

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2016

Generosity

“...whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6b

Thank you for your continued generous giving in the first few months of 2016! Your gifts were incredible at year end 2015 and continue to bless this ministry into this year.

Our General Fund contributions are a little ahead of last year at this time and just shy of projected for this time. Total General Fund gifts are \$718,476.00.

Your contributions to GREATER in 2016 are \$50,127. These gifts will cover future expenses for our third site starting in 2017. They will provide funding toward mission opportunities and continue our building improvement plans and debt reduction goals.

We will be talking in more detail about the many amazing things that have happened here because of your gifts and generosity. We thank you!

“the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish : the quality of being generous; especially : willingness to give money and other valuable things to others”

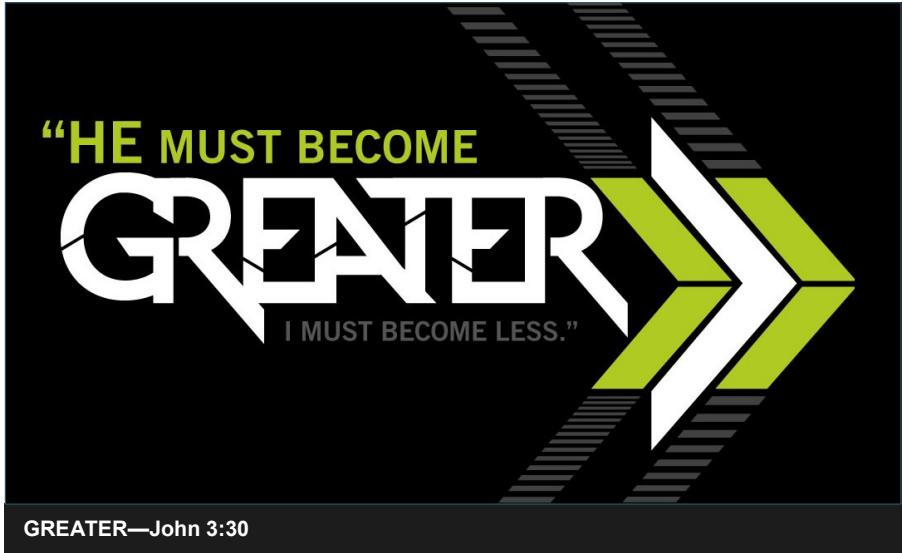
- Definition of Generosity by Merriam-Webster's Dictionary



Living a Generous Life

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Wow, pretty amazing to see this vision coming to life at WLC; I am totally blown away by what God has been doing over the last 3 years to help get us ready for what is to come:

- Our Oak Hill Campus is thriving under the leadership of Pastor Derek Broten and is now averaging more than 200 people in worship on a Sunday.
- Almost 600 adults are now a part of a Small Group.
- During the first quarter of 2016 we had 60 more guests than during the same period in 2015.
- More and more people are involved in serving.
- The connection center has proven to be very helpful in getting literally hundreds of people connected into their next step on the Discipleship Path.
- Because of Greater, strong regular giving and a very favorable refinance our financial picture is very solid – in fact we will not have to use operating money to get the third campus started!

In each of those bullets are the stories of people like you and me, people whose lives are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we look to the future may the blessings of the past give us the courage to continue to follow Jesus, grow as His disciples, serving and telling others so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

Peace,
Pastor Tom

Reflecting Back to Catapult Forward

**“He must become Greater and I must become less.”
~ John 3:30**

Over the past several weeks I have been spending a lot of my time reflecting on the last several years at WLC and thinking about where God is leading us into the future. 2017 is going to be a really important year for our church as we launch a 3rd campus, celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and 50 years together as a church it also happens to be the 50 year anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Woodbury. As I was looking back and thinking about what is ahead I came across some words that I wrote back in the fall of 2013:

During the fall of 2013 we will be moving into a new vision for the next chapter in our ministry at WLC. Our Vision is: Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives. It is our desire through the power of the Holy Spirit to be a people who truly follow Jesus as His disciples and as that happens we know that our lives will be transformed.

