

Willerup Whispers

... To Glorify Christ in Word & Deed

DECEMBER 2022



Let's get to know the Messiah.

There are 300 Biblical references about the Messiah. Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zechariah, angels, shepherds, Simeon and Anna are well known and beloved members of the narrative. (Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2) Consider how the Magi add a Far Eastern exotic flavor to the mix. Their salvation narrative is recorded in Daniel 2. The Magi mentioned in Matthew 2 pique our interest as outsiders who arrive years after the birth of the Messiah. Sometimes we forget it takes time for people to see the signs or to hear the good news before they actually arrive, trust and believe.

Herod the Great, Caesar Augustus, the Romans or the political and religious leaders of Jerusalem were people of power. Consider how present-day people who are in positions of political or religious power might respond to the good news about the Messiah. How would they respond to news that challenges the worldly systems from which their power is sustained?

Contemplate the prophetic Messianic messages. There are hundreds of references. There were many participants who provided a mountain of detail about the Messiah. Consider how Isaiah and Daniel presented their *other worldly* experiences with regards to the Messiah. (Isaiah 6, Daniel 7-12) Messiah would be born of a virgin. (Isaiah 7) Messiah would be born according to a timetable. (Daniel 9) Messiah would bear our sins and suffer. (Isaiah 52-53) Messiah would be Son of Man. (Daniel 7) Messiah would be a light to the nations (Isaiah 9, 42) and fulfill specific leadership roles. (Isaiah 9) Messiah would be called a Nazarene. (Isaiah 11, 53) Messiah would perform healing (Isaiah 35) and be preceded by a forerunner. (Isaiah 40) And...there is so much more.

If poetry or lyrics to songs is the way biblical revelation connects to your heart read any of these: Psalm 2, 8, 16, 22, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 72, 89, 91, 102, 109, 110, or 119. Psalm 2 presents Earthly rulers joined against Him, but God gave Jesus total victory as His Son and King. Psalm 8 Jesus humbly came to earth, but God then crowned Him with glory over all things. Psalm 22 Jesus in the first person described by His great suffering on the cross to atone for our sins. Psalm 45 is a love song – of a glorious Prince and His bride – all about Jesus' love. Jesus is both king and priest in Psalm 110. For the first time in Israel, He was made both.

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DON'T MISS DECEMBER EVENTS!

(Pastor's Message continued from front page)

Messianic scripture references contain power which comes with permission from the Holy Spirit expressing divine revelation. Get to know the Messiah—really know Him. The more we know about Him, the more we know and about ourselves and why our relationship with Him makes all the difference. Go tell. Go tell everyone. Go tell everyone the good news. He is coming soon.

Then he said to me, "These words are true and trustworthy: Adonai, God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must happen soon. Look! I am coming very soon. Blessed is the person who obeys the words of the prophecy written in this book!"
Revelation 22:6-7 CJB

Pastor Jen Wilson



December 3 at 6:00pm-

Singing at the Tree

The Levertons have again generously provided a tree that will be a light to our community in our front yard! Join us for light refreshments, singing at the tree and a tree-lighting to help celebrate the coming of Christ!



Experience what it was like to be notified of the census. Just like Mary and Joseph, you need to journey to Bethlehem to be registered. On the way, you will meet ordinary people telling amazing stories... shepherds talking about angels, Magi explaining a star, an hotel owner describing a young couple that were expecting a child... We invite family and friends to join us for this special event.



Recent Willerup Highlights



Thank you for your ministry
Jeanette! Congratulations!



Bethlehem Experience planning



Lord blessed Fall Women's Retreat



Awana & Youth Group



Thank you John Raymond!



Tree coming down.....Tree going uuuuup!

HISTORY SPEAKS

Special Christmas Edition from past Willerup Church Cookbooks!

APPLE PUDDING

2 cups finely chopped apples	1 cup sugar
1 egg	1 tsp. soda
1 TBSP. melted butter	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup sifted flour	1/4 tsp. nutmeg
	1/2 tsp. salt

Sift dry ingredients, add beaten egg, melted butter and apples. Stir well. Bake in greased square pan for half hour at 350 degrees. Nuts may be added. Serve with whipped cream. For variety, serve with caramel sauce.

