



Hands on the Wheel, Foot on the Gas!

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries & Wakota Ridge Campus Lead

When I was a kid riding in the car I would watch my parents driving and try to figure out how they made that big car stay on the road. To my eyes it seemed simple...hold that steering wheel very still and push down that long pedal and we were good to go.

Fast forward to me at 15 sitting behind the wheel for the first time and I realized that there's a lot more going on than it seemed. That steering wheel had to be moving and adjusting all the time, and that gas pedal had to be pushed harder or let up all the time. Driving is not a passive experience.

Faith is like that. It requires us to be engaged and active. In Philippians 4 Paul talks about pressing on, looking forward to what is ahead to take hold of the prize of eternal life Jesus is calling us to.

Let's keep our hands on the wheel and our feet on the gas. Let's press on in our calling to become more like Jesus. In the following pages, you'll read about lots of opportunities to do just that!

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Peach Delivery!

Our peach order is expected to arrive sometime between August 3rd and August 6th.

Watch your email and listen for a phone call! We will be in touch when they arrive.

They can be picked up in the Bridge room at the Valley Creek Campus.

Thank you for your generosity for our youth scholarship fund.

Staying Engaged!

"The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. - Mark 2:27

We are making our way through a message series focused on the Ten Commandments. I love what Ted Koppell once said about these words of God, *"They are not the Ten suggestions, but the Ten commandments."* God has given these commands to us for our own good, but the reality is none of us like being told what to do, so the question is how we can better frame these commands as gifts from God?

The words of Jesus about the two greatest commandments help us to do that. Jesus declares that the entire law is summed by loving God and loving your neighbor. It is the power of His love that transforms us to live out the Ten Commandments not as a burden, but as a blessing.

This really hit home for me as I was preparing a message on the Sabbath. I must tell you that one thing I am not good at is sitting still, so the idea of Sabbath and rest has always been hard for me. In Mark 2 Jesus is confronted by the Pharisees who have invented hundreds of laws around how the Sabbath is supposed to be kept. To keep the Sabbath holy, they have made it into an impossible burden, they have changed an incredible gift into a heavy weight of law.

Jesus reminds these religious scholars that the Sabbath was not made for people to meet requirements, this was their issue. But what Jesus first says is so important for us today, *"The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people..."* Wow, the Sabbath was



made to meet our needs, what a gift.

Are you in need of real rest? Feeling overwhelmed by your calendar? The practice of Sabbath is a gift that God has given to us to renew us spiritually, mentally, and physically. It is not something that God has given to us as a burden or something else we need to do, but it truly is a gift, it is real rest because the Sabbath always points us to Jesus, the only One who can offer us lasting rest, *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

Each of the Ten Commandments are a gift given to us by God for our good. The trick to staying engaged is not by doing more or trying harder, it is to rest in the truth that Jesus has given His life for you, so that you would find real rest by following Him and His ways!

Following Jesus,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



All Things New...Again

Daniel Langewisch | Vicar

21 would comfort you as God reminds us he is making a “new,” but this “new” is unlike any “new” we have experienced. No more tears. No more separation. No more death. The “new” that our hearts long for. The more we are reminded of this new reality that Jesus is leading us toward, the more we are able to endure the grief that “new” might bring us now.

My wife and I are entering another moment in our lives where all things will be new again. A new baby on the way. A new place that we will be moving to. A new church body that we will be worshipping with. “New” can be exciting. I cannot tell you how excited my wife and I are for our little one on the way. However, “new” can also bring grief as well.

I remember a year ago as we were driving to Minnesota to start my Vicarage at WLC, my wife and I both said that the best-case scenario at the end of my Vicarage year would be that it is extremely painful when we leave. Well, as we are packing up our belongings and getting ready to move once again, I can say with certainty, that this is the case. We are experiencing grief with having to leave a place that has been so instrumental in impacting me on both a professional and personal level.

The love and support that you all showed us from the very first day we showed up was amazing. I remember the first day we arrived at our townhouse. There was a whole crew of staff who unloaded our entire POD without me or my wife having to lift a thing. The people there prayed over us and our upcoming year of ministry

together. Once everyone left, my wife and I were left saying, “This place is special.” The following year of ministry would only go on to confirm that statement. God is doing incredible things through Woodbury Lutheran Church. From the staff to the volunteers to each individual member, as someone who came in as an outsider, my wife and I can see Jesus in this church. We can see Jesus in you!

