



Jesus My King

Daniel Langewisch | Vicar

This past year here at Woodbury Lutheran Church we have been moving through our message series, "Jesus THE King," putting our focus on the identity of Jesus and who he really is. Yet, this last week, I was drawn to the beginning of Psalm 63 where King David says,

"O God, you are my God."

You are my God. I love the way that David makes it personal. He isn't just a God. He isn't just another God. He is **my** God. Jesus isn't just the King. He is my King. He is your King. There is something beautiful when you realize that Jesus not only died for all, but that he died for you, individually. Yes, you. The person reading this right now. Jesus looked at you and said, "You are worth dying for." That is how valuable you are in the eyes of your savior!

That reality is what moves us into our Easter celebration this month. My king has conquered death. Your king is on the throne. This Easter, I pray you come and join us, bring your friends, invite your neighbors, because Jesus is our King, and it is time to celebrate.

INSIDE

- Jesus the King - Pastor Tom Pfotenhauer
- Caring for the Unseen - Pastor Tim Marshall
- Ukraine Mission Update - Mike Sabbann
- May Missionary Madness - Mike Sabbann
- Recognizing God's Power This Easter - Laura Stennes
- WLC Christian Cupboard Garden - Ted Bolles
- Valley Creek Campus Update - Mary Law
- Starting Point - Brad Miller
- Holy Week Prayer Vigil - Brad Miller

Jesus the King

"Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!"
-- Mark 16:6

During this ministry year, we have been traveling through the Gospel of Mark in our series, **Jesus The King**. In the Fall, we focused on the Identity of Jesus and during Lent we have focused on His Purpose. It is fitting then that our time in Mark will culminate on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and all that it means for us.

For many of us, the message of Easter is nothing new. Yet the historical fact that Jesus rose from the dead is what fills us with hope as we travel through challenging times.

We see the brokenness all around us and often the weight of this world can feel so heavy. Whether it's the suffering caused by a war, or the pain of a broken relationship that hits much closer to home.

Easter is a reminder that we do not bear those burdens alone and frankly that is a reminder each of us needs. My desire is for as many people as possible to hear that reminder this Easter. ***I am inviting you to join me in making this happen in three ways:***

1. **#showupforeaster** Maybe you have been away from church. This is a personal invitation from me to you to show up for Easter.
2. During COVID our patterns have changed, and I bet there is someone that you used to see from the WLC family that you have not seen in a couple of years. ***Would you reach out with a note or a text*** to just let them know that you

have missed them and would love to meet up on Easter for worship?

3. ***Easter provides the perfect on-ramp to invite new people to check out WLC.*** Think of someone in your neighborhood, at your work or school etc. that you can invite to experience Jesus this Easter. I promise the services on all our campuses will be amazing because they will be focused on Jesus!

What a magnificent God we serve, that He would send His Son to become our Ransom and give us new life! May each of us know that life more and more each day!

Following Jesus,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



NEXT: Pizza with the Pastor

What's your NEXT Step at Woodbury Lutheran? If you're new to WLC and wondering how to get connected into this church family, this is the perfect place to start!

4th Sunday of the Month on all campuses

- April 24 and May 22
- Wakota Ridge Campus: 10:45-Noon
- Oak Hill and Valley Creek Campuses: 11:45am-1pm

Come, have some pizza, and get connected!

Find more info and register at info.woodburylutheran.org.



Behind the Scenes of “Jesus THE King”

Joel Wetzstein | Multisite Director of Worship

Our “Jesus THE King” message series aligns to the journey of Holy Week and we are crafting beautiful worship services for our campuses .

Several times a year we create “Hybrid Content” that could be created solely for our online platform that can end up being produced in such a way that we use it in our LIVE worship services across all campuses. You may see Dean in person AND on the screen in the same service - “Hybrid.”

Our Good Friday Services will feature scripture readings by Joel Symmank, Wakota Ridge, that was filmed offsite. He will also be at Wakota Ridge LIVE. That same service will include two short messages filmed at two different locations. Pastor Tom and Pastor Dean will be on video AND live at Valley Creek and Oak Hill, respectively as well.

By preparing “hybrid content” in advance, we all benefit from perspectives each pastor brings. I invite you to [**#showupforeaster**](#) at any of our campuses as we all come together to worship Jesus THE King.

Caring for the Unseen

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care Ministry

Now that the snow is melted away, it's so nice to see my yard. I knew that it wouldn't look the greatest, but I was not prepared for what I actually saw. In my yard you can see what appear to be tunnels throughout the yard, with grass mounds made in the shape of little huts, and it was clearly made by a small animal of some kind.

Once my initial frustration wore off, I started to think about the unseen inhabitants hiding underneath the snow. The work they had done was pretty extensive, and it was completely behind the scenes. No doubt it was hard work, and it took some time as well. But it was worth it to these animals.

Now here's the connect to us at WLC. We have so many people serving behind the scenes doing some challenging and really important work. I see it happening in disabilities ministry, where we have several people who actively show God's love to those with disabilities, whether it's playing games, helping with craft projects, or even eating pizza together. I see it in a bunch of women who knit prayer shawls, cancer caps and blankets to give to hospitals, where these items are shared with people who have cancer or other challenging illnesses. I see it in a group of men who, 2 times a year, offer free oil changes to single moms and widows of our congregation and community.

