

THE NEWS LETTER



May 2020

The InCredible Easter Give Back

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us not to worry about what we will eat, drink, or wear. Instead He urges us to seek first after His kingdom and then He promises that He will provide all that we need as well. Jesus isn't saying that we should not work hard or be wise with our possessions, but at the heart of His teaching is this idea that we can trust Him to provide for us in all circumstances—when we have a lot and when we have very little.

Certainly, in a time like this, our trust is tested. It can be easy to cling tightly to all the things of this world and forget that God has promised to provide for us. How sad it is when people hoard goods in disproportionate ways instead of looking for ways to be helpful and generous to others. As Easter was approaching my firm belief was that we as the church, had the chance to shine in the darkness by being incredibly generous.

Not surprisingly, we stepped up in a huge way as almost \$90k was given to our 2020 Incredible Easter Giveback.

I had the blessing to share with 6 different organizations the good news that they were being blessed to receive your generosity. I have to tell you, my heart was wrecked in those calls as I heard about the work they were doing, the challenges they were facing, and the connection we had through the Gospel of Jesus.

Here is where your Easter Giveback offerings are at work:

Faith City Church (Storehouse Grocers), Dayton's Bluff: \$5,000 helped provide Easter meals for families in need and will provide meals to the food insecure in the neighborhood.

Esperanza Ministries, Shakopee: \$5,000 is being used to provide food for the food insecure. In the last several weeks they have gone from serving 75 families to over 300 each week.

Christian Cupboard, Oakdale: \$5,000 is being used to provide food to the food insecure. Since the onset of COVID-19 the number of families served has doubled to over 1200 families a week.

End Slavery Ministries, Casa Adelia, Ecuador: \$5,000 is being used to provide basic needs for women who are stuck in prostitution.

Options for Women, Stillwater: \$32,500 is being used to meet the needs of women in crisis pregnancy situations, picking up services that the County has stopped providing. Their mission is to stop abortion one at a time by walking with women.

Union Gospel Mission, St. Paul: \$32,500 is being used to meet the basic needs of the homeless and most vulnerable.

You, WLC, are an incredible group of Jesus followers, and I count it as my life's greatest joy to follow Jesus with you! Thank you for generously shining light into the darkness and making a huge difference! ~ Pastor Tom



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Breathe....

In 1 Peter 5:7 we read, *"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."* One of the things that my seven-year-old daughter has learned in school is different techniques that she can use to help settle herself down when she is feeling angry or upset; one such technique is deep breathing. I have an Apple Watch that tracks my activity, and, along with many other things, it will even remind me to breathe. The note goes something like this, *"60 seconds of deep breathing can help to alleviate stress."*

Usually when I get that notification I get annoyed, but when I actually take the time to breathe I notice that a shift happens—I actually am less stressed.

This time in our lives is filled with all kinds of additional stress, questions and worries. In the midst of all that noise that we hear, these simple, yet amazing words from Peter encourage us, *"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."* I want to encourage you to spend 60 seconds breathing deeply, and as you come out of that time to meditate on this incredible invitation that we have been given to offer our worries to God, because He cares for us.

Jesus, the One who rose from the dead, He cares for you, you are not alone. We live out this value at WLC in so many ways and one of the ways is through all of our different Care ministries. If you are feeling the weight of these times financially, emotionally or spiritually I want to encourage you to reach out to our Care Pastor, Pastor Tim at pastortim@woodburylutheran.org. He will be more than happy to help you breathe and give your worries to Jesus. Remember, life is better together!

