

WOODBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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A WORD FROM PASTOR GREG



It's been a very busy summer. It started with a great week-long mission

trip with our youth in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The busyness continued with a water leak in Fellowship Hall. Details are on page 3. As well, the men's and family restrooms have been repainted, the Sr. Youth Room has been remodeled and a new baptistery is ready for use on Rally Sunday!

Your Leadership Board has also been at work. It met three times over the summer and has a day-long retreat scheduled for early September. Minutes of its meetings have been distributed by email and in the Foyer. The Board has nearly completed its review of ministry areas, as well as conducting ongoing business.

Let's look ahead to an exciting fall:

First, I'm excited about the new people who God is going to lead to us. We don't know them yet, but we can be praying that we will be open to them and they will find Christ's love and teaching with us.

On **Rally Sunday, September 11**, we will have baptisms in the Sanctuary and kick-off our Education Hour program for the coming year. We have a full slate of children's and youth classes, and four adult classes. (Details of the adult classes begin on page 4.) We will acknowledge the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, but in a way that testifies to the truth and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ over hatred and fear.

Our focus this fall is rooted in John 15:5 where Jesus tells his followers: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much*

fruit." (John 15:5).

On **September 18** we start a ten-week sermon series called **"Come and See - Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations"**. I will preach two messages on **Radical Hospitality, - Passionate Worship, - Intentional Faith-Development, - Risk-Taking Mission and Service, - Extravagant Generosity**. The first message will look at its biblical root. The second will challenge us to maximize our witness for Christ in that way. This practical series will focus on increasing our fruitfulness to witness for Christ.

Personal testimonies often help us understand how Jesus wants us to live. If you would like to share with others how any of these practices has blessed your life, please speak to me.

One way to grow more "fruit" of the Spirit is to be taught and inspired by others. Our Education Hour classes connect you with people who are asking the same questions as you, and

with whom you can share fellowship, purpose and growth in Christ. Please look at the class descriptions and commit yourself to attending one. Several upcoming local conferences are described on page 3. These can also help you become a better leader and servant for Jesus. Find one to attend to bless your life and help inspire you to serve others. Invite someone to join you in a class, and spread the blessing of Christian education.

I'm looking forward to fruitful growth in the months ahead!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Greg

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UPCOMING SERMON & SCRIPTURE READINGS

5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Sept. 18 – Radical Hospitality I – Matt. 25:34-40

Sept. 25 – Radical Hospitality II – Luke 7:36-48

Oct. 2 – Passionate Worship I – John 4:19-24

Oct. 9 – Passionate Worship II – 2 Samuel 6:12-23

Oct. 16 – Intentional Faith-Development I – Ephesians 4:17-24

Oct. 23 – Intentional Faith-Development II – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Oct. 30 – Risk-Taking Mission and Service I – Matthew 25:34-40

Nov. 6 – Risk-Taking Mission and Service II – Luke 10:25-37

Nov. 13 – Extravagant Generosity I – Luke 12:13-23, 31-34

Nov. 20 – Extravagant Generosity II – 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Luke 21:1-4

YOUTH SPECIAL NUGGETS (JOB 23:10)

- What a summer we have had, especially those who went on the Youthworks! Mission Trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Thanks to those of you who gave a wonderful report to the church congregation on Sunday morning, July 31st during the worship service. Please read a summary by Leah Williams on page 5 of this Newsletter.
- What a transformation in our Youth Rooms # 9 and 10!!! Thanks to all of you who had a part in creating a new beautiful ambience for our WBYouth to enjoy! A lot of hard work and deep appreciation to so many of you who put in countless hours. Please read Elizabeth Cooper's article below.
- A Wednesday night evening begins with a **MYSTERY Dinner on September 7th** to welcome our new 6th graders! Please be sure to come at **6:15 p.m.** for the fun and warm welcome that we want to share with our newest WBYouthers: Miguel Amores, Madison Hunter, Alex Joslin, Michael Jensen, Dan Neri and Kate Witte! The evening will prepare us for the year beginning on Rally Day Sunday, September 11th where we will be enjoying our new rooms! Jose Castro and John Johnson will be teaching our Middle School and Cindy Klatt will be teaching the Senior High with a special guest session with Rich Stroebe on September 11th.
- **Wednesday nights for WBY begins Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30 p.m.** with Youth Praise with Winnie and Jerry Williams, Directors; Supper at 6:15 p.m. with everyone and then Youth Bible Study at 6:45 p.m. with Bev Rose in the Newly renovated and beautiful youth room #9!
- **YOUTH FALL RETREAT** this year is September 16 -18th at the Williams Cabin as we focus on the new school year and issues and situations that may be prevalent to strive to be "SET APART" and be distinctively Christian. Led by Garrett and Kylee Sandquist. Plus some fun and crazy challenges and waterfront activities-weather permitting. Cost: \$20 to help with all of the expenses. We'll have details on departing times as we learn of your schedules. Sign up by Wednesday, September 14th!

