

# THE NEWS LETTER

Mary is retiring  
at the end of May!

On **Sunday, May 19**  
we're celebrating  
Mary's ministry and  
legacy here at WLC...23  
years on staff.

We'll be celebrating her  
in all worship services at  
WLC and praying for  
her/over her.

Treats will be served  
in the lobby at the VC  
campus all morning.

Cards will also be  
received at all campuses.

Please join us! Mary  
will be "live" at the VC  
Campus on the 19th.  
Come and thank her.  
Write her a card to let  
her know how much you  
have appreciated her life  
and ministry. You can  
also drop them off  
in the office.



**WOODBURY  
LUTHERAN**



May 2019

## Celebrating Mary Lehman

My dear staff member and friend Mary Lehman will be retiring this month and to say that I will miss seeing her daily is an understatement. Many of you may feel the same way.

You have given many years of your life to serve people like me. As a result, the two most important words I and everyone else can ever say are "thank you."

1. Thank you for going to God on our behalf and praying for us.
2. Thank you for studying God's Word and communicating its truths to us.
3. Thank you for being willing to live in a fishbowl.
4. Thank you for demonstrating grace, love and patience when people have lots of questions.
5. Thank you for putting in countless hours.
6. Thank you for being a continual learner.
7. Thank you for being a woman of character and integrity.
8. Thank you for helping us discover our spiritual gifts.
9. Thank you for seeing what we could be through the power of Jesus Christ and not just what we currently are.
10. Thank you for telling us, "You're going to make it. It's going to be OK."
11. Thank you for allowing us to serve alongside you and make a difference.
12. Thank you for your great faith in what God can do.
13. Thank you for the periodic phone calls, texts and emails just to see how we are doing.

We look forward to this next chapter in your life and wait to see how God will use you!

"Thank you" is not nearly enough, but I hope these two words encourage you today.

Nancy Schubbe

# Worship

## Behind the Scenes

The season of Lent was just incredible across all of our campuses; everything from the music, to the testimonies, to the preaching helped lead us to the cross and the empty tomb. I am so grateful for all the hard work that went into this season by our entire church, staff and the congregation, WLC is truly an amazing place to serve as a pastor.

I am not sure if it was just a coincidence or not but during Lent I had several conversations with people wondering how we put our services together and if we buy something that is prepackaged or does the denomination provide the material. The short answer is that we put together almost everything from inside our worship department. So here is a high level look at how it all happens. :)

Each May taking input from the staff the pastors and a few others gather to plan out the preaching for the next year. As we pray about where God is leading us we try and keep a balance in our preaching by focusing our series on three areas; practical, exegetical, and doctrinal.

- While we believe that all of our series are practical, some focus more heavily on things like finances or relationships as we connect scripture to very practical issues, our **Love Where You Live** series last fall is a great example of a practical series.
- An exegetical series is more focused on a particular text or book of the Bible, our five year **Covenant People** series is a good example of an exegetical series.
- The third area is doctrinal and in these series we focus on a specific doctrinal area, like our **Teach us to Pray** series focused on the Lord's Prayer last year.

Once we have put together the big ideas for the year we begin to discuss them at a more granular level, working on ideas for titles, graphics, videos, sermon illustrations etc. and then we get to work on developing a series package. Kendall Johnson produces all of our sermon bumper videos and almost all the videos that we use in worship. Church member Gregory Rohm designs all of our graphics as a gift to the church. The pastors

work on the messages so that whatever campus you are at you experience a similar message and the musicians do the same with the music.

Our worship department meets every Monday for almost three hours to work on ideas, to look back and to look forward; a lot of hard work goes into making our services flow in a way that incorporates a particular theme into the music, preaching and even design that you might see in a worshipping venue. All of it is meant to take the worshipper on a journey with Jesus, to put us in the way of the Holy Spirit so to speak.

Specifically on Good Friday and Easter we were able to experience the result of many hours of ideation and planning. I am proud of my team led by Joel Wetzstein who did an incredible job of bringing together all sorts of ideas to give us services that were built completely by our team all for the glory of God.

The next time you step into worship know that we do what we do to praise Jesus and that lots of prayer, thought and preparation have gone into making it an excellent God honoring experience where God receives all the glory and praise!

Do me a favor the next time you see **Jyl Dunavan, Dean Dunavan, Kandi Chavie, Pastor Jon, Joel Symmank, Karl Grant, Kathy Jackson, Cheryl Butz, Vicar Geordie, Pastor Tim, Kendall Johnson, Gregory Rohm or our Director of Worship, Joel Wetzstein** will you please tell them thank you and give them a word of encouragement for all that they do to help us worship!

