WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **NEWS** LETTER





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### **CHOSEN**

Mary Law | Office Manager & Assistant to the Senior Pastor

A couple of years ago our congregation put the power to **Choose** in the hands of children. Through this opportunity, we've been able to learn about Tongi, Bangladesh and share God's love with the children and families there.

So much has happened during these past two and a half years in Tongi. Numerous children have been saved from sex-trafficking, families have learned the importance of clean water and that it keeps them healthy during a pandemic, 20 faith leaders were trained to reach children with messages about safety and growing spiritually, and so much more!

Being *Chosen* is an amazing feeling. 21 years ago, I was *Chosen* to be the mom of my oldest daughter Maggie by her birth parents through adoption. There's a beauty in knowing that you were *Chosen* to be someone important in the life of a child.

During the next few weeks, I challenge you to think about the power and beauty of being *Chosen*. What does it look like in your life to not drink clean water? What does it look like to sleep on the floor each night? What if you wore the same clothes for more than a couple days? What if you didn't eat today? Will you say "yes" to being *Chosen*? Let's change lives...ours and theirs!

### **Chosen Encore!**

""The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

-- Matthew 9:37

The words of Jesus from Matthew 9 about praying for workers to enter the harvest field are often used to talk about those of us who get paid to be professional church workers. I would argue that this view has done a great disservice to what Jesus is actually saying in these verses. The harvest fields are all around us and therefore we need workers (disciples) from all walks of life to be entering into these fields, in schools and offices, on sports fields and in dance studios, in stores and in restaurants.

In the fall of 2019, we did something spectacular together as a church. We were one of the first churches in the U.S. and the first multisite church to partner with World Vision in a new and powerful way to look at child sponsorship. Instead of walking out to the lobby and picking out the picture of a child that we wanted to sponsor we flipped the script and put the power to choose into the hands of the children. We wanted to say to kids, "You are empowered to choose." It is hard to put into words how amazing it was to have had the privilege of watching hundreds of children walk up to your pictures in a community on the other side of the world in Bangladesh and choose you.

The community of Tongi is more than 99% non-Christian. Let that sink in for a moment, 99% do not know Jesus as the Lord of their lives. When we visited Bangladesh, I lost count of how many times people asked us why we would do this. The answer was simply, this is a harvest field with very few workers. Can you imagine what would happen for

the Kingdom of God if just a few of the children and families that we support were to become workers in the harvest field?

What a blessing to partner with the few workers who are their now. On Mother's Day we will have another opportunity to deepen this relationship as we will once again be invited to be Chosen. I want to thank you for being a church that understands the workers are far more than the professional staff, they are every disciple of Jesus. Today, lets all get to work, whether here in our homes and neighborhoods or across the world in Tongi, for there are many who are, "confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Following Jesus, Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor





### **NEXT: Pizza with the Pastor**

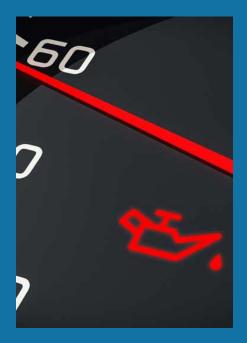
What's your NEXT Step at Woodbury Lutheran? If you're new to WLC and wondering how to get connected into this church family, this is the perfect place to start!

#### 4th Sunday of the Month on all campuses

- May 22
- Wakota Ridge Campus: 10:45-Noon
- Oak HIll Campus: 11:45am-1pm

Come, have some pizza, and get connected!

Find more info and register at info.woodburylutheran.org.



### **Need An Oil Change?**

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care Ministry

When was the last time you got the oil changed in your car? Generally speaking, the oil change responsibility falls on the husband/head of the household... But what if you are a single mom or widow who isn't sure who to trust with an oil change? Running your car on old oil can be damaging to your car's engine for a variety of reasons, leading to costly repairs if not addressed.

