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Faith Comes to Life

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries

There's a great Martin Luther quote that comes to mind at this time each year: "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." Back at the end of February, when temperatures were in the negative double digits, it was hard to believe that the winter would ever be past. But today nature is showing signs that it will shake off its dormancy and wake up. Again. Like it always does.

In scripture, faith is often talked about in terms used to describe the natural world: seeds are sown, they germinate and grow, faith is nurtured and cultivated, it matures and bears fruit. Faith is not an object or a commodity, it is a growing, moving, living thing. Through the Holy Spirit's work, faith comes to life.

Over these next pages, you will find example after example of faith coming to life in the ministries of Woodbury Lutheran and in the lives of our people and those we minister to.

As we shake off winter, and as resurrection comes back to our world, may our prayer be, "Lord Jesus, let my faith and life be a living witness to your resurrection."



Caring for Others

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care Ministries

This world is full of people who are, for one reason or another, unable to have their needs fulfilled. In the last 2 weeks, a group of people from Woodbury Lutheran helped a gal move into a new apartment, and others helped deliver a lift chair to another person in need.

There are many more examples of people who need assistance, whether it is with rides to appointments or needing items delivered to them. If you are looking for a way to show God's love through service, contact [me](#) and I will add you to my list of people who have volunteered to serve.

One Step At A Time

*"For I was hungry, and you fed me. **I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.** I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me."*

-- Matthew 25:35-36

When I was growing up I loved playing sports, but I never really liked to run. I will never forget my first college soccer practice; let's just say my lunch didn't stay down. ***Little did I know that running would be one of the ways that my faith would come to life!*** Over the last 10 years or so I have come to love running because it affords me time to step away from the grind of life and clear my head.

As I started to run more I began to wonder if I could ever run a marathon. I kept putting off the idea until I was introduced to Team World Vision and ***their dream of bringing clean drinking water to every person in the world.*** Here we are in the land of ten thousand lakes, water as far as the eyes can see, and yet there are millions of kids who do not have access to clean water. How can that be?!

Every 90 seconds a child dies because they lack access to clean water. Let that sink in. Thankfully it is getting better, we are making progress! Since 1990 nearly 2.6 billion people have gained access to cleaner water, but huge inequalities still remain. At Team World Vision we say that water is life because it is the gateway to education, safety and so many other benefits.

For the last 6 years WLC runners have raised over

\$450,000 bringing clean water to nearly 10,000 vulnerable children. Talk about transforming lives.

We are coming back for year 7 and you are invited to join the team! If you are thinking there is no way you can run a marathon check out this testimony <https://youtu.be/qZ79vxG7DKA> from some of our runners!

For more information on how to support or join the team, please email Ben Witt at: Witt_benjamin@yahoo.com.

My dog Harry is looking forward to training with me this summer as we move our feet to help the most vulnerable one step at a time!

Peace,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



You Are Invited

Joel Wetzstein | Director of Worship

We'd love to see you this week!
Join us online or in person.

HOLY WEEK 2021

Holy Week is upon us and in this span of 7 days we have already begun to experience Jesus' journey to the cross - from the Triumphal Entry to the Last Supper, then his Crucifixion and ultimately the Resurrection!

PALM SUNDAY



This past weekend we wrapped up our END TIMES series and were blessed to be part of our Palm Sunday worship services at home or in-person with a special treat at the Valley Creek campus as the Christus Chorus from Concordia University, St. Paul performed during worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Throughout Lent, we have focused on a journey which lament takes us on; a journey which leads us back to God. On Maundy Thursday, our gaze is shifted, challenging our expectations of what that really looks like. Psalm 130:7 states that there is "unfailing love" and "overflowing redemption" found with the Lord, but in John 13, Jesus begins to

show us what that truly looks like. In that passage, a new journey begins which his disciples now walk with Jesus, a journey which is driven by love. A journey which manifests servitude and humility. A journey in which overflowing redemption is found at the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY



The focus of our Good Friday worship service will be on the redemptive work of Jesus on the cross. Rather than adopt the more typical Tenebrae format, in which we would move sequentially through the last hours of Jesus' life, we will be placing Christ's atoning work at the very center of this service. We will do so by adopting an ancient literary form called a "chiasm" which places the main, central point in the center with the concepts leading up to and away from the central point in complementing pairs. A favorite of our worship teams - you are not going to want to miss this - at home or inperson.