We have people caring for others in so many other ministries as well, from Stephen Ministry to Celebrate Recovery, from Pastoral Care Assistants to Prayer

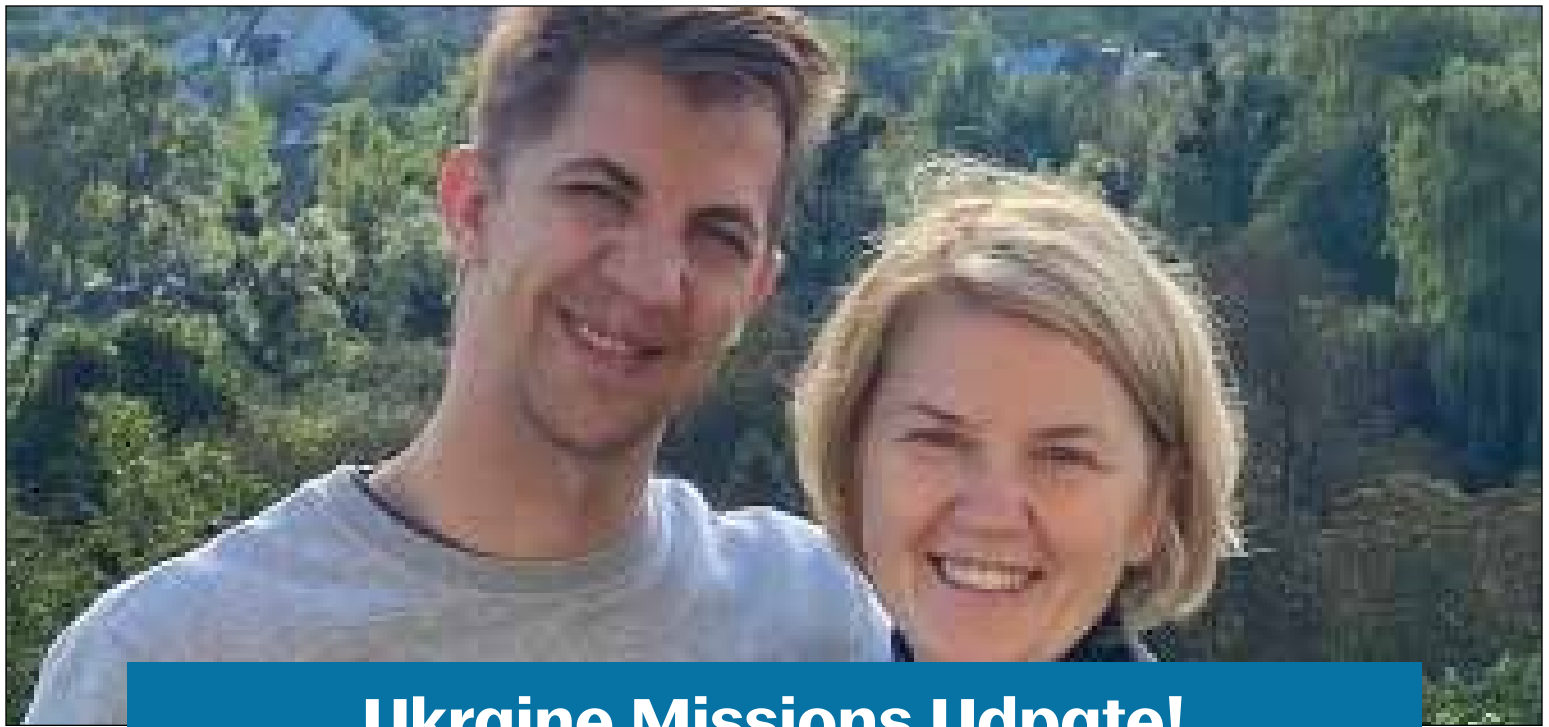
Encouragers. So much of what is done is not even known to most in our church and community. There's plenty of hard work and behind the scenes care and love going on. And this is just what I have seen... there is much going on behind the scenes that I haven't seen.

It reminds me of our God, who is always working behind the scenes in our lives. When things aren't going well, God is there, even when we miss Him. In Isaiah 43:2 we read, “When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.” We may not always see Him but let us never doubt his presence behind the scenes.

As you ponder how you are sharing God's love and caring for others behind the scenes, let the Lord guide you in how you show love and care.

Peace and Joy in Christ,
Pastor Tim





Ukraine Missions Update!

Mike Sabbann | Director of Reach Ministry

You've seen the terrible footage of the bombings of Ukraine on the evening news. You've seen the daily headlines and pictures of families dragging suitcases along roadsides. While this is so sad to watch, take heart that YOUR generous giving to Woodbury Lutheran has allowed one of our missionary families - **Rosen & Oksana Klepel** - to proclaim Jesus the King to some of the neediest refugees there. Following a month of harrowing service, they are now safely in Canada, getting rejuvenated for their eventual return home.

Ukraine - the Klepels provide hope and receive healing ... our church has supported Rosen Klepel in his ministry work with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) since 2013. He married Oksana, also a YWAM missionary, in 2017. Based in the city of Ternopil in western Ukraine, they focus on ministries to families and at-risk-children, including both gospel-based and life-skills training.

