

# The WLC Weekly

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

## Holiday Worship Schedule

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

## Pathway Classes

Sunday Mornings @ 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

### Christmas Dinner Gift Cards For Families in Need:

We are still 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 bring it to the church office through Tues-

day, December 15.

**WLC Toy Trees** are located in the lobby outside of the Sanctuary and Genesis Room. Take a gift tag from the tree, buy a toy/gift card for that age child, return the item **unwrapped** 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](mailto: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 join us for the last performance of the **WLC Christmas Festival Concert TODAY** 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. \$8/ticket suggested donation.

**Upcoming Events**

**Soaring Eagles' Event Dates:** "Christmas Open House" TODAY from 2-4pm followed by the WLC Christmas Festival Concert. Questions, contact Jane Dibbern, 739-5144 or [dibberni@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:dibberni@woodburylutheran.org)

**Parents' Night Out** on Saturday, December 19 from 5-9:00 pm in the Timothy Room. Cost is \$15/child, a light snack is served! Contact Kim Dolan at 763-670-9886 or just join us!

**FYI**

**Robin's Nest Orphanage in Jamaica** Woodbury Lutheran has been blessed to raise \$22,000 for Robin's Nest Orphanage in Jamaica. This money has been raised by selling home made mittens made from recycled sweaters. A used 15 passenger van was purchased for \$12,000. Our next goal is to purchase a used truck. Mittens will be sold for the last time this year TODAY in the lobby. Thanks to all those who have supported this wonderful mission.

**BUTTONS, BUTTONS, BUTTONS!** Who's got the buttons? They are still needed for the mitten ministry. Please drop them off at the Welcome Center Desk in the church lobby.

**I would like to thank everyone at WLC for your continued prayers and concern during my recent brain surgery and now during my recovery at home.** God is so good and I am so grateful that my tumor was benign. A special "Thank You" to Pastor Nadasdy and Pastor Pfothenauer for your visits at the hospital. Also, "Thank You" to the prayer chain for including me in your prayers. Prayer is so powerful and WLC has been such a blessing in my life. Julie Morgan

**I want to thank everyone for the gift of their prayers, help and support during the last two years.** I am reminded daily that God is good and He provides for all my needs in ways that I cannot predict or imagine. You have been His messengers and I am so grateful. Carol Nelson

**Thank you everyone for your participation in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection.** With the help of many WLC members, non-

members, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, the Alley, the community and other churches and organizations we were able to prepare, collect and carton 3,977 shoeboxes at WLC during National Collection Week. Keep these children in your prayers as they receive the shoeboxes along with the good news of God's love for them.

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](mailto: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!

If you missed getting one of the recordings of Mark Shepperd's **40th Anniversary Concert** last May, there are a few left. All of the music on the recording has been written by Mark during his 40 years of music ministry. You can get them by contacting either Mark or Tom Vaaler. They would make a great Christmas gift and the proceedings go directly to support the music program at WLC. The cost is \$18 per CD.

**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 avail-

able. 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**

**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](http://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 2009. So the next few weeks are critical to our church finances. Thank you for giving and may the Lord bless your generosity.