Peace,



Tom Pfotenhauer, Sr. Pastor



Weddings:

Melissa Kamarek & Matthew Matejka

Baptisms:

Ethan Stone Thomas

Deaths:

The Family of Gil Thoele
Barb Koch ~ father, Dale Connolly
Jon & Cassie Kuehne ~ grandfather, John Ugo
Doug Cameron ~ sister, Cathy Snodgrass
Barb Arend ~ sister, Ellen Tyler
Jim & Cathy Bloom ~ grandson, Austin Bloom
Craig & Leanne Bloom ~ nephew, Austin Bloom
Diana Wutke ~ uncle, Ken Heckert
Cary Charlson ~ father, Chan Charlson
Casey Charlson ~ grandfather, Chan Charlson
Chauncey Charlson ~ grandfather, Chan Charlson

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 Monday, April 4th, 2020 6:30am - 8:00am	
Call to Order & Quorum Determination	
Devotions/Prayer	
Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">March Meeting MinutesMarch Financial Report	Approval
Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Pastor reportQuarterly Strategic UpdateWLC response to Coronavirus	Information
Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Implications of CARES Act GrantWLC Bylaws & Council PoliciesStrategic Planning Meeting	Discussion
Closing Prayer	
Adjourn	

Meeting Highlights:

- The bulk of our meeting was spent discussing the ongoing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, here are a few highlights:
 - Financially, we had a great month in March with income coming in higher than expenses and the response to the Easter Giveback has been amazing.
 - We continue to run on a bare bones budget.
 - We applied for and were approved for the CARES Act forgivable loan. We have received 2 months of income to help cover payroll.
 - Online worship engagement and giving have been off the charts. Through 3 months we have received 85% more in online giving when compared to same time period last year.
 - Ministry is continuing across the spectrum of ministries.
- The Endowment Team is back up and meeting as we work toward a new strategy around legacy and long term giving for WLC.
- In May we will meet for an extended planning and strategy meeting.



WORSHIP

“God, in His wisdom, had been preparing our church for such a time as this.”

WLC's Online Ministry During Covid-19

Being a multisite church, the people of Woodbury Lutheran are used to meeting in one of three different locations across one of seven different weekly worship service times. We've been doing that, to varying degrees, for several years.

At 5:00pm on Saturday, March 14 2020, Woodbury Lutheran Church moved to ONE “online campus” as we joined the people of our community to do our part to “flatten the curve” and help slow the spread of COVID-19. We knew that the world was changing. We could see it coming... but suddenly that change pushed us all into a new world that now included a shift in the way we gather for worship.

Our Valley Creek Campus has been broadcasting Sunday morning worship services via Facebook and through our website for years. Some of you have “tuned-in” because you were going to check us out online before coming through the doors in person. Others were on vacation. Still others are permanent nursing home residents.

Our online attendees have experienced what we capture, as it unfolds in real-time...with people in the room. For years I've said that if we're ever forced to prioritize something from a technical or production point of view - choosing between the LIVE gathering or the recording or broadcast - that we will “ALWAYS CHOOSE THE ROOM.” The people who are in the room have always outnumbered, by far, the relatively small number of viewers online. In light of that, we thought of the in-person gathering as our “primary audience” and those who were tuning in, while important people, were our “secondary audience.”

I'm blown away as I think about the timing of the strategies we were developing months before any of this hit us. We were ramping up our “Online Campus” efforts before COVID-19. We were working on shoring up the quality of our broadcast sound. We were tightening up the framing and timing of our camera shots with a giant spreadsheet of pre-programmed camera positions. We were talking through our philosophies of how we would capture what was happening so that we could share it with those who were not with us. We had even started scheduling “Service Hosts” to engage with people, in real-time.

God, in His wisdom, had been preparing our church for such a time as this.

What we once thought of as our “secondary audience” has now become our **ONLY** audience. You. All of you... in your homes. At first, we thought it was only going to be for a couple of weeks - at the most.

You need to know that we miss you. You must know that we are talking about what it will look like when we get to “Reopen.” We are looking forward to seeing many of you “Choose the room” with us. In the meantime - we continue to press into the timely opportunity to grow in the way we view the potential for including more people in our community through our online worship services into the future.

There are many things that are the same across our campuses.

There are many things that are different across our campuses.

