

THE NEWS LETTER



December 2018

**Woodbury Lutheran Staff
Wish You All A Very Blessed
and Merry Christmas!**



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All Things New!

"Look, I am making everything new!"
-- Jesus (Revelation 21:5)

As a kid I remember a big deal always being made about going to heaven someday and rightly so, eternity is a long time! To that end I was told that it was really important that I said a specific prayer and that I had a personal relationship with Jesus so that when I died I would go to heaven. Like most kids I thought that the idea of heaven sounded pretty good so I was sure to say that prayer; many times over just to be sure, I was kind of a stinker (as most of you know!)

For many years this idea of someday going to heaven was good enough for me, but at some point I started to wonder what does that actually mean and two big questions came to light. First, if the whole goal of my life is to someday die so that I can go to heaven then what is the point of living? Second, if I am just waiting to die so I can escape and get to heaven I should probably know a little bit more about the place I am going to spend all eternity in - what will heaven be like? I get the idea of singing, but I am not sure that I want to or for that matter anyone else wants me singing for all eternity.

These two questions drove me to the Bible to search out more deeply what God has revealed to us both about this life and about heaven and what I found is that the two are intrinsically connected. In fact I would argue

that you cannot understand one without understanding the other. I have discovered that a Biblical understanding of the new heavens and the new earth has helped to give my current life meaning that I am not simply waiting to die so that one day I get to go to heaven.

This January we are going to start into a message series where we will dig into the relationship between our eternity and how that impacts our lives here and now. Here is an excerpt from **All Things New!**

What do you think of when you picture heaven.....Puffy clouds? White robes? Harps? Endless singing? What if our picture of heaven doesn't actually align with what Jesus teaches? What if we can recapture the truth that one day, Jesus will return to make All Things New—not All New Things. What if the very earth we walk on will be made like it was in the beginning? What if our bodies will be resurrected to be like the resurrected body of Jesus? What if heaven blows the doors off anything we have ever imagined? I have a hunch this would change the way we live right now.

His New Creation,
Pastor Tom



Weddings:

Erin Kowalke & Calvin Bowes

Baptisms:

Kairi Beth Snidraich
Harlee Jo Fernandez
Alyssa Faith Morningstar
Amelia Grace Morningstar
Ella Ruth Morningstar

Deaths:

Chris Ginkel ~ grandfather,
Willard Ginkel
Ted Ginkel ~ father, Willard
Ginkel
JoAnne Arndt ~ brother, Jerry
Larson
The Family of Jim Button
Mindy Follett ~ sister, Kerry
Severson
Judy Barrows ~ sister, Lois Florer
Julie Wolterstorff ~ father, Ger-
ald Kastens
The Family of Alden Nelson



“...tidbits from
that first
year...”

The History of Our Church WLC Scrapbook

As 2018 draws to a close, let this page of the newsletter end with a collection of church photos from the archives. Many of you will recognize the characters in these grainy shots. For those who don't, at least you can appreciate the wardrobe styles.

[Pictured: Vicky Amundson, Rhoda P., Juanita Vaaler – Pfotenhauer family: Paul, Rhoda, Patra, PJ, Tom's baptism – Judy & Herb Goetsch – Nina Runck, Tom & Juanita Vaaler, Dorothea O'Neil, Harry & Pat Touissant – Harry T., Gene Myer, Roy Kindberg, Henry Fenske – Marsha & Dick Kveton – Dan & Dorothea O'Neil]

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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What's Happening With Liberty Ridge Kids & Youth?

Kids and youth ministry at Liberty Ridge Campus is in its 2nd full year this year. As you walk in to church on a Sunday you might see: a high school student clicking the slides, kids hurrying with excitement to the flag for Kids LINK, adults from the congregation striking up a conversation with one of the youth, or kids of several different ages playing together in the lobby after the service. These are some of my favorite sights.

Here are some things we are celebrating since this past summer:

- We have held several Carnival of Crafts events, two in partnership with the Stonemill Farms Community Center. Kids and parents connected with other families from the community while making crafts and enjoying games together. The turnout and reception of these events has been encouraging.
- The Camp in the Park summer day camp engaged 1st-5th grade kids in outdoor activities, Bible stories, camp songs, crafts and more. Many of these kids were from the community. Campers were invited to sing two of their songs from camp in the next campus worship service.
- We have over 30 people helping with Kids and Youth Ministry across the campus!
- Kids LINK meets at 10:15 on Sundays. It has been exciting to see the kids of all ages coming together in friendship as they learn about God's big story.
- Several kids and youth serve at Liberty Ridge in roles including, Kids LINK small group leader, slide clicking, sound, ushers, greeters, Kids Care, set-up and tear-down. They are a valuable part of our team!
- On Wednesday nights Liberty Ridge youth gather along with Valley Creek campus for Foundations and Roots. On 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings youth and leaders gather before worship for Donuts and Devotions to connect as a community, do a devotion and pray together.
- At the end of October, Liberty Ridge middle school and high school youth and their families gathered for a meal around a campfire and some fun games.
- We are looking forward to our second campus Kids and Youth Christmas Program on December 9th during the 10:00 worship service. The kids and youth will share the story of Christ's birth through songs, narration, and a pageant.

~Laura Stennes, LR Kids & Youth Ministry Coordinator





“...Does your marriage need a physical?...”

Couples Check Up

I don't know about you but, do you get excited when your doctor announces it is time for a physical? Even the thought of it makes me anxious. Will there be bad news? Will there be judgment about diet, exercise or the lack thereof? Blood pressure, cholesterol or the dreaded question—when was your last colonoscopy?

