

THE NEWS LETTER



September 2019

The Power of Choice

***“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***

I cannot recall ever being so excited for a coming fall and start of a new ministry season in the life of our church. We will have some incredible opportunities to step deeper into our vision of *Multiplying Disciples// Transforming Lives*. As the month unfolds you will hear more and more about an incredible opportunity that we have to partner with *World Vision* in an incredibly impactful way. You will not want to miss any Sunday in September, but this will be especially true for the weekends of the 21/22 and 28/29. Please, please, please do whatever you can to make sure you can be in worship at any of our three campuses those weekends.

Have you ever thought about the power of being able to choose? From the moment I wake up, to the moment I go to sleep, my life is filled with choices; what am I going to wear, what will I eat, which car will I drive, which bed will I sleep in, which of the 700 TV channels will I watch and on and on it goes. Now for a moment imagine your life devoid of the power to make virtually any decisions, let it sink in, what would that be like?

For many in our world, especially children this is their reality. Now imagine what would happen if they were empowered to make a life changing choice that involved you! How cool would that be, to be Chosen by a child who has virtually no other choices in their lives. As we launch into Chosen this fall this is the opportunity that is before us as a congregation.

There is power in choice, but the greatest choice that has ever been made is the truth that God chose you. I was talking to one of our members about this truth just the other day and here is what they said, *“Even as an adult, I am amazed that the God of the universe would choose me, cheer me on, give His life for me, forgive me and love me unconditionally.”*

Wow, in Jesus God chooses you - *“you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”* There is lots of work to do for Jesus, but for this moment just rest in the truth that He chooses you to be His very own child. Yes, there is power in choosing and God has Chosen you!

Blessed to be chosen,
Pastor Tom



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Living As A Child of God

“He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:5. Baptism is near and dear to a Lutheran’s heart. Foundational to our understanding of God is the truth that we are the recipients of God’s grace through no goodness of our own, but because of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

Loved :: Saved :: Changed

Ephesians 2 gives us a clear picture of our sinful state: “Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.” (Eph. 2:1) Left to ourselves that dead-ness continues; we have no power to break out of that condition. But then verse 4 describes the truth that changes everything: “But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.” God’s love for us, his desire that he would be our God and we would be his people, is at the center of his nature. In his mighty power he raised Jesus from the dead and gave us that same resurrection. Loved in spite of our sin. Saved through Jesus death and resurrection.

In baptism, ordinary water combined with God’s all-powerful word, changes us from enemies of God to his children. Young or old, God offers this baptismal grace to all. And on the other side of baptism we experience a changed live, a new life lived by faith in Jesus.

On the weekend of September 28 and 29 we’re wrapping up our September sermon series called Chosen // Radical Reversal, where we’ll see over and over again how Jesus has loved, saved, and changed us by choosing each of us as his own child. The series culminates with a Baptism weekend--a chance for anyone who hasn’t been baptized to receive God’s grace in that way, and a chance for anyone who has been baptized to celebrate the gift they’ve been given. Baptism weekend will be celebrated at each service at each of our campuses.

If you would like to be baptized or if someone you know would like to be please let us know! Call or email [Kandi Chavie](#) in the church office, or [click here](#) to register. Baptism classes for all ages will be held on Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Valley Creek Campus, and Saturday September 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Oak Hill Campus. These classes are optional but are a great way to learn more about what we believe about baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.



Weddings:

Tom Danner & Elyse Candell
Cole Schuessler & Brianna
Holtmeier
Charles Tank & Rachel Mitchell
Benjamin Drayton & Sierra Smith

Baptisms:

Kelsey Ray Anderson
Liam Martin Aspen
Hailey Savannah McNally
Howard Craig Ingli

Deaths:

Roz Johnson ~ son, Logan Foster
Karen Klinzing ~ father, Noel
Schmidt
The Family of Donna Gauwitz
Brenda Kavanagh ~ father, John
Kavanagh
Carolyn Hernandez ~ neice,
Rilynn Turner
Carrie McGuire ~ grandfather,
Irvin Hansen

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, August 13th 2019 6:30am – 8:00am	
Call to Order & Quorum Determination	August 13, 2019
Devotions/Prayer	
Consent Agenda	Approval
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July Meeting Minutes July Financial Report & Update on Pre-School budget – Budget for remainder of 2019 Recommendations for a new council nomination Resolution of Stock Sale 	
Information	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior pastor report Update on St. Croix land discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation of action team leader and team members Staffing updates Partnership opportunity with World Vision 	
Discussion	Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids and youth ministry update – more detail on attendance metrics Implementation of strategic plan through performance management process Considerations for a potential name change Update on Endowment and long term giving 	
Closing Prayer	
Adjourn	

Meeting Highlights:

- Council member Cynthia Gustafson had to resign her position on the board so over the next month the Sr. Pastor and Council President as outlined in our Constitution will find a new Council member.
- Diana Vander Pas will be onsite in August for a visit as we continue to discern if she is the correct fit for our part time small group director role.
- The Council is putting together a Ministry Action Team to continue to keep the process around our St. Croix land moving. Questions can be directed to Council President Renee Bohme.
- Secretary Brian Schouviller and at large member Linda Tank will be working with Pastor Tom in connecting with our Endowment Team Lead John Kuhrmeyer to develop a better strategy moving forward around WLC's long term giving strategy.
- Director of Ministry's Joel Symmank gave an update on the five year strategic plan as well as the new performance management process that is being implemented with staff.
- Director of Next Gen ministry's Nancy Schubbe gave an update on the state of kid's ministry and what is next.
- 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.

