

THE NEWS LETTER



March 2018

Try Out a Small Group Starting Sundays in March

Beginning March 4th we are starting new small groups that will meet on Sunday mornings. These groups are a little different. They are geared towards people who have never been in a group and those who want to try out a group before committing. Those who have experience in groups are welcome, too. So, no matter which you are, you are welcome!

What's different with these groups? They meet at the church, there will be several groups meeting in the same room and you only commit for the 4 Sundays of March. It is a great way to meet people and also a great way to check out Small Groups. They are the best way to meet others here at WLC.

The groups will start Sunday, March 4 from 9:30-10:30. They will meet in the Fireside Room. You can register by stopping by the Connection Center table in the lobby Sunday mornings in February, emailing me or calling me. Let me know if you have questions! If at the end of March you want to continue in a small group, I can help you with that.

I'm looking forward to seeing you!

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Slow Down...

*"For you, a thousand years
are as a passing day,
as brief as
a few night hours."
- Psalm 90:4*

Having just celebrated my 41st birthday the old phrase that time flies is becoming more and more true in my own life. The same is true as I reflect on the life of Woodbury Lutheran Church. It really is hard to believe that we turned 50 as a church and it is even more difficult to quantify the amount of ministry that has happened over those 50 years. God is good and His Spirit continues to move in the life of our church.

As I look back I cannot help but to look forward. Even as we speak our Church Council has put together a Ministry Planning Team to help us better discern where God is leading us over the next 5 years. **Multiply** is pointing the ship in a direction and now we will work on all the details that will follow.

As we go through this process I want you to know that I covet your prayers. I often wonder how in the world I landed in the role that God has placed me in. As a Pastor and leader it is hard to not feel wholly inadequate at times; perhaps those are subtle reminders from the Spirit to depend on God.

Over the next several months every ministry at WLC will be going through

a process to see what is working well and where we can improve. We will then be taking the information from the Reveal survey along with best practices that we are finding throughout the greater church and prayerfully move into a time of planning for our future.

I am so grateful for our church and our desire to be married to the mission of Jesus rather than the models that we have used or are using. May we continue to be a church on the move, seeking to Multiply Disciples and Transform Lives, all to the glory of our great God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Peace,
Pastor Tom



Baptisms:

Emma Rose Stakston
John Fletcher Muse
Bridgett Cynthia Stewart
Zachary George Wagner
Zaidyn Allen Wagner

Deaths:

Kristin Jung ~ grandmother,
Terry Klinger
Nikki Jung ~ grandmother, Terry
Klinger
Brian Follett ~ mother, Nancy
Follett
Scott Meyer ~ mother, Lois
Meyer
Grace Lavers ~ brother, Kenneth
Fry
Marlene Otterson ~ brother-in-
law, Lloyd Otterson
The Family of Gladys Westin

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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“...tidbits from
that first
year...”

The History of Our Church WLC Scrapbook

Following the adoption of the Articles of Incorporation in January 1968, the new church continued to meet in Royal Oaks Elementary School, not far from the land that had been purchased for the future church building. Here are some tidbits from that first year:

- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod purchased a parsonage at 7217 Coachwood Road, literally around the corner from the school and land.
 - * Pastor Paul and Rhoda Pfotenbauer have now lived in this house for over 50 years.
- Sunday school, confirmation class and church choir met in the Coachwood house until the first sanctuary was built.
- Ours was a mission church, as confirmed by an earlier showing of the film “For Their Sake.”
- From the Woodbury Lutheran Mission organizational meeting minutes: “The ladies adjourned to a separate room to discuss care of the altar, choir and choir robes, and welcome committee.”
- In March, “a special meeting was held for the purpose of selecting a church name. During the first vote, *Woodbury Lutheran Church* received 15 votes, *Lutheran Church of Woodbury* 6 votes, and *Glory of God Lutheran Church* 16 votes. A re-vote was held. Woodbury Lutheran Church was selected by majority vote.”
- Building plans: “The church sanctuary should be a space which is worshipful. It should not appear to be makeshift or temporary. It will most likely become a fellowship hall when the permanent larger sanctuary is built.”
- In December, “Under the direction of Mrs. Esther Kasperson, an Adult Choir meets periodically for rehearsal. Plans are underway to have this group sing for special occasions.”
- By the end of the first full year, attendance was 200, with 70 children in Sunday school.
- Budget for 1968: \$17,187. Offerings: \$12,686.