But on this ONE Virtual Campus, at least for the time being, we are able to come together to continue to be shaped and molded by the Word of God.

We continue to find encouragement with the Gospel.

We remain inspired by the images and stories of ministry as it continues to us and through us.

As I finish writing this, I know that in a matter of 90 minutes, John Stutleburg will point across the room from his position at our video switcher in the tech booth at our Valley Creek Campus. And he will, once again, as he has been doing for weeks, start another filming session.

One of our Pastors will look down the center aisle... in an empty sanctuary...into CAMERA 1. He'll do that so that He can greet you, our PRIMARY AUDIENCE, as you gather again with the rest of us...

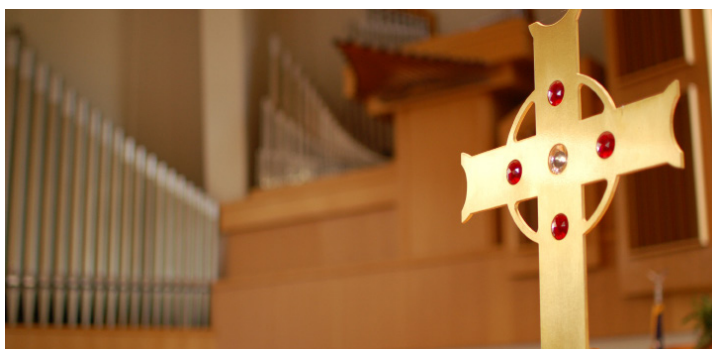
John will say something like, “Quiet!”
“Five, four, three...” counting out loud before switching to counting down in silence... Two. One.

And with a grin of satisfaction he'll continue to serve with the rest of us - to bring the room to you.

“Worship Starts Now...”

~ Joel Wetzstein, Director of Worship





Campus Update from Online Worship

We're into our second month of staying at home and experiencing all of our ministries online. Here are some highlights...

- It was hard to imagine what Holy Week and Easter would be like without being able to gather, but through the incredible gifts of our worship and tech departments we were able to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection in very moving ways through online worship. Thousands of people logged in to participate in those services.
- Did you catch the virtual choir at the [Good Friday](#) and [Easter](#) services? How about [The Perspective](#) from the Saturday Easter Vigil service?
- Kids Ministry has added an [online teaching time](#) at 9:00 and 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Kids LINK kids are able to watch a lesson and hear from our Kids Ministry staff. They have a downloadable discussion guide they can work through as well.
- Youth Ministry programming happens via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Additional Zoom hangouts for age- and campus-groups happen throughout the week as well as Fun Fridays with ridiculous games, adventures, and hangout time.
- [Small Groups](#) are meeting online, many of them working through the new InCredible study guide that goes with our current sermon series.
- Many other groups are making use of technology to continue to meet and share in the blessing of community.

It's not the same as being together face-to-face, but the ability to gather in worship and for groups to see each other and continue growing together has been a blessing. If you're having trouble accessing weekend worship or any of our online content please call the church office...we're ready to help!



Lean Into a Time of Growth Adult Ed at WLC

As part of our effort to continue ministry during these days of social distancing, we're continuing to offer a number of educational opportunities for those looking to mine the depths of God's word.

- Live Opportunities
 - * Be sure to tune in on **Wednesdays at 7PM** for the **Pastors' Roundtable**. Our pastors will spend time discussing the prior Sunday's sermon and field your questions—whatever they may be!—in real time. Don't miss this unique opportunity! Join us at live.woodburylutheran.org on Wednesday nights.
 - * On **Sundays at 3PM**, Pastor Jon hosts a livestreamed Bible study. They're currently working through 1 Samuel. Previously, only those who attend Liberty Ridge had the privilege of sitting in on Pastor Jon's Bible teaching; now all of us can join in and be blessed by his class. Find Pastor Jon's YouTube channel at: <https://bit.ly/2XSdvr2>
- Correspondence Opportunities
 - * Vicar Quincy is leading a correspondence Bible study through the book of Philippians. Each week participants receive a packet devotion and a prayer sheet. To be added to the email list, contact Quincy (kollq@woodburylutheran.org).
 - * Karl Grant is creating guides for in-depth study of the Scripture readings used in our worship services (see sample below). On Mondays, participants receive study notes and verse-by-verse commentary on the Scriptures used the previous Sunday in worship (sermon text and supporting readings). To be added to this email list, contact Karl (grantk@woodburylutheran.org).

