

Engage @ Westwood

Adult Classes,
Small Groups,
Bible Studies
and Support
Groups



Winter
2012

Seasons of Spiritual Growth

This “Seasons of Spiritual Growth” model will help you identify which season you are in, so that you can determine your next steps. Westwood classes and seminars are also organized around these seasons. Look for these symbols next to the growth opportunities in this booklet to find the one that’s right for you!



PL **PLANTING** (Connecting With God)
Connecting with God or reconnecting with Him. Learn to open your hands, receive all God wants to give you and make Jesus the center your life.

TR **TAKING ROOT** (Increasing Understanding)
Increase your understanding of God’s heart and character. Scratch the surface with Bible basics or dig deeper into a book of the Bible. Explore spiritual practices and gather the tools to grow your faith for a lifetime.

PR **PRUNING** (Refining Your Character)
Allow God to help you confront the wounds, losses, sins, bitterness and disappointments that entangle us. Receive God’s healing and restoration, as He refines your character.

BF **BEARING FRUIT** (Sharing Your Gifts)
Discover your God-given gifts and apply them to the needs around you. Share your gifts by giving them away.

SC **SCATTERING** (Spreading God’s Kingdom)
Scattering seeds impacts the hurting, broken world with the message and ministry of the Gospel. Find your place reaching others with the love of Jesus by spreading God’s Kingdom.

Connect at Westwood

Go to www.westwoodcc.org/links to sign up for upcoming events, join the Table, and subscribe to the Digital Newsletter.

Getting Acquainted

Getting Acquainted is a casual gathering offered the third Sunday of the month for newcomers and those exploring connection opportunities at Westwood. Over light refreshments you’ll meet some staff and ministry leaders as well as others new to Westwood. Discover comfortable connection opportunities as you become more familiar with our community of faith. Please join us in the Prairie Room (behind the fireplace in the Commons) from 11:05am-12:05pm. Children’s programming (birth-fourth grade) is available.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Third Sunday of the month
Info:	
Jan Peterson: 952-224-7318 or jan.peterson@westwoodcc.org	

Membership Seminar

Participants will learn about the values, mission and beliefs of Westwood in this essential step toward membership. Register online. Childcare is available through pre-registration for \$5/child.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Thurs, Jan 19, 6:30–8:30pm Sat, Mar 3, 9:00–11:00am Thurs, May 3, 6:30–8:30pm
Info:	
Sabrina: 952-224-7314 or sabrina.downey@westwoodcc.org	

Classes for Adults

Go online to www.westwoodcc.org/registrations to register for a class, support group or event

PL Alpha

Questions about Christianity? Come to Alpha, a 12-week course where Christianity is explored in a relational, relaxed environment. Includes dinner, a presentation and small group discussion. Childcare is not provided.

Where:	When:
Room A111	Tuesdays beginning Jan 17, 6:00pm
Info:	
Kim Martinek: kimmartinek@yahoo.com or 612-532-7937	

SC Doing Short Term Missions

A short-term missions trip can be a “bucket list” experience. This seminar, led by Outreach Pastor Mark Bendell and other Westwood travelers, will inform you of Westwood upcoming trips and help you have the best possible experience for yourself or your family. Required for WCC short-term trips. \$12.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Sundays, Feb 5 & 12, 9:30–10:30am
Info:	
Jackie Johnson: 952-224-7356 or jackie.johnson@westwoodcc.org	

PL Foundations: The Good Book

Participants will examine the Bible to understand its origins, its authors, its purposes and why it is worthy to be the foundation of our faith and life. Also learn to read and study the Bible and what to look for when purchasing a Bible for personal study.

Where:	When:
B123	Tuesdays, Begins Jan 17, 7:00–8:30pm
Info:	
Mike Sommer: 952-380-6854 or sommerfami@gmail.com	

BF LifeKeys

The most fulfillment comes from using your unique gifts as God intended. LifeKeys looks at your Life Gifts, Spiritual Gifts, Personality, Values and Passions. Learn how to apply discoveries in these areas for a fulfilling, fruitful life. Join others for a dynamic 8-week session. Materials, \$24, available first week.

