealthy, they are spiritually poor, blind, and naked; the similarities to our culture today are striking. What can we learn from the church in Laodicea about priorities and the importance of following Jesus above everything else?





THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped **Hearts and Hands** send Bible covers to pastors in Papua New Guinea. We were able to send 67 Bible covers in January. They arrived safely 4 weeks later and are already being put to use. Hearts and Hands participants signed and inserted postcards with a Bible verse in each Bible cover. We pray these gifts will be an encouragement to the pastors. Tenk yu tumas!

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HEALING SERVICE

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

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.

IS STEPHEN MINISTRY FOR YOU?

This "caring" ministry provides confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to those who are experiencing difficult life challenges. Need someone to talk with? At Valley Creek, contact Larry W. (men) 651-337-2965, or Linda W. (women) 651-337-2965. For other information: Shirley M. 651-276-7224.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for this low pressure DVD bible study where all ages, genders and relationships are welcome. The topics focus on God's continuous presence and promises in our lives. Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

OAK HILL GAME NIGHT (6-12TH)

Game night the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm. Join us on April 5. Meet at Caribou Coffee, 1830 Market Dr. Stillwater, MN 55082. Come hang out with Sarah and play games!

LIBERTY RIDGE SUNDAY DONUT AND DEVO (6TH-12TH)

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month we will gather to enjoy donuts together, play a game, do a devotional Bible study, and share highs and lows from our week. We will then 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. Contact Laura at stennesL@woodburylutheran.org with any questions.

ROOTS BROWNIE BAKE OFF (9TH-12TH)

The Annual Youth Brownie Bake Off will be happening during Wednesday night ROOTS on April 4 and 11, 6:30-8:15pm! Bring a delicious or unique ingredient to make some incredibly memorable brownies with friends on April 4! Then watch as our panel of pastors and youth leaders sample your creations on April 11! It's always fun! Hope to see you there.

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sign up for this fundraiser will open on Monday, April 9, 4pm at wlcyouth.org. Here is your chance (current 6th through 12th graders and parents/family) to raise money for mission trips, Summer Stretch or any youth events held through WLC. We have quite a few sign up guidelines for the May 8-12 fundraiser. All this information can be found on the sign up page at wlcyouth.org. PLEASE read the directions carefully. Also, we will be accepting donations at the VC campus starting May 8. Questions, contact Shanna at ssalzman1@comcast.net or 612-859-1365.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

April 13, 6:30-8:30pm. 6th, 7th, & 8th graders it's game night!! Grab your friends and come ready to play! This is an all campus event held at the Oak Hill Campus. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING (6TH-12TH)

All Youth ministries take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm. 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. We meet at both the Oak Hill and Valley Creek campuses (Liberty Ridge meets at VC campus). Register at wlcyouth.org for Sixers, Foundations and Roots.

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 Nathan Perez as he presents, "Networking for Job Search & Career Development" on April 12 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitioncon-nection.org.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Cindy O'Donovan as she presents, "Playing the Hiring Game!" on April 26 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.ca-reertransition.connection.org.



JOURNEYS OF PAUL TOUR/CRUISE (APRIL 21-30, 2018)

A Biblical tour of Greece - e.g. Athens, Philippi, Corinth, Thessalonica, Isle of Patmos, Ephesus - where Scripture is read and explained at each Biblical site - Grecian Island Cruise included! Con-

Getting Connected

tact Rev. Darold Reiner, retired LCMS pastor & former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure: 406-890-1149 or imhis38@amail.com



SUMMER STRETCH (6TH-8TH)

Registration opens for participants and Teen Leaders on April 1. Students who've completed 6th grade as of the summer of 2018 are welcome to join us on Thursdays during the summer for service and fun. SPECIAL RATE available from April 1 to May 15, \$70 for all 5 dates! Beginning May 16 the cost is \$90 (or you can pay \$20 per date— Valleyfair is \$30). Go to wlcyouth.org for more information and to sign up. Scholarships are available and friends are welcome. Youth who are 9th & up are welcome to apply to be teen leaders. Questions: Contact Lindsey Schmidt.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP MEETINGS

The Quad Cities and Chicago Mission Trips will hold their next meeting on April 29 at the VC Campus. Quad Cities trip participants and parents will meet from 1-2pm in the Isaiah room. Chicago trip participants meet from 1-2:30pm in the Bridge. Chicago trip parents please join their meeting from 2-2:30pm. Sign up Info: Chicago registration will close soon, sign up at wlcyouth.org. Contact Lindsey at schmidtl@woodburylutheran. org to see if there are any openings for the Quad Cities trip.

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 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 (34 N. Farrell, Maplewood). If interested, please contact Delores Fitzgerald at 651-738-1812.

MITTEN MAKERS

Come create mittens from sweaters with us! If you can cut, hand sew, or sort, join us at the VC campus on Wednesdays at 12:30pm in room L-900 (VC Paul). All proceeds benefit Robin's Nest Orphanage.

DRAWSTRING BACKPACKS

Our small group is assembling school kits containing basic school supplies which Lutheran World Relief ships to children in Africa. We are seeking donations of gently used lightweight drawstring backpacks. Contact Lauren Danner at 651-739-2328 for more information.

EASTER BREAKFAST!

Mark your calendars for April 1st and come eat breakfast before or after you worship on Easter morning at the Valley Creek and Oak Hill campuses. All proceeds support Youth missions!!!



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 10-12. Collection dates will be May 8, 5:30-8:30 pm and May 9, 4:30-8:30 pm. Please drop donations at the East entrance of the Valley Creek campus. 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! Sale proceeds support youth attending mission trips. If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365.



April 2018 Calendar

- 1 (L, O & V) Easter Worship Sunday, 6:00am (V); 8:00am (V); 9:00am (O); 9:30am (V); 10:00am (L); 10:30 (O); 11:00am (V)
- 1 (O & V) Easter Breakfast Sunday, 7:00-11:00am (V); 8:00-10:30am (O)
- 2 (O & V) Offices Closed Monday
- 3 (V) Cancer Companions Tuesday, 7:00pm Contact: Vicki Strong, 651-208-4353
- 4 (V) Women of the Word Wednesdays, 9:15am Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- **5 (0) Women of the Word** Thursdays, 9:15am Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- **5 (V) Celebrate Recovery** Thursdays, 6:30pm Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9113

- 13 (V) Women's Night Out Friday, 6:00pm Contact: Sara Mulso, 651-739-5144
- 7 (V) Baptism Class Saturday, 9:30am Contact: Rachel Symmank, 651-472-1975
- 7 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study Saturdays, 8:00am Contact: Molly Schulze, 651-739-5144
- 7 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study Saturdays, 6:30am Contact: Jeff Linert, 651-387-9428
- 9 (V) Monday Morning Men's Bible Study Mondays, 10:00am Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall, 651-739-5144
- 9 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry Mondays, 12:00pm Contact: Tamara Karlstrand, 651-734-3974

- **12 (O) MomsConnect** Thursday, 6:30pm Contact: Molly Schulze, 651-739-5144
- 12 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

- 14 (V) Respite Care Saturday, 5:00pm Contact: Cheri Frost, 651-730-7052
- **15 (V) Healing Service** Sunday, 12:15pm Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall, 651-739-5144
- **21 (V) Grace Retreat for Women**Saturday, 9:30am
 Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- **22 (V) Grief Support for Women**Thursday, 1:00pm
 Contact: Joy Hopke.

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