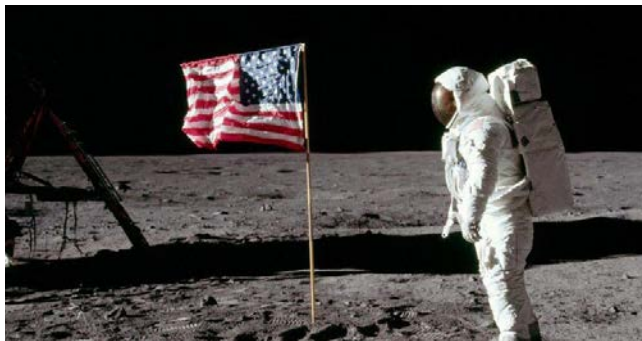


# THE NEWS LETTER



August 2019

## Form vs. Principle

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”  
-- Hebrews 13:8*

Just a few days ago we remembered the 50th anniversary of the United States landing on the moon. One of our former members and another friend's dad were two men who helped work on the computer systems that made the landing possible. Obviously the technology was state of the art at the time, but did you know that a smartphone today, that nearly all of us carry around in our pockets, is almost 120 million times more powerful than the computer that put us on the moon? Let that settle in for a moment!

I guess we are headed back to the moon. Vice-President Pence shared that we are once again on track to land on the moon, in 2024 I believe. I am just guessing here, but I would be willing to bet that the technology that we will use this time will be far different than when Neil Armstrong took *“one small step for man and one giant leap for mankind!”* The principle of it all remains the same. We want to go to the moon, but how we do it will be quite different.

As I look back at the history of the church over the last 2000 years, **the one constant is Jesus**. Certainly there are many practices that connect the church throughout the ages like baptism, communion, the Creeds, singing etc., but I think we would all be surprised at how different the church has looked and expressed herself across the ages. Just this last year *Silent Night* turned 200. Most of us cannot imagine Christmas without *Silent Night* and yet for 1800 years the song never existed. Did the Church still celebrate the birth of Jesus, of course! Sometimes what we consider traditional is actually quite modern.

- *Abide With Me* was written in 1847
- *How Great Thou Art* was written in 1885
- *The Old Rugged Cross* was written in 1912

At WLC we **Value Truth: Rooted in God's Word** and that will never change as long as you allow me to be your Sr. Pastor. That doesn't mean other things won't change; they will! As our culture continues to shift the mission of going and making disciples will be challenging and we cannot fulfill our mission in all the same ways that we used to. I ask for your trust as we continue to move forward in our vision of **Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives**. All for the glory of Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Thankful,  
pastor tom



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# God's Heart For the World

Gripped by the countries of India and Myanmar, and with just 360 miles of coastline on the Bay of Bengal is the far-away country of **Bangladesh**. The entire country is smaller than Minnesota, at just three-quarters our state's area. Yet it is the 8th most populated country in the world, at 163 million residents!



*to help them.... This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. "For, there is one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone." (1 Tim. 2:1-6)*

God's heart is in favor of each person that lives there, but few know Him. Ninety percent of the country follows the religion of Islam, and nearly 10% consider themselves Hindu. That leaves

Another quick answer is: **learn** more! Just knowing where the country lies in the world is a good step!

Please pray for the people of Bangladesh – kids, moms & dads, grandmas & grandpas, and leaders in the country. And pray that God will send missionaries to bring the Good News of Jesus to the land!



**less than 1%** for all other religions, including followers of Jesus. As believers, **how do we respond** to facts like this? Do we leave it for some missionary who is "called" to evangelize these "unreached peoples"?