To help out, a group of gentlemen from Woodbury Lutheran has decided to offer free oil changes to single moms and widows. To sign up, go to the following link and register for a time on Saturday, May 21st... <a href="https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/452/responses/new">https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/452/responses/new</a> You can also go to <a href="info.woodburylutheran.org">info.woodburylutheran.org</a> and click on the oil change ministry link and follow the instructions.

## **Each One Brings One-Looking for An Apprentice**

Diana Vander Pas | Director of Adult Ministries

Eph 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us of the good things God planned long ago for us to do. Isn't that cool? Not only has God chosen us to be His, but He made plans for us to do His will here on earth. There are many ways we love and serve others in our daily life showing the love of Jesus to those near and far. But intentionally apprenticing someone else to do what we do brings a whole new level of joy to Kingdom work. As we discover our identity in Jesus and become more like Him, we can help others do the same by being intentional about inviting others into the work God gives us and pouring into them. So who might God be asking you to invite along in what you are already doing? Someone you will walk alongside to show them what you do and why. If you are currently leading a small group, do you have someone you are pouring into in order to lead a small group someday? Not simply someone to help you, but someone who will ultimately take your place someday. Not sure what to look for in your apprentice? Start by asking God to show you people with these 5 C's:

**Character** – Does their life reflect the fruits of the Spirit? Are they growing as a follower of Jesus? None of us is perfect, but good leaders humbly acknowledge that fact and continue to seek to know Jesus better.

**Chemistry** - Can you work together? Is this person a person of peace who welcomes you and is willing to learn from you? Are they teachable? Is it easy to share tasks and learnings with them? Do you have joy when

you serve the Lord together with them?

**Calling** – Is this an area God is calling them to serve in? Are they excited about the vision and this opportunity? Have you shared the vision with them? Have you spent time with them to discern where God might be calling them to serve?

Capacity - Do they have time? This is a tricky one, because we make time for what we value. So perhaps your potential apprentice may need to give something else up in order to make time to be an apprentice and fulfill the calling they sense from God. But it also may be that they are currently busy with other responsibilities that God is giving them for this time. Perhaps this role is for now or maybe it is a not yet.

**Competency** – Do they have the skills? This is the last one listed for a reason – because this is easily taught! This is what you can focus your time and energy on sharing with them.

There is a need for all of us to do the work God prepared in advance for us to do. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Let's be intentional about watching for people we can pour into and apprentice, and see how God can multiply disciples and transform lives!



## **Dream About Being Chosen!**

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

If you ask a child what they want to be when they grow up, they have lots of ideas – fireman, football player, teacher, nurse, or as my grandson would say, "Paleontologist!". It seems that from an early age, God has crafted into the heart of everyone who has been born a desire to know their purpose, to have a life, to fulfill a destiny. Children know how to dream so easily about who and what they may grow up to be!

As parents, one of our goals is to help our children know themselves and discover how they are gifted. If you have a child who loves to draw and create, then use words to affirm them and remind them that God can use these gifts! Maybe you have a child who loves to write stories. Sarah Dibbern on our staff has a love for writing and writes articles to uplift other Youth Pastors and the youth they serve. And what if your child is great at being a friend? God can use this wonderful gift to reach out to those who have no friends, and to share His love with those who need it most!

While our children are dreaming about what they will be when they grow up, there are children around the world who are just trying to live. They work, and help their parents make money or gather food to survive. They may not have clean water to drink, or a bed to sleep in. Kids LINK is excited about the possibility to be "Chosen" again and impact the lives of these children.

Very soon we will be able to offer kids who live in very different homes, in a very different country, with no choices, the power that comes with being able to make a choice. In Tongi, Bangladesh there will be children who will choose who will sponsor

them, write letters to them, and pray for them, even though we are many hours and miles across the world from them! We became a sponsor for Meghla during the first Chosen event, and we hope to be "Chosen" again to sponsor another child in Tongi as part of WLC's "Chosen Encore".

On Mother's Day weekend we will all have the opportunity to once again experience the beauty of Chosen as we continue to build on our relationship with the children in Tongi, Bangladesh. Your kid's offerings taken monthly in Kids LINK go 100% to sponsor Alfrére through Compassion International and Meghla through World Vision.