Since late 2021 they ministered through cycles of uneasiness, knowing Russia was amassing troops on their eastern border, not knowing what was to come. Now they know. Russia invaded on February 24. After a few days of scrambling to secure their apartment and ensure Oksana's family was okay, the couple re-stationed themselves in southern Poland. These are Rosen's own words from an email to me during March:

"We have been very busy working and picking women and children from the border. Picked up woman and one year old baby at 1:30 am, and I got back at 4 am,

then went to Krakow to pick up cancer medicine for a person who needs it immediately. So I drove 2 1/2 hour there (and same timing back) to Rzeszów, Poland. We are driving and taking people to hospital and clinics and unloading humanitarian aid. It's really busy. We are doing well. Oksana has been sick with a cold for 5 days but she is getting better. I have driven 2000 km in 3 days. Thanks for praying and supporting us.

We are driving and translating, feeding, and making beds and shopped and many more things. We are trying to raise money for Oksana's brother for level 5 bullet proof vest and helmet. The army doesn't have any protection equipment for him."

Those are heart-breaking words to read. Long, long days and nights of driving to the border and back, delivering desperate folks who've been displaced by the ravages of war. Klepels have since recognized they themselves are emotionally, mentally and physically spent, and in need of healing. **On March 22 they left Poland and are now staying with Rosen's brother in Alberta, Canada.** As they recover they will continue to assist Oksana's family and the YWAM team from afar.

Please consider taking these steps on their behalf: 1) Pray for the Spirit's healing touch in their lives, and for safety for Oksana's family who remain in Ukraine; 2) Consider personally donating to them to help with expenses resulting from the disruption of the war; here's the link: [Klepel support](#)

Contact Mike Sabbann for more information (SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org)

May Missionary Madness!

Mike Sabbann | Director of Reach Ministry

March Madness is behind us. But look what's coming in May! We have the privilege of being visited by two missionary families! Keep an eye out for them ... and welcome them!! Plan to come to the Sunday lunches at Valley Creek to meet them (11:45 am in the Fireside Room). Watch for more information.

- **Hannah & Josh Zook** - Sunday, May 22. They're arriving from Quito, Ecuador, for the delivery of Baby #2, expected in early-June!! Hannah leads End Slavery Ministries Ecuador (ESME), which helps women and their children who are in or have come out of situations of abuse and human trafficking.
- **Dario & Juanita Guerrero** - Sunday, May 1; They are currently on "furlough" from their rural home in La Esperanza, Paraguay, where they serve the Sanapana, an unreached people group. They're developing relationships of trust with locals as they learn the local language so they can proclaim Jesus the King.

Let's praise Jesus the King for His work through our missionaries. Contact Mike Sabbann for more information (SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org)



Engage Global... A 48 Hour Missions Immersion Right in Your Backyard

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Serve & Reach

Imagine experiencing the global cultures of India, East Africa, and Asia all in one "trip". Imagine being awakened with a fresh perspective on God's heart for all nations. Imagine moving from being a spectator to an active participant in God's global mission.

Engage Global training provides first-hand experiences, combined with practical biblical teaching, to help move followers of Jesus towards fulfilling God's mission.

- Where: Engage Global - Minneapolis training center
- When: May 20-22 (Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon)
- Lodging and Meals: All included. We stay both nights at the training center.
- Cost: \$225 (we have options for reducing this if needed)
- More information: contact Brad Miller with questions or about options for meeting the cost - millerb@woodburylutheran.org
- Registration here: <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/445/responses/new>

Recognizing God's Power this Easter

Laura Stennes | Wakota Ridge Kids & Youth Ministry

"King of Kings" by Hillsong and the hymn "In Christ Alone," by Stuart Townend are two of my all-time favorite worship songs. The other day while driving home, I realized how similar these two songs are to one another. The lyrics of both songs take us through Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, and close with the freedom, love, and identity that we have in Christ. Wow! Look at these verses side by side:

In Christ Alone (verse 3)

"There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ"

King of Kings (second half of verse 2 - first half of verse 3)

"For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death"

It's at this turning point, from Jesus' death to Jesus' resurrection, that I get chills. I feel the majesty, & deep love of God. It makes me stand in wonder at his plan and his power.

Within your families, there are probably many things going on in this Easter season. Yet, during all the family activities, we want to keep sight of what

Easter truly means. My challenge to you is to find some ways that you can recognize the power and glory of God this Easter. Jesus IS Risen and He IS King.

Here are some ideas to get you started. Find one that would connect with your family & give it a try.

- Do some Bible digging: Find verses where Jesus predicts his death and resurrection.
- Read the Easter account in each of the Gospels.
- Talk about how the resurrection changes everything & declares that Jesus is the King.
- Listen to songs that speak of Jesus' resurrection and worship along.
- Pray prayers of "resurrection:" create a prayer wall listing areas where you're asking God to bring new life, healing, or resurrection power.
- Add the phrase or concept that "Jesus is King" to your prayers each day. For example: "Come King Jesus be our guest, let these gifts to us be blessed..."
- Pray that Jesus would reveal himself as King over each of your prayer requests and in every part of your life.



Talking to Your Kids About Good Friday and Easter

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

Easter is a few weeks away, and as Jesus followers, we want our kids to know more about it than just the Easter bunnies and candy. It's ok to have that as part of your tradition as we know there is so much more to the story!

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. Act out parts of the story while playing with young children. When they ask questions, use age appropriate responses.