EASTER SUNDAY



We live in a world that screams, "Look at me!" Nowhere is this more true than in the "selfie." We have cameras on both sides of

our phones, we have selfie sticks, and we even have filters that make us look better.

With a selfie, we may say, *"Look Where I Am!"* but when the women from the account of the resurrection went to the tomb fully expecting to find the dead body of Jesus - He wasn't there. Where was Jesus? He was alive! What does the empty tomb mean for us today?

We take selfies to show where we are, who we are with, and what we are eating. But is it really all about us? What does Jesus mean when he calls on us to die to ourselves? It all starts with his own death and the new life found in his new life!

Don't miss out on the accounts recorded in scripture that give us a greater sense of hope, strength, love, and peace when we live securely in the fact that eternity has been given to us, freely, through Christ! Join us ONLINE or INPERSON this month!



Faith As Small As A Jellybean

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

Spring holds such promise and we love all of the new that we get to celebrate and learn about with baby animals, plants growing, and most importantly Easter –as we celebrate our life in Christ and the promise of heaven.

In any Easter basket, you're sure to find jelly beans! This sugary, sweet candy is something that we often pop in our mouth by the handful, but they also can really help us think through the meaning of Easter and the ABSOLUTE love that our God has for us which we see from the creation of the world through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Red–the blood Jesus gave. *So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood. Hebrews 13:12*

Green–the grass that God made. *“You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them”. Nehemiah 9:6*

Yellow–is for the sun so bright. *In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16*

Orange–is for the edge of night. *One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. Luke 6:12*

Black–is for the sins we made. *But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9*

White–is for the grace he gave. *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith–and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8a*

Purple–is for his hour of sorrow. *At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice. “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Matthew 27:46*

Pink–is for our new tomorrow. *Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live even after dying.” John 11:25*

Sometimes we see faith come to life through the new life around us and sometimes faith comes to life by sharing something sweet with our family. Never underestimate the ways that you will see faith come to life! It can be as small as a jellybean (or a mustard seed) but can grow into something simply amazing.

Those tiny sweet jelly beans...their colors can be a prayer *and* a promise! They can also be those opportunities to see your faith reflected and even grow in a simple everyday treat. May the joy of Christ's Resurrection fill your heart and bless you!

South St. Paul Campus Update

The countdown has begun. Both congregations—Concordia Lutheran, South St. Paul, and Woodbury Lutheran—have voted on a merger where Concordia would become a campus of WLC. Both votes passed with over 90% in favor. And now the countdown to a public launch of this new campus on September 12 has begun. Here are some things that are happening:

A Campus Pastor Search Team has been formed and work has begun gathering candidate names and making initial contacts. Interviews will begin after Easter with the goal of having a campus pastor in place early in the summer. Please see the South St. Paul Campus Pastor Update on page 7 (two more pages) for more details about the team and its process.

A Launch Leadership Team has been formed made up of several WLC staff members, lay members from our current campuses, and lay members of Concordia Lutheran. This team's role is to build bridges between our two congregations, to define and develop strategic work to be done in the countdown phase in preparation for launch, and to set the campus up for a strong launch and first year of ministry.

Planning is underway for building updates and renovations, for ministry activity this summer, and for ministry beginning at the launch. A team is already at work making connections to the neighborhoods around the campus, at continuing

partnerships with organizations supported by Concordia, and at developing new partnerships so that we can live out our value of community in this new context.

A launch team of WLC people from each of our campuses who will make the new campus their home is being formed. As of this writing, 70 WLC members and regular attenders have sensed God calling them to be a part of this new community in South St. Paul. Maybe you've been sensing a nudge from the Holy Spirit to take a big next step in faith. The launch of a new campus brings an opportunity for faith to come to life through new relationships, new challenges, and new growth. If you're interested or curious about the possibilities contact [Joel Symmank](#) for more information.

This new campus is an exciting opportunity for Woodbury Lutheran to continue to live out our vision of Multiplying Disciples and Transforming Lives. We continue to seek God's direction and follow as he leads. Stay tuned for future updates as the countdown continues!



Enroll in Kindergarten!

- Children thrive with a maximum of 15 students in one class.
- Opportunities to experience auditory & visual learning as well as kinesthetic learning.
- Teacher & parent partnerships are a critical aspect of our program.
- Alignment with kindergarten requirements for District 833.
- Jesus time is a core component of the kindergarten day.
- Children are encouraged in essential problem solving & study skills gaining confidence as learners.