He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few". Matthew 9:37.





### **Summer Bible Study**

Join Pastor Paul Pfotenhauer for his annual Summer Bible Study this summer! You will be walking through the book of Ephesians. Ephesians has been called a literary masterpiece, as well as an important instructional manual for the church and its people on unity, Christian living, and prioritizing God.

Pastor Paul's study will be on Thursdays from 10-11am beginning June 9 and ending on August 25.

### **May Missionary Madness!**

Mike Sabbann | Director of Reach Ministry

March Madness is behind us. But look what's coming in May! We have the privilege of being visited by two missionary families! Keep an eye out for them ... and welcome them!! Plan to come to the Sunday lunches at Valley Creek to meet them (11:45 am in the Fireside Room). Watch for more information.

Hannah & Josh Zook - Sunday, May 22. They're arriving from Quito, Ecuador, for the delivery of Baby #2, expected in early-June!! Hannah leads End Slavery Ministries Ecuador (ESME), which helps women and their children who are in or have come out of situations of abuse and human trafficking.

Let's praise Jesus the King for His work through our missionaries. Contact Mike Sabbann for more information (SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org)





## **Engage Global... A 48 Hour Missions Immersion Right in** Your Backyard Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Serve & Reach

experiencing the global Imagine cultures of India, East Africa, and Asia all in one "trip". Imagine being awakened with a fresh perspective on God's heart for all nations. Imagine moving from being a spectator to an active participant in God's global mission.

Engage Global training provides first-hand combined experiences, with practical biblical teaching, to help move followers of Jesus towards fulfilling God's mission.

- Where: Engage Global Minneapolis training center
- When: May 20-22 (Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon)
- Lodging and Meals: All included. We stay both nights at the training center.
- Cost: \$225 (we have options for reducing this if needed)
- More information: contact Brad Miller with questions or about options for meeting the cost millerb@woodburylutheran.org
- Registration here: woodburylutheran.ccbchurch. com/goto/forms/445/responses/ new

## **Planting Seeds**

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

When you think about people who are chosen to share Jesus, do you think about Pastors or Missionaries? Yes - but we know that children are also bold in sharing Jesus with others! Statistically, Woodbury Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten has 40% of our children whose families don't claim a church home. As a school, it's a goal of ours to equip these young children to not only learn to love Jesus but be able to talk about Him to those around them.

How do we know it's working? There are those moments as children wash their hands and hear them singing a Jesus time song with gusto. We watch them carry bibles around the classroom and "read" them.

We want to also equip children to love others in their world. We explain to children that we may not always be friends with everyone in our class, but we always need to be kind. I'm grateful for the fact that children understand this, and we hope that these are seeds that are planted which grow into big strong mustard plants! We see how being chosen starts very young!





## Imitating Christ Sarah Dibbern | Oak Hill Kids & Youth Ministry

A few weeks ago, I was doing my large group teaching for Wednesday night programming at the Oak Hill campus. We were diving into 1 Thessalonians and how Paul called the people in Thessolonica to imitate Christ and I asked the students to list attributes of Jesus. Some of the attributes they came up with were: Loving, humble, servant, forgiver, full of grace, and selfless. I ended my lesson by challenging them to look at the list we came up with and pick one thing for them to consciously work on over the next seven days.

I'd like to challenge you to the same thing: think of the attributes of Jesus and pick one to consciously work on over the next week. Spend time mediating on it, talking with people about it. Try looking at our world through Jesus' eyes. Because when we imitate Christ, everything changes.