When thinking back upon this last year, the thing that I am most grateful for is that this is a place that deepened my love for Jesus. I have realized since being here that this is the most important part to being a pastor. Amidst all the sermons, worship services, Bible studies, and servant events, the thing that drives it all is the love of Jesus. The love that Jesus continually showers upon us and the love that we are able to share with others. There is so much joy when we get to live life together in that reality!

My family is facing another “new” as we head back to St. Louis for the last year of Seminary. You may be facing a new chapter in your life as well. I pray that amidst the grief that may come with a change, the words of Revelation

Thank you for welcoming me and my family into your church family. Though we will be separated, we remain united on this journey of following Jesus together.

Staying Engaged in the Season You're In!

Laura Stennes | Wakota Ridge Kids & Youth Ministry

We're seeing the store aisles fill up with brand new back-to-school supplies. When I was a kid, buying new school supplies always felt so fresh, new, and exciting. It was the first mark of a new school year, a fresh start with new teachers and classes. It also meant hopefully meeting some new friends as well as getting back to daily time with old friends.

Yet, when those new supplies show up in stores, it always feels so early. I think to myself, wait! Summer just started! We have more summer left, don't we? As we continue through this summer, we also have this reminder to stay engaged. Right where we're at, in this season. This summer our WLC middle school & high school students have taken part in many opportunities to stay engaged. There are still more opportunities to come this August!

Already this June & July, our youth have stayed engaged by:

- Serving at Summer blast on all three campuses - by being part of the Fun Crew. The Fun Crew members used their skills to bring the fun to wherever they were serving during the summer blast week. Some helped with crafts, learned tech skills, brought the energy in games, shepherded small groups of younger students, even led dancing on the large group stage!
- Flying down to Texas for the National Youth Gathering - where high schoolers from all across the country spent time together worshipping, serving, learning, and deepening their faith.
- Serving together on the Middle School Mission Trip, - where youth from several churches came together to share God's love by serving on teams and learning what it looks like to apply God's word in their life in the Rochester area.

- Participating in Summer Stretch- middle schoolers, as participants & high schoolers, as leaders that served with the WLC Garden, New Life Family Services, Second Stork, WLC Preschool & Kindergarten with fall prep and Feed My Starving Children.
- Having fun at Middle School Manias - where middle schoolers and high school leaders had a blast playing games, having devotions, and getting to know each other better at each of our campuses.

This August, my challenge to our youth is to continue to stay engaged! Youth opportunities coming up this August include:

- Summer Bible Study at each campus - August 3rd (6:30-8pm VC & OH), August 14 (10:30-11:30am WR). We are digging into 1 & 2 Peter this summer.
- High School Kayaking - Tuesday, August 9th 9:30AM-5:00PM. This is a lovely paddle on the beautiful Kinnickinnic River in Wisconsin. Check the [website](#) for the RSVP link. A great opportunity for new freshmen through grads.
- Miracle league - Wednesday, August 10th 5:15-8:15PM @Miracle Field. Miracle League is a local baseball program for kids with special needs. We buddy up with them, cheer them on, play catch, and have a great time! It's simple and delightful. We'll have Pizza beforehand. Check the [website](#) for the RSVP link.
- Registering for the fall! - VC & OH Wednesday Night School Year Ministries resume on September 14th. Mark off Wednesdays as youth night every week. 6:30-8pm. You won't want to miss it. Registration coming soon!

New and Exciting

Cindy Linert | Valley Creek Kids Ministry

New pencils, **new** shoes, **new** routines...fall is just around the corner bringing many NEW and exciting changes to your child's life! Each Sunday in WLC Kids your child experiences something that will never change...Jesus' love for them.

One hour of WLC Kids is jam-packed with worship, God's Word, prayer, and fun---a place for your child to explore and grow in their faith! WLC Kids 2022-23 begins September 18 at each Woodbury Lutheran Church campus (Valley Creek, Oak Hill,

Wakota Ridge).

