



Love Where You Live

Sarah Dibbern | Oak Hill Campus Kids & Youth Ministry

One of my favorite parts of youth ministry is supporting our students as they do the things that brings them joy. Over the past four months, I've sat in the stands of Football, Soccer, and Hockey games. While I've watched my kids, I've not only been impressed with how they've played, but by how they handle themselves when the attention has moved to other parts of the game.

I've watched my kids skate over and encourage their goalie every time they let a puck through the net. I've watched my kids help their teammates who are struggling with a specific play by showing them how to run it better. I've watched my kids encourage their teammates after a hard loss in double overtime. They aren't doing this for the attention. They're doing this because they love where they live.

We should be encouraged to live our lives like these teenagers when the attention isn't on them. Commit to showing up for the people in our circles and encouraging them. Not for the attention. Not to show people that we're better. But simply because we've been called to love where we live.

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Living the Disciple Life

“Jesus, lead me to listen to your voice and follow you, amen.”

Over the last 9 months a team of lay leaders and staff have been doing some heavy lifting by taking a good long look at our Discipleship Path to see what is working and what is not. The Path as we so often call it, was developed almost 9 years ago as a strategy for us to better live out our Vision of **Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives**. At the same time, we fleshed out our values and spent lots of time on lifting the new (at the time) value of Movement.

As we made our way through this process (a huge thanks to Kim Hughes for leading the way), we discovered that one area where we are falling short is in having a good understanding of our strategy is doing what we hope it will. In other words what are the outcomes or marks that we desire to see in the life of a disciple at WLC. Out of those conversations **The [Disciple] Life** was born (see Brad Millers article for a deeper dive on that on page 4).

This was a light bulb moment for me and our team. In the graphic on this page, you can see the five elements that go into what Will Mancini calls a vision frame. When all the pieces of the frame come together it helps to clarify the question. “Where is God taking us?” We are clear on our Mission,

our Values are solid, we will tweak our Strategy (The Path) that will allow the vehicles to be more impactful and *The [Disciple] Life* will give us clear outcomes or Marks that will tell us if our strategy is working.

When you put the four sides of the frame together, they all point to where God will be taking us over the next two years, which of course is our initiative and the journey of listening and obeying. This kind of work isn’t always the most exciting and it involves lots of talking and praying, but I am grateful to have folks around here who are gifted and excited to do this important work. Stay tuned, there will be more details to come in the months ahead.

Following Jesus,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor

Frame Component	Icon	Irreducible Question of Leadership	Missional Reorientation
Mission		What are we doing?	^m Mandate
Values		Why are we doing it?	^m Motives
Strategy		How are we doing it?	^m Map
Measures		When are we successful?	^m Marks
Vision Proper		Where is God taking us?	^m Mountaintop + Milestones



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

- February 27, March 27, April 24
- 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.



Live with Hope

Joel Wetzstein | Multisite Director of Worship

*“Always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have.”
1 Peter 3:15*

When quoting scripture from memory, this is, in my opinion, one of the most mis-quoted scripture verses. Most people butcher the part of that verse that leaves out the pivotal moment in it. It actually reads - “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

If you were to dig in... to LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE... one of the easiest things we can do is position ourselves to be questioned by those around us. If anyone is ever going to ask us about the hope we have - then we have to act as though we are hopeful.

Love where you live.
Love your neighbor.
Live with hope.

Love and Hope Through Prayer

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care Ministry

This past week I found myself praying for/with people face to face, over the phone, and via email and text. It was done in the context of worship services, as well as in my office or other locations. At times, it was a quick prayer spoken in the moment, while at other times the prayers were, and are, ongoing. Prayer is an essential component in the life of a Christian. We pray often, breathing all kinds of prayers to our God, prayers seeking forgiveness, seeking assistance, seeking wisdom, seeking guidance, and the list goes on. We pray for ourselves and we pray for others. God’s Word invites us to pray often, with the encouragement to “Never stop praying” found in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. I see it on Sunday mornings in the church after worship, in the lobby, even in the hallways. Thank you for being a church that prays!