Where:	When:
B102 B100	Tuesdays, April 10-May 29, 7:00-9:00pm Thursdays, April 12-June 7, 7:00-9:00pm
Info:	
Ruth Laufenburger: 952-975-9059 or nanaru@mchsi.com	

TR Rock Your Relationship—Engaged Couples

Westwood seeks to support and equip engaged couples to grow in a Christ-centered marriage. Couples are encouraged to deepen their dependence upon Jesus Christ as the foundation for their personal life and couple relationship. Meets Westwood’s premarital requirements. Space is limited. \$90.

Where:	When:
Chanhassen	Sundays, Jan 15-Feb 12, 7:00-9:00pm Thursdays, April 12-June 7, 7:00-9:00pm
Info/Registration:	
rockyourrelationship@gmail.com or 612-618-2205.	

SC Sharing Your Faith With Friends & Family

Jesus calls us to be His hands and feet wherever we go—and to know how to put our faith into words for the benefit of our friends and family. This four-part seminar, led by Outreach Pastor Mark Bendell and other Westwood leaders, will help you know the basics of the Christian message and how to share the good news of Jesus with others in natural, impactful ways. \$12.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 25, 9:30–10:30pm
Info:	
Jackie Johnson, 952-224-7356 or jackie.johnson@westwoodcc.org	

SC Understanding our Somali Neighbors

This brief “101” orientation to Somali culture and faith will help prepare you for The Hunger Initiative mobile pack on February 25 that will include our Somali neighbors and/or for other places of connection in the community. This Q/A discussion is led by World Relief Minnesota staff and/or other agency or church experts. Limited to 35 participants. No Cost.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Sunday, Jan 22, 9:30–10:30am
Info:	
Jackie Johnson, 952-224-7356 or jackie.johnson@westwoodcc.org	

Leadership Classes by WellSpring

TR Leadership Exploration

Explore the “BIG” picture of Leadership at Westwood and see where your leadership gifts might be used. Choose between: Sunday, Jan 29, 9:45–10:45am, Prairie Room or Sunday, May 15, 9:45–10:45am, Room A111

TR Leadership Development

1 hour in-services for leaders of Westwood Ministries:

Leading for Results: How to Recruit Ministry Team Members

Facilitated by Susan Seward and Bruce Anderson
Sunday, Jan 15, 9:45–10:45am, Room A111

Leadership Roles: Being a Spokesperson

Facilitated by Denny Laufenberger
Sunday, Feb 19, 9:45–10:45am, Room A111

Leadership Roles: Becoming a Change Agent

Facilitated by Laura Longacre and Jeanine Parolini
Sunday, March 18, 9:45–10:45am, Room A111

Leadership Roles: Setting Direction

Facilitated by Dan Dye
Sunday, April 22, 9:45–10:45am, Room A111

Leadership Roles: Coaching Team Members

Facilitated by Chris and Kimberly Wolf
Sunday, May 20, 9:45–10:45am, Room A111

Please RSVP for any of these WellSpring classes by contacting Michele Christenson at 952-448-3336, christenson.michele@gmail.com or register online.

Small Groups for Young Adults

For more information about the Young Adults Ministry (20s and 30s)

Contact: Lacy Hladky at ljhladky@hotmail.com • 612-423-5448 • Find us on Facebook: Westwood Young Adults Ministry

TR Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

Need some encouragement to read the Bible in a year? We are setting a high but attainable goal for young adults to read through the entire Bible in a year's time. While learning about Jesus, we'll build a strong community of faith. If you're up for the challenge, and yearning for a faith community, join us!

Where:	When:
Chan/Chaska Area	Wednesdays 7:00–9:00pm
Info/Registration:	
Bridget Babcock: 952-484-8438 or bridgetbabcock611@gmail.com	

TR Getting the Love Thing Right (Young Adult Men)

Discover how broken people can love broken people by focusing on how to love. Learn how God's love exhibits itself in our most important relationships—God, family, friends, and strangers. Weekly book study and group discussion on Tuesday nights.

