

THE NEWS LETTER



October 2018

Christmas Festival Concert

A couple of weeks ago I was in Sam's Club looking for a new mattress. Our middle child, our only son, has outgrown his twin bed of his childhood and is entering a new season of his life in his teens. It's a bitter-sweet (and expensive) season of change in our house. In many ways we all want things to stay the same - yet we all know things change.

While I was at Sam's Club, I about fell over when I saw the front-yard lit-up reindeer on display along with hundreds of other Christmas decorations... 6 weeks before Halloween!??

Apparently it's not too early to be thinking about Christmas! If Christmas hasn't appeared as a blip on your radar yet - it probably will soon.

As I've collaborated with other members of our worship department and senior leadership team, we've decided to put our Christmas Festival Concert on hold this year. Some of the factors we considered in this decision are:

- our commitment to keeping Jesus at the center of our worship
- this very busy season of life in all 3 of our campuses
- the impact of some recent staff transitions (*there have been more than this*):
 - the biggest one being Mark Shepperd's retirement after 28 years of faithful and creative leadership at our Valley Creek Campus
 - Karl Grant's stepping up to be the point person of our traditional music at Valley Creek
 - Joel Wetzstein (*me*) joining our team as the Multisite Worship Director

As we honor our past traditions and at the same time look ahead to this Christmas at Woodbury Lutheran Church our focus is on Jesus. In this upcoming season our efforts are and will continue to be focused on preparing for an incredible time of worship together on Christmas Eve.

In Him,
Joel Wetzstein, Multisite Worship Director



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Ministry Updates!

As we jump into ministry again this fall across all three campuses of WLC, I am again reminded of how much is going on! One of the biggest challenges in our church is to keep everyone up to speed on all that is happening, so I thought I would go at my article a bit differently and offer you a list of ministry updates to keep you in the loop; **ready, set, go!**

STAFFING

This has been a huge season of transition in our team. After the retirements of Mark Shepperd and Dan and Barb Arend, we are excited to welcome new staff members to our team. Brian and Theresa Ingram are now full-time in our custodial department; Karl Grant is part-time leading our Saturday night service, playing the Organ and directing the choir on our Valley Creek Campus; and Brad Miller and Joel Wetzstein are full-time working in Worship and Discipleship. Brad and Joel are truly our first multisite hires, their jobs are not tied to a single campus rather they cover the entire span of WLC.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Last Spring we started into a planning process to look at the ministry of WLC over the next five years. We do not have all the details worked out, but we believe that God is calling us to multiply our ministry impact in three areas. Over the next five years, we believe that God is calling us to minister to 5000 engaged disciples, to see growth in the kingdom through 500 baptisms (100 being adult) and do it from 5 ministry locations. We are currently in conversation with a local church who has offered to hand over the min-

istry completely to WLC. I am happy to say that we are making some real progress toward finding a use for the St. Croix campus that will impact the community for years to come, stay tuned.

GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE

Several years ago we moved to a Policy Based Governance structure that left the church with a single governing board, the Church Council. We still have Elders and their role is to take the lead in the spiritual health of the congregation and lead the way in serving and prayer, but they are not a decision making board. The church staff is in the process of transitioning to a new structure that will allow us to be better equipped to function in a multisite setting. Please let me know if you have any questions, when all the details are ironed out. The structure will be available for the church at large.

In the midst of change and transition, one thing remains the same; our great God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May we keep our eyes fixed on the Author and Perfecter of our faith Jesus, today and always!

Peace,
tom



Weddings:

Melissa Beupre & Cody Gerver
Dawn Ginzl & Patrick Huspeni
Lacey Harrington & David Martin
Cheralynn Diers & Brian Schmidt
Anne Johnson & Kevin Beseman

Baptisms:

Alexa Grace Rosin
Hayden Allan Young
Emma Ann Young
Maxine Dani Lundequam
Wells Benjamin Charlson
Cole Jacob Horak

Deaths:

The Family of Dennis Laue
Janice Jones ~ father, Robert Adkins
Pat Morsching ~ mother, Audrey Blanske
Stacy Winter ~ father, Chuck Sundell

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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“...tidbits from that first year...”

The History of Our Church WLC Scrapbook

Our church has had only three senior pastors in its 50-year history: Paul Pfothenhauer (1967-2000), Dean Nadasdy (2000-2012) and Tom Pfothenhauer (2012-present).

Gene Goldsby was the first of eight assistant pastors: Todd Stocker, Marlin Harris, Ben Griffin, Tim Marshall*, Derek Broten, Drew Bayless and Jon Kuehne*. Of this group, two * are still serving at our church, three are still in the area, and Pastor Goldsby is disabled after a stroke. Dean Dunavan is currently enrolled in the Special Ministry Program to one day become an ordained pastor of the Oak Hill Campus.