In order to help us launch our new vision we are spending three years walking together on a spiritual journey called GREATER. GREATER is really all about Jesus becoming GREATER in our lives and is based on the words of John the Baptist from John 3:30, “He must become GREATER and I must become less.” At the heart of GREATER are three things:

1. ***GREATER is about knowing and following Jesus and helping others follow Him.***
2. ***GREATER is about growing in our passion to do whatever we can to help people meet Jesus.***
3. ***GREATER is about sacrificing our time, talents and treasures for Him and His Kingdom.***

Weddings:

Jamie LaVenture & Daniel Jorgensen
Tony Engen & Angela Knight

Baptisms:

William Gregory Anderson
Abriella Ilafasha Lema
Brooklyn Dane Meissner
Charles Wiley Herian
Maridith Berdina Parvey
Charles Cohen Lyle Ruud
Callen Scott Brittain
Gracyn Rae Becker

Deaths:

Karen Grovender ~ mother, Pat
Marsha Kveton ~ niece, Marcia
Connie Sabbann ~ father, Rollie
Delana Searles ~ grandmother,
Elaine
Family of Clarence Rabold
Family of Evelyn Fisher
Jerry Rowe & Jan Jeske-Rowe ~
son, Bruce Jeske
Rochelle Michel ~ mother, Delores

Service Times at WLC:

Sundays at Valley Creek:

Sanctuary, Blended 8 & 11am
Sanctuary, Contemporary 9:30am
Genesis, Contemporary 11am

Saturdays at Valley Creek:

Journey, 5pm

Sundays at Oak Hill:

Blended 9:00am
Contemporary 10:30am

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Cassie & Pastor Jon Kuehne

Welcome Pastor Jon & Cassie

We've been blessed to have Pastor Jon and Cassie come back to us after their return to seminary. We are thankful to have both of them with us and sharing their gifts amongst us!

PASTOR JON KUEHNE: As a pastor at Woodbury Lutheran, I help preach, teach, do home visits, and aid in many aspects of ministry. I oversee adult education and will soon be the campus pastor of Woodbury Lutheran's third site. I am excited to be back at Woodbury Lutheran as a pastor. I served as vicar (intern pastor) from 2014-2015. I completed my Masters of Divinity degree at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO in early 2016.

I was born in Faribault, MN. Being the son of a pastor, I spent quite a bit of my time in the church. In college, I felt God's hand moving me to become a pastor and the journey has been great. I am married to my lovely wife, Casandra. When not at church I like to compose music, work with computers, play video games, exercise, landscape, and go on nature walks with my wife.



Garage sale Treasures Needed!

Is it Spring Cleaning Time at your house yet? Please hang on to your things a little while longer! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held on May 12-14. Collection dates will be May 10, 5:30-8:30 pm and May 11, 4:30-8:30 pm.

Please drop donations at the East entrance of the Valley Creek campus. We ask that you have all clothing sorted, bagged and labeled in the following categories - men, boys, women, girls and infants. It helps tremendously - thanks! Sale proceeds support youth attending mission trips and NYG.

If you have any questions call Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365. Thank you!!

Camp Omega—Hearts for Jesus 2016

Camp Omega is launching a capitol campaign. In support of their Rooted * Celebrating * Growing campaign to build a new Family / Adult Retreat Center, the Minnesota South District is encouraging members to support the camp. Through your support for Hearts for Jesus – 2016 this new center will transform ministry at Camp Omega to reach people of all age demographics for generations to come. It is their prayer that it will benefit attendees in many ways and serve to reach others in our communities with the love of Jesus.

For more information, please visit the website of Camp Omega at www.campomega.org. Or contact Randy Ash at 952-220-4530.

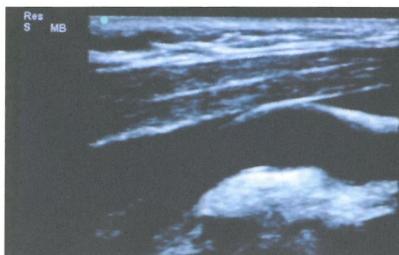


A Proactive Way to Stay **Healthy & Active**

Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors*

All 5 Screenings for \$149

Carotid Artery/ Plaque Screening

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup.

Heart Rhythm (Atrial Fibrillation)

Screens for irregular heart beat.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta, which could rupture.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Ultrasound screen the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density.

*Key Risk Factors include Age 55+, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Obesity, tobacco usage, family history of CVD or stroke

We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: Saint Paul - Woodbury Lutheran Church

When: Friday, May 20, 2016

To register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount, Please call 888-653-6450 or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners

May

1	Jack Atchison Jaren Aunan Deborah Cain Ben Kehl Kole McKinley Katherine Meryhew Erik Pieper Emil Quasabart Diane Theissen Claudia Wolfgram Karen Wright	Scott Perala Amy Peterson Sarah Rothstein Jessica Swanson Kelsey Schultze Aaron Weixel	Micah Symmank Ethan Symmank 9 Ron Bargsten Mario Carmona Ted Ginkel Christina Hammerstrom Susan Joines Deborah Morgan Nathan Nelson Jane Pashina Patricia Smith Benjamin Sweet John Taraldsen Jenni Xiong Shari Zuehlke	Bailey Roloff Thomas Wilson 13 Joshua Boon Abby Harris Jaelyn Lelei Ken Nelson Giada Rothchild Gage Stehura Keri Stifter Cindy Thompson 14 Joshua Baumann Nathan Fong Melisaa Goerlitz Zachary Nelson Kay Peltier Diana Peter Thomas Schwartz Roy Thomson Tana Vogege 15 Ryan Blaisdell Timothy Butina Kim Carlson Kim Dolan Lauren Faeth Kevin Featherstone Jewel Jeske Luke Sabbann Evan Pflieger 16 Emma Christopherson Abigail Jenkins Kathryn LaMott Mike Law Sara Lower Sarah Ochiagha Carter Price Darlene Rengstorf Jan Rygh Sophia Sandstrom Jill Taylor Allison Weiss 17 Andrew Betts Taya Moran Dana Pederson	Megan Blomquist Kelsey Engen Dorothy Erban Nancy Feuerherm Jeffrey Fett Audrey Fischer Jessica Golla Abigail Haglin Miranda Kreger Megan Nelson Keith Nixon Mary Scholz Scott Shriner Wes Soehl Dorothy Young 24 Brady Hannula Kevin Cavanaugh Cheryl Jensen Marian Nelson Nicole Taraldsen 25 Linda Kirsch Jaime Jorgensen Christopher Madden Ashley Salzman Jack Schrachta 26 Todd Breiholz Rae Bury Ernest Ginn Nathan Howard Brian Janacek Julie Bloom Renee Boehme Theresa Leis Larry Tschaekofske Julia Charron 27 Chloe Boon Janet Rohlwing Allie Conant Steve Johnson Jake Knupp Jonathan Randt Brenda Score Andrew Baumgam Debbie Brocker	Caryn Meyer Isabella Mishacoff Olivia Mishacoff Sarah McKinley Benjamin Ratcliff Elliott Sieling 28 Sheri Anderson Kathryn Barnes Patrick Fleming Lindsay Schneider Wyatt St. Clair 29 Kimberly Bauman Philip Baumgart Chase Boudreaux Annabelle Brewer Megan Butcher Caitlin Foley Robert Hensel John Ratliff Ryan Welsh 30 Jenna Cordes Eddie Carlson Lucy Clappier Matthew Dunn Tyson Klusmann Carley Ogren Tricia Powers Kim Sandrock 31 Lucas Ingram Kate Holmquist Mark Lagerstedt Casey Linert Kenzie MacLeod Denise Pieper Char Les Stohlmann Jean La Shomb Jennifer Strange Isabella Ratzloff Esther Kumpula Brad Zinke		
2	Ryan Helgason Michael Moore Lorraine Holmstrom Theresa Ingram Steven Neils Lydia Runge Lois Starks Dale Thompson Brian Whitemarsh Jacob Wolfgram							
3	Dan Behnken Anna Bettmann John Blaisdell Julie Blaisdell Zachary Golla Abraham Rockwell Melissa Rones Carly Slusser Peyton Browning Tanya Gahler Jay Ignaszewski MaryEllen O'Connor Ryder Rogotzke Kory Eastenson Miles Hane Sydney Watanabe Kira Iverson Timothy Kelsey Lisa Lien Ben McCrady Mary Murray Nancy Menge	Elizabeth Anderson Greg Bailen Rachel Conant Margaret Fett Daniel Lanz Richard Ross Andrew Stakston Isaac Tepe Jennifer Weixel David Wende Tim Wess	10 Angela Dittmer Ashley Hoffbeck Joshua Jepperson Jacqueline Johnson Stephen Krampe Mavis Rubsam Makayla Shugg Benjamin Zuehlke Kate Figlmiller Jordan Vilas-Tucker	11 Daniel Amundson Patricia Arneson Myron Baumann Hunter Bell Mark Dokmo Gerald Ehlers Joycelyn McDonald Peggy Lund Barbara McCarthy Cynthia Matejka Marylis Oehlke Matthew Stoffel	12 Marcas Cronin Rachel Gage Herb Goetsch Nicholas Hobot Colleen Johnson Tom Karlstrand Andrea Krause Taya Moran Peter Rogers	16 Emma Christopherson Abigail Jenkins Kathryn LaMott Mike Law Sara Lower Sarah Ochiagha Carter Price Darlene Rengstorf Jan Rygh Sophia Sandstrom Jill Taylor Allison Weiss 17 Andrew Betts Taya Moran Dana Pederson	21 Tim Becken Ella Biederman Julie Bloom Renee Boehme Theresa Leis Larry Tschaekofske Julia Charron 22 Chloe Boon Janet Rohlwing Allie Conant Steve Johnson Jake Knupp Jonathan Randt Brenda Score Andrew Baumgam Debbie Brocker	
4		7 Jeffrey Arndt Leah Gage Bernise Giefer Justin Grinstead Eric Landgrebe Peggy Lund Barbara McCarthy Cynthia Matejka Marylis Oehlke Matthew Stoffel	8 Barb Arend Joan Converse Hannah Cowles Michelle Schoenecker Carolyn Krampe Ashley Parker Peter Rogers	11 Jules & Jeannette Butcher Will & Colleen Grant 12 Jay & Renae Holthaus 13 Brad & Colleen Johnson Leroy & Karen Longworth Scott & Tracie Tuman Scott & Shari Zuehlke 14 Zachary & Gina Vogelsberg 15 Jaime & Kathy Hegna Gregory & Laura Cloose Doug & Suzanne Mortenson John & Marvel Mitterholzer Morgan & Denise Jenkins 16 Dean & Lorraine Wohlhuter Adam & Natalie Krause 17 Tim & Andrea Sobaski 18 Bob & Mary Albrecht Steven & Simona Awiszus James & Virginia Langan Daniel & Eleanor Meyer	19 Mike & Jennifer Spreigl James & Susan Finell Pete & Cheyrl Olofson Scott & Pat Stevens 20 Richard & Carolyn Carlson David & Cheri Frost Matt & Leah Krotzer John & Mary Maroney Jeff & Karen Miner 21 Jeff & Melody Haines Steve & Kenya Skytte 22 Bob & Mayonne Benson Bob & Shirley Hensel Patrick & Pamela Riley 23 Jim & LaVonne Liljedahl 24 John & Marilee Schoenewald Christopher & Shellie Burns Scott & Rachel Homuth Tim & Toni Loeffler Steph & Tim Maruyama	19 Mike & Jennifer Spreigl James & Susan Finell Pete & Cheyrl Olofson Scott & Pat Stevens 20 Richard & Carolyn Carlson David & Cheri Frost Matt & Leah Krotzer John & Mary Maroney Jeff & Karen Miner 21 Jeff & Melody Haines Steve & Kenya Skytte 22 Bob & Mayonne Benson Bob & Shirley Hensel Patrick & Pamela Riley 23 Jim & LaVonne Liljedahl 24 John & Marilee Schoenewald Christopher & Shellie Burns Scott & Rachel Homuth Tim & Toni Loeffler Steph & Tim Maruyama	Rob & Rachel Krueger Eli & Naveena Spitz 25 Ronald & Bev Faust Tim & Mary Wess 26 Ross & Melissa Dahlin 27 Greg & Donna Jensen Dan & Sheri Anderson Brian & Jennifer Aspen Steve & Cheryl Butz Jeff & Jacqueline Konop Alex & Lisa Thao Holly & Jeffrey Zelinsky 28 Brian & Tanya Daniels Jack & Doreen Atchison Steve & Amy Meyer 29 Rick & Ann Gibbs Bob & Sally Kolb Joseph & Melissa Traynor 30 Charles & Ruth Stakston Robert & Jileen Cowley	Kemal & Jessica Munn Nathan & Ashley Price 31 Geoff & Allie Boyd Rich & Dena Petrich Jim & Sandra Hayden Daniel & Mary Matasovsky Marilyn & Michael Myers Chris & Lisa Peterson Mike & Stacy Winter

