

March Electives

Community Meal | (Live) Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 5:00-6:30p. Westwood provides a community meal each Wednesday night that is a staple of our faith community as well as the community of St. Louis Park. The community meal provides fellowship and nourishment to all who gather! As you can imagine it takes a great team to pull off a meal people each week, come learn about this ministry and be a part of the team!

Make Music with the Westwood Worship Team! | (Grow) Rehearsals Wednesdays in March 7:30-9:30pm in the Sanctuary and Sunday worship. Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Try taking it to the next level by attending a rehearsal with the Westwood Worship Team! This group of singers and instrumentalists that lead the 11am service on Sundays are Westwood members, just like you! Have fun and try it out at a relaxed, no-pressure rehearsal on a Wednesday evening. If you enjoy it, join the team for a song at that Sunday's worship service! No experience necessary. Songs are chosen and shared before hand. All ages, voices and instruments are welcome and encouraged!

Concert: WITNESS: Leading with Love | (Know) March 17, 4-6:30pm Orchestra Hall Beloved vocal activist, soulful singer, and composer Melanie DeMore uses her music as what she calls "a weapon of mass connection." With songs from the African diaspora, WITNESS: Leading with Love is the place to hear Melanie and VocalEssence share an extended work co-created through conversation and stick-pounding workshops. This impassioned call for the revival of love, the rebirth of peace, and the emergence of a community where violence ceases will challenge us all to "put one foot in front of the other and lead with love."

Journey through Holy Week | (Grow) March 24: Palm Sunday, 9 am or 11 am. March 28: Maundy Thursday, 7 pm. March 29: Good Friday, 12 pm, 5:30 pm (family), & 7 pm. March 31: Easter Sunday, 8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11 am Worship, specifically worship through a liturgical season is an important part of our life together as a church and is helpful in understanding the seasons of the church year. Worship is vital to our life of faith as mature Christians and so we invite ALL confirmation students and their families to worship together for the fullness of the Easter Story. Holy week begins March 24 and concludes on Easter Sunday, March 31. Join us for at least 3 of these services for confirmation elective credit.

Set up the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday | (Live) Saturday, March 30th at 12:30. Hundreds of people come to worship the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday and we want the sanctuary to be welcoming, vibrant and full of life! Help unload and set up 80+ pots of Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Enter the sanctuary/East side entrance. Set up will take roughly one hour.

April/May Electives

Calling all Easter bunnies | (Live) April 1st anytime between 8-12noon. Looking for people who would like to help deliver an Easter flower to three or more of our homebound and elder members. Pick up flowers at Westwood Monday, April 1st anytime between 8-12 at the sanctuary/East side entrance. All delivery information will be provided at the time of pick up.

Spring Break Maker Workshop | (Grow) Monday, April 1 from 1-4pm in the Youth Room! Let's get crafty! Come bead, braid, collage, draw, paint, and weave to your heart's content! We have the supplies, and you bring the ideas! Join us on

Spring Clean Up | (Live) During the Month of April (2-3 hours)

Join forces with community members to cleanup your parks and neighborhood streets. Invite some friends and neighbors to come together to pick up litter that has recently become exposed due to the melted snow. It's is easy! Grab a bag and gloves then head out and clean up your park or neighborhood streets of choice. To get credit, send us a picture of your adventure, and a picture of the weirdest thing you picked up!

Warmth from Westwood | (Live) Tuesday, and/or Wednesday April 2 and 3, 9a-1pm

Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle while sharing the gift of warmth from Westwood. Be a part of this awesome ministry team as they assemble quilts to be sent around our community and world as you learn about the justice work that happens with quilting. No experience necessary, if you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt! Join the team who warms the kingdom of God, literally and figuratively!

Parents Night Out! | (Live) April 13 4-8p

Do you like playing games, doing crafts and hanging out with kids? This course will give parents an opportunity to have a night out, while their kids are hanging out at church! Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship while parents of our youngest members enjoy a much deserved evening out kid free!

Food Packing event | (Live) April 20 from 8:30-noon (choose two hour shift when those shift times come available) Join people of all ages as they gather in Good Shepherd Hall for the annual food packing event. With the help of many volunteers, we manage to package more than 100,000 meals and have fun doing so. Your 2-hour commitment will get you a bird's eye view of the packing operation and opportunity to help participants at each table fill the bags and pack the boxes of food that will eventually be delivered to our partner church in Dodoma, Tanzania, the Arusha Road Parish.

May/June

Vacation Bible School | (2 Grow credits) Training May 8 6:30-8p, June 8, 9a set up. VBS week June 10-13th from 8:30-12:15 (option to stay for lunch bunch til- 1:15)

This course includes the May training (which is why its in the May catalog) but the event actually takes place in June! Vacation Bible School is a week long camp at Westwood where kids will have an "under the sea" experience and learn about the depth of God's love, while singing, playing games, and getting to know new friends. At VBS we will host 80+ kids and 30+ volunteers and have such a fun time!

***Other May/June electives will come out in the next catalog, but we need to know early for volunteer numbers!**