Sharing this story with your kids will become a part of your Easter traditions and celebration. Jesus is our Savior and our King!

Woodbury Lutheran Christian Cupboard Garden

Ted Bolles | Director of the Garden

Located on our Woodbury Lutheran Church's St. Croix Campus at the corner of Bailey Road and Manning, our 10,000 square foot garden, now in its twelfth season, yielded 6,722 pounds of vegetables in 2021 – a record for us! All of our 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. We notify every one 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!



2021 IMPACT REPORT

Growing in service to our community



"Money has been tight and we were almost out of food, and then our neighbor told us about your food shelf. What an amazing place! Thank you!"

-CCEFS Client

3.8 MILLION

pounds of food
distributed in 2021



312,698

Individual visits to
our programs

(almost *double*
our visits in
2020)



**More than 700
volunteers served over
26,800 hours in 2021**



Doing Life Together is More Than Just Doing a Study Together

Diana Vander Pas | Director of Adult Ministry

Gathering as a small group or a church family on mission is more than just doing a study together. We get to share life with each other! Unfortunately, sometimes "doing life together" looks more like a meeting on our calendar than it looks like doing real life together. So how do we live like Jesus here in 2022? Jesus did so much ministry in the midst of other things. He did it as he was going. So, instead of adding one more thing to your calendar, consider simply bringing someone along to something you are already doing! Invite someone to join you for a meal. Invite someone along for a hike or a jog you have planned. Out of town? Text pics of your trip and a high/low from it so far. Have them send a text back with the same. How about bringing a friend with you to your child's hockey or soccer game?

Who and where can you invite another person along and begin building real community as you are going? Pray about who God is nudging you to invite along, and then do it!

Valley Creek Campus Update

Mary Law | Office Manager & Assistant to the Senior Pastor

Greetings from the Valley Creek Campus! It is such a blessing to serve each of you, not only here at the Valley Creek Campus, but at each of our three campuses. My role is the Office Manager for Woodbury Lutheran Church as well as the Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

I love the month of April for several reasons. First spring truly does begin here in Minnesota. Sometimes we get the occasional snowstorm, but it always melts quickly. The spring rains that we get wash away the winter grime that settles on lawns, streets, buildings, etc. Much like our sins washed away in our baptisms. Being a farm girl, I love that farmers are prepping their equipment to get ready for field work and spring planting. Simply, everything feels new!

In my update this month, I'm going to share some new things and some things that are being refreshed here at Valley Creek.

Over the last month we have been busy prepping for Easter for our campuses. It's been a joy to have our Lent Suppers back and make sure that you have a great meal, amazing fellowship, and a wonderful time together.

Along with Lent meals coming back, you will also start to hear more about our annual Easter Breakfast! Watch for communication regarding that and make plans to support the youth by eating a great breakfast on Easter morning.

In this newsletter, you will also find more information about the Prayer Vigil that is happening during Holy Week. Please check page 13 for more details.

During April, our organ will be getting its first ever overhaul since it was installed. Beginning on April 25th, the company performing this will be deep cleaning the pipes and making any necessary repairs. This process will take about two weeks to complete. Worship will still happen and events in the evenings won't be affected!

As a staff, we are excited to hear what the organ will sound like once this has been completed. It'll be music to our ears!

Our facility team is beginning to start their summer projects. One of those projects is new blinds in our Paul Room located in the lower level here at Valley Creek. If you get a chance to peek at the final result, you can do that after the first full week of April.



Garage Sale Treasures Needed!

Looking for a way to tackle the winter blues? Start a garage sale stash for the Youth Garage Sale! The youth will be collecting those slightly used "treasures" for the upcoming Lions Garage Sale held **May 12 (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm); May 13 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm); May 14 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)**. Collection dates and times: **May 10 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm) and May 11 (4:30 pm to 8:30 pm)**.

Proceeds help offset some participant costs for senior high and middle school summer experiences. If you have any questions please call/text Shanna Salzman at 612-859-1365 or email at ssalzman1@comcast.net.

Items that sell well: gently used furniture, clothes, shoes, household items, baby things, puzzles, toys. Items we won't take: electronics, tube televisions, worn furniture, dirty or broken items.

Starting Point - Join Us this Month!

What is Starting Point?

Starting Point (SP) is a 5-week opportunity (class) to explore faith. It's a conversational environment where you'll experience real community.

Who's it for?