I recently read an article entitled “Does Your Marriage Need a Physical?” For many marrieds, the thought of taking a close look at their marriage is frightening and something to be avoided. Several years ago, WLC offered the **Couples Checkup™**, an assessment tool for married couples to see where the strength and growth areas were in their marriages. Let's just say couples weren't exactly clamoring to get their marriages reviewed and participate in marriage enrichment follow-up. As I tried to “drum” up participation for the **Checkup** there was one repeated refrain, “We aren't interested. We know our struggles and nothing is going to change.”

Marriage is challenging. Disagreements, discouragement, loss of passion, finances, demands of parenting, and empty nesting can take a toll. Outside of the home, external pressures such as a heavy workload, retirement and over commitment can put a wedge in the marriage relationship. Just as an annual physical shows body changes and provides the doctor with direction for lifestyle modifications to maintain health, being aware of changes that occur in your marriage are equally important. This is where the **Couple Checkup™** can be helpful and worthwhile for your marriage.

Beginning January 10th 2019, all Woodbury Lutheran campuses will be partic-

ipating in the **Couple Checkup™** from PREPARE/ENRICH. For over 35 years, PREPARE/ENRICH has provided data-driven relationship insights that offer clarity, focus and a framework to show couples the work that is crucial for growth within their marriage. Couples taking the on-line assessment will receive confidential results on strength and growth areas in their marriage, as well as feedback on strengthening their relationship from PREPARE/ENRICH. Whether you are newly married or have been married for years, the assessment will give you guidance on ways to revitalize your marriage. **Watch the website and church announcements for more details.**

During the month of February, there will be **3 Dessert and Date Night** events on Sunday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at the Valley Creek Campus with guest speakers on **Communication** (February 10), **Understanding Marriage and Gender** (February 17), **Parenting and Marriage** (February 24). Childcare provided.

As you read this, I want you to know that I realize you could have the ideal marriage and think you might not need to learn how to love your spouse more. Or, maybe your marriage is struggling, but you'll figure it out on your own. Or, maybe your marriage is a wreck; you've grown apart and don't know how to fix it. I hope that you will join me, Pastor Tim and Care Ministries by taking advantage of this unique **Couple Checkup™** marriage growth opportunity.

Jane Dibbern is retired Director of Family Life at Woodbury Lutheran Church. She served WLC for 25 years in Kid's Ministry and Family Life Ministries. Jan worships at Woodbury Lutheran Oak Hill Campus and does Premarital Counseling and is a PREPARE/ENRICH facilitator.

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- This Thanksgiving, we are greatly thankful for all the servants who help make Liberty Ridge Campus possible, from hospitality to singing, to set-up and teardown, we are truly blessed by many wonderful and willing people. To God be the glory!
- We are looking forward to celebrating our second Christmas as the Liberty Ridge Campus. Our Kids LINK Christmas program will happen in worship on Sunday, December 9 and our Christmas Eve worship will take place at 3pm on Monday, December 24.
- Our campus is practicing loving where we live. We are thankful to help an in-need couple and they're from our community.
- We are excited to see an uptick in the number of new guests attending Liberty Ridge in the last month. We pray that God continues to lead people to Liberty Ridge through invitations and through seeing our signs.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.

OAK HILL UPDATES

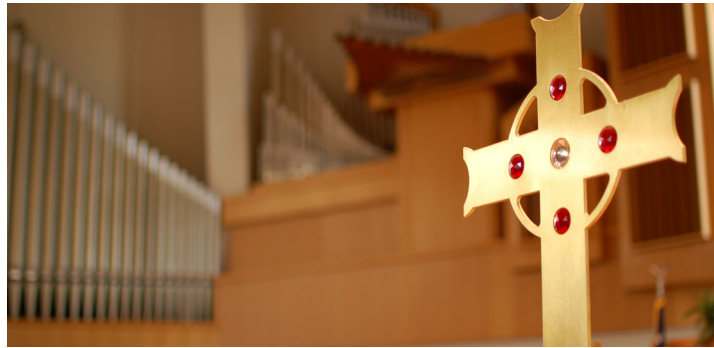
Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:

- Join us on December 16th at 4pm as the kids of Woodbury Lutheran Church- Oak Hill Campus celebrate the birth of our Savior. Live animals and an outdoor Nativity scene will bring the Christmas story to life! A 20 minute performance of "The Night of The Living Nativity Scene" will be followed by hot chocolate and cookies inside, and a chance to pet the animals. This is a free event. Invite your friends and family!
- This Christmas Eve the Oak Hill Choir will sing at the 3pm and 5pm services. Please contact Jyl Dunavan at dunavanj@woodburylutheran.org for more information or to get involved.
- For the 3rd year in a row, we served as a Drop-Off Site for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all those who served with Christ-like hearts!
- Our youth program continues to grow and impact the teens on campus. We are blessed to have an over 90% participation rate from our youth! Thanks to the youth leaders for all you do each week.
- Worship with us this Christmas! Christmas Eve: 3pm and 5pm; and Christmas Day: 10am.
- 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!

Kasey DeJonker
Wesley Dittman
Weston & Kristin Johnson,
Easton & Bennett
Brian Short
Rebecca Stahr



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- Work has begun replacing the roof over the sanctuary and the lobby. Crews will be at work, weather permitting, for 12-15 working days. We're thankful to be able to complete this big project this year.
- We welcomed 14 students across campuses as confirmed members on the weekend of November 3 and 4.
- Nearly 1,000 blessing bags filled with items for those in need were assembled and picked up at all campuses during services on November 18.
- Three classes of Woodbury Lutheran Preschool's Terrific Threes held their Thanksgiving Programs.
- We're looking forward to the Christmas Tree Lighting event on Friday, December 7. It will be an evening filled with fun, laughter, music, and the telling of the Christmas story.
- 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.



