

New Members Received

These individuals were welcomed to Woodlake membership on Feb. 1:

Gilbert, Alyson and Daniel; Caden '03,
Brennan '06 612-866-4747
7109 Fifth Ave. So., 55423

Hagen, Anne; Hannah '95, Abigail '98,
Claire '98, Brier '98 612-481-0275
9133 Knox Ave. So., 55431

Jensen, John and Kathy; Anna '02,
Maren '04 612-243-8926
7100 Irving Ave. So., 55423

Baptisms

Nathaniel Seth Salazar
Bengtson, son of Bayardo
Cortez and Heather Bengtson.

His sponsors are Jamie, Justin, Joshua
and Joel Aldrich.

Maksim James Eisenhower Zachau,
son of Brian and Tisa Zachau. His
sponsors are Rebecca Loza and Keira
and Nathaniel Moore.

Cody Mitchell Knutson, son of Steven
Knutson and Jeanne Freitag. His spon-
sors are Michael and Shannon Paasch.

Transfers

Christopher and Molly Kodl and Ella
to King of Kings Lutheran Church,
Woodbury.

Funerals

Lois Thompson, July 7, 1931 -
Dec. 23, 2008.

Violet Randall, Mar. 23, 1917 -
Dec. 24, 2008. Service in Plymouth.

Lillian Dahlen, Jan. 10, 1909 -
Dec. 27, 2008. Interment at Lakewood
Cemetery.

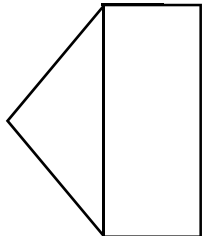
Eloise Nelson, Mar. 23, 1926 -
Jan. 19, 2009. Interment at Sunset
Cemetery.

Joyce Lindback, Aug. 10, 1932 -
Jan. 23, 2009. Interment at Fort Snel-
ling National Cemetery.

Doris Serstock, June 13, 1926 -
Jan. 28, 2009. Interment at Fort Snel-
ling National Cemetery.

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Woodlake Music Series

Jack Brass Band

Sunday, Feb. 15, 4:00 p.m.

Treat your Valentine to a Mardi Gras-
flavored celebration of great music.
Hear the Jack Brass Band at Wood-
lake, part of the "Arts in the Afternoon"
Music Series.

Tickets (\$10.00) are on sale Sunday.

Change in Sunday Routine

Sunday School students dismissed at
the 10:00 a.m. service will now report
to their classrooms rather than
Fellowship Hall. Large-group time will
instead end each session. Meet
children in Fellowship Hall at 11:15.

Basket Bidding Begins

Silent bidding on gift baskets that will
be awarded at the Mardi Gras breakfast
starts this Sunday, when the first
donated arrivals will be on display.

In addition to opening bids, prizes for
a cakewalk and help at the meal are
being sought. Buy tickets for the
Feb. 22 breakfast (\$6.00 adults, \$4.00
kids, \$15.00 families) and visit with the
sellers about other ways to contribute
to the success of this fundraiser. Patty
Norgaard (612-861-5909) would like to
hear from volunteers by phone, too.

Baskets aren't the only things up for
bid at the auction. See page 3 for a list
of gift-card contributors.

Sunday Morning Adult Forum

Feb. 8, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Mosaic Video:

Women in the Early Church

Mosaic is the video magazine of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
This issue looks at the roles played by
women as the Christian church went
from an obscure Jewish sect to the
official religion of the Roman Empire.

Meet Thecla, Perpetua and others
and learn of their contributions.

Grades 3-4 Have a Turn

Third and fourth graders should
receive cards and markers when
entering the 10:00 service on Feb. 8.
It's their turn to play Bingo!

February 7 & 8

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

In the Chapel:

5:00 p.m.

Saturday



In the Church:

8:45, 10:00 & 11:15 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School:

Begins at the 10:00 a.m. service

Grades 3 & 4 remain in church

Texts: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Holy Communion at all services.

Nursery available Sundays.

ASL interpreted at 10:00 a.m.

Senior Fellowship

Join Woodlake's older adults for lunch and a program on Feb. 19. The show is a double bill: the Blooming-tones and a performance of Woodlake's home-grown musical, *Women of the Bible*. Cost is \$9.00.

Woodlakers

Eat dessert and play games together on Friday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Lois Gantriis (612-866-7147) and Sandy Engen (612-866-1893)—two famed dessert-makers—are taking RSVPs for the evening. All adult members and friends of the congregation are welcome at Woodlakers.

Timberlodge Time

Tuesday, Feb. 10, is Woodlake's next night out at the Southtown Timberlodge Steak House. Eat and drink any time that day, mention that you are from Woodlake, and the church receives a donation equal to 15% of your tab. Enjoy!

