

# THE NEWS LETTER



February 2018

## To Fast

*To those with which I share the common struggle, I pray this blesses you... again - Mary Lehman*

*"To Fast" by Christine Valters Painter*

I am called to fast from being strong and always trying to hold it all together, and instead embrace the profound grace that comes through my vulnerability and tenderness, to allow a great softening this season.

I am called to fast from anxiety and the endless torrent of thoughts which rise up in my mind to paralyze me with fear of the future, and enter into the radical trust in the abundance at the heart of things, rather than scarcity.

I am called to fast from speed and rushing through my life, causing me to miss the grace shimmering right here in this holy pause.

I am called to fast from multitasking and the destructive energy of inattentiveness to any one thing, so that I get many things done, but none of them well, and none of them nourishing to me. Instead my practice will become a beholding of each thing, each person, each moment.

I am called to fast from endless list-making and too many deadlines, and enter into the quiet and listen for what is ripening and unfolding, what is ready to be born.

I am called to fast from certainty and trust in the great mystery of things.

And then perhaps, I will arrive at Easter and realize those things from which I have fasted I no longer need to take back on again. I will experience a different kind of rising.



WOODBURY  
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# Celebrate!

*“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*

As we begin to journey through 2018 and the first of two years in our **Multiply** initiative, I wanted to share a few thoughts and observations with you. At WLC we have had several capital campaigns over the years and they all have helped to move our church forward in some significant ways, but never once did we reach the financial goal of the campaign, we always came up a little short.

**I am so excited that we have 477 pledges towards Multiply. When you take the amount pledged along with the expected giving over the next two years we are on pace to blow away our goal of \$8.4 million dollars and be closer to \$9 million dollars.** Of course the work is just starting and now we have to follow through on where God is leading us. To help us stay on track you will notice a few things over the coming weeks and months:

1. We will keep you updated on how things are going and what is being accomplished on a weekly, monthly and quarterly basis through a variety of platforms. Expect to see updates in the bulletin, in worship, in newsletters, in special mailings and in videos.
2. Remember that **Multiply** is one fund, meaning that everything we do ministry wise is included in Multiply. We are working hard at understanding the best way to use the resources that God is blessing

us with and know that we will be conservative and flexible in our approach as we apply funds in:

## **MULTISITE INVESTMENT**

**- \$1.1 Million**

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

## **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.

## **TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES**

**- \$4.5 Million**

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

## **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.

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

Following Jesus,  
Pastor Tom





“A church is born!”

## The History of Our Church WLC Scrapbook

Fifty years ago, in a township far, far from Ottawa, Canada, a new church was chartered within the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Here is how the story unfolded:

1965 – Our synod purchases five acres of land on Valley Creek Road in the Township of Woodbury.

- At that time, Woodbury has a population of 5000, but substantial growth is forecast.
- There is nothing but pasture on the lot. An old house sits next door on Queens Drive.
- No church building will be constructed until 1969.

1967 – Pastor Paul Pfothauer and his wife Rhoda are called to plant a new church in Woodbury.

- They leave their church in Ottawa, Canada, and drive their aging car to Woodbury, Minnesota.
- As they drive across the St. Croix River, they place their success firmly in God’s hands.
- Young Pastor Paul spends the summer and fall canvassing the nearby neighborhoods.
- His car leaks oil. His Mickey Mouse watch grabs attention. His personality is warm.
- The first church service is held on November 5th at Royal Oaks Elementary School.
- The church has no name yet. 150 people attend.

1968 – Articles of Incorporation are adopted in January by the new church council.

- Almost a hundred charter members are welcomed into the new church.
- A church is born!



# Ministry Planning Team Begins Work on Long-Range Ministry Plan

It's the start of a new year and the start of our next 50 years at WLC. We begin this new year with thankful hearts for God's blessing on His ministry among us. As good stewards of those blessings the Church Council has chartered a team to update our long-range ministry plan. With our Mission, Vision, Values and Discipleship Path as our guide, the team will work together with the congregation, staff and the Pastors to discern God's leading and set goals for the next 5-7 years.