Since our first vicar arrived, we have hosted 23 seminary students in year #3 of a four-year path to becoming ordained pastors in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Here is a list of our beloved vicars, their year of service, and their current whereabouts:

Todd Stocker	1996-97	Trinity Lutheran, Hudson, WI
Matthew Bean	1997-98	Redeemer Lutheran, N Chesterfield, VA
Bob Liebmann	1998-99	St. Mark's Lutheran, Eureka, MO
Chris James	1999-00	Immanuel Lutheran, Downers Grove, IL
Thomas Zucconi	2000-01	Holy Cross Lutheran, Dallas, TX
Aaron Rosenau	2001-02	Faith Lutheran, Appleton, WI
Ryan Neuhaus	2002-03	Concordia Lutheran H.S., Tomball, TX
Brian Davies	2003-04	Lord of Glory Lutheran, Grayslake, IL
Dion Garrett	2004-05	St. John Lutheran, Ellisville, MO
Matthew Blackford	2005-06	Lord of Life Lutheran, Lafox, IL
Chad Trunkhill	2006-07	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Fremont, CA
James Baumgartner	2007-08	Our Redeemer Lutheran, Chugiak, AK
Josh Davis	2008-09	Faith Lutheran, Hastings, NE
Mark Koschmann	2009-10	Concordia University, St. Paul, MN
Gabe Kasper	2010-11	Univ. Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor, MI
Matthew Wait	2011-12	First Lutheran, Los Angeles, CA
Jake Wampfler	2012-13	Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS
Andrew Bayless	2013-14	Saint Trinity Lutheran, St. Louis, MO
Jon Kuehne	2014-15	Woodbury Lutheran / Liberty Ridge
Colter Knippa	2015-16	Zion Lutheran, North Highlands, CA
Scott Pitsch	2016-17	King of Kings Lutheran, Chesterfield, MO
Christian Jones	2017-18	Final year of seminary, St. Louis, MO
Geordie Denholm	2018-19	Vicar at Woodbury Lutheran Church

WLC Missions More Focused

Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of “all nations” (Matthew 28:19). What does that mean? The Greek for “all nations” in this verse is “panta ta ethne”, and can be translated simply as “across all ethnic groups”. As missions experts look across the globe to determine how well the Church is following Jesus’ command, they see many ethnic groups or “people groups” that have not yet heard about Jesus and the saving grace He provides. These people groups range from very large (millions of ethnic Kurds in Iraq) to small tribes (thousands of Chalupe people in Paraguay).

In 2016, WLC leadership asked our Global Mission Team to bring more focus to the types of missionaries and ministries we support. One of the key changes to come out of an 18-month study process is to increase WLC’s support for missions and church-planting efforts among such overlooked people groups. Why? We found this statistic (among others) startling:

- Approximately 27% of the world’s population has not been presented with the gospel, yet less than 5% of missionaries are sent to these areas.

Given this significant imbalance, we developed a process for vetting missionaries we support with criteria that focus on gospel-oriented and church-planting activities among underserved peoples. What’s the practical outcome of our new focus? Of the many missionaries and ministries supported by WLC, support for one missionary couple will end after 2019, and another family’s funding is being reduced by 60% over a multi-year period. This was a difficult process, but one which helps us as we move forward with our focus on overlooked people who need a Savior. Interestingly, the focus isn’t brand new. Several of our missionaries already meet the criteria (e.g., Beckendorfs, Guerreros); we are focusing on work WLC has been involved in for years.

WLC’s vision of ***Multiplied Disciples and Transforming Lives*** is projected into our local communities and across the globe. Our Missions area is providing resources to people of the world who are nearly ignored by the Christian community. It’s a slow process, and relatively few missionaries are doing it. We’re excited to increase our support in this area.

~ Mike Sabbann



“...we don’t have to hit a grand-slam every day in being good neighbors...”

Living on Mission with Jesus

My friend John lives and works in a community that has a high concentration of immigrants from Nepal. He recently shared this story with me about living on mission.

On Tuesday, I went to my dad’s apartment building to try to introduce myself to his new neighbors. He lives in a 40 unit apt complex that is about 1/3 Nepali occupied. I found his neighbors in the hallway, began chatting and had a great conversation.

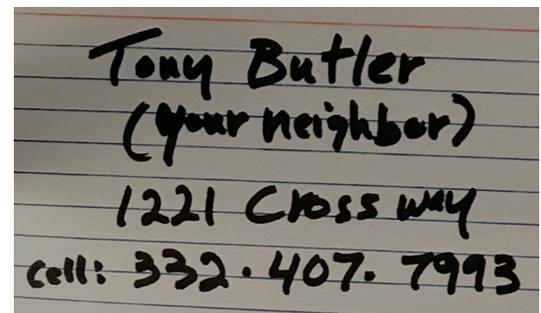
At the end I told my dad’s new neighbor that she needed to tell my dad anytime anything was wrong. She had only been in the country for 9 months and her husband had to stay back in Nepal. It is unlikely they will be reunited. I joked and told her dad doesn’t know any Nepali and won’t be able to communicate but he is old and has lived through about everything you can imagine. Ask him to help with anything.

A few days later, dad got a knock on the door by a middle aged Nepali lady in a frenzy, coming from the apartment where I was chatting with the lady in the hallway.

She had accidentally bumped a vent above her oven and had no idea what she had done and was a bit scared. She dragged dad inside and he solved the problem.

We don’t have to hit a grand slam every day in being good neighbors. We just have to show up.

Showing up could look like a lot of things...things like praying, learning names, listening and giving your neighbors a card like this:



We are learning to follow Jesus...to live on mission with Him. Give me a call if you’d like to explore what this might look like in our community.

Brad Miller
Director of Discipleship and Reach
331.442.7654.