Faith & Fiction

Woodlake's book discussion group is reading *Little Heathens* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish for Feb. 26's meeting. Interested in joining them? Pastor Diane Roth has the details.

Pure-ly Fun

Kids in kindergarten - Grade 6 will spend their "Pure-ly Fun" evening with the families staying at Woodlake in the Families Moving Forward program. Come to church at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, to make and eat supper with the guests and share games and good times until 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Knitters

Next meetings are 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 and 9:30 a.m. Feb. 12. Drop in!

From the Pastor

Our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Mark Hanson, was in town last week. He addressed a gathering of the clergy and other rostered ministers from the Minneapolis and St. Paul Area Synods. Our intern, Barb VanDrasek (who served as the crucifer for the Communion service), Sue Ohnesorge (an Associate in Ministry), Laurie Beckman Yetzer (a Diaconal Minister) and I were there. (Pastor Roth was at a continuing education event in St. Louis.)

Bishop Hanson's remarks were not a "state of the church" address. Rather, he chose to share his thoughts on a variety of items close to his heart. At one point he was talking about how our congregations need to reach out to the people who live in our communities, especially if they are not "our kind of people."

"However," he warned, "if you reach out just to get more members to help pay your bills, or if you reach out because you think 'those people' are inferior to you and only you can make them better, or if you reach out and hope they'll join your church and become like you. . . ." "Then," he said, "you don't deserve to grow."

"On the other hand," he added, "if you realize that *they* have something to offer *you*, and that their gifts for ministry can augment your own, then you've got the right idea. And God will surely bless your mission together."

His comments seem especially appropriate for us. Our financial squeeze is a kind of wake-up call for us to be more intentional about reaching out into our community. We know our Richfield, Bloomington, Edina, south Minneapolis neighborhoods are changing. The question is whether we are open to the kind of change which will enrich us all.

I think we can do this, and I invite you to join in.

— Pastor Mark Wegener



Breadmaking is Subject of Fun Class

Learn a new skill or improve an existing one at an upcoming "just for fun" Saturday demonstration.

Breadmaking with instructors Scotty Andrews and Tex Johnson is first up, at Feb. 14 at 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

Other skills will be shared Feb. 28 (scarf-tying) and Mar. 14 (knitting/crocheting), both also at 1:00 p.m.

Be a Link in Prayer Chains

Pastor Diane Roth is updating the list of active members of Woodlake Prayer Chains. Call her (612-866-8449) or email (droth@woodlakechurch.org) to be added at this time.

Donors Step Up for Breakfast

The silent auction at Woodlake's Feb. 22 Mardi Gras breakfast has attracted lots of donor support from area businesses. Gift certificates up for bid include: ■ AMF Southtown Lanes ■ St. Paul Saints ■ Papa Murphy's ■ Byerly's ■ Cub Foods ■ Stages Theatre Company ■ Papa John's ■ Airport Bowl ■ Crema Café ■ Rainbow Foods ■ Potbelly Sandwich Works ■ Applebee's ■ Dairy Queen ■ Noodles & Co. ■ Richfield Floral & Garden ■ Minnesota Wild ■ Lariat Lanes ■ Cono's Ice Cream & More ■ Parasole Restaurants ■ Timberlodge Steak House ■ MN Historical Society ■ Chipotle.

A new feature of this year's benefit in support of ISIAH is a raffle for four \$50.00 tickets to the Apr. 11 Minnesota Timberwolves game against the Phoenix Suns. Chances are \$1.00 each or "buy 5, get one free." Look for a display on Sunday.

Confirmands Seek Mentors

Ninth graders enrolled in WWYGs have a homework assignment—choose an adult who participates in the life of the congregation to be a mentor in faith.

The relationship begins with four meetings prior to Confirmation Sunday, including a gathering for all involved at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Each student will personally select and invite his or her mentor. Adults responding positively will then be contacted by Youth Ministries Director Chris Okey.

Youth Scoop

■ Skiing for 10th-12th Graders
Spend Presidents'

Day (Feb. 16) at Welch Village. \$50.00 due Feb. 11.

■ Tubing for 7th-9th Graders
Visit Eco Backen Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21. \$16.00 due Feb. 18.

Forms and details were sent to each household; get extras at church.

Share with Table Blessings

Woodlakers are invited to gift others with Table Blessings. The pre-packed meals, made at Let's Dish by Woodlake volunteers, are in the freezer in the office wing. They are meant to be given to those who would be blessed by a meal—the grieving, the ill, the harried, the celebrating. Visit during office hours and use the sign up sheet to record the "blessing."

Wednesday A.M. - Feb. 11

7:30 a.m. Prayer Group
8:00 a.m. Matins Service
8:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
9:00 a.m. "Psalms for the Journey"
Pastor Diane Roth will lead a study of the Psalms with specific examples from this unique genre of Scripture.