Enrollment for Kindergarten remains open. Annual tuition is \$6200. Our school days are M-F 8:30am-2:30pm. Limited before-&-after-school care is available. To learn more or to arrange for a tour, please contact Sara Mulso at mulsos@woodburylutheran.org or 651-739-5146

Experience the Real Meaning of Easter

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministries

Easter is a really important celebration during the year as a Christian. We remember how God's son, fully human and fully divine, showed us how to live, and took our punishment as his own through his death on the cross. Sometimes the importance of this gift and the holiness of Lent, Good Friday, and Easter can get lost when Easter bunnies, egg hunts, and the anticipation of baskets overflowing with stuffed animals and chocolate bunnies are added to the celebration.

Making Easter a special celebration of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection brings a richer understanding of what Jesus did for all of us. So how do we do that? Here are a few ways you can teach children about Easter and celebrate the resurrection story as a family:

Tell the Easter Story Together

When it comes to kids, sometimes simplest is best! Tell the story of Easter. Immerse them in the events of Jesus's life. Invite them to be part of the storytelling with you. Read the story from a children's Bible. Acting out parts of the story while playing with young children is a wonderful way to help them remember the story.

Make Resurrection Eggs

Resurrection Eggs engage children of all ages in the Easter story. In each egg is a symbol that represents an important event in the Easter story. Making a set of Resurrection Eggs or opening a pre-made set during Holy Week bridges Easter egg hunts and baskets with the real meaning of Easter.

Easter activities like making resurrection eggs are valuable because they turn the Easter story into something tangible that children can see and hold. This helps children connect the gift Jesus gave us

with their real lives. Pinterest has great information on how to make your own set of Resurrection Eggs.

Bake Easter Resurrection Rolls together

Not only are Resurrection Rolls fun to make and delicious, they also bring the message home... the tomb is empty! On Easter morning, Mary, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Salome, went to anoint Jesus' body with spices. Instead, they met an angel who told them that Jesus was not there. He had risen from the dead.

In the recipe, an empty "tomb" forms when the melted marshmallow sinks into the dough. The tasty buttery cinnamon inside reminds us of the spices and oils the women brought to the tomb that day. The empty "tomb" in the middle of the roll is a visual reminder of Jesus' empty tomb; this reminder has a sweet and delicious taste, reminding us of the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Watch faith come to life as you experience the Resurrection of Jesus together as a family!



A Friendly Springtime Wake Up Call

Lindsey Schmidt | Director of Middle School Youth Ministry

Did you know there are fewer than 50 days of school left in this school year? And those that are nearing graduation have time that is precious, significant, mundane, frustrating, and moving quickly. An 8th grader has 1500ish days left, a junior has 400ish days, and seniors...fewer than 50.

Here are some ways to maximize the next 50 days:

- Pray one of God's promises over the young people in your life
- Text or send a card with words of affirmation to a young person in your life
- Set up time with a youth that is centered on listening. Ask two questions about what they share, and point out ways you're seeing God move in their lives.
- Daily check ins: Rate today, 1-awful, 10-awesome. How does today rate? How's your stress level? Let's talk to God about that together...

South St. Paul Campus Pastoral Call Update

The Church Council has chartered a **Search Committee** according to our bylaws (see below) for the purpose of calling a pastor to serve our new campus. The team is made up of Sheryl Breiholz, Janice Jones (Church Council), Bob Wolf (Elders), Tom Pfothenhauer and ad hoc members Ben Kehl (Church President), and Joel Symmank. ***This team will work closely with the Lay Launch Leadership team for the new campus which is made up of 7 lay leaders from WLC and Concordia.***

The Search Committee is currently gathering names for initial interviews, if you have a candidate that you would like to be considered you can email that name to Pastor Tom at tom@woodburylutheran.org

To join the prayer team, email Sandy Petrich at slpetrich@comcast.net

Below is a rough timeline if all goes according to plan:

- **March 3 – April 5:** Gather names of candidates
- **April 13:** Church Council approves the job description
- **April:** Initial interviews with candidates take place
- **May:** Onsite visit for candidate or candidates
- **June:** Call issued or process starts over

Please feel free to direct any questions to our Director of Ministries Joel Symmank at joels@woodburylutheran.org

ARTICLE VII – Calling or Hiring Rostered Staff and Hiring of Contract or Administrative Staff

For the purpose of calling a pastor, the Church Council shall form a Search Committee. The Search Committee shall be composed of as many members as necessary but should include at least one member from the Elders and one pastor. The Search Committee shall compile a list of qualified candidates for the position. Ministerial candidates may be recommended to the Search Committee by committee members, members of the congregation, church staff, or the LCMS Minnesota South District office. The Search Committee shall then recommend one candidate for approval by the Church Council and the Voters Assembly.