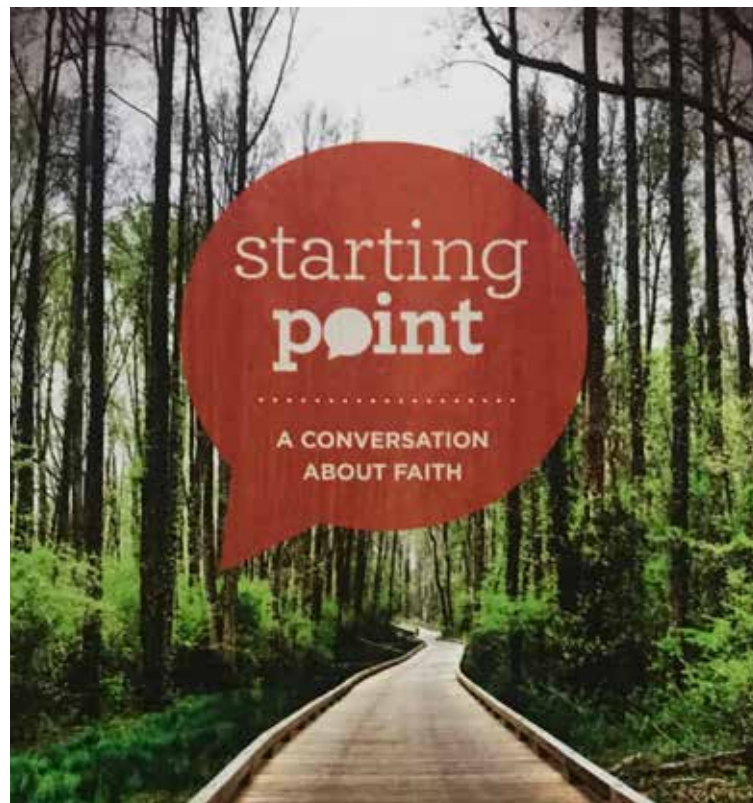
SP is designed for:

- Seekers - those who are curious about God, Jesus, the bible or christianity.
- Starters - those who are just beginning a relationship with Jesus.
- Returners - those who have some church experience but have been away for awhile.

Mark Your Calendars

- Starts Tuesday, April 26th and ends on May 24th
- Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm for individuals at all campuses
- Meeting will be held at the VC campus - Fireside Room
- No cost! Zero dollars! Really!
- Register here: <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/446/responses/new>

Contact Brad Miller with questions, etc...millerb@woodburylutheran.org



Self-Help or Surrender?

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

As a society, we are driven to find answers and “fix” things ourselves. Between 2013 and 2019 the number of self-help type books grew from approximately 31,000 to 85,000! Each of these promises to help us manage our finances, find joy or restore broken relationships.

In Mark 1:21-22 we read “they went to Capernaum and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as *one who had authority*, not as the teachers of the law.”

Jesus came with authority that the teachers of the law didn't have, and he came with an authority that cannot be found in a self-help book. We learn how to live a life of growth and abundance in a book written over 2000 years ago. The Bible clearly tells us of Jesus triumph at Easter and shows us a future of promises that only He can fulfill. As you surrender to the King overall, may you find a peace that surpasses all understanding!



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

easter.woodburylutheran.org

Maundy Thursday, 4/14

Oak Hill Seder (RSVP) + Communion @ 6pm
Wakota Ridge Service + Communion @ 7pm
Valley Creek Service + Communion @ 7pm
Livestream @ 7pm

Prayer Vigil

9pm Maundy Thursday through 9pm Saturday

Good Friday Services, 4/15

Oak Hill @ 7pm
Wakota Ridge @ 7pm
Valley Creek @ 12pm Noon & 7pm
Livestream @ 7pm

Saturday Easter Vigil, 4/16

Online only @ 5pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

Easter Sunday Services, 4/17

Oak Hill @ 7:30, 9 & 10:30am
Wakota Ridge @ 7am (outside), 9 & 10:30am
-WR Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-10:30am
Valley Creek @ 6:30, 8, 9:30 & 11am
-Valley Creek Services will be livestreamed.
-VC Pancake Breakfast 7-11am (proceeds go to Youth)

Holy Week All Campus Prayer Vigil (April 14-16)

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Serve & Reach

48 hour Prayer Vigil - Maundy Thursday night (through Good Friday) to Saturday night-9pm Thursday to 9pm Saturday

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he invited 3 of his closest friends to the garden of Gethsemane to be with him and to pray.

You're invited to keep vigil with Jesus on the days leading up to his resurrection.

- Sign up to sit with Jesus for 30 or 60 minutes as you reflect on His death on the cross and your life.
- Pray at Oak Hill, Valley Creek or Wakota Ridge
- Building hours (open for prayer) are as follows:

Prayer times open at 9pm Thursday on all campuses.

DETAILS FOR THE OAK HILL CAMPUS

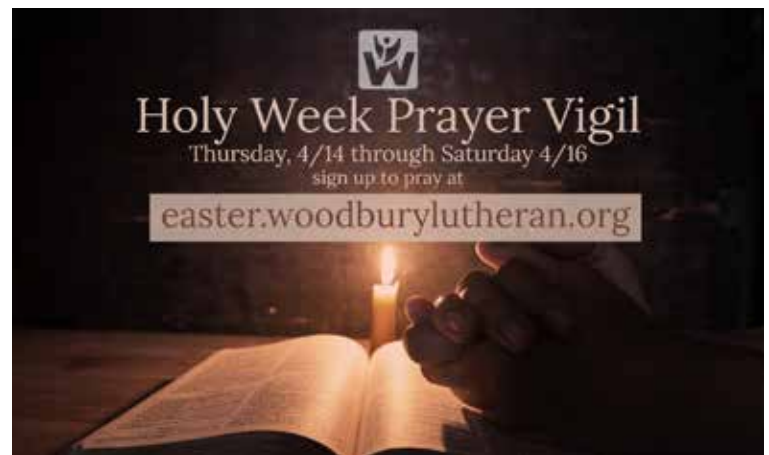
- Pray in the building all 48 hours (the building will be open all night Thursday and Friday)
- There will be someone on the premises to watch and help create a safe environment from 9pm Thursday to 6am Friday, from the 7pm Friday to 6am Saturday and from 7-9pm Saturday

DETAILS FOR THE VALLEY CREEK AND WAKOTA RIDGE CAMPUSES

- Pray in the building until 10 pm Thursday
- 6am to 10pm Friday and 6am to 9pm Saturday
- There will be someone on the premises to watch and help create a safe environment from 7 to 10pm Thursday and Friday and 7-9pm on Saturday.

