

The WLC Weekly

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

Holiday Worship Schedule

Dec. 27	No Sunday School No Pathway Classes 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 No Pathway Classes

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.)

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.

FYI

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

Have your kids grown out of their shoes? 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.



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.

From theAlley Church:

First, I would like to thank you and Woodbury Lutheran Church for launching theAlley Church and for providing critical financial support and, most importantly, prayer and encouragement to us every step of the way. I especially want to thank you for your leadership in helping theAlley become an officially rostered congregation of the MN South District. Your work is very much appreciated. Second, as the next step in establishing theAlley as its own church body, we have extended a call to Pastor Ben Griffin to serve as our pastor, officially. Once again, thank you so much for your support!

Stan Thompson,
President of the Congregation

The Youth 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.

Upcoming Events

Career Transition Connection presents, "Retirement Plan Distributions: Making Informed Financial Decisions When in Transition", by 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 rollovers 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.

The Annual Financial Review Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24 following the second service in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions regarding budget, this is the time to ask them! For more information, please contact Mark Stutelberg at 651-739-5144, ext. 202.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31 following the second service in the Sanctuary. A light "Subway" lunch will be served as usual in the Isaiah Room at 12:30 with the congregational meeting following in the Sanctuary at 1:00 pm. Please plan to join us!

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

NO Foundations and Deep Impact on Dec. 30. And **NO Sunday Impact and Power-house** on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Happy New Year!

Girls Day in the Bridge- All girls 6th grade and up come to the bridge on Tuesday, Dec. 29 from 3-7pm for a fun day just for the girls!. We will be doing Nails, baking, watching a chick flick, jewelry making and more.

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 4 foundations classes begin on January 13, 6-7:30pm, meet in Genesis.

The Bridge is open for all 7-12th graders. Holiday hours: Dec. 29: 3-7pm GIRLS DAY; Wednesday Dec. 30: 3-7pm Open Bridge. Bridge opens for regular hours on January 5.

Bridge Homework Help: Start the new year off right beginning the week of Jan. 5, every Tues, Wed, and Thurs we have tutors in the Bridge ready to help with homework, for free!!! Come by between 3-5pm (3-7pm on Tuesdays) and they'll proof your paper, review that tricky math assignment, or help you study for science or history. Hate studying alone? Bring a friend and study in the Bridge!!!

Loaves and Fishes Service Event Your next opportunity to serve is **Thursday, January 14.** We meet at church at 4:30pm and return by 7pm. To sign up email burkenL@woodburylutheran.org.

The Mexico Mission Trip to Villa Mainero Mexico will be spring break March 28-April 3, 2010. Registration has now open 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.

Arctic Blast Jr. High (7-9th) Retreat is January 22 -24, 2010 (formerly called 'Snow Riot'). Join cool fabulous adults and teen leaders at Camp Lebanon. Activities include; snow tube, learn about what it means to be RUST FREE (bright and shiny in a world full of junk), play carpetball, sleep in cabins, play broomball, ping pong and other fun games, sing praise to Jesus with a great praise band and a free T-shirt. Cost is \$100 by Jan. 3, after that \$115 until full. Download registration form and pay online at www.wlcyouth.org. Contact: Joel Symmank.

Looking ahead: Sr. High Arctic Blast Retreat (formerly Snow daze) dates are Feb. 12-14 (9-12th). Cost is \$100 before Jan. 20 and \$115 until Feb 7.

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

Come and serve and earn service hours for foundations, mission trips or NYG. on Thursday, January 14. The Woodbury Lutheran Preschool Open House needs up to 10 volunteers, either junior or senior high to serve from 6-8:30pm. You can earn 2 1/2 service hours! Also on February 20, we need 8 SENIOR HIGH volunteers for the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 -10:00 am. Contact Jennifer Reinhard at jkreinhard@comcast.net to volunteer to sign up!

Want to receive a weekly email with updates about events, service opps, fund raisers and more? Email Stacy winter and request your email be added to the list.

Joyful Giving

(As of December 21, 2009)

Year to Date Budget: \$2,043,026.00
Year to Date Actual: \$2,210,000.00
(**\$166,974.00**)

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.