NextGen Summer Fun

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

This summer we'll be turning up the volume at our Summer Camps to remind each kid that they can have confidence because of Jesus. When kids see themselves the same way that Jesus sees them, real confidence begins to take root and grow.

OAK HILL CAMPUS:

July 12-15: from 9:30-noon geared for kids ages 4 years-4th grade (age 4 by camp; grade completed June 2021). The Oak Hill Campus is located at 9050 60th Street North, Stillwater

VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS:

July 19-22 Dinner tailgate from 5:30-6:00 pm-Family camp activities from 6:00-7:30pm; geared for kids ages 4 years-4th grade (age 4 by camp; grade completed June 2021). Valley Creek Campus is located at 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury

YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays, Oak Hill & Valley Creek Campuses, Rising 5th graders through Graduating Seniors. 6:30-8pm; June 16, 23, July 7, July 14 (OH daytime Family camp), July 21 (VC Family Camp), Aug 4, Aug 11

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP SPOTS AVAILABLE

There are still 9 spots available for our trip to northern Idaho, but not much time left to sign up. Trip dates are July 23-30, and all participants must be registered by our first meeting on April 18th! More info can be found at WLCyouth.org or by contacting Patrick Brewer.

Look for more info about serving days, Middle School Manias & High School events as we get closer to summer!
wlc youth.org

God Moves in the Arid Plains of Paraguay!

Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

Last month special guests joined us on Zoom for our World Prayer Dive (WPD). **Dario & Juanita Guerrero** (and 8-year old Amara) are missionaries WLC supports. They spoke with us about their lives in La Esperanza in central Paraguay. They moved to the small village last year to bring the gospel to the Sanapaná people. The “religion” of the Sanapaná is primarily animistic; that is, they believe that spirits inhabit nearly everything around them – rocks, forests, streams, the sky. The Guerreros told us local people rarely walk outside at night due to fear of the spirit-world.

The long term goal of their mission is to plant a church of local Jesus-followers that will be sustained by indigenous leaders. The Sanapaná do not have the Bible in their own language, so an intermediate goal is to translate key parts of Scripture. That’s because it’s difficult to understand the richness and depth of the gospel in a language other than one’s native tongue.

Our WPD attendees heard about the challenges of learning the local language and culture of this people group. Also that Amara helps build relationships with the locals. It’s exciting that God is using our church to build his Kingdom among people who do not know the saving grace of Jesus! He uses dedicated disciples like Dario & Juanita to make this happen. We learned the Guerreros treasure our prayers for them.

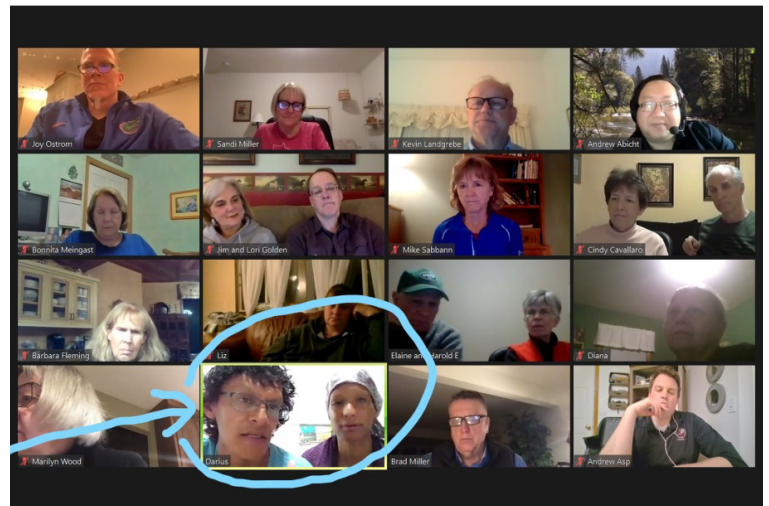
Feedback from our members was very positive:

- “I learned a lot! It made me more curious about

the history of the area and the Sanapaná people they are teaching.”

- “Being able to ask questions directly was really cool.”
- “Very interesting ... I’ll attend future sessions.”