The Bible provides one quick answer for us: **prayer**. Paul tells Timothy, *"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God*



## Weddings:

Emily Betts & Christian Moore

## Baptisms:

Cecilia Alejandra Barabash  
Gabriel Lorenzo Barabash  
Samantha Jean Schumaker  
Hudson Paul Peltier

## Deaths:

The Family of Tom Harrold  
The Family of Ginny Anderson  
Paul & Rhoda Pfothenauer ~  
great-niece, Grace Bittner  
Pastor Tom & Steph Pfothenauer ~  
cousin, Grace Bittner  
Larry Wolfram & Claudia  
Wolfram ~ brother, Harold  
Wolfram  
Tim Wolfram, Tom Wolfram,  
Bev Esala & Matt Jorgensen ~  
uncle, Harold Wolfram  
The Family of Logan Schmidt  
Myron Tank ~ brother-in-law, Joel  
Jensen  
Steven & Cindy Schwartz ~  
mother, Jane Schwartz

## 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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# Church Council Monthly Update

In order to continue to grow in our communication to the congregation, each month in the Newsletter we will share an update from the previous Council meeting. Full minutes for the Council can be found by [clicking here...](#)

Woodbury Lutheran Church Council Meeting Tuesday, July 9th 2019 6:30am – 8:00am	
Call to Order & Quorum Determination	July 9, 2019
Devotions/Prayer	
Consent Agenda	Approval
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>June Meeting Minutes</li><li>June Financial Report &amp; Update on Pre-School budget</li></ul>	
Information	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Senior Pastor report</li><li>Update on St. Croix land discussions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Formation of action team leader and team members (focused on planning/development/contracting)</li></ul></li><li>Staffing updates</li><li>Pre-school update – Mark to provide plan/budget for balance of 2019</li><li>Partnership opportunity with World Vision</li></ul>	
Discussion	Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strategic Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Additional details and timelines on strategic plan</li><li>Quarterly Scorecard Update</li></ul></li><li>Policy Manual Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review changes approve policy updates</li></ul></li><li>Endowment and long-term giving</li></ul>	
Closing Prayer	
Adjourn	

## Meeting Highlights:

- Most of the meeting was spent reviewing the Sr. Pastor Quarterly update. A few highlights:
  - Worship is up over last year
  - We saw an increase in those who are serving over last year
  - Financially giving/income is ahead of where we expected to be
- The Council is putting together a Ministry Action Team to continue to keep the process around our St. Croix land moving. Questions can be directed to Council President Renee Bohme.
- Renee will be meeting with Pastor Tom and Joel Symmank (Director of Ministry) to refine what the Council is looking for in terms of details around the Strategic Plan.
- This fall we will have the opportunity to partner with World Vision in a very unique and exciting way. Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendars for September. You will not want to miss out.
- Secretary Brian Schouviller and at large member Linda Tank will be working with Pastor Tom in connecting with our Endowment Team Lead John Kuhrmeyer to develop a better strategy moving forward around WLC's long term giving strategy.
- Secretary Brian Schouviller will come to the August meeting with recommendations for changes to the Policy Manual.

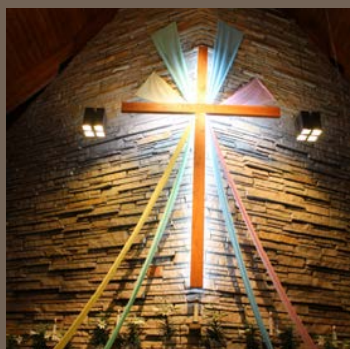
# Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



## LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

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

- We were so excited to celebrate Samantha's baptism in July. Samantha is our second adult to be baptized since the launch of Liberty Ridge. We can't wait to see what God will do in her life!
- We are continuing to knock on doors again this summer in the neighborhoods around Liberty Ridge. We're just letting people know we're in the neighborhood, answering questions, and letting them know more about Liberty Ridge and our kids summer camp. Interested in helping out? Contact Vicar Geordie at 651-739-5144 or [denholm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:denholm@woodburylutheran.org)
- The church council and some lay and staff leaders are continuing to explore options for a permanent future for the Liberty Ridge Campus. This is an exciting time! Please pray that God would open the doors that need to be opened and closed the ones that need to be closed. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom or Pastor Jon or Council President Renee Boehme
- We hosted our second Kids Summer Day Camp during the end of July/beginning of August. Pray for kids and leaders that the Gospel would be spoken and demonstrated clearly and that kids lives would continued to be transformed by God's Holy Spirit!
- We continue to celebrate what God is doing at the Liberty Ridge Campus and we pray that He would bless us to be a blessing to the many people that live near the campus.