## **Love Our City Tour -**Saturday, June 11

Come listen and learn! A disciple is a learner! South Minneapolis urban (Immersion) Tour with City Vision

- 12 noon to 7pm
- Meet at the Valley Creek Campus
- We'll hop on a bus together with our first stop being Trinity First Lutheran.
- We'll tour South Minneapolis, learning about the most diverse neighborhood in the US.
- Our guide will help us learn about the city, engaging in a conversation, stopping to walk through global markets and process new perspectives on about people groups and the assets and challenges of the City.
- We'll hear about God's heart and have times of focused prayer.
- Our tour will return to Trinity First for an ethnic meal from the neighborhood and hear stories from people who live
- As we bus back to Woodbury, we'll have a opportunity to process our day and consider, as disciples of Jesus, how God would have us respond.
- Cost: \$30 Suggested donation (includes bus tour and dinner)
- Deadline to register is Sunday, June 5
- Contact Brad Miller with questions, etc: millerb@ woodburylutheran.org
- Registration link: https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch. com/goto/forms/453/responses/new

June 11, Noon-7pm

## LOVE OUR CITY TOUR





## **Ukraine Missions Update**Mike Sabbann | Director of Reach Ministry

Rosen & Oksana Klepel are missionaries WLC has supported since 2013. Their home is in Ternopil, a city in western Ukraine. When Russian attacks began in February, Ukrainians flooded into Poland to escape the violence. Klepels relocated to Poland to minister to these arriving refugees, spending long hours driving, setting up beds, providing food, medicine and loving care. Sensing a need for their own emotional restoration, in late-March they moved to safety at the home of Rosen's brother in Alberta, Canada. More change is coming ... the Klepels will spend part of May at their YWAM mission base in Texas preparing to return to Europe. They expect to arrive in Poland late this month to continue to serve refugees and war victims with the love of Jesus.

Please consider taking these steps on their behalf: 1) Pray for the Spirit's ongoing touch in their lives; 2) Pray for safe travel so they can minister well to the Ukraine refugees; 3) Consider personally donating to them to help with expenses resulting from the disruption of the war; here's the link: Klepel support.

Contact Mike Sabbann for more information (SabbannM@ woodburylutheran.org)

### Oak Hill Campus Update

Pastor Dean Dunavan | Oak Hill Campus Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

As I am reminded again this Easter that we are Resurrection people I can't help but find Paul's words ringing true of who Jesus has made us to be as His people. Most clearly, I am filled with joy in our "partnership in the gospel." This partnership means that every single one of us is essential to the mission and ministry of bringing the gospel to the world. I honestly can say that I thank my God in joy as I pray for all of you who are loving and laboring for the sake of the Gospel. My heart swells with joy as I reflect on this Lenten season and the testimonies shared at our Oak Hill campus spanning generations, circumstances, and stories of God's provision and grace. What a blessing to gather in worship and be reminded that we are not alone in our joys and sorrows, but that life truly is better together.

I have heard stories of church kitchens that were "off limits" to some newcomers or were just the workspace of the kitchen elite who would not welcome a new person bustling about trying to serve. Not so at Oak Hill. You maybe are familiar with the Spanish phrase, "mi casa su casa" My house is your house. This is certainly true of Oak Hill Campus and could even be expressed, "mi cocina su cocina" My kitchen is your kitchen. These Wednesday night Lenten meals were an expression of what it looks like to be family and the sounds and smells of people creating and serving incredible meals. This is a picture of the body of Christ who does life together.

The pinnacle of this was experienced during Holy Week. A bread baking crew baked twenty-five loaves of challah, over 75 people helped make haroseth, unleavened bread, hard boiled eggs, and roast 103 lamb shanks for our traditional Seder meal on Maundy Thursday, and decorate the fellowship hall and sanctuary for our time together in worship. Not to worry this incredible meal was accompanied by the best cheesy potatoes I have ever eaten. If the Israelites would have thought of it, I'm sure they would have made them as well. Oak Hill had 10 students and their families celebrate their first communion and the evening ended with a time of blessing and prayer over each of these students. Paul's words just won't stop... "He who began a good work will bring it to competition..." What a blessing to know the seeds we sow as a family will continue to grow and the Lord Himself will bring it to full completion.

So grateful, Pastor Dean Dunavan





### **Garage Sale Treasures Needed!**

Looking for a way to tackle the long spring blues? Start a garage sale stash for the Youth Garage Sale! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held May 12 (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm); May 13 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm); May 14 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm). Collection dates and times: May 10 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm) and May 11 (4:30 pm to 8:30 pm).

