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Today's Special Guest

Leith Anderson is the pastor emeritus of Wooddale Church, where he served as senior pastor for 35 years. He is also president emeritus of the National Association of Evangelicals. In 1994, Leith asked Pastor Joel, who was on staff at Wooddale at the time, to plant Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen. Leith is a significant person of influence in Joel's life and in the life of our church.

Ash Wednesday & Lent Services

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter. This is a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 26

Bush Lake Campus: 6:00pm

Chanhassen Campus: 6:00pm & 7:30pm

Online Campus: 6:00pm & 7:30pm

Lent Services, Wednesdays March 4-April 1

Bush Lake and Chanhassen Campuses, 6:00-6:30pm

Online Campus: Weekly video devotionals in the Online Campus Facebook Group

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Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I live this out today?

■ 1 Thessalonians 1 : 2-10

■ Ephesians 3:14-21

■ Psalm 31: 19-24

■ Philippians 2:1-11

■ Philippians 4:8-9

Want to go deeper? Check out our discussion questions to engage more with the sermon this week. You can find them at westwoodcc.org/current-message-series

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Joel's 25th Anniversary

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1. 25 years can for some seem like a long time ago and for some seem like yesterday. Where were you 25 years ago? Share with the group.

2. As we celebrate Joel's 25-year anniversary, it is good to reflect. What brought you to Westwood?

3. In 1994, Leith Anderson asked Pastor Joel, who was on staff at Wooddale at the time, to plant Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen. Leith continues to be a significant person of influence in Pastor Joel's life and in the life of our church. Who are the people who have had significant influence in your own life?

4. Joel has used many axioms over the years to convey values and culture. Which one resonates with you the most? How can you apply it to your life today?

1. *With Open Hands*

- Read **Genesis 12:1-3** This verse is the compass for the journey of Westwood. We are blessed to be a blessing! How have you leaned into receiving all that God wants to give; and with open hands giving it away?

2. *Lift the Cup*

- The practice of lifting the cup during communion is meaningful. We lift the cup together when we celebrate community as the body of Christ. We lift the cup together to affirm life and celebrate it as a gift from God. Discuss this practice as a group. How has this practice been meaningful for you?

3. *Take your Hands Off the Steering Wheel*

- Following Jesus means to take your hands off the steering wheel of your life, slide over to the passenger side and trust Him to be the lead driver
- Read **Proverbs 3:5-6** Discuss this verse and how it ties into taking your hands off the steering wheel.
- Taking your hands off the steering wheel can come into practice in our daily life with Christ. How/where do you need to trust God today?

4. *Worship and Serve*

- The "Worship and Serve" campaign invited everyone to worship an hour and serve an hour on Sundays. In serving, God gets honored, our faith gets ignited and people are blessed. Where are you serving today? If you are not yet serving, what is holding you back? For serving opportunities check our [website](#).

5. *If We Could Only Get the Love Thing Right*

- A prayer that has been repeated over and over is that people who come to Westwood would experience love and say to themselves; “Oh how they love their God, oh how they love each other. Oh, how I want that love.”
 - Where do you need to “get the love thing right?”
6. *We Get to Be the Church!*
- Church was never intended to be a “have to” experience but a “get to” experience. How has this played out historically in your life? Do you feel like you “have to” or “get to”?
7. *Under the Mercy*
- Joel closes out most of his correspondence with this phrase as he always wants to remember that God’s name is mercy and that God sees us as we are not as we should be. He loves you without caution or regret. Discuss this as a group. How does your understanding of God’s grace allow you to live your life for Him?
8. *The Three Laws of Love*
- See people the way God sees people
 - Treat people the way God treats people
 - Love people the way God loves you, and oh how God loves you!
 - Who is God calling you to love today?

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