

The WLC Weekly

Sharing the Love and Good News of Jesus Christ in our Homes, Church, Community and World

Holiday Worship Schedule

TODAY	Sunday School Christmas Program @ 5 pm
Dec. 11	Christmas Festival Concert @ 7:30 pm
Dec. 12	Christmas Festival Concert @ 7:30 pm
Dec. 13	Christmas Festival Concert @ 4 pm
Dec. 24	Sanctuary Services @ 4, 6, 11 pm; Genesis Service @ 4pm
Dec. 25	Sanctuary Service @ 10:00 am
Dec. 27	No Sunday School Classes
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service @ 7 pm
Jan. 1	Church Offices Closed
Jan. 3	No Sunday School Classes

Pathway Classes

Beginning Today @ 9:30 am

"Christian Ethics"

Facilitator: Dean Nadasdy

Location: Sanctuary

Participants will learn and apply basic Biblical moral principles to current issues challenging us in our home, work, and community settings. Pastor Dean is the primary instructor for the class.

"New Member Class"

Facilitator: Mary Lehman

Location: Fireside Room

Interested in joining the family at Woodbury Lutheran Church? This class is your introduction to who we are, our values and what makes us, us. This is the only Sunday adult class requiring registration. The next class begins December 6! Call Mary for more information or to register 651.739.5144 x201

"Raising Up Spiritual Champions"

Facilitator: Jane Dibbern

Location: Family Center

Raising Up Spiritual Champions provides a way to help kids answer the big questions about what it means to think and act like Jesus every day of their lives! Because most children's spiritual beliefs are in place by age 13, it is crucial that they acquire a biblical foundation for how they view themselves and the world. This program will help parents teach

God's truth during these all-important preteen years!

"Love and Respect: the Love She Most Desires; the Respect He Desperately Needs"

Facilitators: Mike & Jan Rygh
Location: Galatians Room

A class to help you learn how you can improve your marriage. Mike and Jan bring with them experience in leading other relationship building classes in a casual and comfortable style. They are the first to admit that they don't have all the answers but they do understand the value of working on your marriage.

"Sunday Faith & Friends"

Facilitator: Jeanne Dicke

Location: Joshua Room

We meet on Sunday to talk about our faith in Jesus and spend time with friends. (Formerly known as Friendship Group.)

Guy's Group: "Joseph, the Hard Life"

Facilitators: John Blaisdell and Tim Jones

Location: Ephesians Room

For a man with so much hope for the future, Joseph spent a good part of his life rejected, abandoned, and imprisoned. How did he endure the abuse, betrayal, disappointment and injustice so prevalent in his life? This four-part series takes a look at how the choices Joseph made helped him overcome every obstacle life threw at him.

Christmas Opportunities

Invite Your Neighbors this Christmas! As we look to the joy and excitement of this coming Christmas, take time to invite your neighbors and friends to our Christmas services. Come join us from 12 -

2 pm on Saturday, December 12, as we invite neighbors throughout the city of Woodbury. All it takes is a warm, friendly invitation to those in our community to bring the special joy of Christ this Christmas season. **Please sign-up at the Welcome Center or e-mail Vicar Mark at KoschmannM@woodburylutheran.org.** Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Christmas Dinner Gift Cards For Families in Need:

We are collecting \$30 Rainbow or Cub gift cards to help needy families this Christmas and in 2010! Purchase a gift card the next time you are at the grocery store and put the gift card in one of the CHRISTMAS DINNER envelopes and place it in the offering plate during any worship service through Sunday, December 13. You can also drop it off at the church office to Julie any time during the week, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm through Tuesday, December 15.

WLC Toy Trees are one of our favorite ways to help families for Christmas by purchasing a toy for a child! Because of the current economy, we have many additional families registered and in need of help. The Toy Trees will be located in the lobby outside of the Sanctuary and Genesis Room through December 13. Take a gift tag from the tree, buy a toy/gift card for that age child, return the item **unwrapped** and place it under the Toy Tree for collection or bring them to the church office through Tuesday, December 15.



Christmas Eve is right around the corner and it may be just the right time for you to serve in our nursery! It's a great chance to share the love of Jesus with little children and their parents. We'll have one nursery, Happy Hearts Toddler Nursery, open for the 4 pm and 6:00 pm services. Check the sign-up sheet in the nursery or on the bulletin board next to the Welcome Desk to serve. Contact Nancy Schubbe at 651-739-5144 ext. 203 or schubben@woodburylutheran.org if you have questions.

Children's Shoes Needed For Robin's Nest Children's Home:

Have your kids grown out of their shoes? Before disposing of them, consider bringing them to church for the boys and girls at Robin's Nest Children's Home in Jamaica. We are looking for new or gently used children's shoes for boys and girls especially sandals, tennis shoes and soccer shoes for play and black oxfords for school. Drop them off at Mary Lehman's office or call 651-739-5144 x201 for more information.

Start Shining Your Light This Christmas!

Porch Light Ministry is a simple way to serve the Lord and your community. Porch Lights welcome new residents to Woodbury while showing them the love of Jesus. Additional Second Touch Porch Lights are needed to add to our team. As a Second Touch Porch Light you will write a short note about WLC on four postcards inviting people to visit our church. No more than one hour a month is all the time that is needed! Everything else (postcards, new Woodbury resident addresses, and postage) is provided. Sign up today at the Porch Light table in the lobby.