An Update On Multiply

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

2018 is off to a strong start financially around the **Multiply** initiative. Over the next several months we will be watching the finances closely looking for new trends in giving and so forth. As we do, it is important to remember that **Multiply** is a two year 8.4 million dollar initiative that includes everything in our budget. Remember **Multiply** is one fund, meaning that everything we do ministry wise is included in **Multiply**.

Here are a few updates from each bucket:

MULTISITE INVESTMENT - \$1.1 Million

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

- We continue to pay the operating expenses of Liberty Ridge and Oak Hill.
- We are setting aside funds for future multisite ministry as well as for a future permanent location for Liberty Ridge.

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.

- Our Reach initiatives led by Mike Sabbann and Regina Kehl are starting to take good shape. Both will be in Ethiopia this month to further explore church planting and pastoral training opportunities.
- Dean Dunavan will be starting into the SMP process in the fall.

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES - \$4.5 Million

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

- We are excited about the significant planning process our staff is in, and we are developing a transition plan for Mark Shepperd's retirement in May.

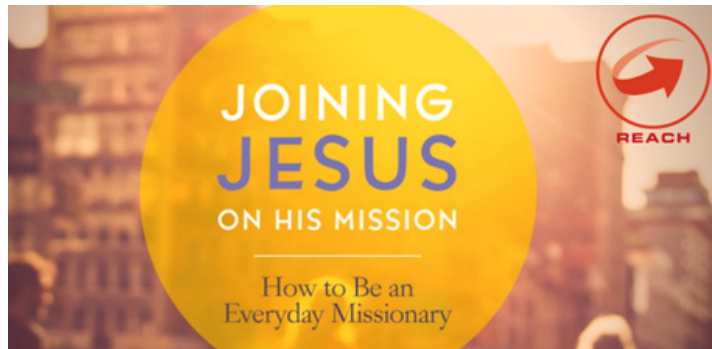
FOUNDATIONAL EXPENSES - \$1.7 Million

We will accelerate the payment of debt and make needed investments in our facilities so that we can effectively say “yes” to what God has in store for our future.

- Our debt is now under 1.7 million dollars.
- The Valley Creek Sanctuary is currently being repainted and will also receive new carpet, lighting and the floors will be redone.
- A new monument sign has been installed on the Oak Hill Campus.

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





“...it’s not what we know that will change the world, but what we do with what we know...”

Joining Jesus on His Mission

“It’s not what you know that will change the world, but what you do with what you know that will change the world.” - Greg Finke

Many of us like to learn. Actually, many of us love to learn! This is not an exception when it comes to learning about God’s word. We are like sponges absorbing everything we can from sermons, Bible studies, small groups, podcasts, etc. What a great thing – learning about what God teaches us in his Word!

For seven weeks, all of our campuses studied and absorbed what Greg Finke shares in his book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. If you asked any of the attendees, you would discover we are all called to be missionaries - everyday, neighborhood missionaries who share the love of Christ in our everyday living. And while this can seem intimidating, we learned it is actually pretty simple. We get to enjoy the people we have access to in our everyday lives and join Jesus in what He is already doing all around us.

To assist us, Finke shares five things we can practice. These prepare, equip, and help us be everyday, neighborhood missionaries.

- Seek the Kingdom – Listen and watch to see what God is doing all around you. Instead of seeing coincidences, you will see God-incidences.

- Hear from Jesus – Immerse yourself in what Jesus said and did by reading the Gospels.
- Talk with people – Start conversations. Listen to others and share your story.
- Do good – Bless your neighbor.
- Minister through prayer – Offer a simple prayer.

My hope is that this wasn’t just another class for us to absorb more. Because it’s not what we know that will change the world, but what we do with what we know that will change the world.

- Regina Kehl

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- On February 15, we worshipped at Lake Middle School due to a sports tournament at Liberty Ridge. Everything went smoothly at Lake. It's common for a portable church to be asked to not use a space a few times a year. This is our first time being asked in a year!
- Although we are always praying to God for guidance and blessing for Liberty Ridge, a specific team of people has started meeting to constantly hold the community up in prayer and asking God to work transformation in the surrounding community. We invite you to join us in praying for God to bring growth and joy through the Gospel.
- On March 21, we'll be hosting a *Moms and Lids Easter Carnival of Crafts* for families in the Stonemill Farms neighborhood. We're looking forward to connecting with moms who stay home with their kids and being able to tell the story of Easter.
- We are hosting our first ever Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday service at Liberty Ridge. Our Maundy Thursday service will be a blend of a family meal and worship, while Good Friday worship will take place at Liberty Ridge at 7:30pm.
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He will bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.

