

# The WLC Weekly

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

## 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.)

### Women of the Word: Start

out your New Year in a wonderful way! Two new Bible studies will be beginning January 6 at 9:15 am in the Fireside Room: "The Friendships of Women" and "The Parables of Jesus". Join us every Wednesday morning for worship, fellowship and Bible Study. Quality childcare is available upon registration of all children. For more information on these two new classes and how to register your children, go to [www.woodburylutheran.org](http://www.woodburylutheran.org) click on ministries, then women's ministries, then Women of the Word. Any questions, contact Natascha Mishacoff at (651)905-3629 or Diane Panning at (715) 386-8163

### 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 [lehmeh@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:lehmeh@woodburylutheran.org) or call 739-5144 x201. Cost \$9.

### 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. Your ability to recognize them can spell the difference between happiness and the loss of all you hold dear. In this six-session small group video experience, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. and, more importantly, how we can recognize and overcome them.

## FYI

### Christmas Decoration Take Down! Many hands make light work

and we really need your hands to help take down and pack away Christmas decorations for another year. We will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 10:00 am in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Noennig at 651-702-1381.

### 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 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.wlc youth.org](http://www.wlc youth.org). Contact Derek Broten at ext. 211 for more information.

### From the Alley Church:

First, I would like to thank you and Woodbury Lutheran Church for launching the Alley 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 the Alley become an officially rostered congregation of the MN South District. Your work is very much appreciated. Second, as the next step in establishing the Alley 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

### Resolve to do more Outreach in

2010! 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 First Touch Porch Lights are needed to add to our team. As a First

Touch Porch Light you will welcome four new residents (your neighbors) to Woodbury by delivering a welcome package. No more than one hour a month is all the time that is needed! The welcome packages and addresses are provided. You provide the smile and warm greeting. Sign up today at the Porch Light table in the lobby.



**Porch Light Reminder** First Touch Porch Lights be sure to pickup 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.

**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!

**Woodbury Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten For 2010-2011 Enrollment** 2010-2011 enrollment time is here! Our enrollment process is based on a priority system. *Woodbury Lutheran church members and current students and siblings have top priority for registration. For first consideration, completed enrollment forms and fees will be accepted beginning Monday, January 4.* Enrollment forms are available from our school office Monday through Friday from 8-4pm or online at [www.woodburylutheran.org/school](http://www.woodburylutheran.org/school). Forms will be sent home with our current students the week of January 4. New options for longer class times and extended day are available for 2010-11! For more information, contact Dorothy Blaisdell, Director at 651-739-5146.

**The Woodbury Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten School Board and Staff would like to thank everyone for supporting the Craft and Bake Sale held in December.** Almost \$2000 was raised in sales and supporting contributions, along with a contribution from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The proceeds are used to purchase large muscle toys, musical instruments, classroom

furnishings as well as a small portion of the funds designated toward the new playground. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this a successful fundraiser!

**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. We will have a resume specialist available prior to each meeting from 6-7:00 pm to review and critique resumes.

**Preschool/Kindergarten Open House & Family Fun Night!** Have you heard about the top quality, weekly early education classes offered to young children ages 3-6 at Woodbury Lutheran? Join us for our annual Open House & Family Fun Night on **Thursday, January 14 from 6-8:00 P.M.** Visit classrooms, meet our exceptional staff, and take part in many fun family activities. Tons of fun for the whole family! We will begin accepting 2010-2011 enrollment from new, non-WLC member families on this night. Questions? Contact the school office at 651-739-5146 or e-mail [blaisdelld@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:blaisdelld@woodburylutheran.org)

**Parent's Night Out**, Saturday, January 16 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.

**Youth Ministries**

**Youth Event Planning Meeting** on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All Youth (7th-12th)

are welcome to join us on January 5, 6pm in the Bridge. This is YOUR chance to help decide what events take place in the bridge. Have a band you'd like to see, an event idea that everyone will love, just like to be involved? THIS is for YOU!

**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.

**Session 4 Foundation Classes** begin on January 13, 6-7:30pm, meet in Genesis.

**Bridge Homework Help:** Start the new year off right ! Beginning the week of Jan. 5, every Tues, Wed, and Thurs, we will have tutors in the Bridge ready to help with homework. Come 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 together! Regular Bridge hours resume on Jan. 5.

**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](mailto:burkenL@woodburylutheran.org).

**Come, serve and earn service hours for Foundations, mission trips or NYG.** Preschool open house needs 10 volunteers, junior or senior high from 6-8:30pm on Jan. 14. Earn 2 1/2 service hours. Contact Jennifer Reinhard at [jkreinhard@comcast.net](mailto:jkreinhard@comcast.net) to volunteer to help.

The **Mexico Mission Trip** to Villa Mainero, Mexico will be during spring break March 28-April 3, 2010. Registration is 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. Sign up by January 13.

**Jr. High (7-9th) Artic Blast Retreat** (formerly Snow Riot), dates are January 22-24, 2010. Join cool, fabulous adults and teen leaders at Camp Lebanon. Activities include: snow tubing, carpetball, broomball, ping pong, sleeping in cabins, awesome praise and worship, your very own free t-shirt and learning what it means to be RUST FREE by staying bright and shiny in a world full of junk! Cost is \$100 by Jan. 3, after that \$115 until full. Download registration form and pay online at [www.wlcyouth.org](http://www.wlcyouth.org). Contact: Lindsey Burken.

**Sr. High Arctic Blast Retreat** (formerly Snow Daze) dates are Feb. 12-14 (9-12<sup>th</sup>). Activities include: snow tubing, carpetball, broomball, ping pong and other fun games. Learn what it means to be RUST FREE by staying bright and shiny in a world full of junk! Cost is \$100 by Jan. 3, after that \$115 until full. Download registration form and pay online at [www.wlcyouth.org](http://www.wlcyouth.org). Contact: Lindsey Burken. Cost is \$100 before Jan. 20 and \$115 until Full. Information and Sign up available online.

**Want to receive a weekly email with updates about events, service opps, fund raisers and more?** Email [winters@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:winters@woodburylutheran.org) and request your email be added to the list.

**Joyful Giving**  
(As of December 21, 2009)

<b>Year to Date Budget:</b>	<b>\$2,210,000.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Actual:</b>	<b>\$2,043,026.00</b>
	<b>(\$166,974.00)</b>

**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.