

THE NEWSLETTER

Woodbury Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2016

Summer Fun for Kids at Woodbury Lutheran

Join us this summer for Deep Sea Discovery Summer Day Camp! Deep Sea Discovery will take you deep into some great stories from the Bible and you'll learn that God is with you wherever you go!

Summer Day Camp June 13-16 9:30-noon 3 years-4th grade completed Oak Hill Campus-No Fee

Summer Day Camp June 20-23 9:30-noon 3 years-2nd grade completed Valley Creek Campus-No Fee

In July kids are invited to join us for Summer Activities Camp! Our theme this year is "The Great Comeback" based on the verses in John 14: 1-3 Kids can choose an activity to focus on during the week:

- Art
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Hop Hop Dance
- Soccer

Summer Activities Camp

July 11-14 9:00-12:15 pm
grades 1st-5th completed-\$35
before June 1st –beginning
June 1st \$50

All registrations are available
at woodburylutheran.org

Small group leaders, both
adults and students are still
needed for both camps. If you
love Jesus and you love
kids...you'll have fun on one of
our camp teams this summer!
Please contact Nancy
Schubbe, Kids Ministry Direc-
tor to serve. [schubben@
woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schubben@woodburylutheran.org)



Summer....Kids....Bubbles....Fun...Camps

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whelming number of programs available to attendees and even the community, but no cohesive path that helps people learn which steps to take and when."

One of the main reason we developed the Disciple Path at WLC is so that we could offer a clear, simple and easy approach for any person to take their next step in their walk with Jesus. The reason we expect disciples of Jesus to be engaged in Worship, Grow, Serve and Reach is because we desire each of you to receive the joy that comes as you GROW in your salvation.

To get help in discovering your next step, stop by the Connection Center after any service!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

From Buffet to Simple...

*"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that you may GROW up in your salvation."
~ 1 Peter 2:2*

Perhaps you have heard the sad news about our beloved Old Country Buffet in Woodbury, yes it is closed. In fact over the last 8 years more than 400 OCB's across the country have locked their doors one final time. In our personalized, customizable world it seems as if the buffet is on the outs. The other problem with buffets is that they can leave you feeling both full and overwhelmed; what I mean is that with all the options it can be hard to know where to even start!

Amazingly, the same can be true when it comes to walking with Jesus. For years the church believed the best strategy for growing disciples was to offer a whole bunch of programs. The truth is those programs are really good things, but when you set them out like a buffet they can be overwhelming and leave a person asking, "Where do I even begin???" Most often when a person does not know what they should do next, they do nothing at all.

In a recent article written by Tony Morgan I read these words:

"I've observed something in healthy, growing churches this last year that I think is very important for church leaders. The churches experiencing the most healthy growth tended to have a discipleship approach in the form of a path. Meaning, they had thought through how they could best help people along in their journey following Christ and offered them a series of next steps. By contrast, many of the churches I see that are in decline have an over-

Weddings:

Mark Jones & Ann Felberg

Baptisms:

Carson David Johnson
Adalyn Ann Rourk
Frank Russell Johnson
Owen Matthew Heggernes
Liam Russell Pleggenkuhle

Deaths:

Family of Louise Holz

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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WLC Youth Ministry Update

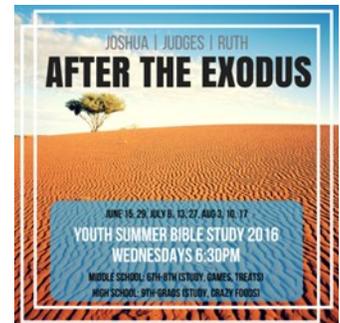
I love summer, don't you? I love the change in schedule, the opportunities to see different people, the change in pace, the encouragement that we give each other to be outside and spend time with family. I also love summer programming here in WLC youth ministries. Students are more relaxed, ready to have fun, eager to spend time together, and God often uses these summer experiences to knit us together, build up excitement for Fall ministries, and strengthen our faith as Disciples.

This summer is looking like it's going to be awesome! As school wraps up we're excited to welcome the new class of 6th graders into Middle School, enjoy an awesome cross over summer with the new 9th graders as they can choose to hang with Middle School and try out High School programs, and it is always bittersweet as we spend this last summer with the seniors. We also have 3 big trips this summer for students in Youth Ministry. We have 30 folks heading to Green Bay on the Middle School Mission Trip, 29 heading to Camp Lebanon on the High School Mission Trip, and 45 High school students & adults heading to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Beyond these great trips we have a fun packed summer for our youth!

Middle School Families (new 6th-9th graders): Don't miss out on Big Church game nights on Monday, June 12th (6:30-8:30pm) and Friday, August 19th (6:30-9pm) at the Valley Creek Campus. These are free, friend friendly events that often include games that take over the building and awesome memories.

Summer stretch is a great ministry for all new 7th-9th graders. If you're looking for a way to stretch some serving muscles, Summer Stretch is for you! Register at wlc-youth.org.

