2019 ANNUAL REPORT

WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH







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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.







PASTOR'S NOTE

The Church in the United States stands at a crossroads and our denomination, the LCMS, even more so. Our culture is changing, fewer people are affiliating themselves with Christianity, and our own denomination lost more than 400,000 members over the last five years. In the midst of the upheaval, I see opportunity, a great opportunity, for the Church to operate not simply as an institution concerned with pleasing her customer, but as a movement concerned with living out the great command of Jesus to Love God and Love People.

At Woodbury Lutheran Church our Vision is **Multiplying Disciples** // **Transforming Lives**. In 2019 we saw this vision come to life in amazing ways through the unleashed power of Jesus. As our two-year Multiply journey has come to an end, we recognize the incredible blessings we have experienced. Strong financial giving has allowed us to do ongoing ministry, to reach into new areas, and to prepare for where God will lead us next. Our Transformational Ministries bear the fingerprints of the Holy Spirit across the spectrum. This year alone we celebrated 99 baptisms! More than 1,500 people gathered weekly in worship, hundreds grew together in small groups, and the impact of our mission work, locally and globally, cannot be understated.

Recently, following one of our weekend services, I was stopped by a young lady who had been coming to worship for a few weeks as a caregiver for one of our special needs worshipers. She shared how her entire family came from a Muslim background, but something was stirring in her heart for Jesus. With tears in her eyes and a big smile on her face she said, "Pastor Tom, I love Jesus and I want to know Him more and more."

A young man walked through the doors of our Liberty Ridge Campus, was baptized that same day, and is now praying about becoming a pastor. A young woman with a Buddhist background was invited to a Christmas service and is now exploring Jesus in Starting Point. A middle aged man is going through a tough time in his life, but, at the invitation of a friend, is finding hope at WLC. What we do matters! There is transformation in Jesus!

Multiplying Disciples // **Transforming Lives** is more than just words on paper. Our Vision is all about Jesus unleashing His power in us, our relationships, our communities, and His world.

Please take a few minutes to page through this report, see the power of Jesus at work, and join me in giving thanks for His faithfulness!

Following Jesus, Pastor Tom

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CAMPUS PROFILES

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Liberty Ridge Campus Photos

1 Pastor Jon & Sarah Dibbern 2 LINK Christmas Program 3 Liberty Ridge lobby on Chosen Sunday

ANNUAL WORSHIP AVERAGE

108

HIGHEST WEEKEND JUNE 16

172

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

135

LIBERTY RIDGE

CAMPUS PASTOR: JON KUEHNE

44

Liberty Ridge is more than a church... it's where my soul feels at home. No matter what happens, I feel connected at Liberty Ridge because it is led through heart... I haven't felt so connected to a church in my life. From my 1-year experience here, we've embodied 1 John 4:7-10. - Nathan Hazlett | LIBERTY RIDGE





Oak Hill Campus Photos

1 Outdoor worship in Oak Hill parking lot 2 Vicar Dean Dunavan giving the children's message 3 Oak Hill Summer Camp

ANNUAL WORSHIP AVERAGE

248

HIGHEST WEEKEND APRIL 21 (EASTER)

462

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

427



CAMPUS VICAR: DEAN DUNAVAN



My son loves the kids in his Sunday School and VBS classes. He has had wonderful adult leaders that teach him new things and challenge him to continue to grow in his faith through various activities and challenges. He has become more observant of others and more grateful for the blessings that we all too often take for granted. He's learned what a blessing it is to be able to help others who need it and to really live life with an attitude of gratitude. - Dana Pederson | OAK HILL

11





Valley Creek Campus Photos 1 Youth Ministry at Valley Creek 2 Summer Camp arts & crafts 3 Palm Sunday

ANNUAL WORSHIP AVERAGE

1062

HIGHEST WEEKEND APRIL 20/21 (EASTER)

2536

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY
WORSHIP

3034

VALLEY CREEK

CAMPUS PASTORS: TOM PFOTENHAUER
& TIM MARSHALL



For 27 years I have seen how the ministries of Woodbury
Lutheran Church have nurtured four generations of my family.
The Lord rescued, healed, and restored me here at Valley Creek.
And like Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:39), he's called me to
serve Him here, too. - Nora Foster | VALLEY CREEK

ANNUAL WORSHIP AVERAGE

111

HIGHEST WEEKEND APRIL 20/21 (EASTER)

209

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY
WORSHIP

228



STREAMING CAMPUS: VALLEY CREEK



"I'm not sure you realize how appreciated it is to have the live-stream of the worship service at Woodbury Lutheran for us to watch, as well as the monthly live service with communion here at The Waters. We are blessed!"