Anniversaries

2	Larry & Nancy Tschaekofske	11 Jules & Jeannette Butcher	19 Mike & Jennifer Spreigl	Rob & Rachel Krueger	Kemal & Jessica Munn
3	Chauncey & Carly Charlson	Will & Colleen Grant	James & Susan Finell	Eli & Naveena Spitz	Nathan & Ashley Price
	Larry & Dorothy Wolfgram	12 Jay & Renae Holthaus	Pete & Cheyrl Olofson	25 Ronald & Bev Faust	31 Geoff & Allie Boyd
4	Kevin & Kay Moquist	13 Brad & Colleen Johnson	Scott & Pat Stevens	Tim & Mary Wess	Rich & Dena Petrich
	Thomas & Jane Pashina	Leroy & Karen Longworth	20 Richard & Carolyn Carlson	26 Ross & Melissa Dahlin	Jim & Sandra Hayden
5	Steve & Jan Skadsberg	Scott & Tracie Tuman	David & Cheri Frost	27 Greg & Donna Jensen	Daniel & Mary Matasovsky
	Glenn & Lois Rogers	Scott & Shari Zuehlke	Matt & Leah Krotzer	Dan & Sheri Anderson	Marilyn & Michael Myers
6	Konnie & Mark Harstad	14 Zachary & Gina Vogelsberg	John & Mary Maroney	Brian & Jennifer Aspen	Chris & Lisa Peterson
	Dan & Sally Meyer	15 Jaime & Kathy Hegna	Jeff & Karen Miner	Steve & Cheryl Butz	Mike & Stacy Winter
	Eric & LeAnn Perry	Gregory & Laura Cloose	21 Jeff & Melody Haines	Jeff & Jacqueline Konop	
7	Todd & Annette Ratcliff	Doug & Suzanne Mortenson	Steve & Kenya Skytte	Alex & Lisa Thao	
	Myron & Patrice Baumann	John & Marvel Mitterholzer	22 Bob & Mayonne Benson	Holly & Jeffrey Zelinsky	
8	Jeffrey & Sandra Southward	Morgan & Denise Jenkins	Bob & Shirley Hensel	28 Brian & Tanya Daniels	
	Eric & Sarah Host	16 Dean & Lorraine Wohlhuter	Patrick & Pamela Riley	Jack & Doreen Atchison	
	Harry & Dotti Rensenbrink	Adam & Natalie Krause	23 Jim & LaVonne Liljedahl	Steve & Amy Meyer	
9	Ron & Donna Bargsten	17 Tim & Andrea Sobaski	24 John & Marilee Schoenewald	29 Rick & Ann Gibbs	
10	Mike & Connie Sabbann	18 Bob & Mary Albrecht	Christopher & Shellie Burns	Bob & Sally Kolb	
	Ed & Vicki Huebsch	Steven & Simona Awiszus	Scott & Rachel Homuth	Joseph & Melissa Traynor	
	Doug & Norma Mackey	James & Virginia Langan	Tim & Toni Loeffler	30 Charles & Ruth Stakston	
		Daniel & Eleanor Meyer	Steph & Tim Maruyama	Robert & Jileen Cowley	