You can register your child now for the 2022-23 year of WLC Kids at kids.woodburylutheran.org



Jesus Our Forever Friend

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
- Hebrews 13:8

Being engaged in the life of the church is a good thing, and as summer draws to a close, there are all kinds of opportunities to become engaged in ministry. Being engaged in ministry actually strengthens you in your faith and as you draw closer to others by serving, you find yourself also growing closer to God. In the last few years, being engaged has been more challenging... Zoom calls are more common than ever before, and the number of in person events has dwindled, but serving and growing still happens. I've seen serving in all kinds of ministries here at Woodbury Lutheran over the years, through zoom and in person, and what a blessing it is to be an engaged group of God's people who love to serve. As ministries begin to pick up speed once again, the opportunities to serve are plentiful.

One ministry at WLC that has been going on for 20 years is our Disabilities Ministry. In the Fall of 2002, WLC hosted a dance for people with disabilities, and ever since have been serving this community regularly. From dances to bingo and other fun games, from pizza and spaghetti to time in God's Word and working on service projects, God's love and grace has always been present.

As we enter the Fall of 2022, we will have a full slate of events once again this year. Many who serve in this ministry have been serving for years, some even from the very beginning. Now that Summer vacation is drawing to a close, the opportunities to become fully engaged is upon us once again. Maybe you are looking for a way to serve here at WLC, or maybe you know someone who could be served by this ministry. If you are considering ways to serve here at WLC, consider serving in this ministry. You will be loved and you can't help but to return that love to others as you grow in your relationships with them.

Our theme this year is "Jesus, My Faithful Savior, and Friend". He is the one who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and his love for all of us never changes. We have events in October, December, February and April. For more information on how you can join our servant team as a mentor/friend, or how participants can register for the events, please call, or email Jeanne: 651-704-9464 or wlcdisability-min@outlook.com.

Peace and Joy in Christ,
Pastor Tim



Women's Bible Study Kicking Off in Fall!

Diana Vander Pas | Director of Small Groups

We all want to grow as a follower of Jesus, being more like Him, and one way to do that is to stay engaged in community with others around God's Word. Women of the Word Bible studies will start up again on **Wednesday, September 14th 9:00am-11:30am.**

We are planning over 5 different women's studies across our campuses and a mom's group. You won't want to miss the first session because it will set up you up well for the rest of the fall semester. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information coming in August. Questions now? Contact Diana Vander Pas at vanderpasd@woodburylutheran.org.





Interview with Annaliese Voss

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Discipleship & Reach

Ever wondered what it could look like to step out and Follow God into another culture?

Here is an interview with one of our church family, Annaliese Voss

Hey Annaliese! Tell us about your family and connection to WLC?

Hello! I am the youngest of three (I'm 22) and I've been connected to here since my parents, Marsha and Dave, joined WLC 25 years ago.

You just returned from 5 months overseas with Youth With a Mission. Tell us about that.

I volunteered with Youth With A Mission which is a discipleship program that focuses on knowing Jesus and making Him known to others. In Barcelona, Spain we had teachers from all over the world come and teach us on different topics in the bible like - Evangelism, Hearing the Voice of God, God our Father, the Bible, and more. These classes were amazing and definitely sparked a passion to dive deeper into the bible. Then we had three months of outreach in Albania and Romania. There we served alongside different missionaries to share the good news of Jesus through soccer activities, kids and women's ministries, worship, prayer sessions, street evangelism, and

more. It was incredible connecting with people from all over the world as we spoke about their lives and how much Jesus wants to be a part of it.

How did you see God working AROUND you and THROUGH you?

I saw God at work in the different ministries we participated in, the missionary teams we met, and the different conversations I had with people. One of my favorite activities was letting God lead us to who to speak with and where to go. Those days we had miraculously deep conversations about Jesus and shared messages from the Lord. I really learned more about the power of prayer during those times.

How did you experience God working IN you?

God really opened up my eyes to see what it means to live a life dedicated to serving Him. I learned how to be more aware of God's presence and when He is speaking to me. I also learned that the bible is alive and a tool given to us to learn more about God and share about Him with others.

What was the biggest challenge?

The biggest challenge was being a woman missionary in Albania during the month of Ramadan.

What is something that brought you joy?

I really enjoyed meeting the different missionaries because it is incredible that God calls us all to serve Him in different ways to build His Kingdom. I also enjoyed serving in the kids ministries and teaching them how much Jesus loves them so they know how truly valuable they are.