- Mary, a resident of The Waters Senior Living Community



Mike and I enjoy watching the live-stream when we are feeling under the weather and need to stay home. It's wonderful to still experience worship in a beautiful way even though we need to be away for a week.

- Jill Radabaugh | VALLEY CREEK

ALL-CAMPUS REPORT

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WORSHIP



ANNUAL WORSHIP AVERAGE

1524

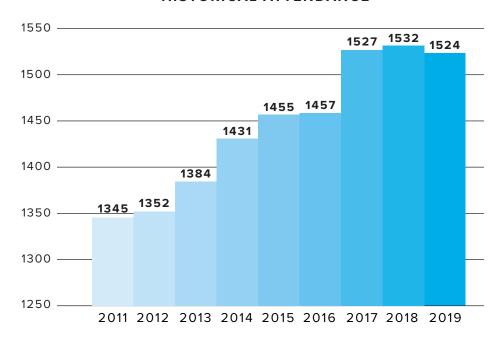
HIGHEST WEEKEND APRIL 20/21 (EASTER)

3291

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY
WORSHIP

3824

HISTORICAL ATTENDANCE





"I absolutely love worship here at WLC. Sometimes I am pulling out the hymnal, and other times I am singing with my hands raised to modern worship music. No matter what type of music it is, which campus it's at, or even who's making the music, Jesus is always at the center of worship here. The music helps express God's love in a way words alone cannot." - Maggie Law



M E M B E R S H I P



3,574

BAPTIZED MEMBERS

2,608

CONFIRMED MEMBERS

YOUTH & ADULT
BAPTISMS

YOUTH & ADULT CONFIRMATIONS













KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

KIDS WEEKLY AVERAGE 172

YOUTH WEEKLY AVERAGE 120

GUESTS IN KIDS & YOUTH 287

KIDS & YOUTH IN SUMMER MINISTRIES

395



Our Kindergartener tells us about what he learns each week and explains the activity sheets that he brings home. He is always so excited to share and teach us! I love that it's explained on his level and that he "gets it" because of that! - Parent



Mason absolutely loves coming to youth group. He has really connected with the boys in his group and also with his leaders. We have noticed his willingness to serve...he is so excited to help others that "don't have as much". It's something so valuable to us that we can't even tell you how thankful we are for the connections he has made. - Jennifer Aspen



GROWING TOGETHER



ADULT MINISTRY - SMALL GROUPS

ADULTS IN SMALL GROUPS

609



My small group Bible study has been a source of support and a loving environment to learn and be authentic. We challenge each other to grow in our faith as we get to know Jesus better. - Gayla Pleggenkuhle

WOODBURY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

145

PRESCHOOL STUDENTS WITH NO CHURCH AFFILIATION

30

% OF EACH DAY FOR CHILD-DIRECTED PLAY & ENGAGEMENT

60%



SERVING TOGETHER



WORLD VISION

2505

KIDS HAVE CLEAN WATER
THANKS TO TEAM WORLD VISION
RUNNERS RAISING \$125,246

FMSC

771,593

MEALS FUNDED & PACKED WITH FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN IN 2018 & 2019

WLC COMMUNITY GARDEN

6400

POUNDS OF VEGGIES

DONATED TO CCEFS
(CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD
EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF)

18

DIFFERENT VEGGIES (FROM B-Z: BEETS TO ZUCCHINI) **12**

SUMMER WORKERS
(8 CONSISTENTLY
SERVING IN THE GARDEN)

SHERIDAN STORY

39

FAMILIES RECEIVED HELP WITH "WEEKEND FOOD GAP" **30**

SERVANTS PRAYED OVER & DISTRIBUTED THE FOOD FOSTER THE LOVE

250

BACKPACKS PACKED FOR FOSTER CHILDREN THROUGH FOSTER THE LOVE



REACHING FARTHER



GLOBAL MISSIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

119

YOUTH & ADULTS WENT ON 7 SHORT-TERM MISSION EXPERIENCES 12

MISSIONARIES/
MISSIONARY FAMILY
UNITS SUPPORTED

600+

CHILDREN SPONSORED BY WLC FAMILIES IN BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA & JAMAICA

44

Last summer, my son, Owen, and I joined the Quito mission trip team. That inspired me to seek out a small group for the first time because it actually demonstrated to me that life is better together. I have been hearing it for years but never acted on it, and I am so glad that I finally took the opportunity to do something about it.