With Scripture as our foundation and in a posture of humility, commitment, and trust the Ministry Planning Team will:

- Conduct an assessment of all current ministries
- Perform a congregational survey (REVEAL for Multi-site) and individual ministry input sessions
- Evaluate community demographics, and research ministry trends to identify focus areas and new ministry opportunities
- Utilize task forces to assess options for the St. Croix campus and next generation Multi-site ministry
- Develop overall and individual ministry level SMART goals
- Complete a long-range budget, staffing plan, and facilities plan to support achievement of our goals

Members of the team include John Foster (chair), Charlie Wesser, Renee Boehme, Kim Hughes, Joel Symmank, Mark Stutelberg, Pastor Jon, Pastor Tom, and Vicar Christian.

To launch this effort, **we invite you to join in the process** by completing the Reveal Spiritual Health Survey online. This is the same survey we completed in 2009 as part of our last ministry planning process and it has now been updated for multi-site churches. The survey goes live on Sunday, February 4th and is available for two weeks. We need everyone to join in and share their insights!

Proverbs 16:3 tells us to "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." We're committed, and we also invite you to pray for the team and the process, and as you are led to **share your thoughts with the team in person or via an email** established for this work at [WLCplan@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:WLCplan@woodburylutheran.org)

In Christ,  
John Foster  
Ministry Planning Team, Chair





## Weddings:

Maggie Haug & Patrick Svoboda

## Baptisms:

Nevalynn Nora Peasley  
Mara Elizabeth DePalma  
Freya Joanna Sinclair  
Blake Easton Nelson  
Oliver Theo Weisbrich

## Deaths:

Wayne & Twyla Franzen ~  
granddaughter, Amanda Franzen  
Jill Christopherson ~  
grandmother, Jeri Sullivan  
The Family of Roger Remer  
Ralph Eskridge ~ brother, Michael Eskridge  
Marlene Otterson ~ nephew, Kevin Paulson

## Service Times at WLC:

Saturdays at Valley Creek:  
Contemporary, 5pm

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

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

Sundays at Liberty Ridge  
Contemporary 10:00am

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“...The Christ child was born weak and helpless...”

## Why Camp Cherith?

I have recently read a book called, “Start with Why.” The basic premise of the book is that companies starting with their “why” are much more successful than companies starting with their “what” and “how.” Southwest Airlines is an excellent example of this. Have you seen their recent commercial with the tagline, “You are free to move about the country.” Believe it or not, that is their “why.”

Southwest Airlines entered the airline industry in the 1970’s when the market was already competitive and only 15% of Americans traveled by plane. That didn’t matter to them because they weren’t going after the 15%; they were going after the other 85%. Had you asked Southwest in the 1970’s who their competition was, they would have told you cars and buses. Their “why” is clear, they wanted to make airline travel affordable for the average Joe. Southwest has and still is the most profitable airline and this all begs a question:

what is Camp Cherith’s “why?”

Why do we exist, why do we have staff that drive three hours north for minimal pay or no pay at all to hang out with over 600 campers every summer? Why do we wake up at 7am for our staff meetings, followed by a full day serving campers, until finally we lay our heads on our pillow at 11pm totally exhausted? Then we actually wake up the next morning and do it all over again, and again, and again, all summer long! Some staff work for only one week and at the end of their service they drive three hours back to the city, calling each other on the phone so they don’t fall asleep at the wheel. WHY?

Our WHY: “Christ in every phase of life.” We believe that providing campers an outstanding experience filled with laughter, fun, and solid biblical teaching can change their life forever. We believe that if campers make a decision to put their trust in Christ and commit their life to

him, Christ will seep into every part of their life. We believe that Christ brings forgiveness, healing, power, and wisdom that will be a light unto our camper’s path and lamp unto their feet. We believe in “Christ in every phase of life.”

On behalf of the many staff and campers impacted every summer, we want to thank Woodbury Lutheran Church for your faithful generosity. Our camp would not be where it is today without you! Your support continues to create a great camping experience for kids so they can learn about a God that wants to be in every part of their life. CHRIST IN EVERY PHASE OF LIFE! That’s why we show up at camp year after year!

~Rob Soctt  
BW1 Director, Camp Cherith

# Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

## LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

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

- We were excited to have over 130 people at our Christmas Eve worship service--our highest attendance since launching.
- On February 4 we will celebrate our one year anniversary as a church. We are thankful for God's guidance and leadership in the last year.
- We are starting to plan a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at Liberty Ridge Elementary School that will take place this spring.
- As a congregation, we continue to unify our prayers asking that God would bring in five families from the surrounding area to become part of the Liberty Ridge campus. We invite you to pray with us as we ask God to move in a mighty way.
- 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:*

- We celebrated two baptisms in January. Welcome to the family of God, Nevalynn and Freya!
- The Oak Hill Campus was the host for the all campus middle school lock-in. We had more than 20 students and adult leaders take over for a night of fun, community building and of course, Jesus!
- We continually thank God for the support of lay leaders and the staff of WLC. Thank you for your encouragement as we prayerfully consider who God is leading to be our next campus pastor.
- 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.