YOUTH ROOMS GET AN UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, the Sr. Youth Room has undergone a significant makeover. The old youth room was very colorful but it was time for some fresh paint and a clean-up. We are an active youth group and wanted to personalize the space for the way that we use it. We wanted a comfortable space for Sunday School and also a place to socialize and play games. With some hard work and a few new furnishings the room looks completely different and is ready for the new school year. We started by deciding what we liked, didn't like, wanted and didn't want in the room. We also saw our budget and decided how to allocate the funds that we had. Old, used furniture was donated to the Karen Church at 1st Baptist in St. Paul. Also, clutter was cleared out and wall decorations were taken down. We then chose a palette of colors that included a color that everyone liked. While these decisions were being made

a hardworking team of adults and youth were busy sanding the walls to be painted. Surprisingly enough, we all agreed on the same wall color.

A few days later we began painting. Within a few hours the room looked completely transformed. The light honey color that we chose really made the room feel larger and cleaner. The group decided that we wanted an area rug to add a large amount of color to the room. We found exactly what we wanted (and under budget too!). We then found some wonderful brown microfiber couches in stock nearby. Thanks to congregational donations we were able to spray paint picture frames in our accent colors to create a "wall of memories" from past youth events. Some of us also made matching pillow blankets to bring in pops of color as well as keep us warm in the winter.

We moved in the ping pong and air hockey tables, which had been on our "keep" list and arranged the furniture. We're still not completely settled on the exact arrangement of the furniture but we have all the pieces. We will also be adding a vinyl-lettering scripture verse to the wall. We are all immensely pleased with the new room and look forward to using it for Sunday School in the fall. It feels neat, warm and inviting.

Many, many thanks to Winnie Williams for coordinating, deal hunting, floor buffing and much, much more. We also thank all who helped to create our new room, those who donated supplies and the congregation for their support.

Elizabeth Cooper

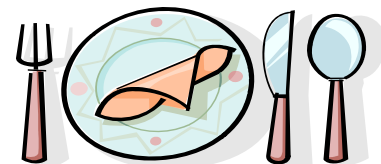
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ WBC!

Beginning Wednesday, September 14th our programs begin to start...Come and be a part!

5:30 p.m. - Kids' Praise in Room # 8 and Youth Praise in the sanctuary

6:15 p.m. - Church Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall - ALL are welcome to partake... \$2/ person

6:45 p.m. - FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS in Room #11
- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY in Room # 9



- Adult Bible Study Groups
- Worship Choir, beginning September 28th

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

About five weeks ago, water leaked from a broken drainpipe connection into Fellowship Hall. Apart from water damage, mold growth resulted. It became clear that all of the carpeting in Fellowship Hall, the hallways and classrooms needed to be replaced. Fortunately, our insurers have agreed to pay for this.

Over the past three weeks flooring suppliers have

provided us with samples and prices for carpeting in the hallways and classrooms, and vinyl tile in Fellowship Hall. Selections have been made and we are waiting to hear when work will start. Our first priority is to carpet the hallways and classrooms. This should be completed by Rally Sunday, September 11. Tiling in Fellowship Hall will be done after a two foot high section of the wall is removed for water-damage

inspection. We are hopeful that the tiling will be finished by mid-September. While making the insurance claim, we discovered storm damage in the Sanctuary roof, which is about 18 years old and is original to that part of the building. Discussions with our insurer are underway about what work is to be done. Details will be made know as progress is made. Questions about this important work can be directed to Bob Klatt.