Need a New Study for Your Small Group? Look No Further!

Looking For a Book or Study for Your Small Group? Here's Some Options:

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING What if Jesus meant that we should love our actual neighbors? What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years?

ALONGSIDE - A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR IN THEIR TIME OF TRIAL Whether it's Cancer, death of a loved one, long-term illness or another significant challenge, we all know someone facing trial. We wonder, "What can I do to help?" This book will help answer those questions.

THESE FOUR STUDIES ARE SUGGESTIONS FOR EMPTY NESTERS:

GROWING OLDER & WISER by Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen You can't change the fact that you are getting older. And, indeed, you may not want to! Age brings many gifts and opportunities for continued growth. In nine study sessions, Dale and Sandy Larsen help you discover the Bible's perspective on aging. You'll discover how God can effectively and powerfully use those who have grown wiser with the passing years. This LifeGuide Bible Study in IVP's revised format features questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal reflection, as well as a new "Now or Later" section following each session to help you act on what you learn.

COURAGE FOR THE UNKNOWN SEASON Navigating What's Next with Confidence and Hope By Jan Silvius We all face seasonal changes. The passing years take us on journeys of change? Whether we want it or not. In *Courage for the Unknown Season*, Jan Silvius acts as a wise guide for those who find themselves in new seasons of life, offering perspective and practical insights to encourage the soul and offer hope.

A VERY PRESENT HELP Psalm Studies for Older Adults by Miriam Dunson Having found a strong correlation between themes in the psalms and the personal and spiritual issues that older adults deal with every day, Miriam Dunson selects ten of the best-known psalms for in-depth studies exploring issues of particular concern to older people. She opens avenues for study and reflection by including in each chapter a discussion of the psalm's background, its meaning, and how it relates to the lives of older persons.

BARBARA & SUSAN'S GUIDE TO THE EMPTY NEST Discovering New Purpose, Passion & Your Next Great Adventure – For women – You're done . . . but you're not finished! And one more thing. You're not alone. Is your nest empty except for a bundle of mixed emotions? As you grieve what's behind and daydream about possibilities, you'll feel young again, ready for new challenges and adventures. Yet you may not know what to pursue or how to discover what's next. Many women in this season of life wonder: Who am I now? And what should I do? What's next? Barbara and Susan can be the friends you need to walk you through these new experiences. They'll guide you to answers, and together you'll discover a new purpose and passion for your next life adventure.

Let me know if you'd like to do any of these studies. Mary Lehman lehmanm@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144 x201





Positions Open

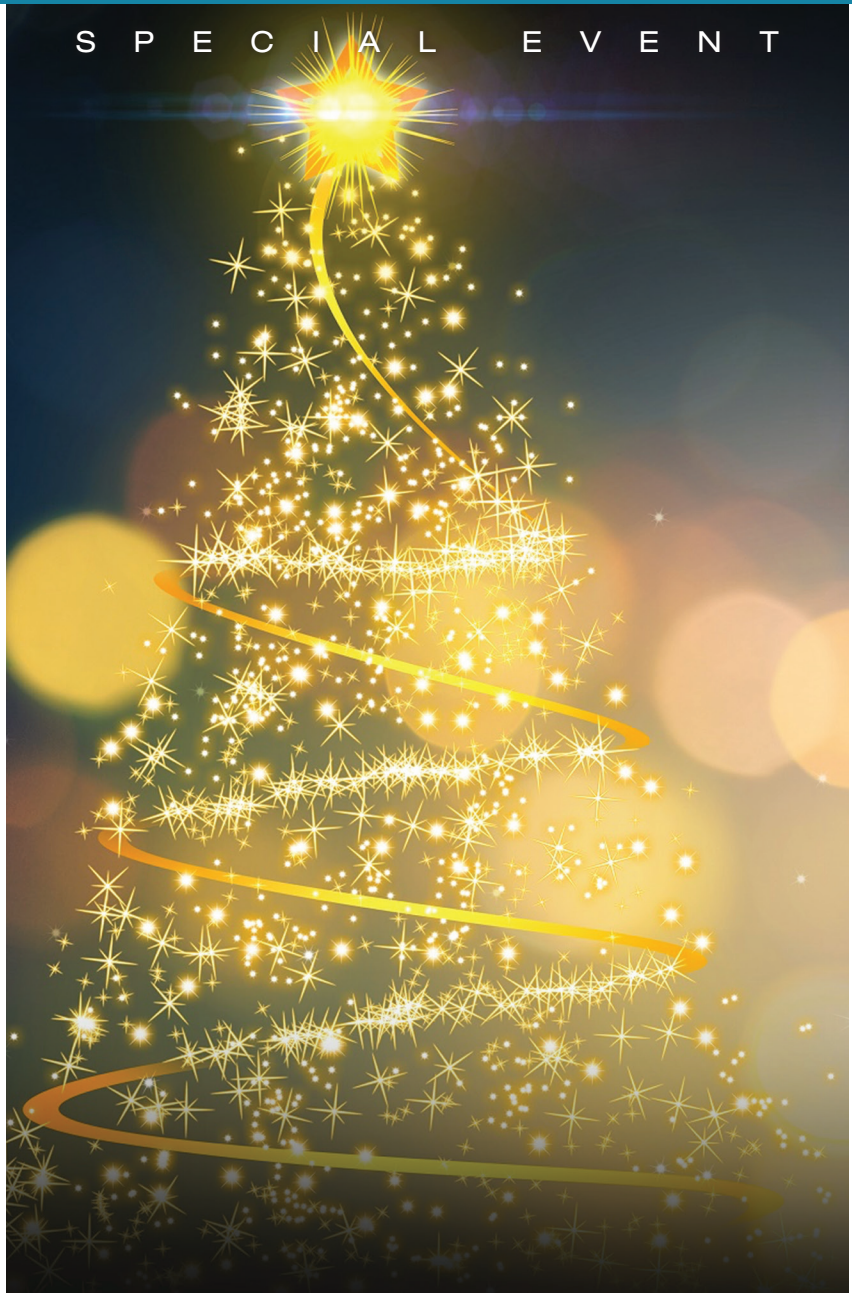
Robin's Nest Children's Home in Montego Bay, Jamaica is currently seeking candidates for an immediate opening for an On-site Assistant Director. On-site Director position in 2020 application process starting soon.

Robin's Nest is a Christ-centered atmosphere. Please see more information and apply at robinsnestchildrenshome.org.

S P E C I A L E V E N T

Join Us!

Hot Cocoa, Christmas
Cookies, Caroling and
More! Invite your
neighbors and friends!



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Friday, December 7th
6:30pm – 8:30pm
@ Valley Creek Campus



www.WoodburyLutheran.org



Christmas At Woodbury Lutheran Church

As you make your holiday plans over the next several weeks, we'd love for you to worship with us at one (or all!) of our three campuses. Below is a quick snapshot of all of the opportunities to be in fellowship here at WLC. All of it can be found at woodburylutheran.org.

LIBERTY RIDGE CAMPUS

(11395 Eagle View Blvd, Woodbury, MN 55129)

Holiday Worship Times:

- Sunday, 12/9 @ 10 am - Kids LINK Christmas Program
- Monday, 12/24 @ 3 pm - Christmas Eve Service Contemporary Family Service

OAK HILL CAMPUS

(9050 60th Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082)

Holiday Worship Times:

- Sunday, 12/16 @ 4 pm - Living Nativity - Kids LINK Christmas Program
- Monday, 12/24 @ 3 & 5 pm - Christmas Eve Service Candlelight Services
- Tuesday, 12/25 @ 10 am - Christmas Day Service

VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS

(7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125)

Holiday Worship Times:

- Sunday, 12/2 @ 1:30 pm - Matinee - The Star Family movie screening
- Friday, 12/7 @ 6:30 pm - Christmas Tree Lighting Event
- Thursday, 12/20 @ 7 pm - Pre-Christmas Eve Service (Live Stream)
- Monday, 12/24, 2018 - 1 pm - Christmas Eve Family, Contemporary Service - Sanctuary (ASL) (Live Stream); 3 & 5 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Services - Sanctuary (Live Stream); 11 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary (ASL) (Live Stream)
- Tuesday, 12/25 @ 10 am - Christmas Day Service (ASL) (Live Stream)

Heart to Heart: As Your Parents Age

Some conversations are too important to wait. Now's the time for a heart-to-heart about your parent's goals, wishes and potential needs—so you can all be ready.

Join us on **Sunday, January 13th** as you explore the impact care-giving can have on relationships and finances and how to start conversations about aging with your loved ones. This workshop will be held at the **Valley Creek Campus 3-5pm in the Fireside Room**. Questions? Contact Brad Miller at 651-739-5144 or millerb@woodburylutheran.org.



Join us for:

World Prayer Dive!

Tuesday,
December 4th
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Family Center
Room, Valley Creek
Campus
(lower level)

Talk to Brad Miller
for more informa-
tion (331-442-7654)



The Art of Parenting!

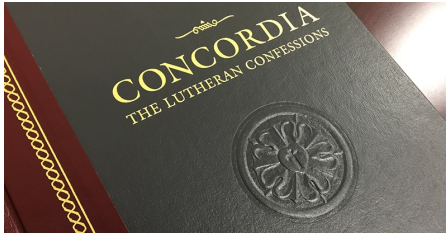
What is the aim of your parenting? What should be the aim of your parenting?

Whether you are expecting your first child, or have a quiver full of them, please consider joining a group of us for a study through Family Life's excellent "Art of Parenting".

- Dates: Ten Sundays, starting January 20, 2019, ending Sunday March 24, 2019.
- Where: the Family Room on the lower level of Valley Creek campus.
- Time: Sundays morning, 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
- Leaders: Scott & Joy Ostrom
- Cost: \$0 for the first 10 to sign up, after that \$10 per person (\$20 per couple)

This will be an interactive video series. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2D-Q7GRa>

Class Opportunities This December:



Lutheran Confessions

Scripture calls us to confess the truth of Jesus to the rest of the world, but what truth do we actually confess? If we say we believe in the message of Scripture, what is that message of Scripture and how should it play out in our lives as the body of Christ? During the Reformation the Augsburg Confession was used by Lutherans to

confess what they believed to be true to the rest of the world, and the Augsburg Confession still stands as the confession of many Lutherans today. In this class we'll spend time looking at the Augsburg Confession and its connection to Scripture as we wrestle with the truth we believe and how we live that truth out. We hope you'll join in on the discussion.