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill

LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We had an awesome Fall Carnival on Sunday, September 9. There were people from all three campuses as well as people from the surrounding community. We are so thankful for the many people who served to make the event possible.
- We are excited to start a new year of Kids' LINK at Liberty Ridge. We are especially thankful for the three new individuals who have stepped up to teach this year. Pray for the kids, families and Kids' LINK teachers at Liberty Ridge.
- On Labor Day weekend, we were excited to celebrate the baptism of a brand new Christian, Nathan. Nathan came to Liberty Ridge through some amazing circumstances. As someone who doesn't come from a family of believers and someone who has never been to church before he is thankful to begin this new journey of following Jesus. Praise God for this awesome story! Pray for Nathan and other new believers as they begin to follow Jesus.
- 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 September 8th our campus took part in the Grant Heritage Days Tractor Parade. We handed out over 100 flyers with information about the campus and LOTS of candy. We were honored to take home the Community Award.
- Kids and Youth Ministries have started up again with programming. It is great to be together again on a weekly basis.
- We welcomed new members to Oak Hill this past month. We are blessed by these new friends in Christ.
- On October 6th we will hold our Fall Campus Clean-Up Day. This is a great way for us to come together and serve.
- 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:

- Ministry programming is back in full swing with Kids Ministry and Youth Ministry, Women of the Word, and Sunday adult classes.
- Chorale, Church Mouse Choir, and JuBELLee Ringers have begun rehearsing and providing music for Sunday morning worship.
- The communion kneeling pads are being recovered and the lights in the sanctuary are being replaced with LED lights. Work will be finished soon.
- Woodbury Lutheran Preschool has begun with new and returning staff, expanded class offerings and strong enrollment. See more on page 17.
- 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.

Welcome New Members!

Elizabeth & Gary Melin
Matthew & Lauren Young;
Cambelle, Willow
Mary Jean Bannert
Ron & Carri McGuire;
Hanna, Nathan
Michelle Otis
Kim Thommes



Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Matters



Being a grandparent is an amazing blessing. It also is a God-given opportunity to directly influence future generations. As grandparents, we have a natural connection to our grandkids. We enjoy a special relationship. We often plan fun outings and activities as well as just “hanging out”. How can we use that time to build up our grandkids’ faith and equip them to live as Christians in our culture?

In November of last year, a group of grandparents from the East Twin Cities Metro attended a national grand-

parent conference sponsored by the Legacy Coalition. We were greatly impacted by what we learned and were challenged to bring a local seminar to our region so that more grandparents could take advantage of this blessing.

Join the Legacy Coalition on Saturday, October 27th at New Life Church in Woodbury as they host Minnesota’s first Grandparenting Matters Seminar! Register at: www.grandparentingmattersmn.org/

Donate Life

Just this past week we celebrated with a member from our Oak Hill Campus as she received a donor liver. As we look at others here at Woodbury Lutheran, there are two more individuals who are seeking an organ transplant, and so many more around our country and world. If you are interested in learning about the entire transplant process, visit: <https://www.hennepinhealthcare.org/specialty/kidney-center/transplant-program-services/>

Nancy Erickson and Johnny Muse are currently on transplant lists for a new kidney.

For Nancy’s transplant, they are working with Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC). While the surgical procedure for a donor is considered very safe, there are risks. The preferred procedure at HCMC (where Nancy will have her’s through) is laparoscopic and results in a quicker recover time.

For someone who wishes to donate a kidney to Nancy, here is the information they will need.

- Nancy’s blood type is O positive, to be a direct donor you need to be blood type O (positive or negative)
- If you are not O, then you can increase the opportunity for Nancy to find a compatible donor by participating in

a paired exchange donation. In paired exchange donation, the donor and recipient are matched with another incompatible donor and recipient pair and the kidneys are exchanged between the pairs. The surgeries typically occur simultaneously.

- To begin the process one would go to the above website and follow the instructions, noting that the person you wish to donate a kidney is Nancy
- The process is confidential, even from Nancy, and the suitability of the donor is evaluated by individuals who are not directly involved in Nancy’s treatment

If you’d like more information on being a donor, please visit: <https://www.hennepinhealthcare.org/specialty/kidney-center/transplant-program-services/living-donors/>

If you’d like to know more about Johnny’s transplant, please contact Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144 or marshallt@woodburylutheran.org.



Give thanks. Give life.



Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Honey Sunday

There is a horse race out there for charities developing commitments from donors for a myriad of social needs. My commitment to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch began some 30 years ago while doing public image work on behalf of animal agriculture in Minnesota. That time was an era that saw anti-animal agriculture and anti-science movements that spilled over into nutrition, medical and veterinary science. The upshot was; *“I trust a spokesman representing his or her contrary point of view over the sound science of the field.”*

In the process of preparing messages in support of animal agriculture, the horse therapy program at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch caught my attention. Horse therapy has two key elements. First, there is the human-to-animal bond that the horse facilitates, which opens the troubled teen to verbalizing their personal trauma to the horse and to a professional in therapy. The second is hippotherapy; it's a form of neuromuscular therapy in which physical therapists use a horse's movement and breathing to improve the coordination of children with disabilities (“hippo” is the ancient Greek word for horse).

Ranch) began in 1952 by a North Dakota ranch couple who took in orphaned and troubled boys. The boys received housing, did ranch chores, had a spiritual life and were expected to continue attending high school. The couple's heart of mercy was the template for The Ranch as a residential treatment and educational center for youth and their families. Today's Ranch students come from the most troubled and abused children that society can lay at its doorstep. The Ranch provides best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care in a Christ-centered environment. My commitment to The Ranch was reinforced when the Governor cited it as having the lowest reactivation rate of all the state's social programs. The Ranch headquarters are in Minot, and they have several treatment facilities in North Dakota.

