

The WLC Weekly

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

Holiday Worship Schedule

Dec. 24	Sanctuary Services @ 4 & 6 pm & 11 pm with Communion
Dec. 25	Genesis Service @ 4pm Sanctuary Service with Communion @ 10:00 am
Dec. 27	No Sunday School JOURNEY Worship
Dec. 28	Church Offices Closed
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service with Communion @ 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

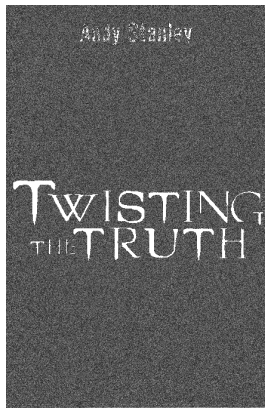
Location: Ephesians Room

For a man with so much hope for the future, Joseph spent a good part of his life rejected, abandoned, and imprisoned. This four-part series takes a look at how the choices Joseph made helped him overcome every obstacle life threw at him.

New Women's Bible Study, "The Esteemed Journey—Discovering Your Full Worth in Christ"

This six week study begins on Tuesday, January 5 through February 9 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Isaiah Room. More information is available online and at the Welcome Center Desk.

Please register with Mary Lehman Lehmanm@woodburylutheran.org or call 739-5144 x201. Cost \$9. Invite a friend!



New Men's Bible Study, "Twisting the Truth"

begins Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 in the Ephesians Room. The most dangerous lies are the ones you never notice. Common but deadly deceptions impact you every day. They can twist your thinking in ways you'd never expect and leave you with a life you never imagined. Your ability to recognize them can spell the difference between happiness and the loss of all you hold dear. Do you see them? In this six-session small group video experience, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us discover the ways the truth gets twisted in our lives and culture and, more importantly, how we can recognize and overcome them.

Christmas Opportunities

Christmas Eve Nursery Workers Are Needed! It's a great chance to share the love of Jesus with little children and their parents. We'll have one nursery open for the 4 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.

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.

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.

FYI

Healing Service TODAY! If you are in need of prayer for physical, mental or emotional healing please join us for the Healing Service in the Fireside Room after the second service at 12:15 pm.

Heartfelt Thanks to Pastor Nadasy and the Woodbury Lutheran Church staff who were so helpful in ministering to our family in the recent death of Harlan. Also, thank you to the many friends here at WLC and their expressions of sympathy. We are thankful Harlan has reached his heavenly home and look forward to being reunited again on that great day! Phyllis Biebighauser

Spring Break Mexico Mission Trip is now open to the congregation! The church in Villa Mainero opened its doors back up five and a half years ago...the same year that we brought our first group down. We have been supporting this church from its new beginning and have seen it grow from a few people to a full church. This is more than a mission trip it is a family reunion. This year we will be hosting a VBS and doing some cement work to help put a roof on the church. We will be going during spring break, March 28-April 3, 2010. The cost is \$725 (we will be flying). Registration and FAQ form available at www.wlcyouth.org. Contact Derek Broten at ext. 211 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

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. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with Tamara Karlstrand at 651-458-3775 to be put in contact with one of our trained Stephen Ministers.

Upcoming Events

Career Transition Connection presents, "Retirement Plan Distributions: Making Informed Financial Decisions When in Transition", by speaker, Lynette Mahlke, on Thursday January 14 from 7-8:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Lynette will be exploring the various methods of handling 401k's, IRA's and more during this time of financial challenge. She will also be discussing roll-overs of investments as people leave a job for another position and how to best handle that. As has become part of the CTC ministry, we will have a resume specialist available prior to each meeting from 6-7:00 pm to review and critique resumes. The goal of the CTC is to reach out for support to those people in career transition in a Christian environment.

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

Christmas Movie Day (6-12th) on **Tuesday**, December 22, 7-11pm. Come watch some Holiday favorites, Elf and the Christmas Story.

NO Foundations and Deep Impact on Dec. 23, 30 and Jan. 6. And **NO Sunday Impact and Powerhouse** on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Merry Christmas!

Foundations "All Dressed Up" Drama will be **Wednesday**, January 6, 6-7:30pm. This is required for youth and a parent to attend once during the three years of foundations. Looking ahead **Session Four Foundations** classes begin on January 13, 6-7:30pm, meet in Genesis.

Christmas Eve Candle Bearers are needed for the 4pm, 6pm or 11pm Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, December 24. We need 8 youth at each service and you will earn 3 1/2 service hours. There will be a rehearsal on Monday, Dec 21 at 6pm. Please wear nice clothes and arrive 15 minutes before your assigned service to get ready. Sign up online or contact Lindsey Burken.

The Mexico Mission Trip to Villa Mainero, Mexico will be March 28-April 3, 2010. Registration has now been opened to all youth and their families. The cost is \$725 (we will be flying), there are 20 spots available. Registration and FAQ form available online.

The Bridge is open for all 7-12th graders on T, W and TH, 3-7pm! Check out www.wlcyouth.org for the holiday schedule.

Looking ahead: Arctic Blast Retreats (formerly SnowRiot and Snowdaze) dates are Jan. 22-24 (7-9th) and Feb. 12-14 (9-12th).

One Day Ski Event (7-12th) to Afton Alps, the date has changed to March 7, sign up online.

Joyful Giving

(As of December 14, 2009)

Year to Date Budget: \$2,210,000.00
Year to Date Actual: \$1,997,160.00
(\$21,284.00)

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.