GROW IN FAITH, SERVE IN LOVE

Following are five events happening in the Twin Cities area over the next few weeks. Please call the church office for additional information. Need-based financial assistance is available.

Stephen Ministry Workshop **Saturday, September 17, 9:00am – 1:00 pm** **Christ the King Lutheran Church,** **Bloomington MN**

Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry
Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

Registration: \$15 per person - 314-428-2600 or www.stephenministry.org/workshop

Divorce: Its Impact on our Youth and Children

Friday, September 23, 2011, 11:30 am- 2 pm; Bethel University

Explore the impact of divorce on young

people, examine this all too-common cultural reality from a philosophical and theological perspective, and see what difference this makes for our ministries. Speaker Andrew Root, Ph.D., associate professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Registration: \$15/person by Sept. 2, \$25/person after; 651-638-6301 or <http://www.bethel.edu/church-ministries/events/divorce-seminar/>

Leading Men Summit **Going Deep: Becoming a Person of Influence**

Thursday, November 10, 2011, 9am-12:30 pm (lunch following); Bethel University

If you have a calling to mobilize the men in your church toward intentional spiritual growth and outreach, the Leading Men Summit is for you. Best-selling author and

long-time pastor Gordon MacDonald will describe how to get serious about cultivating mentoring relationships: the topic of his recent book, *Going Deep: Becoming a Person of Influence*.

Registration: \$49 by Nov. 7; 651-638-6301 or <http://www.bethel.edu/church-ministries/events/day-with-gordan-macdonald>

MN Church Ministries Assoc. **Expo – The ‘How-To’ Conference** **Saturday, Oct. 1, 8:45am-2:15pm;** **Edinbrook Church, Brooklyn Park**

Three one-hour workshops are offered in each of these areas: Children, Youth and Adult education, as well as Leadership, Worship and Outreach. Workshops address practical needs of teaching and leading. More information on workshops at mcmaexpo.eventbrite.com
Registration: Contact the church office

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

For 100 Years, St. John's Hospital and the churches of our community have been partners, providing spiritual care and comfort to patients, their families and friends.

We warmly invite you to come to our 100th Anniversary Worship Celebration!

When: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Where: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi MN 55115

Time: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Worship Celebration, followed by reception until 9pm

Please join us in song! We would like to have at least two members from every church come sing in the "St. John's Community

Choir" to share in the thanks we give for the partnerships we have enjoyed during these many years of ministry and caring together.

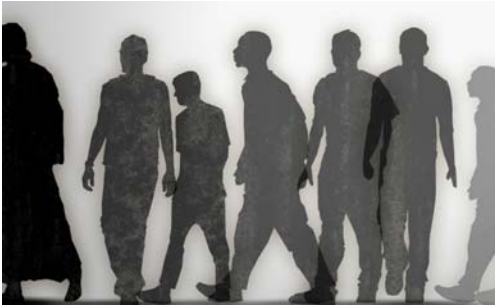
Choir Rehearsals: Rehearsal on Tues. Sept. 13th 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's (Music Rehearsal room)
Rehearsal on Thurs. Sept. 22nd 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Prior to Worship

If you would like to be a member of the Worship Service Choir, please RSVP to: Chaplain Al Kleinsasser, St. John's Spiritual Care Department
Email: ajkleinsasser@healtheast.org or leave a voice mail at 651-232-7398

Please respond by Thursday, September 1st



RALLY SUNDAY AND EDUCATION HOUR



“Intentional, Radical, Extravagant, Risk-taking, Passionate DISCIPLESHIP”

“...As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34,35

What does really being a follower of Jesus Christ mean for us this year as we begin our Education Hour classes at 10:50 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th? It means we should actively strive to live out these qualities that are exciting descriptions of being Jesus’ disciples to transform our world with God’s love! Being **INTENTIONAL** about our Faith Development is an important key. Discipleship comes from the same root as the word discipline... which means “to develop by instruction and exercise”. As God plants us can make an impact for the world, we need to

INTENTIONALLY grow and develop by instruction and exercise... practice what we are learning from God’s Word. We have classes for all ages from nursery – adult. We also will be offering Bible Study groups that you can sign up and be a part of in addition to attending one of our Sunday morning offerings. Come Sunday, September 11th for Worship/Baptism; stay for a class starting at 10:50 a.m....and enjoy some pastry refreshments with coffee/tea/and juice to take on your way to a class!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

This fall there will be **two** classroom opportunities to explore spiritual formation.