Peace,  
Pastor Tom



### Weddings:

Chelsea Hadrits & Mitchell Barrett

### Baptisms:

Nora Abigail Bauer  
Charlotte Lynn Hobot  
Marco Alessandro Howard

### Deaths:

The Family of Bernie Pettersen  
LeAnn Perry ~ daughter, Tonya Cran  
The Family of Steve Brennen  
Sandi Miller ~ father, Ordean Broen  
Debbie Heggernes ~ father, Joseph Rusch  
Heidi Crist ~ grandfather, Joseph Rusch  
Lars Heggernes ~ grandfather, Joseph Rusch  
Hans Heggernes ~ grandfather, Joseph Rusch

### 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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A reprinting of  
Mary Lehman's  
first newsletter article  
from July 1996

## It's Not A Game of Chance

Hello! What a wonderful God we serve! I've been on the job for three full weeks (at the writing of this article) and I feel very comfortable. For the most part this change of career has been smooth; I've had that sense of peace you hear that is attributed to God.

I have a Bible verse that is on display in my office. The longer it is "in my face," the deeper the meaning it has for me. It is from 1 Corinthians 2:9 "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." If you are the type who likes schedules and well planned days the thought that we don't know what is ahead may leave you feeling uncomfortable. I like a sense of control, to look at my schedule and see what is next on my list. However, life experiences have taught me you can't plan living! I have learned it is necessary to accept that there will be changes. Sometimes I can even roll with the flow. I have learned there will also be events that take more effort to accept, perhaps a lifetime of working it out.

My mom has always said, "Don't dare Mary Kay to do anything, she'll do it! She's not afraid of anything." I know I am a risk taker. Some of those risks brought me to a place 11 years ago where I searched for answers. Why is my life so messed up, what is it that I am missing, what am I searching for, why do I exist? The answers to those questions have been given to me. I am sinful. I was missing a personal relationship with Jesus. I want to have truth in my life. I exist because God

loves me and desires my love in return. He wants me to glorify Him.

I know the "chance" at Woodbury Lutheran is part of a plan. I'm doing what He has conceived for me. I sometimes become overwhelmed when I look beyond today or focus on expectations of others. I realize how much work there is to do. But then I turn my attention to today, the tasks at hand. I rely on the history I have of God's control of my destiny and the witness of His work in others to direct me in this greatest risk yet.

My official title is Director of Adult Education. I have the privilege this next year to draw out programs and ideas and, together with Pastor Paul, discern what will work here at Woodbury Lutheran. I will attend seminars and meet with successful ministers in the areas of assimilation, small groups and adult education. I want to determine a direction for each of those ministries and develop a plan without throwing out all the good works that have been built. I want to be sensitive and submissive to the Holy Spirit. Part of the formula will be blending current tools and introducing new ones. I want to see that all members are received into the body of Christ at Woodbury Lutheran and establish a vital small group ministry. Do I know what tomorrow brings? No, but I am assured that it's better than anything I could put together. God has a way of preparing more than my ear can hear and more than my mind can conceive.

# Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



## LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

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

- We are excited for the melting snow! After some extra snowy and cold Sundays, we are thankful for a break in the weather. It makes for easier loading/unloading of trailers.
- Holy Week was a wonderful blessing as we had a special meal and service on Maundy Thursday and joint worship with the Valley Creek Campus on Good Friday.
- We got to meet a bunch of new guests on Easter weekend--many from our local neighborhood. Praise God for the way he's helping us connect with the community around us!
- We are excited to have another Carnival of Crafts coming up on Wednesday, May 29 from 10:30am-12:00pm. Register at [summer.woodburylutheran.org](http://summer.woodburylutheran.org).
- As we move into summer we are revisiting our current systems and teams, looking for more ways that we can use our capacity to help multiply disciples and transform lives in the neighborhood of Liberty Ridge. This includes knocking on doors, prayer walking, boosting our hospitality, and we'll need a few extra people to join us to make this possible. Might God be calling you? Talk to Pastor Jon if you're interested.
- 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:***

- Throughout Holy Week we had over 800 people come through the doors of the Oak Hill Campus. It was an amazing week!
- Thank you to all the volunteers who served in various capacities during Lent. We thank God for you!
- The Oak Hill youth did a great job serving breakfast on Easter Sunday. Thanks to all who donated to their upcoming mission trip experiences and trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer.
- We celebrated the baptism of Marco Howard. Welcome to the family of God!
- Have you connected with your Oak Hill Campus elder? Be sure to grab an elder card at the Connection Center with their information or get a card personally from your elder.
- 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.



## God's Blessings to our First Communion Students

Justin Alvarez  
Matthew Baumgarn  
Keira Blahosky  
Tatum Brigl  
Zach Brocker  
Peyton Browning  
Blake Chirpich  
Matthew Christopherson  
Lucas Dailey  
David Gilbert  
Everett Gilbert  
Brennan Grimm  
Avery Horacek  
Noah Hruby  
Julianne Kurth  
Tyler LaMott  
Molly Law  
Caden MacLeod  
Natalie Meeder  
Alexander Oehlke  
Blake Parkinson  
Annika Peper  
Sean Polaski  
Caleigh Proulx  
Caden Schlattman  
Max Schmidt  
Tessa Score  
Charlotte Vossen  
Makena Wetzstein  
Grace Winter  
Bennett Zeller  
Griffin Zeller



## Campus Update from Valley Creek

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

- 33 students received their first communion as we celebrated Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper at the Maundy Thursday service.
- The Liberty Ridge and Valley Creek campuses joined together to observe Good Friday and remember our Lord's sacrifice with a powerful service of song, scripture and preaching.
- Easter weekend services were wonderful celebrations of Jesus' resurrection. Services featured choirs, brass, and praise and a dramatic, colorful backdrop in the chancel signifying light bursting forth from the empty tomb.
- Youth Ministry served an Easter breakfast raising funds for students participating in mission trips this summer.
- A special thank you goes to our custodial staff for their above-and-beyond work throughout Holy Week and Easter preparing our facilities for all those who worshiped with us.
- 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.





# Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

272,000 meals in 18 hours. Enough food to feed 764 hungry children one meal a day for an entire year. That is what Woodbury Lutheran has committed to do as we once again partner with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to attack hunger around the world. FMSC estimates that 6,200 children die each day from undernutrition. That figure should shock and dismay us all. As followers of Christ, we are called to do what we can to change this reality.

On May 2nd, 3rd and 4th you, along with 1,000 of your friends, neighbors and fellow church members, will have the opportunity to participate in a FMSC packing event to be held at our Valley Creek campus. Adults and children will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Children as young as five can also help as long as they are with their parents. If you are a leader of an organization that would like to participate (Scouts, etc.) then the minimum age is third grade. For more information on adult to student ratio for groups, please contact Liz Thompson (651-262-9665).

FMSC is a Christian nonprofit organization dedicated to seeing every child and person around the world healthy, nourished and whole in body and spirit. Their approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals, MannaPack™ Rice, formulated specifically for malnourished children. Organizations in nearly 70 countries around the world distribute these meals to children in greatest need. In 2017-18, FMSC sent 333 million meals around the world thanks to the work of more than 1.2 million volunteers. FMSC is able to spend more than 90% of total donations directly on feeding children because of its volunteers. And 99.8% of its meals are securely delivered!

120 individuals are needed at each of the 9, 2-hour shifts, while 10 adults are needed to help set-up on May 2nd and clean-up on May 4th. You can register yourself, your family and friends and/or your organization at [FMSC.org](https://www.FMSC.org) or via the link on WLC's home page. The available shifts are:

- Thursday, May 2nd: 6-8 pm, with set-up from 3-5 pm
- Friday, May 3rd: 9:30-11:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 3-5 pm, 6-8 pm
- Saturday, May 4th: Same as Friday with clean-up from 8-10 pm

A couple of items to note once you have completed your registration:

- Please arrive 10-minutes prior to the start of your shift for registration and training
- Please wear closed-toed shoes (no sandals or flip-flops)
- Please leave your jewelry at home

While we will be helping FMSC in their mission, we will also be fulfilling several of the goals of our church including broadening our church's understanding and practice of generosity and modeling Christ's love by meeting the basic needs of others. And we will be having fun! If you have questions, need more information or need help with registering, please contact Liz Thompson at 651-262-9665.

764 hungry children thank you for your generosity!



# 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...](#)

<b>Call to Order &amp; Quorum Determination</b>	<b>April 9, 2019</b>
<b>Devotions/Prayer</b>	
<b>Consent Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from January and February</li> <li>Financial Report</li> <li>Quarterly Dashboard Update</li> </ul>	
<b>Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Pastor Report</li> <li>Update on St. Croix land discussions</li> </ul>	
<b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article on Breaking 800 in Worship</li> <li>Endowment long term giving plan</li> </ul>	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	

## Meeting Highlights:

- We had a good conversation on the 2019 budget through the first quarter. We are a little behind where we hoped to be, but still feel like we are on track to end Multiply on target.
 

<b>Total Income Current Year</b>	<b>\$892,250</b>
<b>Total Income Last Year</b>	<b>\$926,461</b>
<b>Total Expenses Current Year</b>	<b>\$896,853</b>
<b>Total Expenses Last Year</b>	<b>\$877,514</b>
- Our attendance through the first quarter is at 1384 compared to 1450 for last year.
- After meeting with the city of Afton about the possible development of our St. Croix land and not getting very much traction, we have met with the city of Woodbury about possible locations in Woodbury. We should have more information for our May meeting.
- We discussed the retirement of Mary Lehman and the process that the staff is using to reorg the staff to cover the hole that Mary will leave.
- We had a great conversation about our structure and where we are strong and where we need improvement. The reality is as a church grows in size decision making processes and roles constantly need clarification. The article called for courage and unity in leadership.

## Looking Ahead:

- On Wednesday May 8th the Council will meet for our annual strategic planning time. This time will include:
  - o Final approval of our five year strategic plan
  - o Brad Miller will share about our continued vision around Discipleship at WLC
  - o Joel Wetzstein will share about our vision around worship across our campuses
  - o Review of our Policy Manual and policies
- Continuing the process of analyzing the best use of the St. Croix land asset for future ministry

# Do You Care About College Students?

Danielle and Grant Hoel do. How much?

So much that they spend their lives with students at the University of Minnesota, Duluth with a campus ministry called Chi Alpha. They introduce them to Jesus, welcome them into small groups, mentor them, invite them to weekly worship and other gatherings. The Hoels show students what God has for them. WLC is proud to support this family as they bring the gospel onto the campus. Our church “sent” them in 2008 to be campus missionaries (your generosity makes this possible; thank you!)

