

# THE NEWS LETTER



November 2019

## Foster the Love!

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed." Proverbs 31:8*

*"Share each other's burdens..." Galatians 6:2a*

How much do you know about the Foster Care system? If you're like me, it probably really isn't very much. Here are some sobering statistics:

- 185 kids enter foster care every week in Minnesota
- 16,500 kids experienced foster care in some form in 2018
- 31% of the kids were age 3 years or under even though this age group represents only 22% of the child population in Minnesota
- 50% of homeless youth have come from foster care

Kids entering foster care many times come to their new foster home with only a black garbage bag stuffed with clothes that don't fit and a few toys that are broken because these are the only things they can call their own.

This December we'll have an opportunity to make Placement Bags for kids who are being taken from their families and brought to a foster home. We'll share the love of Jesus with those who are invisible, forgotten, and coming from unsafe families. The Placement Bags will allow kids for the first time to have a blanket, pajamas, and a toothbrush of their own. (We'll have more information about how to make a Placement Bag for all of you soon.)

Collection dates will be 12/8 and 12/15 on the Valley Creek and Liberty Ridge Campuses. All of our bags will be brought to an organization called "Foster the Love MN". This is a non-profit organization that works with Social Workers and Foster Agencies to deliver these bags to kids in Minnesota. If you would like to help deliver the bags once collected, please email Nancy Schubbe at [schubben@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schubben@woodburylutheran.org)



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# CHOSEN

RADICAL REVERSALS



***“Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are His child, God has made you His heir.” - Galatians 4:7***

In Jesus God has worked an incredible reversal in our lives. As the Apostle says, through the grace of Jesus we are no longer slaves; instead we are sons and daughters, heirs to the most High King. It is out of this truth that we are in fact Chosen, that we live a new life focused on following Jesus each and every day of our lives.

I am overwhelmed when I think about how God moved in our church during the Chosen series. I am so amazed by the way that so many of you stepped up to be Chosen and as I watched child after child in Tongi, Bangladesh step up to choose you I could not have been prouder to be one of your Pastors. The way that you care for children in so many ways, by supporting incredible ministries like Feed My Starving Children, the Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Jamaica, Ekklesia School in Ethiopia, the Sheridan Story, Trinity First School, and so many others is truly impacting the world in the name of Jesus.

One Muslim man that I spoke with in Tongi shared how he and his people cared for the poor because they are supposed to, but he was

blown away that we cared for the poor out of love. In fact he said, “Please teach me and my people to love.” Can you imagine-you get to be a part of that, teaching people to love, only because we have first been loved by Jesus!

Really, that is what Chosen is all about. Living the Chosen life is not about a program or just a sponsorship it is about life after we believe, a life marked by the love of Jesus. The truth is we do not have to go half way around the world to do that, it starts right here; in us, in our relationships and in our community. Thank you, thank you, thank you for being such an amazing example of what it looks like to follow Jesus!

Peace,  
Pastor Tom

### Weddings:

Manda Clark & James Leary  
Ashley Faeth & Lucas Hannon  
Kasey DeJonker & Brian Short  
Christine Borscheid & Scott Habeck

### Baptisms:

Brynleigh Christine Hunter  
Ryan Scott Groth  
Amelia Grace Kopp  
John Allen Kopp  
Beckett Nathan Anderson  
Bexley Mae Jagger  
Everett Ford Berg  
Kennedy Marie Bailen

### Deaths:

The Family of Diane Ohlemann  
The Family of Joan Engen  
Karen Wachal ~ sister, Nancy Bailey  
Mark & Elli LeClair ~ brother-in-law, Norbie Grabko  
The Family of Jerry Hanggi  
Dick Wachal ~ brother, David Wachal  
Tyler Peterson ~ brother, Kevin Peterson

### Service Times at WLC:

Saturdays at Valley Creek:  
Contemporary, 5pm

Sundays at Valley Creek:  
Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am  
Sanctuary, Contemporary 9:30am

Sundays at Oak Hill:  
Blended 9:00am  
Contemporary 10:30am

Sundays at Liberty Ridge  
Contemporary 10:00am

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## Church Council Monthly Update

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

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting Tuesday, October 8th 2019 6:30am - 8:00am	
Call to Order & Quorum Determination	October 8, 2019
Devotions/Prayer	
Consent Agenda	Approval
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>September Meeting Minutes</li><li>September Financial Report</li><li>Pre-school business</li></ul>	
Information	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Senior Pastor report</li><li>Senior Pastor Q3 Strategic Update</li><li>Budget Narrative</li><li>Council member nomination</li><li>Staffing updates</li></ul>	
Discussion	Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update on Liberty Ridge Land Project</li><li>Strategy around endowments and long term giving</li></ul>	
Closing Prayer	
Adjourn	

### Meeting Highlights:

- We walked through our quarterly ministry dashboard report. We are ahead of last year in the area of worship attendance, giving, first time guests, new givers and overall offerings.
- As we look ahead to 2020 the budget will be based roughly on 2019 giving. This will not account for the 375k that we have in income for 2019 through **Multiply** first fruits giving.
- The Council has put together a Ministry Action Team to continue to explore the process around our St. Croix land moving. Troy Wenck is heading up the team and the congregation will be updated as we have new information.
- Secretary Brian Schouviller and at large member Linda Tank will be meeting with a couple of different people to develop a better strategy moving forward around WLC's long term giving strategy.
- At a very high level the Council discussed the pros and cons of the name Woodbury Lutheran and believe we should continue to ask the question if it is helpful or a roadblock to fulfilling our vision of Multiplying Disciples//Transforming Lives. Pastor Tom has several conversations on the docket with churches and consultants to continue to gather more information.
  - Our church was named Woodbury Lutheran in an intentional effort to connect with our community; does Woodbury Lutheran still convey that message?
  - As we move into other communities, does the name Woodbury Lutheran detract from our ability to connect in a different community?
  - Does the name Woodbury Lutheran help or detract from connecting with people who, more and more, don't identify with a denomination?

# Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



## LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

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

- We were so excited to celebrate two baptisms this past month (one adult and one child). We are so thankful for the way that God chooses us in baptism!
- Did you know? Almost every Thursday Pastor Jon hangs out in the morning at Dunn Brothers in Woodbury to connect and pray with people (he even buys people coffee!). If you want to connect, drop by or send him an email at [kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:kuehnej@woodburylutheran.org).
- The church council has a Ministry Action Team exploring options for a permanent future for the Liberty Ridge Campus. This is an exciting time! Please pray that God would open the doors that need to be opened and close the ones that need to be closed. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom or Pastor Jon or Council President Renee Boehme.
- We are looking forward to hosting another Carnival of Crafts on Wednesday, November 20 at 10:30am.
- 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:***

- What an incredible month it has been. Significant movement for the kingdom of God has happened at our Oak Hill Campus as we continue to reach out and see new people encountering the love and grace of God.
- The momentum we have experienced with Chosen has opened up many opportunities for conversation about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- On Oct. 20th we had an Oak Hill Family meeting to again center ourselves on the vision and mission we share, reminding us all that each person is necessary and essential, celebrating our elders and casting vision for the days ahead.
- Join us on December 15th, as the kids and youth of the Oak Hill Campus celebrate the birth of our Savior. Live animals and an outdoor Nativity scene will bring the Christmas story to life!
  - 4:30pm- Kids Performance
  - 6:30pm- Youth Performance
  - After each performance come warm up inside with hot chocolate and cookies and visit outside with the animals.
  - Questions? Contact Molly Schulze at [schulzem@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schulzem@woodburylutheran.org).
- 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.



## Congratulations Confirmands!

Jack Anderson  
Emma Bloomquist  
Amy Fitzgerald  
Eiley Kieser  
Maggie Kolb  
Marykate Kolb  
Abby Krueger  
Dylan Longworth  
Adalyn Mueller  
Matthew Rodemeyer  
Shelby Sadowski  
Morgan Voyda  
Ryan Welsh  
Grace Wenck

## Campus Update from Valley Creek

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

- The ministry season continues in full swing with Kids, Youth, Music, and Education ministries happening daily around the Valley Creek campus building. Many community groups continue to make use of the building for their important work.
- Woodbury Lutheran Preschool students sang in worship on Sunday, October 6, sharing the Good News of Jesus' love for all of God's children, young and old.
- Preschool parent/teacher conferences were held for parents of the 145 students enrolled this year to hear first-hand about the progress their child is making as they grow in learning and in faith in Jesus.
- A Reformation Hymn Sing was held on October 27, Reformation Sunday. German chorales for each season of the church year, written during the time of the Reformation were sung. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our heritage as Lutheran Christians and to be reminded of God's faithfulness to His church and His people throughout time.
- 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.





# Introducing ... Diana Vander Pas

Hi! I'm Diana Vander Pas and I am looking forward to joining you all soon in Woodbury! I hope to get to know you soon. Here is a little bit to help you know me.

## **My background...**

I grew up in northern New Jersey in a small town surrounded by dairy farms and forests. (Yes, that still exists in a small part of NJ!) I graduated from Rutgers University with a double major in Psychology and Communications and a minor in German. I worked in New York City for 5 years and in Chicago for 10 years in marketing and product development for annuity products. I left corporate America to have more time with my children and about 12 years ago God brought me to work in the church where I was already serving. I've been serving at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Palatine, IL training and coaching leaders of small groups and leading adult ministry.

## **My family...**

My husband, Tim, and I have been married for 21 years. He started a new job with Thrivent Financial bringing us from Lake Zurich, Illinois to the Twin Cities! We are recent empty nesters and new grandparents!

My three grown step-children live in Lake Zurich. Kirk is 32. He and his wife Jenn just welcomed their baby girl, Harper, into the world in August. Cole is 29, and Erin is 25. Our two youngest are Abby (19) and Macy (18) and they both attend Ohio State University.

## **A few of my favorite things...**

I love to hear stories of people's lives and what events shaped them to be the person they are today. I like to travel, meet new people, and try new foods from the area or culture I am visiting. Food just brings us together, doesn't it? Of course, I have my favorites of coffee, dark chocolate, shell fish, and French food! I also like attending concerts, musical theater, and even an occasional drum and bugle corps show!

## **I'm terrible at ...**

Learning names. Please help me out for a little while! Exercising. I can't imagine we'll need to exercise in heaven, but I know I should here! Driving directions. I need a GPS to get anywhere!

## **I love and long to see...**

People in community where they grow closer to each other and to God and bring the hope and healing of Christ to the world around them. The Christian life is not meant to walk alone. I am passionate about pouring into and developing leaders who bring a family of believers on mission with Christ to build relationships and transform lives through the Gospel! I'm looking forward to multiplying disciples and transforming lives together with you!



Vander Pas Family (from Left)  
Jenn, Kirk, Tim, Diana, Macy, Abby, Erin and Cole.