OAK HILL UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:

- On February 11th we joined the Liberty Ridge and Valley Creek Campuses for family tubing at Green Acres. Over 55 WLC members came together for an afternoon of family fun!
- The Hearts and Hands Ministry was at our campus for their February Valentines event. Vicar Christian led the group in a devotion followed by food, music and fellowship. Thanks to all who worked to make this a wonderful evening!
- The Search Committee continues to see God at work in the process of calling a Campus Pastor. The committee has been reviewing candidates and will soon begin an initial set of interviews. Thank you for your prayers as the search process moves forward.
- We thank God for the support of lay leaders and the staff of WLC!
- 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.



New Members:

Nathan & Amanda
Aalderks and Noah

Melissa Beaupre

Cody Gerver

Daniel & Susan
Jamison and
Cameron & Caden

Abraham Mathews &
Vanaja Samuel and
Ashish & Albin

Charles & Donna
McElveen

Nick & Michelle
Sabatke and Garrett



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- On the weekend of February 3/4, 9 more students completed the confirmation journey and confirmed their faith and desire to continue walking as followers of Jesus. If you have a student who is interested in confirming their faith, please get in touch with Lindsey Schmidt, schmidt@woodburylutheran.org
- On Sunday February 11th, 30 3rd students graduated from Bible University and received their very own Bible in a special presentation during the 11am Sanctuary Worship service (see the next page for these terrific students). This class is a huge blessing to both students and parents as they grow in their love for the word.
- Through Multiply funds, we have started the refresh of the Valley Creek Sanctuary. Over the next several months the lights and lighting system will be updated, the room will be painted, carpet replaced and wood floors refinished.
- We continue to see huge growth in the number of people who are live streaming our services, especially during the 9:30 worship hour.
- On February 14th we kicked off the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship. Lent is such a special time for our church as we look forward to the testimonies and preparation for Holy Week.
- 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.



3rd Grade Bible University Graduates & Bible Recipients

*Tommy Albrecht
Michele Atkinson
*Connor Bakken
*Ben Bauman
*Joshua Behnken
Harrison Brigl
*Lauren Bunge
*Anthony Conant
*Iban Drevlow
Logan Duis
*Cassidy Huebner
*Carley Kokaisel
*Mallory Law
*Emma Lee
*Aiden Loeffler
*Cael MacLeod
*Kathryn McAllister
*Leland McAllister
*Marissa McCloud
*Luke Moris
*Natalie Munn
*Abby Nathlich
Josh Nimal
*John Norring
*Colin Schlattman
*Whitney Seltz
*Cael Spates
*Mary Timmers

** denotes completion of
Bible University*

Celebrating 30 Years In Africa!

We are soon to celebrate thirty years in Africa. For two years now, we've been in Southern Africa, after having spent over 25 years in Cameroon, in the center of the continent. In these two years, we have learned the national language, and are excited to be embarking upon a more active ministry, now that we can communicate to those around us. Paula is learning a tribal, Bantu language, while we both also continue getting better at speaking and understanding the national language.

In March and April, we will be facilitating a seminar for around 15 people, all of whom have shown interest in reaching out to unreached people in their city. Every Saturday, we will travel across town to a small church building to teach 4 hours. The sessions will include a lot of activities like drama, small group work, and discussion in the large group. At the beginning of each Saturday morning, we'll be demonstrating a Bible study method that can easily be learned and used by working people who cannot read. Then, we'll be reviewing their practice of the ideas during the previous week.

We are still trying to make this seminar come alive. Pray for us as we continue to develop new dramas and new learning activities that will help people to understand how they can reach out to people from a different religion or culture.

Pray for these men and women who are going to be moving with us through this seminar, that God will grow their passion for lost people. Pray that they also may come to a deeper understanding of their own relationship to God. If even a couple catch the vision, we have multiplied ourselves!!

Ray and Paula Yoder
World Team, Southern Africa





MAUNDY THURSDAY (VC): 7:30 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY (OH): 6:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY (LR): 6:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY (VC) : 12:00 & 7:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY (OH): 7:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY (LR): 7:30 PM
EASTER VIGIL (VC): 5:00 PM

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AT WLC



Save the Date!

We will celebrate the
retirement of

Mark Shepperd

on Sunday, May 20th.

Mark your calendars
today!

Women's Night Out & Boutique

Friday, April 6th 6pm-10pm

Woodbury Lutheran Church 7380 Afton Rd. Woodbury

An evening of fellowship,
encouragement
& inspiration

**Silent Auction, Boutique Shopping,
Giveaway, Appetizers & Desserts
for Purchase**



**Say Yes to You! Motivational
Keynote 6p-7p**

**Presented by Angie Nippert
founder of Wellwomen Thrive**

**To RSVP for speaker, please –
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**\$13 per person for Speaker/Dessert
event**

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“...sculpting us to resemble the image of Christ...”

