

THE WLC WEEKLY



SHARING THE LOVE AND GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST
IN OUR HOMES, CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

March 7-14, 2010

Lent & Easter Schedule

Wednesdays During Lent

Noon Devotional (S)
5:15 pm Lenten Dinner (G)
6:30 pm Vesper Service (S)

Holy Week

Maunder Thursday, April 1

5:30 pm Congregational Seder
7:30 pm Worship Service
9:00 pm Prayer Vigil Begins

Good Friday, April 2

Noon Devotional
7:30 pm Worship Service
Midnight Prayer Vigil Ends

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:00 am Sunrise Service (S)
w/Communion
7-11:00 am Easter Breakfast
8:00 am Easter Service (S)
9:30 am Easter Service (S & G)
11:00 am Easter Service (S & G)
w/Communion

S=Sanctuary; G=Genesis

LENTEN DINNERS

Join us for our delicious Lenten Dinners served each week during Lent from 5:15-6:15pm in the Genesis Room. Each week TST Creative Catering offers two types of soup, a salad, bread/crackers and a dessert. Vesper Service follows at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5; family max \$20 & kids under 5 eat free.

March 10:

Baked Potato/Beef Barley Soup
Salad; Bread & Crackers; Dessert

Pathway Classes

"Essential New Testament Words"

Facilitator: *Dean Nadasdy*
Location: *Sanctuary*

This spring our Sanctuary Bible Studies focus on "Essential New Testament Words." Each Sunday, 9:30-10:30 am, beginning March 7, participants will look at a key word in the New Testament, studying its background, Old Testament roots, partner words, and significance for our walk with Christ. Join us for this large group

Bible study, and be sure to bring your Bible.

"Coffee Shop Bible Study"

Facilitator: *Mark Koschmann*
Location: *Caribou Coffee in Woodbury*

Grab a cup of coffee, bring your Bible and join us as we study the book of Ephesians.

"Fireproof Your Marriage"

Facilitator: *Jane Dibbern*
Location: *Family Center*

THIS CLASS BEGINS MARCH 30!

Fireproof Your Marriage will challenge you to love better, to love first and to love for a lifetime! It is founded on Biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriages. Engage in a 6-session study, using video clips from FIRE-PROOF, along with thought provoking discussion questions and individual and couple's devotionals. Sessions included: He Said/She Said, He First Loved Us, Love for a Lifetime, Breaking Free, Forgiveness, and A Better Way of Loving.

Men's Bible Study, "When Worldviews Collide"

Facilitators: *John Blaisdell & Dave Nelson*

Location: *Ephesians Room*

Perhaps more than ever before, our culture is being influenced by non-Christian belief systems. Here's a new small-group study written by a former Muslim designed to develop a Christian's theology and doctrine for the purpose of building confidence in personal evangelism and engaging their culture with absolute biblical truth. In addition, it helps adults identify ways false teachings make an impact on our society and to take actions that promote a biblical worldview. Other faiths covered include Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and Buddhist.

"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. Call Mary for more information or to register 651.739.5144 x201

"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.

Featured Ministry

March is Disabilities Awareness Month!

We will have many resources and service opportunities available for you! Stop by our display table in the Lobby and outside the Genesis Room after or between services every Sunday during the month of March to learn more about how you can get involved!

Serving Opportunities

Project Home: For the month of March homeless families from St. Paul will sleep here at WLC. If you are interested in spending an evening or overnight serving these families in need, you may sign up in the lobby or contact Connie Sabbann at 731-6236 or msabbann@usgo.net. Project Home is in need of the following items: new underwear and socks of all sizes; travel-size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes; used towels and washcloths; disposable diapers and baby wipes; healthy snacks and juice. Please drop items in the box by the Information Desk. Thank you!

Interested in serving in the Phillips Neighborhood in Minneapolis?

Beginning Thursday, March 18, we will be serving a free community meal at Trinity First Lutheran Church. What a great opportunity for families, small groups and students to serve together and take it to the streets! We will carpool from WLC @ 4:30 pm and should be back by 7pm. To get involved, contact Lori Golden at 651-459-9533 or goldenl@yahoo.com

Got a Mini Van? WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for some fine people to help shuttle folks from the parking lot across the street to the church and vice versa so



that we can help alleviate the parking crunch on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mark Stutelberg at 651-739-5144. Thank you!

Invite Neighbors this Holy Week!

Come join us from 12- 2pm on Saturday, March 27, as we invite neighbors throughout the city of Woodbury. All it takes is a warm, friendly invitation to those in our community to bring the hope and life of Christ this Easter. Please talk to Pastor Tom or Vicar Mark to sign up.

As Spring is a time of renewal, so can you provide a fresh start in someone's life.

Volunteer as Porch Light and welcome new residents to your neighborhood in Woodbury. This simple act will help to show them the love of Jesus. As a First Touch Porch Light team member you will welcome four new residents (your neighbors) to Woodbury each month by delivering welcome packets. No more than one hour a month is needed! Sign up today at the Porch Light table in the lobby. **Porch Light Reminder!** Porch Lights be sure to pickup your welcome packets or welcome cards today.