Proceeds help offset some participant costs for senior high and middle school summer experiences. If you have any questions please call/text Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365 or email at ssalzman1@comcast.net.

Items that sell well: gently used furniture, clothes, shoes, household items, baby things, puzzles, toys. Items we won't take: electronics, tube televisions, worn furniture, dirty or broken items.

## **May Birthdays**

- 1 Laurel Anderson
  Jack Atchison
  Debby Cain
  Ben Kehl
  Kole McKinley
  Erik Pieper
  Diane Theissen
  Ben Witt
  Claudia Wolfgram
- 2 Ryan Helgason
  Theresa Ingram
  Steve Neils
  Doug Pilot
  Dale Thompson
  Brian Whitemarsh
- 3 Anna Bettmann
  Peyton Browning
  Tanya Gahler
  Jay Ignaszewski
  Cassie Kuehne
  James Leary
  MaryEllen O'Connor
  Keanna Prestegaard
  Ryder Rogotzke
  Melissa Rones
- 4 Lucy Cardwell
  Miles Hane
  Kira Iverson
  Lisa Lien
  Nancy Menge
  Mary Murray
  Scott Perala
  Amy Peterson
  Sarah Rothstein
  Kelsey Schultze
  Sydney Watanabe
- 5 Jonathan Arend Alessandra Benson Hazel Crow Aksel Drevlow Peggy Krause Katie Mueller Layson Pearson John Sadlovsky Stephanie Sadowski Jacob van Jaarsveld Max Xiong
- 6 Elizabeth Anderson

- Kathleen Anderson Greg Bailen Rachel Conant Margaret Fett 11 Daniel Lanz
- Patrick Riley Andy Stakston Isaac Tepe Dave Wende Tim Wess
- Samuel Willmott
  Cecilia Barabash
  Harlee Fernandez
  Leah Gage
  Bernise Giefer
  Eric Landgrebe
- Peggy Lund Barbara McCarthy Cynthia Matejka Maryllis Oehlke Barb Arend
- Lucy Bolles
  Joan Converse
  John Kopp
  Carolyn Krampe
  Ashley Parker
  Michelle Schoenecker
  Ethan Symmank
- Ron Bargsten
  Mario Carmona
  Ted Ginkel
  Christina Hammerstrom
  Anders Heggernes
  Susan Joines
  Nancy Kopesky
  Nate Nelson
  Jane Pashina
  Macy Revier
  Pat Smith
- Jenni Xiong Shari Zuehlke 10 Kate Figlmiller Joshua Jepperson Jacquline Johnson Stephen Krampe Mavis Rubsam

John Taraldsen

Ben Sweet

- Makayla Shugg Jordan Vilas-Tucker Benjamin Zuehlke
- 11 Danny Amundson Patricia Arneson Myron Baumann Evelyn Fisher Eli Griffin Vivian Ko Jocelyn McDonald
- 12 Marcas Cronin Rachel Gage Herb Goetsch Nicholas Hobot Colleen Johnson Lucy Michlitsch Taya Moran Dana Pederson Bailey Roloff Rachel Solosky
- 13 Joshua Boon
  John Browning
  Paige Krause
  Jaelyn Lelei
  Ken Nelson
  Keri Stifter
  Cindy Thompson
  Eric Weir
- 14 Nathan Fong Melisaa Goerlitz Charlotte Hobot Paul Krypel Diana Peter Tana Vogele
- 15 Gracyn Becker
  Brooklyn Benke
  Timothy Butina
  Brian Carlson
  Kim Carlson
  Kim Dolan
  Lauren Faeth
  Jewel Jeske
  Evan Pflieger
  Charlie Tireman
  Sarah Tourville
- 16 Victoria Boyd Lauren Butler Emma Christopherson

- Abby Jenkins Kathryn LaMott Mike Law Sara Lower Amelia Morrison Sarah Ochiagha Darlene Rengstorf Jan Rygh Sophia Sandstrom Jill Taylor Allison Weiss Bob Wuggazer
- Tahua Yu

