

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2015

Take Time this Summer to Worship with Your Family!

If you've been worshipping with us this year, you've heard us talk about the Discipleship Path...A LOT! Guess why? Because we think it's important, and a great way to keep moving forward in your walk as a disciple of Jesus. One of the many cool things about The Path is that it's for everyone. All ages, all genders, all races...everyone!

In Kids Ministry we've looked at our ministry programs and made sure that we're encouraging your kids whenever they are learning with us to walk The Path. Families also play a part in teaching their kids to walk The Path. Deuteronomy 6: 6-7 *"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, and when you lie down and when you get up."* Parents have the responsibility to teach their kids by their own example the meaning and value of worship. It's important for kids to see how Mom and Dad bow their heads in prayer. They should experience Mom and Dad singing praise to God with joy in their faces, and how they listen to His Word.

The most important areas where kids learn about Jesus are the family and the congregation, or the church family. Worshipping together counters the contemporary fragmentation of families. Hectic American life leaves little time for significant togetherness. It is hard to overestimate the good influence of families worshipping together week in and week out, year in and year out.

There are a couple of compelling reasons to involve children in worship. The first is theological. When Jesus says, "Let the children come," we believe he is saying that kids belong with all of us in the worshipping community. The worship service is the

heart of our church life and we think that kids need to be included and welcomed so that they learn that they belong. The second reason is developmental. Recent understandings of child development theory makes it clear that children learn from the moment of birth, if not before. They are open to their environment taking in sensory information every moment. We take our infants everywhere, yet some think that they don't belong in church. God comes to us at all ages and all stages. With their innocence, children are often more open to the mystery and the music in our worship environment. God comes to those who are fidgety, curious, and talkative, as well as those who are quiet and serene. A child's spiritual life grows through experiencing God in worship.



Take Time to Worship as a Family

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The WLC Discipleship Path : Reach

Unpacking the Discipleship Path

This month is the last of four newsletter articles where I have been offering some further insight into each part of the Discipleship Path. I would also like to strongly encourage you to go back and listen to any of the six messages in the series, *Walk This Way*, that you may have missed. All of our messages are available on both the website and the Woodbury Lutheran Church App.

At the heart of the Discipleship Path is our desire to follow a Biblical model that is led by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the command of Jesus to make disciples. In our complex and quickly changing world this is becoming more and more difficult and we can never do this on our own. In the path we have an excellent balance between what happens as the church gathers and how we live as the church when we scatter back into the world. Here is what it looks like in Serve:



Gathered Church	Scattered Church
Inviting Others To Weekend Worship	Telling Others the Story of God's Work in Our Lives

Both the gathering and scattering are important if we are going to become more and more like Jesus everyday of our lives. Of the four parts of the path, Reach is perhaps the most challenging because it requires us to step out of our comfort zones on a variety of levels. The good news is that survey after survey tells us that if we would simply invite friends who are not connected to Jesus to join us, that more than 90% say they would. I heard a very disconcerting stat about Lutherans a few weeks back; on average Lutherans invite someone to join them in worship every 28 years! It is time to break the mold

and invite others to hear the good news of what Jesus has done for them. If you haven't already make sure to grab a Greater prayer card and start praying specifically for individuals who you will invite to join you in worship.

As we scatter back into our lives as disciples of Jesus we have been called to share the story of how God is making a difference in our lives. It is a lie to believe that our faith is private and not to be talked about, our faith is personal which is precisely why we must talk about it, but it is not private! Peter tells us to always be prepared to give an answer for the hope we have. Are you? Can you describe the difference that Jesus makes in your life? Are you ready to tell others how God has been at work in your life? The Holy Spirit has been given to us in order that we can share the good news in such a way that people's lives are literally transformed as they too begin to follow Jesus and live as His disciples.

Reach is challenging, but there is no greater and more rewarding task given to us as disciples of Jesus.

Walking Together,

Pastor Tom

PS – If you are trying to figure your next step on the Discipleship Path, make sure to stop by the connection center after worship!