NLT		
The Father Speaks to the Son		
9:9	One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River.	Setting for 10b
9:10	As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove.	Time for 10b Action Object of 10b
9:11	And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."	Action Content of 11a
The Spirit Compels the Son		
9:12	The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan for forty days.	Action Consequent of 12
9:13	He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.	Describes 13a
The Son Speaks to Us		
9:14	Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News.	Time of 14b Action Consequent of 14b Action (following 14b)
9:15	he announced, "The time promised by God has come at last!" "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"	Content of 15a

There seems to be a trinitarian representation in this passage.

Vv. 9–11 focus on the Father's action: Speaking from heaven at Jesus' baptism

- The focus in this text is on 11a: "A voice from heaven said..." Everything else leads up to this moment. Verse 9 is the setting. Verse 10 is the rising action. Verse 11 is the climax.

Vv. 12–13 focus on the Spirit's action: Compelling Jesus to go into the wilderness

- The focus in this section is 12: "The Spirit compelled Jesus..."
- There's no resolution or denouement or any kind of falling action after the Father speaks to Jesus at his baptism. The first part of verse 12 in Greek is a short phrase that means something like "and straightaway/immediately."
- What actually happens in the wilderness is almost an afterthought. Mark doesn't really seem that interested in talking about it that much.

Vv. 14–15 focus on Jesus' action: Preaching God's Good News

- The focus in this section is 14b: "Jesus went into Galilee and preached..."
- The first part of 14 demonstrates some passage of time. While Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness by the Spirit after his baptism, there apparently was some amount of time between Jesus returning from the wilderness and the start of his public ministry in Galilee. Mark doesn't say "And immediately, Jesus returned to Galilee." Rather, he ties Jesus starting to preach to the time when John the Baptist was arrested.
- Mark could have stopped at verse 14 and we'd still know that Jesus preached "God's Good News." But Mark actually cites what Jesus was preaching.

In addition to these class opportunities, many of you are currently part of small groups that are wrapping up the InCredible! small group study. Growth in scriptural knowledge is of some benefit, but growing in scriptural knowledge in community with others is truly the ideal. So take a second and shoot a text to your small group letting them know how much you appreciate all of them.

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John Stutelberg

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Care Ministry During Covid

The month of April was filled with opportunities to show the love of God to others, and you didn't disappoint. We have assembled teams of people who are willing to help those in need, whether it be errands to run, or calls to those on our prayer page.

We want to help! If you have any needs at this time and are looking for assistance, please reach out to me at pastortim@woodburylutheran.org and we will help however we can.

Thanks for all you've done and will continue to do!

~Pastor Tim, Pastoral Care

Mission Experiences 2020

Cancelled for the Summer

It is with sadness and disappointment that we announce that our short-term missions to Ecuador and Alaska are cancelled for this summer.

This decision was not made in haste or fear but with much prayer, research, and consideration of all the factors involved. After conversations with our REACH team at WLC, the leadership of our church, and our hosts in Ecuador and Alaska, we believe that the best decision at this point in time is to cancel.

As a church, we do not desire to contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in any way...either by bringing it with us to these locations or bringing it home with us from there or in any way putting the team or our hosts at risk.

As a church we are seeking to take a wise, conservative, responsible approach to the risks of outreach during this season of worldwide pandemic.

We're exploring ways to be an encouragement and blessing to the people in these locations and will be sending masks to Kake (Alaska) in the next week. Please pray for our hosts and these communities.