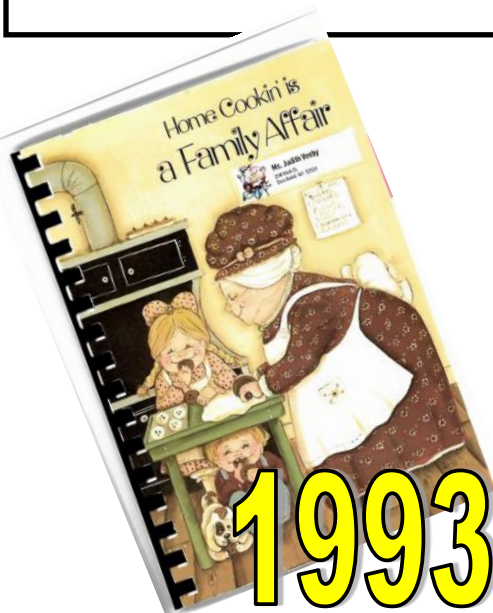
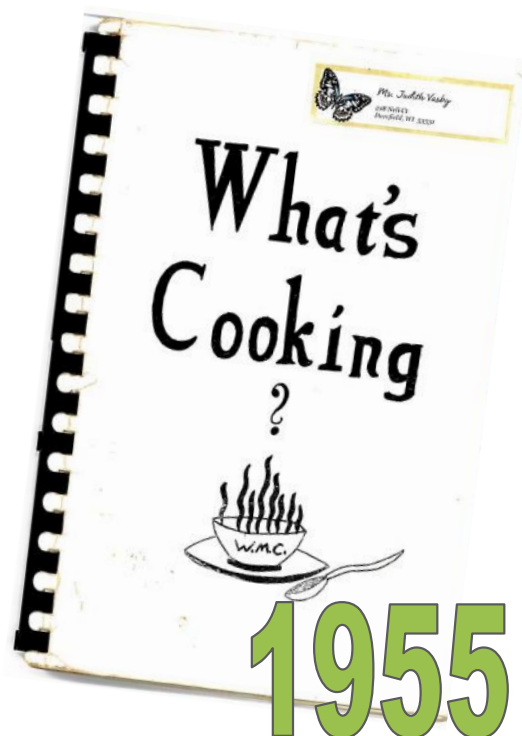
Myrtle Freeman

PARFAIT PIE

1 pkg. red jello	1 pint ice cream
1 1/4 cups boiling water	
1 quart fresh or frozen fruit (strawberries, or raspberries)	

Mix jello with water. Stir in ice cream while hot. Refrigerate. Stir in fruit when it begins to thicken. Pour into graham cracker pie crust. Put back into refrigerator to harden.

Violet Korth



HOLIDAY HILL

1 1/4 c. flour	1 c. sugar
2 tsp. baking powder	1 Tbsp. butter
2 eggs, beaten	1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. milk	1/2 c. nuts
1/2 to 1 c. dates, cut	

Marlyn Prochnow

*Always served at her party
after 88 Christmas program*

Cream sugar and butter. Add beaten eggs and vanilla. Alternately add the sifted dry ingredients and milk. Then add nuts and dates. Bake as a cake in a 350 degree oven for about 40 minutes. When thoroughly cool, crumble and mix with a pint of whipped cream, or more. Mix lightly. Mold lightly, in mound shape, on serving plate. Let set 4-5 hours or longer, in refrigerator. Before serving, cover mound with whipped cream. Decorate with maraschino cherries or otherwise. Top with sprig of evergreen. Serves 8-10. Recipe may be double satisfactorily.

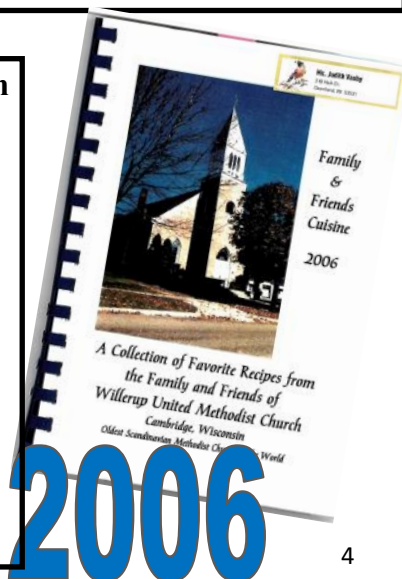
PEANUT PUDDING TORTE

Jeanette Woolever & Pat Bryan

1 c. flour
3 3/4 oz. pkg. vanilla pudding, instant
2/3 c. dry roasted peanuts
3 3/4 oz. pkg. chocolate pudding, instant
2 3/4 c. milk
1 c. powdered sugar

1 lg. container Cool Whip
1/2 c. butter/margarine
peanuts, optional for top
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1/3 c. peanut butter
1 lg. Hershey bar

First Layer: Combine butter, flour and 2/3 cup peanuts together. Pat into 9x13 pan. Bake for 20 minutes, then cool. **Second layer:** Cream together cream cheese and peanut butter. Add powdered sugar and blend in 1 c. Cool Whip. Spread over first layer. **Third Layer:** Mix well puddings and milks. Spread over second layer. **Fourth Layer:** Top with rest of Cool Whip. Shred Hershey bar on top, peanuts optional. Refrigerate.