Oak Hill Campus is holding a **“Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Honey Sunday”** donor development day in November. For a small cost, interested donor families will receive a bottle of honey annually and receive quarterly newsletter accounts of amazing life transformations and dedicated Ranch staff.

~Elden Lamprecht

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Short Term Mission Experience

Kake, Alaska

Your generosity allowed a team of 18 from WLC to make the long trip to Kake, Alaska in August. We again supported Pastor Joey Chang and the work his family does to build God's kingdom there. This was WLC's 10th mission experience over an 11-year period to the village. Over that time 110 of our church members have been "on the ground", bringing the love of Jesus to the seaside community of 500. Our first mission to Kake was led by Pastor Dean Nadasdy in 2008. Our presence over the years has led to a level of trust of "the group from Minnesota" by the local residents. This was made clear on our recent visit; we invited 3 Native American elders of the Tlingit tribe to an evening of Q&A with our team so we can continue to learn about their culture. They expressed their deep gratitude for our consistency and the ways we show love to their children and others year after year.

This is a village that needs the love of God shown through Christ-followers like us. In the 6 weeks since our team returned 4 residents died, some young, some old. Some saved by Jesus, some not. Death and other forms of trauma are present in Kake at a level that we don't experience here. But in that environment, the people strive to be resilient. When we bring the love of Jesus to them they are encouraged. The relationships we've built over time are strong, and we're greeted enthu-

siastically when we arrive by ferry boat.

The practical ways we served this year included insulating the ocean-side wall of Joey's church; there was NOTHING between the interior paneling and the exterior wall of the sanctuary. For years the cold wind has blown into the church during their worship services. We plan to continue this project during future missions. Our other activities were people-focused: VBS and sports camp with the kids, spa night for the ladies (big turnout!), Saturday breakfast for the men, and Bible study, among other things. We did a couple "fix it" projects in the village, too.

Our focus on relationships leads to presenting the gospel of Jesus in one-on-one and group situations in Kake. We're still learning how to do this. To find out more about our mission visit our Kake blog on the WLC website: www.woodburylutheran.org/wlc-in-mission/





You're Invited!

ROBIN'S NEST CHILDREN'S HOME 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When: Saturday, October 13, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Where: Woodbury Lutheran Church, 7380 Afton Rd, Woodbury, MN

Questions?

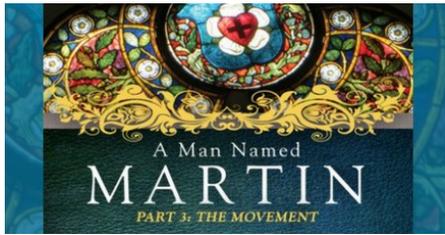
robinsnest20th@gmail.com

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Join us as we honor Michelle Robinette for answering God's call to open a home for children in Jamaica. Hear from the current directors, Kevin and Janet Krusmark, on the recent happenings of the Nest and reunite with past team members, interns, and families who've adopted from Jamaica.

Please visit our event page on Facebook and invite your friends to Robin's Nest Children's Home 20th Anniversary Celebration!

Class Opportunities This October:



A Man Named Martin, Pt. 3

This class will look at how the Reformation accelerated the transformation of a world already in flux. While armed conflicts, theological disputes, and heated controversies marked segments of society throughout medieval Europe, the march of the Reformation left its imprint on the face of culture and citizen alike. Everything from

education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family-and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God-came under the shaping and seminal influence of the Reformation. Many pieces of the Reformation still shape our lives and worship today. Join us for this discussion!

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

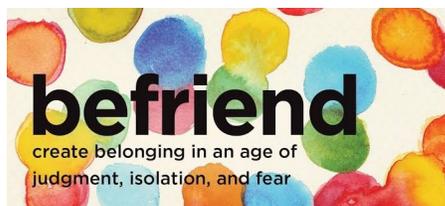


Creation, Evolution, and the New Age

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

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

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



Befriending

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

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

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



Financial Peace University

In Financial Peace University, Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. This 9-week class has changed the lives of many people and has helped numerous individuals get rid of their

debt, prepare for the future, and follow biblical financial principles. Materials cost \$103 per family. Register at <https://fpu.com/1073636>.



Five Million Meals! 25,000 Volunteers! Are You Registered?

Woodbury Lutheran Church has joined with the City of Woodbury, local churches, schools and businesses to pack 5 million meals for starving children around the world. From **October 4-7**, you, along with 25,000 of your friends and neighbors will have the opportunity to participate in the largest FMSC mobile packing event to be held at HealthEast Sports Center. Adults and children will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Children as young as five can also help as long as they are with a parent/adult. If you are a leader of an organization that would like to participate (Scouts, etc.) then the minimum age is third grade.

An exciting aspect of this year's MobilePack is that 10% of the funds raised will go directly to the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf (CCEFS). So in addition to packing for hungry children around the world we will be helping to feed the hungry right here in Woodbury. Registration is now open via the volunteer link found at FiveMillionMeals.org or at FMSC.org. Each packing session is 2 hours and the packing times are the same on all four days: 9-11 am, 12-2 pm, 3-5 pm and 6-8:30 pm. And you can pack as often as you would like – just remember to register for each session.

The local praise band “Seventh Hour” will be kicking off the event with a concert Wednesday evening, October 3rd, at the HealthEast Sports Center. There will also be a variety of food trucks available for your enjoyment.

If you have questions, need more information or need help with registering, please contact Liz Thompson at 651-262-9665.