Trinity First Serve Week

Our June 15 - 19 dates to serve the kids and staff of Trinity First Lutheran School have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The school creatively modified its entire month of June and is providing supplemental distance learning for its students. Please visit their [website](#) to learn more about their needs and how you can help.





WLC's MobilePack Pushed to the Fall

WLC was planning to host a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event on **May 15-16**. We recently received word that ***FMSC has cancelled ALL of its meal-packing events through July 31, 2020***, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please watch upcoming newsletters for when we announce a fall date for you to help pack meals.

The hunger felt by children around the world does not go away during a pandemic. In fact, the economic downturn due to the disease exacerbates the problem of hunger. Further, Jesus' invitation to help those in need isn't suspended because of a disease, it is amplified!

Please continue to support hungry children and families, regardless of where they live. Check the [FMSC website](#) to read how they are responding to COVID-19, and also to consider donating to their ongoing work. Thanks for your love for children worldwide!



Are You Feeling Overwhelmed As You Parent Right Now?

Scheduling

Routines and schedules are beneficial for people of all ages—yes, even adults. In this time of uncertainty, consistent routines help contain the daily chaos. The structure of a schedule can actually help your family make space for new and exciting ideas that will not only keep your kids interested or engaged, but will also help them thrive during this time.

Pray with Your Kids

Before your kids begin their homeschool or class activities, pray with them. Prayer helps us reset our minds and focus on the things that matter—heaven. And praying together unites us in Christ.

Read Philippians 4:8 (NLT) and remember to reset your minds:

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

Take Walks

It's important to take breaks throughout the day—especially in a time like this. We can stay cooped-up and focused on our stress or we can create space for grace to work. Take walks together and discover God's creation. A fun game you can play is “Eye spy something God made.”

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.”
Psalm 19:1 (NLT)

During these walks, spend time praying for your neighbors. This will teach your kids how to love others intentionally, even when we can't be together.

Worship Together

There's no better time to worship together than *now*. This is your chance to set an example without worrying about how loud or busy your kids get during the service. Kids will never forget the attitudes of praise their parents display during this time. So set time aside to watch WLC Kids Live at 9:00 am or 10:30 am and enjoy worship afterwards!

Give Yourself (and your kids) Grace

Whether you are stressed from work pressures—because you've lost your job, are temporarily laid off, or are still working while trying to parent and keep the house afloat, it's a lot to tackle. The pressures are real, and admit it - you are oftentimes very hard on yourselves.

I wasn't a good employee today. No matter how hard I try, I feel like I can't give enough attention to my kids. I don't know if I can keep doing this.

There are many voices. We all need breaks. We need to lean into new, unforced rhythms of grace. In the middle of what feels like unending busyness, Jesus is the answer.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT) says:

“Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

~Nancy Schubbe





WLC's Middle School Mission Experience

We LOVE getting to spend time with the young people of WLC and serving with them in the name of Jesus on mission experiences is one of the best things we do all year.

It's such a bummer to not get to serve in Duluth with your young people this summer...but we're still brainstorming ways that we can be actively serving our community in the name of Jesus. Right now we are still making plans for [summer stretch](#) (Thursday Serving ministry...think Mission experience deconstructed: serve in the AM, play in the PM) and will modify as we need to along the way.

Thank you for continuing to encourage your young people to engage with their small groups and youth ministry Zoom opportunities... these help set them up for continued growth as disciples and for relationships with other Jesus followers. If you're on Instagram and Facebook, follow the wlc youth pages to stay up-to-date on Bible reading plans, get reminders of opportunities to stay connected and encouragement to keep reflecting the light of Jesus in everything we do!

God is good all the time. I am so grateful to serve with y'all.