Service Times at WLC:

Sundays at Valley Creek:

Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am
Sanctuary, Contemporary 9:30am
Genesis, Contemporary 11am

Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Journey, 5pm

Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

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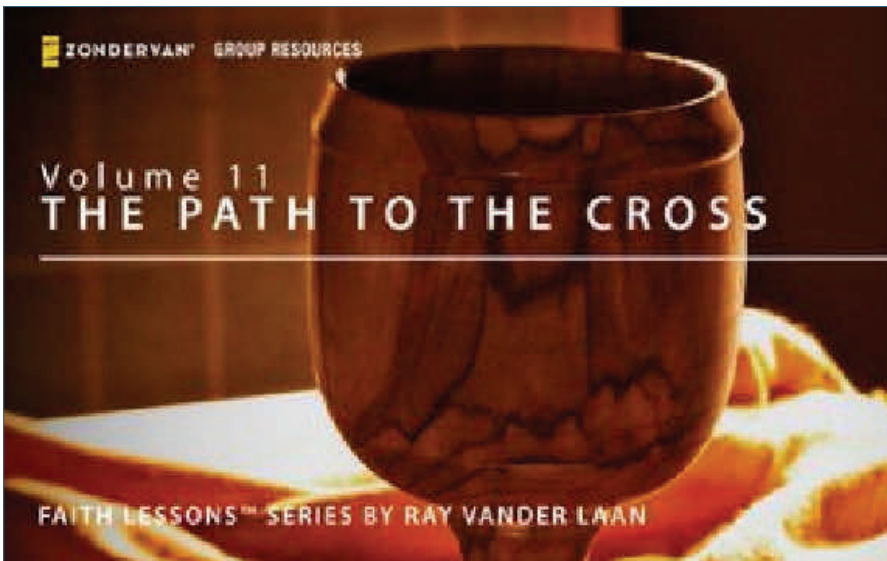
Summer Mission Trips

This summer the Middle school youth are heading to Duluth, MN to serve the community in a variety of ways! We'll be hanging with kids at youth programs, playing games and helping at elder care facilities, serving at local food-shelves, and whatever else the community needs. We have 30 youth (6th-8th graders) and 6 adults. Our trip is June 28-July 3, 2015.

The High School trip is heading to Idaho Servant Adventures Mission, a ministry of Camp Lutherhaven: Shoshone Base Camp. We'll be doing light construction, home repair, and general helping out in the poorest county in Idaho! We have 40 youth (9th-12th) and 9 adults. Our trip is July 30-August 8, 2015.

We need prayer partners for all of these missionaries! It's a big number, but we know that WLC is a praying place. What does a prayer partner do? Pray! Write a letter or two (or more if you'd like) for your prayer partner to read while they are on their trip, and then come to the mission sharing after the trip to hear about how God was at work.

Please email Lindsey Schmidt (SchmidtL@woodburylutheran.org) if you'd like to sign up to be a prayer partner or fill out the form at the Welcome desk on both campuses!



Summer Midweek Bible Study:
Wednesdays—
Beginning June 3;
9:30-11:00AM,
Fireside Room
The Path to the Cross
(Preparing God's Path)

Through a DVD and text book, teacher and historian Ray Vanderlaan, takes us on a journey back to the times of Jesus. We marvel at the significance of Herod's palace, walk among the ruins of Qumran and wonder at the simplicity of Jesus' parables. Let Jesus' day experiences impact your life, your mission and communication. Meets weekly June 3—July 3 9:30-11:00. Taught by Elly McDaniel-Lutz.



Summer Midweek Bible Study:
Thursdays—
Beginning June 4;
10-11:30AM,
Fireside Room
Acts of the Apostles

The Acts of the Apostles, often referred to simply as Acts, is the fifth book of the New Testament; it tells of the founding of the Christian church and the spread of its message to the Roman empire. Meets weekly thru August in the Fireside Room 10:00—11:30 with occasional Thursdays off—schedule will be available at the first class. Taught by Pastor Paul Pfothenauer.

What you don't know! COULD HURT YOU!

A FREE FINANCIAL SERIES TO HELP YOU AVOID THE PAIN...

Seminar Series

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Tuesday, June 9th
5:45 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m. Seminar

- Estate and Legacy Planning

Location:

Guardian Angels Church
8260 4th St. N., Oakdale, MN 55128

RSVP by June 2nd

Dinner will be served

2

Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.

- Identity Theft
- Internet Security

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Thursday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m.

- Preparing for Long Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves
- Social Security: Strategize to Maximize

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Thursday, November 5th at 6 p.m.

- Heart to Heart - As Your Parents Age

5

Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

- Woman, Wine and Wealth

Event ONE Details...