WHEN:

October 4 – October 7

WHERE:

HealthEast Sports Center

TIMES:

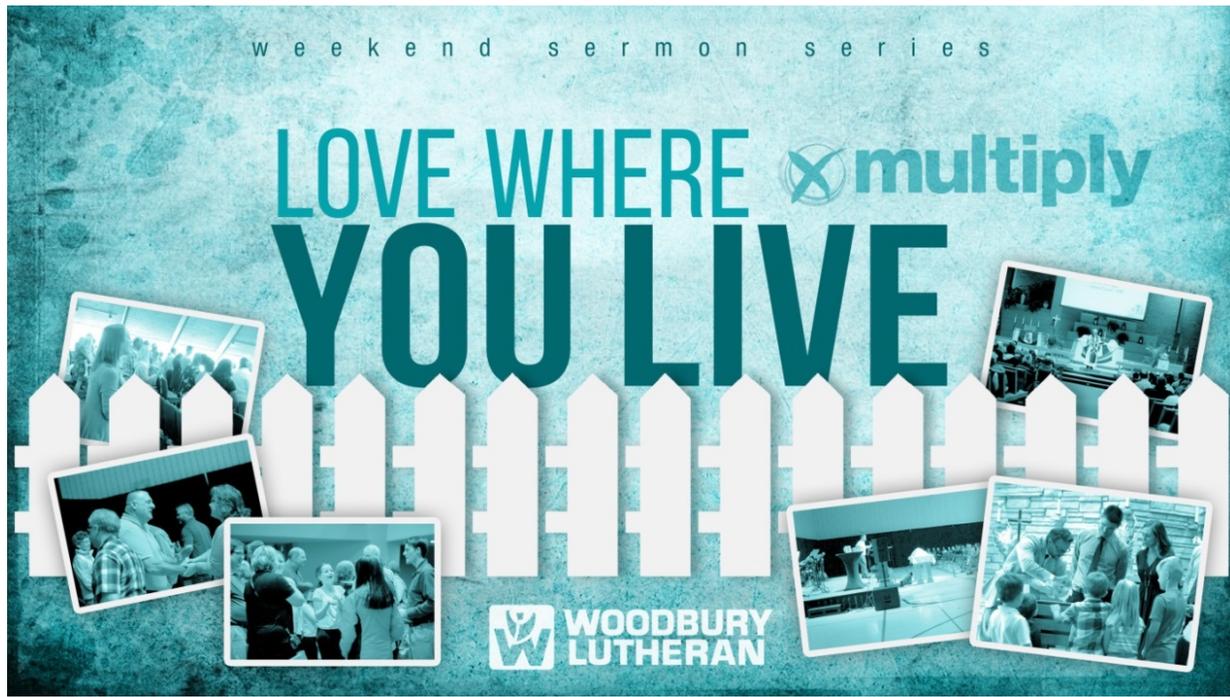
9-11 am; 12-2 pm;
3-5 pm; 6-8:30 pm
daily

SIGN-UP AT:

FiveMillionMeals.org

QUESTIONS?

Liz Thompson
651.262.9665



Love Where You Live

What if, when Jesus said: Love your neighbor as yourself, He really meant it. That He really meant your neighbors--the people next door to you? And what if, the Apostle Paul was right when he said: "From one man [God] created all the nations throughout the earth...and he determined their boundaries"? What if it isn't an accident that you live on the street you live? What if God has a reason for putting you in that house or apartment you find yourself in--so that you can love those people right next door and right across the street: your neighbors? Jesus said: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. What if, this fall, we got better at doing what Jesus says matters most?

What if we followed Jesus in loving where we live?

October 6/7

Title: Pray
Reading: Mark 1:35-39
Verse: Mark 1:35
2nd Reading: 1Timothy 2:1-7

Focus: Loving where you live is a process. It won't happen overnight. But as followers of Jesus it is something we are all called to do. By God's design, you are the physical contact point between your friend and the invisible kingdom of God. In the kingdom of God, you don't go alone. God leads the way. As members of this kingdom, our first action in loving where we live is to pray for God's movement in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

October 13/14

Title: Listen
Reading: John 4:4-26,28-30
Verse: John 4:11
2nd Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Focus: It's easy to jump to conclusions about people without really knowing them. But who are your neighbors? What are their hopes and hurts, their hobbies and habits? Loving where you live begins by being present and listening.

October 20/21

Title: Eat, Serve, and Play
Reading: Acts 2:38-47
Verse: Acts 2:46-47
2nd Reading: John 1:43-51

Focus: A neighborhood without neighboring relationships is just a housing unit. How can we develop deep and meaningful relationships in our home communities? As we look back at the history of the church, relationships begin with a simple invitation into community.

October 27/28

Title: Story
Reading: John 9:1-15
Verse: John 9:15
2nd Reading: Acts 22:1-21

Focus: Sooner or later, when you love where you live, the issue of faith will come up. Almost certainly, your neighbor has thoughts and feelings about God, Jesus, and church. Perhaps it's not exactly positive feelings. But when the moment arrives for you to give a testimony of your faith, how will you respond?

Bless with Your Words

A BLESSING CAN BE A PRAYER OF COMMISSION, A BIBLE PASSAGE, OR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. BLESSINGS CAN BE SPOKEN OVER A CHILD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING GOD'S PROTECTION, JOY, AND WISDOM OVER HIM.