The first is the 7 week **introductory course** that uses the materials *Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey*. It was also offered last fall and winter. It will be held **September 11th - October 23rd during the Education Hour**. The premise behind the class is that each of us hungers to be close to God. The spiritual journey is the process of drawing close to God to “feed” that hunger.

You will be introduced to the basic concepts of the Christian spiritual life and helped to connect them to your daily experiences. We will explore the spiritual practices (disciplines) of scriptural meditation, prayer, daily examine, listening, and journaling. We will work through the materials, practice the disciplines throughout the week, and (as comfortable) share with the group members in class.

This class will be led by Elaine Anne MacGregor and is limited to 12 participants. Please call the church office to register. The cost of the participant’s book is \$12.50.

The second opportunity for exploring spiritual formation will be held on **Saturday mornings in the Library from 9:00 - 11:30, starting September 17th**. It is a **28 week** study that will be broken down into 5 modules. The class will use the materials *Companions in Christ: A Small Group Experience in Spiritual Formation*. The five topics to be covered are: spiritual formation, scripture, prayer, vocation and spiritual companionship.

The class’s emphasis is participant participation. Each week the group members read an article in the course materials and complete daily scripture readings, questions and journaling to guide private reflection. When the group meets on Saturday there is an invitation to share your thoughts, reflect together and take part in a variety of group learning experi-

ences. The strength of this course is dependent upon the weekly reading and reflecting done by the group members. This course provides the opportunity for opening oneself to God’s presence and guidance.

The first session on **September 17th will be a preparatory meeting** that will allow a chance to learn more about the class and look at the materials being used. If you think you would like to be part of this long term class but are unsure, come to the September 17th class. No commitment to the group is being asked for until after that meeting.

This group will be led by Elaine Anne MacGregor and is limited to 12 participants. Please call the church office to register. The cost of the participant’s book is \$20.00. For further information about either class, please contact Elaine Anne MacGregor (eamacg@hotmail.com or 651-714-9364).

“MINOR PROPHETS” DISCUSSION CLASS

Bible History concerning the Israelites was told over a period of 450 years by some guys we call “The Minor Prophets.” Actually, their writings weren’t minor at all - they were just shorter than the long winded preachers, but they got their message across anyway.

This fall we’re going to begin a study of the 12 Minor Prophets. Join us as we discuss these 12 authors and their people and their God. We’ll start with Hosea--did you hear who he married?

A discussion book (nice, but not necessary) is

available for \$8.00. See Lee or Gordon Cummins to order one.

The class will be facilitated by Lee Cummins, Room #4.

“THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Class time will be divided between two activities: an examination of biblical texts that teach about the Holy Spirit and discussion based on readings from Francis Chan’s book, *“Forgotten God, Reversing our tragic neglect of the Holy Spirit.”*

Last spring our church decided to pur-

sue a new Model for Governance. In our discussions of the model the concept of discernment was stressed. Discovering our direction as a congregation can only be successful when we seek the guidance of God through the activity of the Holy Spirit. Our focus on the Holy Spirit will take place within this context. Our goals are to gain

a new appreciation for who the Holy Spirit is and a fresh sense of His presence and work in our lives among us as a congregation. Copies of Chan’s book will be provided and (aghast!) there will be reading assignments.

Facilitated by: Wayne Ramsden, Room #5

FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL LIVING

Are you looking to grow in faith and service? Five key practices - **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith-Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity** - are

all about receiving, giving, growing and serving. As we do them, we become greater instruments of God’s grace, and better witnesses of God’s glory.

We will read the book “Five Practices of Fruitful Living” and spend two weeks on each

practice. Books will be available at the first class on September 11th, at a cost of \$10.00.

Facilitated by: Pastor Greg Cooper, Room #6

SMALL SUPPORT GROUPS FORMING

SMALL GROUPS Forming...Be a part of a small support caring group at WBC! At the start of the week of September 18th we will be launching some new small groups and hope you will want to be involved with this opportunity to know some more people in a closer way. Pastor Greg will begin his series this Fall on *“Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”*... We will be discussing the

theme and qualities to practice of the *“Five Practices of Fruitful Living”* in our small group gatherings and discussions. These five practices – to receive God’s love (Radical Hospitality); loving God in return (Passionate Worship); to grow in Christ (Intentional Faith Development); loving and serving others (Risk-Taking Mission and Service); growing in the grace of giving (Extravagant Generosity) - will help encour-

age us to develop these qualities and become more of instruments of God’s marvelous grace to others. You may even develop some closer friendships, too!