Celebrate Recovery Finding Victory in the Journey

*“Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials.” - James 1:2*

The popular television show Extreme Makeover puts people through all kinds of adverse circumstances so that they might look better than they did when they started the makeover process. They undergo surgical procedures, grueling workouts, and physical pain in order to be transformed into something externally beautiful.

One of the primary ways God makes us more like Christ is to allow us to face challenges, hardships, and trouble. To conform us into the image of Christ, we don't just need minor surgery—we require major transformation.

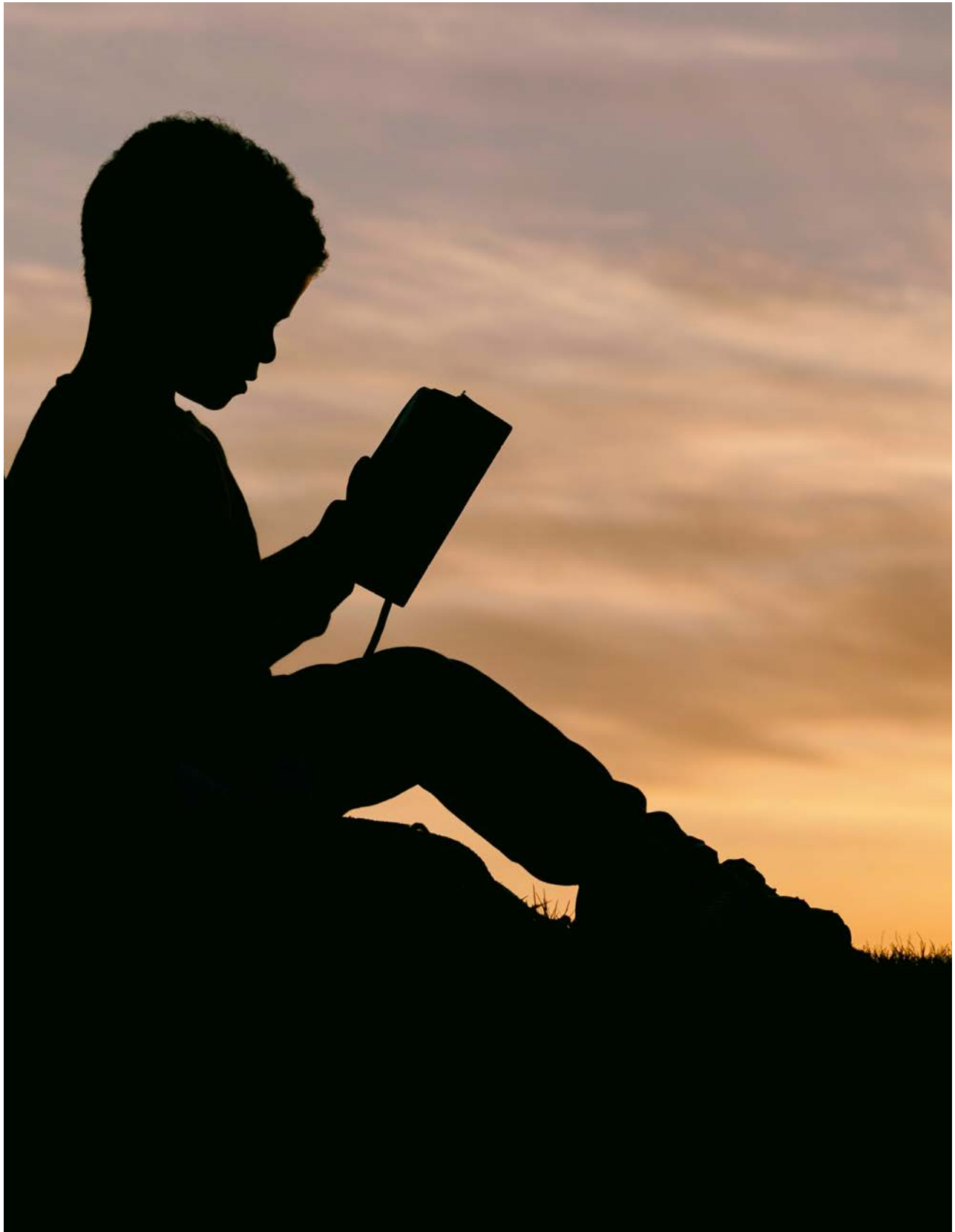
In fact, God has to put a brand-new nature inside us. Just as a sculptor chips away at a piece of marble to turn it into a beautiful image, God uses trials to chip away at us, sculpting us to resemble the image of Christ.