Many years ago, I read the book *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts* by Gary Chapman. In his book, Chapman concludes that after many years of marriage counseling he believes there are five emotional love languages—five ways that people speak and understand emotional love. They are:

1. **Words of affirmation**
2. **Quality time**
3. **Receiving gifts**
4. **Acts of service**
5. **Physical touch**

As a mom, I became fascinated with trying to figure out which love language each of my children possessed. I wanted desperately for them to feel loved and accepted in a meaningful way. I quickly realized each one of my three children had his own unique way of receiving and giving love. Believe me, I'm not saying it was always possible to love three children in three different ways that best met their emotional needs. However it was eye opening and a useful tool whenever the demands of parenting allowed me the luxury of being intentional.

Being a perfect Father, God always knows how to show life-giving, life-changing perfect love. As parents, we can rely on Him to fill

our children's hearts; we can turn to His Word and speak His beautiful love language over our children as a blessing.

PARENTS, READ 1 JOHN 4:9-10 OVER YOUR CHILDREN.



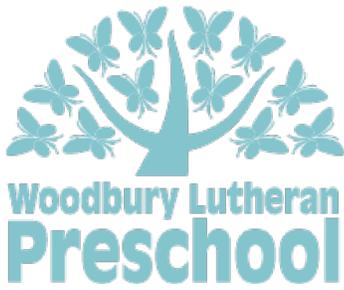
This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

BLESS

As you pray the following blessing over your child, encourage him to look you in the eye and hold his hands out with palms facing up in a posture to receive the words you are about to speak.

(Child's name), may you understand the deep love God has for you. May you always remember He sent His one and only Son so that you might live. May this example of love set the standard for the way you love others throughout your lifetime. Never forget that God fills you with His love so you in turn can give that love away to others.

by Debbie Guinn



2018-2019 Preschool Staff



Amy Huebner
Fantastic 4's 1/2 day



Barb Koch
Terrific 3's & Ext. Learning



Rebecca Christensen
M-W-F am Aide



Caleb Anderson
M-W-F Extended Learning

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Donna Ignaszewski
M-W-F Fantastic 4's



Jackie Polinskie
Terrific 3's Teacher



Jenny Andersen
M-F Ext. Learning am, T/TH aide, M/W/F 4's Classroom



Kari Ulrich
M-W-F Fantastic 4's



Katie Morri
T-TH Terrific 3's 1/2 Day



Katie Mueller
T-TH Terrific 3



Kim Allen
T-TH Terrific 3's Extended Learning



Laura Stennes
TH-F Aide/Extended Learning



LeAnn Perry
M-T-W pm Aide



Leanne Bloom
Assistant T-TH Fantastic 4's



Lisa Schommer
Business Manager



Rachel Orr
High 5's & Terrific 3's



Sandy Johnson
Fantastic 4's Teacher



Shannon Schach
High 5's Assistant



Sara Mulso
Director



Tiffany Perlt
1/2 day Fantastic 4's

As our school year begins, we are blessed to be serving 135 children. We have a great opportunity to support them as they grow cognitively, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

We are grateful for the ongoing prayers and support that you provide to make the ministry of Woodbury Lutheran Preschool possible. Your generosity and love plants seeds of joy, love and Jesus in our little ones!



Growing Our Substitute List.... We would like to add a few more names to our substitute list. Ideal candidates have a love for little ones, are comfortable engaging in a variety of activities (from painting, to playing blocks, to helping serve and monitor lunch). Teaching background is helpful but not necessary. Contact Sara Mulso at mulsos@woodburylutheran.org if you are interested.