## OAK HILL UPDATES

***Here are some quick updates from our Oak Hill Campus:***

- Power Up Summer Day Camp was a wonderful success sharing the Gospel with children from all over our community. Over 40 children and 20 volunteers made it a week of incredible joy.
- This weekend (August 4th), we will be celebrating the gift of Vicar Geordie and Kara Denholm. What a blessing they have been to all of us! Vicar Geordie will be sharing his last message with us at our outdoor service at 9:30am. Following the worship, we will have a hotdog roast, rootbeer floats, and family games.
- 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.



## Welcome New WLC Members!

Shawn & Amanda  
Drinovsky

Elyse Ko, Scarlett,  
Vivian, Winston

Jay & Jill Olson, Eli

Brian & Jill Wiebe, Grace,  
Abigail, Eve

Gina Ruesch, John



## Campus Update from Valley Creek

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

- A worship team of students and recent graduates of Concordia University Irvine led worship on the weekend of July 2 and 3. We were excited to host this team of future leaders in the church. They went on to provide worship experiences in a variety of settings for participants of the National Youth Gathering.
- The sound booth expansion project is almost finished. Thank you for your patience as this project has been in the works.
- Woodbury Lutheran Preschool held the second of three summer camps in July. At the July camp participants “visited” (learned about) New York, Texas, Hawaii, and Minnesota.
- 53 youth and adults who attended the National Youth Gathering spent a morning serving at the Valley Creek and Oak Hill campuses, doing landscaping, washing tables and chairs, and doing a variety of other tasks. We appreciate their service and love for their church.
- 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.



# Pray for our Featured Missionaries

## Grant & Danielle Hoel



... and all our missionaries! The Hoels are our “sent” missionaries serving with Chi Alpha at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Their focus is to love students and connect them to Jesus. As former UMD students, they are uniquely qualified to help students find purpose and identity in Christ, and move forward in life to transform their communities and the marketplace.

They do this in a highly relational way through small groups, individual mentoring and discipleship, weekly worship and fun events.

### **Please encourage the Hoels by:**

#### ***Praying for:***

- Incoming freshmen to be open to the welcome extended by Chi Alpha when the kids arrive on campus
- Spiritual growth in students already connected to the ministry
- A healthy family environment for the Hoels in the college campus setting
- Adequate financial support for their family



#### ***Sending a note or card to:***

Grant &/or Danielle Hoel  
44 E. Faribault St.  
Duluth, MN 55803

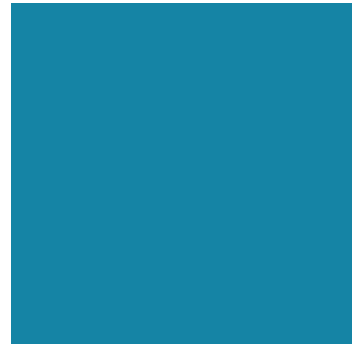
#### ***Contacting for more information or updates:***

[DKenow1228@aol.com](mailto:DKenow1228@aol.com)

### **What about our other missionaries? How do I pray for them?**

It's easy. Grab a **“World Prayer Dive”** handout from the Mission Display in the lobby of each campus! You'll see up-to-date prayer requests from each of our dozen missionaries serving around the world! Also, watch for a special prayer time in September at each campus that will be set aside to pray exclusively for these special servants! They need your encouragement and prayer. As Paul said, “Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, **for I know that through your prayers** and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.” (Phil. 1:19)

Thanks! For more information contact Mike Sabbann ([sabbann@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:sabbann@woodburylutheran.org)).



## Kake Was My Classroom

In July, I took part in the short-term mission team to Kake, Alaska. Several people had been encouraging me to go on my first adult mission trip. After praying I felt this was the year to try something out of my comfort zone. The theme of our mission was, 'We are called to be learners . . . and Kake is our classroom'. The village is largely Native American, so I had many opportunities to learn.

My learning actually started before the trip began. We had several team meetings where we explored what it means to be a learner, as well as to make plans for all that would go on while we were in Kake. I had the opportunity to help with a Women's Tea, Kid's Hang Out time, evening Bible study, delivering of meals to the elderly, and meal prep for the community and our team.