During these times of trial and testing, you may often feel alone. But remember that the teacher is always quiet during the test. You are not alone. God is producing within you the beauty and majesty of a surrendered and humbled soul.

Are you ready for an inward transformation, ready to face the struggles in your life?

Join us at Celebrate Recovery on Thursday nights and find a community of believers who are facing their struggles and finding victory in the journey.

**Dinner served in the Paul Room from 5:30 to 6:15.
Worship at 6:30, Small Group at 7:30 & Solid Rock Café at 8:30!
For further information and contacts please visit our website at
www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/serve/celebraterecovery**



PARENTS, ALTHOUGH THE SEASON OF LENT BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 14, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO BEGIN ENCOURAGING YOUR FAMILY TO PRACTICE DISCIPLINES THAT KEEP OUR FOCUS ON JESUS!

THE TRADITION OF LENT

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:9-10 ESV)

Lent is a season of reflection and renewal for the 40 days leading up to Easter. Through spiritual practice and discipline, Lent prepares followers of Christ for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Jesus Himself gave us an example of this when He spent 40 days and nights in the desert fasting, praying, and refusing to give in to Satan's temptations at the start of His ministry (Matthew 4:1-11).

Isn't it beautiful that in the tradition of Lent, we get to share in what our Lord and Savior practiced? The practice of Lent encourages us to slow down our busy lives and focus on our relationship with God. The three spiritual practices Jesus modeled in Matthew 4—fasting, prayer, and reflection on Scripture—are a great place for any family to begin. All of these disciplines create space for the focus to shift from self to God.

FASTING

Fasting often refers to a restricted diet related to food. During Lent, many people practice fasting from food—giving up sweets, soda, or coffee. But fasting can also be a practice to forfeit TV time, FaceBook, social apps, eating out, or going to the movies. Fasting is not meant to harm or punish. Rather, the absence of those things is to make time to spend with God in prayer or Scripture reading.

PRAYER

Many of us think of prayer as our conversation with God—sharing with Him our troubles, celebrations, and petitions. If you are going to focus on prayer for the 40 days of Lent,

challenge yourself to do something different than you usually do. Perhaps spend time in prayer for others and write them notes telling them you prayed for them. Start a prayer journal as a family, leaving it where any family member can add to it. Create a physical space for family members to practice listening for God. This can be a small space in your home with a simple Scripture verse to repeat aloud before praying.

SCRIPTURE

Jesus grew up hearing and learning the Scriptures He used to defeat Satan in the desert. As a family, read together and memorize Scriptures that focus on the character of God, which can be an encouragement to you when tempted.

God Is Merciful—Ephesians 2:4

God Is Gracious—Romans 1:5

God Is Love—Deuteronomy 7:7-8

God Is Trustworthy—Numbers 23:19

God Is Wise—Romans 11:33

Easter Sunday brings closure to the 40 days of Lent, celebrating the resurrection of the Savior promised in Genesis. Jesus fulfilled every prophecy and promise God told His children throughout the Old Testament. Praise be to God!

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.

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February 6, 2018

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Dear Pastor Tom, Woodbury Lutheran Council, Staff and Congregation,

Just a quick note to thank Woodbury Lutheran Church for your partnership.

The proverbial dust is still settling but over the past few weeks we have entered a new era for the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf in our move to a new facility. While this new building is an exciting opportunity to help more of God's children, it comes with a bit of sadness as we depart such a welcoming place. We are well aware that without the nurturing and love of the Woodbury Lutheran faith community, we would not have been able to help the thousands of families we aided over the years.

So on behalf of all those lives that we touched over the past 34 years, thank you. Thank you for being the "foundation" of our mission. Thank you for your patience and helping with all the little things that made us feel at home. Thank you for the volunteers that helped with enthusiasm and welcomed all that were served as friends. Thank you for the bounty which you shared for those less fortunate. Thank you for your prayers and your love.

As we move forward into this new stage, I humbly ask for your continued prayers and support. The challenge of hunger in our community remains and any solution requires a communal effort. Thank you for being a part of that solution since the beginning.

Peace,

M. Greig Metzger
Executive Director
Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf

March

1 Andrea Austin Harrison Brigl Danielle Bocker Jane Cavanaugh Keith Daniels Caleb Fett Coralyn Fischer Jessica Hammett Diana Olsen Mary Shepperd Min Starzynski Mary Wess	6 Tom Burger Lisa Corrigan Kathy Hegna Hannah Meek Robbie Sivill Mike Petrich Chris Rock Heather Rosemann	Carol Roeller Pat Schank Dwight Schultz Xander Spreigl Lev Wagner Colton Widen	Joy Taraldsen Cal Branton Gracyn Jagger Molly Law Paul Lieder Deanna Link Gene Niezgocki Andrea Shugg Bradley Wilkie	21 Matthew Bagan Kris Bohrer Delores Fitzgerald Melody Golnitz Thomas Kinmounth John LaVenture Allyson Leonard Erik Nelson	John Vander Louw Hannah Walker John Wildman Margaret Wolsky Sue Zabilla
2 Hanna Arndt Brady Bertram Caden Boe Kathleen Klinzing Richard Ritter Mike Rollefson Alexander Rome Robert Thomas	7 Gary Baran Deanna Bieniek Shari Devine Jeff Hagen Lucas Johnson Andy Kroohn Drew Lodermeier Kay Moquist Daniel Rogers	12 Ginny Bocker Jeanne Doane Karen Heaton Kayleigh Kamealoha Mike Peterson Rachel Rasmussen Glenn Rogers Todd Schwarzenbach Paula Walther	17 Ken Drevnick Tracy Finch Ross Goertzen Monica Knox Jim Liljedahl Kelly Parker Patty Pearson Micah Schulze Jordan Neutz Kaycie Schlichenmaier Jenna Vislisl Soren Voth	22 Erik Carlson Hannah Carpenter Landon Huber Burt Nagel Hannah Parks Sue Ratliff Keri Rojas Satoru Sudoh	27 Joan Cooper Amanda Gervais Mallory Law Doug Mackey Lynnette Mahlke Mathew Muellner Samuel Olson Laura Same Paul Stiebner Darlene Tibbets James Widen
3 Kristen Albrecht Gary Jorgensen Tim Lamkin Jenny Moody Julie Runge Brian Schmidt	8 Robert Chad Bev Jechort Colton Lindeman Jerry Lindeman Karlee Pitt Thomas Nelson Lori Schouvieller Nancy Shaver Robert Treadway	13 Stephen Butz Gayle Cornwell Samuel Hohenstein Barb Koch Stacy Moran Jane Nelson Myron Tank Torie Taraldsen Kris Wesser Tom Wolfgram	18 Rod Beseman John Bocker Caleb Bloomer Nick Ginn Mary Lehman Josephine Mingus Danny Moore Christian Opheim Eli Pertl Alyssa Radecki Allison Stohlmann Brandon Thompson Sondra Wagner	23 Patty Bolin Sarah Hughes Maddie Mills Nathan Mueller Sandy Peterson Brenda Ratzloff Heather Rohm Michele Starr	28 Brian Daniels Lisa Deverell Roger Fockler Jacob Lambrides Rodney Nelsestuen Sally Schumacher
4 Kristin Charlson Angela Hassebroek Renae Holthaus Diane Norton Dennis Wenker	9 Melissa Dahlin Peter Heintz Lucy Jorgensen Aaron Lindeman Cindy Linert Sarah Mazzaresse Elijah Mueller Jennifer Spreigl	14 Noah Alderks Sally Carlson Lillie Cloose Jolynne Colvin Tiffany Fitzgerald Dana Harelstad Kathy Janacek Chad Kurth Zachary Lehmann Lois Rogers Andrew Rohlf Mitch Schank Brett Waldman	19 Mark Jechort Dan Peterson Amanda Witt Emily Anderson Darcy Bertram Jeff Haines Joy Klasinski Jerry Linser Elizabeth Niezgocki Hatti Score Tim Schubbe Aidan Zuehlke	24 Diane Frisk Kim Berven Gene Jones Ramesh Krishnanmani Darlene Meissner Chris Radecki Grayson Reyes Ann St. Jacques Hayley Zwakman Tyler Zwakman	29 Karl Hohenstein Olivia Olek Allie Olson Mason Pflieger Steve Raebel Joshua Riehle Marina Rizzo Marcia Strharsky
5 Samantha Bradshaw Eric Bridenbecker Bob Carlson Michelle Cattell Sarah Dibbern Brianne Drost Matt Fluegel Caleb Fox Sally Kolb Jack Leis Braydon Peterson Kenya Skytte Illiya Spreigl Mason Tuman Caden Vo	10 Robert Baty Joe Blomquist Brinley Brusewitz James Gillard Matt Jorgenson Carol Koehn Kevin Meissner Paula Morton Jeff Southward	15 Matthew Baumgarn Jacob Brammer Donald Harrison Kevin Landgrebe Scott Neils Cheryl Olofson Lisa Parvey Marissa Sandrock	20 Emily Anderson Darcy Bertram Jeff Haines Joy Klasinski Jerry Linser Elizabeth Niezgocki Hatti Score Tim Schubbe Aidan Zuehlke	25 Jon Dibbern Erin Hattenberger Carol Nelson Vanaja Samuel Peyton Schrachta Holly Sonn Ryan Topp Mark Wollner	30 Matthew Eddy Sunny Marshall Rikki Mohlenhoff Joshua Zuehlke
	11 Conner Delaney Michaela Hartinger Kathy Johnson			26 Lavonne Buchanan Merlene Lieder Jude Scholz Garrett Stennes	31 Jameson Bieniek Natalie Coughlin Megan Dyck John Hukee Cael MacLeod Andy Ogren Lin Peterson Anna Tveit

Birthdays

& Anniversaries

1 Jerry & Jan Steffel John & Ellen Kistner	Bob & Mary Jo McNeal Peter & Marta Rowcliffe	18 Rob & Kristi Starzynski	26 John & Lyndis Vander Louw
3 Steve & Diane Hall	14 Tom & Jodi Burger	20 Ron Linden & Leann Radel John and Courtney Colton	28 David & Shirley Schelling
5 Fred & Donna Peting	15 Jacob & Sophia Van Jaasveld	21 Alan & Lyn Wilkie David & Janet Jacobson	29 Richard & Judith Lindemeier
7 Doug & Renee Boehme Richard & Marilyn Sinclair	16 Perry & Debbie Firkus Rick & Nancy Hoffman	22 Tyrone & Raquel Beucler	30 Don & Virginia Bocker Jay & Lisa Deverell
12 Brad & Julie Fisher	17 John & Janice McLean Kent & Mary Emerson	23 Jeff & Melissa Rones	31 Richard & Beth Ferguson
13 Ben & Tami Lower		25 Kurt & Barb Brammer	

midweek lenten sermon series

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION



A Midweek Sermon Series for Lent

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Reading: Luke 22:1-6 (Also see Matthew 27:3-10)

Verse: Luke 22:3

Title: **Judas, the Betrayer**

Artwork: *Judas' Remorse* - José Ferraz de Almeida Júnior

Focus: Judas' betrayal of Jesus would eventually lead to remorse. Sadly the remorse of Judas led him even further from Jesus. How can our remorse actually lead us back to Jesus?

2ND Wednesday – February 21

Reading: Luke 22:24-30

Text: Luke 22:24

Title: **The Power Hungry Disciples**

Artwork: *The Last Supper* - Joos van Cleve

Focus: After the most memorable meal in the history of humanity the disciples found themselves arguing about who is the greatest. As followers of Jesus, our lives are marked by a different kind of greatness: humility and service.

3rd Wednesday – February 28

Reading: Luke 22:39-46

Text: Luke 22:45

Title: **The Grief Filled Disciples**

Artwork: *Praying at Gethsemane* - He Qi

Focus: Exhausted by grief, the disciples fell asleep – in our grief may we always find rest in prayer.

4th Wednesday – March 7

Reading: Luke 22:47-53

Text: Luke 22:49

Title: **Peter, the Protector**

Artwork: *St. Peter cut slave's ear - Duccio*

Focus: Peter grabbed a sword to defend Jesus and was chastised for his actions. What do we get wrong about Jesus and where do we need to be chastised?

5th Wednesday – March 14

Reading: Luke 22:54-65

Text: Luke 22:62

Title: **Peter, the Denier**

Artwork: *The Denial of Saint Peter - Gerard Seghers*

Focus: Peter's denial left him heart broken. How has Jesus healed your brokenness?

6th Wednesday – March 21

Reading: Luke 22:66-23:25

Text: Luke 23:1 and 23:8

Title: **Pilate, the World Ruler**

Artwork: *Christ Before Pilate - Duccio Buoninsegna*

Focus: Pilate and Herod were the faces of power in the world that the people looked to for answers. As followers of Jesus we look to Him for our answers.

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Reading: Luke 22:14-23

Text: Luke 22:15

Title: **Jesus, the Passover Lamb**

Artwork: *The Last Supper, Fra Angelico, 1522*

Focus: As Jesus entered the last few hours before His suffering, He desired to give His disciples a final gift, Himself.

Good Friday – March 30

Reading: Luke 24:44-49

Text: Luke 24:48-49

Title: **Jesus, the Crucified**

Artwork: *Crucifixion – Hi Qi*

Focus: From a distance we see the death that brings us life.