Campus Updates from Liberty Ridge & Oak Hill



LIBERTY RIDGE UPDATES

Here are some quick updates from our Liberty Ridge Campus:

- We are looking forward for fall and the opportunity to reconnect after summer travels and obligations. We are having a Liberty Ridge Campus BBQ to kick things off after worship on September 8.
- We had an awesome Camp in the Park at Stonemill Farms in Woodbury. Around 40 kids participated. Every day but the last, at least one child brought a friend with them to camp. We had an incredible team of servants who helped make it all possible.
- The church council has started a Ministry Action Team to explore options for a permanent future for the Liberty Ridge Campus. This is an exciting time! Please pray that God would open the doors that need to be opened and close the ones that need to be closed. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom, Pastor Jon or Council President Renee Boehme.
- On Sunday, August 25 we had a Vision Sunday with a meeting before worship focused on where God is leading Liberty Ridge as a campus and refocusing ourselves on the vision and mission of WLC. Join us in praying that God's name would continued to be glorified as we seek to Multiply Disciples // Transform Lives at Liberty Ridge.
- Are you interested in experiencing what Liberty Ridge is like? A number of people have volunteered to help with setup and teardown on one Sunday to experience it for themselves. If you're interested in helping for a one-Sunday experience, email Keith Heintz at kdheintz@mmm.com.
- 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:

- On Friday, September 6th the musical duo of Hilary & Kate will be joining us to share their beautiful music, blending gospel, folk and bluegrass music while sharing the love of Jesus throughout.
- On Saturday the 7th we will be preparing our float for the Grant Tractor Parade. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter Restaurant to decorate. Parade begins at noon. Following the parade we will have a free lunch at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter.
- Sunday, September 8th begins our Rally Day with a scavenger hunt and ice cream truck celebration. Rally day is a great day to meet new people and become more acquainted with the ministry opportunities at Oak Hill including meeting your Elder.
- If you are interested in seeing what is NEXT for you at Oak Hill and looking to join our campus and get plugged in? Sign up for NEXT at the connection center or go to our website and sign up.
- Sunday September 22nd.... shhhhhh. come be surprised.
- Sunday September 29th Baptism Sunday. We are celebrating God's wonderful gift of Baptism. If you or someone you know has not been baptized this is for you. If you have been baptized and want to celebrate this wonderful blessing from God, this is for you.
- 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.



Campus Update from Valley Creek

Here are some quick updates from our Valley Creek Campus:

- Fall is right around the corner...we're excited for kids and youth ministry to start up again following Labor Day weekend.
- Rehearsals for Chorale and Church Mouse Choir are beginning. Karl Grant will be directing the Chorale, and Barb Koch will be directing the Church Mice.
- Woodbury Lutheran Preschool begins its new year of classes on Monday, September 9.
- The new sound booth is complete in the sanctuary.
- A new seating area in the lobby is complete, providing a comfortable place to sit and connect on Sunday mornings.
- We installed our new vicar on Sunday, August 18. We welcome Vicar Quincy Koll and his wife, Christy.
- 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.



COME TO CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

Find out what happens
when a child is
empowered to speak
into your life.



Quito Mission Experience 2019

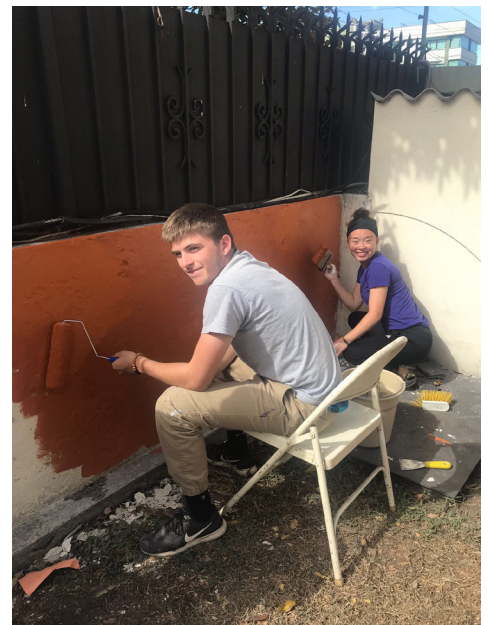
Lord Prepare Me

Not even a little stomach virus could keep our team from the blessings of being in Quito with our South American friends. Fortunately, we weren't all sick at the same time. God prepared us and blessed us to be able to keep working on our relationships and projects at Casa Adalia and Casa Gabriel.

We had the pleasure of painting the exteriors of both houses along side some of the residents and staff. Rick worked on some plumbing issues at both houses throughout the week as well. The staff, the residents of Casa A, their children, and the Casa G guys joined us for a time of service in a city park one day. We weeded a garden, cleaned gutters, played with the kids, and stained a pergola. We loved seeing progress in our relationships with those who live there, and within our WLC team.

South Americans value relationships most over projects. We learned quickly that if we were busy working, and someone wanted to just talk, we stopped what we were doing and engaged in conversation instead. It's a beautiful thing! We enjoyed a church service with the Casa G boys and staff, shared many meals together, played soccer, and toured parts of the city together.

A very special part of our time with our friends in Quito is when testimonies are shared by members of our team and the residents of Casa A and Casa G. It was powerful to have heard about God's hand in the lives of those who shared their struggles and their joys in life. The Lord blessed us and prepared us, and continues to do so for what He has for us all for His Kingdom work.





Feeling Stuck in Grief

On my way to a funeral in Duluth, I got caught up in an unexpected shower. The sky was dark and the rain was coming down quite hard. It brought to my mind that, especially when we're struggling with the death of a loved one, grief can spring up unexpectedly at any time. So much of the time, those around us don't fully understand what we are experiencing. Their world continues moving forward, and we find ourselves stuck in place. We may feel like we are alone.