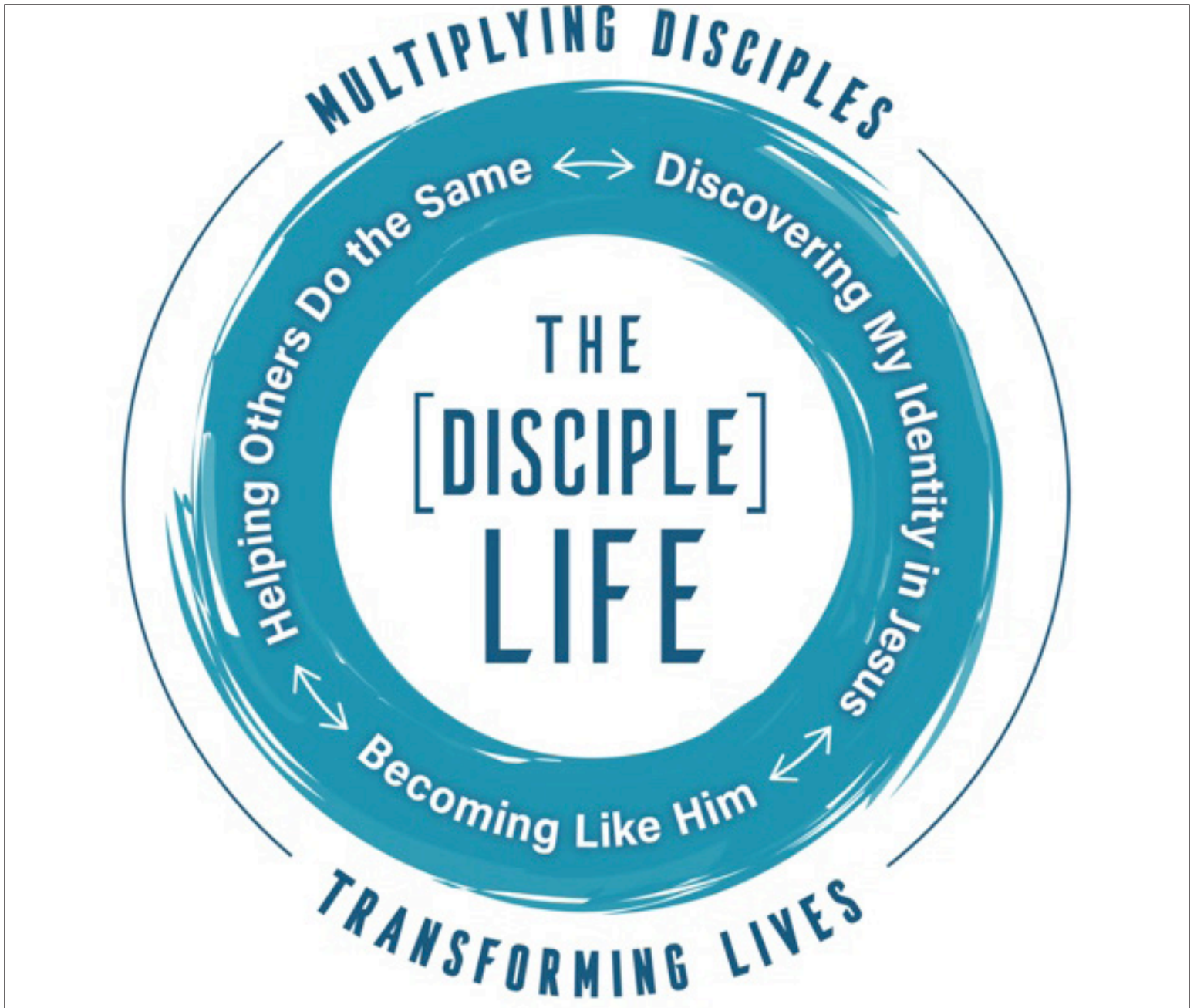
But what happens when the prayers don’t seem to be working? What happens when God seems to be silent? Or what if you simply don’t know what to pray for? God’s Word is full of encouragement to pray, even when we don’t have the words to speak... Romans 8:26 says, “And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.” How amazing is that, that our God through the Holy Spirit, who knows what we need, prays for us even when we don’t have the words?