October Birthdays

1 Janna Duban Marianne Eineke Mason Himes Victoria Riehle Brian Smith Rick Stinogel	Gina Pearson Garrett Sailer Kimberly Sorgert Dave Wegner	Ruth Premiah Gradey Olafson Brian Stakston Dottie Tillery	Chelsea Lewis Jerry Morton Shannon Schach	Everett Morri Lisa Peterson	27 Andrew Eineke Michele Jacobus Harper Lopez Tim Pleggenkuhle Roman Rogotzke Connie Sabbann Jeanette Schmidt KC Swanlund Lisa Thao
2 Rhonda Affield Kaylee Amundson Nathan Bloomquist Kurt Brammer Josh Brocker Barrett Connolly Scott Stevens	7 Linda Atchison Julia Gibbs Luanne Greengard Roger Haukland Shirley Hensel Audrey Nisbit Lisa Noblett Veronica Pettit Don Piper	11 Kevin Graham Eric Heintz Eileen Lund Amy Meyer Bruce Montgomery Seryozha Mzenga Raya Nelson Sharla Phernetton Abby Schissel Irene Sczublewski Marlen VanOverbeke Lorraine Wohlhuter	16 Kirstin Doman Jennifer Foss-Wille Sam Froseth Jan McLean Max Schmidt Elise Schuenke Amy Tessmer Eric Varin	23 Hannah Bauman Peter Bloomquist Lesla Clarkson Julia Esboldt Melania Fitzgerald Madeline Haut Tom Kroohn Elden Lamprecht Brad Sweet Annaliese Voss Jen Wenck Warren Weum Adam Wiering	28 Nolan Aspen Maria Engen Quinn Haines Carley Kokaisel Bob Nelson Rachel McFarland Katie Schultze Wendy Schultze Anastacia Speckhard Parris Vitela LeRoy Wilke
3 Alex Barker BJ Brown Lyn Foley Cynthia Freeman Amber Ignaszewski Bethany Mathot Gabe Peterson Kavin Ramesh Nancy Ritter Carol Score	8 Aaron Bauman Ellen Cochran Katie Dahm John Foster Parker Huebsch Tyler Huebsch Bob Kolb Etta Meyer Scott Reinhard Mark Smith Olivia Thao Cheryl Tveit	12 Barb Groth Melanie Haberman Alexander Konop Dawn Kroohn Jamison Mackey Christopher Neutz Celina Reyes Cindy Schwartz Ella Schwarzenbach Mike Steingraber	17 Brooke Albrecht Paige Albrecht Cynthia Martin Kristen Nesvig Lillian Stenzel Matt Weiss	24 Melissa Butzler Zachary Cartier Jenny Granlund Arlene Halleen Presley Olafson Arul Ramesh Payton Robillard Pat Stevens Justin Topp	29 Amanda Brigl Bennett Lodermeier David Schelling Cheryl Stensvad Beejay Zager
4 Elias Aune Patrick Brewer Paul Burandt Brook Burt Jerry Helander Kendel McKinley Marvel Mitterholzer Jason Sirovy	9 Terri Albrecht Steve Dopson Jeff Konop Matt Meek Grant Schouveller Jesse Spates Rick Theissen Bennett Zeller Griffin Zeller	13 Tommy Albrecht Jennifer Anderson Cathy Carlos Cortney Heerwald Hannah Rodemeyer Brittini Weber Michael Zenner	18 Will Bartley Erin Brandvik Julia Glatzmaier Mark Kregger Ryan Lindstrom Addison Rohm Jim Sobaski	25 Ashish Abraham Kaitlin Albrecht Nancy Brezina Julie Drevnick Yvonne Knoepfel Maggie Law Ryan Loss Abraham Matthews Desiree Morningstar	30 Bob Albrecht Simona Awiszus Chad Helgason Candace Lilleboe Aspyn Offenhauser Thomas Ogren Keira Rosin
5 Sophia Carlson Aubrey Chavie Camryn Goerlitz Janet Harrison Elizabeth Huebsch Rod Lund Alden Nelson Deb Reynolds Brenda Stoffel Alejandro Trujillo-Corona Lori Voth John Wilford	10 Gene Anderson Georgina Cavanaugh Kaye Christianson Logan Duis Stella Hall Debbie Heggernes Olivia Hillmeyer	14 Rick Blomquist Mackenzie Fossan Carolyn Hernandez Alicia Leemkuil Josephine Mack Charlie McElveen Eva Powers Stacey Wagley	19 Ruth Camilli Paul Clagherty Ari Meyer Jacob Rygh Aliya Baibatyrova Heidi Hove Benjamin Jacobus Judy Pirkel Lois Setten	26 Rick Albrecht Don Arneson James Belmonte Kaylee Bierdeman Eric Bjornson Cristina Gurrola Vicki Huebsch Lisa Huska Alyssa Kreuzfeldt Mel Medin Katherine Reinhard Karin Stensvad David Wolterstorff	31 Trevor Brammer LaVonne Hamilton Renee Kenow Brian Kieser Latha Kirubakaran Emelynn Klotthor Janice Lindau Quinn McHarg Alyxia Morris Katherine Parker Michael Scheid Jean Steinbraber
6 George Achterling Michele Eggers Fritz Feuerherm Glennae Meyer	Dan Krause Fran Menge Danielle Nelson Delaney Palmer	15 Justin Bloomer Dominic Browning Jessami Bruesehoff Robert Cummings Amy Fitzgerald Marie Klinzing	20 Eli Boon Vienna Carlson Matthew Edwards Andrea Hitzemann-Johnson Autumn Schuldt Gerald Steffel Helen Louie-Terzian Daniel Wesser		

& Anniversaries

1 Gary & Diane Baran Tim & Brittany Bystrzycki Nick & Julie Kordosky	5 John & Dorothy Blaisdell Jorge & Acela Lopez Burt & Reighe Nagel	12 Glen & Cindy Boedecker Brett & Lisa Corrigan Brian & Donna Herian Tom & Patti Nelson	Bill & Karen Klinzing Josh & Melanie Anderson Tom & Kristine Stork	Ed & Cathy Yee Kevin & Deb Tacheny Peter & Barb Cavanaugh
2 Gary & Byrna Iskason Kevin & Darlene Meissner	6 Paul & Sally Cronin Jeff & Aimee Wilford	13 Brad & Sandi Miller	19 Ken & Lindsey Babin	24 Grant & Pixie Anderson Tom & Alex Finnegan
3 Karl & Cheryl Hohenstein Thomas & Ingrid Kinmounth Mark & Kim Sorgert Rich & Shelly Ahlquist	7 Jim & Kris Kiltie John & Joy Taraldsen	14 Russell & Linda McCuskey Dave & Cheryl Schindler	20 Gerald & Robin Dittmann Chike & Sarah Ociagha Dick & Nancy Ritter	25 Kelly & Tiffany Fitzgerald 26 Brian & Addie Michlitsch Chad & Alison Kurth
4 Mark & Cindy Johnson Mark & Cameo Kosanke Gene & Phyllis Letendre Jeff & Katie Mueller	9 Aaron & Jamila Drevlow 10 Kevin & Katie Featherstone John & Theresa Leis Brian & Katie Whitemarsh 11 Jim & Alicia Culbertson Kevin & Kristin Esboldt David & Cheryl White	15 Justin & Amanda Brigl Doug & Beth Mackey Bill & Donna Gauwitz 16 Bob & Amy Schlichenmaier 17 Larry & Carol Edwards 18 Greg & Sharon Opheim John & Jessica Norring	22 Jeff & Joan Figlmiller Aaron & Haley Raebel Mark & Tonya Smith Bob & Fran Cummings 23 John & Diane Kuhmeyer	27 Keith & Cynthia Gustafson Michael & Brenda Haut 28 Mark & Tami Jelinek 30 Tim & Roxane Becken Justin & Lisa Bloomer 31 Dwight & Patti Schultz



Worship

HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on October 21 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.