Click here to sign up:

- **WR Sign up link:** <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/135/public>
- **OH Sign up link:** <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/123/public>
- **VC Sign up link:** <https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/113/public>



Congratulations & God's Blessings to Our First Communion Students!

The students below recently finished their multi-week class on Holy Communion. We celebrate with them as they partake in the Body and Blood of Christ as a family of believers.

Harmony Anderson
Nolan Aspen
James Biederman
Annabelle Brewer
Brooke Bunge
Lauren Chavie
Wyatt Crist
Parker Diers
Melania Fitzgerald
Jonny Gage
Rachel Gage
Elijah Ginkel
Joshua Hayek
Julia Hayek

Samantha Hayek
Aiden Johnson
Eva Kreitz
Adam Kreitz
Sam Larson
Natalie Mack
Nathan McGuire
Maddie Meek
Finley Minerich
Millie Minnichsoffer
Brynlee Opland
Treydon Ostreng
Micah Pederson
Ailee Peper

Audre Proulx
Hannah Rodemeyer
Kara Sachs
Stella Schmidt
Tyler Schrupp
Micah Schulze
Corbin Snorek
Heidi Sorgert
Aubrey Spates
Xander Spreigl
Min Starzynski
Addison Strohfus
Karlee Wall
Margaret Wolsky

When I Say, "I Am A Christian"

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"
That's why I chose this way".

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble –
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I'm loved

by Carol Wimmer



Two Spots Remain!

Pastor Paul Pfotenhauer is leading a group to see the Oberammergau Passion Play July 15-27.

The Pfotenhauers and their group will travel to Germany, Austria and Switzerland during those dates. Because of a cancellation, they have two openings available for the tour.

If you have any interest you can reach out to Pastor Paul and Rhoda. They can be contacted at: paulrhoda@comcast.net or 651-261-3416

April Birthdays

- | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Linda Davis
Mireille Fenelon
Steve Fog
Dennis Friemann
John Kuhrmeyer
Kayley Pokrandt
Sherry Prail
Stuart Priest
Wyatt Schnell
Benjamin Stevensen | 5 Tyler Anderson
Zander-Guy Batten-Brooks
Elijah Gamble
Josh Granlund
Taylor Karrow
Herb Lyson
Sue McNally
Margorie Prestegord
Shelagh Stoerzinger
Grace Wright | 11 Christian Bertram
Jadyn Norring
12 Evelyn Andrasfi
JoAnne Arndt
Avery Burger
Isak Ehnstrom
Erik Fog
Jason Haberman
Shirley Rodgers
Evan Roepke
Jesse Stone
Deb Stutelberg
Kentlee Timm
Dan Timmers
Janice Wilke | Isabella Pertzsch
Matthew Price
Rebekah Schoenfeld
17 Kelsey Anderson
Dawson Barron
Marian Cunningham
Christina Dawit
Melissa Gerver
Susan Jamison
Jack Krueger
Breck Meissner
Ashlee Schmidt
Kari Swanson | Dave Hove
Dylan Jackson
Carson Loeffler
Sara Murphy
Tom Novak
Allayna Pennington
Isaac Smith
Piper Wick | Ella Morningstar
Kevin Ostrom
Tim Reberg |
| 2 Richard Betts
Paul Dale
Nancy Dietrich
Vicki Hogeboom
Paul Jeske
Joanna John
Madeline Meyer
Vincent Peterson
Nancy Sager
Layla Schmidt
Marilyn Sinclair | 6 Haley Corteau
Amanda Docken
Lisa Horacek
Quinn Horacek
Donna Jensen
Lee Jorgensen
Diane Mergens | 13 Scott Daniels
Chad Erickson
Ben Feldkamp
Vicki Hunst
Ezri Jankiewicz
David Mammenga
Mia Morgan
Emily Odegaard
Sheila Olson
Colin Schlattman | 18 Tony Adams
Todd Albrecht
Alexandra Johnson
Duane Johnson
Mary Law
Kaden Longworth
Ada Peterson
Amy Pflieger | 23 Charlie Barringer
Marge Cliff
Hadley Horner
Nicholas Reed
Tyler Reed
Roger Rodgers
Mark Rygh
Emily Schulze
Tessa Score
Charles Tank
Clara Wuotila | 28 Jennifer Carlson
Bailey Engen
Daniel Matasovsky
Janis Myers
Grace Nixon
Michele Zilka |
| 3 Ayoka Adeyinka
Leanne Bloom
Tom Bystrycki
Chloe Critchley
Karin Davidson
David Ferguson
Caleb Fowler
Nelson Kinmounth
Kally Lombard-Kutz
Jacob Meek
Gary Nelson
Kellen Ochiagha
Malar Ramesh
Kristin Reed
Robert Stolp | 7 Jocelyn Colton
Jennifer Jechort
Mary Lou Krengel
Brock Lundervold
Linnea Lundervold
Emma Moris
Keith Ogorek | 14 Chase Ashby
Peter Cavanaugh
Steve Haehn
Molly Nystel
Ailee Peper
Shanna Salzman
Kip Sander | 19 Jim Anderson
Logan Farr
Devin Gervais
Ann Goodell
Dick Peterson
Christopher Smith
Chuck Stakston
Gina Vogelsberg | 24 Jenna Blass
Denver Fleury
Brian Follett
Maximus Henderson
Gladys Keopp
Joann Kjelsbus
Donna Robertson
Jan Rowan
Cathy Swenson-Goetz | 29 Samuel Ankrah
Sandy Hayden
Diana Jensen
Carson Johnson
Mia Kuhrmeyer
Kevin Moquist |
| 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
Finley Schmidt
Eliana Stork
John Tepe | 8 Jim Blass
Sawyer Crist
Shawn Drinovsky
Robert Fischer
Connie Gott-McCoy
Bobbi Nibbe
Ben Retter
Caitlin Wotruba | 15 Lisa Bloomer
Kyle Duffy
Denise Erickson
David Gilbert
Alison Glatzmaier
Reighe Nagel
Diane Nelstuen
Corey Peterson
Jennifer Schmidt
Jan Steffel
Eric Welsh
Larry Wolfgram | 20 Kennedy Brewster
Tom Crist
Kelly Mack
Norma Mackey
Rachel Scholz
Tonya Smith
Elijah Weiss
Diane Wollner | 25 Katie Ellis
Roger Hopke
Brynley Olafson
Jerry Panning
Emmit Roepke
Cameron Rud
Anna Severson
Liviah Anderson | 30 Dan Jamison
Layla Khang
Bil Lund
Maxine Lundequum
Laurie Muenstermann
MaryJo Pearson
Tim Peper
Kallie Spates
Pat St. Germain
Dresden Williams |
| | 9 Barbara Cavanaugh
Patty Ehlers
Peter Fleming
James Gland
Karen Johnson
Jason LaMott
Ava Nelson
Karsen Schlattman
Bernie Spaudie
Susan Twait
Kaeli Wuotila | 16 Madelon Button
Corinne Clifford
Debbie Firkus
Collin Hemberger
Parker Hines
Cameo Kosanke
Elizabeth Mortenson | 21 Layla Anderson
Janice Belmonte
Caden Cummings
Elias Faschingbauer
Megyn Gillard
Morgan Jenkins
Tracey Jensen
Paul Pfothenhauer
Olivia Schouveller
Eric Stifter | 26 Livia Anderson
Tom Charley
Derek Decker
Sullivan Gooch
Riley Junker
Derek Landsverk
Niki Nelson
Vickie Peterson
Shelby Sadowski
Abbey
Schwarzenbach | |
| | 10 Aubree Bieniek
Jon Bloemendal
Avery Carr
Rick Gibbs
Anna Hemmelman
Monica Monson
Patty Noren
Henry Reinhard | | 22 Lou Greengard
Kim Grieger
Cynthia Gustafson | 27 Julia Burns
Perry Eggers
Quarra Jankiewicz
Alyssa Morningstar
Amelia Morningstar | |