The World Prayer Dive is an opportunity to learn more about and pray for the missionaries WLC supports. Keep an eye out for an announcement of our next event!

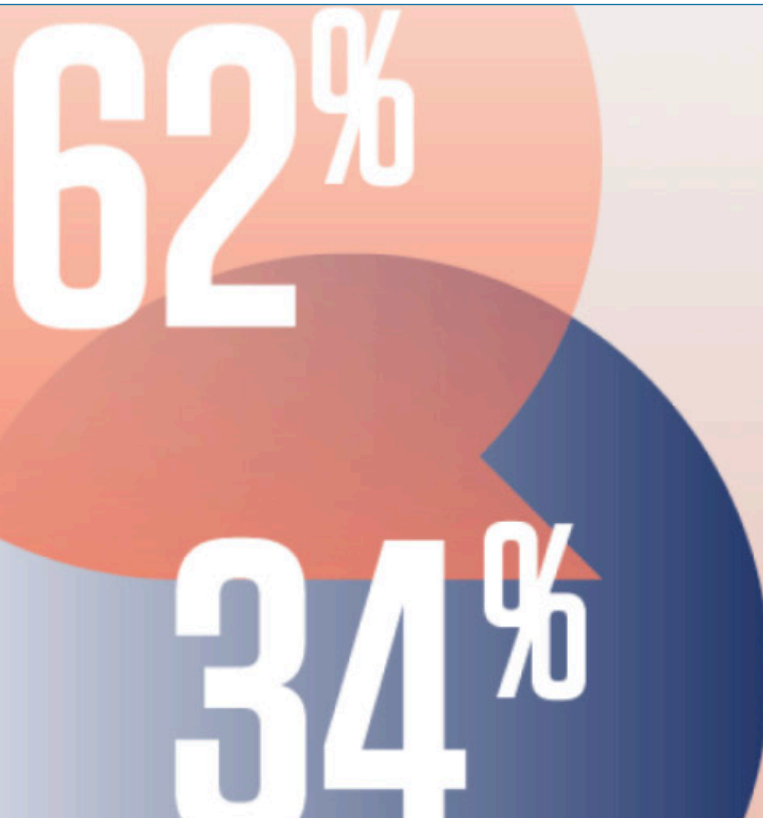


Donating From IRAs...A Win-Win for Both Sides

Sunny Marshall | Database Support/Administrative Assistant

Are you 72 years old and looking for a way to support the ministries of WLC? 72 is the age where you need to start taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRAs. Did you know that you can avoid paying taxes on RMDs by donating this money to an eligible charity, 501(c)(3) organization, like Woodbury Lutheran Church?

Qualified charitable distributions are a wonderful opportunity for donors to support their favorite charities, meet the required minimum distributions from their IRAs, and reduce their taxes. Talk to your financial advisor to find out more about how you can donate from your IRAs AND save money!



THE #1 QUALITY NON-CHRISTIANS AND LAPSED CHRISTIANS LOOK FOR IN A PERSON WITH WHOM TO TALK ABOUT FAITH IS “LISTENS WITHOUT JUDGMENT” (62%).

However, only a minority (34%) says the Christians they know personally possess this quality.

Love = Listening Without Judgement

Brad Miller | Director of Discipleship & Reach

Take another look at the statistics above. Do we dare let them sink in?

The world is desperate to meet a follower of Jesus who is not judgmental; someone who listens with curiosity and compassion, who's truly caring and attentive. Would that describe you? Would it describe me?

As God's holy and dearly loved people (Colossians 3:12), every **disciple of Jesus** is called and sent to represent him to the world around us (2 Corinthians 5:20)...to those who are near and far from Jesus. 1 Corinthians 14:1 gives us the target, **Let love be your highest goal!**

I don't think it's a stretch to declare that love equals listening and genuine listening resists judgement. That's God's job, right? Do we believe that or do we think that God needs a bit of help? That somehow judgement will help people come to grips with their need for Jesus. I wonder how aware we are of the things that we are believing. Could it be that God wants to shape us into people who look and love and listen more and more like Jesus? Are we open to his shaping, including his conviction?

Being on mission with Jesus is an invitation to be people who are quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry (James 1:9). How radical

would that be? That kind of heart and attitude just might open the door to real conversations with people who are not connected to Jesus.

In our WLC Workshop, Sharing Your Story - Sharing His Story, I shared a framework for loving our neighbors well.

1. (praying) Listening and truly caring---> A little kindness goes a long ways
2. (praying) Asking good questions (praying)---> What's your story?
3. (praying) Noticing when the time is right - taking a step (praying)---> open your mouth to share a bit-size piece of your story
4. (praying) Watching what happens (praying) ---> Check the temperature (picking up on cues/ non-verbals)
5. (praying) Paying attention to the relationship ---> back to the beginning

I believe that when we skip the first step, or even minimize it, we severely impede loving our neighbor well.

What a call to action! What if we decided this: by God's grace, we would practice non-judging listening this week? Did you notice the word praying in each of the 5 steps? Yes, that was intentional. We cannot do this without prayer! **Let's pray and let's make loving well (by listening without judging) our highest goal!**

Woodbury Lutheran Christian Cupboard Garden - Your Help is Needed

Ted Bolles | WLC Garden Coordinator

Located on our Afton Land at the corner of Bailey Road and Manning, our 10,000 square foot garden, now in its eleventh season, yielded almost 5,000 pounds of vegetables in 2020. All of the fresh produce is distributed to our community through our local Christian Cupboard (CCEFS), now located at Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale.

We're seeking people who want to serve in this ministry! We work about one hour at a time, several days a week. No prior experience is needed, just people who enjoy the service, fellowship, and the beautiful outdoors with natural social distancing! We notify everyone of the coming week's work schedule by email, and those who can come, come!

Please contact Ted Bolles at tedbolles@gmail.com or 651-308-5775 if you would like to explore this ministry!



Congratulations to Our First Communion Students

Tommy Albrecht
Michele Atkinson
Connor Bakken
Benjamin Bauman
Daniel Baumgarn
Alessandra Benson
Harrison Brigl
Rachel Brings
Chase Broderson
Lauren Bunge
Anthony Conant
Iban Drevlow
Logan Duis
Maddox Frye
William Gilbert
Carley Kokaisel

Mallory Law
Emma Lee
Aiden Loeffler
Cael MacLeod
Luke Moris
Natalie Munn
John Norring
Alexis Opland
Isaac Opland
Colin Schlattman
Witney Seltz
Cael Spates
Mary Timmers
William Welch
Eve Wiebe
Joel Yonkovich