Estate Plans:

Do Not Die Without One!

Christopher Burns, attorney and Chair of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Group at Henson Efron, P.A. will share strategies for working with your professional team to develop an intelligent estate plan together with stories of those who have failed to intelligently plan and the consequences of their failures.

Legacy Planning:

Have you thought about your Legacy?

Join the **The East Metro Financial Team of Thrivent Financial** and learn how you can continue to support the people, places and organizations you care about, even after your gone.

RSVP required to attend these FREE seminars

To reserve your spot, please contact

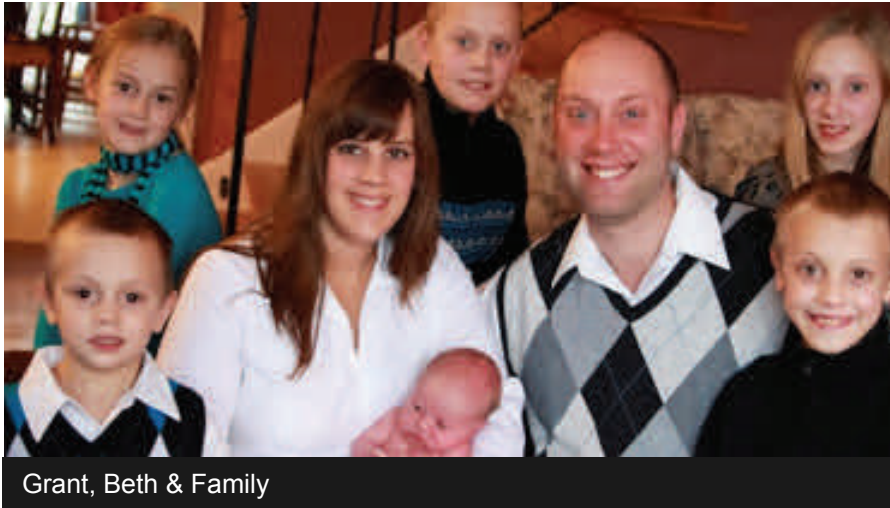
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Grant, Beth & Family

Grant & Beth Buse

Grant and Beth Buse minister at the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State through campus Missions International. The following is a chronicle of a recent mission trip to Malaysia and Singapore that came to pass because of the involvement with so many international students on campus.

After two weeks of traveling, speaking, eating new foods and reuniting with many friends that have become family, the time in Malaysia was certainly an adventure with Jesus leading the expedition. Grant was hosted and taken care of by Henry, Evelyn and Ashley Wong while in Malaysia. This was a direct result of being a host family to Ashley while she studied at the U of M for two years. Ashley and her parents (Henry and Evelyn) were excellent hosts that taught Grant new lessons in hospitality. Immediately he felt like Jesus was taking care of him so far from home. One day, while Grant was touring the college-concentrated area of Subang, the Lord had an unexpected surprise. There was an appointment with INTI college with only 45 minutes to spare when Grant visited Taylor's (two colleges that many students come from when they transfer to the U of M and SCSU from Malaysia). He visited the American Degree Program office and the lady in charge there suddenly introduced him to a classroom of 25 students and asked him to speak, even without an appointment and with just enough time to spare to get over to INTI (a rival college) and speak there to another group of 25. It was as if I had my planner and God's master plan penciled something in for me based on His favor to do so. All I needed to do was walk in and open my mouth and connect with the students.

The time in INTI was especially important as the administrator in charge of the students learned through our lunch conversation that many in our ministry at the U of M specialize in hosting students and helping them when they arrive. Ms. Therrie, the administrator and her colleague were amazed to hear this as they were informed by the official University reps that there were no hosting programs for international students. As we talked, she saw it as vital and would refer her students to us from now on. This was a great connection indeed. After speaking to the group that included 5 that were planning to come to Minnesota this year or next, I joined Chin Wah (another former host kid of ours from Malaysia) and met with the Christian fellowship group at the college. Even though Malaysia is a Muslim country and it is against the law to share an outside faith with Muslims, there are strong numbers of Christian ministries there, including a Christian college, called MCKL. This was our next stop.