Small groups can meet on Sunday mornings (after worship); Sunday evenings; weeknights; weekends; for 7 sessions every other week or every week for 13 weeks here at church or in homes! Please let Carolyn Butler know of your interest or by calling the church office.

YOUTHWORKS! YOUTH MISSION REPORT

This year’s youth mission trip with Youthworks organization was a week full of worship, teamwork, fun evening activities, and serving the community of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada with cheerful hearts. We began with a morning devotional and ended the day with an evening Bible study to learn how to “Be Different” from the patterns of the world and live our lives how God wants us to live them.

Throughout the week, our youth and leaders from Woodbury Baptist were put in teams with youth groups of other churches from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Al-

berta. Each team had to make up a team cheer, assist in meal preparations and clean up and, most of all, work together on their mission to serve the community of Thunder Bay.

The mission work consisted of distributing food and cleaning the facilities of food banks; volunteering with Teen Challenge; performing deep cleaning in some churches; volunteering in senior living centers; and other random tasks done in the community. Although the work ranged from tedious and arduous, to fun and games with the elderly, we all met people with uplifting spirits, inspiring backgrounds and great passion for

bettering the community of Thunder Bay. Each night was spent worshipping with our wonderful Youthworks leaders who coordinated all the evening activities in addition to volunteering along side us in the community. All in all, it was an eye-opening, rewarding, and wholesome experience for everyone who participated.

Leah Williams





Happy Birthday to all those listed below and anyone else who might have a birthday that we missed! Please call the church office if you do not see your name below and you are celebrating a birthday.



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday

October Birthdays

(1) Rosemary Nelson	(17) Kathy Hartmon
(2) Dan Parker	Kathy Thompson
(4) Amber Joslin	(18) Amanda Towner
(5) Darlene Becker	Kate Witte
Audrey Sabinske	(19) Carrie Treague
(6) Lola Olasimbo	Charles Treague
Mary Heiple	(20) Osei Owusu
(7) Justin Farrer	(22) Andy Jensen
Christie Kastama	Nelson Amores
Madison Hunter	(24) Ron Sandquist
(8) Dedra Oberg Fagan	(25) Shelley Reynolds
(11) Carol Nelson	(26) Malachi Mooty
Jocelyn Parker	(28) Mylinda Baits
Marlys Walker	Madia Flomo
(12) Jerrie Daly	(29) Greg Cooper
Keith Nord	(30) Dot Ashley
(13) Jeremiah Loahr	Marsha Kurka
(14) Jared Wold	Stephanie Smith
(17) Elizabeth Cooper	

(2) Rebecca Ellsworth	(12) Julie Lucking
Bill O'Brien	Karen O'Brien Davis
(3) Wayne Pribnow	Heather Frich
Jacki Klinger	(13) Michelle Witte
(4) Dan Gerber	Mary Jo Hangge
Cohen Smith	(14) Linder Gerber
Lillian Smith	(22) Rebecca Wold
(5) Pam Johnson Wold	(24) Kim Watson
Kevin Wilde	(26) Precious Sikakane
(6) Hannah Peterson	(27) Greg Lindholm
Anne Stoebe	Faviana Torres
(7) David Steffens	(28) John Lundeen
(8) Charles Woods	Jeanne Lundeen
(9) Josh Rose	(29) Matt Pribnow
Edward Flomo	(30) Kayla Jensen
(11) Tad Becker	Angela Towner
Cassie Ogbuehi	(31) Lupe Sanchez



“VINTAGE PEOPLE” - WHO ARE WE?

If you have recently come to WBC you may have heard about the “VPs” and wondered who they are. Our purpose statement says, “A ministry of fellowship, spiritual growth, education, and outreach, by and for retirees at WBC.” We welcome all who are retired, to join us at our upcoming events.