Class times and locations: Sundays 9:30-10:30am (VC Genesis Room), Sundays 9:00-9:45 (LR Back Hallway), Wednesdays 10:00am-11:30am (OH Fellowship Hall)

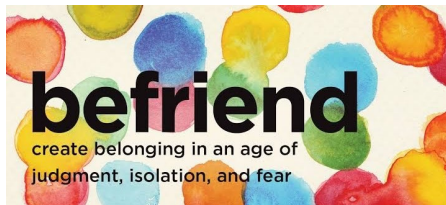


Creation, Evolution, and the New Age

What does the Bible say about our existence? No matter what you believe, you're invited to join leaders Herb Goetsch and Stone Sterling for this class as we dig into Scripture and into the 'science' behind those who say we evolved from nothing. Through discussion

and scientific resources this class will help give you tools at your fingertips (smartphone or laptop) that you and your children can use in the midst of those who might challenge our faith in a living God, Creator of all things.

Class times and locations: Sundays 9:30-10:30am (VC Lower Level: Family Center)



Befriending

What do relationships look like as we follow Jesus? In our world today there are friendships of all kinds. Yet in the church and in the world, people struggle making relationships with people who are different from them in some way. Join Jane Dibbern as she leads this discus-

sion on what befriending might look like for disciples of Jesus. Each week we will highlight a different group we might struggle to befriend (based on Scott Sauls' book, *Befriend*) and look at a Biblical model for loving those around us.

Class times and locations: Sundays 9:15-10:15am (OH Church Office)

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WHY GOD?



DECEMBER 2-23, 2018

Why God? Why believe? Perhaps we don't need God. Perhaps we do. Perhaps we should talk about it.

Week 1 | Dec. 1-2

- **Title :: Holes in the Parachute**
- **Readings**
 - Primary Reading :: Isaiah 9:2-6
 - *Key Verse :: Isaiah 9:2*
 - Secondary Reading :: Job 38:19-20, 22-27, 34-38

Why God? More Americans than ever are backing away from religion...and God. Yet whenever we walk away from something we move toward something else. Maybe the better question is: did the god we believed in ever exist in the first place?

WEEK 2 | Dec. 8-9

- **Title :: More than a Story**
- **Readings**
 - Primary Reading :: Matthew 1:18-25
 - Key Verse :: Matthew 1:21
 - Secondary Reading :: Luke 2:1-5

“Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.” Many of us learned that when we were young. But is it true? How do we know?

WEEK 3 | Dec. 15-16

- **Title :: The God of Jesus**
- **Readings**
 - Primary Reading :: 1 John 4:9-16
 - *Key Verse :: 1 John 4:16b*
 - Secondary Reading :: Isaiah 40:1-5

For ages and ages tribes and nations defined God based on the pain and suffering in the world. Christianity declares something completely different. Who’s right? Maybe we can agree that God exists, but who is God?

WEEK 4 | Dec. 22-23

- **Title :: Injustice for All**
- **Readings**
 - Primary Reading :: John 1:9-12
 - *Key Verse :: John 1:11*
 - Secondary Reading :: Matthew 2:13-18

How can a good God allow bad things to happen? It’s a good question. We don’t like injustice when we see it or experience it. Yet what is just or unjust? Who gets to define justice?

FOR UNTO US

A Child Is Born

This time of year is especially joyous as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The word *Messiah* means “anointed one” in Hebrew. It’s amazing how many people who celebrate Christmas don’t actually believe that Jesus is the anointed one—God in the flesh. But when you look into it, the evidence is truly overwhelming! Consider the prophecies of the Old Testament as an example.

To begin with, Old Testament prophecies regarding Messiah were written anywhere from 400 to 1000 years before His birth. It is generally agreed that at least 40 prophecies reliably speak of the Messiah—and Jesus fulfilled all of them! No other religion or religious leader can claim such an incredible number of fulfilled prophecies. For this reason, either the New Testament accounts are fabricated or Jesus is who He says He is. The New Testament manuscripts are historically reliable eyewitness accounts. The possibility of uneducated disciples forming and maintaining an extremely complex lie is simply unreasonable.

In addition, the odds of a person randomly fulfilling just eight of the Old Testament prophecies are 1 in 10 to the 28th power, rendering chance **virtually impossible**. These abundant, fulfilled prophecies have become one of the lines of evidence proving that Jesus is who He said He is. The validation of fulfilled prophecies regarding His birth and life gives great credibility to the prophecies of His resurrection as well (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 22:19-23).

The Old Testament foretells the arrival of the Messiah before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. Daniel 9:24-26 indicates that from the time that the captive Jews were commanded to return and rebuild Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1-8), the Messiah would be presented to Israel 483 years later, or about 33 AD, when He entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

HEAR IT

Read Isaiah 53 as a family (The Living Bible, NIV, or The Message might be more understandable to small children).

DISCUSSION

1. Verse 2 indicates that Jesus was not a handsome man. Why do you think that is?
2. What does it mean to you that He was crushed for our iniquities and by His stripes we are healed? (v. 5).
3. Isaiah tells us that all of us have gone astray and gone our own way. What does that mean to you? Did Jesus die for everyone?

DO IT

4. On each day of the 12 days before Christmas, read one Old Testament prophecy and its New Testament fulfillment as a family and discuss.
5. Contact local community services (Salvation Army, food banks, rescue missions, etc.) and find a way to serve together as a family.

by Dr. Mark Dawson

Mark has pursued “reasonable faith” throughout his life. Recently, he retired as a physician specializing in internal medicine and took certificate courses in Christian apologetics from Biola University. He has been teaching apologetics to various groups, including DLA students, elementary students, and an adult life group at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, CO. He and his wife, Rosemary, live in Colorado Springs and have three children and eight grandchildren.

Taken from the December 2018 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.



Short Term Mission Experience
Quito, Ecuador
July 22nd- August 1st, 2019



Once again, we will be partnering with our friends in Christ at two ministry sites: Casa Gabriel and Casa Adalia. Our main priority is to build new and strengthen existing relationships with the residents and staff of the homes. We will also aid in home improvement projects, working side by side with the residents and staff.

Casa Gabriel:

Vision: To see youth at risk become successful Christian leaders in their home, church, community & world.

Mission: to provide holistic training to former street boys, enabling them to achieve their God-given potential as leaders & disciples of Jesus Christ.

Casa Adalia:

Vision: To provide hope, purpose & freedom for young women who have been rescued from the sex trade &/or vulnerable situations so they can experience emotional, physical & spiritual healing and discover their value & purpose as daughters of the King.

Mission: Provide a 'next step' home for young women & their children who desire to pursue a new life in God through holistic & intentional training.

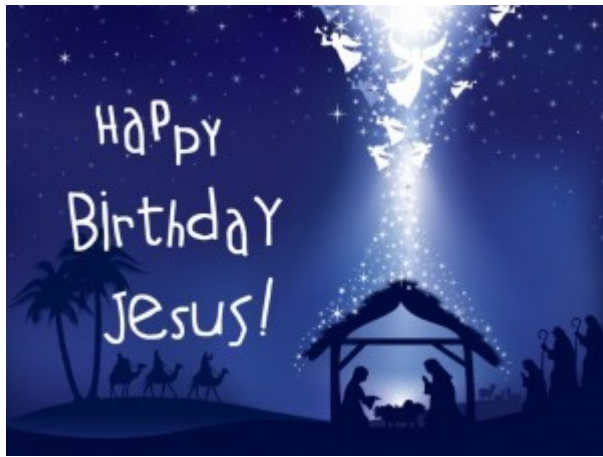
To learn more about Casa Gabriel, visit:

www.casagabriel.com

To learn more about Casa Adalia, visit:

www.casaadalia.net

***This experience is open to adults, and youth who are at least 17 years old accompanied by a parent/guardian. Online applications will be open December 15th, 2018- February 15th, 2019. If you are interested in learning more, contact Ann Gibbs at 612-991-6471.



***Merry Christmas from the staff and children of
Woodbury Lutheran Preschool!***

We're honored that we are a part of the blessings that God gifts Woodbury Lutheran Church with. We love growing each day as we learn more and we also know that Jesus blesses our work and play.

We hope that the joy of Jesus is with you as we celebrate His birthday.



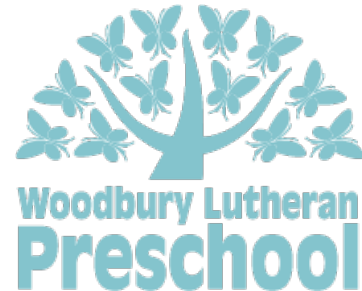
Woodbury Lutheran Church Families

We want you to know that you do have a priority registration window that opens in early January!

We're happy to meet with you in December as you begin to plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

Reminder

Contact us to learn more! 651-739-5146



You're Invited!



Join us for The Shepherd's Christmas

Our High 5's Christmas Program will be an opportunity to hear about the shepherd's story of the first Christmas.

Friday, December 7th at 1pm
Valley Creek Campus –Genesis



Long Term Substitute Teaching Opening

Our teacher's families are growing and we need some help while they are home with their new babies.

- Monday-Wednesday-Friday 8:30-1:00 Teacher Aide Opening
- Position available March-end of school year (late May)

Includes the support of classrooms through snack prep and clean-up as well lunch time supervision of students.

Contact Sara Mulso for more details.

mulsos@woodburylutheran.org

651-739-5146



Open House & Family Fun Night

Tuesday, January 15th

6:00-7:30pm

NEW FAMILIES MAY ENROLL FOR 2019-20

Featuring Music Band:
P & V Jammers

Face Painting Games Craft Activities Treats Tour Classrooms Meet Staff

Questions? Contact Sara Mulso mulsos@woodburylutheran.org 651-739-5146

preschool.woodburylutheran.org
Friends and neighbors welcome!



STEVEN YEUN GINA RODRIGUEZ ZACHARY LEVI KEEGAN-MICHAEL KEY KELLY CLARKSON
PATRICIA HEATON KRISTIN CHENOWETH AND TRACY MORGAN TYLER PERRY OPRAH WINFREY

THE STAR

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



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IT TAKES MANY TAILS TO TELL THE GREATEST STORY EVER

Place: WLC– Valley Creek Campus, Genesis Room Admission: Free

Date/Time: 12/2/18 @ 1:30pm

Rated: PG for Thematic Content

**Bring a blanket and cozy up for an afternoon with popcorn, family fun
and the greatest story ever told!**

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December

1	Julie Fett	Pixie Anderson	Steve Lauderbaugh	Dawn Radecki	Michael Myers	28	Brooks Anderson	
	Elaina Hane	Lucy Beane	Christopher Londino	18	Janeth Nicandro		Justin Gehring	
	Emelia Johnson	John Bystrzycki	Jan Lyson		Dan Peterson		Laura Harelstad	
	Bob Kamrath	Cindy Carmona	Len Neutz		24	Michelle Anderson	Danielle Hoel	
	Joe Kroohn	Matt Christopherson	Austin Schletty		Anna Cartier		Midori Howard	
	Madeline Taylor	Keegan Deilke	Larry Smith		Nancy Erickson		Cassidy Huebner	
2	Mike Anderson	Travis Ginn	Jacky Stoddard	19	Jared Goerlitz		Arline Kenow	
	Rachel Carr	Joyce Moran	13	Brian Cartier	Oliver Herian		Steve Knutson	
	Joel Feldkamp	Franciso Penalzoa	Connor Charlson		Lucille Johnson		Drew Lanz	
	Alison Kurth	Knox Richardson	Jill Connolly		Brian Mueller		Jamie Linert	
	Samuel Nassios	Elizabeth Sofie	Derek Fong		Evelyn Peltier		Nick Moody	
	Alexandra Retica	Tom Danner	Fiona Frost		Holly Rome		Dan Moris	
3	Benjamin Beucler	Scott Tuman	Joey Murphy		Miki Schneider		Dawn Osladil	
	Roxy Bjornson	Elli LeClair	Steve Retter		Debra Varin		Harry Rensenbrink	
	Tatum Brigl	Jerry Rowe	Myia Schuessler		Ron Vogt		Liz Thompson	
	Landon Graham	Mayonne Benson	Francis Shugg		25	Carol Doyle	29	Nev Crowther
	Jordan Holmquist	Kevin Esboldt	Tom Vaaler		Tara Huppert		Annmarie Gibbs	
	Alen Jepson	Jennifer Hamann	14	Kenna Bass	Thomas St. Jacque		Trecie Horner	
	Jan Karlstrand	Lisa Lodermeier	Sue Chad		Marj Starner		Aiden Loeffler	
	Kimberly Koreltz	Mary Maroney	Brandon Crist		Shaina Strong		Cara Lutes	
	Scott McNally	Katie Whitemarsh	Katie Dailey		Tom Tibbetts		Alicia McGuire	
	Shirley Schelling	Mary Zarnke	Paul Grizzell	20	Rhonda Topp		Herb Morsching	
	Ethan Stork	Jennifer Achterling	Chris Kroohn		Elliott Walther		Tom Roeller	
4	Rich Ahlquist	Elijah Bohren	Elizabeth Leis		26	Michele Atkinson	30	Norah Wesser
	Marie Haukland	Jan Braun	Freya Sinclair		Mark Carlson		Paula Dikken	
	Nicholas Haut	Benjamin Clappier	Richard Stehr		Emmanuel Choragudi		Harper Frechette	
	Trinity Hobot	Sally Dunn	Don Thaemert		Gerald Coates		Beth Heintz	
	John Horner	Carol Hadrits	Alexander Trujillo		Rajesh Kulandesu		Amy Lanz	
	Haidyn Kennedy	Evan Korsgren	Ella Wesser		Scott Larson		Peter Miner	
	Parker Krause	Samuel Larson	15	Wes Bolin	Linda McCuskey		Jerry Moran	
	Jim Manship	Scott Rizzardi	Gavin Cowles	21	Brent Meissner		Dean Nadasdy	
	John Rothchild	Joseph Salava	Elise Dittmann		Hunter Parker		Maureen Nelson	
	Lindsey Woods	Eric Sandrock	Mary Emerson		Kristin Retica		Jeannie Parks	
5	Carlos Carmona	Parker Theis	Brad Fisher		Steven Spaudie		Paul Pflieger	
	Max Danner	Susan Wildman	Keegan Lien		Linda Tank		Dave Reynolds	
	Jake Hove	Peg Albrecht	Lucy Whitemarsh		Lauren Trachy		31	Taelyn Albrecht
	Joshua Mertens	Brenda Bertram	16	Betty Fockler	27	Max Buchholz		Mary Brandmire
	Katie Peltier	Derek Hegna	Henry Gimble		Tim Buchholz		Logan Delaney	
	Jerry Swanson	Diann Lindeman	Mark Reagan		Andrew Dolan		Natalie Feldkamp	
	Catherine Winters	Dick Lindemeier	Charlotte Sonn		Rachel Eastenson		Rick Hoffman	
6	Ann Crist	Becca Hohenstein	Aaron Voth	22	Julie Fisher		Adrian Kjelshus	
	Beverly Herr	Guinevere Marth	Nicholas Wolsky		Troy Hanisch		Sheri Lewis	
	Laurel Hannula	Jerry Schmidt	17	Gerald Bohrer	Nathalie Hauge		Peyten Pfothenauer	
	Kaden Hanson	Sandi Bloomquist	John Jeevanandam		Larry Knoepfel		Marilyn Ruzich	
	Charles Herian	Delford Bystzycki	Brad Johnson	23	Karen Rheinberger			
	Steve Lindeman	Marissa Jagger	Chuck McDonald		Garrett Sabatke			
7	Marcie Anderson	Carter Kush	John McKinley		Amy Schlichenmaier			
					Wendv Sikorski			

& Anniversaries

1	Bradley & Amie Butler	Ron Vogt & Shirley Yates	26	Dave & Krista DeZeeuw	Robert & Jo Youngquist
2	Todd & Sheryl Breiholz	12	Jerry & MaryAnne Linser	30	Austin & Megan Dyck
	Owen & Nancy McDonagh	13	Del & Liz Anderson		David & Beth Johnson
4	Dan Quiros & Joyce Biagini		Eric & Cassie Bridenbecker		Justin & Kelly Mack
5	Patrick & Margaret Clagherty		Eldon & Sandy Engen		Steven & Yvonne Neils
	Gerald & Joyce Moran	15	Mike & Lori Charron	31	Jerry & Jeannie Backlund
6	Roger & Cheryl Olstad	17	Todd & Jodee Watanabe		Gerald & Kristine Bohrer
	Rick & Diane Theissen	18	Joel & Lucy Mba-Ngué		Matthew & Julianne Gage
9	Tom & Sara Murphy	19	Steve & Shannon Schach		Nick & Michelle Sabatke
	Jim & Kathie Widen	22	Bob & Suzanne Horning		
11	Daniel & Lyn Foley	23	Larry & Kally Lombard		



Worship

HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on December 16 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

TEXT TO GIVE

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

ONLINE GIVING

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

STOCK DONATIONS

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



Grow

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for this low pressure DVD bible study where all ages, genders and re-

lationships are welcome. The topics focus on God's continuous presence and promises in our lives. Contact: Michael Zenner, 651-592-9435.

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

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

ALL CAMPUS NIGHT AT VALLEY CREEK.

On Wednesday, December 12 youth from ALL 3 campuses will gather at the Valley Creek campus for a fun night together! We'll play ridiculous games, take silly photos, and celebrate the JOY we have in Jesus! The evening runs from 6:00-8:15pm. All students should meet and get picked up at Valley Creek.

WEDNESDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Wednesday night ministries for 6th-12th meets at the VC and OH campuses (LR youth attend at VC or OH) from 6-8:15pm. We meet on Wednesdays for games, Bible teaching, and small group community. Register online: wlc youth.org. There will be no small group programming on December 19 & 26. Classes will resume on Jan. 2. Merry Christmas!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING(NYG)

The gathering will be in Minneapolis, July 10-15, 2019! Registration is open to current 8th-12th graders. Interested? To find out more go to wlc youth.org and to see if there are spots still available please contact Patrick Brewer directly.

ALL CAMPUS SNOW TUBING

6th-12th graders from all campuses grab your friends and come ready to go snow tubing, December 19, 6:00-8:30pm. Come to VC Campus to ride the bus to Bad Lands Sno Park in Hudson WI. OH kids meet at 6pm to carpool from the Oak Hill Campus. Cost is \$10. SIGN UP at wlc youth.org. Contact: Patrick Brewer. (This event is in place of our regu-

larly scheduled Wednesday night small groups).

ALL CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

Join us at the OH Campus: 6:30-8:30pm on Friday, January 4. We're going to be playing some glow in the dark games! 6-8th graders from all campuses won't want to miss it! Free! Friends welcome.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

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

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Nathan Perez as he orchestrates a "Speed Networking " event on December 13, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

A Bible Study group for adults with different disabilities and meets at the VC campus. The group develops relationships, trust, and fulfillment in scripture and God's will for us. This is a Bible-based study. We do require aides to stay with the participants. A typical evening opens with prayer, a question, verse, song, or word that brings conversation and attachment to a biblical teaching. For dates and times please contact Maureen at 612-719-0661.

Getting Connected



Reach

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

Led by Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer. Contact Pastor Paul at 651-261-3416 or paulrhoda@comcast.net



Serve

MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

EAGER HANDS QUILTERS

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

CHRISTIAN CLOSET

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

SERVANTS NEEDED! CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLEBEARERS(VC)

All youth 6th-12th and adults, we need 32 Christmas Eve (December 20) and Christmas Eve (December 24) candlebearers this year! It's a great way to serve our church family and create an incredible worship environment for those who come to worship with us. Candlebearers carry in candles at the beginning of the service and read a brief prayer before helping light the congregation's candles before we sing silent night. We need 8 folks at all 4 of the service times. Dec 20: 7pm, Dec 24: 3, 5, 11pm. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 16 at 12pm, meet by the lounge outside of the Sanctuary at the Valley Creek Campus.

SUMMER YOUTH SERVANT EVENTS

Youth Servant Events for summer 2019 have been announced! Come and join us as we 'MinneSERVEta' this summer. Middle School Summer Serve Event will be June 9-12, 2019 in Rochester MN, cost is \$100. Contact Lindsey Schmidt with questions. High School Summer Serve Event will be June 16-21, 2019 at Camp Lebanon, Burtrum MN, cost is \$175 (NYG discount available). Contact Patrick Brewer with questions. Go to wlc youth.org and click on mission experiences to sign up for one of these great service opps!

KIDS AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

All are invited to join us as the kids and youth of Liberty Ridge Campus share the story of Jesus' birth. It will be on December 9, during the 10am worship service. Please contact Laura Stennes at stennesl@woodburylutheran.org with questions.

December 2018 Calendar

1 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

1 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

1 (V) Baptism Class

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

2 (V) Matinee - The Star

Sunday, 1:30pm
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

3 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

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

4 (V) World Prayer Dive

Tuesday, 6:00pm
Contact: Brad Miller,
651-39-5144 x209

5 (V) Women of the Word

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

5 (V) Mitten Ladies

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

6 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

6 (O) Women of the Word

Thursdays, 1:00pm
Contact: Mary Lehman
651-739-5144 x201

7 (V) All Campus Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, 6:30pm
Contact: Joel Wetzstein,
651-39-5144 x205

9 (L) Kids LINK Christmas Program

Sunday, 10:00am
Contact: Laura Stennes
651-739-5144 x242

13 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

16 (O) Living Nativity

Sunday, 4:00pm
Contact: Molly Schulze,
651-739-5144 x332

20 (V) Pre-Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, 7:00pm

24 (L) Christmas Eve Service

Monday, 3:00pm

24 (O) Christmas Eve Service

Monday, 3:00pm & 5:00pm

24 (V) Christmas Eve Service

Monday, 1:00pm, 3:00pm,
5:00pm & 11:00pm

25 (O) Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, 10:00am

25 (V) Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, 10:00am

25 (O & V) Offices Closed

Tuesday, All Day

THE NEWS LETTER

Want more events?

Visit woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com

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7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

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

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

St. Croix Campus (S)
Afton, MN 55001

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