I learned from each of my team mates – showing love to Kake residents with hugs, volunteering even when uncomfortable, listening and encouraging others to share their stories, praying with people who were struggling. I was overwhelmed with the generosity of the people of Kake – from sharing food with us, inviting us to a memorial of a loved one, attending the tribal Culture Camp and getting to share a meal and watch Native dances. But most importantly I learned to step out of my comfort zone and just watch how powerfully the Holy Spirit could work through our team.

[From Mike Sabbann, a Kake team leader: "Linda's report is a gratifying reminder of our mission. Here's my brief perspective. Linda, like our other teammates, allowed WLC's Red Letter Challenge to soften her heart this spring and look for the "Next Step" God had for her on the discipleship path. From there, the Holy Spirit challenged us in Kake to look at our faith in the broader perspective of a different culture, and to consider what it means to follow Jesus and call others to follow Him when their culture has history and values different from ours. God is at work there. He loves each person in Kake as He loves us. We were privileged to work alongside and encourage Pastor Joey at a local church in Kake. Thanks to WLC's consistent presence over the last 11 years we are warmly welcomed by the community. God still has plenty to teach me."]



# High School Mission Trip Recap

On Sunday, June 16 nineteen High School kids and four leaders gathered at the Liberty Ridge campus. After worship, a big circle of family and friends prayed over us and we headed off on a school bus to Camp Lebanon in Burtrum, MN. Many of the kids have been campers at this camp (Arctic Blast) so it was a great opportunity to “give back” by being servants for the camp by doing some heavy lifting of big service projects the camp needed done.

We spent the week working on one of two main service projects: 1) scraping, priming and painting the exterior of four cabins that were “in use” by middle school age campers. 2) cutting down trees, hauling brush and big logs, and log splitting a lot of trees (both downed and standing) that were on a steep hill to the lake. Both projects were a lot of hard work in the heat but the kids had great attitudes and willing hearts. Many good conversations were had while working and new friendships were formed.

Each day we would eat breakfast together as a group, and then head off to one of the 2 work sites to work until lunch. We would take a break to each lunch together and then go back to the work site for a few more hours after lunch. Then we would stop to get cleaned up, have some free time and do a few “camp” things until supper. After supper we would have Time Alone with God (TAG time) during which we asked each person to spend time alone reading the bible and/or in prayer. This turned out to be a highlight of the day for many. We would then break into small groups and discuss our theme for the day. Every evening we had a fun group activity and ended each day with songs around the campfire and s’mores. We went to bed exhausted every night.

We headed back to Woodbury on the bus on Friday, June 21, a much closer group. All in all it was a great week team building, working hard serving Camp Lebanon, having some time alone with God and the Word and making some great friendships with each other. The Staff at Camp Lebanon was very appreciative of all the work we did for them.

~Shari Opheim







## Recap of NYG Real. Present. God.

On July 10, 44 youth and nine adult leaders from WLC gathered together at the Valley Creek campus to get ready to head to Minneapolis for the National Youth Gathering. Over the next five days that our group was together we grew in breakout sessions, we shared in so many laughs, worshipped with over 22,000 Lutheran high schoolers at US Bank Stadium, and most importantly, learned how we have a God who is real and who is present.

So much of our culture today is based around telling teenagers how they need to look and act in order to be successful. Because of this, our teenagers are under so much pressure... way more pressure than a lot of us realize, which is why ***“Real. Present. God.”*** was such an important theme to dive into. Our kids spent five days hearing that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Our kids spent five days hearing that God shows up and that He will always show up. Our kids spent five days realizing that life is done better together. Our kids spent five days hearing that their God is real and He is present.

I don't think you've experienced worship until you've sang praises to God with over 22,000 other people. This is my third NYG that I've attended and each time, worship is one of my favorite parts. When worship starts at NYG, goosebumps fill my arms, and I am overwhelmed by the experience of it all. I look around at our group and I see smiles across their face, eyes closed, and arms raised, and singing at the top of their lungs, *“You are real, you are present, you are God, you are God.”* It's pretty amazing.