Where:	When:
Chanhassen	Tuesdays 7:00–9:00pm
Info/Registration:	
Erik Nelson: erik.w.nelson@gmail.com	

TR Young Men's Bible Study Small Group

Are you in your 20s-30s looking for a place to connect with other men at this stage? As we study the Bible and other Christian books we draw closer to God, develop friendships and encourage each other. We learn how to apply biblical truths to our daily lives by bringing Christ into the workplace and discovering what it means to be better husbands and fathers. Never been in a men's small group? Get connected!

Where:	When:
Perkins in Chanhassen	Wednesdays 6:30am
Info/Registration:	
Jamie Pomeroy: 612-554-5860 or pomeroy.jamie@gmail.com	

TR 1st and 2nd Thessalonians (Young Adult Women)

Learn from God the way He created you to! This in-depth study of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians is for young adult women, post college age to 30. Dive into a 10-week study beginning mid-January using spiritual disciplines, gifts and creative expressions to discover the truths found in these two books. Join us!

Where:	When:
Tonka Bay/Excelsior	Tuesdays 6:30–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Stefanie Erlander: 952-649-7143 or stefanie.erlander@gmail.com	

TR "Crazy Love" Digging Deeper Small Group (Young Adult Women)

Dig deep into Song of Solomon along with Joel's sermon series, "Crazy Love." We'll bridge contemporary dating, courting and marriage realities with biblical principles that define practices that seek to honor God. We'll help one another (singles and married) reclaim God's intentions for meaningful, sustainable relationships. No matter where you are spiritually, come!

Where:	When:
Chanhassen	Wednesdays 7:00-9:00pm, Feb 8- April 4
Info/Registration:	
Lacy Hladky: 612-423-5448 or ljhladky@hotmail.com	

TR Sharing the Journey (Young Adult Women)

Are you a single woman 18 to 30ish looking to connect deeply with other Christian women for great fellowship and encouragement as you travel along what can sometimes be a lonely or rocky road? Let's help each other to fulfill the purpose God has given us as women as we tap into biblical truth, share insights, offer encouragement and grow in our faith.

Where:	When:
Victoria	Wednesdays (every other), 7:00–9:00pm
Info/Registration:	
Suzanne Wanyonyi: 651-329-4545 or Suzisunderman@hotmail.com	

Small Groups for Single Adults 30+

For more information about the Single Adults 30+ Ministry, subscribe to the Singles Newsletter at www.westwoodcc.org/links or send an e-mail to westwoodsingles@yahoo.com.

TR Singles 30+ Small Groups

The Singles Ministry invites you to join our Winter 2011-2012 small group study, meeting on campus after the Elements service Sunday evenings. We will utilize a book by Chip Ingram, "God: As He Longs for You to See Him". \$16 for study materials (payable first night). Come enjoy a light meal, fellowship and group discussion. You're welcome to join anytime!

Where:	When:
Room B100	Sundays 6:30–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
westwoodsingles@yahoo.com	

Small Groups for Adults

Please contact the small group leader for more information or to register for the small group.

BF TURBO Group Training for New Small Group Leaders

Make a difference in the lives of others by using your gifts of shepherding, leadership or encouragement. Answer the call to small group leadership! This 6-week "TURBO training small group" orients and equips new leaders to essentials of Westwood Small Group Ministry, builds community, strengthens leadership skills and grooms leaders to launch their own group.

Where:	When:
Chanhassen	Weds, 7:00–9:00pm, Apr 18–May 23
Info/Registration:	
Chris Wolf: 952-401-9255 or cwolffamily@msn.com	

TR The Daniel Plan Small Group

Make 2012 the year to get healthy physically, mentally and spiritually. Through this study we learn how to rely on God power instead of willpower! Men and women are invited to join us as we study The Daniel Plan from Saddleback Church. Teams are formed to support and encourage one another on this dedicated journey. We hope you'll join us!