  17 Andrew Baumgarn
  Andrew Betts
  Ben Brocker
  Debbie Brocker
  Elizabeth Campbell
  Larissa Colvin
  Samantha Hayek
  Evan Larson
  Zane Spreigl
- 18 Wyatt Corrigan
  Jim Golden
  Ashley Hanon
  Robin Knutson
  Brayden Mishacoff
  Rachel Parks
- 19 Gabe Howard Caitlyn Nelson Sammi Odegaard Jon Raymer
- 20 Doreen Atchison
  Deb Berg
  Kenneth Boyd
  Coletta Burski
  Matthew Jenkins
  Kristin Johnson
  Shelley Rauschnot
  Keegan Richardson
  Robb Swanlund
- 21 Tim Becken
  Ella Biederman
  Renee Boehme
  Theresa Leis
  Aaron Morningstar
  Nora Oxton
  Jordan Pieper

- Mae Roberts Larry Tschaekofske Rachel Weideman
- 22 Megan Blomquist Chloe Boon Allie Conant Natalie Fox Steve Johnson Janet Rohlfing Brenda Score
- 23 Wendy Audette
  Jerry Backlund
  Kelsey Engen
  Dorothy Erban
  Jeffrey Fett
  Miranda Kreger
  Keith Nixon
  Mary Scholz
  Scott Shriver
  Dorothy Young
- 24 Kevin Cavanaugh Cheryl Jensen Russel McCuskey Marian Nelson Nicole Taraldsen
- 25 Dan Donovan
  Christopher Madden
  Ashley Salzman
  Jack Schrachta
  Diane Utech-Ubl
  Ryan Welsh
  30 Ajax Aladerks
  Cole Cardwel
  Eddie Carlson
  Lucy Clappier
- 26 Todd Breiholz
  Rae Bury
  Ernie Ginn
  Nate Howard
  Rhonda Jones
  Sandi Miller
  Evelyn Ratzloff
  Kelli Redington
  Cameron Rhoades
  Marsha Voss
  Jim White
  Hanna Wiebold
  Jasmine Wurl
  Joanne Zehnder
- 27 Joel Arend Kellie Clappier Catelyn Corredor Matt Fowler

- Grady Jensen Avery Jilek Sarah Johnson Caryn Meyer Bella Mishacoff Olivia Mischacoff Elliott Sieling Gary Tourville Emma Young Hayden Young
- 28 Sheri Anderson
  Kathryn Barnes
  Declan Barron
  Lilienne Brocker
  Loretta Georgi Martinez
  James Hillman
  Christopher Ohrwell
  Alma Schaefer
  Lindsay Schneider
  Wyatt St. Clair
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  29 Kimberly Bauman
  Phil Baumgarn
  Belle Brewer
  Quinn Daniels
  Bob Hensel
  Ryan Welsh
  30 Ajax Aladerks
  Cole Cardwell
- Cole Cardwell
  Eddie Carlson
  Lucy Clappier
  Jenna Cordes
  Tyson Klusmann
  Tricia Powers
  Kim Sandrock
  31 Eli Browning
  Casey Howard
  Lucas Ingram
  - Lucas Ingram
    Lincoln Jarchow
    Esther Kumpula
    Jean LaShomb
    Jennifer Lymburner
    Kenzie MacLeod
    Denise Pieper
    Ella Ratzloff
    McKenna Schowalter
    Suzanne Sofie
    Char Les Stohlmann
    Brad Zinke

## **May Anniversaries**

- 1 Matt & Tianna Brocker Isaac & Anna Johnson
- Larry & Nancy Tschaekofske
   Justin & Lindsey Carciofini Chauncey & Carly Charlson Mark & Cynthia Stoltenow
- 4 Kevin & Kay Moquist Thomas & Jane Pashina
- 5 Konnie & Mark Harstad Rod & Eileen Lund Dan & Sally Meyer Eric & LeAnn Perry Glenn & Lois Rogers Joseoh & Mary Zastrow
- 6 Myron & Patrice Baumann 7 Jeff & Sandy Southward
- 8 Ron & Donna Bargsten Greg Kroiss & Peggy King
- 10 Ed & Vicki Huebsch Doug & Norma Mackey Mike & Connie Sabbann
- 11 Craig & Ainsley Clark12 Jay & Renae Holthaus
- 13 Brad & Colleen Johnson Leroy & Karen Longworth