OUR PRAYERS WRITE OUR STORIES

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." — 1 John 5:14

When I was in high school, my church small group leader gave me a prayer journal. The concept was simple—I would record the date and my prayer request on the right side of the page, then, when my prayer was answered, I would record the date and how it was answered on the left hand side.

My prayers were simple.

I prayed to do well on my next test. I prayed for sick family members. I prayed about inviting friends to my youth group.

My prayers told the story of my life.

Almost 20 years have passed since high school (gasp!) and I still keep a prayer journal of sorts. I have a five-year journal: each page has the date at the top, and every day I write a few sentences about my day. The following year on that same date, I record what my family did that day on the same page. In five years I'll be able to look at any given date and see what we did that particular day.

I'm in the third year of this journal, and it's eye-opening to look back and see how my life has changed. Three Mays ago, my husband and I were at a loss for what to do about school for our oldest child. He was very behind academically. His asthma was so severe he had missed almost two months of class. Looking back at my entries, I can see the hopelessness in my words. As the story unfolded and my cries to the Lord became more urgent, God guided us to a prayer night at our church. That night was the first night in two months we didn't have to do breathing treatments. And the next day our specialist was shocked to see our son's asthma episode was completely over. God became real to our son after that prayer night, and he was baptized the next month.

School was still a huge struggle for our family, and again we sought the Lord's will through prayer. And again, God brought just the right people into our lives. Now I'm running a thriving homeschool co-op! And that's one thing that was most definitely NOT at the top of my prayer requests.

Not only did God use our son's asthma to bring us closer to Him, He changed the course of our family's life. Through prayer, God directed our path and wrote our family's story according to His will!

I want so desperately for my children's life stories to be guided by their prayers.

I want them to look back at the twists and turns in their stories and see God's mighty hand in each situation.

I want them to see that they are part of a bigger, more important story—God's story.

God has walked my family through difficult times and answered our prayers in ways that have created the most beautiful stories. I often wonder what the next chapter will bring, but I know one thing: it's a better story than I could ever write!

Help your young children see how their prayers are part of a bigger story by creating a Picture Prayer Journal. Weekly, have your child draw a picture to represent their prayer requests, no matter how big or small. Then write their prayer on the back of the picture and pray together. Every week, revisit the requests as you make new ones. Don't forget to write the date for each prayer request. Older children can write their prayers in a special journal.

Then watch as God answers their prayers and lets each story unfold in His perfect way!

by Kara Noel Lawson

Kara is the blogger liaison for HomeFront. She is a homeschooling mom to four, wanna-be farmer, and a freelance writer. Kara writes from the heart on her blog and speaks at moms' groups about how the small things in our lives can make a big impact.



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Taken from the May HomeFront Monthly Magazine

- 2** (V) Women's Gathering Group
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974
- 4** (V) Women of the Word
Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 4** (O) Wednesday Morning Study
Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Derek, 651-739-5144
- 5** (V) Celebrate Recovery
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9113
- 7** (V) Baptism Class
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847
- 12** (V) Open Doors Thursdays
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144
x221
- 12** (V) Career Transition Connection
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715

- 12** (V) Youth Garage Sale
Thursday, 12:00pm
Contact: Shanna Salzman,
612-859-1365
- 13** (V) Youth Garage Sale
Friday-Saturday, 8:00am
Contact: Shanna Salzman,
612-859-1365
- 30** (O & V) Offices Closed
Monday, All Day
Memorial Day Holiday

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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May 2016 Calendar Highlights

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Valley Creek Campus (V)
7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

Oak Hill Campus (O)
9050 60th Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082

St. Croix Campus (S)
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