We are also invited to be in prayer with each other. In Acts 2:42, we read, “All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to

fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.” As we gather together for worship, whether in person or online, prayer is a powerful part of our worship. If you are worshipping online, you can even request prayer from the service host who would be happy to pray with you at that very moment. If you are worshipping in person, our services end with an invitation to come forward to pray with our Prayer Encouragers, laypeople who would love to pray with you, no matter what your prayer needs are. We love praying for each other!

Currently, our sermon series is called The [Disciple] Life, where we are invited to find our identity in Jesus and to live more like him. If you are back to worshipping in person, I want to challenge you to consider being a prayer encourager. Right now, we have a relatively small pool of people who are serving in this vital ministry. It is a wonderful way to show love and hope to others, reminding them in their time of trial of God’s presence and peace in the midst of turmoil. If you have questions about the Prayer Encouragers ministry, or would like to volunteer for this ministry, feel free to connect with me or with one of the other pastors of WLC.

Peace and Joy in Christ,
Pastor Tim



What is This LIFE God is Calling Us To?

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Serve & Reach

So how do you live out our WLC Mission, Multiplying Disciples || Transforming Lives?

The Disciple LIFE gives us a personal and practical way to live this in our everyday lives.

What is it? It's the **marks** of a Disciple or the **marks** that we want to see developing in our everyday disciple life.

- Discovering My Identity in Jesus**
- Becoming Like Him**
- Helping Others do the Same**

It's FOLLOW with legs on it and it's for everyone. So where do you see yourself in this? How are you seeing these three things being integrated into your life? In which one do you see strength and which one is your weakest area?

While this is our current Sermon series, it's much more than that. We'll be leaning into this over the next weeks and months.

Isn't it amazing that God is not done transforming us, but desires to lead us into a deeper Disciple LIFE?

Simple Practices for Your Small Group to Love Where You Live

Diana Vander Pas | Multisite Director of Small Group Ministry

In Jeremiah 29:7 the Israelite exiles are told, “Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” (NIV) In some ways Jesus followers today are like the exiles living in a land where not everyone thinks or acts like us, and yet we seek the peace and prosperity of the city where we live.

What could your small group do to share the love of Jesus with others where you live, work, and play? Perhaps you could take a prayer walk in your neighborhoods (followed by hot cocoa!), shovel a neighbor’s driveway, thank a store clerk for their work, or ask a restaurant server how you can pray for them. Encourage one another by taking 5 minutes in your small group to share God-sightings from the past week. Some ways WLC small groups loved where they lived this past fall were:

- Near the beginning of the school year, a group helped organize and provide supplies for the school supply closet at Trinity First.
- A mom’s group made 200 sandwiches in November for the homeless.
- Women of the Word group served New Life Family Services in December by praying for them, purchasing supplies, and providing lunch for the staff there.

Where is Jesus prompting you to share His love with others? Who can you bring with you? With whom will you share God-sightings? God is good! His Kingdom is breaking in and God’s people love where they live in real and tangible ways.



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

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Serve & Reach

- Where: Engage Global’s Minneapolis training center
- When: May 20-22 (Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon)
- More information to come. Contact **Brad Miller** with any questions...
- **millerb@woodburylutheran.org**

Love (The Youth) Where You Live: “Whatever” That May Look Like

Patrick Brewer | Director of High School Youth Ministry

One of my favorite verses is Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

What I appreciate about this verse is its unapologetic universality. Where other scripture is laser focused on specific issues or situations, this one is intentionally vague. “Whatever you do” includes board meetings, grocery runs, diaper changes, trips to Disney World, and everything in between. It’s the epitome of Love Where You Live!

It redeems the mundane moments of our lives and reminds us that everything we do has a purpose in Christ. The recklessly wide swath of “whatever” also challenges us to consider how God wants to move in areas of our lives that we often overlook.

As a ministry generalist, I encourage you to prayerfully sit with both of these truths. First consider which of your everyday activities could use a renewed awareness of God’s purpose, and second, ask that he’d open your eyes to “whatever” you might be overlooking.

As a youth ministry specialist, I urge you to hear this text through a youth-focused lens and allow it to put a spotlight on the young people in your story. Whether it’s grandkids out of state, neighbors in your cul-de-sac, employees at your work, the teenager who sits two pews in front of you, or the ones currently inflating your grocery bill, they’re all part of your “whatever”.