- Scott & Tracie Tuman Scott & Shari Zuehlke
- 14 David & MaryJo Pearson Zachary & Gina Vogelsberg
- 15 Gregory & Laura Cloose
  Jaime & Kathy Hegna
  Morgan & Denise Jenkins
  John & Marvel Mitterholzer
  Doug & Suzanne Mortenson
- 16 Adam & Natalie Krause Dean & Lorraine Wohlhuter
- 17 Galen & Sherry Prail Tim & Andrea Sobaski
- 18 Steven & Simona Awiszus James Langan & Gin Becker-Langan Daniel & Eleanor Meyer
- 19 James & Susan Finell Pete & Cheryl Olofson Mike & Jennifer Spreigl Scott & Pat Stevens
- 20 Richard & Carolyn Carlson David & Cheri Frost Jeff & Karen Miner Brandon & Amanda Nelson
- 21 Jeff & Melody Haines

- Steve & Kenya Skytte 22 Bob & Mayonne Benson
- Bob & Shirley Hensel Al & Millie Lodahl Patrick & Pamela Riley
- 23 Chad & Wendy Ellwein Michael & Carol Houfer Jim & LaVonne Liljedahl Tony & Kristin Printon
- 24 Nathan & Amanda Aalderks Christopher & Shelli Burns Scott & Rachel Homuth Rob & Rachel Krueger Tim & Toni Loeffler John & Marilee Schoenewald Eli & Naveena Spitz
- 25 Josh & Amanda Brocker Ronald & Bev Faust
- 26 Ross & Melissa Dahlin Wesley & Rebecca Dittman Joel & Juli Feldkamp Matt & Emily Fowler
- 27 Dan & Sheri Anderson Brian & Jennifer Aspen Steve & Cheryl Butz

- Greg & Donna Jensen Jeff & Jacqueline Konop Alex & Lisa Thao
- 28 Jack & Doreen Atchison Brian & Tanya Daniels Steve & Amy Meyer
- 29 Rick & Ann Gibbs Bob & Sally Kolb
- 30 Robert & Jileen Cowley Kemal & Jessica Munn Nathan & Ashley Price Mike & Jill Radabaugh Jerome & Kari Schiltgen Charles & Ruth Stakston
- 31 Geoff & Allie Boyd
  Jim & Sandy Hayden
  Daniel & Mary Matasovsky
  Marilyn & Michael Myers
  Chris & Lisa Peterson
  Rick & Dena Petrich
  Mike & Stacy Winter

### **Church Council Update**

In order to continue to grow in our communication to the congregation, each month we will share an update from the previous month's Council meeting. Full minutes can be found **here** after the 10th of each month.

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2022 6:30-8:30am

### **Meeting Highlights**

#### **Quarterly financial and Ministry Update:**

- Through one quarter our income is \$942,623 compared to \$839,212 last year. Our total expenses are \$967,357 compared to \$865,279 last year.
- In ministry we are starting to see a strong return to in-person worship, and we are averaging just over 2000 total in worship on a weekend.
- We have an ongoing need for new small group leaders as we have a list of people waiting to get connected into a new group.

#### **Call Update:**

We will not be receiving a candidate from the Seminary as each of the three candidates we were interested in are being placed elsewhere. This year's class had 38 candidates and over 75 were requested, which means more than 40 churches that requested a pastor will not receive one. Our search team will meet soon to discuss next steps.

#### **Financial Planning Ministry:**

We have met with the leadership of Financial Planning Ministry as well as with a congregation that uses their services. We are very excited about the opportunity to offer estate planning for our members at no cost to them. We will do some further research and decide whether to pursue the partnership in the coming months.