In those moments when you are feeling stuck and alone, God promises his presence. Grieving is a part of the process after the death of a loved one. If you would like help with your grieving, come to the grief support class starting Monday, October 7, at 6:30 pm at our Valley Creek Campus. I will lead you, through a series of video clips and God's promises in Scripture, through your grief.

Registration is not required, but it is preferred. Please call me at the church office if you have any questions, and let me know of your desire to attend the class.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

GROW Opportunities for Women at Woodbury Lutheran!

We believe that God changes us as we open scripture in community with others who are learning to follow Jesus. No registration is required...just come...and bring a friend!!

Monday Morning Women of the Word (WOW) at the Oak Hill Campus

Mondays - 9am - Starting September 16; Class title-focus TBA

Wednesday Morning Women of the Word (WOW) at the Valley Creek Campus

Wednesdays - 9am - Every week, starting September 18

- 9:00-9:15 Opening together, worship and devotion
- 9:15-11:15 Classes (*descriptions below*)
- Child care and help with book cost is available during the WOW morning group

5 Classes:

1. Mercy Triumphs: The Life of James, study from Beth Moore, Facilitated by Lauren Danner

Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. Come along on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again. Topics include: > Joy >Hardship >Faith. >Reversal of fortunes for rich and poor >Wisdom >Gifts from above >Single-mindedness >The dangers of the tongue >Humility >Prayer

2. No Other Gods, a DVD driven Bible study from Kelly Minter, Facilitated by Diane Panning

Often, idols are obvious—money, power, fame. But subtler idols can sometimes take the form of loved ones, Instagrammable interiors, and busy seasons of work, motherhood, or ministry. But if your heart is prioritizing any of those pursuits before God, you're missing the unrivaled joy and adventure of Jesus being your heart's ultimate treasure. Learn to identify the functional gods you may be unknowingly serving and the lies they tell. As you dethrone your modern-day idols, you'll be set free for the deeper, more abundant life Jesus came to give you—discovering that Jesus can do what no other god can.

3. He Speaks to Me”, Preparing to Hear from God, a Bible Study from Priscilla Shirer , Facilitated by Janet Harrison & Lori Golden

A common question of many Christians is, “How can I know when God is speaking to me?” Priscilla uses the account of God speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3 to show how God speaks to Christians and how we can discern His voice and position ourselves to respond. In this exciting adventure, participants will discover how God spoke to Samuel, Samuel's response, and how He speaks to believers today; they will be encouraged to listen and respond to God's voice; and by listening to God's voice and obeying Him, women will experience spiritual growth, Christian discipline, and the desire to serve.

4. The Book of Mark - from the “Shepherd's Notes” Series - “When you need a guide through the Scriptures,” Facilitated by Marlene Otterson

Shepherd's Notes are designed to give you a quick, step-by-step overview of each book of the Bible. They are not meant to be substituted for the biblical text; rather, they are study guides intended to help you explore the wisdom of Scripture in personal group study or group study and to apply that wisdom successfully in your own life.

5. Finding God Faithful, a DVD driven Bible study from Kelly Minter, Facilitated by Joy Ostrom

THIS CLASS IS SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUNG MOMS

Finding God Faithful will trace the path of Joseph's life in the Book of Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Learn to recognize when God is working during periods of waiting, trust God's plan when life doesn't make sense, and rest in the sufficiency of His presence in every circumstance. His provision is enough, His presence is constant, and His purpose is unstoppable.



Fall Classes Are Here!

With the arrival of Fall comes an upswing in program activity, and things are no different at Woodbury Lutheran. As your schedules fill up with activities for the next several months, consider making room for some of our class offerings that are beginning this month.

- The Sunday morning Bible Study that used to happen on the Valley Creek campus has moved to Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3PM, starting on 9/10. Join Karl Grant in walking through the final book in the Bible, **Revelation!** We'll see together that Revelation is not a schedule for the end-times but rather a book that gives the Church hope and purpose as we await Christ's return.
- Jane Dibbern and Josh Granlund are working together to lead a **multi-generational Bible Study** at the Oak Hill Campus, taught on Sundays starting on 9/15. If you attend Oak Hill, be sure to make time to attend this class!
- Also starting in September is another round of **Financial Peace University**. Spoiler alert: The Joneses are broke. That means keeping up with them will only get you into MORE debt! It's time to run fast and hard in the other direction, and Financial Peace University will show you how. Join us for our next group at Woodbury Lutheran starting Tuesday, September 17. Class runs every Tuesday through November 12. Feel free to email grantk@woodburylutheran.org with any questions or sign up at www.fpu.com/1095999.
- We are offering a couple of evening classes for women this fall at the Valley Creek Campus. They are:
 1. Monday evenings (Held twice monthly starting 9/16 - 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Center - lower level). This class is specially for Moms of young children -Facilitated by Nancy Shubbe
Present Over Perfect by Shauna Niequist--Are your thoughts always racing ahead to the next thing on your "to-do" list? This study will take you from frantic to free! Liberating you from the pressure of perfection, the author invites you to be open to God's unconditional love, focus on the present moment, and experience a deeper sense of grace, space, and connection.
 2. Tuesday evenings (Held weekly starting 9/17, 6:55-8:30pm in the Paul Room - lower level)This class is open to all women, Facilitated by Vickie Strong (Cost is \$15 for the book, please don't let cost be an obstacle.)
It's Not Supposed To Be This Way: Finding unexpected strengths when disappointments leave you shattered (by Lysa Terkheurst). What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, Join us for a casual, personal conversational study that will use a combination of resources from the book and the Bible, and an occasional video download.