On Wednesday, April 24, five WLC members made the trek to Duluth to witness what can happen through committed servants like Grant & Danielle. We participated in worship with nearly 100 college students, toured the “ministry house” and chatted with student leaders.

Why do Hoels care? Here’s what Danielle told us,

“Though we never thought we’d return to UMD after college, we couldn’t shake the awareness that there are thousands of university students who graduate and become the next generation of doctors, engineers, teachers, and community members. They form relationships, have children, and decide how they will live the rest of their lives. Yet many of these students will never hear the name of Jesus at their public university.

Chi Alpha ... offers a “home away from home” with the truth of the Gospel as our common denominator. We grow together as we study the Word, share life, and keep each other accountable to living the way Jesus modeled. At the end of their 3-5 years at college, Grant and I regularly have the privilege of seeing lives dramatically transformed.... *We see these students “sent out”* into the marketplace and local churches as great leaders who love and serve Jesus with their whole heart.”

If you’re interested in seeing a vibrant ministry on a college campus, consider taking a field trip to UMD with us next fall. We’ll provide more information in September. If you’d like to receive their periodic email updates and learn more, contact Danielle at [DKenow1228@aol.com](mailto:DKenow1228@aol.com).

Contact Mike Sabbann or Brad Miller for more info.







## National Youth Gathering Help Needed!

The LCMS National Youth Gathering being held in Minneapolis in July, 2019 will have a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Hospitality Room where the YAVs can drop in. Woodbury Lutheran Church will be providing all of the snacks and treats for the YAVs to get energy throughout the day and night to help them revive and thrive as they serve thousands of youth and adults at the National Youth Gathering!

In addition to lots of protein bars, packages of chips, cookies, microwave popcorn and fruit we will also provide 30 pans of homemade bars wrapped with stickers on them with Bible verses, prayers and fun facts about Minnesota.

### How can you get involved?

- **Right NOW we need 14 people who are Thrivent members to apply for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant to use for purchasing snacks and supplies.** Help with how to do this can be provided!
- We will need 30 people to sign up to provide one pan of bars to be used
- We will need people to package and place labels on the bars.

Can you help? Please contact Amy Larson at [aflarson@msn.com](mailto:aflarson@msn.com) or leave a message at 651-748-9817.

## Looking to Serve?

# Try This on! Any Friday in May

Interested in just trying on a serving opportunity? Want to see if it's something you might enjoy doing regularly next school year? Join our Sheridan Story backpack teams any Friday this month. It takes less than 90 minutes (including driving time), gives you a peek into our community and its wonderful diversity, and allows you to serve some who will never repay you.

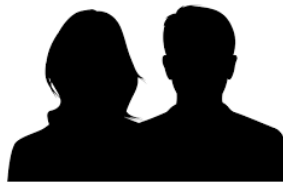
Week 4 of the **Red Letter Challenge** was all about serving. On Day 22 we were told, **"We serve because we want to be more like Jesus"** (p. 142). One way WLC invites members to do that is in participating with Sheridan Story, providing meals to hungry kids, one day each week. We do this at a local school – Highwood Hills Elementary (just 3 miles from our Valley Creek campus) – by putting specific meal items into student backpacks while the kids are in class.

Please contact WLC member Margie Gilles for more info ([mgilles9@icloud.com](mailto:mgilles9@icloud.com) or 651-447-1334), or just show up at **1:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 or 31**, at Highwood Hills Elementary (2188 Londin Lane, St. Paul, 55119). Tell the door security staff you're with Woodbury Lutheran for Sheridan Story. Thanks for "trying on" a way to serve others!





## Would you STOP right NOW and Take 5 Minutes to **PRAY** for Our Missionaries?



The folks shown here are 6 of the 11 missionaries WLC supports around the world. Please pray for them, and consider jotting them a quick email with an encouraging note for the Red Letter work they are doing (Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going)

- Dario & Juanita Guerrero, central Paraguay, South America, [Dario\\_Guerrero@ntm.org](mailto:Dario_Guerrero@ntm.org)
- Don & Bev Roth, west-central Mexico natives (via Tucson), [Don\\_Roth@sil.org](mailto:Don_Roth@sil.org)
- Ray & Paula Yoder, Mozambique, Africa, [Ray.Yoder@globalcomz.net](mailto:Ray.Yoder@globalcomz.net)
- Dr. & Mrs. Undisclosed, South Asia (info withheld for security purposes)
- Don Leonard, Southeast Asia (via Lakeville, MN), [Don\\_Leonard@project-video.org](mailto:Don_Leonard@project-video.org)
- Josh & Hannah Zook, Quito, Ecuador, [jhZook93@gmail.org](mailto:jhZook93@gmail.org)

## “WORLD PRAYER DIVE!”

What to PRAY about? Here are 3 ideas – feel free to pray as you’re led:

1. For our missionaries’ relationships with Jesus to grow deeper
2. For the message of Jesus to be clearly proclaimed in and through their words and lives
3. For good health for them and their families

# Congratulations! All of You Who Took the Red Letter Challenge

## So the Red Letter Challenge is over...or is it?

In the words of RLC author Zack Zehander, “we don’t want you to just do what God says for 40 days and then never think about it again”. We want to keep practicing listening to Jesus and acting on his words!

