MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER



WOODBURY COMMUNITY CHURCH From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one BLESSING

> after another. JOHN 1:16

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 & 10:30 am Nursery care available

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Dear WCC Family,

In C. S. Lewis' classic novel, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," we are introduced to the character Aslan. He is the Christ-like figure in the story - a lion who is righteous and good, and the only hope of the world. When the characters in the book have found themselves in a what looks like a hopeless situation, hope comes in the form of Aslan. Word begins to spread around the land of Narnia that "Aslan is on the move."

Friends, God is on the move at Woodbury Community Church. Over the past month I have been blessed to hear story after story of the movement of God in the people of WCC.

- I've heard how God has answered long-term prayer requests concerning the salvation of family members.
- I've heard how God has brought about seemingly miraculous healing in the life of one of our members.
- I've heard how God has answered prayer regarding employment.
- I've heard how God has answered prayer over a marriage that needed healing and restoration.
- I've heard how God has given clarity to people about what to do in the next season of life.
- I've heard how God has begun to do a new work in the lives of multiple people.
- I've heard how God brought unexpected love to someone in the most unlikely of places.
- I've heard how God protected someone who was in a dangerous spot.
- I've heard how God has lit a fire in the spiritual life of someone who felt spiritually dead.

• I've heard multiple stories about what a blessing the winter retreat was in the life of our students.

From Our Pastor

- I've heard how God has turned mourning into dancing.
- I've heard about children and students who are feeling the tug of God towards serving him as missionaries or pastors.
- I've heard about God's provision for people who didn't know how they were going to pay bills.
- I've heard about the passion that children and adults are getting for God's Word through Scripture memorization.

And that is just some of what I have heard.

Sometimes when it feels like God is absent, it is a blessing to hear how He is working in someone else's life. When we live in community with each other, we get to hear and see the beautiful ways that God is at work.

This month, I want to encourage you to get together with someone from WCC. It could be that you would invite a family to your home. It might be meeting a friend at a coffee shop. It might be something altogether different. As you meet, take a few minutes to ask the question, "What has God been teaching you lately?" or "What has God been doing in your life?"

I hope that you'll be blessed by each other as you get together this month.

In Him,

Pastor Brian

WCC Events & Info





CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF / MARCH

This March we are joining with other faith communities, as well as food shelves, businesses and organizations across Minnesota in the movement to end hunger. For 35 years the March Campaign has, with your help, restocked local food shelves. This campaign is an opportunity for all Christian Cupboard donations to be matched by The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Did you know hunger is still a problem in Minnesota?

- 1 in 10 Minnesota families experience food insecurity.
- In 2015 there were over 3.2 million food shelf visits in Minnesota, half of which were made by children and seniors.
- Last year the March Campaign raised more than 5.2 million pounds of food and \$7.9 million for food shelves around the state.
- 100% of contributions go towards hunger relief.
- Your local food shelf can make each dollar donated stretch further through their access to low-cost products

Please bring nonperishable food or monetary donations to WCC's worship services during the month of March so together we can strive to end hunger. All food donations can be placed in the large basket in the lobby. Be sure to write CCEFS on your monetary donations. For more information, contact Alisa Bell at arbell13@gmail.com.

"You must actively help the hungry and feed the oppressed. Then your light will dispel the darkness..." Isaiah 58:10



WCC Events & Info





WCC Women's IF:Table / MARCH 5 / 6:30pm

Join us for make your own salad and pizzas. The meal is free ... just bring your favorite salad or pizza topping!

SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR AWESOME MAMAS with LITTLES: We so badly want you to join us! We can provide childcare but we ask you to PLEASE RSVP early so we can plan ahead of time for the appropriate number of sitters. You can sign up at woodburycommunitychurch.com/events. Contact Tammie Haveman at <u>dthaveman@me.com</u> for more information.



MEN'S GATHERING / MARCH 5 / 7pm

Join us for our next Men's Gathering! We will continue 33 The Series, volume 2, which is focused on A Man and His Story. This is a great series focused on your background, how it has shaped you, and how to move forward in God's design for Authentic Manhood given how you've been shaped so far. All men, young or seasoned, high school age and up are welcomed. Bring a friend! Light snacks will be provided. Contact Tom Nelson, <u>tcnelsonmn@gmail.com</u>, for more information.



SHARE BECAUSE YOU CARE/ MARCH 6 & 27 / 2pm

Please join us at the Oak Ridge Assisted Living Center on March 6th to play Bingo with the residents (\$5 Walmart Gift Cards are needed for prizes) and/or on March 27th as we help the residents with picture painting. No art skills required, we just need a friendly face and helping hands! For more information, contact Pam Faessler at <u>gnfaessler@gmail.com</u> or 651.269.7059.



MEMBERSHIP CLASS / MARCH 19 / 11:45AM

The Discover Membership Class is geared for newcomers and those interested in membership at Woodbury Community Church. Learn more about WCC, where we are going and opportunities for you to get plugged in. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up in the lobby or at <u>woodburycommunitychurch.com/events</u>.





Financial Update

Year-to-Date Budget \$65K Year-to-Date Giving \$54K

Year-to-Date Expenditures \$56K



MARCH

FAMILY COMEDY NIGHT

Students in 6th grade and up, parents, and the entire WCC community is invited to our March "5th Wednesday" fellowship event! Slap Happy Comedy will have you rolling on the floor! Tickets for this FREE family event can be reserved online; available soon! Find out more about Slap Happy Comedy at slaphappycomedy.com

MAR 29 / 6:30-8pm / WCC

STUDENTLIFE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

1JOHN

Students, join us Wednesday nights in March for our new series on the book of 1 John. We'll uncover God's truth, and real life application, as we study the main themes of this book.

WEDNESDAYS / 6:30-8pm

STAY CONNECTED

on Twitter: @StudentLifeWCC

Find more ways to stay connected including our weekly E-Newsletter, and text message alerts:

on Instagram: @WCC_StudentLife

wccmn.org/ministries/students

on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/wccstudentlife

For more information:

wccmn.org/ministries/students

Contact Youth Pastor, Darrin Geier: students@wccmn.org



Children's Ministry



UPCOMING EVENTS

PAINTING NIGHT

ALL kids, kindergarten through grade 5, are invited to join the Awana group for a painting night with Gloria. The cost is \$5. Register online at <u>woodburycommunitychurch.com/events</u>.

March 22 / 6:30-8pm

SPRING GARAGE SALE

Do you love math? Or organizing? Or garage sales? If so, this year's annual garage sale is the place for you! Start your spring cleaning now and we will take your unwanted items starting May 7th. We need volunteers!!! Talk to Liz Nelson or you can sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board or at <u>woodburycommunitychurch.com/events</u>. All proceeds go towards making VBS a free event for all kids.

May 11-13

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Vacation Bible School is going to be AWESOME this summer! Mark your calendar and talk with Miss Liz to volunteer. Registration opens soon.

June 19-23



NORTH SHORE SUMMER RETRAT

Looking for more summer fun? Come along on this two day retreat to the North Shore. We will

be exploring Lake Superior, Gooseberry Falls and Canal Park. This retreat is open to children going into 3rd through 6th grade and parents. Talk with Miss Liz if you are interested in going. More details to come!

July 14-15 / Two Harbors & Duluth, MN

WE'RE RECRUITING

Want to join the team? Contact Liz to find out how you can make a great impact on young lives! Current and upcoming needs: nursery, garage sale, VBS, summer Sunday school.

wccmn.org/ministries/children

Contact Children's Ministry Director, Liz Nelson: enelson@woodburycommunitychurch.com

March 2017

WOODBURY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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