They’re part of your whatever, which also makes them part of your purpose, and my goodness do today’s youth need compassionate, mature believers in their corner. Throughout time the teen years have been

a petri dish of confusion, stress, and poor decisions fueled by hormones, increased autonomy, and peer pressure. Today’s young people encounter those same elements, but their experience is occurring during a global pandemic, in an incredibly polarized world, where they’re the faith minority. With all that they’re up against they need us to lean in and walk with them.

There are dozens of WLC members who choose to make youth part of their weekly “whatever” by serving as small group leaders, on youth hospitality teams, with the Bible and Friends group, and various other ways. Our congregation is so blessed that these folks step into “whatever” our students bring to the table, and do “whatever” it takes to stay connected to them. They are a rare-breed and incredible advocates for the future generation of believers.

You might not feel led to serve youth in that capacity, but God wants to use you in the lives of the young people in your story. So, I’d encourage you to contemplate how you can Love (the young people) Where You Live, and what that might look like for you. It could be getting to know a youth who sits near you on Sunday, praying for the kid down the street, having an intentional faith conversation with your child, or making time to listen to and pour into a grandchild. ...and...if you are feeling a nudge to serve in the youth ministry here at WLC we sure would love to talk with you about that too!



WL Preschool & Kindergarten

There will be an Open House on February 11th at our Valley Creek Campus for the Woodbury Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten. The Open House will begin at 2:30pm and conclude at 4pm. Come and see what our program is all about!

Ready to register? Visit: <https://mytads.com/a/woodburylutheranpreschool> to get started!

Want to learn more about our program? Visit: www.woodburylutheran.org/preschool/

Hugs!

Sara Mulso | Director of WL Preschool & Kindergarten

Maybe a hazard of working with young children is unexpected hugs around the legs when you are perhaps least expecting it and you may be in motion! It is also an amazing blessing.

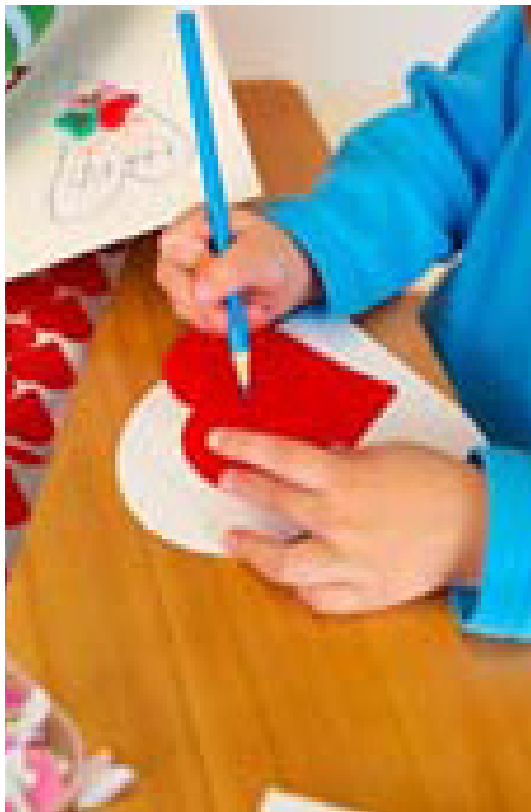
Children seem to be naturally wired to hug! They love big and without reserve. God's design of little people is perfect just as it is in all things. Did you know that hugs promote growth?

Research has found that we need 4 hugs each day for survival, 8 hugs for maintenance and **12 hugs each day for growth!** Wow! The fact that children intuitively hug, they ask for hugs and so many lean into that love language of touch.

But what about us? Relationships are big for us too! We also need this love -and the physical touch piece is important. I would also guess that when we ourselves are getting that growth amount of hugs that we are also able to share love more freely with others. Reach out! Give those physical hugs. Hug someone virtually by sharing that you love and appreciate them.

1 Peter 4:8a reminds us to "Love each other deeply". Start with those in your home and close to you but also

find ways to love all of God's people in a deep way that helps them grow, not only physically, but in both giver and receiver's mental health and faith walk too!