## Confirmation Students:

Chase Ashby  
Dylan Hughes  
Joe Kroohn  
Rachel Mergens  
Hunter Parker  
Sophia Tonolli  
Bella Trujillo  
Clara Wuotila  
Aidan Zuehlke



## Campus Update from Valley Creek

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

- We were blessed to help the Christian Cupboard in their move to their new facility at Guardian Angels. What a blessing for them!
- We celebrated with the families of WL Preschool for National Lutheran Schools Week.
- We held our annual voters meeting. During both that meeting and the annual financial meeting, we were continually reminded how God continues to bless our ministry here at WLC.
- 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.





# 28 DAYS OF PRAYER

**“Dear God ...” It seems each of my kids’ prayers, and often my own, begin with those two words.** A pastor once challenged me to consider whom I pray to—is it always God the Father? Do I ever pray to Jesus? What about the Holy Spirit? How often do I picture a one-dimensional God when I pray, possibly mentioning His attributes but never calling Him by any other name?

To engage in prayer with God implies a certain level of knowing something about Him—knowing that you can trust Him with the words and thoughts you share in prayer and knowing that He hears the prayers you speak or write. Engaging in a rhythm of prayer with our kids and families has the potential to not only increase our knowledge of God’s attributes but to influence our own identities in Christ and our understanding of how He interacts with the world.

**In this month, when most of us are declaring our feelings of love, take the next 28 days to write prayers to God in the form of letters or notes.** Set out paper or sticky notes and markers somewhere in your home along with a list of the following attributes and names of God, one for each letter of the alphabet. A good format to follow is to address God by the name for that day, thank Him for a way you have seen Him reveal that attribute in your life, and then direct any requests for yourself or others around that particular attribute. Finally, praise Him for who He is!

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by Courtney Wilson

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# FEBRUARY 2018

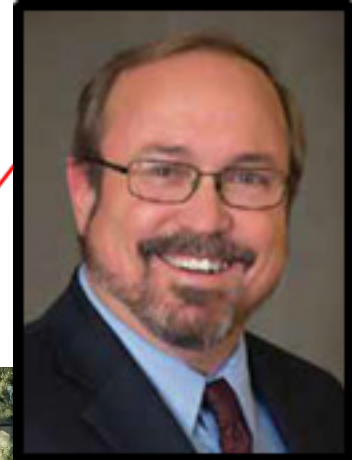
					<b>1</b> <b>God:</b> Who is God, and why do you love Him?			<b>2</b> <b>Almighty:</b> What difference does it make to you that God is the Almighty?	<b>3</b> <b>Banner:</b> A banner flies over people to identify them or goes before them. How is God your banner?
<b>4</b> <b>Confidence:</b> Do you ever feel afraid or unsure? God is confidence, and we can approach Him with confidence.	<b>5</b> <b>Defender:</b> How do you need God to be your defender today?	<b>6</b> <b>Everlasting:</b> God has no end, so we can pray big prayers! Say a worshipful prayer to an everlasting God.	<b>7</b> <b>Father:</b> What does it mean to you that God is a trustworthy Father?	<b>8</b> <b> giver:</b> God gives us what we need and hears us when we ask. Thank Him!	<b>9</b> <b>Help in trouble:</b> We can cry out to God when we are in troubling times. Praise Him, and ask for help if you need it.	<b>10</b> <b>I AM:</b> "I AM" means He needs no other explanation; He will always be enough for our needs.			
<b>11</b> <b>Jesus:</b> Jesus is God in the flesh—God with us. Do you know He identifies with everything you go through?	<b>12</b> <b>Knowing:</b> Nothing is hidden from God; we can tell Him anything, and nothing is a surprise.	<b>13</b> <b>Light of the World:</b> God is the Light of the World—in Him there is no darkness. Pray for those who do not know Him yet.	<b>14</b> <b>Maker of all things:</b> What do you love that God has created?	<b>15</b> <b>Name above all names:</b> No one is more important than God! Confess any idols you may have.	<b>16</b> <b>Omega:</b> God is the Alpha, the beginning, and the Omega, the end. Write a prayer with any questions or concerns you may have about the end or things you don't yet see.	<b>17</b> <b>Perfector of our faith:</b> God is writing your story, and He knows you. Do you trust Him as the author and perfecter of your faith?			
<b>18</b> <b>Quieter:</b> God can quiet our hearts when we feel upset or anxious. What would you write to someone who brings you comfort?	<b>19</b> <b>Redeemer:</b> Jesus redeemed us—He took the payment for our sins! Write a note of gratitude.	<b>20</b> <b>Savior:</b> God as our Savior means He gave His life for us. What does it mean to you that the saving work of faith is complete?	<b>21</b> <b>Teacher:</b> What does it mean to look to God as your teacher?	<b>22</b> <b>Unchanging:</b> God will not change. How can the unchanging God make a difference in your ever-changing life today?	<b>23</b> <b>Vine:</b> John 15:5 talks of Jesus as the vine. He is the source of life; without Him we can do nothing. What are you trying to do on your own apart from Him?	<b>24</b> <b>Worthy:</b> Spend time praising the One worthy of all praise!			
<b>25</b> <b>eXalted:</b> The Bible often refers to God as exalted: high and powerful. How can you lift up His name today?	<b>26</b> <b>Yahweh:</b> This Hebrew name for God describes how God's chosen people interacted with Him—totally depending on God for everything. Where are you on the spectrum between perceived self-sufficiency and dependence on God?	<b>27</b> <b>Zealous:</b> Ezekiel 39:25 uses the word <i>zealous</i> to refer to God. <i>Zealous</i> means passionate and committed. God is passionate about His name and who He is, and He wants us to know Him!	<b>28</b> <b>Choose your favorite:</b> What have you learned about God this month? How would you address God and pray to Him?						

