

STARTING NEXT WEEK SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Chanhasen
8:15, 9:30, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

Minnetonka
9:30 & 11:00am

LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...
AND BE AWAKENED,
BE PREPARED AND
BE A BLESSING.

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through the people of Westwood visit
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WANT TO BE PART OF OUR TEAM?

We're hiring! We have a number of part-time and full-time positions we're looking to fill.

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Coming to Grips With the Contradictions of Jesus

Welcome to Westwood!

Is this your first time here? So glad you came!

Welcome to Westwood! If you are unfamiliar with the flow of our service, here's the scoop: We begin with a few worship songs. The lyrics are found on the big screens. The songs are followed by a couple announcements, a time of prayer and offering. The sermon message is given, and the service concludes with a song.

Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. Our Westwood Kids' desk would be glad to help you. Come, let's give our love to God, who first loved us.

Beginning September 11, our service times will be: Chanhassen campus 8:15, 9:30, 11:00am and 5:00pm. Minnetonka campus: 9:30 and 11:00am.



BAPTISM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

On Sunday, September 11, we invite everyone to our Baptism Celebration. Baptism makes the internal external, by publicly declaring the personal life transformation that comes through faith. You will be encouraged as we celebrate with those declaring faith in Jesus Christ.

If you'd like to be baptized, sign up for an informal interview with one of Westwood's leaders:
 Chanhassen campus: register online.
 Minnetonka campus: contact Kim Hanson,
 kim.hanson@westwoodcc.org or 952.224.224.7318



ANNUAL MEETING

Let's celebrate the work of God here at Westwood and look to the future for what He has in store. Join us for the Annual Meeting on Monday, September 19. Register online for the dinner at 5:30pm. The meeting follows at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Members are able to vote.



LABOR TO REST

September 4, 2016

Paradox Defined...

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Jesus is...

- _____
- _____

What does Jesus do?

- He _____
- He _____
- He _____

What does Jesus call us into?

- To _____ His _____
- To _____
- To _____

Paradox #1 – Labor to Rest Group Questions

September 4, 2016

1. What are one to two things that grabbed your attention from the message on Sunday?
2. Jesus' teachings appeared often in a paradox – "Something that is made up of two opposite things, and seems impossible. But is actually true, or possible." – Merriam Webster.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus taught in paradoxes?
 - b. In what ways might these teachings be difficult to digest?
 - c. In what ways are these teachings more powerful because of the paradox?
3. Read Matthew 11:28-30
 - a. Give your first reactions after reading this – what in this passage strikes you? What do you find meaningful?
4. Do you qualify as "weary" or "heavy laden?" Why or why not?
5. What do we learn about Jesus' character in these words of his, and what difference does that make for you?
6. There are three things we observe Jesus doing in this passage:
 - a. Giving rest to the weary
 - b. Partnering with the burden to help shoulder the load
 - c. Teaches a new way.Which one of these do you need the most right now and why?
7. There are a few ways that Jesus calls us through this passage:
 - a. To receive his invitation: "Come to me."
 - b. To rest
 - c. To live through himWhich one of these do you sense you need to receive most right now and why?
8. What is one step that you can take this week to live actively in Christ and the promise that he gives to you?