Love Where You Live This Month

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. We want to share a few simple ways your family can make this holiday special.

Valentine Dinner Celebrate the day (or the day before/after- whatever works for your family) with a Valentine's Day themed family dinner. Be corny. Be fun. Be unexpected. Have your kids help, plan, cook, decorate, or even help just order a heart shaped pizza. Maybe this is an event you can repeat each year!

Love Bomb Your Neighborhood! Pick one or more ways to show your neighborhood some love:

- Post-It notes with encouraging words
- Paint love rocks.
- Make heart shaped cookies.
- Design your own Valentine cards.

God's Word What does God's Word tell us about love? Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. (Depending on the age of your child, you can read more or paraphrase). Talk about how love isn't just how you FEEL, but love is about what you DO.



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Summer 2022 Short-Term Mission Teams Update

It is with great sadness that our Missions team has made the decision to cancel our 2022 experiences.

All of the uncertainty around Covid and the extensive list of protocols for host countries/communities helped to form our decision.

Watch for more information on local reach/mission opportunities. Please contact **Brad Miller** for questions.

Love Somebody Else's Neighbors!

Mike Sabbann | Director of Reach & Missions

I'd like you to meet two women from Woodbury Lutheran. Two different generations. Two different stages of life. Both show love to their neighbors on a regular basis. And they go out of their way to love somebody else's neighbors! They are traveling to share God's love directly with others.

Last November **Mary Hood** traveled to the village of Kailahun, Sierra Leone in west Africa. A significant event she took part in was a 4-day mission festival hosted there by Awakening Ministries International. It included street and school outreaches to invite folks to worship. Her most exciting moments were witnessing and taking part in baptisms.

- "It was incredible - I saw so many Sierra Leoneans respond when the evangelist offered the gift of salvation through Jesus! It brought to life for me this verse: *'The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.'*" (Isaiah 9:2) The mission was so eye-opening! I saw such a wide display of belief systems - Muslims, witchcraft, both ho-hum and very alive Christians. But God's presence made it easy for me to love them and care for them. It was both exciting and fun! I feel like God keeps calling me to reach out to others around the world. He's teaching me so much, and my faith keeps growing as I follow Him!"

Annaliese Voss just graduated from the U of MN. Rather than diving into work right away, she chose to Follow Jesus! All the way to Barcelona, Spain! Annaliese is taking part in a 2-3 month Discipleship Training School by YWAM and it will equip Annaliese to live missionally wherever God calls her - the marketplace, her future neighborhoods, her family, or to a different foreign setting.

Right after the training she's off to two months of loving somebody else's neighbors! Her small team will conduct soccer camps in Romania and Albania (every kid loves soccer there!) As they coach and play with the youth, there will be lots of opportunities to show love and care, and to share the gospel.

There are lots of ways to love our neighbors, and we're thrilled that Mary and Annaliese chose to do it in an exciting way in a foreign land. Are you interested in exploring a short term mission experience? Wondering about the where, why, how and costs of it? Feel free to contact me, Mike Sabbann, at SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org



Family First Communion Class Registration Is Open

Attention all 6th grade families, as well as those who have youth (7th-12th graders), who've not yet participated in Communion instruction!

We have a 4 week parent+youth course to help prepare young people for their First Communion.

[Click here to Register](#) and for more information.

We have two options:

- **Sundays at Valley Creek** (there will be two groups-one group for those who prefer to wear masks and a group where masks are optional) 1-2:30pm
- **Tuesdays at Oak Hill** (there will be one group, masks are optional) 6:30-8pm

We will celebrate these students and their First Communion experience on Maundy Thursday, April 14th (likely across all of our campuses, service times TBD).



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 on May 12-14. Collection dates will be May 10 and May 11.

Sale proceeds help offset some of the participant costs for the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston this summer as well as our Middle School Mission Experience in Rochester. 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.



Wakota Ridge Campus Update

It was just one year ago that Woodbury Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran voted to merge as one church. I've been looking back over the things that have taken place since that time, from building upgrades to legal work to community connections to two church families getting to know, trust, and love each other. What a year it has been!