~ Lindsey Schmidt

Dear Class of 2020

I'm sure you've read a lot of letters that start exactly like this. But please allow me to add my voice to the chorus. Not enough of your senior year has gone the way you wanted/hoped/expected it to go. It was cut unfairly short because of the weird world we currently live in. Sure, you'll have a story to tell for the rest of your life but I'm sure you'd trade this story for the ability to do all of the "normal senior" things in a heartbeat. On behalf of myself and the WLC staff we're sad with you, we're praying for you, and we're excited to figure out ways to celebrate with you.

As I think about you and what you've said to me over the past month, I think there are two things that remain the same no matter what else is going on in our world:

- 1. You still get to celebrate!** Sure, the celebrations won't look the way you had in mind. But you still get to celebrate all of your accomplishments... like passing that really hard class that you worked really hard in. Or the nights you stayed up way too late studying for tests or finishing projects (and that feeling you got when you turned in that project or finished that test...you know the feeling I'm talking about). Or lettering in various sports and activities that you dedicated the last four years of life to. Maybe over your high school career what you're most proud of aren't the grades you got or the awards you received but instead, you're most proud of who you are...the friends you made and the teachers who encouraged you to be the best version of "you" you can be.
- 2. You have a God who is with you.** God has not forgotten about you. He is with you and walking with you in every area of your life. God has placed people in your life to celebrate with you, to sit with you. God has even shown up in ways that you may not realize for years to come. It's important to feel all of the emotions that you may be feeling but it's even more important to realize that we have a God who is bigger than all of this. Because of that, we can find hope and joy in this season.

Seniors, I have had the joy and honor of watching you grow up within the walls of WLC. I've taught you in KidsLINK, I played games with you during Middle School Mania, I've cheered you on at sporting events and applauded you at concerts and plays/musicals. I've served alongside you on mission trips and I've laughed with you on Wednesday nights. It never gets easier to say goodbye to our seniors but I'm so proud of you and who you've become. I'm praying for you and I can't wait to see how God is going to work through this chapter and the new chapter you're about to embark on.

~Sarah Dibbern

p.s. If you need a "feel good" movie about senior year to watch, watch High School Musical 3: Senior Year. You will not be disappointed.





WLC's High School Mission Experience

It was so sad to break the news to the high school team that we won't be serving in the beautiful mountains of Idaho this summer. But God is good, and working even in this detour that we're on currently! Although the "trip" might be off, the mission is still on!

In the meantime, we'll be monitoring the landscape in the months ahead for ways to serve locally! If it becomes safe to gather later this summer we'll do that together. If social distancing remains in effect, we'll need to get a little more creative! Either way God has a plan to use you to share his love with the world around you! Be praying for him to reveal what that plan looks like for you as an individual and for us as a youth group as well!

Until then, stay encouraged, connected, and looking for how God wants to use you right where you're at! Be sure to join in on the high school youth Zooms, and reach out to your small group leaders and youth staff if you need anything or just want to chat! We miss you and would love to talk!

Blessings
Patrick Brewer

Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus Homeless in the Twin Cities

Attention all men of Woodbury Lutheran!

You're invited to hear about how God continues to be at work in the homeless community in the Twin Cities and to explore ways to engage with people whom he loves.

Zoom Meeting Saturday, May 9, 10-11am

Brad Miller will be hosting this with Jeff Linert and Andrew Abicht from WLC and who are part of [Settled](#), a Twin Cities non-profit assisting the homeless. Others from Settled will also be sharing. This is an update from an event at the Valley Creek Campus last year.

You'll also hear how COVID-19 is impacting the homeless community and how you can get involved, practically loving people with the love of Jesus.

Invite a friend or your spouse.

This is online --- [click here for the Zoom link](#) to join...