So how did you grow? How did you notice Jesus transforming you?

Jesus continues to invite us and challenge us to keep at it. He always has more for us!

So what could you do to keep moving forward with Jesus? Here’s a few ideas...

**Individually:** You may have become more disciplined in setting aside time on many days to sit with Jesus, to read and pray and to lean into putting the words of Jesus into practice. Here’s one way to keep that going:

1. Stop and look at your weekly calendar. What did you learn or what worked for you in terms of a good time to meet with Jesus?
2. Reserve the time on your calendar. Surrender it to God in prayer, asking for his help to keep coming to him.
3. What could you do during this time?
  - Read a chapter of scripture, inviting God to speak to you. Notice what grabs your attention from the chapter. Get curious, reflecting on it and asking God about it for a few minutes. Identify one thing that you could do to act upon this scripture...to live it out. Make a plan to do just that and surrender that plan to God, asking for his help.
  - Focus on Prayer...pouring out whatever is on your heart to God. The acronym PRAY can be helpful...

P-Praise (what do you appreciate about God...who he is, how he works, his grace, his love, his character?)

R-Repent (what sins do you need to confess? Invite him to show you and humble yourself)

A-Ask (What do you need from him? Don’t be shy, he’s a good father. Don’t just ask for yourself, ask for/pray for others. What are the hurts and need of those around you?)

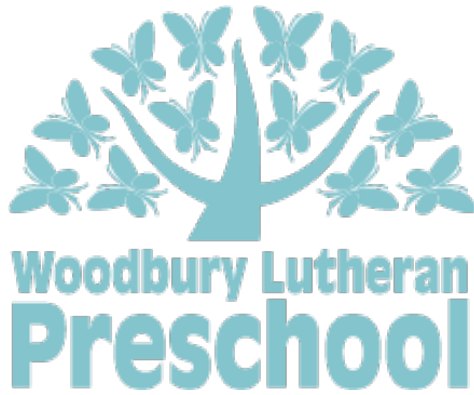
Y-Yield (offer yourself to God, see Romans 12:1, giving him your heart and life afresh. Asking him for help to focus your life on his kingdom and his will in your life)

**Together:** Take what you’re doing to continue to draw near to Jesus, like what’s above, and invite a friend or spouse to do something similar. Then set up some times to meet and talk about what you are experiencing and how you are learning to live this out. Start with just once! You could do this with a group of friends or a few couples. Include some time to pray for each other. Another idea is do the scripture reading and prayer (like above) together.

Don’t be afraid to ask for help! There are people all around you in the family of God who’d love to give you a hand, and that includes all of us on staff at WLC.

Brad Miller





## Looking for Preschool?

We serve children ages 3, 4 and 5 and have both 1/2 day and full day programs.

Limited spots remain for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

Call 651-739-5146 to schedule an educational consultation today!

### *Thank You!!*

- We're grateful to all of those who were able to attend our Annual Women's Night Out and Boutique! We hope you were richly blessed through this experience.
- We're thankful for your prayers for our students, families and teachers. During this time of transitions and moving into summer we pray for joy and opportunities for connecting with friends over the months when there is not school.
- To those of you who would like to specifically help families in need of support, please contact the school office at 651-739-5146. It is our goal to not have to turn away a family simply because they cannot pay the full tuition. We're blessed to have those of you who walk beside us to make this ministry happen.



### Farewell Miss Sandy

Sandy Johnson has been with Woodbury Lutheran Preschool for 12 years and a part of over 600 children's lives as she's helped them prepare academically and socially for kindergarten but more importantly nurtured these little ones in their love of Jesus. Sandy will be resigning at the end of this year as she and her husband Phil relocate south of the metro.

We thank God for blessings our program with Sandy and her gifts and we pray for wisdom for her as she explores what is next in her career. We have been abundantly blessed by her gifts and she will be missed!

Details regarding a celebration of her teaching and ministry will be coming soon!

# Psalm 148

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for at his command they were created,  
and he established them for ever and ever—  
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,  
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,  
wild animals and all cattle,  
small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all nations,  
you princes and all rulers on earth,  
young men and women,  
old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.  
And he has raised up for his people a horn,  
the praise of all his faithful servants,  
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

## GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

**Psalm 148 encapsulates the symphony of praise surrounding the throne of God.** The best part about this psalm is that it elevates and highlights the totality of His creation. Human praise is wonderful and beautiful, but the reality is that God delights in the praise of all of His creation, even the nonliving things like rocks and rivers. In Genesis 1 we see God creating every living and nonliving thing, and then He reaches His climax with the creation of man, made in His own image. We see this same order of creation first, then humans second in Genesis 8–9, where God first makes a covenant with creation after the flood and then with mankind. Now again, in Psalm 148, the psalmist lists all of creation first, and then, lastly, mankind is brought into this collection of worshippers. You see, God cares about all of His creation; He listens to it all and daily sustains it. So, if God cares, loves, listens to, and sustains His creation, shouldn't we?