October Event: Tour of the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Wednesday, October 5th. We will meet at church at 10:00 am; lunch on the Veranda at the St. James Hotel in Red Wing at 11:30 am; and travel to the Eagle Center for a tour at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$6 per senior and veterans are free. Carol Cline is the coordinator.

December Event: “A Civil War Christmas” at the History Theatre, Thursday, December 8th. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am. The play will be at 10:00 am, followed by lunch together in downtown St. Paul. Tickets are \$19 payable to Carol Windham.

“DAY AWAY” - BENEDICTINE CENTER

Space has been reserved for us at the Retreat Center once each month, beginning in October. Cost for the day is \$35 payable to WBC. Join others from our church as we enjoy a beautiful setting, good fellowship around the lunch table, walking paths for exercise, and free time to spend as you wish. We arrive at 9:00am and leave at 4:00pm.

The following Thursdays have been reserved:

- October 20
- November 1
- January 12
- February 9
- March 8
- April 5 (from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- May 17

CHRISMON WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED

A Chrismon Workshop will be offered on Saturday, September 24th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room #5 with lunch at a favorite restaurant afterwards. Come and make unique CHRIST's MONogramS (Chrismons) that symbolize all different aspects of God's Son - His birth, name, death, resurrection and second coming. The Chrismons are usually made in white for Christ's purity or gold for His divine kingship and royalty, except for the manger scent of wood which

symbolized His humility of the Word becoming flesh to dwell among us. We are making Chrismons for our own personal wreaths, or gifts, or for our WBC Chrismon Wreath and Tree decorations during the Advent season. Even though we try to introduce a new Chrismon design each month, we continue to work on others, too. Everyone is welcome to come and do a Chrismon!

WOODBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT: 07/31/11

JULY INCOME:

Total Income for Budget \$ 26,989.07

JULY EXPENSES:

Salaries/Benefits \$ 17,035.96

Church Bldg. & Office Supplies \$ 8,912.15

Christian Education \$ 203.65

Worship/Ministry \$ 1,743.48

Missions \$ 2,949.99

Total Expenses: \$ 30,437.93

MONTHLY SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (3,448.86)

Roofing Fund Total \$ (13,272.49)

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 177,650.04

Year-to-Date Expenses \$ 181,841.13

Year-to-Date Surplus or (Deficit) \$ (4,191.09)

Cash on Hand Balances for:

Budget Expenses as of 07/31/11 \$ 47,629.92

Flow-thru as of 07/31/11 \$ 34,638.03

PRAYER CORNER

- **Rev. Frank Nelson**, former pastor and father of Paul Nelson, had triple by-pass surgery on August 16th. The surgery went well and Frank is recovering at home. Continue to pray for healing.
- **Bill Klatt**, brother of Bob Klatt, is undergoing treatment for myelofibrosis. We pray for pain management and God's healing.
- **Tony Boekhoff Family** as they mourn the loss of Tony who died on May 8th.
- **Bill Klatt**, father of Bob Klatt, passed away on May 13th. We continue to pray for God's comfort during this time of mourning.
- **Kim Jensen's grandmother, Frieda Akan** passed away on May 2nd. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- **Anita & Tania Juarez**, members of our sister church in Costa Rica, were in a car accident in April. Please continue to pray for healing.
- **James Eisenrich**, father of Jim Eisenrich, passed away at 83 on June 1st.
Milton Jahn, grandfather of Darren Reck, passed away on Wednesday, June 8th. Pray for the family as they continue to mourn.
- **The Family of Mark Nord Jr.** as they grieve the loss of Mark who passed away on July 6th. He was a grandson of Keith & Donna Nord and nephew of Christie & Dennis Kastama.
- **Joan VanderHoeven**, sister-in-law of Karen VanderHoeven and aunt of Beth Eisenrich, passed away on July 6th. Services were held on Monday, July 11th in Indianapolis.
- **James Flomo**, father of Ed Flomo, died unexpectedly in Liberia on July 22nd. Please pray for God's comfort for Ed and his family.
- **Audrey Mears**, sister of Gordon Cummins, passed away on August 3rd after suffering a stroke the previous week. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- **Dorothy Joslin** underwent surgery on Friday, August 5th. She is now at home recovering but is on driving restrictions. Please pray for pain management and recovery.
- **Russ Daly** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is anticipating surgery in September.
- **Private Prayer Requests** for all those who are in need of God's love, patience and prayer.
- **For our families** who are expecting babies in the coming months. We pray for safe and healthy pregnancies and deliveries.