### **Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

**Devotions/Prayer** 

#### **Consent Agenda**

- March Meeting Minutes
- March Financial Report

#### **Discussion Topics**

- First quarter scorecard
- Update on partnership with Financial Planning Ministry
- Seminary Call Update
- May Planning Meeting

#### **Informational Topics**

None

**Closing Prayer** 

**Adjourn** 

### Worship

#### **Online**

Saturdays @ 5:00pm Sundays @ 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Youtube OnDemand

#### **In-Person**

Sundays @ 9:00 (OH, WR & VC) Sundays @ 10:30am (OH & VC)

Please visit our website for upto-date worship information.

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### **Baptisms**

Rhys Claude Medill Cecilia Jan Nelson Kade Paul Zimmer Aria Ruth Bowes Silas Dean Kohn Nathaniel Michael Zurn Colette Caroline Klotter

### **Deaths**

Alice Thorson, sister-in-law of Juanita Vaaler Thieleane Raecker, sister of Scott Stevens Karen Zacho Allen Bergh Gwen Forrest, sister of Mavis Rubsam Jerome Linser



#### **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 at each of our campuses, is available for each worship service. Come and say hi!

#### **Giving at WLC**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity that keeps the ministries of Woodbury Lutheran functioning. Giving may be done by texting WLCGIVE to 833-808-4447, through our website, and through the WLC app (iOS | GooglePlay). Checks may be mailed to the church office at 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125.

#### **Stock Donations**

There are many different ways to donate time, talents, and treasures to Woodbury Lutheran Church. One way some members choose to donate is through the transfer or donation of stocks. If you have questions or would like more information on how to donate stock, please contact Trecie Horner at 651-731-3349.

#### Stephen Ministers

If you are going through a difficult time-whether it's losing a loved one, having relationship struggles, financial hardships or any number of challenges one might face-WLC has Stephen Ministers who would like to walk with you through these trying times. Contact Pastor Tim or Shirley Mertens for more information.

## 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 email <a href="mailto:tskarl@comcast.net">tskarl@comcast.net</a> for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

#### **Mitten Makers**

Come create mittens from sweaters with us! If you can cut, hand sew, or sort, join us at the VC campus on Wednesdays at 12:30pm in room L-900 (VC Paul). All proceeds benefit Robin's Nest Orphanage.



Looking for more information to stay connected? Scan the OR code above!

## May 2022 Calendar

1 (O, W, V) KidsLINK

Sundays, 9:00am Contact: Nancy Schubbe 651-739-5144 x203

#### 1 (V) KidsLINK

Sundays, 10:30am Contact: Nancy Schubbe 651-739-5144 x203

2 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

#### 2 (V) Ladies Gathering Group

Mondays, 1:00pm Contact: Shirley Mertens 651-276-7224

#### 4 (W) Women of the Word (WÓW)

Wednesdays, 9:15am Contact: Diana Vander Pas 651-739-5114 x208

#### 4 (V) Mitten Makers

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Contact: Lyndis Vander Louw 651-459-3313

#### 4 (O, V) Foundations & ROOTS

Wednesdays, 6:30pm Contact: Lindsey Schmidt 651-739-5144 x219

#### 5 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

#### 5 (W) Hannah Quilters

Thursdays, 9:00am Contact: Miriam Kostecki 651-739-5114

#### (V) Baptism Class

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

#### 7 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 7:00am Contact: Jeff Linert 651-387-9428

#### 7 (O) Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 8:00am Contact: Pastor Dean 651-739-5144 x331

#### 9 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, 1-7pm

redcross.org

#### 21 (V) Oil Change Ministry

Saturday, 8:30am Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall 651-739-5144 x221

#### 22 (O, W) NEXT: Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, Various Times Contact: Brad Miller 651-739-5144 x209

#### 22 (V) Missionary Lunch with the Zooks

Sunday, 11:45am Contact: Brad Miller 651-739-5144 x209

#### 30 (O, W, V) WLC Offices **Closed for Memorial Day** Holiday

All Day



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