Where:	When:
Room B122	Thursdays, 7:00–8:30pm, Jan 19 - Mar 1
Info/Registration:	
Kay Osmundson: kayosmund@gmail.com	

TR Digging Deeper Small Groups

Ready to take a step in applying biblical principles from Westwood's teaching series to your own life? Dig deeper into God's Word. We meet weekly to read Scripture, discuss the sermon and apply what is learned. If you've never been in a small group, this is a great way to 'test the waters'.

Where:	When:
Room B121	Sundays, 6:30–8:00pm, Ongoing
Info/Registration:	
Kathie Pederson: 218-760-0029 or kathie.pederson@bethfel.org	

TR Ignite

Join us as we share food, fellowship and our faith! Group members have preschool to high school aged children. We meet (without children) to share a meal and God's Word in each other's homes. See if this is the group for you!

Where:	When:
Chan/Chaska area	Friday evenings (2x a month)
Info/Registration:	
Robert & Katy Keeler: 952-448-9641 or fourkeelers@gmail.com	

TR West End Connection

This existing fellowship/study small group is made up mainly of people in their 40s to early 50s who desire to deepen their faith in studying God's Word, praying for each one another, and enjoying friendship around a hot cup of coffee. Currently, we're studying the book of Acts. We also enjoy occasional planned activities and service projects beyond the scheduled small group times.

Where:	When:
Waconia area	Every other Sunday (Jan 15) 6:30–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Bill and DelRae Swanson: 952-292-3301 or bill@oflora.net	

TR Waconia Small Group

This existing small group of 10 empty nester adults (single & married, from 3 churches) is open for any age serious about studying the Bible. We will be studying "Experiencing Forgiveness" by Dr Charles Stanley. We focus on discovering what the Bible says as we ask questions about its content and search for answers in our studies and life application. If this sounds like where you are, do come join us!

Where:	When:
Waconia area	1st and 3rd Thursday/Month, begins Jan 5
Info/Registration:	
Bob & Bonnie Oleson: 952-442-4879 or oleson192@mchsi.com	

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11 CHURCHES
3 PACKING ORGANIZATIONS
AND THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS
JOINING TOGETHER TO PACK
ONE MILLION MEALS
FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA


JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE
ON FEBRUARY 25

Join us at Westwood as we work together with other churches, organizations and thousands of volunteers, including our Somali neighbors, for this Twin City wide event to help fight starvation in the Horn of Africa.

Register online at thehungerinitiative.org

Info: Laura, 952-224-7300 or laura.sorensen@westwoodcc.org

In the Horn of Africa twelve million Somalis, Kenyans, and Ethiopians are starving due to the worst drought since the 1950s.



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Small Groups for Men

Lamplighters Men's Small Groups

Lamplighters International is an intentional discipleship ministry that publishes Christ-centered, Bible-based teaching resources, used by small groups here and around the world to learn the Word and grow in the Spirit. Three men's groups (8-12 adults), will continue to study ROMANS. The study guide is \$10.

Where:	When:
Seedlings Gifts and Books (Chan)	Mondays, 7:00–8:00pm
Dunn Brothers (Excelsior)	Tuesdays, 7:00–8:00am
Hazelwood Restaurant (Excelsior)	Thursdays 7:30–8:30am
Info/Registration:	
Roger Andersen: rda53@aol.com	

Fellowship-oriented

Westwood men and non-Westwood men come together weekly for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. Members also do things together socially such as movie nights, camping, etc.

Where:	When:
Byerlys in Chanhasen	Fridays, 6:30–7:45am
Info/Registration:	
Dave Summers: dsumners@travellianceinc.com	

Men's Bible Study

Join us for an 8-week study looking at 8 Old Testament stories from Noah to David to Goliath to Daniel. Interactive, instructor-led large group format with small group discussion. All men welcome. Cost: \$10

Where:	When:
Worship Center	Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Jan 24 - Mar 13
Info/Registration:	
Andy Hakanson: 952-556-5609, andyhakanson@yahoo.com	

Friday Mornings at Perkins

This men's small group meets weekly, bright and early over breakfast. We are a varied group, with a diversity of professional backgrounds. We live in the SW suburbs; some are married, some single, and nearly all of us have children. Half our time is spent in fellowship and prayer, half in Bible study. The unifying factor for us is our desire to delve into the Bible in order to learn and apply what God is showing us. We also find great joy in encouraging each other and simply enjoying each others' company.