DID YOU KNOW...?

- **Wally Lindell** sold his business "Lindell Carriages" of horse drawn carriage rides in downtown St. Paul after 22 years. He brought joy to many who've enjoyed his rides!
- **Congregational Vote** - The congregation overwhelmingly supported the proposal to modify our governing structure for the coming year (June 2011-May2012) to encourage new ministries.
- **Memorial Garden** - Is looking beautiful with new trees and annuals that were planted this past week. We are blessed by God's bounty!
- **Welcome to Membership** - We are pleased to welcome and extend the right hand of fellowship to nine new members of WBC. We welcomed **Giscard Ayissi, Ida Caesar, Ben Fleming, Rachel Fleming, Sheri Harrison, Pastor Greg Cooper, Elaine Anne MacGregor, Philip Cooper and Elizabeth Cooper.**
- **Parent / Child Dedication** – We ask for God's guidance for the four families that dedicated themselves and children over the summer. Garrett & Kylee Sandquist and daughter **Susanna May**; Josh & Megan Loahr and son **Eli Steven**; Ben & Georgie Kastama and daughter **Elliot Ryan**; Key Idowu & Ronke Phillips and daughter **Eliana Idowu.**
- **Ben Kastama** was promoted to Master Sargent in the US Air Force stationed in Oklahoma in June.
- We celebrated four HS graduates from WBC: **Jonathan Castro, Joseph Domagala, Megan Hartmon, Kali Mooty.** Also, two college graduations: **Tega Ogamien, USD and Isabelle Atem, MSU.**
- **Al Kleinsasser** was certified with the Association of Professional Chaplains in June. Congratulations!
- **Lee Cummins** retired after many years as WBC Parish Nurse on June 30th. Thank you to Lee and all your many years of dedicated service.
- **Youth Mission Trip** – Our youth served in Thunder Bay, Ontario in July. Those who participated were Elizabeth Cooper, Greta Eisenrich, Rachel Eisenrich, Kayla Jensen, Kelly Ogamien, Precious Ogamien, Leah Williams, Marta Williams, Jason Castro, Noah Hangge, Lucas Oberg, Carolyn Butler, Greg Cooper, Beth Eisenrich and Scott Hangge.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** - Thank you to all who gave so generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing collection. A total of \$1,553.00 was collected for this cause.
- **Landon James Fleming** was born on Saturday, July 9th weighing 9lbs 10oz. Proud parents are Ben & Rachel Fleming.
- **John Johnson & Molly Northop** (Sarah Gerber's sister) have recently become engaged and are planning an October wedding. Congratulations and Blessings!
- **Emily Sunah Sandquist** became a daughter to Tim & Rita Sandquist on July 21, 2011. Emily was born in South Korea on September 5, 2010. Proud grandparents are Ron & Lynn Sandquist.
- **Jackie Maule & Kale Pribnow** were married at WBC in July. Kale is the son of Wayne Pribnow & Suzy Brownlee
- **VBS** – We praise God for record attendance this year with 65 kids!! It was a blessing to have 45-50 youth & adults help from early planning to set take down. Thank you to all the volunteers for Panda-Mania this year. We appreciate everyone taking the time to help out and make it a "wild" time for the kids. Each one of you made a difference. It was quite the experience for the kids to sing, learn, play and journey through bible stories together. We look forward to another exciting experience next year.
- **Lucas Oberg's** Woodbury Baseball Team won the Midwest Baseball "A" League Championship this summer for the 14-15 year olds. Lucas was awarded the game winning signed ball for his strike-out pitching.
- **Mark & Michelle Allen & Family** have moved to Houston, TX. We wish them God's blessings in their future endeavors.
- **Jim Asher** recently retired after 35+ years in medical device sales with Abbott Laboratories Worldwide, Inc. During his career, Jim worked with hospitals and healthcare systems in the Twin Cities, Rochester, and North Dakota. Jim sold and supported products such as I.V. Solutions and I.V. Pumps.
- **Bamboo Mission Project** – During the week of VBS, \$263.61 was collected to support the rainforest growth in the Congo. Thank you to all who gave to support this cause.
- **Carter Elizabeth Patchin** was born on August 18th to Daniel & Jill Patchin. She weighed 7lbs 13oz and measured 21" long. Grandparents are Al & Deb Patchin.
- The Annual Church Camping Weekend was cancelled this year due to the violent storms that went through in July which shut down the parks. Next years camping weekend has been scheduled for August 24-26th. Mark your calendars!
- \$400 from hosting the ski weekends the last two years was given by the youth to the region's ministry of Dayton Oaks Camp towards the building new cabins fund.
- 12 were able to enjoy a day on the St. Croix river on the WBC family canoe/kayak adventure, August 27th.
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study with resume **Tuesday, September 13th** at 6:30pm in the Library. Several studies are being considered. Come and be a part of a unique fellowship and support as we decide on the study and encourage each other in God's Word!



