

THE NEWS LETTER



August 2018

A Fall Carnival is Coming!

If it's August, September and Rally Day must be just around the corner.

This year, we will have something special for WLC members and our neighbors in the Liberty Ridge area (at Liberty Ridge Elementary). It's a WLC Liberty Ridge Carnival, Sunday, September 9, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Put it on your calendar now, and plan on worshipping at Liberty Ridge that morning (service at 10) or coming over after you worship at one of our other locations.

Jump houses and teen-friendly games, kiddie carnival games, food trucks, free hot dogs (donations to Feed My Starving Children), face painting, crafts, a dunk tank (donations to World Vision to support clean water around the globe), fellowship and the opportunity to share with your Woodbury neighbors some of the ways Woodbury Lutheran is involved in our greater community.

You don't see anything for you? Then invite a young family from your neighborhood, or volunteer to serve. We need many hands to make this event a success -- from set-up to hospitality (preparing and serving hot dogs, running carnival games, etc.) to clean-up.

Ministry teams may wish to serve together to help point the way to your ministry! Small groups, care ministries, World Vision runners, Bible study groups. Maybe you have your own idea for a fun activity that ties into your ministry. Contact Mary Law (lawm@woodburylutheran.org) in the church office with proposals and to ask about getting a space.

We will have a sign-up online for volunteers. Watch for your notice in your Email.

Liberty Ridge will be open for bathroom access, and set up worship style for people to tour, as well.

So, what are you doing September 9? We hope it involves some time at Liberty Ridge!



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Don't Go it Alone!

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded
by such a great cloud of witnesses"*
- Hebrews 12:1

I am just finishing reading through a report put out by the Barna research group around the topic of Discipleship. One of the things that we emphasize a whole lot at our church is the call to live as disciples of Jesus, as those who are becoming more and more like Him.

The study focused on the four questions referenced to in the chart to the left, but what really stood out to me and grabbed my attention was the high percentage of Christians who claimed that their faith was private and that they preferred to grow as disciples in isolation rather than with a group of others.

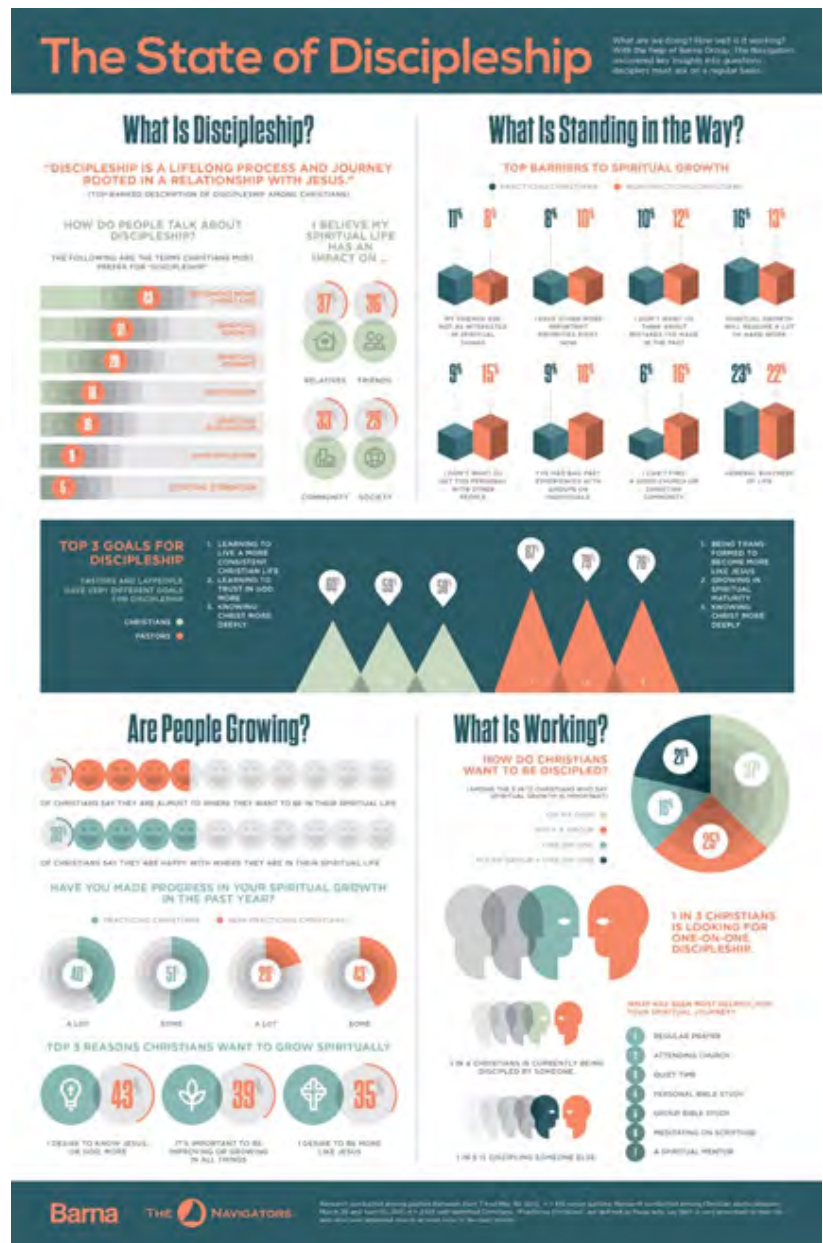
I believe that these attitudes are very much an outgrowth of living in the North American culture that values our individuality so highly. While this is not a bad thing it can easily lead us into a place of self-reliance and move us to isolation.

When we walk through the pages of the Bible one thing we quickly learn is that

we cannot do this faith thing independently, we need each other. This is why we value relationships at WLC; this is why we push you to get connected in a small group as the author of Hebrews says so clearly, “Let us, run the race together!”

Maybe you have been feeling alone or isolated, stop by the connection center and let them help you get connected into a ministry at WLC where the Holy Spirit can continue to shape you to be more and more like Jesus.

Peace,
tom



Weddings:

Taylor Moquist & Samuel Jones
Erin Kiefert & Grady Jensen

Baptisms:

Victoria Jade Boyd
John Lawrence Wilford
Sterling Grace Wick
Caden Michael Cummings
Ezri Charlotte Jankiewicz
Melanie Jo Penaloza

Deaths:

Greg Lewis ~ uncle, Richard
Marschinke
Jaime Kokaisel ~ father, James
Thoreson
Layton & Carley Kokaisel ~
grandfather, James Thoreson
The Family of David Noennig
The Family of Audrey Fischer

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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“...tidbits from
that first
year...”