I am so thankful that our church makes service such a priority. Serving was not part of my childhood church, nor a priority for my family as I was growing up. Now I can say it is the most important part of my life, and it is such a blessing that my kids can be part of that. It changes everything. - Tim Zeller









GENEROSITY





MISSIONS & MINISTRY FUNDS

\$4,163,146

CONTRIBUTED TO WLC MISSIONS & MINISTRY



We feel called to be generous because God has blessed us in so many ways. We are so grateful for what we have received that our response to that is to bless others. - John & Jenelle Rodemeyer



I had never tithed before coming to Woodbury Lutheran. I had given here and there and "gave what we could" and sadly it wasn't until we went into Financial Peace that we decided to finally trust God and His word. That was 10 years ago. That simple leap of faith was hard...BUT giving is an amazing thing. We are more blessed now than we can even start to list, so when we started the multiply campaign two years ago we felt pushed to up our tithe to 12%. It was a time where we had 2 young children, one of which was ill. But it was still a "no-brainer" for both my wife and me. God can do more with that 12% then we could do with our 88%. And it has helped shape our now family of 5 for the better! It's changed our family forever! - Jake & Tara Dalbec









MULTIPLY WRAP-UP

WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S NOTE

What if... by God's power we could *Multiply* what we are doing missionally? What if... by God's power we could *Multiply* a multisite war chest that would allow us to be ready for future campuses? What if... by God's power we could *Multiply* our effectiveness by cutting our debt? What if... by God's power we could *Multiply* our spiritual impact on members and guests by refreshing our current worship spaces?

In 2017, we asked these questions as we started into a two-year initiative called *Multiply*. At the heart of *Multiply* was this prayer, "Jesus, unleash Your power in us, our relationships, our communities, and in Your world." God has answered that prayer in some incredible ways. Almost 99% of the \$8.4 million goal was contributed.

1 million meals will be provided to hungry children all around the world through Feed My Starving Children. More than 600 children are sponsored in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Jamaica. Almost 5,000 children now have access to clean water because of our Team World Vision runners. Our debt was reduced another \$500,000 to \$1.2 million. Almost \$450,000 has been set aside for a future location. I could go on and on... So please check out the following pages to see just how amazing God has been through these two years of *Multiply*!

Thank you, Jesus, for unleashing Your power in so many incredible ways. All glory is given to You!

FOUNDATIONAL EXPENSES + MULTISITE INVESTMENT + TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES + FOCUSED MISSIONS =

MULTIPLIED IMPACT

\$8,304,301

CONTRIBUTED OVER TWO YEARS

98.8%

OF TARGET



FOUNDATIONAL EXPENSES

WE WILL ACCELERATE THE PAYMENT OF DEBT AND MAKE NEEDED INVESTMENTS IN OUR FACILITIES SO WE CAN EFFECTIVELY SAY "YES" TO WHAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR OUR FUTURE.



ACTUAL

\$1,815,083

BUDGETED

\$1,592,588

Foundational Expenses came in a little over budget in large part because we set aside \$109,000 to Long Term Capital Improvements for future maintenance projects across our campuses.

SPRING 2018

- Oak Hill Campus sanctuary refresh: Pew replacement, enlargement of altar platform and new arrangement
- Valley Creek Campus sanctuary refresh: Painting complete, carpet replaced and wood floor refinished

SPRING 2019

- New sound booth at Oak Hill Campus
- New lighting at Oak Hill Campus

FALL 2018

- Sanctuary refreshes at Oak Hill & Valley Creek Campuses
- New sanctuary roof at Valley Creek Campus
- Debt reduced to \$1.5M

- · Continued payments above principle on our debt
- New sound booth area at Valley Creek Campus
- In-ear monitors at Liberty Ridge and Valley Creek Campuses
- Debt reduced to \$1.2M



MULTISITE INVESTMENT

WE WILL BE PROACTIVE IN USING THE BLESSINGS GOD HAS GIVEN US TO MULTIPLY NEW CAMPUSES FOR HIS GLORY.



ACTUAL

\$784,322

BUDGETED

\$784,421

- Funding for unique costs for Liberty Ridge
- Set aside \$427,000 for future Multisite opportunities

SPRING 2018

- Celebrated 1-year anniversary of Liberty Ridge Campus
- Ongoing growth at Liberty Ridge Campus

FALL 2018

- Continued support for Liberty Ridge Campus
- Hosted Community Carnival at Liberty Ridge Campus

SPRING 2019

- Continued leadership growth at Liberty Ridge Campus
- · Additional merger conversations

- Conversations with the MN South District about how we can help struggling congregations
- Ministry action team in place to look for permanent home for Liberty Ridge Campus



TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES

WE WILL BE FAITHFUL TO THE ONGOING MINISTRY OF WLC SO DISCIPLES WILL CONTINUE TO BE MULTIPLIED AND TRANSFORMED.



ACTUAL

\$4,525,209

BUDGETED

\$4,744,168

This was below budget largely due to managing operational costs like utilities and contracts.

SPRING 2018

- 261 kids registered for Kids Ministry summer camps.
 165 of those registered did not attend WLC.
- In February, nine students confirmed their faith.
- 590 adults connected in small groups (66 total groups).

FALL 2018

- · Record number of baptisms
- Strong Kids & Youth participation
- · Continued growth in Small Group Ministry
- Addition of Multisite Director of Worship and Director of Discipleship & Reach

SPRING 2019

- 16 individuals baptized on Baptism Weekend
- Summer Kids Camps at all three campuses
- · Record attendance at Easter

- Record number of kids at our summer camps and youth servant events—935 kids and youth
- Two baptism weekends with 33 baptized and 99 total baptisms for 2019
- · Addition of Multisite Director of Small Groups



FOCUSED MISSIONS

WE WILL SUPPORT THE WORK OF GOD'S KINGDOM BY MULTIPLYING NEW CHURCH PLANTS AND LEADERS, PARTNERING WITH DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES, AND FEEDING THE HUNGRY.



ACTUAL

\$1,154,229

BUDGETED

\$1,185,125

- Missionary support
- Pastoral training
- Short-Term Mission Trips support
- Local Missions support
- Feed My Starving Children

SPRING 2018

- Dean Dunavan began the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program. During this time, he is serving as vicar at the Oak Hill Campus and upon graduation will be ordained as pastor at Woodbury Lutheran.
- We gave \$50K to FMSC and participated in the Woodbury Feeds MobilePack Oct. 2–7.

FALL 2018

- Support for future church planters in Ethiopia
- \$50K given to FMSC
- Support for local church planter Carl Johnson
- · Continued support of multiple missionaries

SPRING 2019

- · New support for missionary, Pastor Joey Chang
- Partnered with Faith City Church to launch a ministry in Dayton's Bluff

- Closed in on our goal of 1 million meals packed through Feed My Starving Children
- · Sponsored 458 children in Tongi, Bangladesh
- Funded training for three pastors to plant and lead churches near Ashewa Meda, Ethiopia

MEMBERS & STAFF

WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFE EVENTS

BAPTISMS

Beckett Anderson Kelsey Anderson Ole Anderson Greyson Ash Paisley Ash Liam Aspen Kennedy Bailen Cecilia Barabash Gabriel Barabash Kaylee Barber Dawson Barron Nora Bauer Brittany Baughman Brooklyn Benke **Everett Berg** Samuel Bolles Calvin Bowes

Reese Brandt Marit Brothen Cole Cardwell Lucy Cardwell Amiah Casselberry Harper Casselberry Rylea Casselberry Cora Clifford Kayla Colton Odin Daniel Maximus DeCoteau Nash Drapinski Harold Easley Greyson Ellis Killian Everson **Everett Everson** Mirelle Fenelon

Gino Ferrar **Denver Fleury** Raelynn Flood Troy Foster Caleb Fowler Fiona Frost **Everett Gilbert** David Gilbert Ryan Groth Coen Haroldson Taylor Hawkinson Charlotte Hobot Kinsley Hove Lucas Howard Marco Howard Kennedy Huber Brynleigh Hunter

Margot Huska Howard Ingli Bexley Jagger Addilyn Johnson Maxwell Jorgensen Louis Junker Bruce Kato Jake Kato Callahan Klotther John Kopp Amelia Kopp Paige Krause Blaire Kuehne Kahleesi Lehman Vivienne Mattson Noble McHenry Hailey McNally

Hannah Mewhorter Amelia Morrison Calvin Nelson Ava Nelson Lawrence Opitz Josiah Parker **Hudson Peltier** Vincent Peterson Anna Pillman Tyler Printon Chloe Rathousky Liam Roeller Avery Rourk Macey Salzmann Nolan Salzmann Colette Sand Bennett Sauer

Ariana Sauer
Frances Schneider
Wyatt Schnell
Madison Schnell
McKenzie Schnell
Josie Schowalter
McKenna Schowalter
Samantha Schwoalter
Peixin Shi
Morgan Sonn
Harper Weisbrich
Willow Young
Keeva Zilka

YOUTH CONFIRMANDS

Jack Anderson Andrew Baumgarn Emma Bloomquist Elizabeth Edwards Amy Fitzgerald Bennett Harris Quinn Horacek Addison Johnson Eiley Kieser Maggie Kolb Marykate Kolb Abby Krueger Dylan Longworth Sara Lower Adalyn Mueller Madison Nystel

Noah Otto

Katherine Reinhard

Matthew Rodemeyer Shelby Sadowski Morgan Voyda Ryan Welsh Grace Wenck **Emil Quasabart** Joshua Zuehlke Henry Gimble Mark Wilkie Lee Spomer John Jechort Nico Drescich Marlen VanOverbeke Nick Schmieg Jim Lindeman Muriel Lindeman Bernie Pettersen Tonya Cran Steve Brennan Marsha Kveton Rev. Nev Crowther Elaine Feider Jerry Haines

Tom Harrold
Ginny Anderson
Logan Schmidt
Donna Gauwitz
Mildred Roznick
Justin Bloomer
Sandy Lewis
Diane Ohlemann
Joan Engen
Jerry Hanggi
Rocky Johnson
Steve Spaudie

MEMBERS WHO PASSED

WEDDINGS

Aaron Wesser & Tristan Jeffries (January) Jim Tobin & Sandy Leirness (February) AJ Kuhrmeyer & Jessica Carlson (March) Mitchell Barret & Chelsea Hadrits (April) Wesley Dittman & Rebecca Stahr (May) Blake Lehner & Paige Kamrath (June) Kyle Meinke & Hannah Gatton (June) Joshua Brewster & Lauren Klendshoj (June) Jacob Holum & Ellyn Figlmiller (June) Christian Moore & Emily Betts (July) Brian Kersten & Jeanette Black (August) Charles Tank & Rachel Mitchell (August) Benjamin Drayton & Sierra Smith (August) Alex Schaefer & Jessami Brusehoff (September) James Leary & Manda Clark (October) Brian Short & Kasey DeJonker (October) Lucas Hanon & Ashley Faeth (October) Scott Habeck & Christine Borscheid (October)

STAFF LEADERSHIP

STAFF

Tom Pfotenhauer Senior Pastor

Tim Marshall Pastoral Care Ministries Pastor

Jon Kuehne Liberty Ridge Campus Pastor

Quincy Koll Vicar

Dean Dunavan Oak Hill Campus Vicar

Mark Stutelberg Business Administrator

Joel Symmank Director of Ministries

Joel Wetzstein Director of Worship

Karl Grant Valley Creek Organist / Choir Director

Jyl Dunavan Oak Hill Worship Leader

Kendall Johnson Technical Arts Coordinator

Kandi Chavie Liberty Ridge Worship Leader / Admin. Assistant

Brad Miller Director of Discipleship and Reach

Mike Sabbann Reach Coordinator

Diana Vander Pas Director of Small Groups

Nancy Schubbe Director of Kids Ministry

Lindsey Schmidt Middle School Youth Minister

Patrick Brewer High School Youth Minister

Cindy Linert Kids Minister, Valley Creek

Sarah Dibbern Oak Hill Youth Minister / Valley Creek Kids Minister

Molly Schulze Oak Hill Kids Minister

Laura Stennes Liberty Ridge Kids & Youth Minister

Sara Mulso Director of Preschool

Lisa Schommer Preschool Business Manager

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

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

Renee Boehme President

Ben Kehl Vice President

Evan Parkhurst Treasurer

Brian Schouvieller Secretary

Larry Hall Lead Elder

Ann Bauman+ At Large

Cindy Gustafson* At Large

Heidi Hove* At Large

Linda Tank At Large

Troy Wenck At Large

Geordie Denhom 18–19 Vicar, Ex Officio

Quincy Koll 19-20 Vicar, Ex Officio

Mark Stutelberg Administrator, Ex Officio

Tom Pfotenhauer Senior Pastor, Ex Officio

*Concluded Service on Council in 2019 +Coming on Council in 2020

2019 ELDERS

Larry Hall Lead Elder

Wade Amundson

Jerry Baklund*

Phil Baumgarn

Norm Berg

Rod Beseman

Craig Bettmann

Doug Boehme

Greg Carlson

Tom Crist

Brian Daniels+

Keith Daniels*
Michael Ehnstrom+

Ron Gehring+

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John Horner

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Duane Johnson+

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Tom Koch

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Rob Krueger

Steve Lauderbaugh+

Ron Lutes+

Dan Meyer

Brian Michlitsch
Dan Peterson
Joel Schuessler
Steve Spaudie*
Chuck Stakston+
Phil Stebbing
Tom Stork+
Dale Thompson
Dick Wachal+

Bob Wolf

*Concluded Service on Elders in 2019 +Coming on Elders in 2020

STAFF WE SAID GOODBYE TO

Geordie Denholm Vicar

Mary Lehman Director of Small Groups & Women's Ministry

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