In Colossians 1:15, we read that Jesus was there at the beginning in Genesis 1 creating all things. Do you stop to think about Jesus there at the beginning—sculpting the mountains, pouring the seas, and establishing the forests? Because He did those things and continues to sustain them daily. Colossians 1:17 states that in Him, all things hold together. All things. Not just humans, but all of God's praise-giving creation. Note that the author also doesn't say "held"—He uses the present tense, "hold," because God is right now holding every molecule, organism, and ecosystem in His grasp, nourishing it and loving it.

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



# May

1 Jack Atchison	Alessandra Benson	Ted Ginkel	Giada Rothchild	Ben Broucker	Janet Rohlfing	Avery Jilek
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Ben Kehl	Peggy Krause	Anders Heggernes	Cindy Thompson	Elizabeth Campbell	Annalisa Wessel	Caryn Meyer
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Diane Theissen	Stephanie Sadowski	Jane Pashina	Melisaa Goerlitz	Zane Spreigl	Kelsey Engen	Elliott Sieling
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2 Ryan Helgason	Max Xiong	John Taraldsen	Diana Peter	Jim Golden	Miranda Kreger	28 Sheri Anderson
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Dale Thompson	Camryn Ergang	Jacqueline Johnson	Kim Carlson	Gabe Howard	Dorothy Young	29 Kimberly Bauman
Brian Whitmarsh	Margaret Fett	Stephen Krampe	Kim Dolan	Caitlyn Nelson	24 Kevin Cavanaugh	Phil Baumgarn
3 Anna Bettmann	Daniel Lanz	Mavis Rubsam	Lauren Faeth	Jon Raymer	Cheryl Jensen	Belle Brewer
Joe Browning	Patrick Riley	Makayla Shugg	Kevin Featherstone	20 Doreen Atchison	Marian Nelson	Bob Hensel
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Cassie Kuehne	Tim Wess	Patricia Ameson	Lauren Butler	Kristin Johnson	Ashley Salzman	Lucy Clappier
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MaryEllen O'Connor	Leah Gage	Jerry Ehlers	Abby Jenkins	Robb Swanlund	26 Todd Breiholz	Tyson Klusmann
Abraham Rockwell	Bernise Giefer	Jocelyn McDonald	Kathryn LaMott	21 Tim Becken	Rae Bury	Tricia Powers
Ryder Rogotzke	Eric Landgrebe	Diane Miller	Mike Law	Ella Biederman	Ernie Ginn	Kim Sandrock
Melissa Ronas	Peggy Lund	Aiden Smith	Sara Lower	Renee Boehme	Nate Howard	31 Eli Browning
4 Kory Eastenson	Barbara McCarthy	12 Marcos Cronin	Tami Lower	Julia Charron	Rhonda Jones	Lucas Ingram
Miles Hane	Cynthia Matejka	Rachel Gage	Amelia Morrison	Rachel Kolling	Sandi Miller	Lincoln Jarchow
Kira Iverson	Maryllis Oehlke	Herb Goetsch	Sarah Ochiagha	Theresa Leis	Evelyn Ratzloff	Esther Kumpula
Lisa Lien	8 Barb Arend	Nicholas Hobot	Carter Price	Earl Moquist	Cameron Rhoades	Jean LaShomb
Nancy Menge	Lucy Bolles	Colleen Johnson	Darlene Rengstorf	Aaron Morningstar	Marsha Voss	Casey Linert
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Scott Perala	Carolyn Krampe	Taya Moran	Sophia Sandstrom	Larry Tschaekofske	Hanna Wiebold	Kenzie MacLeod
Amy Peterson	Ashley Parker	Dana Pederson	Jill Taylor	22 Megan Blomquist	Jasmine Wurl	Denise Pieper
Sarah Rothstein	Michelle Schoenecker	Bailey Roloff	Allison Weiss	Chloe Boon	27 Joel Arend	Ella Ratzloff
Kelsey Schultze	Micah Symmank	Rachel Solosky	Bob Wuggazer	Allie Conant	Kellie Clappier	Char Les Stohlmann
Jessica Swanson	Ethan Symmank	13 Joshua Boon	Tahua Yu	Natalie Fox	Catelyn Corredor	Suzanne Sofie
Sydney Watanabe	9 Ron Bargsten	Jaelyn Lelei	17 Andrew Baumgarn	Steve Johnson	Matt Fowler	Brad Zinke
5 Jonathan Arend	Mario Carmona	Ken Nelson	Andrew Betts		Grady Jensen	