Middle School & High School: Summer Bible study begins on Wednesday, June 15th, 6:30-8:30pm at the Valley Creek campus for Middle School, at the Brewer's house (check www.wlc-youth.org for address) for High School students and the Oak Hill Students (6th-12th) are meeting at Oak Hill from 6:30-8pm. We are studying Joshua, Judges & Ruth this summer. Bible study nights include games, weird foods, great conversation, and a chance to get familiar with a new section of God's Word.



High School Families (new 9th graders-graduates): The summer has some great activities for you to connect with friends and serve our community. We are helping out with the miracle league baseball games again this summer! Mark your calendars for June 6th, August 1st, and August 22nd. You won't want to miss it! Email Patrick (brewerp@woodburylutheran.org) to sign up. We also have a canoe trip on August 11th from 9-4:30pm.

Summer is a great time to get connected, stay connected, make a few new friends, and bring a friend to hear about Jesus. We pray that your family will make a plan to keep growing as disciples this summer. Maybe this summer you can sign up to serve at Feed My Starving Children, worship together on the weekends, serve at WLC Kids Day camp and Activities camp, help out in Kids Care a couple of Sundays, invite a neighbor to worship with you on a Saturday and come over for a bonfire, and take advantage of the change of pace to talk about faith as a family. Enjoy these summer days, I know I will!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WLC Liberty Ridge Campus

Liberty Ridge Campus!

It's an exciting time to be at Woodbury Lutheran! Over the last few years we have seen God accomplish incredible things through our vision of Multiplying Disciples :: Transforming Lives. Now, it is even more exciting to share that in January of 2017, Woodbury Lutheran is going to launch our third campus: Woodbury Lutheran, Liberty Ridge Campus.

The new site will meet at Liberty Ridge Elementary School in the southeast corner of Woodbury. The awesome truth is that God has *already* planted something new near Liberty Ridge Elementary. We are simply acknowledging and putting our shoulders behind it. We are looking for 125 individuals to live out the Discipleship Path as a part of the new site. Below, you can also see a timeline of how the new site will begin to take shape over the coming months.

Is God calling you to be one of the disciples at the Liberty Ridge Campus? Learn more about the new site by joining us for an informational session at Valley Creek or Oak Hill or talk to Pastor Jon.

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.



3rd Site Informational Meetings

Valley Creek

June 8 (Wednesday) – 6:30pm

June 12 (Sunday) – 12:30pm

Oak Hill

June 19 (Sunday) – 11:45am

Launch Timeline

Now-November – Assemble launch team of 125 people

June – Full portable worship set design consultation

July-August – Have worship set design ordered

August – Have Worship Leader and Kids & Youth Ministries Coordinator for the new site selected

August-December – Strong public communication at both campuses and in neighborhoods surrounding Liberty Ridge

September-December – Launch team gatherings or service events (full or partial group)

January 14 – Portable set delivered; setup training

January 15, 22, & 29 – Practice worship services

February 5 – Launch of Liberty Ridge Campus



June

1 Steve Carlson Teresa Craven Jay Holthaus Daniel Tucker Leslie Sabbann	Gabriel Schnarr Megan Severson Lee Spomer Troy Wenck Andrew Beebe Julie Wolterstorf David Schmacher Robert Schaefer Robin Ahlquist Abbie Morris 6 Yvonne Neils Jolene Deilke Craig Kling Suzanne Mortenson Erik Doyle Marilyn Harrold Anna Krueger Rico Bohren Mark Harstad Stephanie Pfothenhauer	Maria Rygh Nona Pearl Rylan Gentry Amy Larson Ashley Radabaugh Matthew Boon Sinsie Macrae Matt Schmitt Ryan Albrecht Michael Zabilla 10 Juanita Vaaler Wyatt Aspen Drew Bayless Derek Blass Carolyn Eickhoff Jordan Southward Julie Schuessler Kim Duis Allie Jackson Luke Lehmann Anna Albrecht 11 Conrad Freeman Sarah Brandmire Chike Ochiagha Johnny Yira Kayla Glatzmaier	Meg Hruby Arlene Bartley Robert Strange John Stutelberg Michael Stutelberg James Wood 14 Morgan Clarkson Linda Erickson Matt Huonder Emily Aldean Jay Deverell Lily Murphy Grant Horn 15 Maureen Stoffel Tristan Anderson Israel Camona Rachel Dopson Grayson Graham Megan Hughes Gwen Riegel Amelia Dunavan Lauryn Schneider Claire Bobick Pat Neutz William Fredregill	Barry Thompson Alex Tveit 18 Rico Lopez Sarah Cartier Jack Slaughter Mason Shugg Kristine Peltier Natalie Munn Nathan McDonald Mary Landgrebe Joy Ostrom 19 Byrna Isakson Roger Erickson Doug Boehme Janis Maguire Sharon Neubrand 20 Kirk Nesby Sherrie Kinmouth Kyle Leonard Emily Robinson Richard Zager Bob Osborne Nicole Raebel 21 Bonnie Merle John Broten Lester Lange Emma Rosen Kaia Creighton Karla Edwards Angela Johnson Jenna Voyda 22 Jason Cowles Bruce Strong Laura O'Connor Carli Bauman Spencer Connolly Diego Camona Aaron Drevlow Robert Cowley Tenley Knutson 23 Reagan Aurich Jane Bettmann Ella Bohren Leonard Dahlin	Nancy Feuerherm Evan Hampton Misty Thompson Sara Manship Lorreen Mohlenhoff 28 Scott Groth Noah Anderson Brian Heintz Trevor Jeske Jamie Pearson Rob Starzynski 24 Kim Yuell Jill Christopherson Brian Delaney Brooklyn Rothstein Doug Kapernick 25 Jimmy Bystrzycki Jeremy Dailey Kevin Helander Presley Kolodzek June Osborne David Nelson Christa Kraft Dan Reichling 26 Aaron Tschida Kennedy Brittain Elise Dokrno Norris Luogon James Stoffel Elena Srep Kristen Jung Julian Clarkson Heidi Crist McLain Cronin 27 Kamren Beard Jennifer Edwards Brad Fong Francina Lelei Leticia Vilas Sydney Nassios Gabrielle Field Samuel Horner Benjamin Benschhoff Ross Skadsberg	Sophia Yira Dennis Wolterstorf Matthew Mergens Mary Karow Jeffrey McNally 28 Carolyn Fernandez Rebecca Martini Andrew Bittner Rebecca Lange Scott Ostrom Tobias Palmer Timothy Marshall Averee Kreutzfeldt Renee Murphy Michael Parker Geraldine Swanson 29 Dawn Butina Nathan Smith Derek Hafner Megan Harstad Joshua McCollum Lucy Ngu'e Darlene Strecker Erik Classen 30 Elton Cunningham Aleasha Berkman Jenny Brewer Laverne Krummel Steve Erban Lorraine Grohoski Duane Tessmer Kurt Erickson Luke Moris Jessica Cornwell Theresa Baranick Ross Smith Lydia Wilk
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Birthdays &

