

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Chanhassen

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

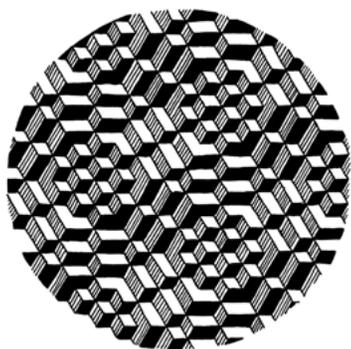
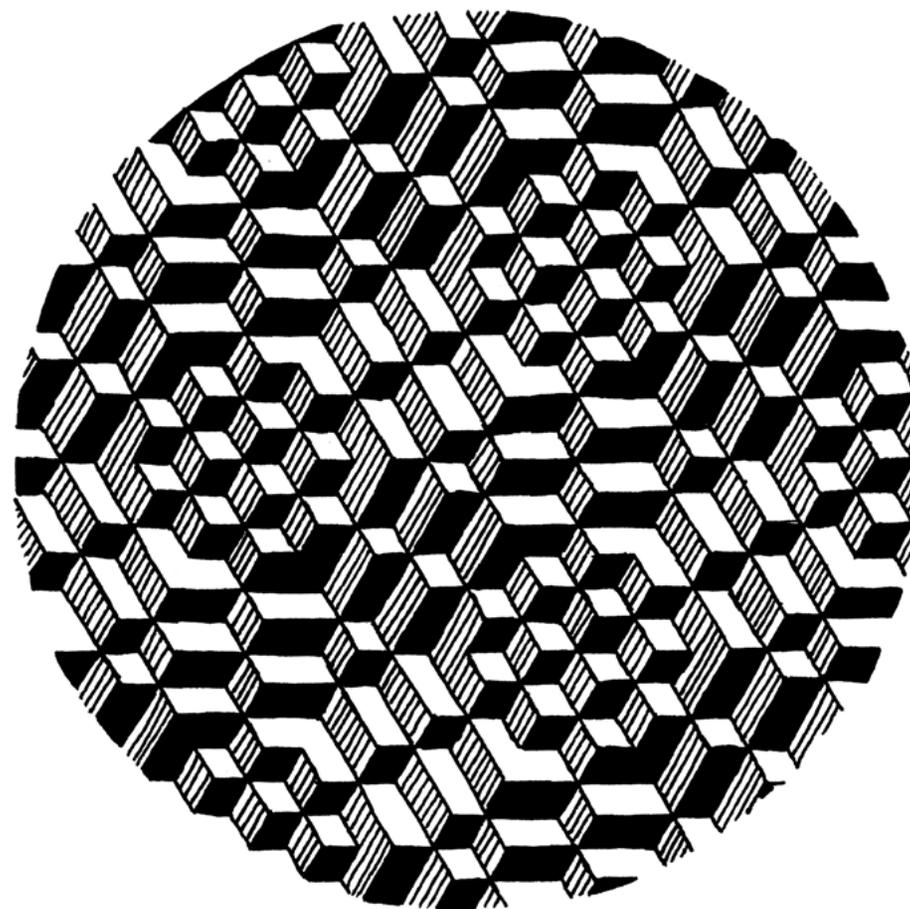
Minnetonka

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LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...

AND BE AWAKENED,
BE PREPARED AND
BE A BLESSING.

For stories of God at work in and
through the people of Westwood visit
westwoodcc.org/stories



The drawing on the cover is part of an art show in conjunction with the Paradox series. Art by Billy Sveen is displayed in the tall hall and outside the Woodside room at the Chanhassen Campus, and in the main hallway at the Minnetonka Campus. We hope you spend some time taking in the art and take home a response sheet as you ponder the paradoxes of faith.

If you're interested in meeting the artist, join us after the 5pm service on October 16 for treats and a meet and greet in the Tall Hall at the Chanhassen Campus.

Meditation 13, pen and ink drawing, 2013



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PARADOX

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 typically 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.



WHAT'S NEXT

What's Next is a great starting point for you whether you just walked in the door or you've been around for a bit! We want to get acquainted with who you are, share a little about who Westwood is, and help you explore opportunities to take whatever the next step is for you, whether that's getting involved in a class, connecting in a small group, or through using your talents in volunteering. If you have kids, they are welcome to be a part of Kids' programs (birth–grade 5) while you attend.

Chanhassen Campus:

Sunday, October 30, 9:30–10:45am, A205

Minnetonka Campus:

If you're interested in getting involved at our Minnetonka Campus, stop by the Info Spot!

WOMEN'S HOLIDAY DESSERT

Before you have to menu plan holiday meals and wrap presents, get centered in the truth of what the season means. Join us for an inspirational evening of fun entertainment, music and of course delicious desserts. Pick up an extra ticket and invite a friend or co-worker. Dates are November 14, 15 and 16. Tickets are available online starting at noon on Monday. For more info, visit the upcoming events at westwoodcc.org/upcoming



PARADOX

WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

October 9, 2016

Today's Paradox: Do you have eyes but fail to see?

Mark 8:17-18 (NIV)

Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?"

The best sight is _____

☉ True _____ kisses insight

☉ 'Little' faith _____ with insight

Walk by _____, not by _____

☉ Seeing is not always _____

☉ _____ is not always seeing

Take an eye exam

Paradox: Coming to Grips with the Contradictions of Jesus
Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Today's paradox comes from Mark 8:17-18. Read it. Give a summary of the context from Mark 6 that Pastor Joel related to feeding of the 5000 with a few loaves of bread and two fish. What is the paradox Jesus is wanting the disciples then, and us to wrestle with?
2. How is faith related to insight? How do we naturally think of faith and what it means for daily life and what is the mindset Jesus wants us to embrace when it comes to being filled with faith?
3. Though the disciples spent time with Jesus, he still says they have 'little faith.' In what sense is their faith 'little?' Do we struggle with the same 'little faith?' How?
4. Jesus calls us to walk by faith not by sight. How is seeing not always believing? How is believing not always seeing? Can we truly believe without seeing? Give examples.
5. Joel encouraged us to take a personal eye exam with three suggestions. Review each and identify the one you struggle most to do.
 - a. Ask yourself questions.
 - b. Embrace God's trustworthiness
 - c. Prepare to change.
6. If you have time you can answer these general questions about the passage:
 - What have I learned about *God*?
 - What have I learned about people?
 - What promises are included in this passage?
 - What are the lessons of this passage for faith?
 - What are the lessons of this passage for the way I live my life?