These past seven months since we opened the doors have been full of firsts. We've had some first life events: our first baptisms and confirmation, and our first funerals. We had our first Christmas decorating party and held our first Christmas Eve services—with nearly 300 in attendance. And we're looking forward to our first Lenten season and Easter celebration.

What has stood out to me is the joy with which all of this has been approached. A time that could very easily have been characterized by frustration and fear has instead been a time of energy, excitement, and a deep sense that God is at work in that place.

One of the great joys at Wakota Ridge is the gathering of our Serve teams each Sunday, 40 minutes before worship, and again after worship. In these gatherings, everyone serving has a chance to hear important information for the day and to gain clarity on their role. But that's not the most important thing that happens. The group has a chance to be reminded that their serving role is a part of something bigger: of providing a warm, welcoming experience for each person who enters so that nothing gets in the way of them receiving what God has in store for them that morning. They are reminded that their role—no matter how big or small or up front or behind the scenes—matters and that God is at work through them. The group is

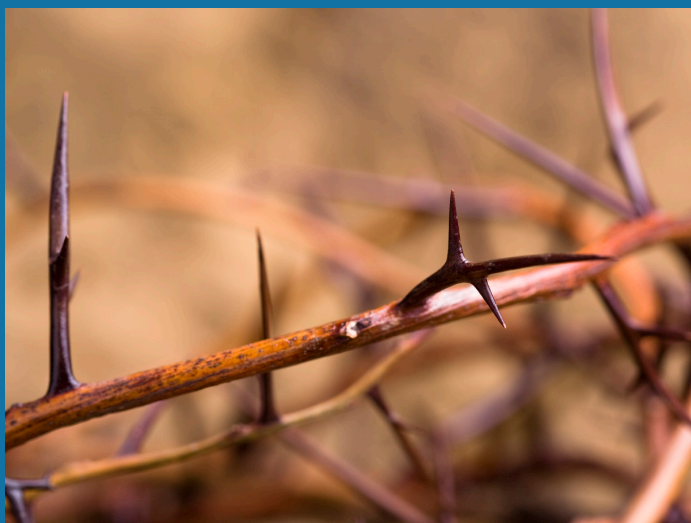
encouraged to watch for opportunities to connect with all who come into the building and is reminded to watch for evidence of the Holy Spirit's moving. After worship the group gathers again and stories are shared. It can be easy for these teams to focus just on their work that morning and to miss out on the bigger picture of what's really going on before, during, and after worship. These gatherings keep God's movement front-and-center.

Joy is the word that characterizes what's going on at Wakota Ridge. I am so thankful for all who are a part of the ministry on that campus and for churches like Concordia and WLC that would choose to step out in faith when an opportunity like this merger came along. I can't wait for our firsts to continue and to turn into seconds, and thirds, and on and on.

Grace and peace!

Joel Symmank

Director of Ministries/Wakota Ridge Campus Lead



Lent at WLC

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. All three campuses will have mid-week lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday, at 7pm.

Please watch for detailed communication throughout the month as we get closer to Ash Wednesday.

If you have questions, please contact the office at 651-739-5144.