## Welcome New WLC Members!

James & Zetta Anderson

Scott & Beth Bauer,  
Alexander & Isabella

Dennis & Lora Bock

Amanda Dixon

David & Nancy Kopesky

Cindy Kuhn

Connor McKeen &  
Kristine Lueck

Pennie Nagbe

Andrew Rose

Garrett & Ashlee  
Schmidt, Penelope &  
Eloise

Annette Starr

Linda Wilk



## Persecution? Where?

Remember: You have a sister and a brother in Christ whom you have never met, in another country where you have never traveled. And in that country they are persecuted for believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and sharing His good news with others. Today, you who are reading this, are not able to visit them in prison, nor share with them one of your coats, nor give them a meal. But you are indeed able to pray for them.

According to the organizations that minister directly to your persecuted brothers and sisters, your prayers are deeply desired. Please visit Open Doors or Voice of the Martyrs or another organization committed to their care to learn more. And pray Sunday, November 3, on the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Also, visit <https://www.persecution.com/idop/> to view a short 7-minute video about a persecuted brother and his story. It's moving and enlightening.



# Pray For Our Featured Missionaries

## Dr. & Mrs. Undisclosed...



... and all our missionaries! This couple must work undercover because the people group they minister to are from a closed Muslim country in which Christianity is a crime. They have served with World Mission Prayer League since 1991. They currently live in a country next to the nation to which they are ministering. Their medical backgrounds open the door for evangelism as they help these people who must leave their own country to receive cancer treatment and other medical care.

This couple is part of a small team whose time has been focused recently on translating Scripture, and checking their work with a native speaker they refer to as “Mark”. They also prepare Christian media (using a Bible app), and disciple visitors who stop by. Woodbury Lutheran has supported them for the last decade.

### Please encourage these friends by:

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

- Stamina and health as they spend long hours with natives who are assisting with comprehension of their translations.
- Native Mark’s new insights about Jesus’ sacrifice and his greater understanding of Bible history.
- God to help this couple become more effective mediators of His healing for the broken hearts of this people group.

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

Please put a note in the mailbox of Mike Sabbann in the staff mailroom on the Valley Creek campus. Mike will send it securely to this missionary couple.

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

Please ask Mike Sabbann if you want to receive email updates from these folks. They will be thrilled to keep you up-to-date.

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

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





## Thank You Woodbury Lutheran!

Our church was presented with a BIG thank-you note last month! The staff of Highwood Hills Elementary School in St. Paul gave it to us during our celebration for our volunteers for the Sheridan Story. School representatives Nyia Vang and Khadra Ali spoke to our group about how students' lives are transformed by the food we provide to their families. Emily Mehr, a program management coordinator with Sheridan Story, also joined us and thanked our church and volunteers for participating.

During the celebration we discussed that as disciples of Jesus, our Sheridan Story volunteers are not just called to serve, but also to learn. And Highwood Hills offers a rich place for any of us to do that: student enrollment by ethnic group is 54% African/African-American, 25% Asian, 13% Latino, 5% mixed race, and 4% White. It's an environment different from what most of us at WLC spend time in.

The thank-you note is on display at our Valley Creek campus on the bulletin board by the church office. Swing by and take a look at the many positive comments from the staff of Highwood Hills School.

You can positively impact children and families, in a different setting that allows you to learn, and do it in as little as 1 ½ hours a month. Please contact Margie Gilles about helping with Sheridan Story at [mgilles9@icloud.com](mailto:mgilles9@icloud.com). The pictures here show some of the sweet students during reading time, as well as a snapshot from the celebration evening: Sally Dunn (WLC volunteer), Margie Gilles (WLC Sheridan Story coordinator), Nyia Vang (Highwood Hills program coordinator), and Khadra Ali (Highwood Hills educational assistant).



# Care Ministry

## WLC's Elder Teams

Woodbury Lutheran Church has nearly 30 Elders serving our three campuses. The main responsibility of an Elder is to support our pastors as described below and our primary goal is to be in contact with every member of WLC through our Care Ministry.

### What is an Elder?

From the early years of the history of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to the present, congregations have established an office called “Elder” to assist the pastors in carrying out their role as shepherds. Elders work closely with the pastors to feed the whole congregation with the Word of God and to watch over it for the sake of its spiritual welfare.

Simply stated, an Elder is an assistant to the pastors, a second set of eyes, ears and hands for the pastors in ministering to the congregation.

### Primary Responsibilities at WLC

WLC Elder teams exist on all of our campuses. Each Elder has assigned families that we pray for; that we reach out to by phone, email, texting or by letters. The outreach is done to provide key WLC information and to establish additional lines of communication from members back to the pastors. WLC has an Elder Handbook that provides an overview of Elder roles in the areas of: Weekend Worship Oversight; Prayer Encouragers; Communion Assistants; Conducting Monthly Healing Service; Care Ministry to Congregation Members and Onboarding of New Members. Before worship services Elders pray with the pastors, make sure that all other support teams like greeters, ushers, welcome desk, childcare are in place and assist pastors in spontaneous areas like baptismal preparations, meeting the families etc. Finally, Elders are a second level of Security at all times during Worship.

A special word about the Care Ministry role that Elders serve. Each Elder may have anywhere from 30 to 80 families assigned to their care. It is the Elder's responsibility to reach out to these families several times during the year by email, text, phone or mail to establish contact and provide spiritual life care as needed. Elders following these contacts update the WLC Life Care system and when necessary provide pastors with

important information. The goal for Elders is to achieve face to face connection with their assigned families.

### Current Elder Team Structure

Liberty Ridge and Oak Hill campuses each have one Elder team. The Valley Creek campus has four Elder teams. Each team consists of 4-5 members with one Team Leader, and one Lead Elder position which exists for coordination and leadership of all the Elder Teams. Elders serve a three year term and may serve two consecutive terms for a total of six years.