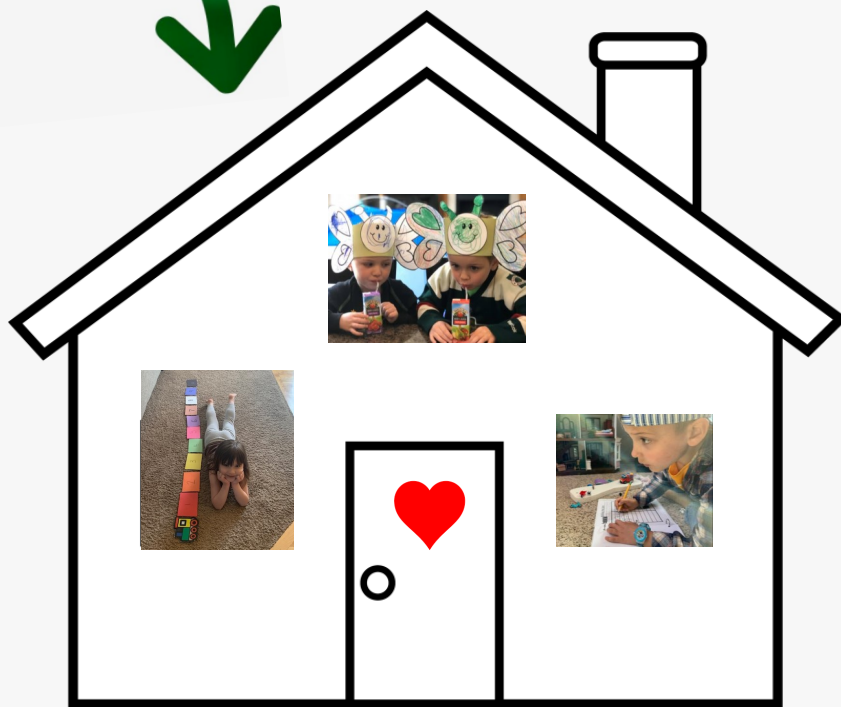
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Contact [Brad Miller](#) with questions, etc.



Thank! you!

May is teacher appreciation month and we want to say a big thank you to Woodbury Lutheran Preschool Staff—as you continue to create learn at home opportunities during COVID-19! We're grateful for the ways you've continued teaching our preschoolers! The use of take home learning packs and technology lets your creativity shine as you to provide appropriate learning opportunities. Your ministry to children and families is just as important as ever—even though it is being done in a different way!



Join Us for Preschool Next Year!

We continue to plan for next fall—the 2020-20201 school year!

You can reach us at mulsos@woodburylutheran.org during this time for additional information and next steps!



LeAnn Perry joined the Woodbury Lutheran Preschool team in 2005. She has gifted our program with her efficiency, organization, willingness to help in any capacity and most importantly her dedicated care and love for children. She will be retiring at the end of this year and it is that interaction with children that she will miss the most. We will miss her in so many ways! We wish her the very best as she enjoys additional time with her family and other activities. We have been blessed by you!



Thank You
Miss
LeAnn



Refresh

DATE RANGE :: 05.10.20 - 5.31.20

Series Synopsis

As we navigate this incredible time of disruption in our culture we are being given the opportunity to reflect on what is most important in our lives. One of our challenges is to live in the tension between losing all hope and pretending that everything's just wonderful. In all of this, what if God is using this all as a disruptive catalytic event to teach us how to *Refresh* our hearts and our relationships with God, those who we follow Jesus with and the world around us as we learn to walk in the ways of Jesus? What if we could come to the other side of this with a refreshed understanding of what really matters and what it looks like to follow Jesus?

Week #1 | May 9/10, 2020 (Mother's Day)

- **Title ::** When Time Stops (Kairos Moments)
- **Readings**
 - **Primary Reading ::** Mark 1:9-15, Key Verse: Mark 1:15
 - **Secondary Reading ::** Luke 6:1-11

Sermon Concept

We have all experienced a moment when time stood still, do you ever wonder why or what God might be doing in that moment? As we face the COVID-19 pandemic this is definitely a moment in time worth reflecting on. Could it be that this is a disruptive catalytic event for disciples of Jesus that will refresh and breathe new life into the Jesus movement? As we encounter this moment in time and as we seek to come through this time what if we reflected on two simple questions, *"What is God trying to say to me?"* and *"How am I going to respond?"*

WLC Value

We Value Movement :: Faith Doesn't Stand Still

Living It Out

As you identify what God is saying to you and what you'll do about it (see below or see the other side), pray for courage and take that next step you identified.