CHAD AND KATHLEEN SELJE

REACHING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN CANADA

Dear Friend,

November 22, 2022

The Navigators of Canada raise up disciplemakers by **loving people with the good news of Jesus, helping them grow in their faith, and equipping them to do the same with others.** Serving on the *National Campus Leadership Team*, I want to reach and disciple as many university students as I can! This is why ministry partners like you are so important. Your prayer, constant care, and generosity keep me outfitted and engaged as a leader. In just a moment I'd like to invite you to consider a special **13th-month gift** to keep me ministering at full capacity in 2023, but first let me tell you about what God is doing among *the nations*.



So many times this fall Kathleen and I have had to stop and pinch ourselves: It has been nothing short of astounding to see God sending the nations to Canada. At the *University of British Columbia* alone where Kathleen serves, there are 17,000 international students. **At our fall launch bbq 15+ countries were represented!** A few weeks later many of these same students attended our retreat. Some did not know Jesus, but shared around the campfire about how they felt drawn to Him. At this same retreat we were introduced to a student from an Asian country who wants to be a campus missionary in Canada.

In all, we are in the process of hiring or exploring staff roles with men and women from 8 countries.

Stories like these are why I'm fully invested in this ministry! And to continue to be fully invested, I need to be fully funded. This December I must raise **\$20,000** in special year-end gifts to help reach and disciple more university students in 2023. **Will you pray about giving a special year-end gift of \$100, \$200, or even \$500 or \$1,000?** Anchor gifts of \$2,500-\$5,000 help significantly as well.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. Together we can spark a movement among students. But it doesn't stop there. God can use our partnership to do incredible things for His Kingdom by creating lasting generations of disciplemakers who impact families, their communities, and the nations with the gospel!

Your partners in the gospel,

The Seljes

P.S. If God leads you to give you may scan this code, go to navstaff.org/153759, or fill out and return the enclosed giving card. Checks should be made payable to *The Navigators*.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE SELJES

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God is at work in
Canada! We keep
friends, we are so
grateful for your
prayer + contribution!
The Seljes

Who are We at Willerup?

Our Mission

To **Seek** the Lost, To **Strengthen** the Lord's Disciples,
and To **Serve** in the Lord's Kingdom

Our Purpose

To **Glorify Christ In Word and Deed by...**

- ♥ Reaching out and receiving new people, introducing them
 - ♥ to the person of Jesus Christ.
- ♥ **Connecting people** to the community of **faith** which is growing in the **grace** and **knowledge** of the **Lord**.
 - ♥ **Developing** people to **Christ-like** maturity.
- ♥ **Equipping** & sending **disciples** in ministry & mission.
- ♥ ... All to the end of **exalting & honoring God's name**.

Our Conviction

We Believe a Great **Commitment** to the
Great **Commandment** and the Great **Commission**
Will Grow a Great **Church!**

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Accountability Leadership Board

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Some members have specialties, but any member can be contacted to share a concern or question.

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Sunday Worship

10:00am

On-Site & Live –streamed

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Groups —For Fellowship and Bible Study

Some groups break or meet less frequently. Check with your leader. Leaders, contact the office if you want to change your listing!

Bob & Donna Kenas Group

(resuming 1/9/23)

Mon 6:30pm at Willerup

Bob 262-370-3676

BC Christianson & Tom Smrcka

Tues 6:30pm, at Home Again

Auditorium, 608-423-3128

Dick & Barb Legge Group

(resuming 1/11/2023)

6:30pm at their home

Dick 608-772-4738

Tom Smrcka

Thur 1:30pm at Willerup,

Tom 608-444-2209

Pat Bryan

Fri 9:30 am, at home, Full!

Pat-608-423-3454

Class with Pastor Jen

Fri 10 am, at Willerup

further sermon insights

Men's Group, Tom Schmude

Sat 8 am at Willerup 608-219-2098

Awana & Youth Group

Awana: Wed. 3: 25pm - 5:30pm

Youth Group: Wed. 6pm

at Willerup. Contact Andrea

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608-333-9623 for info!