February Birthdays

1	Gene Brusehoff Jennifer Conway Heather Dahle Cory Ellis Samuel Figilmiller Sue Horning Timothy Lopez Jan Miller Austin Schoenberger Alex Schreiner Mike Slaughter Oliver Weisbrich Lauren Wess Cheryl White	Tom Pfothenauer Carrie Pieper Daniel Quiros Karen Wolterstorff Melanie Anderson Bob Benson Caylee Charlson Margaret Dalbec Valerie Freeman Emma Gage Niko Hasapopoulos Susan Krinke Matthew Mortenson Elizabeth Radecki Stuart Strachan Janice Swanson Don Volbrecht	Brooklynn Meissner Monte Michel Brian Short Anna Wagner Lon Berven Zach Droel Margo Garven Tanner Ignaszewski Vanessa McClure Sue Montgomery Nick Rheinberger Camden Diekmann Penelope Fowler Cindy Johnson Jay Olson Addi Strohfus Linda Amey Craig Bettman Margaret DeBerg Gerald Dittmann Clair McReynolds Alec Michel Chloe Rathousky Kim Scibak Kathleen Searles Andy Smialek Tom Speckhard Michael Theis Marc Turner Lindsey Carciofini Muriel Gimble Sherri King Larry Lombard Mallard Olson Matthew Rodemeyer Elsie Thomas Jecoah Cedarbloom Bev Diederich Bennett Johnson Roy Klasinski Molly McNeely Kristin Printon Hal Shaver Lyn Wilkie Sophie Young Harold Easley Ed Erickson Deine Guell Todd Klusmann Denise LaFontaine Alyssa MacLeod	Alvin Michlitsch Jonas Michlitsch Sandy Petrich Barb Vik Jan Zeller Jennifer Doehrmann Codi Feuerherm Leah Hall Daniel Johnson Dan Meyer Nathan McGuire Lynn Rizzardi Meg Simon Keeva Zilka Harmony Anderson Konnie Harstad Debbie Hukee Sarah John Addison Johnson Andrea O'Keefe Erin Reberg Tony Reberg Steven Widen Nate Williams Diane Baran Donna Greenlee Eric Harre Cindy Hoffbeck William Kosanke Carter LaMott Pam Meissner Adalyn Mueller Rachel Mueller Cheryl Schindler Colleen Schuldt Marge Thoele Lauren Young Marit Brothen Sandy Edwards Janice Masanz Terri Swanson Aron Howard Julie Huber Isabelle Kurth Gail Mullaney Amanda Nelson Mark Reed Karen Boatman Kaye Bradshaw Amiah Casselberry Cole Horak	Dominic Ortiz Riley Perryman Ruby Salewski Jeanie Yee Raquel Beucler Jeanne Carlson Dean Danner Nicole Nelson Paula Powell Aubrey Strohfus Nick Yee Hadley Burger Wesley Dittman Adrien Everest Roger Jensen Carri McGuire Adalyn McKinley Mirabelle Morri Owen Perlt Tina Pokrandt Theodore Charpentier Michelle Hartinger Kim Hughes Jim Jensen Peter Karlstrand Annabel Kush Emma McNally Maridith Parvey Mavis Shriver Roger Strharsky McKenzie Voyda Cathy Yee Thomas Camilli Audrina Conley Julie Grieger Stella Oxton Michael Peter Mike Pokrandt Erin Powell Elaine Southward Carter Wyeth Dean Wohlhuter Bethany Breiholz Julia Fog Dylan Granholm Mya Lomnes Madison Nystel Ivy Pertzsch Daniel Runge Tara Schlattman Hazel Spaeth	Quinn Stoerzinger Alex Thao Kari Ulrich Mary Weiss Ellyn Barker Nora Barney Adeline Burger Kaylee Contreras Paul Cronin Bennett Fitzgerald Elly Lutz Nicholas Muenstermann Sam Muenstermann Megan Twait Tony Vik Charlotte Vossen Bob Menge Isabella Riehle Isaiah Riehle
2	Don Hartinger Toni Loeffler Bree Matysik Quinn Sand Roger Swanson Sharon Wuggazer Diana Wutke	7	11	17	23	28
3	Cary Arneson Kathy Girgen Michael Haut Marlys Kuehnast Kaye Larson Jeremiah Parker Kevin Redington Pam Stafford James Stebbing Parker Taylor Richard Wachal Edison Yee	8	12	18	24	29
4	T.J. Cartier Benjamin Gannon Shane Lombard Brian Michlitsch Arlene Schindeldecker Steve Schreiner Reed Siegling Jodee Watanabe Nicholas Zilge	9	13	19	25	
5	Gary Anderson Don Broucker Pamela Clark Oliver Finnegan Rich Horacek Kylee Jacobson Millie Lodahl Duncan MacLeod Diana McHenry	10	14	20	26	

February Anniversaries

1	Dan & Aleesha Berkman	16	Mike & Carrie Steffel
2	Mike & Debbie Heggernes John & Beth Welsh	17	Robert & Elsie Thomas Jim & Sandy Tobin
3	Perry & Kelly Rogotzke Mike & Holly Rollefson Eric & Kim Sandrock	18	Mark & Linda Erickson
6	John Jeevanandam & Sarah John	19	Ben & Kate Griffin Elliott & Paula Walther
7	Ivan & Angie Niezgocki	24	Steve & Kris Carlson Troy & Krista Hobot
8	Timothy & Kathleen McNeely	25	Steve & Elaina Hane Dan & Peggy Krause
10	Dan & Jane Rose	26	Andres & Carolyn Hernandez Cal & Kathy Janacek
14	Dan & Jamie Anderson Dave & Midori Howard Joel & Lori Mohlenhoff Wayne & Gywnn Pepin John & Jean Rock Jeff & Sarah Yonkovich	27	Aaron & Miranda Everson
15	Steve & Kelly Frisqure	28	Harold & Elaine Easley Adam & Kimberly Jorgenson



LWML WINTER WORKSHOP

St. Croix River Zone & St. Paul Metro Zone

Saturday, February 5, 2022

**“The Power of Christ-Centered
Lutheran Higher Education”
(John 1:14)**

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Brian L. Friedrich
President, Concordia University, St. Paul

Registration and Coffee

9:00am

Workshop

9:30am-Noon

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

There will be a free-will offering to support

Concordia St. Paul

Hosted by:

Woodbury Lutheran | Oak Hill Campus

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FOLLOW

everyone's invited

Follow is a two-year journey where Jesus is calling WLC to increased Discipleship Impact, Missional Reach, and courageous steps in Multisite. We believe that God has placed \$9M worth of ministry opportunities in our path; everyone's invited to join the journey and Follow Jesus!

*"Jesus,
lead me to Listen to Your voice & Follow You.
Amen."*

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, January 11, 2022
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

2021 Financials:

2021 was another very solid year financially for WLC. We finished the year with a roughly \$300,000 dollar surplus. We had several unexpected large gifts and expenses were well below budget due mostly to the fact that we have not hired a new pastor at the Wakota Ridge Campus. In addition to the surplus, we also received a check for \$200,000 in November and have an additional \$78,000 thousand remaining from Concordia Lutheran. We will use these additional funds and 2021 surplus toward our Follow initiative in the areas of debt reduction, multisite, missions and long-term capital expenses.

Follow Initiative:

We have seen great momentum out of all the gatherings and meetings around Follow. We received fewer commitments cards than we did for Multiply. Part of the reason is that fewer people are attending in-person services. When we added up the Commitment Cards + Expected Giving + 2021 Surplus we believe our giving will be in the \$8.5 million dollar range in 22-23. It will be exciting to see all that God will do over the next two years.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- December Meeting Minutes
- December Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Update on Follow
- 2022 Budget
- Congregational Financial and Annual Meetings
- Wakota Ridge Update

Informational Topics

- Follow Update
- Elders Update

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

Maverick James Jones
Liam Edward Jones

Deaths

Jerry Pierre
Jerry Eskridge, brother of Ralph Eskridge
Marilyn Fjelsted
Cary Fields
Bud Frank, father of Terri Albrecht
Janice Lindau

Jeanne Bignell, aunt of Kathy Girgen
Esther Sundell, mother of Stacy Winter
Joe Riley, father of Rachel Conant
Susan Carlisle, mother of Angela Johnson
Emily Wolterstorff, mother of Dennis Wolterstorff
Jeffrey Winkler, brother of Jackie Konop
Linda Wall, mother of Andrew Wall
Melissa Seils, niece of Diane Ubl
Vernon Elverson



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.

Men's Basketball Night!

Interested in playing on a Men's basketball league? Woodbury Lutheran has a team! Please contact Casey Carlson for more information. You can reach him at ccarlson@myspire.com.



Looking for more information to stay connected? Scan the QR code above!

February 2022 Calendar

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

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

2 (V) Mitten Makers

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

2 (O) Wednesdays On the Hill

Wednesdays, 6:00pm
Contact: Pastor Dean
651-739-5144 x331

2 (O, V) Foundations & ROOTS

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

3 (O) Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, 1:00pm
redcross.org

3 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

3 (W) Hannah Quilters

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

5 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

5 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

5 (V) Baptism Class

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

6 (O, W, V) KidsLINK

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

6 (V) KidsLINK

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

7 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

7 (V) Ladies Gathering Group

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

7 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, 1:00pm
redcross.org

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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

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