BAPTISTRY FUND – “FILLED TO OVERFLOWING!”

Our “Fill the Tank” campaign to purchase a new, portable baptistry has been generously supported. After only 4 weeks, all the funds needed to purchase the new baptistry have been donated. On the strength of early support, the new baptistry was ordered two weeks ago and has now arrived. It was set up in a “dry run” (pun intended) in only 40 minutes, and is on

display in the Foyer. It looks great and will be used on Rally Sunday (Sept. 11) for baptisms in the Sanctuary. We are thankful to God for this blessing, but even more thankful for God’s grace in the lives of those who are responding to the call to follow Jesus into the waters of baptism, and life-long discipleship.



BETHEL COMMUNITY HYMN SING



Join Bethel alumni and friends on Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00pm for a delightful afternoon singing your favorite hymns and choruses. Led by Mark Rhoads, professor of music, student instrumentalists and organ-

ist Cindy Reents C’76. Coffee and cookies will be served following the event. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken. Invite your friends to join in this special time of praise, worship and fellowship!

WORSHIP CHOIR AND BURNISHED BRONZE TO BEGIN



Worship Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 28th from 6:45 - 7:45pm in Room #4. Anyone 9th grade or older is invited to attend. Burnished Bronze Handbell Choir will start rehearsals on Sunday, October 2nd from 8:00 - 9:00am. All

are welcome to come and share your talent. Please speak to Linda Gerber if you have any questions.



DATES TO REMEMBER.....

- September 7th - Youth Mystery Dinner for new 6th graders @ 6:15pm.
- September 11th - Rally Sunday & Baptisms and start of Fall Education Hour @ 10:50am.
- Tuesday Evening Bible study begins on September 13th @ 6:30pm.

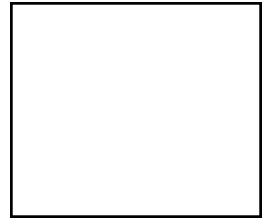
- September 14th - Wednesday night programming begins.
- September 16-18th - Youth Fall Retreat @ Williams’ cabin.
- September 22nd - St. John’s Hospital 100 year Celebration @ 7:00pm.
- September 24th - Chrismon Workshop in church library @ 9:30am.
- September 28th - Worship Choir

Rehearsals begin @ 6:45pm and Burnished Bronze on Sunday, October 2nd.

- October 5th - Vintage People Outing to Nat’l Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN. Leaving from church at 10:00am.
- October 15th - Wedding of John Johnson & Molly Northrop @ 2:30pm.
- October 20th - “Day Away” event at the Benediction retreat Center @ 9:00am.



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Weekly WBC Schedule (starting Sept. 11th)

Sundays:

9:30 am	Worship Service
10:50 am	Education Hour

Tuesdays:

6:30pm	Evening Bible Study
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Wednesdays:

5:30 - 6:15 pm	Kids Praise / Youth Praise
6:15 - 6:45 pm	Dinner Served
6:45 - 7:45 pm	Kids Club: FW Friends
6:45 - 7:45 pm	Youth Bible Study in Library
6:45 - 7:45 pm	R.O.C.K. Youth Group
6:45 - 7:45 pm	Worship Choir (09/28/11)

This year marks the 10 year anniversary of the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. We thank the many who responded that day to keep us safe and are grateful to all who serve to protect this great country today. We will never forget what happened that day and the numerous sacrifices that so many have made. May God Bless America as we honor God.