Our high schoolers had such an amazing experience at the National Youth Gathering and I am so proud of how great our group was. I am also so proud of how WLC stepped up to volunteer for NYG. I was talking with one of the people who organized the experiential center and they were blown away by the amount of people from WLC who had volunteered and how hard of workers they were.

So thank you, WLC for being committed to our youth. We can't wait for the 2022 gathering in Houston, Texas!

Sarah Dibbern  
Kids Ministry-Valley Creek campus  
Youth Ministry-Oak Hill campus



# WLC Worship Department

## You Are Invited!

Without musicians to help lead the church's song, these gatherings would look very different. If you're musically gifted, we all want you to be sharing your gifts with the rest of us. There are many ways to serve in the worship department. If you've ever wondered about how to get involved in musical leadership, here's a quick run-down of some of your options. **This is the invitation you've been waiting for!**

If you're interested in being in a praise band, your first step is to attend a rehearsal for your campus band. Contact your worship leader for more information. At Liberty Ridge, that's Kandi Chavie ([chaviek@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:chaviek@woodburylutheran.org)). At Oak Hill, that's Jyl Dunavan ([dunavanj@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:dunavanj@woodburylutheran.org)). At Valley Creek, that's Joel Symmank ([symmankj@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:symmankj@woodburylutheran.org)) or Karl Grant ([grantk@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:grantk@woodburylutheran.org)). We're always looking for more people to serve, but we ESPECIALLY want to hear from you if you sing tenor or play bass, electric guitar, or drums.



Do you love to **sing**? Do you have choral singing experience? Did you sing in high school or college, and since then have missed it? Or are you interested in trying out choral singing for the very first time? Both our Valley Creek and Oak Hill campuses field choirs. Shoot an email to [choirs@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:choirs@woodburylutheran.org) for more information.

If you're interested in a choir of a different sort, we have a **handbell choir** that rehearses weekly and plays in services about once per month. This is a great, fun, and unique way to make music! For more information contact [handbells@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:handbells@woodburylutheran.org).



Are you a parent with **young children** between 4 years old and 4th grade? Involvement in music does wonders for your child's development, and the Church Mouse Choir's focus on Jesus and Scripture will be a great help as you "direct your children onto the right path" (Proverbs 22:6). Contact Barb Koch for more information ([Mousechoir@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:Mousechoir@woodburylutheran.org)).

Are you a **classically trained musician**? If you've studied voice or an instrument, there are a wide variety of ways you can share your craft with us in worship. Your voice or instrument could elevate our hymn singing as you help lead the congregation. You can help us prepare for worship with a prelude, send us on our way with a postlude, or help us reflect on God's word with an offertory. If you're more comfortable in an ensemble, we have a brass ensemble that travels between our Valley Creek and Oak Hill campuses ([brass@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:brass@woodburylutheran.org)). And we'd love to start more small ensembles—strings, woodwinds, anything—the sky is the limit!



If you would like to serve in our worship gatherings but feel that musical leadership isn't the right fit for you, another option is serving on our tech teams. Look for an article in next month's newsletter describing the ways you can help lead worship from the tech booth.