What would you say to other followers of Jesus who were considering doing something crazy (some would consider crazy) like this?

Definitely do it! It is scary to go out of your comfort zone but in those times you learn to depend more on God and see how incredibly big He is. My faith grew a lot these past few months and I am very grateful I was a part of growing God's Kingdom. I am also thankful for all the friendships I formed with people from all over the world!



The Path of Learning

Sara Mulso | Director of Woodbury Lutheran Preschool

I love learning! Perhaps that's why I choose to be an educator and God's plan for where I ended up with a career allowed me to do what I love and where I can use my gifts. There have been twists and turns in my career where I have wondered perhaps why on earth I was doing what I was doing.

For a number of years, I worked at a university, not as an educator, but in the operations side of things. I learned many things I never expected including:

- Measuring bumps and grooves on keys to understand their code and what doors they opened.
- How to test fire suppression systems
- How to dispose of mounted birds that were very old (did you know they are considered hazardous waste?)
- How to work through work comp claims and help employees return to work
- Creating evacuation plans for every conceivable building type

All this new learning! These weren't areas that I would have chosen to learn about however to complete the tasks given to me, I HAD to learn about these topics. At the same time, I wasn't actively learning about the areas I'm passionate about. I wasn't delving into what theorists had to say about education or new practices in classroom technology simply because I wasn't doing those things. However, fast forward to today and all this is relevant again.

In education we talk about a concept called active learning. It's when we ask students to become engaged in the learning process. With preschoolers, when we use play-based learning this is very natural but for adults it can be harder! We are not always actively engaged in our learning. Albert Einstein once said, "the more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know."

I find that this is true for my faith as well. There have been times that I was surprised to find out how various stories were linked in the bible. I also love to see how the Old Testament foreshadows the New Testament! It's invigorating to learn of the connections to our lives today from a book written so long ago. It is a constant reminder of God's goodness and wisdom in knowing what His people needed to hear throughout so many generations.

My challenge for you is to stay engaged in your learning. While my experiences professionally may have never been what I expected, God knew what His plans for me were and how all of this would equip me to have knowledge and skills that would help me. God has big plans for you too! Never miss the opportunity to learn something new about God and His work in your life. Be ready to hold on tight and be blessed by Him!



Tiny Home 2.0 - It's New!

This month WLC begins building its 2nd tiny home at our Valley Creek campus! Partnering with Settled, a Christ-centered ministry that helps chronically homeless people become part of a community.

For more information see our [webpage](#). Be part of one of our 3 Teams:

- Building Team ([here](#)) - all skill levels needed
- Prayer Team ([here](#))
- Hospitality/Food Team ([here](#))

Construction starts the week of 8/15 in the East parking lot of VC. We expect to be working 2 days/evenings each week through October with a flexible schedule allowing for more volunteers to be part of the ministry.

Why do we do this? Jesus told His disciples, "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Valley Creek Campus Update

James Bogert | Multisite Technical Arts Director

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." -Hebrews 10:24-25

It seems like there is always something going on at Woodbury Lutheran. There are always people meeting together, building each other up, and enjoying the company of fellow believers. I'm happy to say that I've been serving as the multisite technical arts director at WLC for just over a year, and during that time I've been amazed with all that happens here. During my first year I've gotten to be a part of all the big things like Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Summer Night Out, but I've also been able to witness so much more from my seat behind the scenes.

Over this last year I've seen our people do some amazing things. We collected a ton of backpacks for foster kids in need. We participated in the world's largest diaper drive and collected over 85,000 diapers for New Life Family Services. And most recently, we had our Chosen Encore where more than 180 children in Tongi Bangladesh had the opportunity to choose a sponsor. If that isn't enough to blow your socks off, just pay attention during the offering moment each week during worship. There are examples shared of what WLC is able to accomplish when God's people come together. I'm still in awe of how God is working through our people to do amazing things.

As I walk through the lobby of our Valley Creek campus each morning I always see the TV in the lobby that scrolls through all the things on the calendar for that day. What I've realized seeing that TV each day is that no matter what time of year it is, there are always things going on, and there are always opportunities for us to "not neglect our meeting together," but to "encourage one another."