Anniversaries

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A BLESSING CAN BE A PRAYER OF COMMISSION, A BIBLE PASSAGE, OR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. BLESSINGS CAN BE SPOKEN OVER A CHILD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING GOD'S PROTECTION, JOY, AND WISDOM OVER HIM.

God, I want to know You more. This seems to be one of the most challenging things for us to accomplish as Jesus-followers. I know that throughout most of my faith journey, I have struggled with knowing God. I don't just mean knowing about God—I mean knowing the heart of God so you can know His plans and purposes for your life. I am referring to knowing God in a personal, tangible, and real way. This requires us to be vulnerable with God, to let our walls down. It's no different with the people we call friends.

Recently I had the unique opportunity to take close to 200 people up into the mountains of Colorado for a high school retreat. Our vision for the retreat was to help students immerse themselves in the presence of God. We thought that if they did that, then God would speak and make Himself known to them. Boy, did He ever do that. As the students began to worship, their hearts were softened. As their hearts were softened, they let their walls down. **As they let their walls down, God made Himself known to them in a very real and tangible way.**

I share this because once you experience relationship with God in that kind of way, you desire more and more. The closer we get

to God and the more we get to know Him, the easier it becomes to know His plans and purposes for our lives.

READ

This month, read Ephesians 1:15-23 out loud to your child, stopping and summarizing along the way if necessary to make sure your child grasps the message.

BLESS

[Child's name], may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant you spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you might grow in your knowledge of Him. I pray that your heart will be flooded with light so that you can understand the wonderful future He has promised to you. May you realize what a rich and glorious inheritance He has given to you.

by Christopher Steenmeyer

Chris has the privilege of being the Family Life Pastor at Mountain Springs Church in Colorado Springs, CO. He and his wife, Sarah, have six kids and enjoy sports and being in the outdoors together. He is passionate about seeing transformation in the lives of young people.

Taken from the June HomeFront Monthly Magazine

- 4** (V) **Baptism Class**
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank,
651-730-0847
- 6** (V) **Women's Gathering Group**
Mondays, 12:00pm
Contact: Tamara Karlstrand,
651-734-3974
- 8** (V) **Fire on the Mountain Study**
Wednesdays, 9:30am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 8** (O) **Wednesday Morning Study**
Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Derek, 651-739-5144
- 8** (V) **Third Site Informational Meeting**
Thursday, 6:30pm
Contact: Pastor Jon, 651-739-5144
- 9** (V) **Thessalonians Study**
Thursdays, 9:45am
Contact: Mary Lehman, 651-739-5144
- 9** (V) **Celebrate Recovery**
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith, 651-308-9113
- 9** (V) **Open Doors Thursdays**
Thursday, 5:00pm
Contact: Pastor Tim, 651-739-5144
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- 9** (V) **Career Transition Connection**
Thursday, 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Colosimo, 612-386-3715
- 12** (V) **Third Site Informational Meeting**
Sunday, 12:30pm
Contact: Pastor Jon, 651-739-5144
- 19** (O) **Third Site Informational Meeting**
Sunday, 12:30pm
Contact: Pastor Jon, 651-739-5144

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June 2016 Calendar Highlights

Want more events?
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9050 60th Street North
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