



# 2018 annual report

*Our Vision:*

## Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives

*Our Mission:*

To **FOLLOW** Jesus Christ, **GROW** as His disciples, **SERVING** and **TELLING** others, so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

### What's Inside Look For These Icons

Hear from our Senior Pastor, get a glimpse into 2018 at each of our three campuses, and take a look at overall membership and finances.



See how worship attendance has grown over the past several years.



Discover how important small groups and education are to WLC.



See how much we value serving and volunteers. Find out how you can become involved in serving at WLC.



Learn how WLC is reaching beyond our doors and into our community and world.

# From Pastor Tom

## WE VALUE

*Truth*

*Each Person*

*Relationships*

*Our Community*

*Compassionate  
Care*

*Movement*

God is faithful! He has been busy showing us His faithfulness here at WLC for 51 years and this year was no different! We were once again blessed to see growth in our worship attendance and giving. We were even more blessed to see His transforming power through a record number of baptisms and the work of the Holy Spirit across the spectrum of our Transformational Ministries.

Earlier this year a woman from our community named Lisa stopped by the office to simply say thanks. Her mother had just recently passed away, but she was grateful, because for the past several months she was still able to go to church with her mom by watching our Live Stream service. Before her mother died, Lisa called the church office asking for prayers, and the message made it to Vicar Geordie who prayed during worship. They were watching together for the last time and 30 minutes after the service her mom died. What we do matters! Jesus makes a difference!

What we do matters! Jesus makes a difference! ***Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives*** is more than just words on paper it is all about Jesus unleashing His power in us, our relationships, our communities, and His world. Through our ***Multiply*** initiative we have seen and experienced the unleashing of the power of Jesus; as we look forward to 2019 we will expect nothing less than for God to be faithful, just like He always has and just like He always will!

Please take a few minutes to page through this report and see the power of Jesus at work and give thanks for His faithfulness!

Following  
Jesus,  
Pastor Tom







Over the past year we hosted  
**three Carnival of Crafts**  
events in the Stonemill Farms  
neighborhood. We had

**136**

individual kids **in attendance!**

**16**

1st or 2nd time guests filled  
out a Communication Card

# LIBERTY RIDGE

## CAMPUS

CAMPUS PASTOR - JON KUEHNE

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I JUST LOVE THIS CHURCH, THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN IT!  
SWEET PEOPLE! GOD IS GOOD TO HAVE DIRECTED ME  
HERE. - **JOLETTA CHRISTENSEN | LIBERTY RIDGE**

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**93**

WEEKLY AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE

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HIGHEST  
WEEKEND  
December 9

**134**



For our **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** services, we had

**521**

people in **worship!** Our highest Christmas worship yet.

**22**

1st or 2nd time guests filled out a Communication Card.

# OAK HILL

## CAMPUS

CAMPUS VICAR - **DEAN DUNAVAN**

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WE FELT WELCOMED RIGHT AWAY. PEOPLE TALKED TO US AFTER THE SERVICE AND WERE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN WHO WE WERE. OAK HILL HAS BECOME A FAMILY AND A SAFE HARBOR. IT JUST FEELS REAL. WE'VE NEVER LOOKED FORWARD TO CHURCH SO MUCH. - **KYLE MEINKE & HANNAH GATTON | OAK HILL**

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**222**

WEEKLY AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE

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HIGHEST  
WEEKEND  
EASTER

**394**







We celebrated more  
**Baptisms** this year than ever  
before. At the Valley Creek  
Campus we had

**72**

people celebrate their  
**baptisms!**

**147**

1st or 2nd time guests filled  
out a Communication Card.

# VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS

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IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS. FIRST AND FOREMOST A  
RELATIONSHIP WITH MY LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.  
STRENGTHENING MY MARRIAGE WITH MY WIFE, AND  
FELLOWSHIP WITH MY BROTHERS IN CELEBRATE RECOVERY,  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM. - **BRIAN  
KIESER | VALLEY CREEK**

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**1117**

WEEKLY AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE

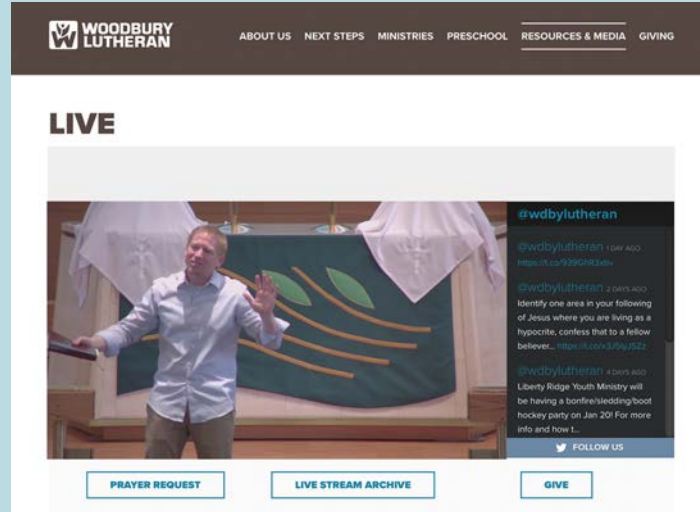


HIGHEST  
WEEKEND  
EASTER  
**2302**

In 2018, we had a total of

**5075**

people **worshipping**  
online with us!



# ONLINE CAMPUS

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE ONLINE MINISTRY OF  
OUR CHURCH...IT BECAME VERY PERSONAL WHEN  
WE RECENTLY HAD A CHANCE TO WORSHIP WITH  
OUR GRANDMOTHER FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME.  
- **GREG ROHM | VALLEY CREEK**

**99**

WEEKLY AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE



HIGHEST  
WEEKEND  
EASTER

**310**

# Worship.



WORSHIP



GROW



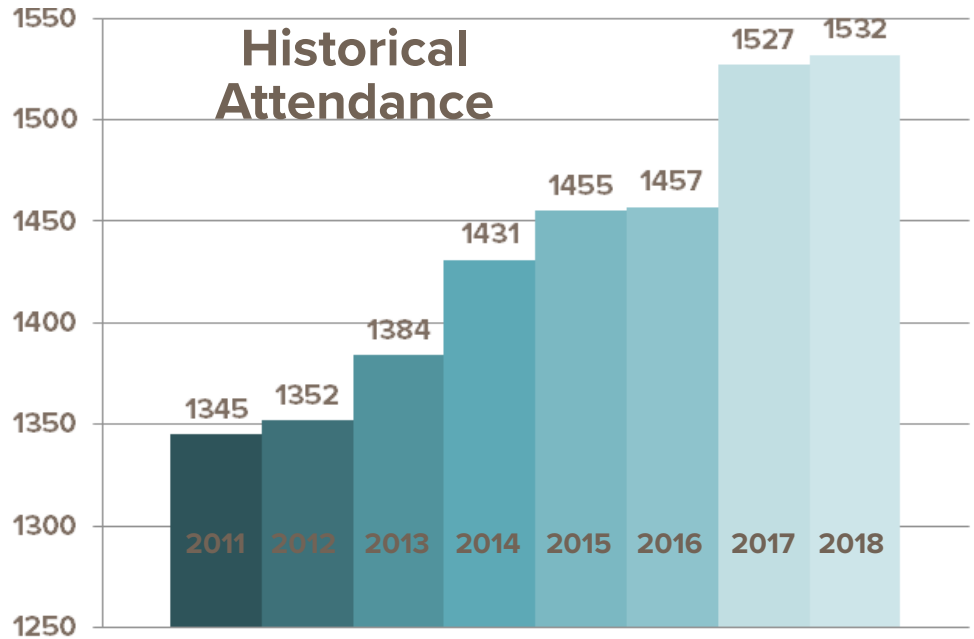
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REACH

# 147

1ST OR 2ND TIME  
GUESTS FILLED OUT A  
COMMUNICATION CARD



I VALUE WORSHIP IN THE CORPORATE SPACE AS MUCH AS I VALUE IT IN THE MUNDANE TASKS OF MY DAY. I CAN FIND JOY IN WORSHIPING GOD COLLECTIVELY WITH FELLOW JESUS FOLLOWERS AND IN THE PRIVACY OF MY VAN OR WHILE I AM AT HOME MAKING SUPPER. I THINK THESE ARE VERY DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS WITH THE SAME GOAL -- GIVE GOD THE GLORY, ACKNOWLEDGE HIS POWER IN MY LIFE, AND THANK HIM FOR ALL THAT HE GIVES ME. - **ANONYMOUS | WOODBURY LUTHERAN**

# 1532

WORSHIP AVERAGE  
ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES  
*(average of 51 weeks due to  
the 4/15 snowstorm)*



HIGHEST  
WEEKEND  
EASTER

**3364**

# Membership.



## WLC MEMBERSHIP



**3503**  
BAPTIZED

**2485**  
CONFIRMED

## NUMBER OF CONFIRMATIONS



**48**  
ADULTS

**23**  
YOUTH

## NUMBER OF BAPTISMS



**88**  
IN 2018

**479**  
SINCE 2011





# The Finances.



WORSHIP



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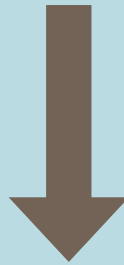
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## 2018 YEAR-END FINANCIALS

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS - \$4,141,157    TOTAL EXPENSES - \$4,117,641

### DEBT

We started 2018  
with \$1,747,149 and  
paid off \$291,087

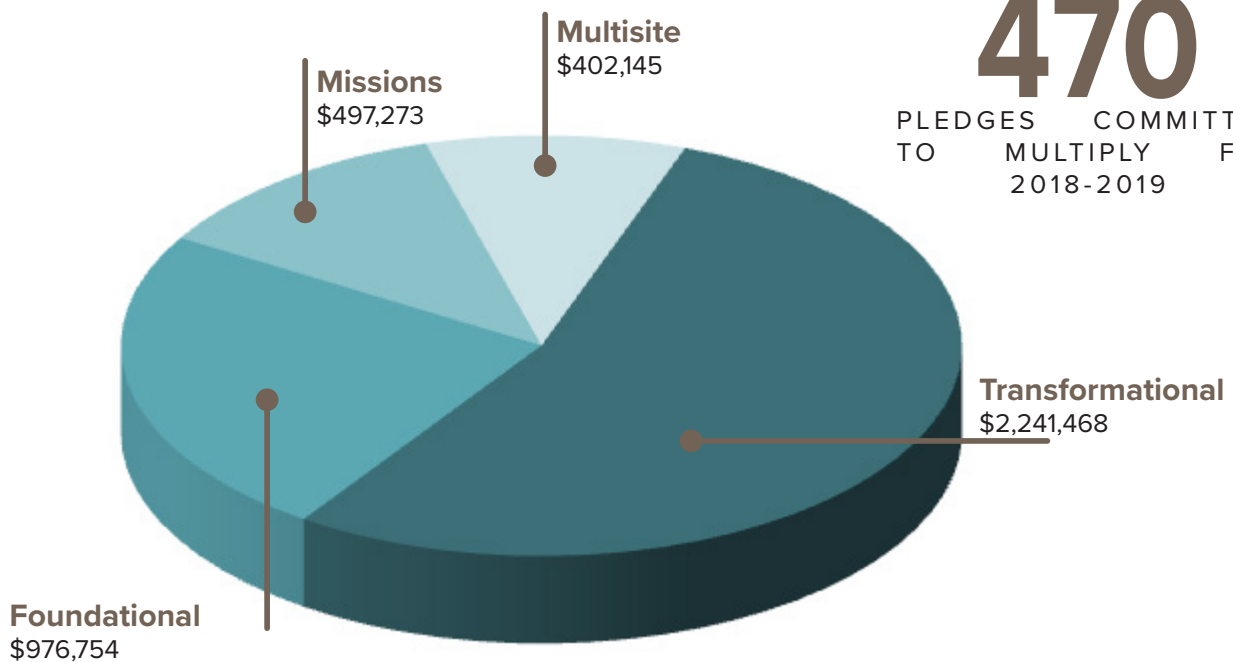


# 16.7%

REDUCTION IN DEBT  
IN 2018



# multiply



# 470

PLEDGES COMMITTED  
TO MULTIPLY FOR  
2018-2019

# Growing Together.



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## KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRIES



KIDS WEEKLY  
AVERAGE

167



YOUTH WEEKLY  
AVERAGE

168



KIDS & YOUTH  
SMALL GROUPS

53

GUESTS IN  
KIDS & YOUTH

149

KIDS IN  
SUMMER CAMPS

433

**ADULT MINISTRY -  
SMALL GROUPS**



**ADULTS IN  
SMALL GROUPS**

**565**

**ADULT SMALL  
GROUPS**

**55**

**139**

**PRESCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

**23**

**PRESCHOOL  
STUDENTS WITH NO  
CHURCH AFFILIATION**

**60%**

**OF EACH DAY DEVOTED  
TO CHILD-DIRECTED PLAY  
AND ENGAGEMENT**

**WOODBURY  
LUTHERAN  
PRESCHOOL**



# Serving Together.



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**More than 200,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity.** Without reliable access to food – such as meal programs at school – the risk of hunger is very real. The Sheridan Story works to combat hunger in our community by filling the gaps to food access that children face: primarily weekends and summers.

## FEATURED WLC SERVANT EVENT - SHERIDAN STORY

IT'S SO EASY TO "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" WITH THE **SHERIDAN STORY PROGRAM**. WHEN I SERVE AT HIGHWOOD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I GET TO HELP KIDS IN NEED AND THEIR FAMILIES. STUDENTS COME FROM A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT CULTURES; IT'S LIKE GOD BROUGHT THE WORLD TO OUR DOORSTEP, SO OUR OUTREACH IS INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE! - **MARGIE GILLES | VALLEY CREEK**

# 500,000

MEALS WERE FUNDED THROUGH  
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

## TEAM WORLD VISION

**\$75,359** was raised by our Team World Vision runners providing  
**1,507** kids with clean water

# 1023

PEOPLE SERVED IN  
VARIOUS ONGOING  
MINISTRIES AT ALL  
CAMPUSES



# Reaching Farther.

## FEATURED WLC SUPPORTED SHORT TERM MISSION EXPERIENCE - QUITO ECUADOR



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THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE BUILT OVER TIME IN QUITO ARE SO IMPORTANT, NOT JUST FOR US WLC MEMBERS TO BE IMPACTED, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WE SERVE ALONGSIDE THERE. AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THOSE WHO LIVE IN QUITO, FAITH IN THE LORD GROWS IN ALL OF US. UPON RETURNING FROM EACH SHORT TERM MISSION EXPERIENCE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR FRUIT FOR THE LORD WHERE WE LIVE. - **THE GIBBS FAMILY | VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS**



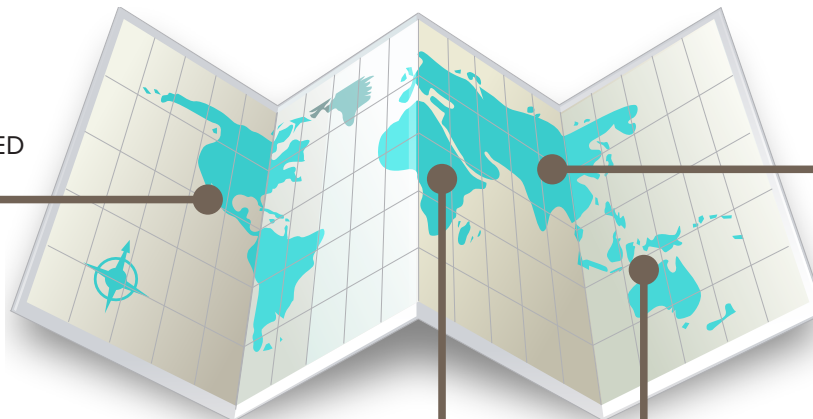
## FEATURED WLC SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES - GRANT & DANIELLE HOEL, UMD CAMPUS MINISTRY

IT WAS TWO WEEKS BEFORE OUR ANNUAL FALL RETREAT AT UMD, AND OUR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE QUICKLY RISING. OUR FINAL COUNT WAS 185 – THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE WE’VE EVER HAD! STUDENTS OPENED THEIR HEARTS TO REPENT, BE HEALED, AND ENJOY A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AS HIS CHILDREN! WE HAD 23 STUDENTS GET BAPTIZED THIS PAST YEAR!. - **DANIELLE HOEL | WLC SUPPORTED MISSIONARY**



**16**

MISSIONARIES  
AROUND THE  
WORLD SUPPORTED  
BY WLC



**5**

MINISTRIES AROUND  
THE WORLD  
SUPPORTED BY WLC

**130**

CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA  
SPONSORED BY WLC  
FAMILIES THROUGH  
CHILDREN’S HOPE CHEST

**7**

SHORT TERM  
ADULT AND YOUTH  
MISSION TEAMS

# Life Events in 2018

## BAPTISMS

Tony Henry Adams ~ Ajax Asher Aladerks ~ Penelope Elizabeth Begnaud ~ Evelyn Hattie Bramer ~ Everleigh Joy Bocker ~ Lauren Elizabeth Butler ~ Victoria Jade Boyd ~ Liam David Butler ~ Lily Marie Butler ~ Delford Leland Bystrycki ~ Wells Benjamin Charlson ~ Caden Michael Cummings ~ Amelia Grace Deckert ~ Mara Elizabeth DePalma ~ George Frank Faschinbauer ~ Harlee Jo Fernandez ~ Oliver Alan Finnegan ~ Ethan Brian Flotterud ~ Harper James Frechette ~ Fiona Marie Frost ~ Hudson Michael Groves ~ Jack William Groves ~ Luke Robert Groves ~ Elizabeth Marie Christa Gustafson ~ Halle Marjorie Heggernes ~ Cole Jacob Horak ~ Baylee Elise Horner ~ Ezri Charlotte Jankiewicz ~ Bennett Richard Scott Johnson ~ Jasmine Junia Jones ~ Everett Charles Jurek ~ Emelynn Breanne Klotthor ~ Eleanor Mary Koehn ~ Olivia William Wynn Kosanke ~ Zoe Kristen Kost ~ Elizabeth Rose Krause ~ Evan Nicholas Larson ~ Bohdi Bradley Lemke ~ Keegan Gerald Lien ~ Monroe James Lisson ~ Harper Rae Lopez ~ Mila Renee Lottering ~ Maxine Dani Lundequam ~ Cassandra Ann Menge ~ Alvin Immanuel Michlitsch ~ Jonas Henry Michlitsch ~ Alyssa Faith Morningstar ~ Amelia Grace Morningstar ~ Ella Ruth Morningstar ~ John Fletcher Muse ~ Blake Easton Nelson ~ Cameron Bruce Ochiagha ~ Simon Christopher Odegaard ~ Mallard Joseph Norbert Olson ~ Michelle Ann Otis ~ Melanie Jo Penaloza ~ Nevalynn Nora Peasley ~ Arlo David Perlick ~ Hazel Charlie Phillipson ~ Kasey Marie Reagan ~ Knox Gregory Richardson ~ Alexa Grace Rosin ~ Barrett Ashford Rothchild ~ Garrett Michael Sabatke ~ Logan Tucker Schmidt ~ Freya Joanna Sinclair ~ Kairi Beth Snidraich ~ Gordon James Spindler ~ Rosemary Kathryn Tongen ~ Oliver Theo Weisbrich ~ Emma Rose Stakston ~ Bridgett Cynthia Stewart ~ Zachary George Wagner ~ Zaidyn Allen Wagner ~ Camille Joanne Weiss ~ Grace Linden Wesser ~ Sterling Grace Wick ~ John Lawrence Wilford ~ Porter James Yee ~ Emma Ann Young ~ Genevieve Jane Young ~ Hayden Allan Young

## CONFIRMATIONS

Chase Ashby ~ Jane Bettmann ~ Ethan Bloom ~ Nathan Bloomquist ~ Rachel Bocker ~ Luke Burger ~ Brady Burns ~ Julia Glatzmaier ~ Dylan Hughes ~ Joe Kroohn ~ Jacob Meek ~ Rachel Mergens ~ Lauren Mortenson ~ Emily Odegaard ~ Greta Odegaard ~ Hunter Parker ~ Stephen Rodemeyer ~ Joseph Salava ~ Sophia Tonolli ~ Carley Tuman ~ Bella Trujillo ~ Clara Wuotila ~ Aiden Zuehlke

## MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2018

Alexandra Arnt ~ Gladys Westin ~ John Maroney ~ James Poole ~ Norm Alrick ~ Gerald Anderson ~ Mary Andersen ~ Wilmer Holz ~ Rev. Eugene Bunkowske ~ Coralyn Fischer ~ Art Lensegrav ~ Bill Lanz ~ Jim LaShomb ~ Ray Braun ~ Joe Allenspach ~ Mary Albrecht ~ Jerry Lindeman ~ David Noennig ~ Audrey Fischer ~ Rev. Deane Schuessler ~ Phyllis Dicke ~ Lloyd Kastner ~ Dennis Laue ~ Shirley Hane ~ Jewel Olson ~ John Leis ~ Lyman Otley ~ Jim Button ~ Alden Nelson ~ Harry Resenbrink

## WEDDINGS

**JANUARY:** Patrick Svoboda & Maggie Haug **APRIL:** Larry Rossow & Emily Menge ~ Erik Dikken & Paula Grohs **JUNE:** Evan Damsgard & Emily Fisher ~ Jacob Jeatran & Sarah Brandmire **JULY:** Samuel Jones & Taylor Moquist ~ Grady Jensen & Erin Kiefat **AUGUST:** Patrick Courtreau & Haley Carlson ~ Mark Carlson & Darlene Strecker ~ James Stoffel & Dana Merrill ~ Arthur Grant & Rachel Bartz **SEPTEMBER:** Patrick Huspeni & Dawn Ginzi ~ Dave Marten & Lacy Harrington ~ Cody Gerver & Melissa Beaupre ~ Brian Schmidt & Cheryl Diers ~ Kevin Besemen & Anne Johnson **OCTOBER:** Matthew Solosky & Rachel Johnson ~ Ron McClure & Gina Sheppard **NOVEMBER:** Calvin Bowes & Erin Kowalke **DECEMBER:** Wade Freeman & Valerie Morris



# Staff & Leadership

## STAFF

**Tom Pfothhauer**, Senior Pastor; **Tim Marshall**, Pastoral Care Ministries Pastor; **Jon Kuehne**, Liberty Ridge Campus Pastor; **Geordie Denholm**, Vicar; **Dean Dunavan**, Oak Hill Campus Vicar; **Mark Stutelberg**, Business Administrator; **Joel Symmank**, Director of Ministries; **Lindsey Schmidt**, Middle School Youth Minister, DCE; **Patrick Brewer**, High School Youth Minister, DCE; **Joel Wetzstein**, Director of Worship; **Karl Grant**, Organist/Choir Director; **Jyl Dunavan**, Oak Hill Worship Leader; **Kendall Johnson**, Worship Arts Lead; **Kandi Chavie**, Liberty Ridge Worship Leader/Administrative Assistant; **Mary Lehman**, Director of Small Groups & Women's Ministry; **Brad Miller**, Director of Discipleship and Reach; **Mike Sabbann**, Reach Coordinator; **Nancy Schubbe**, Director of Kids Ministry; **Cindy Linert**, Kids Minister, Valley Creek; **Sarah Dibbern**, Youth Minister, Oak Hill/Kids Minister, Valley Creek, DCE; **Molly Schulze**, Kids Minister, Oak Hill Campus; **Laura Stennes**, Kids & Youth Minister, Liberty Ridge Campus; **Sara Mulso**, Director of Preschool; **Mary Law**, Office Manager/Assistant to the Senior Pastor; **Sunny Marshall**, Administrative Assistant, Database; **Stacy Winter**, Administrative Assistant, Youth Ministries; **Brian Ingram**, Co-Director of Custodial Services; **Theresa Ingram**, Co-Director of Custodial Services; **John Stutelberg**, Custodial Services

## 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

**Bryan Hughes**, President\*; **Renee Boehme**, Vice President; **Ben Kehl**, Vice President-Elect+; **Lisa Smith**, Treasurer\*; **Evan Parkhurst**, Treasurer-Elect+; **Troy Wenck**, Secretary; **Bob Petrich**, Lead Elder\*; **Larry Hall**, Lead Elder-Elect+; **Tim Reberg**, At Large\*; **Heidi Hove**, At Large+; **Cindy Gustafson**, At Large; **Brian Schouvieller**, At Large; **Linda Tank**, At Large; **Christian Jones**, 17-18 Vicar, Ex Officio; **Geordie Denholm**, 18-19 Vicar, Ex Officio; **Mark Stutelberg**, Administrator, Ex Officio; **Tom Pfothhauer**, Senior Pastor, Ex Officio *(\*Leaving Council in 2019; +Coming on Council in 2019)*

## 2018 ELDERS

**Bob Petrich**, Lead Elder\*, **Wade Amundson**+, **Jerry Backlund**\*, **Phil Baumgarn**+, **Norm Berg**, **Rod Beseman**, **Craig Bettmann**, **Doug Boehme**, **Greg Carlson**, **Emmanuel Chorangudi**\*, **Tom Crist**, **Keith Daniels**, **Nutzy Golnitz**\*, **Kevin Graham**\*, **Larry Hall**, Lead Elder-Elect, **Steve Hall**+, **Mike Hamann**+, **John Horner**, **Del Howard**, **Brian Kieser**, **Tom Koch**, **Ramesh Krishnanmani**, **Rob Krueger**, **Dan Meyer**, **Brian Michlitsch**, **Dan Peterson**, **Joel Schuessler**+, **Steve Spaudie**\*, **Phil Stebbing**, **Scott Stevens**, **Don Thaemert**\*, **Dale Thompson**+, **Bob Wolf**+ *(\*Leaving Elders in 2019; +Coming on Elders in 2019)*

## STAFF WE SAID GOODBYE TO

**Barb Arend**, Administrative Assistant; **Dan Arend**, Director of Custodial Services; **Alycen Brothen**, Communications/Database Manager; **Rachel Conant**, Kids Care Coordinator; **Roger Haukland**, Custodial Services; **Christian Jones**, Vicar; **Regina Kehl**, Reach Leadership; **Mark Sheperd** Director of Music

### **LIBERTY RIDGE CAMPUS**

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