As you read this today I'd like to encourage you to find a way to get engaged with the ministries of WLC, or

if you're one of the many many people that is already spending time with other believers, try out something new! If you're an avid shower singer maybe you'll try out the summer worship choir at Valley Creek. This group meets on Sunday mornings and has the opportunity to help lead God's people in worship. Maybe you're a bit more reserved and singing in public isn't your thing, we've also got some great weekly Bible studies you can attend.

On top of the usual ways to stay engaged there are some special things coming up that I'm really excited about! We're partnering with Settled to build a tiny home in the parking lot of our Valley Creek campus. I really enjoy making things and working with my hands so I've already signed up to be a part of the building team. We're also hosting a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack. If you've never packed meals with FMSC, it is a great way to spend a few hours with a team as you prepare meals for kids in need.

There is always something going on, and it's my prayer that you'd get engaged and be part of it!



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!

Sunday September 18th (after services) on all campuses

- Wakota Ridge Campus: 10:30-11:45am
- Oak Hill Campus: 11:45am-1pm
- Valley Creek Campus: 11:45am-1pm

Come, have some pizza, and get connected!

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



All New Things Reminds Me of All Things New

Joel Wetzstein | Multisite Director of Worship

Bible says that “his mercies are new every morning.” Every day we start a new day. Those daily new mercies which renew us day by day are a daily reminder that He will, in fact, make all things new once and for all as we live out our promised eternity in Him.

Next time you get all new things... remember that God is making all things new, for you and for me, in Jesus.

I don't know about you - but I have always loved opening presents. Always. I love birthday presents. I love Christmas presents - (I'm sorry I said “Christmas” in the middle of summer.) I love anniversary presents. Father's Day presents are great too! The cool thing about most presents - at least at my house - is that you get something new. In most of those cases, it may even be something you've never had before. It's not only a NEW thing... but it's a new thing that's new to YOU. We get “All New Things” for our presents.

I'll never forget the time sixteen years ago when I got two flat panel LCD computer monitors for my computer for Christmas. Not one. Two. Before I got those monitors we were still using the big clunky computer TV-style monitors. They were new monitors... but those LCD monitors that were brand new were also a brand new direction or step up from anything I had before. It was a brand new thing that was brand new to me.

The compelling thing about this story is the next part. Getting two monitors sixteen years ago when flat panel monitors weren't “normal” yet isn't even the incredible part of this story. These new

monitors were undeserved. I got this because of someone else... you see, my youngest daughter had just been born a couple of weeks earlier. A two week old infant doesn't need much... especially when she's a third child. The inventory of baby stuff that's needed was already in place so my father-in-law saw this as an opportunity for some gracious abundant generosity in another direction where it wasn't otherwise even deserved or expected.

There were two big boxes that had my daughter's name on the tag... “To: Makena, Love Grammy & Granddaddy” Since she was a baby, they suggested that I help her open the boxes. When I did I saw the brand new LCD flat panel computer monitors! HA! All New Things! I thought that was clever. My computer set-up was made new... brand new. Back then - it was on the cutting edge too!

When I think of “All Things New”, God's heart and promise revealed to us in scripture - that's the sort of picture that comes to mind. Our God, out of his abundantly generous love for us, takes us from the old broken down places in which we are often stuck and gives us a new start each day. The