Upcoming Events

The WLC 10th Annual Festival of Christian Art begins March 10! The art festival has three objectives: first, to glorify God; second, to showcase the work and witness of Christian artists, and third, to provide a visual setting for meditation, prayer, and worship in our Sanctuary. This year's exhibit begins March 10 and runs through March 28 from noon to 4:30 pm daily.



Back to the St. Croix Campus Come join us this Sunday (and every Sunday) at 2PM at the St. Croix Campus (the corner of Bailey and Manning) for a great time of fellowship and competitive games of Ultimate Frisbee. Contact Vicar Mark for more details.

Career Transition Connection presents, "Finding Hope in What Seems Like a Hopeless Situation", by Michelle Wuollett on Thursday, March 11 from 7-8:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Career and Life Coach, Michelle Wuollett will lead you and others on a journey to finding the HOPE you need to keep going. We will have a resume specialist available prior to each meeting from 6-7:00 pm to review and critique resumes. For more information, contact Tom Colossimo at 612-386-3715.

Journey to Financial Freedom Class: Learn practical steps you can take immediately to start getting out of debt; learn how to gain financial freedom for you and your family; learn practical methods to control your spending; discuss the most common budget-busters for families, as well as how you can overcome them. Class runs March 6-April 17 from 9-11:30 am in the Isaiah Room. Cost is \$12. Questions? Contact Tom Tibbetts @ 651-247-0501.

Are you and your family in need of a budget reality check? A series of three "Debt Proof Your Family"

seminars will be offered at WLC for parents of kids in grades 3-8 in March. The first is **Making a Family Budget that Sticks** with Lori Nixon on Tuesday, March 9, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Ephesians Room. A certified budgeting professional, Lori provides financial education to individuals and families. No registration is required.

Exultate's Festival Choir and Orchestra presents, "They Shall Have Rest—The Requiems of Gabriel Faure and John Rutter" Come hear 100 of the area's best voices and instruments perform these beloved works on Saturday, March 13 at Woodbury Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost \$15/20 and are available through Exultate by calling 651-707-0727. Tickets are also available at the door.

SANCTITY OF LIFE MEETING! A group of ordinary people has gathered together with one single interest: the sanctity of life. Why not put your convictions to work by joining us on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church in Woodbury to discuss pro-life issues of importance in the Woodbury community. We ask you to join in the defense of those who are completely defenseless, the unborn. For more information, contact us at 651-730-1726.

Parent's Night Out, Saturday, March 20 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.

FYI

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME is next Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** an hour on Saturday evening!



Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Kyle Castens from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would

like to meet with you at WLC on Wednesday, March 24 between 1 and 3 pm. Rev. Castens is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages—elementary school through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. Please call the church office at 651-739-5144 to schedule an appointment.

Neighbor to Neighbor Join us from 12-2PM on Saturday, March 27th, as we invite neighbors throughout the city of Woodbury to worship with us this Holy Week. All it takes is a warm, friendly invitation to those in our community to bring the hope and life of Christ this Easter. **Please talk to Pastor Tom or Vicar Mark to sign up.**

Members for Church Council Prayer Team Wanted! The vision for this team is that the members will pray for the needs of the Council on a regular basis and will gather as a team for group prayer a couple of times a year. If the Holy Spirit is leading you to be a part of this team, please contact John Baranick, Council President, 651-739-7532 or john_baranick@yahoo.com, or Don Arndt, Prayer Team Leader at 651-739-1889 or don_arndt@juno.com.

Maundy Thursday Congregational Passover Meal: Come and celebrate Passover with fellow Christians on Thursday, April 1st, 5:30 p.m. Please sign-up at the Information Desk. We have room for 125 people. Families with children are invited to attend. (Please only children third grade or older. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Questions? Call Pastor Tim Marshall @ 651-739-5144 ext. 221.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Servants: We are looking for people to set up, serve food or, clean up after the annual Seder Meal on Thursday, April 1st. If you are interested in being a part

of this memorable event, please contact Pastor Tim Marshall 651-739-5144 ext. 221 for more information.

THE WLC EASTER GARDENS ARE BLOOMING! Be a part of the WLC Easter Garden by filling out an Easter Garden GREEN ORDER ENVELOPE located at the Welcome Center Desk or outside the Genesis Room. Enclose your \$10 for each plant ordered. Drop the envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning through March 21 or bring it to the church office. Contact Julie Thompson @ 651-739-5144.

Youth Ministries

The Bridge is open for all 7-12 graders on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3-7pm.

Junior High Mega Rally is TODAY, meet in the Bridge to car-pool at 5:00 pm. We return around 8:45 pm. You can still join us, we have a few tickets left! \$5 and you will get to enjoy an evening with the Skit Guys and the Josiah Smith Band!

Plan Ahead – Dates for the Lock out (7-9th) will be April 16-17, watch for sign up in March.

Joyful Giving

(As of February 28, 2010)

Year to Date Budget: \$290,025.00

Year to Date Actual: \$319,191.00

\$ 29,166.00

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength... And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Philippians 4:12-13; 19-20