Methodist College of Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) turned out to be a real treat in many ways. The adviser for international students there, Ms. Khor, had a wonderful impact on many of the students that are studying at the U of MN right now. This highlights the importance of the connections we make when students arrive and study here for 2 to 3 years. Grant was able to connect with a group of students that have returned to Malaysia for work after graduating from the U of MN. We had a wonderful evening together and Grant was able to share words of encouragement specifically for each one there.

The last weekend there was a time in Singapore and southern Malaysia. Grant worked with Sean and Sharon Hoo, leaders of a church plant in Johor (southern tip of mainland Malaysia). It was a joy to get to know them and their connections with our campus church from the mid-1980s. We went in to Malaysia to speak at their church plant (meaning Grant has been to Malaysia 3 times now!!) which mainly operates in Mandarin Chinese. Before church, we visited a restaurant owned by a Taiwanese man named Henry. We talked with him for a while and God gave Grant a vision about him that he was deeply impacted by. He saw his need for Jesus and was ready to give his life to the Lord! Later that day, Grant spoke at New Life Malaysia and even had one of our students from the U of MN, named Zi Ning, interpreting for him. What a joy that was! She is now attending that church as she lives and works in Johor. The Sunday there included a visit with Valerie (a student who studied in St. Cloud that Grant met back in 2005), her husband Mark and Abigail, their daughter. They have such a strong faith in the Lord and shared how the time spent with Beth and I in Minnesota was extremely important for her faith. There was also a meeting with Ben Ong, another student from the U of MN, who now works and lives in Singapore.

As you can see, the Lord accomplished much, renewed relationships, built new ones and reminded us that the Kingdom of God is so much bigger than even the local churches we are all used to. We serve an amazing Lord!

Thank you all for your support. It was these investments that led to the impact for the Kingdom that all of you from WLC share!



Dinner with Students

Weddings:

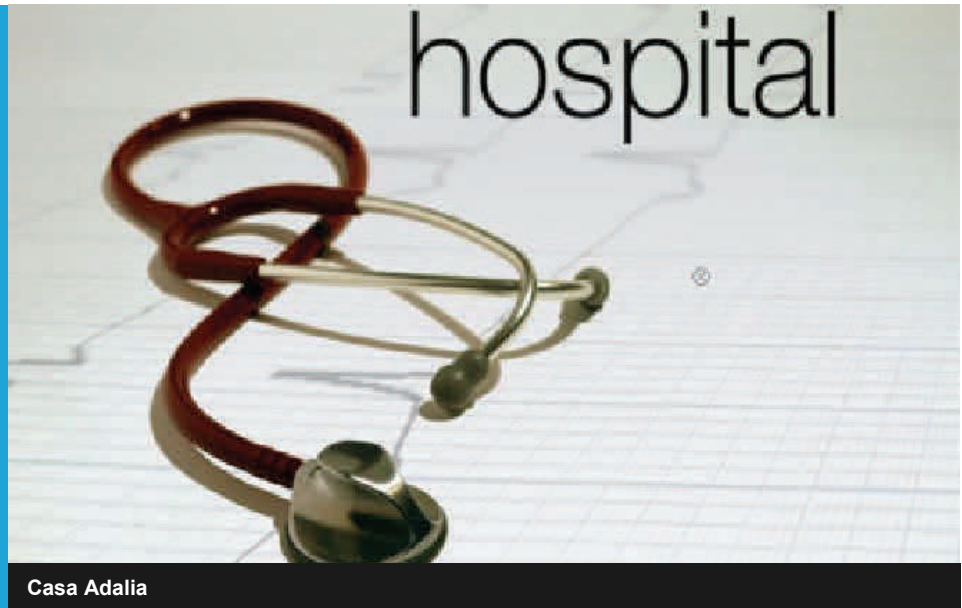
Matthew Brocker & Tianna Schmitz
Adam Krause & Natalie Schad
Elly McDaniel & Rev. Bernie Lutz
Nathan Price & Ashley Conlow
Stephanie Petrich & Timothy Maruyama

Baptisms:

Haidyn Nicole Kennedy
Sawyer Joseph Crist
Evelyn Claire Peltier
Caleb Edward Fox
Chesney Taylor Klusmann
Peter Joseph Miner
Grayson Parker Young

Deaths:

Kathy Johnson ~ father, Devon
Lorraine Hayek ~ son, Roger
Pat Kyndberg ~ mother, Mary
Juli Feldkamp ~ grandmother, Mary
Sheri Lewis ~ father, Jack
Mike Ceaglske ~ mother, June
Hal Shaver ~ mother, Elaine
Lee Spomer ~ sister, Leona
Dean Wohlhuter ~ brother, Mike
Peter & Marta Rowcliffe ~ nephew, Lucas
Nancy Schubbe ~ cousin, Jordan
Lois Carlson ~ father, Donald
Kathy Girgen ~ uncle, Jim
Mary Lehman ~ mother, Mary
Eric Bridenbecker ~ grandmother, Mary
Sheri Lewis ~ uncle, Wally
Family of Larry Griep
Mike & Renee Murray ~ son, Mike



Casa Adalia

Going Into the Hospital?

The WLC Pastors and Pastoral Care Assistants would like to visit and pray with you for your pre-operative and post-operative care.

Because of the Federal HIPPA and Privacy rule, hospitals can no longer contact the church office regarding hospitalizations, even though you may have listed WLC as your church on your hospital admit form. You, a relative or friend can call the church office and inform us of your care needs.

June

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Anniversaries

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LOVE EACH OTHER

Jesus said that the way to show people that we love God is by loving each other (John 13:35). I find it interesting that Jesus did NOT say, “people will know that you are mine by the way you love ME ...” rather He said, “they’ll know you love ME by the way you love THEM.” That seems a little more difficult! God is easy to love—but our family? Our friends? Our neighbors? They aren’t always so easy to love!

God knows this! Jesus knew it when He spoke those words. While I don’t believe He expects perfection from us—we are human after all—I think we can learn about His character when we seek to apply this truth to our lives. He LOVES us! He loved us first. The Bible says even when we were still wallowing in our sin, Jesus died for us. God so LOVED the world (US and ALL the other people He calls us to love) that He gave us Jesus, to die for our sins, to redeem us, to restore us! THAT is LOVE!!! He says when we love each other, we are obeying and honoring and worshipping HIM.

So, how can we do it? How can we worship God by loving each other, even when it’s hard? When I was growing up, one thing my parents encouraged my sisters and me to do was to say something nice about the person next to us at the dinner table. A deceptively simple task! There were many evenings when we’d had an argument and sat at the table with our arms crossed, angry, holding a grudge, silent. In those moments we often just said, “I can’t think of ANYTHING!” Eventually, tempers cooled, inevitably someone laughed, and we each thought of at least ONE nice thing to say!

This practice helps create awareness that we are each unique, with differing gifts. The nice thing you say about one person will be different from the nice thing you say about another. By doing so, we are reminded that we’re each made in the image of God and worth HIS love.

When we love, forgive, speak kindly to and, are generous with each other, we are honoring and worshipping God. We can do it because we trust that WE are LOVED by HIM.

Every day this month, as an act of worship, find a time to affirm each other. Remind your family how much God loves each one of them. Share with them that Jesus died for them. Then, encourage family members to look each other in the eye and speak loving words of truth. After practicing this within your home, begin to look outside your family for others who might be

encouraged by your loving words. Remind them that showing love to others is how the world will know we are disciples of Jesus.

“... everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:35

by Crystal Lewis

Crystal Lewis has been a Grammy-nominated, multiple-Dove-Award-winning singer and songwriter for over 25 years. In addition to being a pioneer of the Christian music scene, she, along with her husband of 26 years, Brian Ray, have raised two children, who are now 19 and 21. Crystal continues to write, record, and tour today.

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- 1** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand, 651-734-3974
- 3** (V) **Path to the Cross Study**
Wednesdays, 9:30am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 4** (V) **Acts Bible Study**
Thursdays, 10:00am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 4** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-735-7725
- 6** (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Jane Dibbern, 651-739-5144
- 8** (V) **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Monday, 9:30am
Contact: Shelli Burns, 651-731-5407
- 9** (V) **AARP Smart Driver Class**
Tuesday, 9:00am
Contact: Tom Nelson, 651-735-4492
- 11** (V) **Open Doors Thursdays**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144 x221

- 11** (V) **Career Transition Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715
- 15** (O) **Summer Day Camp**
Monday-Thursday, 9:30am
Contact: Molly Schulze, 651-739-5144
- 22** (V) **Summer Day Camp**
Monday-Thursday, 9:30am
Contact: Nancy Schubbe, 651-739-5144

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