August Birthdays

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Hazel Crist
Jeanne Dicke
Carol Edwards
Eugene Eineke
Jon Gage
Justin Heintz
Jon Kuehne
Liam LeMay
Abby Macioch
Sophia McFarland
Jan Prange
Daria Turner
Grace Wesser | Michelle Manship
Mark Shepperd
Peter Shepperd
Shari Todd
Morgan Voyda
6 Lauryn Bambenek
Kris Brandon
Kris Carlson
Bob Engen
Ron Gehring
Katy Hohenstein
Allison Pokrandt
Luke Rodemeyer
Lindsey Schmidt
Laura Stennes
Perry Varin
Cali Yee
Matthew Young | Katie Pillman
Nancy Schultz
Nathan Xiong
11 Abigail Finnegan
Everett Gilbert
Susan Haukland
Bryan Hawkinson
Hoyt Olson
Susie Nadasdy
Breana Voss
12 Connor Bertram
Linnea Friemann
Ellie Hanisch
Elen Kistner
Tim Loeffler
Jeff Mueller
Jim Noren
Stephanie Penaloza
Piper Timmers
Corey Topp
Carley Tuman
Amanda Yantes | Kristen Bettmann
Maggie Haines
Joshua Hayek
Corey Houseman
Thomas Mertens
Marilyn Myers
LaRee Opdahl
Colette Sand
Nate Schank
Ethan Wess
17 Courtney Barringer
Nora Bystrzycki
Gino Ferrard
Jeffrey Figimiller
Desiree Ginn
Sharon Gullickson
Jake Kato
Deborah Maves
Allison Ortiz
Susan Reichling
Alyssa Salava
Beth Tessmer
Grace Willmott | Madelyn Murray
Calvin Nelson
Krisan Shaw
Tim Zeller
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James Finell
Alexis Huber
Brooklyn Peltier
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Charlie Wesser
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Brandon Firkus
Stephanie Gow
Julia Granlund
Michael Hamann
Charles Helgason
Kathleen Janssen
Richard Markgraf
Mila Mensing
Camille Weiss
23 Norm Berg
Christine Borscheid-Habeck
Kim Cox
Deborah Tacheny
Jonathan Wesser
Beckett Wyeth
24 Gabriel Berner
Abby Eggers
Castiel Khang
Dave Martini
Marta Rowcliffe
Drew Siroy
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Piper Fleury
Sienna Nordman
Cheryl Schindeldecker
Daniel Stoerzinger
Grace Winter
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Christian Hall
Tova Johnson
Madison Mayer
Javen Vislisel
Virgie Wright
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Jaxon Dwyer
Morgan Gibbs
Ronald Hintz
Herb Larson
Avery Rourk
Rachel Symmank | Brett VanOverbeke
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Matt Brocker
Lisa Cordes
Madilynn Fox
Debbie Grimmer
Lilyana Howard
Mark LeClair
Joel Schuessler
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Lori Standly
Joyce Stiebner
29 Lisa Ginn
Janet Kochmann
Justin Mack
Vivienne Mattson
Adriana Tacheny
John Welsh
30 Isaac Anderson
Esme Brocker
Grace Burrows
Mara DePalma
Dylan Gallahue
Jim Kregel
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Kathy Lutes
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Mariah Nasby
David Noblett
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Carson Jeske
Dawn Ludwig
Zora Pankratz
Andrew Rose
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Margaret Kilb
Olivia Lueders
Nichole Murray
Mike Steffel
Mitchell Watanabe
Riley Wick
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Kevin Doyle
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Jennifer Drayton
Mia Faeth
Kelly Frisque
Elijah Ginkel
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Sue McDowell
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Brant Larsen | 9 Levi Burrows
Charlotte Crane
Deborah Ellis
Kylie Fischbach
Lacey Hazlett
Frankie Hines
Dave Jacobson
Gloria Johnson
Kayley Johnson
Tony Moran
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Herb & Jan Lyson |