# AUGUST

1 Chauncey Charlson Hazel Crist Jeanne Dicke Carol Edwards Eugene Eineke Jon Gage Jerry Hanggi Justin Heintz Jon Kuehne Liam LeMay Sophia McFarland Daria Turner Grace Wesser	2 Mark Shepperd Peter Shepperd Shari Todd 6 Lauryn Bambenek Kris Brandon Kris Carlson Bob Engen Ron Gehring Halle Heggernes Katy Hohenstein Allison Pokrandt Luke Rodemeyer Lindsey Schmidt Laura Stennes Perry Varin Cali Yee Matthew Young	Michael Hunst Gail Kamrath Katie Pillman Nancy Schultz Nathan Xiong 11 Everett Gilbert Susan Haukland Bryan Hawkinson Susie Nadasdy Cohen Ruud Breana Voss 12 Connor Bertram Ellie Hanisch Ellen Kistner Tim Loeffler Jeff Mueller Jim Noren Stephanie Penaloza Piper Timmers Corey Topp Carley Tuman Steve Wright Amanda Yantes	Mary Beth Schwartz 16 Cody Arend Tami Bauer Kristen Bettmann Maggie Haines Corey Houseman Joshua Hayek Thomas Mertens Marilyn Myers LaRee Opdahl Colette Sand Nate Schank Ethan Wess 17 Courtney Barringer Nora Bystryzcki Jeffrey Figimiller Desiree Ginn Sharon Gullickson Deborah Maves Allison Ortiz Susan Reichling Alyssa Salava Carolynne Schmidt Beth Tessmer	Jack Fossan Eloise Gehring Chandler Ignaszewski Sawyer Molina Madelyn Murray Daniel Ogren Tim Zeller 21 Gregory Arku Harold Converse James Finell Alexis Huber Brian Nelson Brooklyn Peltier Cheryl Wasko Charlie Wesser 22 Cerise Diedrich Brandon Firkus Stephanie Gow Michael Hamann Charles Helgason Kathleen Janssen Richard Markgraf Camille Weiss 23 Norm Berg Christine Borscheid Kim Cox Deborah Tacheney Jonathan Wesser Beckett Wyeth 24 Abby Eggers Castiel Khang Dave Martini Marta Rowcliffe Drew Sirovy Lorynne Turner 25 Dylan Anderson Sienna Nordman Cheryl Schindeldecker Daniel Stoerzinger Grace Winter 26 Christian Hall Madison Mayer Javen Vislisl 27 Alicia Bata Jaxon Dwyer Morgan Gibbs Ronald Hintz	Jenny Jurek Herb Larson Avery Rourk Rachel Symmank 28 Ashley Arneson Matt Brocker Lisa Cordes Debbie Grimmer Marvin Jenkins Mark LeClair Joel Schuessler Brad Scibak Lori Standly Joyce Stiebner 29 Lisa Ginn Janet Kochmann Justin Mack Cary Mielke Adriana Tacheney John Welsh 30 Isaac Anderson Mara DePalma Robin Dittmann Dylan Gallahue Jim Krengel MaryAnne Linser Kathy Lutes Mike Mills Addison Mohlenhoff Mariah Nasby David Noblett Dennis O'Connor Audrey Rogotzke 31 Katie Benson Dawn Droel Morgan Gillard Troy Goetz Bob Horning Adam Koreltz Karen Roberts Steve Wagner Jane Wilke
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## BIRTHDAYS

## & ANNIVERSARIES

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4 Ron & Kathy Lutes Scott & Denise Schuenke Stephen & Ashley St. Clair	10 Keith & Laverne Buchanan Rodney & Diane Nelsestuen Christopher & Dawn Radecki Francis & Karen Rheinberger Jim & Marlys Sobaski	15 Chad & Leah Peterson Don & Joyce Piper Steve & Lori Raebel	23 Monte & Rochelle Michel Kirk & Mary Nesvig Joseph & Kimberlee Seltz Hal & Nancy Shaver	27 Will & Arlene Bartley Joshua & Susan Boon Ben & Jeanne Doane
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## TOUGH TOPICS

# MODELING IDENTITY

**As a parent you are the first role model for your children.** When they're younger they will look to you to know how to become kind, respectful, and generous and how to love others. As your children grow, they will come to you for advice on things such as time management, finances, and making good decisions. From the moment you become a parent, someone is watching you to learn what it means to live in God-given identity. No pressure, right?

We live in a world where false identities constantly barrage us—through social media, our friends, our family, and even ourselves. It's easy to feel “blown and tossed by the wind” as we chase after this role or that thing to fulfill our deep needs for meaning and satisfaction (James 1:6).

How do we ground ourselves? The best way I know to combat false identity is to fill my heart with God's Word and let His voice be louder than anyone else's. When I still myself and allow the Creator to tell me who He's made me to be, I naturally begin to live differently. Things that once hindered me and made me insecure lose power as I remind myself daily of my true identity: I am loved, protected, and known by the one true God.