April Anniversaries

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 Tom & Kaye Christianson | Michael & Sue Zabilla | Tom & Gail Mullaney |
| 4 Greg & Cindy Johnson | 17 Jim & Patty Noren | Matt & Allison Weiss |
| Richard & Michele Starr | 18 Jason & Melanie Haberman | 27 John & Sharon Wess |
| 9 Gary & Sonya Anderson | 20 Satoru & Hide Sudoh | 28 Barrett & Jill Connolly |
| 10 Kelly & Mady Parker | 21 James & Melissa Butzler | Erik & Paula Dikken |
| 11 Harold & Lori Voth | 22 Tom & Ruth Camilli | Shawn & Amanda Drinovsky |
| 12 Michael & Laurie Muenstermann | Kody & Brianne Drost | Gary & Lee Jorgensen |
| 14 Michael & Lisa Karcher | Gary & Elizabeth Melin | Charles & Renee Kenow |
| Tom & Carol Roeller | 23 John & Sharon Baranick | Neil & Mary Beth Schwartz |
| Larry & Emily Rossow | Ron & Pat Gehring | 30 Brian & Shari Devine |
| 15 Paul & Mary Jeske | 24 John & KC Swanlund | Jean & Bob Everson |
| 16 Dan & Judy Donovan | Jeremy & Jessica Wicker | Ed & Gina Ruesch |
| Jan & Tamara Karlstrand | 25 Joe & Kaye Bradshaw | Nathan & Katherine Williams |
| Bob & Sandra Petrich | Judy & John Pirk | |
| Jerry & Terri Swanson | 26 Kevin & Janna Duban | |

Church Council Update

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 8, 2022
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

WLC Pre-School and Kindergarten Update:

Our School Director Sara Mulso provided us with a deep dive into the pre-school. We are so grateful for her leadership and how she has helped to navigate through COVID. Here are a few Highlights:

- We have 142 Students from 136 families
- Staffing has been a huge challenge during COVID
- Our Staff Pay and Student Costs are competitive with the market in Woodbury
- A big challenge is the space issue at Valley Creek.

WLC In-Home Communion Practice:

Our District President has had several conversations with Pastor Tom around the issue of "Online Communion." We continue to practice in-home communion for our members and friends who worship from their homes. At this point the Council (and the Elders) do not see any theological reasons for us to stop the practice. Pastor Tom will continue to have conversations with the District and be open to their concerns while still making getting the Sacrament to our people a high priority.