### Elder Assignments

Currently individual Elders are randomly assigned to provide weekend coverage using the MyWLC system. However, starting in January 2020, the Valley Creek campus will have one team assigned for the full month. Pictures of that team will be introduced to the congregation prior to the start of each month, and week to week coverages will be coordinated by the Team Leader. Oak Hill and Liberty Ridge will continue to follow their current Elder assignment processes. Congregation members are encouraged to meet and greet these Elders and for certain, introduce yourself to them!

### Things you can pray for the WLC Elder Team

Elders also need encouragement as overseers of the congregational members. Below are seven areas for which we seek prayers:

**WISDOM** – Elders need a discerning heart to distinguish between right and wrong;

**VISION** – A good shepherd knows where to lead his flock and seeks vision for its future;

**HOLINESS** – An Elder must love what is good; be upright, holy and disciplined;

**STAMINA** – Let us not become weary in doing good;

**KNOWLEDGE** – An Elder must possess an ever-growing understanding of God's Word;

**UNITY** – Satan loves disunity; Elders must stand together empowered by His Word; and

**HUMILITY** – Elders must be humble and gentle setting examples for the congregation;

Prepared by  
Larry Hall – Lead Elder



## Sharing Your Story

# Sharing His Story Workshop

- What is your story...do you really have one?
- Where does your story intersect with God's Story?
- Why share your story...does it really matter?
- How do you share your story...is there a better way?
- Do we really need 3 hours...what's the deal?



The goal is that you are inspired, trained, actually work on your story AND walk out equipped and ready to share it!

The same workshop is being offered twice (so please, only come to one of them).

1. Saturday, November 9: 9am to Noon
2. Sunday, November 10: 2 to 5pm

- Meeting at the Valley Creek Campus - Fireside Room
- Snacks and water/coffee will be provided
- Cost is FREE
- Please register at this link <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/309/responses/new> or at the connection center on each campus
- Contact Brad Miller for information...[millerb@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:millerb@woodburylutheran.org)

# Have You Noticed The Colors of the Discipleship Path??



**WORSHIP**



**GROW**



**SERVE**



**REACH**

The Church has always taken a multimedia approach to worship and discipleship. Think of the wide variety of methods Christians have used to delight in Jesus and share His good news: song, sermon, prayer, stained-glass windows, icons, mosaics, liturgical vestments, certain uses of color. I'm excited about how we at Woodbury Lutheran are using color lately.

You might have noticed recently as you've gathered for worship that we're displaying the elements of the Discipleship Path in prominent locations as a way to keep us all aligned with the DNA of our community. What you might not have noticed is that the color of each element of the path--whether in print form, in floor-sticker form, in banner form, or however else they're displayed---is perfectly paired with the colors of the different seasons that we move through in worship.

## **WORSHIP :: BLUE | ADVENT**

- In advent we celebrate how God came to dwell with us in the incarnation of Jesus, and we long for Jesus to return again. "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" was Israel's song as they awaited the Messiah, and it's our song as we long for Messiah Jesus to come back again (Rev. 22:20).
- In **worship** we draw together where God promises to be (Matt. 18:20), to come and be present with us, to share with us His grace, His promises, and His gifts (Matt. 28:20).

## **GROW :: GREEN | ORDINARY TIME**

- This is the longest season in the church year. We observe ordinary time twice: After Christmas/Epiphany and again after the Ascension and Pentecost.
- Green symbolizes growth--that is, the growth of Jesus from infant to adult (Luke 2:52), and then later the growth of the Church, powered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31).
- Small groups, class offerings, and the personal disciplines of Scripture

reading are all ways that we **grow** as disciples.

## **SERVE :: PURPLE | LENT**

- In Lent we take time to slow down ("lent" means "slow") and remind ourselves of how and why Jesus came to serve us. "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)
- As disciples of the Servant (Isaiah 52:13-53:12), we follow in His footsteps of **serving** others.

## **REACH :: RED | PENTECOST**

- Red is the color of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and began to permanently dwell within Jesus's disciples.
- Jesus told His disciples to wait--to not go on mission--until they were clothed with power from on high (Acts 1:4).
- Once the Holy Spirit fell on them, then they were to go and reach all nations with the Gospel (Acts 1:8). That same call rests on us: Be filled with the Spirit, then **reach** out!

The liturgical calendar, with its changing colors for each season, is really just how the Church patterns its life of worship and discipleship after the life of Christ. It's neat, then, to see how we at WLC are standing squarely in the ancient (yet vibrant!) pathway of Jesus' disciples.

The Discipleship Path isn't a new, non-Scriptural thing to add into your life. It's how we at WLC talk about the ways that Jesus' disciples have always lived.

And I think how we've presented the elements of the Discipleship Path--especially regarding color--helps to remind us that how we live as disciples is ultimately rooted in how Jesus lived among us.

-Karl Grant





## Ring in the Christmas Season By Being A Woodbury Bell Ringer!

We have been learning the past few weeks about what happens after you believe. We are called to be disciples of Christ. What does this mean for you?

This Christmas season marks the 20th Anniversary of the Woodbury Bell Ringers. WLC's support of the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign has raised approximately \$250,000 to date. Thanks to our volunteers, the mission of the Salvation Army- "Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting human needs in His name without discrimination" is reaching those in need. Jerry Hanggi was the original leader of the Woodbury Bell Ringers. He recently passed away, but we are so blessed by his leadership and thankful the many lives that were touched by him.

The Woodbury Bell Ringers will have the opportunity to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Fridays and Saturdays from November 29th through December 21st at the Cub stores in Woodbury and Stillwater. Singles, families and groups are encouraged to ring. Youth under 16 years of age may ring with an adult. The shifts are in 2 hour increments. You just need to ring a bell, dress warm and wear a smile!

You may sign up for a bell ringing shift by stopping by a Bell Ringer kiosk. They will be located outside the sanctuaries at the Valley Creek and Oak Hill campuses, and at the Connection Center at the Liberty Ridge campus. Sign ups will be available every Sunday in November.

Just one hour of bell ringing raises enough money to shelter a homeless person for one night and serve them 3 nutritional meals. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Woodbury Bell Ringers. This may be your next step in discipleship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Christiansen at 651-731-1622.



# Celebrating Our Monday Afternoon Ladies!

*"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time, we will reap if we do not grow weary."*  
Galatians 6:9-10

Our Women's Gathering Group on Mondays is a ministry that has blessed so many by their gifts. During their weekly time together, they visit & support each other, create and donate items to various groups, pray and have a time of devotions together. Items such as prayer shawls, and chemo/baby caps are just some of the projects that they work on each week.

A big **"Thank you"** to all of those who have helped in many ways over the years and to those who have attended on a regular basis.

Listed below are some of the places where the group has donated thousands of items:

- Amplatz Children's Hospital in Minneapolis - chemo/baby/children/teens caring caps
- Regions Hospital St. Paul - caring caps for the Neurosurgery & Chemo Cancer units
- St. John's Hospital - smaller prayer shawls, chemo hats, shawls
- St. Paul Children's Hospital- Chemo, Neuro, and Preemie units - caring caps; newborn to teenagers, prayer shawls
- Woodwinds Hospital - Newborns; Chemo Caps; prayer shawls
- Minnesota Oncology at Cornerstone in Woodbury - chemo caps
- WLC Stephen Ministry Care Receivers- prayer shawls
- WLC Pastoral Care Receivers- prayer shawls
- Individual Requests for people going through chemotherapy, grief, etc.
- WLC Food Shelf/Clothing Closet- scarves, caps
- WLC Mission trips, such as Kake, Alaska; Urban Plunge mission to Mpls.; and other mission trips and ministries upon request
- Bundles of Love
- Woodbury Nursing Home and other nursing homes upon request - prayer shawls and caring caps
- Global Missions in Fridley (nurseries in African hospitals) - baby caps
- Trinity First Thursday Nights mission in Phillips Neighborhood- variety
- Rev. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf- are missionaries serving among the Khwe people in Botswana
- Honduras Hospital - baby blankets
- Battered Women's Shelter Bible Study- smaller prayer shawls



# November

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2	Nathan & Alisa Hartwig		Ben & Marissa Jagger		Brian & T.J. Cartier	27	Joshua & Jennifer Granlund
3	Carl & Marlene Andrews	11	Brian & Molly Kieser		Shane & Angela Fossan	29	John & Debbie Hukee
	Robert & Kristal Treadway		Matthew & Michelle Price	17	Curt & Deb Anderson		Frank & Kathleen Janssen
4	Craig & Karen Roberts	12	Edward & Francina Lelei		Calvin & Erin Bowes	30	Doug & Judy Cameron
5	Aaron & Desiree Morningstar		Steven & Bernie Spaudie		Matt & Ashley Boyd		Doug & Rhonda Jones
6	Israel & Cindy Carmona	14	Frederick & Heidi Conrad		Thomas & Cynthia Mertens		Nick & Jenny Moody
	Dale & Elizabeth Thompson		Gwen & Dan Froseth	19	John & Lynnette Mahlke		
	David & Diana Wende		Abraham Mathews & Vanaja Samuel	21	Daniel & Jana Beck		
8	Timm & Helen Spindler			22	Jerry & Lucy Beane		
9	John & Patrice Horner	15	Mike & Lin Peterson	24	Jim & Tracey Jensen		

# CHRISTMAS MASTERPIECE PEACE

December 6<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6:30pm

## All-Campus Woodbury Lutheran Church Family-Fun Christmas Celebration

December 6<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6:30pm

### JOIN US FOR:

- Christmas Song Sing-Along
- Ornament Decoration Station
- Christmas Masterpiece Art Gallery
- Cookies, Hot Chocolate, & Cider
- and more...

### MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY:

- Woodbury Lutheran Church Choir
- House Band
- Handbell Choir
- Mouse Choir
- Kids Link Kids
- and YOU!

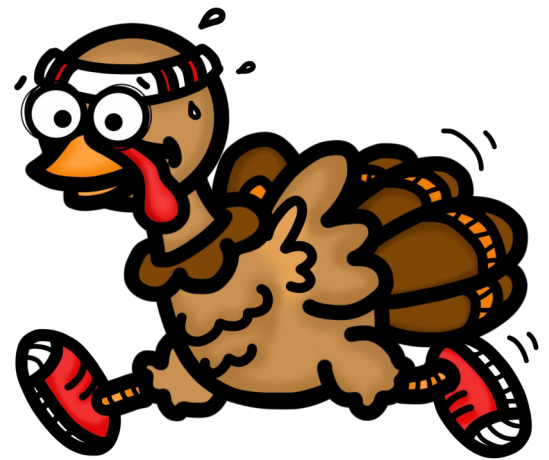


# We're Struttin' Our Stuffin' to Say "Thank You"

The 2019-2020 school year at Woodbury Lutheran Preschool is well underway. We're thankful for so many things – including:

- Our 140 students who are enrolled in our program
- Our staff of 22 support staff and teachers.
- Our partnerships with our church "buddies" -the staff here at WLC who have gotten to know children in our classrooms and are a familiar face if there is ever an emergency
- The opportunity to expand into what had been the volunteer finance office in order to create a much needed space for parent meetings and teacher planning (but we do miss our neighbors!)
- Our support partners from South Washington County –they help us meet the needs of nearly 12 students as they prepare for kindergarten
- And YOU! We appreciate your prayers, how you say "hi" to our students and how you share with others about this amazing ministry!

Would you like to partner further with us? We are grateful for opportunities to explain our mission. We serve a variety of families and some of those need some additional financial support in order to have their child attend Woodbury Lutheran Preschool. Your gifts allow us continue to serve these families!



## Learning at Preschool Looks Like...



large muscle opportunities both inside and outside.

play with friends!

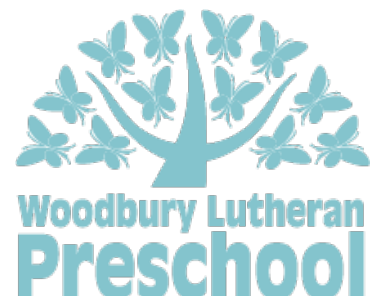


self help skill practice such as snack and clean-up time.

teacher directed small and large group experiences.



We have a limited number of 3 and 4 year old openings for this year and are hosting educational consults for the 20-21 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please contact the school office at 651-739-5146 or [mulsos@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:mulsos@woodburylutheran.org)



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SEEING THE GOODNESS OF GOD



# Goodness

## Seeing the Goodness of God

DATE RANGE :: 11.10.19 - 11.24.19

In the fall of 2018 we started into a two year initiative at Woodbury Lutheran called Multiply. God has moved mightily in Multiply as Jesus has unleashed His power in us, in our relationships, in our communities and in His world. As we look back we see the Goodness of God and we are given the courage to look forward to what is next as our Gratitude is Multiplied.

### Week #1 | 11/9 & 11/10

- **Title :: Gratitude starts with God's Goodness.**
- **Readings**
  - Primary Reading :: Psalm 23; Key Verse :: Psalm 23:6
  - Secondary Reading :: John 10:11-16

The goodness of God is the starting point for gratitude in our lives. Today we see the incredible goodness of God as we examine one of the most beloved of all the Scriptures, Psalm 23. In His goodness God provides for us, protects us, disciplines us and restores us. As we celebrated our 50th anniversary as a church we started into a two year journey of responding to God's goodness through our Multiply journey where we have seen His goodness on display over and over. May our hearts overflow with gratitude.



## WLC Values

- Come as you are

## Living It Out

Spend some time this week reading through different translations of the 23rd Psalm, for extra credit memorize it with a friend or family.

## Week #2 | 11/16 & 11/17

- **Title :: Gratitude Changes our Attitude**

- **Readings**

- Primary Reading :: Philippians 2:1-11; Key Verse :: Philippians 2:5
- Secondary Reading :: Matthew 23:23-28

Our attitude of gratitude comes directly from Jesus. In Philippians 2 Paul challenges us to have the same attitude of Jesus who gave up everything for us. Understanding all that Jesus has done for us compels us to look past ourselves and our own needs, wants and desires to instead live with an attitude of gratitude. As we wrap up Multiply there is much to be grateful for.

## WLC Values

- Truth

## Living It Out

What is one concrete way that you can live out these words of Paul this week and pray that this would be more and more true of those of us who follow Jesus at Woodbury Lutheran, *"Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose."*

## Week #3 | 11/23 & 11/24

- **Title :: Gratitude Leads To Generosity**

- **Readings**

- Primary Reading :: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15; Key Verse :: 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Secondary Reading :: Matthew 6:19-21

Paul is writing to the Churches in Macedonia to thank them for their generous offering given for the work of the Church in Jerusalem. In the midst of thanking them he reminds them to continue to find joy in their giving, to remember that God will continue to provide for them and to finish strong in the promise they have made. As we near the end of Multiply the same three encouragements are given to us today as we once again are reminded that gratitude leads to generosity.

## WLC Values

- Movement

## Living It Out

As we walk the discipleship path journey together we seek to grow in our generosity because giving is good for us in all areas of our lives. Take some time this week and walk through the WLC Generosity Journey and pray about where God might be leading you to take a next step.