April Birthdays

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| 1 Mireille Fenelon
John Kuhrmeyer
Kayley Pokrandt
Stuart Priest
Benjamin Stevensen | 6 Amanda Docken
Lisa Horacek
Quinn Horacek
Donna Jensen
Lee Jorgensen
Diane Mergens | 13 Dan Arend
Scott Daniels
Chad Erickson
Ben Feldkamp
Vicki Hunst
Ezri Jankiewicz | Alexandra Johnson
Duane Johnson
Mary Law
Kaden Longworth
Amy Pflieger
Jim Anderson | Maximus Henderson
Gladys Keopp
Joann Kjelskus
Donna Robertson
Jan Rowan
Cathy Swenson-Goetz |
| 2 Richard Betts
Vicki Hogeboom
Paul Jeske
Joanna John
Madeline Meyer
Vincent Peterson
Layla Schmidt
Marilyn Sinclair | 7 Jocelyn Colton
Jennifer Jechort
Mary Lou Krengel
Brock Lundervold
Linnea Lundervold
Emma Moris | David Mammenga
Mia Morgan
Emily Odegaard
Sheila Olson
Colin Schlattman | Devin Gervais
Ann Goodell
Dick Peterson
Christopher Smith
Chuck Stakston
Gina Vogelsberg | Katie Ellis
Roger Hopke
Vi Natt
Brynley Olafson
Jerry Panning
Emmit Roepke |
| 3 Ayoka Adeyinka
Leanne Bloom
Tom Bystrzycki
Chloe Critchley
Karin Davidson
David Ferguson
Nelson Kinmounth
Kally Lombard-Kutz
Jacob Meek
Gary Nelson
Kellen Ochiagha
Malar Ramesh
Kristin Reed
Lorraine Rogers
Robert Stolp | 8 Jim Blass
Sawyer Crist
Shawn Drinovsky
Robert Fischer
Connie Gott-McCoy
Bobbi Nibbe
Ben Retter | 14 Chase Ashby
Peter Cavanaugh
Karl Grant
Steve Haehn
Gary Kanne
Molly Nystel
Shanna Salzman
Kip Sander | Kennedy Brewster
Tom Crist
Kelly Mack
Norma Mackey
Rachel Scholz
Tonya Smith
Elijah Weiss
Diane Wollner | Anna Severson |
| 4 Virginia Becker-Langan
Karen Bergh
Kayla Colton
Angie Fish
Eva Hane
Logan Huber
Chesney Klusmann
Christopher Lee
Bonnie Pollock
Jill Radabaugh
Olivia Ramin
James Riehle
Finnley Schmidt
Eliana Stork
John Tepe | 9 Barb Brammer
Barbara Cavanaugh
Patty Ehlers
Peter Fleming
James Gland
Karen Johnson
Jason LaMott
Ava Nelson
Karsen Schlattman
Bernie Spaudie
Susan Twait
Kaeli Wuotila | 15 Lisa Bloomer
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Denise Erickson
Alison Glatzmaier
Reighe Nagel
Diane Nelsestuen
Corey Peterson
Jennifer Schmidt
Jan Steffel
Eric Welsh
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Caden Cummings
Zack deZeeuw
Megyn Gillard
Morgan Jenkins
Tracey Jensen
Paul Pfothhauer
Olivia Schouveler
Eric Stifter
Westin Zimmer | 26 Abbey Schwarzenbach |
| 5 Tyler Anderson
Elijah Gamble
Josh Granlund
Taylor Karrow
Herb Lyson
Sue McNally
Margorie Prestegord
Shelagh Stoerzinger
Grace Wright | 10 Jon Bloemendal
Avery Carr
Rick Gibbs
Phyllis Letendre
Monica Monson
Patty Noren
Henry Reinhard | 16 Madelon Button
Corinne Clifford
Debbie Firkus
Collin Hemberger
Parker Hines
Cameo Kosanke
Elizabeth Mortenson
Isabella Pertsch
Matthew Price
Nathan Price
Kelsey Anderson
Dawson Barron
Marian Cunningham
Christina Dawit
Melissa Gerver
Susan Jamison
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Allayna Pennington
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John Waldo
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Daniel Matasovsky
Janis Myers
Grace Nixon
Michele Zilka
Samuel Ankrah
Sandy Hayden
Diana Jensen
Carson Johnson
Kevin Moquist |
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Jadyn Norring | 18 Tony Adams
Todd Albrecht
Mark Jelinek | 30 Dan Jamison
Layla Khang
Bil Lund
Maxine Lundequum
Laurie Muenstermann
MaryJo Pearson
Kallie Spates
Pat St. Germain
Dresden Williams | |
| | 12 Evelyn Andrasfi
JoAnne Arndt
Avery Burger
Isak Ehnstrom
Jason Haberman
Jim McCoy
Shirley Rodgers
Evan Roepke
Jesse Stone
Deb Stutelberg
Kentlee Timm
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April Anniversaries

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Church Council Update March

In order to continue to grow in our communication to the congregation, each month we will share an update from the previous month's Council meeting. Full minutes can be found [here](#) after the 10th of each month.

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Financially:

February income was strong at around \$250k leaving us in the black through two months. We are almost \$110,000 ahead of where we were at this time last year.

Oak Hill Hole Project:

The Council reviewed plans that were submitted by Elden Lamprecht and it was determined that they would like to gather more data before making any decisions.

Concordia, South St. Paul:

With both congregations approving a merger we are quickly moving forward with launching a new campus. A call team to call a campus pastor was approved to be formed according to our constitution. The team is made up of Janice Jones, Sheryl Breiholz, Bob Wolf and Pastor Tom. The team will work closely with the lay launch leadership team.

Corrie's House:

This is a new organization that works with young women who have been caught in the sex trafficking industry. They are looking for land to build a home that would house these girls in their recovery. We are having initial conversations around the possibilities of using a portion of the Afton Land for this venture.

WLC Brand and Name:

We have hired Plain Joe Studio to help us gather data over the next several weeks and have put together a lay steering team made up of WLC members to help guide the process.

Afton Land:

We were approached by a member about the possibility of selling the Afton Land to pay off our remaining debt. In May the Council will be working on a communication to help better explain the future intent of the Afton Land.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- February Meeting Minutes
- February Financial Report

Information

- Oak Hill Hole Project
- New Campus/Call Team
- Corrie's house
- Afton Land - Strategic Intent

Discussion

- Sr. Pastor Report
 - » February Dashboard
 - » Unstuck Church Report
- Rebranding Update

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

Saturdays @ 5:00pm
Sundays @ 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am,
3:00, 5:00 & 7:00pm
Mondays @ 7:00pm

In-Person

Sundays @ 9:00 & 10:30am

Please visit our website for up-to-date in person worship information.