As a parent, when you make space to hear your heavenly Father speak identity over you, you begin to overflow with truth and model to your children who God says you are—and tell them who they are from a place of integrity!

On the following page you will find an easy and fun illustration to help you communicate this truth to your children.

**“FROM THE MOMENT YOU BECOME A  
PARENT, SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU  
TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN  
GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY.”**





### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- water
- tall, clear vase
- waterproof tray
- ping-pong balls
- permanent marker

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

1. Together as a family, talk about some false identities or labels the world or people around you may offer (your worth comes from being the best, having money, being beautiful, being smart, etc. If you aren't, the world may offer labels like dumb, ugly, weak, not good enough. You may then tell yourself you are worthless, unseen, unlovable).
2. Have each member of your family write a false identity he struggles with on a ping-pong ball. If your children are young, you can have them color the balls black and talk about lies the enemy may want people to believe.
3. Remind your children that our true identity comes from our Creator—God. It is very important to read His Word to find out who He says we are.
4. Put the vase on the tray and place the ping-pong balls in the vase; explain that the vase represents our hearts.
5. Begin to fill the vase up with water.
6. Tell your children, “When we read God’s Word it fills up our hearts with truth.”
7. Fill the vase up so the false identities (ping-pong balls) begin to fall out.
8. Explain to your children that when our hearts are full of our God-given identity there’s no room for false identities.
9. Remind them that we are human so we can forget who God says we are and believe something different even after we claim our identity in Christ. Put one of the ping-pong balls (false identities) on top of the water in the vase. Tell your children that since we’ve engraved who our heavenly Father says we are in our hearts, identities that aren’t congruent can only rest on the surface temporarily—until we remember or read more of God’s truth about us.
10. When we remember who God says we are and live in that confidence, others will see Christ in our lives.

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by Rayshawne Hayes

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***Taken from the August 2019 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.***



## Worship

### HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on August 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 worship service at all of our campuses. Come and say hi!

### 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 Trece Horner at 651-731-3349.



## Grow

### CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Joan Runnheim Olson as she presents, "Tap Into Brain Science For Your Job Search" on August 8, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.careertransitionconnection.org](http://www.careertransitionconnection.org).

### CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Bob Voss as he presents, "How to Gain Back Your Confidence When Your Confidence Has Taken a HIT!" on August 22, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For

more information about this event and CTC check out the website at [www.careertransitionconnection.org](http://www.careertransitionconnection.org).

### SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY - WHO CAN COME TO WHAT?

Welcome new 6th graders and new freshman! The Summer is a great time to move up into the new ministry areas and get to know other students! When an event says Middle school (MS), it's for all new 6th graders through old 8th graders. When an event says High school (HS), it's for all new 9th graders and old 12th graders. New 9th graders, y'all get to do everything!!! (Summer stretch is the only middle school ministry that isn't available to new 6th graders).

### YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer 6th - 12th we will be exploring the book of Luke. Summer Bible study is a great way to continue growing in your faith, seeing your friends, and eating fun foods! Bring your Bible and join us 6:30-8:30pm, runs through Aug. 14. (Aug. 14 we serve at Miracle League). Check out [wlcyyouth.org](http://wlcyyouth.org) for locations of MS and HS studies by campus.

### HIGH SCHOOL KAYAK TRIP

Join us on Thursday, August 8, 10am-5pm, for a day on the beautiful Kinnickinnic River in Wisconsin! Cost is \$20. Please bring a sack lunch, sunscreen, water bottle, a swimsuit because you're gonna get soaked, (change of clothes for the ride back?), and a friend of course because they'll have a blast! Download and fill out the required waiver at [WLCyouth.org](http://WLCyouth.org).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

Current 5th graders welcome to join current 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. Join us for some fun games and bring a friend! This is an all campus event held at the Oak Hill Campus, August 13, 6:30-8:30pm. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt.

### FALL YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Wednesday night ministries for 6th-12th grades start back up at the VC (LR campus meets at VC) and OH campuses on Sept. 11, 6-8:15pm. Watch for sign up information this month.