The History of Our Church WLC Scrapbook

The first sanctuary, which is now the Genesis room, was finished in 1969. Classrooms and office space were added in 1980. Ten years later, we were bursting at the seams on Sundays. Planning and fund-raising began for the current (new) sanctuary at the Valley Creek Campus. The cornerstone was laid in 1993, visible when you enter the west entrance.

When the building committee could not agree on the seating capacity for the new sanctuary, the architect asked how many parking spaces would be available. Answer: 300. It so happened that Woodbury city ordinance allowed three people per car per event. So the new sanctuary would have seating for $300 \times 3 = 900$. (That includes the choir loft, by the way.)

The new, copper-topped sanctuary was dedicated in late 1993, almost 25 years after the church was first constructed. Unlike the original structure, this “second addition” had a basement. When it first opened, the basement was unfinished storage space. It was several years before it became the many lower-level rooms you see today.

Worship services were moved to the new sanctuary after it was dedicated. Fifty people met for a last service in the old/east sanctuary, shared memories of their 25 years in that worship space, and then removed the cross and carried it down the hall to its current location in the church library.

Several years passed before the first contemporary worship services were held in the Genesis room. (See *History - Part 6 in previous newsletter*.) The old sanctuary was resurrected!





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, but 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 a 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.
- God is continuing to open doors for conversations that could lead to new ministry sites for WLC.

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.

- We are excited to be partnering with the Makane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia in a Discipleship and Leadership development initiative over the next two years at a level of 20k.
- We are excited to be a part of sending the Moody Family through WMPL as missionaries to an unreached part of the world.
- We are now supporting 4 men in Ethiopia receive training that will culminate with them planting new churches in the Addis Ababa area.

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES - \$4.5 Million

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

- Over the summer all three of our campuses will be hosting a variety of Kid's Camps designed to strengthen the faith of our Kids as well as Reach into our community.
- The Strategic Planning process is continuing to move forward and we are excited about the focus on Reach that God is placing on our hearts.

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.
- Both the Valley Creek and Oak Hill Sanctuaries have been updated.
- The last part of the roof at Valley Creek will be replaced this summer – yay!

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



“...providing mercy to those who have suffered loss...”

Disaster Training

When disaster strikes, lives are turned upside down. Survivors often need food, clothing, shelter, and spiritual care as they begin to cope with tragedy and loss.

Woodbury Lutheran has a long history of providing mercy to those who have suffered loss as a result of hurricanes and floods. As a result of our congregation's faithful response, we have provided the equivalent of more than 2 ½ years full-time service to people in need, and touched more than 400 homeowners from Minnesota to Mississippi. As our work continues in Texas, we have made the decision to be more proactive in our approach to disaster response.

To that end, we are forming a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) to respond to disasters wherever we may be called. LERT training for members of our congregation, other congregations in our district, and members of the community at large will happen at Woodbury Lutheran on Saturday, September 29, from 8:30 to 4 pm. Cost for WLC members is \$15 (which covers lunch); \$35 for all others.

All those who join our October mission trip to the Corpus Christi area to continue the work begun last summer after Hurricane Harvey will be reimbursed for the training.

Attendees will receive training in basics of disaster response, Biblical reasons for being involved, volunteer safety, legal issues and working with others, general debris cleanup, chainsaw operations, and flood and hurricane cleanup. You will receive an LCMS Disaster Response credential to enter disaster zones as one of our

volunteers for all future disasters. These credentials will allow us to serve earlier on the response time-line and to serve with greater confidence and skill.

We hope you will consider joining us as we intentionally prepare to share Christ's love, demonstrate His mercy and grace, and help those who have survived a disaster. Community members are also welcome! Invite your neighbors and friends, too. This training will also help individuals and our community be disaster-ready.

For more information, see the church website, <https://www.woodburylutheran.org/next-steps/next-steps/serve/> and look for Disaster Training.

Questions? Contact Vicki Strong, Disaster Ministry Coach, 651-730-5049.

To register for the training, go online at <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/> goto <https://www.woodburylutheran.org/next-steps/next-steps/serve//forms/257/responses/new> or contact Vicki.



Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- This summer we have a goal to knock on 3,000 doors to invite people to the Liberty Ridge Campus. We have a little over 1,700 doors remaining. If you would like to help, email Pastor Jon at kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org.
- We are excited for our Summer Activities Camp coming up in late July/early August. Please pray for the relationships that will be formed in that process.
- We are happy to partner with the Stonemill Farms Community Center to host another Carnival of Crafts on Wednesday, August 22. We had over 60 people at our last Carnival of Crafts. Visit woodburylutheran.org to sign up.
- After worship on Sunday, September 9, Liberty Ridge Campus will be hosting a free carnival for the community. There will be free food, games, and inflatables. Mark the day on your calendar to join in the fun and festivities, and stay tuned for ways you can serve your community!
- 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.

OAK HILL UPDATES

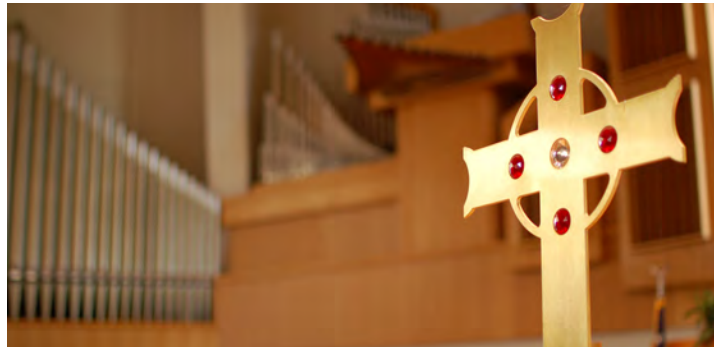
Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:

- We celebrated the baptism of Piper Wick. Welcome to the family of God!
- Amped Summer Day Camp was a success. We had over 50 kids and leaders join us for a week of living life fully alive in Jesus!
- Thank you for continuing to donate items to Valley Outreach. Be sure to check out the lobby display for this month's donation focus.
- 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.



Welcome New Members!

Rachel Johnson
Chastity & Josh Matysik,
Bree
Amber Salzman, Taylor,
Amiah, Rylea, Harper
Linda Wilk
Chad and Wendy Ellwein



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- Pastor Paul's continues to lead a Bible study on the book of Hebrews to a packed house each Thursday.
- Attendance at our Saturday service has been strong through the summer. Consider making Saturday evening your regular service.
- Summer Activities Camp *Breaking Free, Hebrews 12:1-2* was awesome. 117 kids and adults spent the week growing in faith and connection to each other.
- 20 Art Campers met and honed their gifts as artists through a variety of visual media.
- Preschool offered 2 summer camps to families who had been previously enrolled. This camp offered children a fun social and educational experience for four days during one week of the summer. It also allowed our teachers the opportunity to do some teaching with colleagues they don't often teach side by side with. This exciting endeavor is one which we hope to see grow in the future.
- Kids Zone, for 3, 4, and 5-year olds continues to meet during the 9:30 service. Kids worship with their parents then gather for a Bible story, and activities. We've had an average of 24 kids in KidZone across our three campuses weekly.
- The last remaining piece of original roof over the sanctuary is set to be replaced mid September.
- 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.



Staffing Update



We are excited to announce that Brad Miller has accepted the opportunity to (re)join our staff at Woodbury Lutheran as the **Director of Discipleship and Reach**. This new position is an important step as we continue to pursue our vision to Multiply Disciples // Transform Lives. Brad's focus will be to continue to develop our culture of discipleship as we walk the Discipleship Path. Specifically, Brad will direct our Growth Ministries team and its staff, covering Small Groups, Adult Education, and Men's and Women's Ministries. Brad will also direct our Reach Team and its staff, covering our Reach Ministries, both local and global. This position allows us to increase our efforts at disciple making at each of our campuses, locally in our communities, and around the world. Brad will begin in his role here on September 1.

This position brings together some of the work that Pastor Drew and Pastor Derek were doing before being called elsewhere. You may recall that after their departures search teams were put together and two calls were extended to pastors to join us at Woodbury Lutheran. In both cases the pastors received and accepted calls to other LCMS congregations, illustrating the shortage of available pastors in our church body. As we have continued to seek God's will and direction to fill this ministry need (the plan was to look for another ordained LCMS pastor) He led us to Brad in a pretty amazing way.

The Reveal study showed us that we can do a better job of raising our level of accountability around implementing our discipleship process and our strategic planning has shown us that the biggest area of attention our church needs is in developing a stronger culture of outreach and evangelism. Both of these areas are strong fits for the gifts that Brad has been given.

Many of you remember that Brad served with us for 12 years before being sent by our congregation to the mission field in Ecuador in 2001. Brad brings with him a wealth of experience in discipleship and missions from his years as Executive Director of Youth World in Quito, Ecuador, and as a Discipleship Catalyst with One Collective (ITeams).

Please join me in thanking God that He has led us to Brad and that the Holy Spirit has made His will clear to Brad and his wife Sandi to join us at Woodbury Lutheran, may God's kingdom continue to expand as more and more hear Jesus' call to, "Come, follow me." Serving Him,
The Church Council & Pastor Tom

WLC DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP:

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 Shepperd 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 that the organ and traditional 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.

UPDATE:

A team made up of Pastor Tom, Joel Symmank, Kendall Johnson, Dawn Osladil (Lay member) and Beth Kothe (Lay Member) have had the opportunity to interview two very strong candidates for our Director of Worship position and we are excited to have offered the position to Joel Wetzstein who is currently serving in Brookfield Wisconsin.

Joel and his family have accepted their invitation to join the ministry and leadership teams here at Woodbury Lutheran. We look ahead with great anticipation their arrival to Minnesota.

I have gotten some questions from people so I hope the points below will help to clarify a few things:

1. This team functions differently from our "call committees" of the past, per our new governance structure. This position does not need a congregational vote of approval, because it is already in the budget, so it simply needs Church Council approval.
2. The position of Director of Worship is not a one for one replacement for Mark Shepperd.
3. Chorale, Mouse Choir and Handbells will all continue on our Valley Creek Campus.
4. Karl Grant will be our organist and will be leading the Chorale this fall; ultimately it will be the responsibility of the Director of Worship to ensure that we have proper staffing in all our worshipping venues.
5. We have a bright and exciting future around all varieties of music, thank you for being an important part of this ministry!





Hearts & Hands Service Opportunity

Did you know that Woodbury Lutheran has a ministry that reaches out to adults with developmental disabilities in our congregation and the community?

Hearts and Hands meets the second Sunday of the month, September-April, (generally from 12:30pm-2pm at Valley Creek Campus). It is an opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities to hear the Gospel message while having fun, enjoying a meal, and doing service projects. Our average attendance is about 60 people per month. This includes caregivers/staff from group homes who may not be Christian but by accompanying their clients to Hearts and Hands, they also hear the Gospel.

We are looking for servants to join our team as food servers and mentors. No experience necessary. We will train you. This is truly a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in the lives of individuals who may not have another opportunity to hear that Jesus loves them.

To learn more and see if this is a way you can serve, please contact Donna and Steve Retter, steve_donna_retter@msn.com, 651- 739-5326 or Jeanne Dicke, jmdicke@live.com, 651-704-9464.

Middle School Mission Experience Quad Cities

The Middle School Students went to the Quad Cities on the border of Iowa and Illinois the week of July 15-20th and had a meaningful and fast-paced week. We joined the Youthworks staff on their 6th week of ministry in the Quad Cities area this summer (they've been working in the Quad Cities for 15 years!) and we were impressed by their leadership and the opportunities we had to serve in meaningful ways.

We had 6 adults serving alongside 27 youth and we were able to serve on 6 different crews. We served at foodshelves, the foodbank, Active Day (an adult day program), Kids programs at a few places (Hope at the Brick House & a Refugee day program), the Salvation Army (Sorting shoes), ARC of the Quad cities (helping do projects at a group home) and the community garden.

A few highlights:

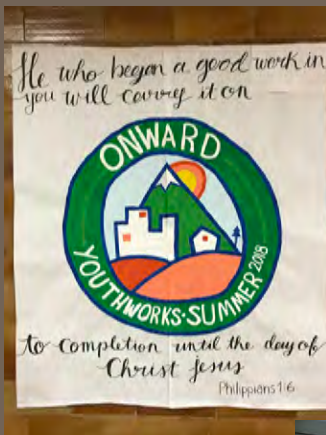
- Sorting hundreds of shoes faster than they've ever had before.
- Learning about the many different varieties of vegetables and plants that refugee families utilize and how to take care of those plants.
- Students leading Bible story time and telling children that Jesus loves them.
- Being asked to share a song & skit with folks at the Active Day program and having the opportunity to remind them that Jesus loves them.
- Being invited by the Hope at the Brick House staff to share testimonies and favorite Bible verses...and having 3 of our middle school students share in front of all of their neighborhood kids that come

to the program. They shared how God is faithful, how He answers prayers, and that Jesus loves all of us.

- Playing with community member kids at the park at the Thursday evening cook-out.
- We left as a group of students who didn't know each other well and returned as a group of friends. Praise Jesus!
- Daily devotional & worship time learning about how God wants to help us to move Onward as Disciples: shifting our perspectives, igniting our passion for serving, revealing possibilities, and inspiring worthwhile pursuits.
- Singing silly songs during moments of down time (Hakuna Matata & Frozen)
- Participating in a foot washing and prayer experience and being able to pray over the Youthworks staff on the last evening.
- Answered prayers: car issues, energy, joy in service, opportunities to encourage each other, and opportunities to tell people that they are loved by us and Jesus.
- Amazing leaders: Josh Granlund, Ben Lower, Jenelle Rodemeyer, Rob Krueger, Laura Stennes & Lindsey Schmidt.

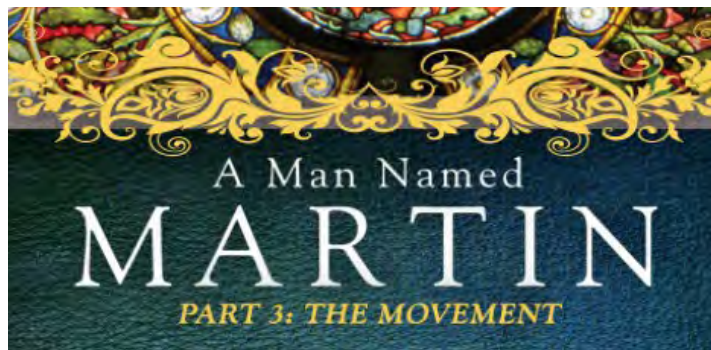
It was a great week. Thank you for supporting youth ministries and mission experiences like this one. What a powerful way to live out our purpose of multiplying disciples and watching the Holy Spirit transform lives.

"May He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6



THANK YOU!!!





A Man Named Martin

Over the last two years, we have gone through two parts of a series called A Man Named Martin. This September, we will have an opportunity to dig in to the third and final installment in the series. From Luther's 95 Theses in 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, God was at work in the Reformation. Fierce debates over Scripture, church doctrine, and late medieval church practice led to theological positions articulating salvation as God's grace in action, with man being left to add nothing to his own salvation. In ***A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement***, viewers will see how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression around the globe.

A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement will show how the Reformation accelerated the transformation of a world already in flux. While armed conflicts, theological disputes, and heated controversies marked segments of society throughout medieval Europe, the march of the Reformation left its imprint on the face of culture and citizen alike. Everything from education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family-and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God-came under the shaping and seminal in-

fluence of the Reformation.

European politics changed in that state-to-state relationships were increasingly governed by political concepts of state and not by notions of Christendom. Ultimately, the Reformation contributed a number of ideas that traveled across the Atlantic which, in turn, influenced our Republic via ideas of individual rights and representative democracy. According to Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, program host and Speaker for The Lutheran Hour, "The greatest thing about the Reformation are the solas: grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone because, in reality, what it does is it establishes the worth of a human being before God in a way that can't be done by people; it's done by God in Jesus Christ." We hope you can join us! This class on A Man Named Martin begins on Sunday, September 9.

5 Keys to Having Meaningful, Life-Giving Conversations with Non-Christians

At some point, if you are sincere about your Christian faith, you are going to have a conversation with someone about it. Or are you?

Let me back up a minute, if “being a Christian” is something you take seriously, you are probably going to THINK about having a conversation with someone about it. AND – you may wonder HOW to have that conversation.

Listen, I have been a Christian my whole life and have also been a thoughtful student of the human art of conversation for years and I find this thing – “sharing my faith” – incredibly hard to do.

But I WANT to – I really want to. I actually believe that meeting Jesus on this side of heaven will make life richer and more joyful and more peaceful than anything else available to us. There is a tenacity and fierceness to God’s love through Jesus that holds people firmer in the face of life’s struggles than anyone can imagine.

I want everyone to know this. *EVERYONE*.

Well, the key is figuring out how to start, how to continue the conversation and eventually, how to let it go.

Join me here: Relationships are complicated. Communication between two individuals is often fraught with misunderstanding. The timing isn’t always right and sometimes you are just not in the mood.

But despite all that, I want to let you in on a few key principles that you absolutely need to know before you take this type of conversation on.

Here they are:

1. Move past your own assumptions. Often, we have already pre-decided what someone thinks about God.

You may know that a person doesn’t attend church regularly so you assume that they think spiritual things are irrelevant. Really? Why continue to assume that, if there is no evidence to support it? You haven’t asked the person yet. Yes, there is a risk in asking, but make sure your preconceived hunch is not cheating you out of a conversation you are both interested in having.

Statistically, we know that more people are interested in faith conversations than not. If you play the odds, the person you are sitting across from is more-likely wishing you would bring it up.

2. Express a genuine interest. Don’t begin with your baptism story.

First, ask him how he is doing, ask how she is *really* doing. And then, listen. Your first several conversations may never include a single idea of your own. Ask about life and ideas and plans and achievements and concerns and anxieties. Be intentionally respectful.

You should hear yourself saying “What do you think about that?” “How did you come to feel this way?” “What’s it like for you when that happens?” Validate. Empathize. Be motivated by a genuine desire to engage. When their story breaks your heart, because real life has a way of doing that, tell them you don’t know what to say but politely offer, that when you have been similarly at the very end of yourself, you have prayed about it. Because that is being honest – the last time you had no idea how to fix your broken heart, you prayed – and by offering to do for someone else what you would do for yourself, you are caring for them.

If you don’t care about this person, you don’t get to nudge the conversation into the faith-arena. You don’t get to invite them to church. You don’t get to share your spiritual opinions.

So if you find yourself engaged in a conversation with someone, and get distracted or caught up with some selfish thoughts, stop thinking you will share your faith with them. You shouldn’t. First

comes the caring and then comes the sharing. Your first conversation earns you the right to the next conversation. Keep this top of mind.

3. Know your truth. I think about Billy Graham. He stands out in the crowd of humanity as one of the most influential leaders of all time. He knew his truth. His passion for teaching millions came from a deeply personal conviction centred around the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the spiritual reconciliation this offered to the world.

Billy Graham had studied the scriptures to the point that he could not keep this life-saving message of unconditional and super-natural love and acceptance to himself. Out of this conviction, Billy Graham shared his faith.

Reach daily into scripture and apply the words of Jesus and words of the Apostle Paul to your life. You will nurture and ground your soul. God will use you.

4. Share your stuff. Everybody has stuff. Your life is not all together. Life is sometimes hard for everybody. Be appropriately but profoundly honest.

Talk about how your job leaves you dissatisfied, how you struggle to get a good night’s sleep, how you are seeing a marriage counselor, how you worry about your kids and your weight and your money.

If you share your thoughts on God in the absolutely false context that your life is perfect, your shared words will fly-fly-away on the next winsome breeze of nothingness because what you have to say about God doesn’t really matter anyway. You obviously don’t need Him. You have got life figured out on your own. That will be a shame, when all the while you want to communicate that God’s redeeming love bolsters you and grounds you.

The truth is that you believe that Jesus died for all the bad, unexplainable anguish and garbage going on in the world and going on in your life. Tell your friend that. They will listen.

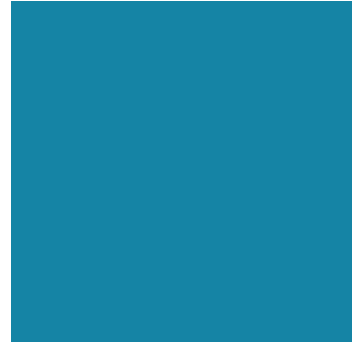
5. Let go. You are going to invest in people by sharing your spiritual world-view and undeniably, the truth of what you share has the power to transform.

When people lean into God-conversations, the possibilities for life-change is incredible. You will be offering a peek inside of a heart and mind sold out for God and that is wonderful. This extension of yourself will be a gift that could truly transform your friend’s experience of living. Or maybe it won’t. Maybe someone will grow to like you but at the same time, will turn you down every time you invite them to church. Maybe it will feel odd when you offer to pray for someone’s loss and you will only receive a grateful smile but a guarded expression. This person who now trusts you and cares about you too, will possibly always let you talk about your Christianity but never be influenced to take on those views for themselves. And you know what? That’s ok. The potential conviction of knowing their need for a Saviour might happen in their heart but it just as likely, might not. That’s not your responsibility. That’s not your job. It is a noble and even righteous goal to bring people to Christ but don’t make a single person your conversion-project.

Let. that. go. And while you do, continue to vulnerably invest and also deepen your own faith. Never stop being “for” your friend and focus on moving past the judgments and assumptions that will threaten your friendship. God has got this.

Relax and enjoy knowing that. Proclaim well.

By Rose Meeder, from the blog: Carey Nieuwhof



Feed My Starving Children Four Days - Five Million Meals - 25,000 Volunteers!

Our community – including Woodbury Lutheran – will pack 5 million meals for hungry children during what will be the largest Feed My Starving Children MobilePack ever in the United States! The MobilePack will be held at the Health-East Sports Center in October.

And the impact doesn't stop there. Ten percent of the money raised will be donated to our local Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf. Join with friends, family, and neighbors to be a part of this fun-filled, community inspired weekend, October 4-7!

Registration is easy and opens August 4th at FiveMillionMeals.org or at FMSC.org. Children as young as five can pack with their parents. Round up your friends and neighbors – sports teams and scout groups – as we all join to help alleviate hunger around the world and in our own neighborhood. If you can't stand and pack, you can still help by labeling the bags that will be used during the event.

The local praise band "Seventh Hour" has agreed to kick-off the event with a concert Wednesday evening, October 3rd, at the Heath-East Sports Center. There will also

be a variety of food trucks available for your dining pleasure.

The event will need Certified Volunteers to be successful. CVs will be responsible for assisting FMSC staff with creating a seamless packing experience for each volunteer. Those interested in becoming a CV can signup at FiveMillionMeals.org. There will be a 2-hour training session for CVs and shifts will be approximately 6 hours.

For more information or for help in registering, please contact Liz Thompson at 651.262.9665 or eathompson1953@gmail.com.

Thank you for being part of this life changing event!

High School Mission Experience Chicago

This year's high school mission trip was an amazing experience! From July 6-14th our group of 27 youth, and 7 adult leaders traveled first to Eagle River, WI for some team bonding and preparation and then on to West Chicago, Illinois for an amazing week of service, community, and growth! We laughed, worshiped, served, sweated, played, and grew closer to each other and to our God!

During the Chicago portion of our trip, we partnered with an organization called Lead222. Their staff led us in great devotions and worship experiences, kept us well fed, and connected us with fantastic places for us to serve. Our students served on two teams during the week. One group worked with a Christian sports camp in the morning and spent the afternoon serving in other areas including a food shelf, FMSC, and the preschool of a local church, which they bravely degermed! The other team helped run a Christian day camp for underprivileged kids in Aurora, IL. That camp took place in the afternoon, so those students used their mornings to serve in other ways as well. It was amazing to see how our students took ownership of their service roles and worked hard to show the love of Jesus to others all week! Our church has some amazing young people in it and I can't wait to see what they'll do in the years ahead!

Some of the highlights from our trip included:

- Our time in Eagle River. We stayed in an incredible cabin, swam in the lake, played whiffle ball, worshiped around the campfire, and even took a cruise on a pirate ship! It was a fantastic chance for our group to get to know and trust each other before a long week of service.
- Amazing worship experiences and clear and challenging teaching each night.
- Watching students take ownership in planning and leading the elements of the Christian day camp!
- Sharing Bible stories, that are incredibly familiar to us, with children who were

mostly hearing them for the first time!

- Seeing students form relationships with kids and leading them in small groups at the sports camp!
- Getting to be the answer to someone's prayer! A woman in Aurora, who works with Operation Christmas Child, needed a basement full of supplies moved across town for a huge packing party that week. She had no way to accomplish it on her own but knew that God had a plan and was praying for it!
- Sharing words of affirmation with each other. (Our group was hesitant to attempt this experience, but was very blessed by it.)
- Exploring downtown Chicago on Wednesday. Our group collectively walked 321 miles and saw some amazing things!
- Being blessed with amazing adults who took time out of their normal lives to build into these kids' faith! A huge thanks to Andy & Andrea Stakston, Shari Opheim, Jenny Brewer, Jeanie Yee, Donna Ignaszewski, Emmanuel Choragudi, Brad Zager, Sarah Dibbern, and Tim Marshall!
- Watching these students move from a group of individuals to a group of friends. There is definitely a new wave of students moving into the high school group right now and I'm excited to watch them put deep roots down into Jesus!

Thanks so much for praying for the youth of our church and generously supporting youth ministries! It's an enormous blessing to be part of a church that loves young people and cares about their faith!

As we look to the fall we ask that you'd be praying for students to stay connected to Jesus and this community, for the raising up and support of leaders in youth ministry, and for the continued growth of this group!

"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." Colossians 2:7





Small Groups Who Do You Know?

This Fall we will be launching new groups and growing existing groups. Looking ahead, there will be our all Small Groups study offered in October. Each year it gets better! There will be a video and guide developed for this.

Sunday mornings, when you are already here. I'm pretty excited for us! Look for an email from me to connect with me on a Sunday.
~Mary Lehman

What's next for groups? We are going to ask you, 'who do you know that you could invite into your group in October?' Get a head start and begin thinking about this.

I'm connecting with as many Small Group Leaders I can this summer. I will plan these meetings on



GRANT & DANIELLE HOEL

CAMPUS MISSIONARIES TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF MN DULUTH
CHI ALPHA CAMPUS MISSIONARIES



One month from now, 12,000 college students will begin a new semester of classes at UMD. From the minute they arrive they will be bombarded with endless options to experience college life: academic clubs, Greek life, outdoor rec, house parties, dating, entertainment. Mostly likely, getting to know Jesus is not at the top of their list. Yet when they arrive and see a community of believers who are excited about faith, serving others, and giving their lives to something greater, there is a draw toward Chi Alpha. Because of your ongoing support, Chi Alpha now has a thriving presence at UMD! Each Wednesday we see 160-190 students, and now have six men's and six women's small groups! There are 48 student leaders arriving August 20th to run hard after Jesus and use their gifts to serve and disciple their peers. Please pray for as we begin our Fall Rush of outreach activities and meeting new students. Thank you!



Meet Claire

Claire wasn't thinking about faith when she arrived at college her freshman year. After graduating from Stillwater High School, she planned to focus on studying and UMD's Alpine Ski Team. But there was something different about her freshman roommate, Ruthie. The two were strangers at first, but Ruthie had a love for Jesus and a welcoming presence. She kept inviting Claire to attend Chi Alpha with her. Fast forward two years, and Claire's life has been transformed! She gave her life to Jesus and was baptized for the first time this past spring. Claire is now dedicating her Junior year to lead a women's small group to invest in new students like her. Here are a few of her own words: "It seemed like as soon as I began pursuing Him (Jesus), He casually waved at me, like He had always been there smiling at me... I think of the word "repent" quite literally meaning "to turn", and that's what's happened. I turned. I turned to see Him there as beautiful and loving as ever, and He welcomed me. I smile now because I have changed: I am not the same person I was and I'm not even the same person I was last week. He's used Chi Alpha to to completely transform my life to be not about me, but about serving Him and the people around me."



GRANT & DANIELLE HAVE
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SINCE 2009.
THEY HAVE TWIN DAUGHTERS,
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“...reaching out to neighboring groups with Gospel...”

Brukim Maunten

There is a song the people of the Gutnuis Lutheran Church, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea sing that tells the story of how God’s Word first came to the highlands. It is written in Tok Pisin and includes the phrase “brukim maunten”, (literally - broke the mountains). “Brukim maunten” describes how missionaries “broke through” the mountain ranges that isolated the highland people from the world for centuries to bring them the saving message of the Gospel.

Today the major roads and airstrips have improved greatly, but there are still many isolated places that can only be reached by airplane or helicopter and then a hike up and down mountains through the “bush” or tropical rainforest.

The Gutnuis Lutheran Church is a mission church. They are actively reaching out to neighboring language groups with the Gospel. Some of these congregations are very isolated. Pastor John Mos for example, serves 16 congregations in the Hewa. Every few months he must travel to the main valley to get supplies, like communion wine and wafers, to serve his congregations. His trip begins with a two-day hike from his home to the nearest airstrip. Then he flies by MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) plane to Mt. Hagen. From Mt Hagen it is a two-hour ride in a 4-wheel drive vehicle over a mountain range to Timothy Seminary, at Birip.

Hearts and Hands is once again gathering Bible covers for pastors of the Gutnuis Lutheran Church. We will add a Scripture verse in each Bible cover and ship them to Papua New Guinea in November. Bible covers help protect the pastor’s Bibles from damage by rain and mud and bugs. The Bible covers that work the best and are easiest to ship are canvas type covers (Wordkeeper Economy) that can be purchased online from Christian Book Distributors for a very reasonable price. <https://www.christianbook.com/page/bargains/bible-coverdeals>

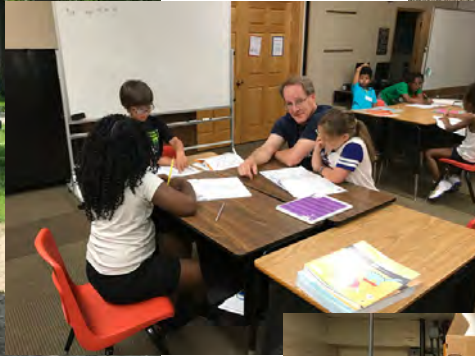
If you would like to donate a Bible cover, please bring it to the church office by Sunday, October 28th. Last year we shipped 67 Bible covers. My brother Marty, who teaches at Timothy Seminary, reports that the Bible covers are being put to good use and much appreciated by the pastors. Please contact me if you have any questions, jmdicke@live.com or 651-704-9464.

In Him,
Jeanne Dicke



A photograph showing three people standing next to several long, narrow raised garden beds. The beds are filled with dark, rich soil and are bordered by light-colored wooden planks. The person on the left is wearing a grey tank top and shorts. The person in the middle is wearing a bright yellow-green shirt and dark pants. The person on the right is wearing a red t-shirt and dark shorts. They are standing on a grassy area next to a brick wall. In the background, there is a chain-link fence and some trees.

This story brought up great questions for the students to wrestle with, and the students were not shy to talk about these questions with our team! It helped that a lot of people on this





Short Term Mission Experience Robin's Nest

Our time at the Robin's Nest Children's Home was filled with variety; from childcare to painting trees, meal prep and dishes to repairing a concrete roof, we found ourselves in relationship with the Jamaican staff. God's presence was all around us in the rooftop devotions overlooking Montego Bay at sunset; the loving hugs that were freely shared, the words of encouragement and gratitude.

We also felt God's promptings through physical and emotional

challenges and discomfort. These challenges pushed us to grow in our faith and lean into opportunities to share God's loving grace with others, not just during our mission experience, but most importantly in our daily lives.





Deuteronomy: *Covenant People*

The title of the book of Deuteronomy in Hebrew simply means “these are the words.” The book is largely filled with speeches from Israel’s leader, Moses. With the Promise Land in sight, Moses knew his death was coming soon; in this fifth and final book of the Pentateuch, he shares his final words with the people of Israel. Moses’ mission was simple and still speaks to us today: Let us prepare the next generation of Israelites to live as faithful servants of The Lord, their God.

Context of the book: As we journey through Deuteronomy, it is important to recall the combined narratives of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers which precede it. Consider again the motif that was laid out in Genesis during the 2014 summer series. The story pattern is:

Creation → Rebellion → Redemption → Restoration

In Genesis the story’s focal point was on the good Creation and the Rebellion, with the promise given that YHWH will Redeem and Restore His good creation that has fallen under the curse of death. The Exodus then was centered squarely on the Redemption aspect of this motif. The Exodus of YHWH’s people from Egypt into the Promised Land was a covenantal promise made by YHWH, foreshadowing the Redemption of Christ’s Church into new life in Him. Leviticus is then set primarily in the motif aspect of Restoration (because of the Redemption). Leviticus deals with what it means to be the people of YHWH, in His presence. Numbers continues with how the people of Israel would live out the Redeemed and Restored relationship with YHWH. God shaped them all along the way, upholding his promises in his ways. Now, as they stand on the border of the Promised Land we see Moses reminding the people of their story as God’s people, calling them to be faithful to the covenant of YHWH as they follow him.