## Anniversaries

1 Matt & Tianna Broucker	Morgan & Denise Jenkins	24 Nathan & Amanda Aalderks	Jerome & Kari Schiltgen
2 Larry & Nancy Tschaekofske	John & Marvel Mitterholzer	Christopher & Shelli Burns	Charles & Ruth Stakston
3 Chauncey & Carly Charlson	Doug & Suzanne Mortenson	Scott & Rachel Homuth	31 Geoff & Allie Boyd
Larry & Dorothy Wolgram	16 Adam & Natalie Krause	Tim & Toni Loeffler	Jim & Sandy Hayden
4 Kevin & Kay Moquist	Dean & Lorraine Wohlhuter	Rob & Rachel Krueger	Daniel & Mary Matasovsky
Thomas & Jane Pashina	17 Tim & Andrea Sobaski	John & Marilee Schoenewald	Marilyn & Michael Myers
5 Konnie & Mark Harstad	18 Steven & Simona Awiszus	Eli & Naveena Spitz	Chris & Lisa Peterson
Rod & Eileen Lund	James Langan & Lauren Becker-Langan	25 Josh & Amanda Broucker	Rick & Dena Petrich
Dan & Sally Meyer	Daniel & Eleanor Meyer	Ronald & Bev Faust	Mike & Stacy Winter
Eric & LeAnn Perry	19 James & Susan Finell	26 Ross & Melissa Dahlin	
Steve & Jan Skadsberg	Pete & Cheryl Olofson	Joel & Juli Feldkamp	
Glenn & Lois Rogers	Mike & Jennifer Spreigl	Matt & Emily Fowler	
6 Myron & Patrice Baumann	Scott & Pat Stevens	27 Dan & Sheri Anderson	
7 Jeff & Sandy Southward	20 Richard & Carolyn Carlson	Brian & Jennifer Aspen	
8 Ron & Donna Bargsten	David & Cheri Frost	Steve & Cheryl Butz	
10 Ed & Vicki Huebsch	Jeff & Karen Miner	Greg & Donna Jensen	
Doug & Norma Mackey	Brandon & Amanda Nelson	Jeff & Jacqueline Konop	
Mike & Connie Sabbann	21 Jeff & Melody Haines	Alex & Lisa Thao	
11 Jay & Renae Holthaus	Steve & Kenya Skytte	28 Jack & Doreen Atchison	
13 Brad & Colleen Johnson	22 Bob & Mayonne Benson	Brian & Tanya Daniels	
Leroy & Karen Longworth	Bob & Shirley Hensel	Steve & Amy Meyer	
Scott & Tracie Tuman	Patrick & Pamela Riley	29 Rick & Ann Gibbs	
Scott & Shari Zuehlke	Rob Strange & Jennifer Lymburner-Strange	Bob & Sally Kolb	
14 David & MaryJo Pearson	23 Chad & Wendy Ellwein	30 Robert & Jileen Cowley	
Zachary & Gina Vogelsberg	Michael & Carol Houfer	Kemal & Jessica Munn	
15 Gregory & Laura Cloose	Jim & LaVonne Liljedahl	Nathan & Ashley Price	
Jaime & Kathy Hegna	Les & Catherine Winters	Mike & Jill Radabaugh	



## Worship

### HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on May 19 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

### 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

### LIBERTY RIDGE SUNDAY DONUTS AND DEVOTIONS (6TH-12TH)

On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month we will gather to enjoy donuts together as we meet in the kids/youth area to have fun, get to know each other more, spend time in God's word together, and connect as a Liberty Ridge community. 9-9:45am. Last week of Devos is May 5. Contact Laura at stennesL@woodburylutheran.org with any questions.

### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

NYG meeting will be May 5, 12:30 - 2pm, in the Bridge room at the VC campus. Parents please join the meeting at 1:30pm. Contact Patrick Brewer with questions.

### GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sign up for this fundraiser is now open to sign up for as many shifts as you like! Here is your chance (current 6th through

12th graders and parents/family and adults attending a WLC mission trip) to raise money for mission trips, Summer Stretch or any youth events held through WLC. We have quite a few sign up guidelines for the May 7-11 fundraiser. All this information can be found on the sign up page at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org). PLEASE read the directions carefully. Also, we will be accepting donations at the VC campus starting May 7. Questions, contact Shanna at [ssalzman1@comcast.net](mailto:ssalzman1@comcast.net) or 612-859-1365.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING (6TH-12TH)

Wednesday night ministries final weeks for 2018-2019 school year are this month. MAY 8 is the END OF YEAR PARTY, being held at the Oak Hill Campus. 6-8:15pm. Meet us there or a Bus will leave from VC at 6:15pm and return by 8:45pm.

### 2019 HS GRADUATES

In celebration of your graduation we will take a moment to pray over all graduates during services on June 1st and 2nd. Hope you can make it! Also, we would love to put your grad picture up on the wall and highlight your future plans. (See mailing for details). Grad wall will be up May 27-June 9.

### CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - LAUNCH MEETINGS

We are having a Confirmation Launch meeting on May 9, from 5:30-6:30pm at the VC campus, RSVP at [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org). What is Confirmation Journey? A year long, devotion led, family-based experience for students (7th-12th grades) designed to prepare to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This process is for mature students who want to explore their personal relationship with Jesus and grow in their understanding of what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus for a lifetime. The process involves Worshiping, Growing, Serving, and Reaching (sharing their faith with others) and is a great opportunity for students who want to personalize their faith and grow as a disciple. If you can't make the meeting time above contact Lindsey Schmidt.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA (5TH - 8TH)

Current 5th graders welcome to join current 6th, 7th, & 8th graders for a game night!! Grab your friends and come ready to play on May 10, 6:30-8:30pm! This is an all campus event held at the Valley Creek Campus. Free! Contact: Lindsey Schmidt.