August Anniversaries

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| 1 Adam & Jennifer Doehrmann
Jared & Melissa Goerlitz
Kit & Heather Johnson | Jeff & Cindy Linert
Thomas & Katie Luger
Barry & Cindy Thompson
Robert & Kari Ulrich
Warren & Dianna Weum | 14 Wes & Patty Bolin
Clark & Katie Dailey
Steven & Susan Joines
Daniel & Makenzie Schouvieller
Tom & Marci Speckhard
Tom & Darlene Tibbetts
Corey & Rhonda Topp | Tom & Ann Crist
Joey & Megan Wess
Jonathan & Lizzie Wesser
Derek & Kelli Wick | Ross & Stephanie Smith
Jim & Dana Stoffel
Lev & Sondra Wagner |
| 2 Jason & Susan Brusewitz
Matthew & Debbie Eddy
Dean & Susie Nadasdy
Daniel & Mary Powers | 9 Justin & Amber Gehring
Lars & Hannah Heggernes
Gary & Sue McDowell
Steve & Kristi Rohlf
Peter & Molly Shepperd | 15 Chad & Leah Peterson
Don & Joyce Piper
Steve & Lori Raebel | 22 Kyle Duffy & Blair Fanning
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Scott & Denise Schuenke
Stephen & Ashley St. Clair | 10 Keith & Lavonne Buchanan
Rodney & Diane Nelsestuen
Christopher & Dawn Radecki
Francis & Karen Rheinberger
Jim & Marlys Sobaski | 16 Jim & Lori Golden
Ron & Lori Kane | 23 Mike & Sherrie Kinmouth
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| 5 David & Becky Nelson
Tim & Allison Peper
Lucas & Katie Pillman
Mark & April Reed | 11 Mark & Darlene Carlson
Patrick & Haley Courteau
Donald & Michelle Hartinger
Lester & Sue Lange
Neil & Liz Perryman | 17 Eddie & Jennifer Carlson
Ricky & Jamie Pearson
Brad & Kim Scibak
Charlie & Rachel Tank | 24 Roger & Betty Fockler
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| 6 Michael & Jennifer Hamann
Steve & Lori Johnson
Phillip & Rebekah Stebbing | 12 Eric & Roxy Bjornson
Tony & Nicole Hayek
Brian & Karlee Pitt | 18 Norm & Deb Berg
Christian & Brenda Bertram
Chris & Jolene Deilke
Craig & Diana McHenry
Steven & LuCinda Schwartz | 25 Rod & Kimberly Beseman
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| 7 Steven & Rhonda Affeld
Matthew & Heather Meek
Mark & Annette Reagan | 13 Michael & Amy Gannon
Nate & Megan Howard
Richard & Jennifer Schmidt | 19 Ron & Bev Hintz
John & Kelly Sadlovsky | | 30 David & Gwen Krehbiel
Brant & Melissa Larsen |
| 8 Don & Linda Amey
Zack & Karina Barabash
Daniel & Gail Field
Jim & Helen Gland
Neil & Julie Horn
Brian Kersten & Jeanette Black | | 20 Mike & Tina Pokrandt
Christopher & Sherri Smith
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Church Council Update Month

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, July 12, 2022
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Reach Update:

Mike Sabbann joined us to share what is happening with missions at WLC. We are currently supporting 10 Missionaries around the world and are starting to emphasize the need to support those who are working with unreached people groups, those who have no exposure to the Gospel. We have several missionaries in these windows and are in the process on connecting with two more. We continue to see incredible fruit in this area of our church.

Quarterly Report:

Each quarter we dive deeper into our [dashboard](#) which you can find Here. We spent a good portion of our meeting diving deeper into our financials for the year. We are very strong on giving and well ahead of where we were last year, but our expenses are significantly higher with the addition of a third physical campus. With financial instability in the economy and stock market we will continue to be prudent in our spending.

Staff Structure and staffing:

The Council has charted a team to look at the short and long-term staffing needs and structure of WLC, stay tuned for updates from this team.



Meeting Highlights

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- June Meeting Minutes
- June Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Strategic Focus Update: Reach Department
- Discuss WLC Organizational Design Charter

Informational Topics

- Sr. Pastor Report
- [Quarter 2 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.

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Baptisms

Rebel Malu Wong-Sederberg
Piper Ruth Fleury
Silas Dean Kohn

Marriages

Alicia Dahl & John Rietema

Deaths

Mother of Kip Sander
Arland Brase, brother of Arlene Holst
Bonnie Hedquist, sister of Wayne Franzen
Evan Dress, son of Tony & Patti Dress
Steven Campen, son-in-law of Marilyn Harrold
Bill Rutherford, stepfather of Jackie Bambanek
Steve Kush, father of Jon Kush



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 at 1:00pm, 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.



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August 2022 Calendar

1 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

1 (V) Ladies' Gathering Group

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

2 (W) Night to Unite

Tuesday, 6:30pm
Contact: Joel Symmank
651-739-5144 x204

4 (V) Pastor Paul's Summer Study

Thursdays, 9:45am
Contact: Pastor Tom
651-739-5144

4 (V) Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Larry Smith
651-308-9113

5 (V) Kitchen Band

1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:00am
Contact: Margo Garven
651-788-1713

5 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, 12:00pm
www.redcross.org

6 (V) Baptism Class

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

6 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

6 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

9 (V) HS Youth Kyaking Trip

Tuesday, 9:30am
Contact: Patrick Brewer
651-739-5144 x211

10 (Offsite) HS Miracle League

Wednesday, 5:15pm
Contact: Patrick Brewer
651-739-5144 x211

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