

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 March 7! 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: It's not too late to join weekly Bible Study class. Two new studies have just begun and we would love to have you join us for Bible study and fellowship. We meet Wednesday mornings at 9:15 in the Fireside Room. Quality childcare is available upon registration of all children. For more information on the two new classes offered, go to www.woodburylutheran.org and click on ministries, women's ministries and then Women of the Word. Any questions call 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 lehmanm@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

Mission Trip Opportunities: TODAY following late Genesis service in the Genesis room, there will be a brief informational meeting about our 2010 mission opportunities to Ecuador (April 5-12); to Alaska (July 8-18) and Venezuela sometime in late July.

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). Contact Derek Broten at ext. 211 for more information.

Stock Donation in December! If you donated stock to Woodbury Lutheran Church in December and **didn't** notify us, please contact Treacie Horner at 651-731-3349.

Offering statements for January through December of 2009 are now available in your church mailboxes. If you have any comments or questions concerning your statement, contact Mike Hunst at 651-735-5619.

The Annual Financial Review Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24 following the second service in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions regarding the 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!

RESOLVED TO GET ORGANIZED? Remember to organize your life affairs too! Life Planning Ministries has recommendations for financial/legal affairs that should be reviewed each year. You can pull up the article online at <http://www.woodburylutheran.org/lifeplanning/yearend.html> or pick up a paper copy on the Life Planning Ministries wall in the lobby. Questions or need help? Contact Vicki Strong, Life Planning Ministries, strongv@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5144, ext. 236.

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. New options for longer class times and extended day are available for 2010-11! Contact Dorothy Blaisdell, Director at 651-739-5146.

Upcoming Events

Disabilities Ministries invites our congregation, family and friends to a Hearts and Hands event with, "Dave The Amazing Yoyo Guy", on Friday Jan. 15 from 7:30-8 pm in the Isaiah Room. Questions Maureen Stoffel 612-719-0661.

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.

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**,

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 email blaisdell@woodburylutheran.org.

The WLC Preschool and Kindergarten's "Play in the Spirit" campaign to build a playground for all the children here at Woodbury Lutheran Church, announces one of our grandest efforts so far: a Gala held on March 6, at the Oak March Golf Course. Tickets will be sold in advance and will include dinner, live and silent auctions and musical entertainment. Please consider attending this event and or making a cash or auction item donation. There will be tables this week and next in Lobby/Genesis lobbies where you can purchase tickets, make donations or get information. For more information contact Natascha Mishacoff at 651-905-3629.

DADS AND SONS...Listen Up! Junkyard Wars, a great night out for dads and sons is coming Friday, January 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at WLC. The event is designed for boys (Grades K-5) and their dads. You'll have a chance to play with tools, make stuff, run around and get sweaty! It'll be great. If dad isn't available that evening, grandpa, uncle or adult friend are welcome to participate. Cost is \$8.00 and registration is required. Check your mail for registration form or pick up one up at KIDZONE or email dib-berni@woodburylutheran.org. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 27. Questions, contact Jane Dibbern, 739-5144x208.

Trained volunteers from local churches continue to be an important part of the City of Woodbury's disaster plan. Volunteer Emergency Response Team (VERT) training is provided free on a regular basis for current and new VERT members. Upcoming Train-

ing: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Thursday, February 4, 6 - 9 p.m., Saturday, February 6, 9 - Noon. American Heart Association-certified CPR classes will be offered in March.

To sign up for February classes or to learn more about becoming a VERT volunteer, email Vicki Strong, strongv@woodburylutheran.org, or leave a message at 651-739-5144, ext. 236. All classes are held at the City Center fire station located just off Valley Creek on Radio Drive.

Youth Ministries

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

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 hotdogs on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays! Homework Help?! Start the new year off right every Tues, Wed, and Thurs we have tutors in the Bridge ready to help with homework. For free!!! 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 in the Bridge!!!

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

Come, Serve and Earn Service Hours for Foundations, mission trips or NYG. Preschool open house needs 10 volunteers, jr. or sr. high from 6-8:30pm on Jan. 14. Earn 2 1/2 service hours. Contact Jennifer Reinhard at 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 has

now 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. Sign up by Jan. 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, carpet ball, 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. Contact: Lindsey Burken.

Sr. High Arctic Blast Retreat (formerly Snow Daze) dates are Feb. 12-14 (9-12th). 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. Contact: Lindsey Burken. Cost is \$100 before Jan. 20 and \$115 until Full. Information and Sign up available online.

WEEKLY GIVING VERSE: "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21

Joyful Giving Year End

(As of December 31, 2009)

Year to Date Budget: \$2,210,000.00
Year to Date Actual: \$2,187,735.00
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Although we finished slightly behind budget for contributions, we also were below budget for expenses. Thank you for your support!