# WLC at the Rose Bowl Parade?

Sure enough – WLC was represented at the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California in January. Our own Phil Johnson got to ride on the parade float for Lutheran Hour Ministries! The float is the only religious float in the Tournament of Roses Parade; it has participated in the parade since 1951 (just for the record, Phil was not on that first float!) The mission of the float is “To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media.”

The float featured a boat with Jesus controlling the rudder, steering and directing His followers from many daily walks of life to use their skills and talents, their passions and pleasures to make a difference in the lives of others. You can see Phil sitting at Jesus’ feet, waving to the crowd! Phil is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the International Lutheran Laymen’s League. Way to go Phil!

The float was titled: Bringing Christ to the Nations, and fit well with the parade’s theme of “Making a Difference.” It was based on Bible passages including John 3:16, Matthew 28:19 and Matthew 5:16.



# February

1	Jennifer Conway Heather Dahle Cory Ellis Samuel Figlmliller Suzanne Horning Michele Kamholz-Swanson Timothy Lopez Jan Miller Alexander Schreiner Oliver Weisbrich Lauren Wess Cheryl White	6	Melanie Anderson Bob Benson, Jr. Margaret Dalbec Emmalyn Gage Niko Hasapopoulos Lloyd Kastner Susan Krinke Valerie Morris Matthew Mortenson Elizabeth Radecki		Cindy Johnson Matthew Smith Lisa Speckhard Addison Strohfus		Sarah John Addison Johnson Jaidn Mohlenhoff Andrea O'Keefe Steven Widen Nate Williams Erin Schaefer	25	Theodore Charpentier Naomi Golnitz Michelle Hartinger Kim Hughes Jim Jensen II Peter Karlstrand Annabel Kush Emma McNally Maridith Parvey Mavis Shriver Roger Strharsky Cathy Yee
2	Donald Hartinger Toni Loeffler William Nisbit Quinn Sand Roger Swanson Sharon Wuggazer Diana Wutke	7	Lindsey Featherstone Sara Gurrola Julie Horn Aaron Jenkins Brenda Kavanaugh Katy Meyer Alyson Nelson Ken Nelson Jennifer Reinhard Kris Sweet	13	Linda Amej Craig Bettman Gerald Dittmann Clair McReynolds Alec Michel Kimberly Scibak Kathleen Searles Andy Smialek Tom Speckhard Michael Theis Marc Turner	19	Diane Baran Donna Greenlee Cindy Hoffbeck Carter LaMott Pam Meissner Adalyn Mueller Rachel Mueller Cheryl Schindler Colleen Schultz Marge Thoelt	26	Thomas Camilli Audrina Conley Stella Oxton Michael Peter Mike Pokrandt Erin Powell Elaine Southward Carter Wyeth Dean Wohlhuter
3	Cary Arneson Kathy Girgen Michael Haut Kaye Larson Jeremiah Parker Pam Stafford James Stebbing Parker Taylor Matt Turcotte Richard Wachal	8	Jacob Bloom Frank Johnson Loren Opdahl Peter Rowcliffe Brett Wilkie	14	Lindsey Conley Campbell Robillard Matthew Rodemeyer Muriel Gimble Bob Kamholz Sherri King Larry Lombard Elsie Thomas	20	Janice Masanz Art Plath Mildred Roznick Terri Swanson Gladys Westin	27	Bethany Breiholz Dylan Granholm Justin Jurek Mya Lomnes Madison Nystel Andrew Olson Daniel Runge Tara Schlattman Quinn Stoerzinger Alex Thao Kari Ulrich Mary Weiss