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Baptisms

Corina Elle Commers
Joanna Louise Dikken
Penelope Elise Fowler
Caleb Lucas Pillman
Wesley Scott Holum
Henry Michael Larscheid
William Gilbert

Deaths

Rita McNamara, mother of Jan Rygh
Todd Seeley, father of Anna Albrecht
Marilyn Anderson, mother of Caleb Anderson

Philip Girgen, uncle of Kathy Girgen
Richard Schwartz, father-in-law of
Cindy Schwartz
Harry Gurrola, husband of Cristina
Gurrola
Kathy Moe, mother of Ann Gibbs



Staying Connected

Giving at WLC

Thank you for your ongoing generosity that keeps the ministries of Woodbury Lutheran functioning. Giving may be done by texting WLCGIVE to 77977, through our [website](#), and through the WLC app ([iOS](#) | [GooglePlay](#)). Checks may be mailed to the church office at 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125.

Stock Donations

There are many different ways to donate time, talents, and treasures to Woodbury Lutheran Church. One way some members choose to donate is through the transfer or donation of stocks. If you have questions or would like more information on how to donate stock, please contact Trecie Horner at 651-731-3349.

Stephen Ministers

If you are going through a difficult time—whether it's losing a loved one, having relationship struggles, financial hardships or any number of challenges one might face—WLC has Stephen Ministers who would like to walk with you through these trying times. Contact [Pastor Tim](#) or [Shirley Mertens](#) for more information.

Garage Sale Treasures Update

Due to COVID and for everyone's safety we will not be holding our annual garage sale in May. We are hopeful for a future date! Thank you so much for your past generosity that has helped us develop a youth scholarship fund that is able to continue to support families and youth who would have to otherwise skip mission experiences like these.

Game Night 4.5.6

An hour of games for all youth from all campuses in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. This is a perfect event to invite a friend! Please wear a mask and come ready to have fun, make some new friends, and win prizes! April 9th, 6:30-7:30pm at the Valley Creek Campus (7380 Afton Rd, Woodbury, MN) in the Genesis room (drop off in the east lot by the preschool doors). RSVP here: <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/391/responses/new>

Questions: Contact Molly, Sarah, or Lindsey

Middle School Mania

Friday, April 30th 6:30-8pm, Oak Hill Campus. All rising 5th-8th graders are welcome to come join in on the fun! Games, friends, and a chance to take over the Oak Hill campus for a night! It's free & no registration required. Questions: Contact [Lindsey](#).

New Life Family Services

At New Life we currently have a few job openings and volunteer opportunities in the St. Paul area. We know many people are looking for work right now, and these are great opportunities to align practical gifts and careers with calling & mission. Our church partners are the primary places we get our staff & volunteers from! To learn more, please visit their website at <https://nlfs.org/get-involved/>



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April 2021 Calendar

1 (V) Celebrate Recovery
Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith
651-308-9113

1 (O) Maunday Thursday Worship
Thursday, 7:00pm

1 (V) Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, 7:00pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

1 (O, V) Prayer Vigil Begins
Thursday, 9:00pm

2 (O) Good Friday Worship
Friday, 7:00pm

2 (V) Good Friday Worship
Friday, 7:00pm
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3 (O, V) Prayer Vigil Concludes
Saturday, 9:00pm

3 (V) Baptism Class
Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank
651-472-1975

3 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study
Saturdays, 7:00am
Contact: Jeff Linert
651-387-9428

3 (O) Men's Bible Study
Saturdays, 8:00am
Contact: Vicar Dean
651-739-5144 x331

4 (O) Easter Worship
Sunday, 7:00, 9:00 & 10:30am

4 (V) Easter Worship
Sunday, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am
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5 (O, V) WLC Office Closed
Monday, All Day

7 (O) Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Vicar Andrew
651-739-5144 x223

7 (O, V) Youth Mid-Week Classes
Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt
651-739-5144 x219

8 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, 9:00am

9 (O) Life Line Screening
Friday, 8:30am

11 (O, V) Kids LINK
Sundays, Varying Times
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

12 (V) Monday Men's Study
Mondays, 10:45am
Contact: Pastor Tim
651-739-5144 x221

25 (V) Bible & Friends
Sundays, 9:00am
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt
651-739-5144 x219

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