Worship

HEALING SERVICE

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

VC SEDER MEAL SIGN UP FOR HOLY COMMUNION CLASS PARTICIPANTS

The final session of your Lord's Supper Class is the Family Seder Dinner. The Family Seder Dinner is Thursday, March

29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Creek Campus. Seder Dinner is by reservation only for current class members and family. There will be no walk-in seating and payment must accompany reservation. To help us plan for this event, please sign up by Tuesday, March 20. Students (12 and under): \$8 and adults: \$10. Questions? Contact Lindsey (SchmidtL@woodbury-lutheran.org) at 651-739-5144 ext. 219.

LIBERTY RIDGE SUNDAY DONUT AND DEVO (6TH-12TH)

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month we will gather to enjoy donuts together, play a game, do a devotional Bible study, and share highs and lows from our week. We will then 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. Contact Laura at stennesL@woodburylutheran.org with any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

March 9, 6:30-8:30pm. 6th, 7th, & 8th graders we're going to be playing big church games and having a blast. Grab your friends, and come ready to play! This is an all campus event held at the Valley Creek Campus. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt.

EASTER BREAKFAST FUND RAISER (6TH -12TH AT OH & VC CAMPUSES)

The Easter Breakfast youth fundraiser sign up will open online for one shift per person for Middle School families March 11-17 and High School families from March 18-24. Then beginning March 25 anyone can sign up for multiple shifts until full. Go to wlc youth.org to sign up

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, but space is limited! Cost is \$225 (\$300 w/ rental).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING (6TH-12TH)

All Youth ministries take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm. The

night looks like this: 6-6:30pm, Game time; 6:30-7pm, Opening worship/games; 7-7:30pm, Large group teaching; 7:30-8:15pm, Small groups. We meet at both the Oak Hill and Valley Creek campuses (Liberty Ridge meets at VC campus). Register at wlc youth.org for Sixers, Foundations and Roots.

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 Dr. Brian Abraham as he presents, "The Minnesota Entrepreneurial Ecosystem" on March 8 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 Jeffry Brown as he presents, "Have the Job of Your Dreams" on March 22 at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.



Reach

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS!

We are excited! More than 50 WLC members are embarking on experiences in which they share the love of Jesus::

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

Getting Connected

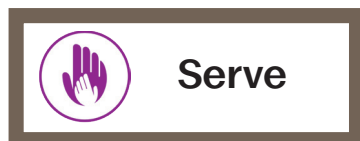
• Kake, Alaska - August 7-18
We'd love to have you join us in 2019.
Plan for your summer mission now.
Email KehlR@woodburylutheran.org with questions.

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

LUTHERAN HOUR ZONE BANQUET

Join us on Sunday, March 11 for the annual Lutheran Hour Zone Banquet at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Roseville. For more information, please contact Kevin Bonine at 651-738-1767



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Valley Creek Holy Communion Class Seder meal on Thursday, March 29 is in need of volunteers. The final session of the Holy Communion Class is the Family Seder Dinner. This Seder Dinner celebrates the last supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. Volunteers are needed to help make this special event a success. What we need: Set-up 3-5pm (4 spots), Serving 5-7pm (30 spots—wear dark pants and white shirts please) and Clean-up 7-8pm (12 spots). Sign up at wlc-youth.org. Great service hours for Confirmation students! Questions: Contact Lindsey Schmidt at schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144.

SUMMER STRETCH (6TH-8TH)

Registration opens for participants and Teen Leaders on April 1. Students who've completed 6th grade as of the summer of 2018 are welcome to join us on Thursdays during the summer for service and fun. Teen leaders who are 9th & up are

welcome to apply to be teen leaders. Go to wlc-youth.org for more information and to sign up.

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 (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.



March 2018 Calendar

1 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

3 (V) Baptism Class

Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
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

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 (O & V) Lenten Suppers

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

7 (O & V) Lenten Worship

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

8 (O) Women of the Word

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

8 (O) MomsConnect

Thursday, 6:30pm
Contact: Molly Schulze,
651-739-5144

8 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

9 (V) All Campus Middle School Mania

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

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

22 (V) Grief Support for Women

Thursday, 1:00pm
Contact: Joy Hopke,
651-735-0124

29 (L, O & V) Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, 6:00pm (OH);
6:30pm (LR); 7:30pm (VC)

7 (O & V) Good Friday Worship

Friday, Noon (VC) & 7:30pm
(OH & VC)

THE NEWS LETTER

Want more events?

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7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

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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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