4	T.J. Cartier Benjamin Gannon Shane Lombard Brian Michlitsch Arlene Schindeldecker Steve Schreiner Reed Siegling Jodee Watanabe Nicholas Zilge	9	Dorothy Blaisdell Freyja Brothen Kaylee Dahl Ricardo Lopez Jean Rock Joel Symmank	15	Gerald Anderson Jecoah Cedarbloom Beverly Diederich Roy Klasinski Molly McNeely Hal Shaver Lyn Wilkie	21	Aron Howard Julie Huber Isabelle Kurth Gail Mullaney Amanda Nelson Mark Reed	28	Ellyn Barker Nora Barney Adeline Burger Paul Cronin Elaine Feider Bennett Fitzgerald Ellein Lutz Nicholas Muenstermann Sam Muenstermann Megan Twait Tony Vik Charlotte Vossen
5	Gary Anderson Don Brocker Pam Clark Rich Horacek Kylee Jacobson Millie Lodahl Duncan MacLeod Tom Pfothenauer Carrie Pieper Chrissy Pieper Daniel Quiros Karen Wolterstorff	10	David Beseman Laura Cloose Lincoln Daniels Arthur Grant Kathleen McNeely Brooklyn Meissner Monte Michel Samuel Miner Savannah Pelto Anna Wagner	16	Joe Allenspach Caylee Charlson Ed Erickson Bill Gauwitz Charles Kenow Todd Klusmann Denise LaFontaine Alyssa MacLeod Sandy Petrich Will Traynor Barbara Vik Jan Zeller	22	Karen Boatman Kaye Bradshaw Dominic Ortiz Ruby Salewski Deane Schuessler Jeanie Yee	29	Robert Menge Isabella Riehle Isaiah Riehle
		11	Lon Berven Zach Droel Margo Garven Jennifer Krueger Tanner Ignaszewski Vanessa McClure Susan Montgomery Nick Rheinberger	17	Jennifer Doehrmann Codi Feuerherm Leah Hall Daniel Johnson Dan Meyer Lynn Rizzardi	23	Raquel Beucler Jeanne Carlson Dean Danner Mark Jones Tamara Karlstrand Nicole Nelson Paula Powell Marisa Rist Aubrey Strohfus Hadley Burger Roger Jensen Adalyn McKinley Mirabelle Morri Elijah Neumann Owen Pert Tina Pokrandt		
		12	Camden Diekmann	18	Konnie Harstad Debbie Hukee				

## Birthdays

## & Anniversaries

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

# Teach Us to Pray



## Teach Us to Pray

Prayer isn't just a Christian thing. People all over the world, religious or not, participate in prayer. But followers of Jesus are specifically called to pray by God. How then should we pray? Jesus' answer to that very question gives us a model for how to pray and opens us up to the wonderful experience of an intimate relationship with God.

### February 17/18

Title: Teach Us to Pray

Reading: Luke 11:1-4

Verse: Luke 11:1

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 20:11-20

Focus: Many of us have felt a deep desire to pray and want a strong prayer life. Yet, consistency and depth in prayer can be difficult. When Jesus' disciples asked for help with their own prayers, his response invited them to see prayer in a new light. Prayer begins not with what we say, but with knowing who we're talking to.

