

THE NEWS LETTER



January 2019

Celebrate Recovery Trials and Joy

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials. – James 1:2

It can be difficult for some of us to find joy in the holiday season. Was this your experience this year. Sometimes, joy isn't found as much as it is chosen. And sometimes the circumstances and memories are just too painful to even go there.

If this speaks to you – come join us at Celebrate Recovery on Thursday night. Here you will find a supportive community to help you on your journey to finding the joy you desire. It is a safe place and you will find new friends to walk alongside you as you process the circumstances that are robbing you of your joy.

God understands our hurts and our pain. However, he doesn't want us to be alone in it. Hope to see you on Thursday night.

- Dinner served in the Paul Room from 5:30 to 6:15
- Worship at 6:30, Small Group at 7:30 and Solid Rock Café at 8:30!

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



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Multiplying Disciples!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

-- Matthew 28:19-20

Recently I ran across a quote that caught my attention, "No one accidentally creates disciples. Discipleship is an intentional pursuit." I am pretty good at chasing down goals and my process is pretty simple, set the goal then figure the steps that are needed to get there. I will be so bold to say that for many years the church as a whole has had the wrong goal in mind, we have missed out that the number one goal of the church is to make disciples of Jesus.

You probably have picked up that Jesus was very intentional in this process of making disciples and you will notice that in the great commission Jesus is very intentional about what it means to make disciples. The first step involves going, however as our sainted Pastor Gene Bunkowske was apt to point out the translation "go" is better rendered, "in your going" or "as you go." The idea here is that in the everyday rhythms of our lives we need to be on the lookout, have our Holy Spirit antennas turned on, because the opportunities for ministry are all around us "as we go."

In our going, we are called to intentionally baptize. Last year at WLC we had almost 100 baptisms and over the next 5 years we desire to baptize 500 people including 100 adults. This will only happen if we all get intentional as we go, we need to be on the lookout

for those who God is calling us to engage with in our everyday lives as we love where we live.

It doesn't stop there; baptism is the beginning of our journey on the discipleship path as we never stop learning to obey everything that God has commanded us. The story of our following Jesus is that of a journey, we are all on the same journey even if we are in different places as we seek to become more like Jesus each and every day of our lives.

As we find ourselves at different places on the journey we all have the same promise that Jesus is with us; that He will never leave us until He comes again with the new heaven and the new earth. As you dive into this New Year how will you be intentional about pursuing your life as a disciple of Jesus? Remember, *"No one accidentally creates disciples. Discipleship is an intentional pursuit."*

Following Jesus,
Pastor Tom

Weddings:

Valerie Morris & Marshall
Freeman
Amy Wutke & Kyle Kasprzyk

Baptisms:

Arlo David Perlick
Evelyn Hattie Bramer
Cameron Bruce Ochiagha
Amelia Grace Deckert
Genevieve Jane Young
Ajax Asher Aladerks
Grace Linden Wesser
Michelle Ann Otis
Eleanor Mary Koehn
Halle Marjorie Heggernes
Everleigh Joy Brocker

Deaths:

Judy Barrows ~ sister, Lois Florer
Karen Dopson ~ father, Crome
Dollase
Chris & Brenda Bertram ~ mother,
Marilyn Murphy
Dotti Rensenbrink ~ husband,
Harry
Colleen Johnson ~ father,
James Bigelow
Chuck & Ruth Stakston ~
step-mother, LaVerne Mander-
ud
Peggy Lund ~ brother-in-law,
Stan Totten
Tamara Karlstrand ~ aunt, Ruth
Anderson
The Family of Jackie Bruesehoff

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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“...learning to
follow Jesus...”

Discipleship Path What's Your Next Step?

We're all in training, learning to follow Jesus, to be sent out on mission with him where we live and work, study and shop. Jesus is up to something, working in people's lives all around us and across the world and he invites us to join him.

January is the perfect time to stop and reflect on our lives. On December 30 we looked at 3 areas of our lives...what do we need to KEEP doing, what do we need to STOP doing and what do we need to START doing. These questions are designed to compel us to look at our faith and how we're doing walking this discipleship path.

As we look back, THERE IS SO MUCH GRACE. And as we look forward, inviting God to lead us and help us respond to His grace, THERE IS SO MUCH GRACE. Grace not only set's us free from guilt and shame, it motivates and strengthens us to step out, to take courageous steps in following Jesus.

SO WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

Need help with this or just want to talk about it or pray with someone? Come on into the office or set up a coffee. We'd all love to explore this with you and, at least for me, coffee makes everything better (and a lot more fun)!

Brad Miller
Director of Discipleship and Reach
Contact me at millerb@woodburylutheran.org

Mission is not only for a spiritual elite, or for the well rested, or for people with the gift of gab, or for outgoing personalities, or for those with theological training. It is for every person who belongs to him. It is because God is by nature a sending God. He never calls us in to bless us without also sending us out to be a blessing to others.

Tim Keller

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We had a great turnout for our second Christmas program at the Liberty Ridge Campus on Dec. 9. The kids and youth did a great job of making the Christmas account come to life.
- We are happy to come alongside a family in need this Christmas, assisting the parents and purchasing Christmas gifts for the kids. We are so blessed to love where we live and walk alongside this family during a difficult time.
- Our Kids LINK takes place in a school POD shared by 3 teachers at Liberty Ridge. This Christmas we blessed them with school supplies and our Kids LINK kids signed a card for each of them.
- We have continued to see an increase in guests at Liberty Ridge. We have been blessed to have a number of these individuals be new to the faith or exploring following Jesus for the very first time. Pray for the conversations that take place with these individuals.
- 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:

- Thank you to all who came to the Oak Hill Campus for the Living Nativity. It was a wonderful celebration of the birth of our Savior!
- Our Kids LINK kids participated in the 9am service on December 9th. They sang, read scripture, helped usher and played pre-service music.
- We celebrated the baptism of Michelle Otis. Praise be to God for Michelle's new life in Him!
- Thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Choir. It was a wonderful addition to our services.
- Christmas at the Oak Hill Campus is always filled with joy, love for our Savior and one another. We thank God for blessing us in so many ways this past year and look forward to the year ahead.
- 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.





Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- We had a great Christmas Tree Lighting event. Thank you to Joel Wetzstein for organizing and directing the event, and to all those involved in music, speaking, decorations, and refreshments. It was a wonderful evening.
- Our Kids LINK kids shared the good news of Jesus' birth through song at the 9:30 service on December 2nd.
- Christmas Eve services, including a Thursday "Traveler's Service," were beautiful celebrations of our Savior's birth.
- A special thank you to our custodial and administrative staffs for the extra and excellent work they did during these busy holiday weeks.
- The roof over the sanctuary has been replaced; work on the roof over the office and narthex area will be completed soon.
- 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.



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.



World Prayer Dive

***You're invited to an hour of focused prayer...
joining Jesus on His mission.***

Praying for the world, for the world next door and for our missionaries.

We're meeting together on Sunday mornings at all 3 campuses this month.

January 13-Oak Hill Campus - 8-9am (Prayer Room)

January 20-Liberty Ridge Campus - 9-9:45am (Adult Class)

January 27-Valley Creek Campus - 11am-Noon (Family Room)

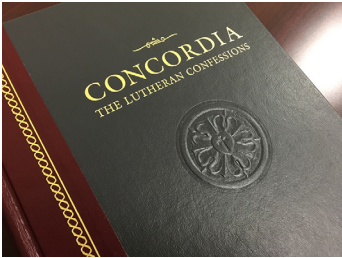
Contact Brad Miller for more information: millerb@woodburylutheran.org or 331-442-7654



Adult Class Opportunities this January

Longing for a way to keep growing in God's word? Or maybe you've never ventured into studying the Bible? This is your chance to learn together... people brand new to this and people who've been around the block a few times and are still hungry for more.

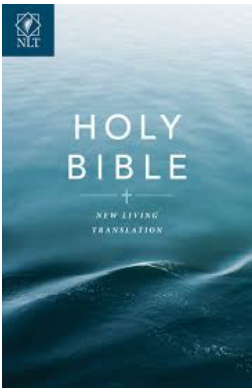
These classes are happening on Sunday mornings in January at all our campuses. The 1 Corinthians class is also offered midweek at the Oak Hill campus.



LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS (LR)

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.

Class time and location: LIBERTY RIDGE: Sundays 9-9:45am



1 CORINTHIANS (OH & VC)

This letter (really letters...1 and 2 Corinthians) is from Paul to a church that is facing many of the same issues and challenges that we do today. Four years before writing this letter, Paul spent around 18 months face-to-face with this body of believers. Paul loves these people and he pulls no punches when addressing the stuff going on here, stuff that's impacting people's lives in a big way.

Class time and locations: OAK HILL: 9:15-10:15am Sundays - Church office and 10-11:30am Wednesdays - Fellowship Hall; VALLEY CREEK: 9:30-10:30am Sundays - Genesis Room



THE ART OF PARENTING (VC)

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". This will be an interactive video series. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2DQ7GRa>

- Dates: Ten Sundays, starting January 20, 2019, ending Sunday March 24, 2019.
- Cost: \$0 for the first 10 to sign up, after that \$10 per person (\$20 per couple)

Class time and location: VALLEY CREEK: Sundays 9:30-10:45am, Family Center

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ALL THINGS NEW



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DATE RANGE :: 01.06.19 - 02.03.19

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.

Week # 1 | January 5/6

- Title :: All Things New - NOT - All New Things
- Readings
 - Primary Reading :: Revelation 21:1-7
 - Key Verse :: Revelation 21:5
 - Secondary Reading :: Matthew 19:28-30

What comes to your mind when you think of eternal life? Is it an eternal church service on the clouds where you have wings and play a harp? Does that sound like paradise to you? Me either... What if eternal life takes place right here on a renewed earth, in the place that God created and called “good”? This is the picture of eternity that we are given in Revelation 21:1-7 as Jesus promises that when He comes again He will make “everything new.”

Week # 2 | January 12/13

- Title :: Creation Made New
- Readings
 - Primary Reading :: Romans 8:18-25
 - Key Verse :: Romans 8:23
 - Secondary Reading :: Matthew 24:1-8

Earthquakes, flooding, hurricanes, fires, climate change - the world seems to be falling apart right in front of our eyes, our Earth feels like a time bomb waiting to go off. In Romans 8:18-25 a follower of Jesus named Paul describes all creation as being frustrated by its brokenness as like us it too waits to be restored to the way God had first created it. Just imagine when Jesus comes again He will fully restore the brokenness of His creation, no more earthquakes, no more fires, no more hurricanes only perfection.

Week # 3 | January 19/20

- Title :: You Made New
- Readings
 - Primary Reading :: John 11:21-27
 - Key Verse :: John 11:25-26
 - Secondary Reading :: 1 Corinthians 15:42-57

As we go through life our bodies age or through an accident or disease we lose the ability to do what used to be easy. Our bodies and minds begin to betray us and the memory of what used to be becomes a distant memory. “Is this the new norm?” we ask. “I just feel so trapped in my body!” We begin to hate and despise our bodies and minds. We can’t wait to rid ourselves of these bodies so that we can be free from all of our brokenness. But God created our bodies and minds and called us “very good.” At the Great Restoration we will know this, because we will be made new.

Week # 4 | January 26/27

- Title :: Your Homecoming
- Readings
 - Primary Reading :: Luke 19:12-19
 - Key Verse :: Luke 19:19
 - Secondary Reading :: 1 Corinthians 3:10-14

All throughout the Bible one of the central themes that we have backed away from is the idea of reward, yet again and again the writers of Scripture speak of the abundance of reward that awaits those who follow Jesus when He returns to make all things new. Reward and vindication await as your story will be told rightly as you are welcomed home.

Week # 5 | February 2/3

- Title :: Hope Made New
- Readings
 - Primary Reading :: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - Key Verse :: 1 Thessalonians 4:17
 - Secondary Reading :: Matthew 25:1-13

For the past few weeks, we have explored the good news that Jesus is “making all things new.” We’ve learned that heaven is not actually our home. Instead, our home is right here in the creation that God made and called “good.” However, it is a creation that Jesus has restored and renewed to its former glory before The Fall. And we have eternal life in our restored and renewed bodies. This should give us a profound and lasting hope—a hope made new. Nothing that God calls good is ever truly lost! We get it all back, but this time, it’s perfected.



HIGH-TECH Identity?

It's easy to see the influence of technology on identities of all ages: toddlers asking Alexa to play Baby Shark, the viral influence of the bottle-flip challenge, teenagers with Instagram selfies, the virtual note-passing world of Snapchat, and parents sharing their child's first and everything on Facebook.

Technology offers us beautiful ways to connect, to simplify life, and to gain knowledge. However, families need to engage in conversations about how technology is often silently shaping identity.

Andy Crouch, in his book *The Tech-Wise Family*, articulated this thought: "Technology in its proper place helps us bond with the real people we have been given to love. It's out of its proper place when we end up bonding with people at a distance." True identity grows in an environment built on trust, respect, and love where your behavior, words, and emotions can be shared face-to-face with others. Technology's broad assortment of communities can deceive us into feeling known but ultimately lead us away from authentic relationships and toward loneliness, isolation, and a loss of self.

Take time this month to pay attention to your family's interaction with technology and how you are engaging with the growing smorgasbord of options in your home, on the road, or in your hand. Watch each other to discover how technology is positively or negatively influencing identity. Is it helping with

eating healthy, monitoring exercise, keeping you punctual, and encouraging learning? Or is technology creating a disconnect in family relationships or promoting a lack of eye contact and respect and an increase in laziness?

Cultivate a culture in your home of regular unplugging from technology to turn away from the noise of society and the words of strangers to focus on the source of our true and everlasting identity.

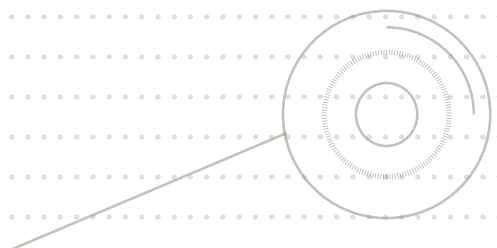
GET YOUR FAMILY TALKING ...

- **God, You are ...** Remember God's character by creating a list of words to describe Him throughout the Bible.
- **God, I am ...** As image-bearers of God, use God's character traits to share how you see each person growing in God's image.
- **God, we will ...** Pray for God to guide you to see where identity has been shaken. Ask Him to reveal a course to correct it.

by Dawn Heckert

Dawn is the Children's Pastor at Christ Community Church Leawood Campus in Leawood, Kansas. She loves Jesus and the opportunity to share His story with all ages. She spends her free time deep in glitter, crafting, creating, and chasing life with her two teenage daughters and husband.





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Greg Jensen PJ Johnson Ellise Krypel Jane Ogren Lisa Schaefer Evangelyne Souza	8	Karl Stensvad Livia Vislisl Kris Amundson Jack Carlos Noah Heintz Lauren Holsing	14	Everett Jurek Marlys Parker Jenna Severson Katie Young Spencer Cowley Shirley Mertens	21	John Mitterholzer Dick Rowan Alex Schuenke Mary Jo Young Tyler Anderson Kay Banitt	27	Gary Halleen Greg Lewis Rachel Mergens Scott Meyer Liam Powell Andrew Rhoades
2	Amanda Aalderks Julie Nelson Matt Noblett Kimberlee Seltz Amy Wutke William Young		Amy Huebner Angie Lauderbaugh Doug Mackey Tim Nelson Donna Retter Mike Rosin	15	Anabelle Robinson Harper Vossen Anthony Conant Kristin Esboldt Jim Hayden Cheryl Hohenstien		Deborah Burandt Grace Bystrzycki Angie Crane Janet Erickson Phil Johnson Max Meyer		Jamie Anderson Brooke Bunge Alexandra Finnegan Judy Goetsch Tom Harrold Maya IntVeld
3	Sang Albrecht Aaron Everson Grace Hafner Izzy Kordosky Natalie Lewis	9	Nancy Schubbe Aaron Sieling Sharon Wolfram Jennifer Alford-Beck Bev Faust	16	Tanner Johnson Hazel Phillipson Liam Powell, Jr. Shirley Rubbert Margaret Claugherty Reagan Esboldt	22	Mady Parker Robin Brown Mike Huber Tom Nelson Dustin Nystel Lindsey Weiler	28	Horst Kraft Mila Lottering Jenni Panek Michael Steffen Grayson Young Elijah Cronin
4	Lynne Blass Joe Droel Brian Fong Samuel Howard Lily Juliano Chase Klusmann Jessica McMahon	10	Sara Kowalke Emma Perl Timm Spindler Tina Stebbing Adam Voth Louis Bernier	17	Alyssa Meyer Cameron Ochiagha Julie Wolfram Charlotte Everson Avery Horacek Regina Kehl	23	Lee Fischer Joyce Jenkins Ben Lower Logan Schmidt Aaron Stadt Mary Jean Bannert	29	Brenda Haut Bryan Hughes Paul Johnson Alexandra Leonard Madeline Lorence Kevin Stifter
5	Eric Perry Blake Boehme Emma Cloose Ross Dahlin Julie Duffy Lori Golden Krista Hobot	11	Trenton Lutterman Timothy Olson Steve Schach Hal Schmidt Elaine Schlenner Scott Zuehlke	18	Owen Kreutzfeldt Joseph Mahlke Gayla Pleggenkuhle Connor Price Parker Goerlitz Kaye Montgomery	24	Geoff Boyd Tony Boyd Rachel Brocker Eric Helander Aiden Johnson Parker Knutson	30	Amya Torres Nancy Hoffman Joel Mohlenhoff Tammy Price Delana Searles Emily Thommes
	Nate Jones Jacqueline Konop Melia Mackey Joshua Peterson Donna Peters Susan Rose Bob Zick		Gunnar Edlund Janet Jacobson Melissa Larsen Rhoda Pfothenauer Renee Schneider Jack Anderson		Bob Petrich Rick Petrich Gordon Spindler Joann Willhite Lucia Drevlow John Eineke		Ray Merle Sue Meyer Eleanor Morrison Elijah Nystel Marlene Otterson Angie Spates		Phyl Burger Barb Dunn Kyle Engen Shirley Engen Chuck Jones Brian Herian
6	Toni Lindahl Joel Mba-Ngu'e Sonya Mertens Stephanie Ruzich Jeff Schaefer Marnie Andrews	12	Jyl Dunavan Debbie Eddy Grace Lavers Leroy Longworth Mavis McGorman Jacob Rome	19	Susan Gerver Kate Groth Milan Hruby Cristian Link Emmit Luther	25	Teri Trachy Don Arndt Gavin Bertram Fanny Daniels Harry Gurrola	31	Bev Hintz Leah Huebner Natalie Klasinski Adelaide Lisson Brad Miller
7	Cheryl Butz Julia Cordes Carolyn Howard Jenhua Juan Thomas Pashina Amanda Ramin	13	Alayna Scibak Linda Wilford Sarah Yonkovich Lainey Anderson Spenser Arneson Mindy Follett	20	Ethan Bloom Jill Colton Joslyn Fitzgerald David Frost Gwen Froseth Abby Krueger	26	Melody Haines Mary Matasovsky Bill Rengstorf Rosemary Tongen Mark Willie Jane Dibbern		

AND ANNIVERSARIES

2	Chris & Dawn Kroohn		Dick & Jan Rowan	20.	Tad & Lindsey Schmidt
	Brian & Megan Nelson	10	Craig & Cheryl Wasko		Justin & Jill Taylor
	Dennis & Janice Wenker	11	Roger & Shirley Rodgers	21	Chris & Angela Ginkel
4	Dave & Rebecca Martini	14	Brandon & Heidi Crist		Charlie & Donna McElveen
	Kyle & Sara McConaughy		Steven & Ann St. Jacque	22	Phillip & Wendy Baumgart
6	Rajesh Kulandesu & Ruth Premiah	15	Dan & Nancy Oehlke	26	Ponmalar Ramesh & Ramesh Krishnanmani
7	Tom & Terasue Grimm	16	Brad & Kris Sweet	27	Patrick & Maggie Svoboda
	Ben & Regina Kehl	18	Jim & Joy Nassios	28	Mike & Vicki Hunst
9	Adrian & Joann Kjelshus	19	Brad and Sharon Fong		Todd & Bonnie Rizzardi



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!





Worship

HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on January 20 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.

ROOTS BROWNIE BAKE OFF (9TH-12TH)

The Annual Youth Brownie Bake Off will be happening during Wednesday night ROOTS on January 2 & 9, 6:30-8:15pm! Bring a delicious or unique ingredient to make some incredibly memorable brownies with friends on January 2! Then watch as our panel of pastors and youth leaders sample your creations on January 9! It's always fun! Hope to see you there.

OAK HILL GAME NIGHT (6-12TH)

Game night the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm. Join us on January 3. Meet at Caribou Coffee, 1830 Market Dr. Stillwater, MN 55082. Come hang out with Sarah and play games!

ALL CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH THROWBACK GAME NIGHT

Revisit your favorite childhood games but on a higher level! We'll have the run of the Oak Hill campus to play sardines, capture the flag, dodgeball and whatever else we want! And of course we'll have an ice cream sundae bar! HS youth from all campuses join us at OH campus on January 25, 6:30-9:30 and bring a friend! Sign up at wlc youth.org so we get enough ice cream!

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.

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 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.

MARCH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Students who are planning to confirm their faith on March 2/3 be sure to complete the THREE sign up forms at wlc youth.org by January/February dates requested. We need your completed online registration, check-in sheets and your Worship notes & Service hour sheets by January 27. Contact Lindsey Schmidt at schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org if you have any questions or to register for your confirmation celebration interview. Save the date: Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11:30am, Confirmation brunch for students, parents & loved ones. We will take pictures, rehearse, and have a blessing and prayer service.

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.

Getting Connected

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Tony Rubin as he presents, "Career Transition - Are You Financially Prepared?" on January 10, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Gina Soleil as she presents, "Your Personal Breakthrough: The Secret to Achieving the Career You Want Now" on January 24, 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.



Reach

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

Led by Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfotenhauer. 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.

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 wlcyouth.org and click on mission experiences to sign up for one of these great service opps!

Made for More! - Perspectives Course

What more does God have for your life? You may be quite surprised – the more you seek Him and look at His plan for the world, the more He'll reveal to you. The Perspectives course offers you a paradigm shift in understanding God's redemptive purpose. You'll see a much bigger picture of how He seeks to draw people from every tribe, tongue, and nation into a personal relationship.

This 15-week course will be led by local ethnic pastors, local refugee-reaching leaders, global missions directors, and more. When you finish this course you can begin ministering here and now – putting into practice what you've learned about God's purposes! Who this course is for:

- Business men & women who work with international colleagues
- Students – high school and college – who want to be effective on their campus (credit available)
- Nurses needing to learn to work with refugees (CEUs available)
- Moms & Dads hoping to reach neighbors and friends for Christ
- Church plant attenders, small group leaders

When: Tues, 6:15–9:15 pm, 1/22–5/7; Where: (new location) Hope Community Church (dwtm Mpls); Cost: \$250; discounts for couples and families; cost includes 2 textbooks; Register at www.perspectives.org.

Contact Mike Sabbann (sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org) (651-729-5144) with any questions!

January 2019 Calendar

1 (O & V) Offices Closed
Tuesday, All Day

3 (V) Celebrate Recovery
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith,
651-308-9113

**5 (O) Saturday Morning
Men's Bible Study**
Saturdays, 8:00am
Contact: Molly Schulze,
651-739-5144

**5 (V) Saturday Morning
Men's Bible Study**
Saturdays, 6:30am
Contact: Jeff Linert,
651-387-9428

5 (V) Baptism Class
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-472-1975

7 (O) Women of the Word
Mondays, 9:30am
Contact: Jane Dibbern
651-239-0258

**7 (V) Monday Afternoon
Women's Ministry**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974

8 (V) Cancer Companions
Tuesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Vicki Strong,
651-08-4353

9 (V) Women of the Word
Wednesdays, 9:00am
Contact: Mary Lehman
651-739-5144 x201

9 (V) Mitten Ladies
Wednesdays, 12:00pm
Contact: Lyndis Vander Louw
651-459-3313

**10 (V) Career Transition
Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo,
612-386-3715

**20 (V) 2019 All Campus
Budget Meeting**
Sunday, 12:15pm
Contact Mark Stutelber, 651-
739-5144

21 (O & V) Offices Closed
Tuesday, All Day

**27 (V) 2019 All Campus
Annual Meeting & Lunch**
Sunday, 12:15pm

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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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