Week #2 | May 16/17, 2020

- **Title ::** Raise our Gaze (Up)
- **Readings**
 - **Primary Reading ::** Hebrews 10:19-25; **Key Verse ::** Hebrews 10:19-20
 - **Secondary Reading ::** Luke 6:12-17

Sermon Concept

In John 15 Jesus invites us to abide in Him so that we can bear much fruit. Throughout His ministry Jesus again and again found strength for His journey by abiding in His Father. What does it mean for us to raise our gaze above all our questions, fears, disappointments and distractions to see our Father as we abide in Jesus? Could this be the moment in time where we refresh our view of what it means to BE with God?

WLC Values

We Value Truth :: Rooted in God's Word

Living It Out

This week, pick a day and try taking 10 minutes to just BE with Jesus. Focus on His invitation to draw near and find your life in Him.

Week #3 | May 23/24, 2020 (Ascension Weekend)

- **Title ::** Walking Together (in)
- **Readings**
 - **Primary Reading ::** Acts 1:1-11; **Key Verse ::** Acts 1:11
 - **Secondary Reading ::** Luke 6:12-17

Sermon Concept

Over and over again at WLC we lift up our value that life is better together. But in a time of social distancing how do we live a life that is better together? Jesus walked through life with 12 disciples and even within the 12 He had an inner circle of three, but the point is He did life with others. Who are you following Jesus with and why is that so important? Could this be the moment in time where we refresh our view of what it means to walk with other disciples of Jesus?

WLC Values

We Value Relationships :: Life is Better Together

Living It Out

Have a conversation with another Christian in your life this week about how you can support each other in your faith.

Week #4 | May 30/31, 2020 (Pentecost)

- **Title ::** Reaching Out (out)
- **Readings**
 - **Primary Reading ::** Acts 2:1-12; **Key Verse ::** Acts 2:12
 - **Secondary Reading ::** Luke 6:12-17

Sermon Concept

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit to go with the message of Jesus. What does it look like for disciples of Jesus today to go? Could it be simpler than we make it? Could this be the moment in time where we refresh our view of what it means to reach out to others with the message of Jesus?

WLC Values

We Value Each Person :: Come as You Are

Living It Out

Pray, expect and watch for an opportunity to engage with someone, asking about their story and sharing about the hope that you have in Christ.

May

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2 Ryan Helgason Theresa Ingram Steve Neils Doug Pilot Lydia Runge Dale Thompson Brian Whitmarsh	6 Elizabeth Anderson Kathleen Anderson Greg Bailen Rachel Conant Camryn Ergang Margaret Fett Daniel Lanz Patrick Riley Andy Stakston Isaac Tepe Dave Wende Tim Wess	10 Kate Figlmiller Joshua Jepperson Jacqueline Johnson Stephen Krampe Mavis Rubsam Makayla Shugg Benjamin Zuehlke Jordan Vilas-Tucker	15 Gracy Becker Brooklyn Benke Timothy Butina Brian Carlson Kim Carlson Kim Dolan Lauren Faeth Jewel Jeske Evan Pflieger	19 Gabe Howard Caitlyn Nelson Sammi Odegaard Jon Raymer 20 Doreen Atchison Deb Berg Kenneth Boyd Matthew Jenkins Kristin Johnson Keegan Richardson Robb Swanlund	24 Kevin Cavanaugh Cheryl Jensen Russell McCuskey Marian Nelson Nicole Taraldsen	29 Kimberly Bauman Phil Baumgar Belle Brewer Bob Hensel Ryan Welsh
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