BASIC BIBLICAL FINANCES CLASS

Six Saturdays in October and November (beginning on 10/13) from 9-11:30am. Contact Tom Tibbets for more information at 651-247-0501 or tdtibbets@com-cast.net.

NOVEMBER CONFIRMANDS - OCTOBER DEADLINES

Students who are planning to confirm their faith on November 3/4 be sure to complete the THREE sign up forms at wlc youth.org by the dates requested. Contact Lindsey Schmidt at schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org if you have any questions or to register for your confirmation celebration interview. Save the date: Saturday, November 3, 9:30-11:30am, Confirmation brunch for students, parents & loved ones. We will take pictures, rehearse, and have a blessing and prayer service. Confirmation will then be November 3/4 at all services.

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.

LIBERTY RIDGE SUNDAY DONUT AND DEVO (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.

FALL 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.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (NYG) INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The NYG is an incredible youth conference our LCMS church body holds every 3 years and next July it's coming here! The NYG will be in Minneapolis, July 10-15, 2019! Registration will be open until October 7 for current 8th-12th graders. There is no limit on number of youth who can attend. There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit to ensure your spot. Go to wlc youth.org to sign up and find our more. Contact: Patrick Brewer.

ALL CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

6-8th graders come spend the evening growing as disciples, playing games and having a blast! We have a lock-in (overnight) from 8pm-7:30am at the Oak Hill Campus on Oct. 12-13. Cost is \$10, register at wlc youth.org.

STILLWAER & WOODBURY HS TAILGATE

All campuses join us on Wednesday, Oct. 17. We're kicking off MEA break and this fun rivalry game with free food and fun before the game at SAHS. It's our way to meet and bless the community. Grab your friends and hangout before the game.

LIBERTY RIDGE BONFIRE & GAME NIGHT (6TH-12TH GRADE)

LR Youth and their families are invited to Laura Stennes's house for a bonfire/game night on Oct. 28, 5:30-8:30pm. Friends are always welcome. Please RSVP to Laura at stennesl@woodburylutheran.org.

OAK HILL CORN MAZE

OH 6th- 12th graders join us on Oct 6, 6-8pm, for a Corn Maze at Afton Apple Orchard. Cost is \$9, dress for the weather. Sign up at wlc youth.org to let us know

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you're coming. Contact Sarah Dibbern with questions.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome LaBarre Spence as he presents, "What's So Hard About Soft Skills?" on October 11 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 George Dow as he presents, "How to Convert Recruiters, Interviewers and Connections into Advocates" on October 25 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.



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

Special information meeting will be on Monday, October 15th in the Fireside Room beginning at 7:00pm. Led by Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer. Contact Pastor Paul at 651-261-3416 or paulrhoda@comcast.net

YOUTH MISSION TRIP REVEAL

Youth Mission Trips for next summer will be shared on Wednesday, October 3 at both campuses, 6:30-7pm. Registration opens on October 4.

WANTED: YOUR HOME!

Want to make a difference from the comfort of your own home? Invite a Japanese college student studying at Bethel University this winter (February 16th - March 12th) to be a part of your family! Share your love and faith with your student, and you'll plant a seed. Your student takes classes during the day and spends the evenings with you. Transportation help to/from Bethel is provided as well as a stipend. For information contact Lisa Bekemeyer, LBekemeyer@me.com or 651-253-9498.



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 9am-1:30pm, 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.

PARENTS: INTERNET SAFETY - SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8:00 pm at the VC campus. It only takes one wrong click on social media or the Internet for a child to end up a victim. Learn how you can help children safely navigate today's technology. Learn about the five main risks inappropriate content, online privacy, sexting, online sexual solicitations, & cyberbullying. Hear about FBI cases MN where children have become victims based on their social media & Internet activity. The FBI has seen a significant increase in sextortion activity that is affecting thousands of U.S. children. Come find out what you can do to help your kids navigate social media.

Presented by FBI Minneapolis Community Outreach. Several handouts will be provided.

October 2018 Calendar

1 (V) Monday Morning Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 10:45am
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall,
651-739-5144

1 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

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

2 (V) Cancer Companions

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

3-7 Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

Wed-Sun, HealthEast Sports
Center
Contact: Liz Thompson
651-262-9665

3 (V) Women of the Word

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

3 (V) Mitten Ladies

Wednesdays, 12:00pm
Contact: Vicki Strong
651-208-4353

3 (V) Parent Seminar: Social Media & Internet Safety

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

4 (O) Women of the Word

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

4 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

6 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

6 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

6 (V) Baptism Class

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

11 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

13 (V) Basic Biblical Finances Classes

Saturdays, 9:00am
Contact: Tom Tibbetts,
651-247-0501

13 (V) Robin's Nest 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, 6:30pm
Contact: Regina Kehl,
651-739-5144

21 (V) Healing Service

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

25 (V) Career Transition Connection

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

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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

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