Lives Transformed How?

You are unique. Your gifts, your skills and your heart are combined in distinct way. And people close by need you! Lives are ready to be transformed by what Jesus has given you to offer. And you will be transformed, too! Paul wrote to his good friend Timothy, “(... teach others ...) to do good ... be rich in good works so they may experience true life.”

Imagine that! God has “true life” for you when you serve others! (1 Timothy 6:17-19)



Here are a few opportunities to serve in “bite-sized” pieces. Reach out to learn more about something here that intrigues you. Transformation awaits!

Sheridan Story – provide food for kids

- Description: Help combat food insecurity in our neighborhood by putting ethnically-appropriate meals in kids’ backpacks; our teams pray for these students and their families each week
- Where: Highwood Hills Elementary School (3 miles west of our Valley Creek campus)
- Day & Time: One Friday a month beginning at 1 pm; about a 1 hour commitment
- Contact: Margie Gilles – MGilles9@icloud.com

Women’s Jail Ministry

- Description: Women Serving Women – Join 1 or 2 other WLC women as we lead a Bible Study for incarcerated women. Each leader picks a different study; we don’t know how many folks will show up on any given night. Attendees may be in jail for days or months, depending on their situation.
- Where: Washington County Jail, Stillwater
- Day & Time: Friday nights; 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Contact: Ann Gibbs – Annmarie.Gibbs@gmail.com

Serve Lunch at School

- Description: Help serve a pizza lunch to the students at Trinity First Lutheran School (TFL) in Minneapolis! WLC has had a long time partnership with TFL and it’s a fun, minimal commitment opportunity to serve God’s precious little ones! We carpool from our Valley Creek campus.
- Where: Trinity First Lutheran, Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis
- Day & Time: Fridays (1st and 3rd of the month) on a rotation basis; 10:15



am – 1:00 pm

- Contact person: Lori Golden – GoldenLJG60@gmail.com

Launch a Grocery Store (how fun is this?!)

- Description: Faith City Church, a partner of WLC, is launching Storehouse Grocers in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood. The purpose is to provide 300 affordable basic food items to help eliminate local food insecurity. We are looking for volunteer managers, cashiers, delivery drivers, relational ambassadors and storeroom managers!
- Where: Dayton's Bluff neighborhood, St. Paul; Faith City Church meets at 800 Conway Street
- Day & Time: Mondays through Saturdays; 2-to-4 hour shifts; could be once a week to once a month
- Contact person: Brad Miller – millerb@woodburylutheran.org; or sign up at Storehousegrocers.com

Provide Dinner on the East Side

- Description: Serve God by helping prepare and serve dinner to folks in the neighborhood of a new church. We are partnering with Faith City Church in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.
- Where: Dayton's Bluff neighborhood, St. Paul; Faith City Church meets at 800 Conway Street
- Day & Time: Wednesday, once a month; 5:15 – 7:30 pm
- Contact person: Brad Miller – millerb@woodburylutheran.org

Hearts and Hands Mentorship

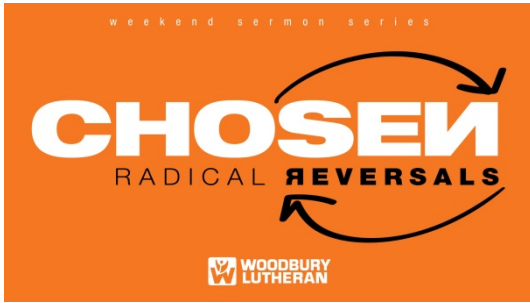
- Description: Share the love of Jesus as a Mentor with adults with disabilities. Being a Mentor involves showing up to be a friend/interact/have fun in whatever activity is planned for the day.
- Where: Woodbury Lutheran, Valley Creek Campus in the Bridge
- When: the second Sunday of each month, September until March. All events are from 12:30-2:00pm
- Contact: Jeanne Dicke with questions or interest at jmdicke@live.com



Help families that are hurting

- Description: Valley Outreach is a community-powered non-profit that provides food, clothing and personalized support to people who need help. Make a difference in the lives of people in our community!!
- Food Shelf: Shop with clients, work in the warehouse, food delivery, snack pack meals for elementary students
- Clothes Closet: shop with clients, sort and inventory donations
- Location: 1901 Curve Crest Blvd W, Stillwater
- Day and Time: Flexible times! Client Hours: M / W / F: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, T / Th: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- Check out their website for more information: <https://valleyoutreachmn.org/>
- To volunteer: <http://valleyoutreachmn.org/become-a-volunteer/>

There are MANY other opportunities to serve, including our Christian Closet. If you are interested in ANY way, please contact Brad Miller at millerb@woodburylutheran.org.



Chosen // Radical Reversals

DATE RANGE :: 09.07.19 - 09.29.19

We have all seen or experienced radical reversals. We see it in the addict who suddenly is clean, the atheist who rabidly believes and on the field where certain loss is turned into victory. As amazing as those reversals are, nothing can compare to the Radical Reversal that Jesus brings into our lives as He Chooses us to be His adopted child, no longer a slave, but now a daughter, a son.

Week # 1 | 09.7/8 -- Nobody to Somebody

- Readings

- Primary Reading :: *1 Peter 2:1-12*; Key Verse :: *1 Peter 2:10*; Secondary Reading :: *John 15:12-17*
- We Value our Community // Serving and Welcoming

Through Jesus a Radical Reversal takes place in our lives, one where we are Chosen to be in His family, *“Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.”* Out of this incredible reversal we now live such good lives among our unbelieving neighbors that one day they too might know the joy of being Chosen.

Week # 2 | 09.14/15 -- Broken to Forgiven

- Readings

- Primary Reading :: *Luke 7:36-50*; Key Verse :: *Luke 7:47*; Secondary Reading :: *1 John 4:7-11*
- We Value Compassionate Care // Bringing Hope to the Hurting

Through Jesus a Radical Reversal from being broken to being forgiven takes place. When we grasp the depth that we have been forgiven it will lead us to love others with a radical love, for the one who has been forgiven much will love much.

Week # 3 | 09.21/22 -- Despised to Cherished

- Readings

- Primary Reading :: *John 4:1-29, 39-42*; Key Verse :: *John 4:42*
- We Value Compassionate Care // Bringing Hope to the Hurting

The Radical Reversal of Jesus moves us from despised to cherished. As Jesus comes face to face with a Samaritan woman despised by her community, He chooses to love her and show her that she is cherished. Jesus does the same for us so that we can do the same for others as we share the good News that Jesus is the Messiah.

Week # 4 | 09.28/29 -- Slave to Child

- Readings

- Primary Reading :: *Galatians 3:26-4:7*; Key Verse :: *Galatians 4:7*
- We Value Movement: Faith Doesn't Stand Still

In our baptisms Jesus Chooses us for the greatest Radical Reversal of all, *“Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are His child, God has made you His heir.”* Today soak in the truth that Jesus Chooses you!

September

1	Craig Baumann Perry Firkus Addison Fluegel Jaime Hegna Sandy Johnson Lois Langholz Maleah McKinley Angie Moris David Pearson Lily Pieper Stephanie Smith Ava Young		Vivienne Rothchild Matthew Varin Beth Welsh		11	Nathan Aladerks Samantha Ehler Luke Feuerherm Vivian Huska Bryan Jackson Lori Kane Aaron Waldo		Sherri Monson Brynn O'Neil Gina Ruesch Justin Sather Marna Uebler		John Horner Kyle McKinley Peggy Novak Aksel Rasmusson Mary Scott		Nicholas Larson Erin Mills Dan Powers Marlys Sobaski
2	Joan Bugnon Pamela Riley Laura Schumacher	6	Paisley Ash Karen Brown Eldon Engen Emma Goetz Jim Gullickson Madison Himes Julie Mittelholtz Niko Morris Mike Rygh Selah Stebbing		12	David Butina Noah Danner Killian Everson Lars Heggernes Tyler LaMott Craig Laue Ella Oehlke Spencer Sadowski Vicky Smith Sarah Stinogel Amanda Voth	16	James Biederman Lance Huebner Matteo Izzi Greg Johnson Mike Looney Zoe Marth Sarah Rasmussen Ruth Stakston Stacy Winter	21	Blake Fluegel Noah Gow Aisa Hartwig Arlene Holst Adele Salava Mark Sikorski Daniel Stoddard Dylan Walker	26	Mary Betts Kiera Daniels Sydney Fedorowski Sherri Graham Gianna Juliano Halle Myers Greta Norman Brady Perryman Dena Petrich Gregory Rohm Katherine Stebbing
3	Alexa Diedrich Oskar Ehnstrom Carol Houfer Artie Lehtonen Caleb McDonald Abi Naffziger Alexa Oehlke Carrie Steffel Lyndis Vander Louw Al Wilkie Cambelle Young	7	Parker Allen Donna Bargsten Taylor Casselberry Wyatt Crow Morgan Ingram Leann Radel Ellen Schubbe Kyle Topp		13	Franklin Anderson Taylour Blakeman Wesley Bloemendal Michaela Bradshaw Elizabeth Edwards Judy Lindemeier Jim Nassios Becky Nelson Chuck Nelson Teresa Raymer Ashley St. Clair Andy Stone Eleanor Young	17	Lucy Anderson Caitlyn Conway Cody Gerver Brian Ingram Dylan Longworth Brooke Salzman Ava Sonn Yvonne White Joseph Wolsky Owen Zeller	22	Michael Brandmire Jileen Cowley Steve Grovender Willy Mzenga Steph Odegaard Shari Opheim Nevalynn Peasley Jenni Rathousky Nicole Rosin Jason Sakizadeh Maggie Svoboda Patrick Svoboda Aaron Wesser Jo Youngquist Lisa Ziemer	27	Joseph Baumgarn Anika Bramer Maxwell Bramer Allyson Medin Ken Olson Don Amey Dan Field Corbin Johnson Janice Jones Karen Klingzing Jeanne Luebker Gary McDowell Cheryl Olstad Clark Peterson
4	Ann Baumann Liam Butler Frank Janssen Sara McConaughy Carolyn Ortiz Annette Reagan Dottie Rensenbrink Max Schissel Martin Strohfus Kristina Swanson Lily Thomson Isabella Trujillo Krista Uchal Coleen Vossen	8	Jack Bailen Evan LaMott Sharon Larson Hudson Lueders Kemal Munn Steve Rohlf Samuel Scholz Kathy Siegling Larry Young		14	Ronn Hannula Dan Hove Kelsie Knippenberg Alex Laney Paige Lee Sara Murray Ed Nelson Ray Nibbe Meghan Rheinberger Scott Schuenke Ethan Topp	18	William Anderson Brianna Andrasfi Sara Carson Dan Colvin Brennen Featherstone Cullen Featherstone Baylee Horner Mary Nesvig Kris Peterson Everly Phillipson Emma Stakston Emma Wilk	23	Angela Cowles Tim Fett Elizabeth Gustafson Bill Jacobus Stephen Jeske Molly Kieser Scarlett Ko Marilee Schoenewald Dorothy Wolfgram	29	Ole Anderson Amanda Durow Stephen Kiester Timothy Moody Stacy Parks Kalvan Reyes Stone Sterling Sonya Anderson
5	Ava Aune Camryn Connolly Dave de Zeeuw Brenda Engen Donavin Hansen Erik Hendrickson Christina Himes Denise Jenkins Mike Kinmouth	9	Jennifer Aspen Kim Beseman Joyce Biagini Keith Heintz Jennifer Mahlke Todd Rizzardi Abby Schouvieller		15	Lindsey Babin Adam Brandmire Lauren Bunge Brent Clifford Wyatt Crist Dominic Hansen Rocky Johnson	19	Susan Brusewitz Sara Cerza Melysa Ehnstrom Doug Jones Blaine Raymer Kari Schiltgen Emilee Trost Daniel Wegner Larry Wilford Bob Youngquist	24	Pat Clagherty Allison Marshall Connor McHarg Vince Setten Eve Wiebe	30	Mason Aspen Lory Cedarbloom Steven Joines Cayla Klusmann Lisa Kush Fred Peting Emily Rossow Neil Schwartz Sofia Tonolli
		10	Michael Albrecht Melissa Bjornson Madelyn Bjostad Robert Brings Sharon Fong Leeanne Grether Nancy McDonagh Leo McFarland Mikayla McKinley Sarah Nelson Dan Oehlke Sophia Van Jaarsveld				20	Spencer Dunham Wendy Ellwein Paul Gerver	25	Nathan Anderson Thomas Becken James Butzler Carl Clark Katie Featherstone Mary Galvin Avery Krause		