Where:	When:
Perkins in Chanhasen	Fridays, 6:00–7:00am
Info/Registration:	
Chaz Nichols: 952-465-8807 or chaznichols@gmail.com	

Where 2 or 3 are Gathered

We are a men's small group Bible Study that meets in the Prairie Room at 7:15am every Saturday morning. We'll be studying the book of Colossians. We read one chapter of the Bible from the book we are working through and with the help of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom in the room we try to hear what God is saying to us through His Scriptures. We are always open to new members. No registration, cost or preparation.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Saturdays, 7:15–8:30am
Info/Registration:	
Mike Sommer: 952-380-6854, or sommerfami@hotmail.com	

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 14, 7:30am

"A Skeptic's Search"
 A minister's son and amateur astronomer, Myron Moser, President and CEO of Hartfiel Automation, discovers faith through science.

Bring your friends, family and neighbors!

Tickets: \$12 at www.westwoodcc.org/registrations

"A Skeptic's Search" - Myron Moser, President and CEO of Hartfiel Automation, will share his compelling story about growing up a skeptic as the son of a minister.

Myron's journey begins looking for the right blend of science and Scripture, and through astronomy finds other scientists and historians who were once skeptics and now Christians.

Hear how he found faith by research and exploration.

Saturday, January 14, 7:30–9:30am. \$12 Buy tickets online at www.westwoodcc.org/registrations.

Small Groups for Women

Simply Relevant (Spiritual Girlfriends)

Looking for an opportunity to connect with other women in mid-life? This small group focuses on helping women build Christ-centered relationships with one another to help discern God's plan, set limits and boundaries to maintain work/life balance, and grow closer to Christ. The group meets bi-weekly on Saturday mornings at Westwood. Newcomers are welcome!

Where:	When:
Room B121	Saturdays (every other), 9:00–10:30am
Info/Registration:	
Laura: longacre.laura@gmail.com	

Lamplighters Women's Small Groups

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Where:	When:
Hazelwood Restaurant (Excelsior) Seedlings Gifts and Books (Chan)	Tuesdays, 9:30–10:30am Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00pm
Info/Registration:	
Roger Andersen: rda53@aol.com	

School House

NEW to Westwood, a small group just for home school moms! Our purpose is to provide support and encouragement for each other based on biblical truths. Our goal is to provide time to talk, laugh, pray and make connections with other home school moms both at Westwood and in the area.

Where:	When:
Room B102	Mondays, 7:00–9:00pm
Info/Registration:	
Kristi Beil: 952-470-1968 or kkbeil@yahoo.com	

Hope & Help for Single Moms

Being a single mom might be a different path than you would have chosen. Regardless, you have the rest of your life in front of you and the best is yet to come. This existing small group is a safe environment that is open to several additional single moms. We trust it will inspire you to live well and raise healthy children. We generally take turns hosting the group and try our best to accommodate children. Consider joining us for our next study which begins in early March.

Where:	When:
Chanhassen/Chaska area	Sundays (every other), 1:00–2:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Victoria Sloan: 952-688-1658 or sloan.victoria@gmail.com	

You're Not Alone 2

This existing small group is designed for married women whose spouses do not share their same spiritual journey, and who would benefit from encouragement and support from an intimate group of friends. It is a safe environment for women of faith to journey together. Join us as we take a step toward discovering God's guiding presence in our lives through His word, Christian books, and uplifting fellowship. We have openings for six additional women. "Therefore encourage one another, and build each other up." 1Thess. 5:11.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Thursdays (every other)
Info/Registration:	
Jan Peterson: 952-224-7318 or jan.peterson@westwoodcc.org	

2012 Women's Conference

Fill 'Er Up!
Filling Up... On the Good Things of God

BEST LIFE MINISTRIES

Saturday February 4, 2012

Women of all ages—join us for a one-day conference on February 4 with Kathy Weckwerth of Best Life Ministries. Large group sessions and break out sessions! \$39, optional lunch, \$10 Info & registration link at westwoodcc.org