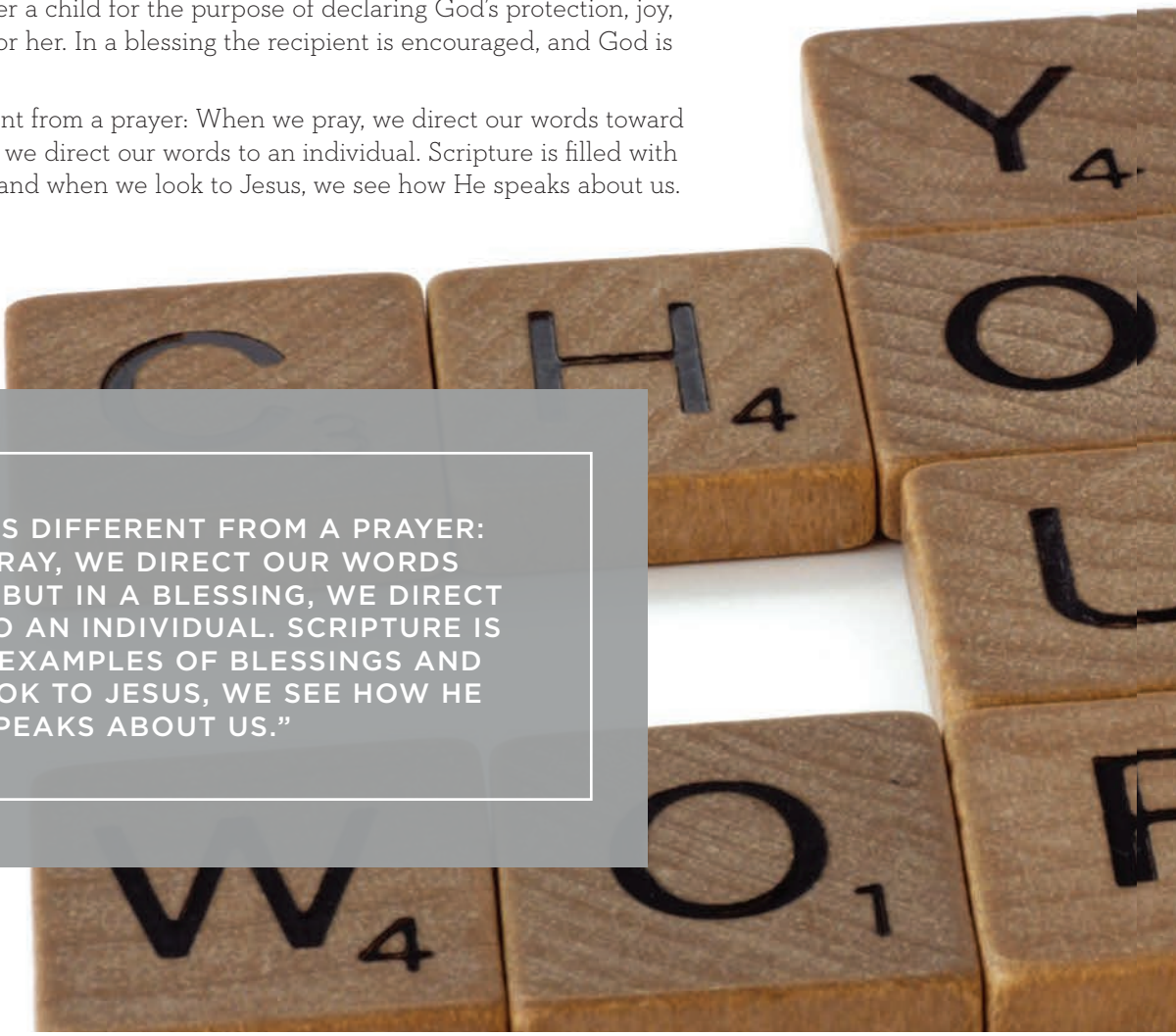
# Word Power

**As grandparents we have lived enough life to understand the importance of words.** We are a generation that knows “the tongue has the power of life and death” (Proverbs 18:21). I’m sure each of us could share a story of someone we know (possibly yourself) who has been torn apart by words, someone who has been assaulted with a tongue that should be registered as a lethal weapon.

But the tongue can also speak life. It can build others up and empower them to be brave and move forward. Words can speak identity deep into the soul of the recipient—especially children. Children are inherent learners, open and eager to receive the messages they hear—to discover who they are and what life is about. We know, from our own experience, that they get plenty of messages intended to wound, to make them feel less than enough and unlovable.

One way grandparents can make a difference is to practice speaking blessings to our grandchildren. Speaking a blessing is an opportunity to open their spiritual eyes and declare truth over them—God’s truth! A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a Bible passage, or words of encouragement. Blessings can also be spoken over a child for the purpose of declaring God’s protection, joy, and wisdom over him or her. In a blessing the recipient is encouraged, and God is exalted and glorified.

A blessing is different from a prayer: When we pray, we direct our words toward God; but in a blessing, we direct our words to an individual. Scripture is filled with examples of blessings and when we look to Jesus, we see how He speaks about us.



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*Taken from the November 2019 HomeFront Monthly Newsletter.*

## JESUS TELLS US WE ARE:

- loved (John 3:16)
- forgiven (1 John 1:9)
- His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
- never alone (Matthew 28:20b)
- chosen (1 Peter 2:9)
- protected from the evil one (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

Blessings are most effective when given on a regular basis—we don't have to wait for lofty spiritual moments. We can bless our grandchildren when they come to visit or when we babysit. We can even text blessings and words of encouragement to our older grandchildren who have access to phones.

**The bottom line is to emphasize what God says about them.** Remind them He chose them and calls them His own. Use your words to speak life. Speak Scripture over them and insert their names when fitting. In the battle for your grandchildren's identity, you can help lay the foundation of truth they need to combat the enemy's lies by simply using your words.

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by Debbie Guinn

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## Worship

### HEALING SERVICE

Our Healing Service is held at the Valley Creek Campus every third Sunday. For prayers of healing, attend our service on November 17 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

### MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE!

We love to be innovative here at WLC. We are always looking for ways to make life a little easier for you. With that, earlier this year we began a partnership with Pushpay, a great new system for our on-line giving. We are excited about how this new giving solution is providing a simpler and more engaging experience for you. For more information, go to: [give.woodburylutheran.org](http://give.woodburylutheran.org). Or text "WLCGIVE" to 77977 and get set up today! If you have questions, please contact Sunny Marshall at [marshalls@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:marshalls@woodburylutheran.org).

### READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP?

The WLC Connection Center is available to help you determine what your next step might be on the Discipleship PATH. Whether you want to explore options or you already know what your next step will be, our Connectors would love to help! The Connection Center staff is available each worship service at all of our campuses. Come and say hi!

### STOCK DONATIONS

There are many different ways we can donate our time, talents and treasures to Woodbury Lutheran Church. One way some members choose to donate is through the transfer or donation of stocks. A donation form is located by the welcome desk. If you have questions or want more information on how to donate stock, please contact Trecie Horner at 651-731-3349.



## Grow

### SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are one of the ways that God draws us to deeper connection with Him and with others who are learning to follow Him.

- NEW small groups are forming this fall
- Some existing small groups are welcoming new people

Sign up for more information/that you're interested at the Connection Center.

### MN CROSSROADS CAREER NETWORK (FORMERLY CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION)

We welcome Paul Cronin as he presents, "The Art and Science of Networking" on November 14, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and MN Crossroads Career Network, check out the website at [mncrossroads.com](http://mncrossroads.com).

### SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- Liberty Ridge Sunday Donut and Devotions meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Oak Hill Sunday Youth Bible Study gather at 9:15 am in the youth room (1-106).
- Valley Creek Sunday Small Group is available at 11am for students who aren't available on Wednesday nights.
- Bible and Friends class for youth with special needs, 9:30-10:30am in room 1-301 (VC).

### FALL YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Join us November 8, 6:30-8:30pm. For 6th, 7th, & 8th graders it's game night at OH!! Grab your friends and come ready to play! This is an all campus event held at the Oak Hill Campus. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt at [schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org).

### NOVEMBER CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation Brunch is at the VC

campus Saturday, November 2, 9:30-11:30am for students who are planning to confirm their faith during worship services on November 2/3. Confirmation brunch is for students, parents & loved ones. We will take pictures, rehearse, and have a blessing and prayer service.

### CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

What is Confirmation Journey? A year long, devotion led, family-based experience for students (7th-12th grades) designed to prepare to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This process is for mature students who want to explore their personal relationship with Jesus and grow in their understanding of what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus for a lifetime. The process involves Worshiping, Growing, Serving, and Reaching (sharing their faith with others) and is a great opportunity for students who want to personalize their faith and grow as a disciple. To set up a meeting to start your confirmation journey contact Lindsey Schmidt.



## Reach

### HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

There are thousands of international students in the Twin Cities, and most of them will never set foot in an American home. Thanksgiving is a great time to change that! USA Homestays is connecting international students with Christian families to share Thanksgiving dinner. Do you have room at your table for 1-3 students this Thanksgiving? Sign up to host online at <http://www.usahomestays.org/thanksgiving-host> or contact Ben Robinson at [benr@usahomestays.org](mailto:benr@usahomestays.org) for more information.

# Getting Connected



**Serve**

## **YOUTH SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCE REVEAL**

Youth Mission Experiences for next summer will be shared on Wednesday, November 6 at both campuses, 7:45-8:15pm. Parents are welcome to join us to hear about the opportunities for the summer of 2020. Registration opens on November 7.

## **HEARTS AND HANDS MENTORS**

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

## **MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

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

## **EAGER HANDS QUILTERS**

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

## **CHRISTIAN CLOSET**

A clothing ministry of Woodbury Lutheran Church. The closet is open every Friday 8:30am-12pm, at the VC Campus. All clothing is free to those in need in our community. We accept donations of clean seasonal clothing (all ages), shoes, bed linens, towels and blankets (please no more hangers and if possible smaller bags to minimize lifting weight for volunteers). Donation tax receipts are available. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Gloria Johnson at 651-253-5416.

## **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

You are invited to join us for Thanksgiving Worship on Thursday Nov. 28th at 9:00am.

Take a moment in the busyness of the day to give thanks in worship.

There will be special music and an opportunity for service. God is good to us, let's reflect on that goodness together.



## **NEW BIBLE STUDY - IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY**

Life often brings great disappointments. Illness, loss, struggles in our relationships leave us broken, and hanging onto our faith by our fingernails.

A new evening Bible study "It Isn't Supposed To Be This Way: Finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered" with Lysa Terkeurst, meets for 6 weeks beginning Tuesday, November 5, 6:55, in the Lounge at the VC campus. Facilitated by Vicki Strong and Julie Wolterstorff.





# November 2019 Calendar

## **2 (V) Men's Bible Study**

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

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

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

## **2 (V) Baptism Class**

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

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

Mondays, 9:30am  
Contact: Jane Dibbern,  
612-239-0258

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

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

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

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

## **5 (V) Pastor's Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 1:30pm  
Contact: Karl Grant,  
651-739-5144 x241

## **6 (O) Pastor's Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 10:00am  
Contact: Vicar Quincy,  
651-739-5144 x223

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

Wednesdays, 9:15am  
Contact: Brad Miller,  
651-739-5144 x209

## **6 (V) Mitten Ladies**

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

## **7 (V) Celebrate Recovery**

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

## **9 (V) Sharing Your Story - Sharing His Story Workshop**

Saturday, 9:00am  
Contact: Brad Miller,  
651-739-5144 x209

## **10 (V) Sharing Your Story - Sharing His Story Workshop**

Sunday, 2:00pm  
Contact: Brad Miller,  
651-739-5144 x209

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

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

## **27 Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship**

Wednesday, 7:00pm  
King of Kings Lutheran  
Church, Woodbury

## **28 (V) Thanksgiving Worship**

Thursday, 9:00am

## **28-29 (L, O, V) Offices Closed for Thanksgiving**

All Day

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