### 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. To set up a meeting to start your confirmation journey contact [Lindsey Schmidt](mailto:Lindsey.Schmidt@woodburylutheran.org). Our next confirmation weekend is November 2 & 3, 2019.



## Reach

### EASY INSIGHTS - GRAB ONE ON SUNDAY

Disciples are learners. Disciples are curious. Disciples look for insights. At each of the Missions Displays at our 3 campuses is a great handout called the "World Prayer Dive." Please grab one of these handouts next time you're at church and then pray for one of our missionaries. They are WLC's ambassadors to the world, taking the Gospel to places we aren't able (or maybe willing) to go. For more info, contact Mike Sabbann ([sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org))

### PILGRIMAGE TO ALPINE EUROPE - OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Join Past President Dr. Robert Holst September 21-October 1, 2020 as he and Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfotenbauer as they pilgrimage through alpine Europe. Contact Paul or Rhoda by September 1 at 651-261-3416 or [paulrhoda@comcast.net](mailto:paulrhoda@comcast.net).

# Getting Connected



## Serve

### HEARTS AND HANDS MENTORS

Like to meet interesting people? Help us share the love of Jesus with individuals who have developmental disabilities by being a mentor at our monthly outreach events. (September-March/Valley Creek). Simply be a friend. Join in. Have fun. A great service opportunity for individuals, small groups or families. No experience necessary. We will train you. You will be blessed by the experience. Contact Jeanne Dicke 651-704-9464 or Steve and Donna Retter 651-739-5326, to learn more.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

### EAGER HANDS QUILTERS

We are seeking volunteers who enjoy sewing to sew and assemble quilts for the Salvation Army on Tuesday mornings at the Valley Creek Campus. If interested, please contact Delores Fitzgerald at 651-738-1812.

## All Campus Baptism Weekend

[God] saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5-6)

Baptism is a gift from God! Because of His love for us, God washes away our sin, gives the gift of faith, and makes us part of His family. On the weekend of September 28 & 29, at each of our locations, we're having a huge Baptism celebration! If you or a loved one has not been baptized and is ready to be, this is for you! If you have been baptized but want to remember and celebrate it this is for you, too!

Contact Kandi at [chaviek@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:chaviek@woodburylutheran.org) to register or find out more.



## Ji Young Lee Piano Recital

Ji Young Lee is a mother of one of our preschool kids. And, she's a dynamite, world-class pianist. She holds the DMA (tied with the PhD for the highest degree a musician can attain).

*"She won many first prizes at the Yokohama International Music Competition, United States Open Music Competition (Showcase Piano Solo Advanced), AmericanProtégé Competition, and CCM Piano Concerto Competition, and also prize winning at the AustralianConcerto and Vocal Competition and International ChopinPiano Competition in Asia."*

*In 2014, Lee's performance with Moscow Radio Symphony conducted by Maestro Vladimir Fedosev was broadcast nationally. She performed many solo recitals and chamber music around the United States, Australia, Asia and Europe including Seoul Arts Center, Kumho Art Hall, Carnegie Weill Hall, Kilbourn Hall, Corbett Auditorium, Riverway Arts Centre, and Werner Hall."*

Join us at the Valley Creek Campus on **Sunday, August 11 at 3pm** in the Sanctuary to hear Ji Young Lee!



# August 2019 Calendar

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

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

## **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, 7:00am  
Contact: Jeff Linert,  
651-739-9428

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

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

## **3-5 (V) Peaches Distribution**

Sun-Tues  
Contact: Steve & Donna  
Retter, 651-739-3862

## **4 (O) OH Summer Worship & BBQ**

Sunday, 9:30am  
Contact: Vicar Dean,  
651-739-5144 x331

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

Mondays, 10:45am  
Contact: Pastor Tim,  
651-739-5144 x221

## **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

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

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

## **11 (V) Piano Recital of Ji Young Lee**

Sunday, 3:00pm  
Contact: Karl Grant,  
612-739-5144

## **13 (O) All Campus Middle School Mania**

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

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

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

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7380 Afton Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125

Oak Hill Campus (O)  
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

(651) 739-5144  
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