Reminder First touch Porch Lights be sure to pick up your welcoming packets at the Porch Light table in the church lobby today. Also, second touch Porch Lights check your mail box for your welcoming cards.



"WELCOME THE CHILD"



Please plan to join us for the annual WLC Christmas Festival Concert to be performed on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. The concert features the Woodbury Lutheran Chorale, Celebration, Praise Band, Kids of the Kingdom, JuBELlee Ringers and a 30-piece orchestra. Tickets are available TODAY at the Welcome Center Desk. \$8/ticket suggested donation.

Upcoming Events

Career Transition Connection presents, "Being Emotionally Ready For Your Next Job", by Amy Zastrow this Thursday, December 10 from 7-8:30 pm in the Fireside Room. If you are angry because of a recent layoff or frustrated by your job search, it may hurt YOU in the long run. This experiential presentation will help you let go of negative emotions and focus on the positive. Time is given for networking and sharing.

Woodbury Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten's Annual Bake and Craft Sale will be held on Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 10 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The sale is located in the hallway outside the Genesis room. Proceeds will be used to support our preschool and kindergarten classes.

Soaring Eagles' Event Dates: "Christmas Open House" on Sunday, December 13 from 2-4pm followed by the WLC Christmas Festival Concert. Questions, contact Jane Dibbern, 739-5144 or dibbernj@woodburylutheran.org

Parent's Night Out, Saturday, December 19 from 5-9:00 pm in the Timothy Room. The cost is \$15.00 per child, a light snack is served! To sign up contact Kim Dolan at 763-670-9886 or just join us.

FYI

Most people can't identify a single risk factor or a warning sign of stroke, yet over 750,000 Americans will be affected by a stroke this year alone! **Life Line Screening will be at WLC on Monday, January 4.** Each screening takes about 10 minutes or less. The complete wellness package screening includes the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, ankle brachial index (hardening of the arteries and atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) for \$149. Appointment spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to 1-800-324-1851.

We are investigating the level of WLC member interest in using some of our **Afton land** to cultivate vegetables for Food Shelves next year. If you would like to help lead and/or plan this effort, please e-mail Ted Bolles (tedbolles@gmail.com) or call 308-5775.

Wanted: A host family home for a 17 year old Chinese student attending Hill Murray School on McKnight and Century beginning in January. Living expenses provided. Contact Bernice Bunkowske at 651-340-3366 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners! Join other members of Woodbury Lutheran Church in a meal. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Choose one or all three dates to meet with four couples or singles; each of you volunteer to bring part of a meal. The host provides the main dish others bring bread/rolls or a potato dish or dessert. A devotion is provided and the rest is food, fellowship and fun! It's a great way to meet other members!

The Christmas Holidays Can Be Painful The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with Shirley Mertens at 651-436-3329 to be put in contact with one of our trained Stephen Ministers.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School Classes

SonShine Sunday School
Ages 3 years-Kdgn.
Meet in your classroom

Kids Club
Grades 1-3
Meet in the Paul Room
Rock 4.5.6.
Grades 4-6
Meet in the Isaiah Room

Youth Ministries

Loaves and Fishes Service Event! Your next opportunity to serve is **Thursday**, December 10. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm and return by 7pm. To sign up email burkenl@woodburylutheran.org.

Frostbite Christmas Party! Come party up the holiday with food and music by DJ, Tim Dao in the Bridge on **Friday** December 18 from 7-11pm. There is a \$5 cover charge. Also come and watch some favorite Christmas movies, Elf and the Christmas Story, at the **Christmas Movie Day** on **Tuesday** December 22, from 7-11pm. 6th graders and up are welcome at both events!

Summer Mission Trip to Kansas City, MO will be June 27-July 2, 2010. The trip is open to those who have completed 6-8th grade in 2010. This trip is almost full! Deadline to sign up is Dec. 15. Contact Lindsey Burken with questions.

The Mexico Mission Trip to Villa Mainero, Mexico will be March 28-April 3, 2010. The cost is \$725 (we will be flying), with only 15 youth/college age spots available. Registration and FAQ form available online. Contact Derek Broten with questions.

The Bridge is open for all 7-12th graders on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3-7pm! On Tuesdays there will be manicures from 3-5pm and free tutoring from 5-7pm. Free hotdogs on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays!

Looking Ahead: Arctic Blast Retreat (formerly SnowRiot and Snowdaze) dates are Jan. 22-24 (7-9th) and Feb. 12-14 (9-12th). Watch for information and sign up at, www.wlcyouth.org.

One Day Ski Event (7-12th) to Afton Alps on Feb. 7, 1-10pm. Cost is \$23 for lift ticket and supper, free if you have an Afton Alps pass! Download registration form and/or pay online.

Joyful Giving

(As of December 1, 2009)

Year to Date Budget: \$1,922,817.00
Year to Date Actual: \$1,890,574.00
(**\$32,243.00**)

FINISH STRONG. Our budget for the coming year is based on contributions received in 2008. So the next few weeks are critical to our church finances. Thank you for giving and may the Lord bless your generosity.