### ALL CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GAME LAB (8TH - 12TH)

Human guinea pigs are needed to test ridiculous, newly invented games that have never been played before. Much laughter, fierce competition, and ice cream will abound! Come to the VC campus on May 17, 6:30 -9:30pm for a game Lab. Current 8th graders are encouraged to attend this event too!

### 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! 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your Bible! June 26 - August 14. Watch for more details in our summer newsletter.

### CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Nathan Perez as he presents, "Telling Your Professional Story" on May 9, 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 Mike Ellsworth as he presents, "Sell Yourself with Social Media and Get That Job" on May 23, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about



# Getting Connected

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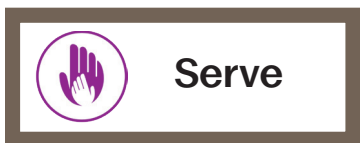
## PEOPLE OF FAITH

A Bible Study group for adults with different disabilities and meets at the VC campus. The group develops relationships, trust, and fulfillment in scripture and God's will for us. This is a Bible-based study. We do require aides to stay with the participants. A typical evening opens with prayer, a question, verse, song, or word that brings conversation and attachment to a biblical teaching. For dates and times please contact Maureen at 612-719-0661.



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

Led by Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfotenhauer. Contact Pastor Paul at 651-261-3416 or [paulrhoda@comcast.net](mailto:paulrhoda@comcast.net)



## 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.

## SUMMER STRETCH (6TH-8TH)

Registration is open. Students who've completed 6th grade as of the summer of 2019 are welcome to join us on

Thursdays during the summer for service and fun. SPECIAL RATE available till June 1, If you are coming to all 5 dates the cost is \$75, after June 1 the cost is \$95. Or you can pay per time (cost is \$20 per date, Valleyfair is \$30). Go to [wlc youth.org](http://wlc youth.org) for more information and to sign up. Scholarships are available and friends are welcome. Youth who are 9th & up are welcome to apply to be teen leaders online. Teen applications due May 28, Teen Leader Training is May 29. Questions: Contact Lindsey Schmidt.

## OAK HILL SERVING AT FMSC (6-12TH)

We're changing it up this month. We will be going to the Valley Creek campus to serve, packing meals for FMSC. The event is Thursday, May 2, 6-8pm, meet at VC at 6pm. Contact: Sarah Dibbern.

## SERVANT TRIP COMMISSIONING

All youth servant trips will have a congregational send off to serve on Sunday, May 19 at all services, all campuses.

## HS SERVANT TRIP MEETING

Camp Lebanon Servant trip meeting will be Sunday, May 19, 12:30 - 2pm at the VC campus. Parents please plan to join us at 1:30pm.

## HEARTS & HANDS: YOU ARE INVITED

Please join Hearts and Hands at a special event Saturday May 11th 3pm, Fireside Room. Martin and Marie Dicke, missionaries to Papua New Guinea will share how the Bible covers we have sent them have been a blessing to the pastors they work with.

## Garage Sale Treasures Needed!

Is it Spring Cleaning Time at your house yet? 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 on May 9-11. Collection dates will be May 7, 5:30-8:30 pm and May 8, 4:30-8:30 pm. Please drop donations at the East entrance of the Valley Creek campus during the designated collection times. We ask that you have all clothing sorted, bagged and labeled in the following categories - men, boys, women, girls and infants. It helps tremendously - thanks! Please no tube TV's or old computer equipment. Sale proceeds support youth attending mission trips. If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365 or email at [ssalzman1@comcast.net](mailto:ssalzman1@comcast.net).



# May 2019 Calendar

## **1 (V) Women of the Word**

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

## **1 (V) Mitten Ladies**

Wednesdays, 12:00pm  
Contact: Lyndis Vander Louw  
651-459-3313

## **2 (V) Celebrate Recovery**

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

## **2-4 (V) Feed My Starving Children MobilePack**

Thursday-Saturday  
Contact: Liz Thompson,  
651-262-9665

## **4 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**

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

## **4 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**

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

## **4 (V) Baptism Class**

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

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

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

## **6 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry**

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

## **6 (O) Women of the Word**

Mondays, 9:30am  
Contact: Jane Dibbern  
651-239-0258

## **7 (V) Cancer Companions**

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

## **9-11 (V) Youth Garage Sale**

Thursday-Saturday  
Contact: Shanna Salzman,  
612-859-1365

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

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

## **19 (V) Mary Lehman Retirement Celebration**

Sunday, All Services  
Contact: Brad Miller,  
651-739-5144

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

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

## **27 (L, O, V) Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**

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Woodbury, MN 55125

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9050 60th Street North  
Stillwater, MN 55082

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11395 Eagle View Blvd  
Woodbury, MN 55129

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Afton, MN 55001

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