### February 24/25

Title: Adoration

Reading: Matthew 6:5-13

Verse: Matthew 6:9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Focus: Holiness is not a common concept today. It's a term used to describe God—that he is perfect and set apart. Yet as Jesus dives into what prayer should look like, he invites his disciples to order their whole lives—and their prayer—around adoration of his holiness.



## March 3/4

Title: Follow After  
Reading: Matthew 6:5-13  
Verse: Matthew 6:10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 26:36-39,42

Focus: God is on his throne. He is reigning. Sometimes we just miss it or ignore it. But as Jesus continues to teach his disciples about prayer we are reminded that we were created to live under the direction of God's gracious rule and that part of praying means handing over the reins to the one in control of all things.

## March 10/11

Title: Requests  
Reading: Luke 11:1-13  
Verse: Luke 11:3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 4:1-10

Focus: Many times we think of prayer as only asking God for things. When our requests don't get answered, we wonder why God isn't coming through. Yet Jesus doesn't turn to our requests until the middle of the Lord's Prayer, prompting us to rethink what it looks like to share our requests with God.

## March 17/18

Title: Forgiveness  
Reading: Matthew 6:5-13  
Verse: Matthew 6:12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 1:5-10

Focus: Confession and forgiveness are often associated with Christianity, but what does it look like to live a life of confession and forgiveness? As Jesus continues to teach his disciples how to pray he invites them to see that

## March 24/25

Title: Against Evil  
Reading: Matthew 6:5-13  
Verse: Matthew 6:13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 21:1-13

Focus: What do we do when hard times come? We could respond by getting angry, feeling guilty, or remaining apathetic. But as Jesus closes the prayer he taught his disciples he invites them, and us, to see trials for what they really are and run to him for deliverance.



## Worship

### HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on February 18 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

### READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP?

The WLC Connection Center is available to help you determine what your next step might be on the Discipleship PATH. Whether you want to explore options or you already know what your next step will be, our Connectors would love to help! The Connection Center staff is available each Saturday before and after 5pm worship and each Sunday from 9-9:30, 10:30-11 and 12-12:15 in the lobby, or from 10:45-11 and 12 outside of the Genesis room.

### IS STEPHEN MINISTRY FOR YOU?

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



## 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.

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

Game night the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm. Join us on January 4. Meet at Caribou Coffee, 1830 Market Dr. Stillwater, MN 55082. Come hang out

with Sarah and play games!

### FEBRUARY CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Students who are planning to confirm their faith on February 3/4th. Remember that on Saturday, February 3, 9:30-11:30am we will have our Confirmation brunch for students, parents & loved ones. We will take pictures, rehearse, and have a blessing and prayer service. Contact Lindsey Schmidt if you have any questions or go to [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org)

### ALL CAMPUS ARCTIC BLAST RETREAT (6TH-12TH)

All MS and HS students be sure to register for this awesome weekend at Camp Lebanon February 9-11. Registration and required camp form is online at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org). Cost is \$115 until full. Friends are welcome!!! Broomball, camp, great worship and snow tubing! We will meet at VC campus on Feb. 9, 4:30pm (please eat dinner before arriving). We'll return to the VC campus on Feb. 11, approx. 2:30pm.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING (6TH-12TH)

Lenten Wednesday night youth schedule begins on February 21. (NO Wednesday night programming on February 14). All Youth ministries take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm. Join us for small groups and worship. Youth meet at Oak Hill campus youth room or at Valley Creek campus in the Bridge (Liberty Ridge meets at VC campus).

### FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION CLASS (6TH-12TH)

Sign up has begun for the Family Holy communion class. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at the Valley Creek campus 6:30-8pm beginning on February 20 through March 20. We have an alternative class time on Sundays from 1-2:30pm at the Valley Creek campus running February 18 through March 18. Holy Communion classes are a parent(s) and child experience. Find out more and sign up at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org) or contact Lindsey Schmidt with questions. SAVE THE DATE: First communion will take place on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter), March 29.

### SKI TRIP (9TH-12TH)

High School Ski Trip March 23-25. It's Spring Break and we're headed to Lutsen for a weekend of skiing and growing in our faith! Grab a friend and sign up! Registration is open at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org), but space is limited! Cost is \$225 (\$300 w/ rental).

### 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 Nancy Burke and Richard Dodson as they present, "The Art of Tactful Self-Promotion: A Critical Skill for Job Seekers" on February 8 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.careertransitionconnection.org](http://www.careertransitionconnection.org).

### CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Sandy Zeiszler as she presents, "Why Having a LinkedIn Profile Isn't Enough" on February 22 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.careertransitionconnection.org](http://www.careertransitionconnection.org).



## Reach

### YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

It's time to register for a summer mission trip! Middle School will be going to the Quad Cities, on the border of IA & IL, July 15-20, 2018. Registration for Quad Cities

# Getting Connected

trip closes on February 15! High School will be going to West Chicago, IL, July 6-14, 2018. Our first mission trip meeting will be on February 25. Go to [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org) and click on mission experiences to find out meeting details or to sign up for one of these great service opps!

## SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS!

Have you considered living out the Discipleship path through missions? Join a WLC Short-Term Mission Experience in 2018:

- Robin's Nest, Jamaica - June 14-22
- Quito, Ecuador - July 6-16
- Phillips Neighborhood, Minneapolis - July 21-28
- Kake, Alaska - August 7-18

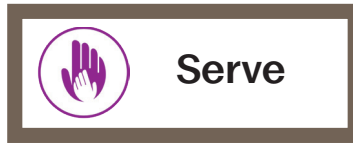
Applications (<http://www.woodburylutheran.org/resources-media/missions/short-term-mission-experiences/>) and \$100 deposit due 1/31. Email [Kehlrl@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:Kehlrl@woodburylutheran.org) with questions.

## WANTED: YOUR HOME!

Want to make a difference from the comfort of your own home? Invite a Japanese college student studying at Bethel University this winter (February 17th - March 13th) to be a part of your family! Share your love and faith with your student, and you'll plant a seed. Your student takes classes during the day and spends the evenings with you. Transportation help to/from Bethel is provided as well as a stipend. For information contact Lisa Bekemeyer, [lbekemeyer@me.com](mailto:lbekemeyer@me.com) or 651-253-9498.

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

A Biblical tour of Greece - e.g. Athens, Philippi, Corinth, Thessalonica, Isle of Patmos, Ephesus - where Scripture is read and explained at each Biblical site - Grecian Island Cruise included! Contact Rev. Darold Reiner, retired LCMS pastor & former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure: 406-890-1149 or [imhis38@gmail.com](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)



## MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

## EAGER HANDS QUILTERS

We are seeking volunteers who enjoy sewing to sew and assemble quilts for the Salvation Army on Tuesday mornings (34 N. Farrell, Maplewood). If interested, please contact Delores Fitzgerald at 651-738-1812.

## MITTEN MAKERS

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

## DRAWSTRING BACKPACKS

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

## Garage Sale Treasures Needed!

Is it Spring Cleaning Time at your house yet? Please hang on to your things a little while longer! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held on May 10-12. Collection dates will be May 8, 5:30-8:30 pm and May 9, 4:30-8:30 pm. Please drop donations at the East entrance of the Valley Creek campus. We ask that you have all clothing sorted, bagged and labeled in the following categories - men, boys, women, girls and infants. It helps tremendously - thanks! Sale proceeds support youth attending mission trips. If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365.



# February 2018 Calendar

## **1 (V) Celebrate Recovery**

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

## **2 (V) Christian Closet**

Fridays, 8:30am  
Contact: Gloria Johnson,  
651-714-0245

## **3 (V) Baptism Class**

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

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

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

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

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

## **4 (V) Confirmation Sunday**

Sunday, All Services

## **5 (V) Monday Morning Men's Bible Study**

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

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

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

## **6 (V) Cancer Companions**

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

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

Wednesdays, 9:15am  
Contact: Mary Lehman,  
651-739-5144

## **7 (V) Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 7:00pm  
Contact: Mike Zenner,  
651-592-9435

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

Thursdays, 9:15am  
Contact: Mary Lehman,  
651-739-5144

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

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

## **8 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, 1:00pm

## **14 (O & V) Lenten Soup Supper**

Wednesdays, 5:15pm (VC) &  
5:30pm (OH)

## **14 (O & V) Ash Wednesday & Lenten Worship**

Wednesdays, Noon (VC) &  
7:00pm (OH & VC)

## **17 (V) Respite Care**

Saturday, 5:00pm  
Contact: Cheri Frost,  
651-730-7052

## **18 (V) Healing Service**

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

# THE NEWS LETTER

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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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