Birthdays

& Anniversaries

1	Robert & Sara Cerza Mark & Mary Shepperd Andy & Andrea Stakston Scott & Tina Stebbing	8	David & Dawn Butina Nathan & Amanda Fong Cody & Melissa Gerver Keith & Beth Heintz	13	Carl & Lynn Clark	20	Marc & Tina Raasch Bill & Mary Young Jake & Tara Dalbec Greg & Sheri Lewis	26	Caleb & Rachel Anderson Craig & Karen Bettmann Steve & Lilly Haehn Matt & Alyson Nelson
2	Ken & Marian Nelson Gregory & Heather Rohm Mark & Deborah Stutelberg	9	Leo & Denise McFarland Greg & Holly Rome	14	Tim & Jeannine Buchholz Ken & Julie Drevnick Paul & Amy Pflieger		Clark & Sandra Petersen Andrew & Holly Sonn Bruce & Vicki Strong Nic & Danielle Yee	27	Todd & Jennifer Schwarzenbach Mike & Jean Steingraber Chad & Colleen Vossen Nick & Lindsey Weiler
3	Harold & Joan Converse Dean & Gayle Huska Herb & Pat Morsching Harold & Nona Pearl	10	John & Marianne Eineke Jerry & Muriel Lindeman Paul & Joyce Stiebner Dan & Shelagh Stoerzinger	15	Paul & Stephanie Clagherty Bob & Jennifer Drayton Gary & Sarah Nelson Steven & Cheryl Stensvad Joseph & Erica Zilka	21	Peter & Barbara Fleming Brian & Carolee Mueller John & Kellie Clappier A.J. & Erin Ecker	28	Scott & Rachel Conant Dan & Susan Jamison
4	Cal & Nancy Branton Roger & Joy Hopke	11	William & Bernise Giefer Jon & Lisa Kush Tim & Sonya Mertens Paul & Sharon Neubrand Myron & Linda Tank	16	Jerry & Marge Helander Scott & Joy Ostrom Gary & Char Les Stohlmann John & Susan Wildman	22	John & Kellie Clappier A.J. & Erin Ecker Scott & Kate Groth Christina & Ronald Himes Fran & Nancy Menge Steve & Wendy Schultze	29	Todd & Anna Albrecht Csaba & Brianna Andrasfi Matthew & Michelle Cattell Ronn & Laurel Hannula Nick & Allison Ortiz Tom & Tara Schlattman John & Jenna Voyda Matthew & Lauren Young
5	Mike & Denise Guell Jack & Grace Lavers Francisco & Steph Penaloza	12	Nathan & Emily Anderson Steve & Lindsey Conley Richard & Brynn O'Neil Jerry & Diane Panning	17	Joe & Rachel Browning Harry & Cristina Gurrola Carl & Barbara Jackson Steve & Cynthia Matejka Bruce & Kaye Montgomery	23	Greg Bailen & Lainie Steffen Jim & Mary Lou Krengel Mark & Lisa Lodermeier Rick & Mary Scholz Don & Nancy Thaumert	30	Craig & Leanne Bloom Lee & Michelle Bunge Ben & Esther Kumpula Chris & Cheryl Tveit
6	Mike & Kelly Vo			18	Lou & Luanne Greengard Jesse & Angie Spates	24	Don & Nancy Thaumert		
7	James & Lee Fischer Wayne & Twyla Franzen Justin & Jenny Jurek Dick & Julie Peterson Jim & Yvonne White			19	Ryan & Tara Huppert Michael & Monica Knox	25	Don Dufresne & Jeanne Yee		

STORYTELLING TIMELINE

WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION THE PRAISEWORTHY DEEDS OF THE LORD, HIS POWER, AND THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE. (PSALM 78:4)

Every family has a story. Too often our families are bogged down in the day-to-day and forget we are part of something bigger. As parents and grandparents, we get the privilege of bringing context to the unique history of our families.