August 4 & 5, 2108 - Week 10

Title:	Those Excluded from the Congregation: <i>All Are Welcome in His Temple</i>
Reading:	Deuteronomy 23:1-6 NKJV
Verse:	Deuteronomy 23:1-3
2 nd Reading:	Acts 8:26-40 NKJV
Focus:	The Torah strictly forbade certain groups from entering into the temple and worshiping The Lord: those whom could no longer receive the covenantal marker, those born outside of marriage, and those not faithful to The Lord's covenant. Through His apostle Philip, The Lord shows that no matter what someone looks, how they were born, or their spiritual background, all people are able to receive the new covenantal marker as they are baptized into Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

August 11 & 12, 2018 - Week 11

Title: **Laws Concerning Divorce:** *Yes, It Is a Big Deal*
Reading: Deuteronomy 24:1-4
Verse: Deuteronomy 24:1
2nd Reading: Matthew 19:1-12
Focus: The Torah left vague guidelines which, for generations, allowed men to abuse the Law and divorce their wives for reasons as heartless as boredom. During His earthly ministry, Jesus strongly and publicly condemns this practice; and, instead calls for men and women of all generations to be faithful to one another in their marital vows, just as The Lord is faithful to His covenantal vow.

August 18 & 19, 2018 - Week 12

Title: **The Covenant Renewal:** *Yesterday, Today, and Forever*
Reading: Deuteronomy 29:9-21
Verse: Deuteronomy 29:14-15
2nd Reading: Matthew 5:17-20
Focus: The Lord renews His covenant with Israel and promises to remain faithful to it for all future generations of followers, which means that, even today, you and I remain legally bound to His Covenantal Law. However, as a testament to His faithfulness, The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to satisfy the righteous judgments and sacrificial demands on our behalf when we fall short of His Law.

August 25 & 26, 2018 - Week 13

Title: **The Death of Moses:** *His Work is Not Finished*
Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Verse: Deuteronomy 34:4
2nd Reading: Matthew 17:1-13
Focus: Even though he was forbidden from entering the Promise Land, The Lord showed mercy to Moses and allowed him to see it before he died. Yet this is not the last time we see Moses. At the Transfiguration, Moses is present and actively worshipping Jesus who came to accomplish the Law on our behalf. This important moment also gives us a glimpse of the pure splendor and awesomeness of the Kingdom that you and I will one day inherit.

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE!**

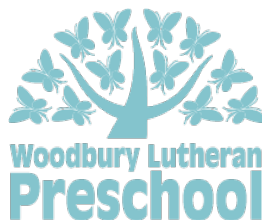
A limited number of preschool spots are still open for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year!

At this time there are openings in the following classes:

- Four year old -Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-2pm class
- Three year old –Tuesday, Thursday 9am-11:30am class

Additional details and the link for applying for these openings can be found at preschool.woodburylutheran.org

We are also happy to arrange for tours and to provide information guiding a family's enrollment decision. Please contact the preschool office at 651-739-5146



Help us earn money just by shopping!

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1. Shop at Kowalski's Market in Woodbury.
2. Drop your receipt in the box at the front of the store.
3. Know you helped out Woodbury Lutheran Preschool –each quarter we receive a check based on the total number of receipts collected in our box. We appreciate your help in this simple way as you bless the children and families of WLP!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY

Can you believe it is time to head back to school already? I feel like summer just got started. When I was a kid, going back to school was something that always made me nervous. While I was excited for a new year and a new teacher, I always wondered: Will I have the same friends as I did last year? Will I like my teacher? Am I even smart enough to be moving to the next grade?!?

This year, as your kids head back to school, use the acronym “BACK TO SCHOOL” to speak truth into their lives. Throughout the month, spend time reading each of the following verses and praying that your children will embrace these traits, truths, and teachings. Help your kids see that they can be bold in their faith as they head back to school.

by Krista Heinen

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TRAITS



BRAVE
(2 Timothy 1:7)



APOLOGIZE
(James 5:16)



COURAGE
(Deuteronomy 31:6)



KIND
(Ephesians 4:32)

TRUTHS



TRUST IN THE LORD
(Proverbs 3:5-6)



ONLY ONE WAY
(John 14:6)

TEACHINGS



STEP OUT IN FAITH
(Philippians 4:13)



CHOOSE GRATITUDE
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)



HELP COMES FROM THE LORD
(Psalm 121:2)



OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE
(Psalm 31:24)



OPEN YOUR HANDS
(Acts 20:35)



LOVE
(Matthew 22:37)



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Welcoming the Stranger Seminar Immigration, Truth and Compassion

Please join us for a free and informative seminar with Matthew Soerens, co-author of the recently released book *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate* (2018)

Matthew will provide insights into the unprecedented global refugee crisis, immigration, and border security, as he helps us grapple with genuine concerns over refugee resettlement, the undocumented, and how concerned Christians can biblically and practically respond to the nations at our doorsteps.

Venue: Hope Church, 7132 Portland Ave, Richfield, MN 55423 (enter Door #2)

Date: Thursday, August 2nd

Time: 7:45 am (coffee and rolls); 8:00–10:00 seminar and Q&A

Registration: <https://signupforms.com/registrations/14810>



While we have seen support and an outpouring of volunteers from churches and local and national leaders, many are asking important questions about safety, the undocumented, and border processes. This seminar will provide information on how to talk about the real fears that some people have. Now more than ever in this climate of polarization, it is important for our Gospel witness that Christians are seen as people motivated by the Bible and credible information.

- Engage with others around this important, timely topic as we celebrate being pro-security and pro-immigrant and refugee
- Learn facts and ways to talk about the church's call to welcome, serve, and learn from refugees and immigrants
- Join this relevant conversation, ask questions, and receive resources and practical next steps for our call to Welcome the Stranger

Reserve your seat: <https://signupforms.com/registrations/14810>

August

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Hazel Crist
Jeanne Dicke
Carol Edwards
Eugene Eineke
Jon Gage
Jerry Hanggi
Justin Heintz
John Leis
Liam LeMay
Sophia McFarland
Daria Turner | Hartley Painter
Derek Rohlf
Mark Shepperd
Peter Shepperd
Samuel Taylor
Shari Todd | Mike Sabbann
10 Wyatt Clifford
Michael Hunst
Gail Kamrath
Nancy Schultz
Nathan Xiong | Holtan Sailer
Mary Beth Schwartz
16 Cody Arend
Tami Bauer
Kristen Bettmann
Maggie Haines
Corey Houseman
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Thomas Mertens
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LaRee Opdahl
Nate Schank
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Joseph Doane
Jack Fossan
Eloise Gehring
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Madelyn Murray
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Tim Zeller | Javen Vislisel
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Morgan Gibbs
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Ronald Hintz
Jenny Jurek
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| 2 Justin Brigl
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Ellyson Roepke
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Bryan Hawkinson
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Brenda Sirovy
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Marvin Heaton
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Nate Mears
Austin Raebel
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Lisa Reberg
John Swanlund
Ryan Wegner | 18 Michael Karcher
Olivia Lueders
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Mike Steffel
Mitchell Watanabe
Riley Wick | 22 Brandon Firkus
Michael Hamann
Charles Helgason
Stephanie Gow
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Joan Figimiller
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Joel Jensen
Gloria Johnson
Kayley Johnson
Tony Moran
Matthew Nepsund | 15 Diana Albrecht
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Daniel Stoerzinger
Grace Winter | |
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Madison Mayer | |

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Worship

HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on August 19 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.



Grow

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.

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 personal-

ize their faith and grow as a disciple. If you're interested, set up a Confirmation Launch meeting with Lindsey Schmidt. Our next confirmation weekend is November 3/4, 2018.

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY - WHO CAN COME TO WHAT?

Welcome new 6th graders and new freshman! The summer is a great time to move up into the new ministry areas and get to know other students! When an event says Middle School (MS), it's for all new 6th graders through outgoing 8th graders. When an event says High School (HS), it's for all new 9th graders and graduating 12th graders. New 9th graders, y'all get to do everything!!! (Summer Stretch is the only middle school ministry that isn't available to new 6th graders). Go to wlc youth.org to find summer events.

YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer 6th - 12th we will be exploring the first 5 books of the Bible (Torah). Summer Bible study is a great way to continue growing in your faith, seeing your friends, and eating weird foods! 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your Bible! June 13-August 15. Look for more details at wlc youth.org.

HIGH SCHOOL KAYAKING DAY TRIP

We'll head to the Kinnickinnic River in WI for some Kayaking on August 9, 10-5pm. Cost is \$20. Please bring a sack lunch, sunscreen, water bottle, a swimsuit because you're gonna get soaked (change of clothes for the ride back?), and a friend of course because they'll have a blast! Download and fill out the Kayaking **REQUIRED** WAIVER at wlc youth.org. Contact Patrick Brewer with questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

August 14, 6-8pm. 6th, 7th, & 8th graders its WATER night!! Grab your friends and come ready to get wet and bring a towel! (Inside activities if weather is bad). This is an all campus event held at the Valley Creek Campus. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt.

LIBERTY RIDGE YOUTH POOL PARTY

Liberty Ridge (LR) middle school and high school youth are having a pool par-

ty at the Boehme's house on August 22, 6:30-8:30pm. Bring a friend and have fun! Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Laura Stennes at stennesl@woodburylutheran.org.

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Wednesday night ministries for 6th-12th from start back up at the VC (LR campus meets at VC) and OH campuses on Sept. 12, 6-8:15pm. Watch for sign up information in August.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Paul Sears as he presents, "Clear Communication Can Boost Your Career" on August 9 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Kurt Thompson as he presents, "Tell Me About Yourself--Make a great first impression in the interview!" on August 23 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.



Reach

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

Special information meeting will be on Monday, October 15th in the Fireside Room beginning at 7:00pm. Led by Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer. Contact Pastor Paul at 651-261-3416 or paulrhoda@comcast.net



Serve

HIGH SCHOOL SERVE AT MIRACLE LEAGUE

HS youth will be volunteering with the East Metro Miracle League! EMLL is a baseball league for kids with special

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needs and it looks like a super fun way to serve! On Miracle League nights we'll help our buddies play the game and cheer them on! It's going to be great! Join us from 5:45-8pm on Monday's, August 6 and 13. Sign up and information at wlc youth.org.

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

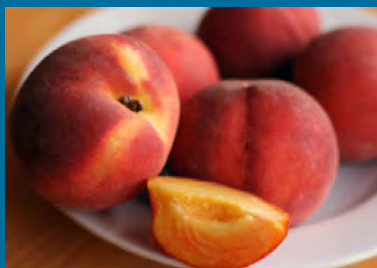
We are seeking volunteers who enjoy sewing to sew and assemble quilts for the Salvation Army on Tuesday mornings at the Valley Creek Campus. If interested, please contact Delores Fitzgerald at 651-738-1812.

GUSU SOCIAL 2018

Kirk Ingram (son of Brian & Theresa) invites you to the 2nd Annual Get Up Stand Up fundraiser! Join him on Friday, September 14th, Minneapolis Athletic Club, 5-8pm. Questions? Contact Kirk at info@gusu2cure.org

COLORADO PEACH FUND RAISER

Colorado Peaches are coming early August! If you ordered peaches, they are scheduled to arrive on Sunday August 5 at the Valley Creek Campus. You'll get a phone call to confirm date/time that weekend. Questions? Call the Retter's at 651-739-5326. Thanks for supporting our youth!



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR REV. DEAN NADASDY

Dean and Susie Nadasdy cordially invite you to attend a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving as Dean retires from fulltime pastoral ministry. The service will be held on Sunday, August 19, 4:00P, at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please send letters and cards to Debra Connolly at debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org or at Debra Connolly, Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306.



August 2018 Calendar

2 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

4 (V) Baptism Class

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

4 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

4 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 6:30am
Contact: Jeff Linert,
651-387-9428

6 (V) Monday Morning Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144

6 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

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

7 (V) Cancer Companions

Tuesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Vicki Strong,
651-208-4353

9 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

14 (V) All Campus Middle School Mania

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

19 (V) Healing Service

Sunday, 12:15pm
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144

19 (V) Retirement Service of Dean Nadasdy

Sunday, 3:00pm

22 (L) Carnival of Crafts

Wednesday, 10:30am
Contact: Laura Stennes,
651-739-5144

23 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

29 (V) Befriend Book Discussion 2

Wednesday, 1:00pm
Contact: Pastor Jon Kuehne,
651-739-5144

29 (O & V) Befriend Book Discussion 2

Wednesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Jon Kuehne,
651-739-5144

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9050 60th Street North
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Liberty Ridge Campus (L)
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Woodbury, MN 55129

St. Croix Campus (S)
Afton, MN 55001

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