Tour of Tables

The Women's Steppin' Out Ministry's
Spring Brunch and Fashion Show

Featuring Kenny Holman and the Summer Breeze Jazz Trio

Saturday, April 28, 9:30am-12:30pm. Cost: \$15

Table decorators/teams are needed.
If you would like to decorate or learn more,
contact Mary Host at host-steppinout@usa.net

Support Groups for Adults

Go online to www.westwoodcc.org/registrations to register for a class, support group or event

PR Launch

Interactive discussion, support and prayer with and for parents whose young adult children (18-30 years) are struggling to make a healthy and productive transition into adulthood. Topics include communication, mental health, finances, and young adults living at home. \$20 for materials.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Mondays, Jan 30–Apr 23, 7:00–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Mary Rabai: 952-607-5270 or maryrabai@gmail.com.	

PR DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K)

DC4K helps children ages 5-12 heal from the hurt of separation or divorce of their parents.

Where:	When:
B118	Mondays, Jan 16 - Apr 9, 6:30–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Tammie Kaupang: 612-722-2796 or Steve Lipschultz: srl.srl@comcast.net	

PR GriefShare

A Christ-centered support group for individuals experiencing grief and loss. Sessions include personal reflection and group interaction encouraging one another and learning about the grieving process. Cost is \$25 for materials.

Where:	When:
Prairie Room	Mondays, Feb 6 - Apr 19, 10:30am–noon
Info/Registration:	
Chris Jackson at 952-473-2929 or at jcjackson9@gmail.com.	

PR Job Transition and Networking Group

Attend our educational discussion group which meets the first Monday of each month. Spend time building relationships and business contacts through networking, sharing, listening, and supporting each other. No sign-up required.

Where:	When:
A112	First Monday of the Month, 5:30–7:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Matthew Beck, 952-457-8866 or Pat DeZiel, 952-715-1229.	

PR DAA - Domestic Abuse Anonymous

Would you like to help someone you love caught in an abusive relationship? You are not alone. We explore books and Scripture that educate and guide us towards healthy relationships. Referrals to community programs that support survivors. \$12.

Where:	When:
B124	Jan 9 - Apr 16, 6:30–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Shannon: 612-554-4627	

PR DivorceCare

DivorceCare offers support, encouragement, and biblical teaching for those who have experienced divorce. Runs concurrently with DC4K. Cost: \$25 for materials.

Where:	When:
B100	Mondays, Jan 16 - Apr 9, 7:00–8:30pm
Info/Registration:	
Randy: 952-994-5955, rdahlk@gmail.com or Paula: plarson@brownandcarlson.com.	

Worship Arts Classes

Go online to www.westwoodcc.org/registrations to register. Info: laura.sorensen@westwoodcc.org.

Worship Guitar lessons

Location TBD.

Beginning Worship Guitar group lessons: Tuesdays, Jan 24-Mar 13

6th grade-adult: 5:45-6:25pm, \$120

Grades 2-5: 5:00-5:40pm, \$120

Intermediate Worship Guitar group lessons (6th grade-adult)

Tuesdays, Jan 24-Mar 13, 6:30-7:10pm, \$120

“Becoming a Better Vocal Performer”

Location TBD.

Sat Feb 11, 9:30-noon, Cost: \$20

Instructors: The BZ Girls (Carol Zimmerman and Tara Brueske)

Contact Information

Church Office

952-224-7300

952-224-7394 (Evenings/Weekends)

Baptisms

Sabrina Downey: 952-224-7314

Birth Announcement

Teri Braun: 952-224-7330

Child Dedication

Teri Braun: 952-224-7330

Facility Use

Laurie Aasen: 952-224-7332

Membership Seminar

Sabrina Downey: 952-224-7314

Hospital Visit

Joyce Peper: 952-224-7322

Leadership Board

Denny Laufenburger: 952-975-9059

Prayer Requests

Call the Church Office

Preschool

Kristi Swier: 952-224-7426

Weddings

Joyce Peper: 952-224-7322