Take time this month to remind your children and grandchildren that they can be part of God's big story by creating a Storytelling Timeline.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- butcher paper or poster board
- markers

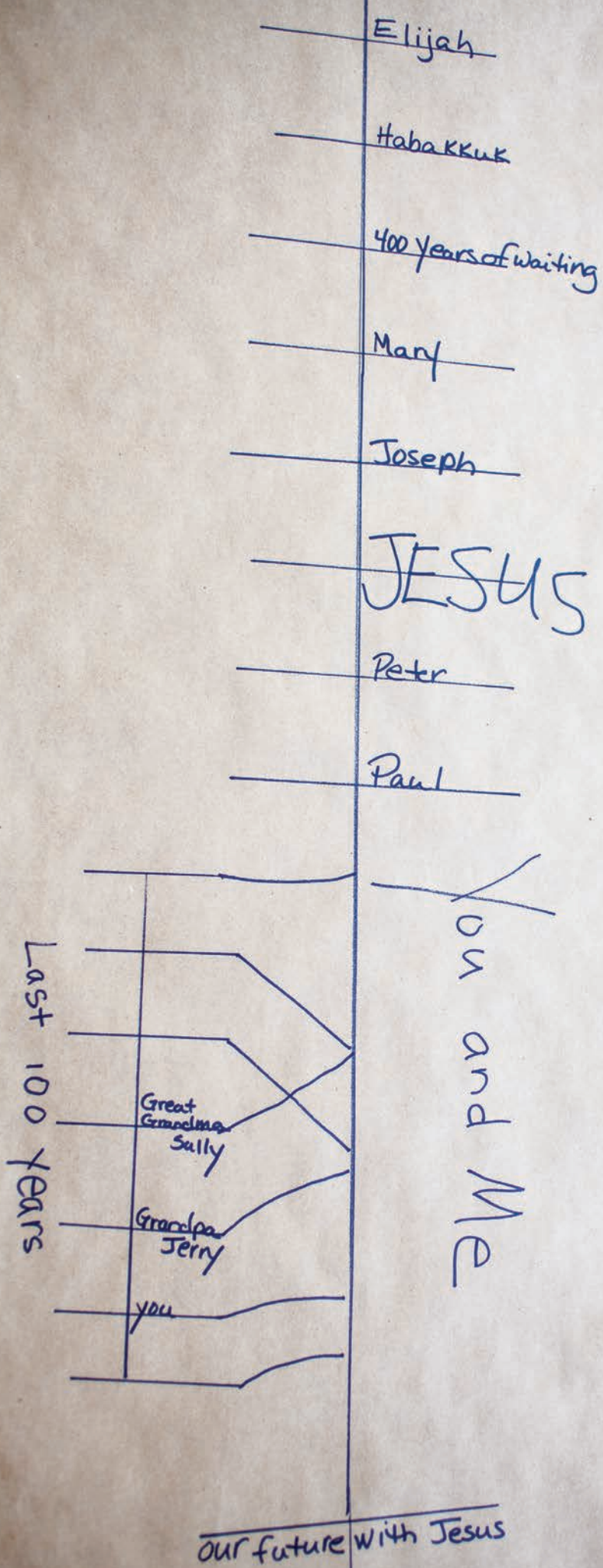
WHAT YOU'LL DO

1. Begin by drawing a timeline and listing some familiar names from The Big God Story.
 - Old Testament: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, Elijah, etc.
 - New Testament: Mary, Joseph, JESUS, Peter, Paul, etc.
2. After the New Testament names, leave a large gap and label it "You and Me."
3. Then, at the end of the timeline, mark Jesus'

return.

4. Make another, smaller timeline on the bottom of the butcher paper or poster board and label it "Last 100 Years."
5. On that timeline, begin adding names and birth years of your family members over the last 100 years. Allow your children and grandchildren to fill in their own names.
6. Now, draw a line from each person's name on the "Last 100 Years" timeline up to the big timeline above.
7. As you connect the lines, share as much as you know about each person, especially when it comes to his or her faith in Christ and how God has used or is currently using that person in His story.

By simply connecting the two timelines, you are showing your children and grandchildren where their lives fit into the grand narrative of The Big God Story. Share with them that their lives are just as much a part of God's story as were the lives of the people recorded in the Bible. Remind them that God has a unique plan for their lives and wants to use them to continue sharing His story and inviting others into relationship with Him.



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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 September 15 at 12:15pm, in room 1-250 (VC Fireside). Questions, call Pastor Tim at 651-739-5144.

READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP?

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

STOCK DONATIONS

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

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Scott Welle as he presents,

“Outperform the Norm--Raise Your Game” on September 12, at 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

CAREER TRANSITION CONNECTION

We welcome Julie Desmond as she presents, “Your Winning Resume: From ‘Okay’ to ‘Payday’” on September 26, 7pm, room 1-250 (VC). For more information about this event and CTC check out the website at www.careertransitionconnection.org.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Here are the programs that are offered at our three campuses for youth on Sunday mornings:

- Liberty Ridge Sunday Donut and Devotions (6th-12th): On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month we will gather to enjoy donuts together, play a game, do a devotional Bible study, and share highs and lows from our week. We will then 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. First meeting is September 15, 9-9:45am. Contact Laura at stennesL@woodburylutheran.org with any questions.
- Valley Creek Sunday Small Group (6-12th): A new Sunday AM small group is available at 11am for students who aren't available on Wednesday nights. If you're interested, connect with Lindsey Schmidt. This group will begin on Sept 15th.
- Oak Hill Sunday Youth Bible Study (6-12th): Sunday mornings youth Bible study starts on September 15, youth will gather at 9:15 am in the youth room (1-106). Questions? Contact Sarah Dibbern

WEDNESDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING

We are preparing and excited about what's in store for this upcoming school year! We have great ministry opportunities for students 6th-12th grade. All Youth ministries take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm, starting on September 11. The night

looks like this: 6-6:30pm, Game time; 6:30-7pm, Opening worship/games; 7-7:30pm, Large group teaching; 7:30-8:15pm, Small groups. We meet at both the Oak Hill and Valley Creek campuses (Liberty Ridge meets at VC campus). REGISTRATION is now open at wlc youth.org for:

- Sixers: our 6th grade ministry (available at the VC campus, at Oak Hill 6th grade are a part of Foundations); we spent the year studying the Lord's Prayer, the Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit, and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- Foundations: our 7th and 8th grade ministry: this year we will be diving deep into what we know and believe about Jesus and being His Disciple, it will be a journey through lots of core basics of faith and theology.
- Roots is our 9-12th grade ministry: Roots meets at both our VC and OH campuses and it's a great chance to grow your faith in community with other high schoolers! We'll spend time in Bible study, discussing relevant issues, praying for each other, and playing some ridiculously fun games!

YOUTH OPEN BRIDGE

Open Bridge is an after-school ministry at the Valley Creek campus for 6th-12th grade students to hang out, listen to music, talk to people who care, do homework, eat, play games, and be known. The Bridge is open on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:20pm during the school year. The cafe is open with snacks available to purchase (\$.25-\$3.50). Come stop in and hang out with friends.

VC DONUT TRAINING

Two training sessions at 9:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, Sept. 15 in the Bridge (VC). The donut sales fundraiser is for students in 8th-12th grade, but you must go through a brief (15 minute) training before participating.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

6th, 7th, & 8th graders, join us for some BIG Church games and bring a friend! This is an all campus event held at the Valley Creek Campus, September 20,

Getting Connected

6:30-8:30pm. Contact: Lindsey Schmidt.

COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

A free College Planning Strategies workshop for parents will be offered on Wednesday, October 2, 6:45-8pm in the Family Center (VC). This Thrivent led event will cover strategies on how to make college more affordable, how to navigate the application process, and how to make your family's college planning efforts as effective as possible. (No products will be sold at this event.) Questions can be directed to Patrick Brewer.

LIBERTY RIDGE BONFIRE & GAME NIGHT

Liberty Ridge Youth (6th - 12th grades) and their families are invited to Laura Stennes's house for a bonfire/game night on Oct. 6, 5:30-8:30 pm. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Laura Stennes at stennesl@woodburylutheran.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LUNCH

Sunday, October 13, 12:15-2:00. Senior year and the launch to life beyond is a tricky time for both parents and their children! This special lunch for current 12th graders and their parents will prepare you to navigate these last months well and prepare you to launch into what's next. A special "Senior Blessing" and the gifting of a new study Bible is also included. This event for 2020 grads is being held at VC and OH campus (LR attend at VC location). No cost. Please register at wlcyouth.org.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

Our next confirmation weekend is November 2/3, 2019. Sign up by September 29! 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.



PILGRIMAGE TO ALPINE EUROPE - OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

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

DONUTS FOR SALE

The youth are selling donuts from 9-11am in the VC lobby on Sunday mornings. Cost is \$1 (Apple Fritters are \$1.50). All proceeds go to youth as they raise funds to attend mission experiences and events at WLC. Come and support our youth and get a tasty treat as well. Donut sales start on Sept. 15. (High school students, who've completed donut training, can sign up to work on the VC youth bulletin board).



YOUTH SERVE

6th-12th grades are invited to serve all over our campuses in lots of different ways, from the VC Cafe on Sundays, to helping with clicking and sound, to greeting, nursery care, helping with Mouse choir, and assisting in Kids Link. Are you looking for a way to connect with others, serve, and have fun? Ask Lindsey, Patrick, Laura, or Sarah for ideas!!! We'd love to help you use your gifts around WLC! Wouldn't it be amazing if EVERY person at WLC was serving somewhere?!?!?

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 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.

September 2019 Calendar

2 (O, L, V) Offices Closed - Labor Day Holiday

Monday, All Day

2 (V) Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

Mondays, 12:00pm

Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974

3 (V) Cancer Companions

Tuesday, 7:00pm

Contact: Vicki Strong,
651-208-4353

5 (V) Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30pm

Contact: Larry Smith,
651-308-9113

7 (O) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 8:00am

Contact: Molly Schulze,
651-739-5144

7 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 7:00am

Contact: Jeff Linert,
651-387-9428

7 (V) Baptism Class

Saturday, 9:30am

Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-472-1975

9 (V) Monday Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 10:45am

Contact: Pastor Tim,
651-739-5144 x221

12 (V) Career Transition Connection

Thursday, 7:00pm

Contact: Tom Colosimo,
612-386-3715

16 (O) Women of the Word

Mondays, 9:30am

Contact: Jane Dibbern,
612-239-0258

18 (V) Women of the Word

Wednesdays, 9:15am

Contact: Brad Miller,
651-739-5144

20 (V) All Campus Middle School Mania

Friday, 6:30pm

Contact: Lindsey Schmidt,
651-739-5144

26 (V) Career Transition Connection

Thursday, 7:00pm

Contact: Tom Colosimo,
612-386-3715

28/29 (O, L, V) Baptism Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, All Services

Contact: Kandi Chavie,
651-739-5144

THE NEWS LETTER

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7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

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9050 60th Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082

Liberty Ridge Campus (L)
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St. Croix Campus (S)
Afton, MN 55001

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