Call Committee Updates:

We confirmed the recommendations of the Search Team to begin the process of calling Joel Symmank to serve as our Wakota Ridge Campus Pastor as well as adding an additional Associate Pastor from the Seminary. If the congregational vote approves the recommendations, we will begin to take the necessary steps. We are not guaranteed that a Seminary student will be placed with us.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- February Meeting Minutes
- February Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Pre-School Strategic Deep Dive Sara Mulso
- In Home Communion Conversation
- Staff / Call Committee Update

Informational Topics

- Sr. Pastor Report
- February Dashboard
-

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

Saturdays @ 5:00pm
Sundays @ 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am
Youtube OnDemand

In-Person

Sundays @ 9:00 (OH, WR & VC)
Sundays @ 10:30am (OH & VC)

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

woodburylutheran.org

Baptisms

Jules Leighton Winter
Bauer Dwayne Johnson
Louis Allen Corteau

Marriages

Grant Conner & Lindsay Kothe
Evan Parkhurst & Sydney Blasczyk

Deaths

Kendra Guenther, niece of Nancy Schultz
Dan Arend, husband of Barb Arend
Melissa Schlobohm, niece of Sandy Johnson



Staying Connected

Ready to Take Your Next Step?

The WLC Connection Center is available to help you determine what your next step might be on the Discipleship PATH. Whether you want to explore options or you already know what your next step will be, our Connectors would love to help! The Connection Center staff at each of our campuses, is available for each worship service. Come and say hi!

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 833-808-4447, 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.

Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

Would you be willing to knit or crochet shawls, soft chemo/Neuro surgery caps or baby caps/afghans which would be given to someone who is experiencing a life trauma, an illness, or loss? We would love to have you join us on Monday afternoons at the Valley Creek Campus, or bring your completed items to us at the Valley Creek Campus. Call Tamara (651) 734-3974 or email tskarl@comcast.net for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

Mitten Makers

Come create mittens from sweaters with us! If you can cut, hand sew, or sort, join us at the VC campus on Wednesdays at 12:30pm in room L-900 (VC Paul). All proceeds benefit Robin's Nest Orphanage.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship awards were established to provide scholarship awards to eligible candidates pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. It provides benefit to Lutheran students who are members of congregations within the MN South District of the LCMS. Three or more awards between \$5,000-\$10,000 will be given for the 2022-2023 school year.

Eligibility requirements and the online application are available at thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships. Application are open and are due with required attachments on or before April 29, 2022.

Questions may be directed to Dave Zastrow, Donor Services Associate, at TC-Scholarships@thrivent.com or by calling (800) 365-4172.

Woodbury Prayer Breakfast

The annual Woodbury Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 AM May 3rd at the Inwood Oaks Event Center (formerly Prom Center) in Oakdale. The keynote speaker and musician will be singer/songwriter/author Ginny Owens. Ginny has performed at such diverse venues as the White House, Sundance Film Festival and the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC. Tickets can be purchased online at www.woodburyprayerbreakfast.org



Looking for more information
to stay connected?

Scan the
QR code above!

April 2022 Calendar

2 (V) Baptism Class

Saturday, 9:30am
Contact: Rachel Symmank
651-472-1975

2 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 7:00am
Contact: Jeff Linert
651-387-9428

2 (O) Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 8:00am
Contact: Pastor Dean
651-739-5144 x331

3 (O, W, V) KidsLINK

Sundays, 9:00am
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

3 (V) KidsLINK

Sundays, 10:30am
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

4 (V) Monday Men's Study

Mondays, 10:45am
Contact: Pastor Tim
651-739-5144 x221

4 (V) Ladies Gathering Group

Mondays, 1:00pm
Contact: Shirley Mertens
651-276-7224

6 (W, V) Women of the Word (WOW)

Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Diana Vander Pas
651-739-5114 x208

6 (V) Mitten Makers

Wednesdays, 12:15pm
Contact: Lyndis Vander Louw
651-459-3313

6 (O, V) Foundations & ROOTS

Wednesdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt
651-739-5144 x219

6 (V) Noon Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, 12:00pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

6 (O, W, V) Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

7 (V) Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith

651-308-9113

7 (W) Hannah Quilters

Thursdays, 9:00am
Contact: Miriam Kostecki
651-739-5114

14 (O) Maundy Thursday Seder Worship

Thursday, 6:00pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

14 (W, V) Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, 7:00pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

15 (V) Good Friday Noon Worship

Friday, 12:00pm
live.woodburylutheran.org

17 (O, W, V) Easter Worship

Sunday, Various Times (see page 10)
live.woodburylutheran.org

24 (O, W, V) NEXT: Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, Various Times
Contact: Brad Miller
651-739-5144 x209

WLC NEWS LETTER

Looking for something else?

Visit woodburylutheran.org

Valley Creek Campus (V)
7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

Oak Hill Campus (O)
9050 60th Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082

Wakota Ridge Campus (W)
255 W Douglas Street
South St. Paul, MN 55075

Afton Land
12122 40th Street South
Afton, MN 55001

(651) 739-5144
Visit us on the web at
www.woodburylutheran.org

Woodbury Lutheran Church
7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives