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## A New Challenge

Andrew Asp | Vicar

What are you going to do with your summer? Anyone else get a little protective when they hear this question? After all, anyone who lives in the bold north knows how limited the opportunity is, to take advantage of the warm, beautiful weather. So, what will you do? Barbecue? Spend time at the lake? Take a family trip? Here's my suggestion: how about a little adventure?

Recently, I have really started to appreciate the challenge Jesus has given us to follow him. Think about it. Every time Jesus says the words "follow me" in the gospels, he issues a challenge. And for those very first disciples Jesus called, they certainly found themselves on an adventure.

As he gathered those disciples together in the upper room he issued them a new challenge: "love each other... your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." In that same room, Jesus modeled his love for us, by serving others. May we follow his example and find adventure this summer. "Father, open our eyes to see the ways you are calling us to follow Your Son. Amen."

# Strong Trees

The words that open the book of Psalms remind me of summer,

*"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers... **They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.**"*

I am not sure why, but I really love trees. One of my favorite parts of driving to the North Shore is to see how the trees change as you get further north. As a kid we had a huge willow tree in our front yard and I still stand in awe of the huge Oak Trees in my parent's back yard. There is just something about trees.

In Psalm 1 the Psalmist describes a healthy tree as one that is planted next to a source of water and as such bears fruit. ***As we head into a very busy season in the life of our congregation we need to be like healthy trees that are planted by the source of our strength (Jesus), so that we will bear much fruit.***

We are coming off of a very draining season and it is ok if you are feeling tired or uncertain about what is to come. Let me invite you to be like those strong healthy trees planted next to the water by:

- Making worship and prayer a part of your routine
- Joining a Small Group and taking time to read the Bible on your own
- Serving with the spirit of Jesus both at church and in your everyday life
- Reaching out to those around you and being ready to share your faith story

Trees that are planted "along the riverbank" naturally bear fruit in each season. Over the next several months, we have lots of fruit to bear at WLC:

- We will be welcoming our friends from Concordia

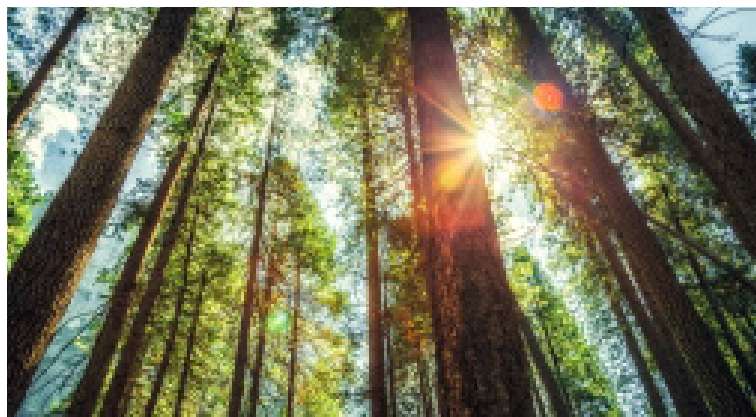
in South St. Paul into our family at WLC through a new campus.

- During the summer months we will be serving through **Serventure 2.0**
- Our youth will take part in localized mission experiences
- There will be summer camps (VBS) for our youngsters at all three campuses
- In the fall, we will fully be back with in-person and online worship (schedule coming soon)
- In the late fall, we will be celebrating with a spiritual campaign focused on reconnecting and activating

***If we are to bear much fruit, it will only be because we are connected to the source of our strength.***

When we connect with Jesus, we can connect with each other and we all know that life is better together. ***The strongest trees are the ones who have roots that connect to each other.*** This is how the great Redwoods in California have grown to be so large. This summer, and always, may we be people who are connected to Jesus and to one another so that we bear much fruit.

Peace,  
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



## Colorado Peaches!

Colorado Peaches are coming back in 2021! Our annual fundraiser for our Youth Scholarship Fund will start taking orders in late June for these wonderful peaches to be delivered in early August (our best guess).

Please watch the web site for more information, or our sales tables starting June 27th. Cost will be \$34 a crate (18-20 pds), or \$17 for 1/2 a crate. Thanks for supporting our youth!

# South St. Paul Campus Update

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries

A new season is upon us...in more ways than one! As we move from spring in to summer Woodbury Lutheran is also moving into our newest campus on the corner of 5th Avenue and Douglas Street in South St. Paul. After months of conversations and meetings, after votes and decisions, the South St. Paul Campus will open its doors on Sunday, June 6. Here's a look at some of what has been going on during the countdown...

## Launch Team

As of this writing, 100 WLC members from each of our campuses have committed to making the new campus their home. A Come & See event was held on the evening of Sunday, May 2 where launch team members got to tour the building, hear a bit of the history of Concordia and of the South St. Paul community, and hear from the Launch Leadership Team about plans for the summer and beyond. It was an exciting evening of looking forward to what God has in store for us. If you're interested in being a part of the new campus email me at [joels@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:joels@woodburylutheran.org).

## Building Updates

Over the past few weeks, and throughout the summer a variety of updates will be taking place in the building. New LED lights and new paint in the first-floor classrooms and hallways are making for a bright, welcoming feel. New doors with key-fob and scheduled access along with security cameras will update building safety. HVAC systems are being updated for comfort and efficiency. Later in the summer new audio and video systems will be installed in the sanctuary.

## Summer Ministry Plans

The summer months are being called the "Soft-Launch Phase." During this time the WLC and Concordia families will be getting to know each other, building relationships, and coming together into a new community. Worship and Kids programming will take place on Sunday mornings; summer youth ministry will happen as well. The SSP campus will take part in Kaposia Days, a 3-day community celebration in South St. Paul as the clean-up crew following the parade on Friday, June 25th. Summer Kids Camp is planned for Wednesday evenings in August. Additionally, there are prayer walks planned and eat-in SSP evenings, both aimed at getting to know the neighborhood our new campus is in.

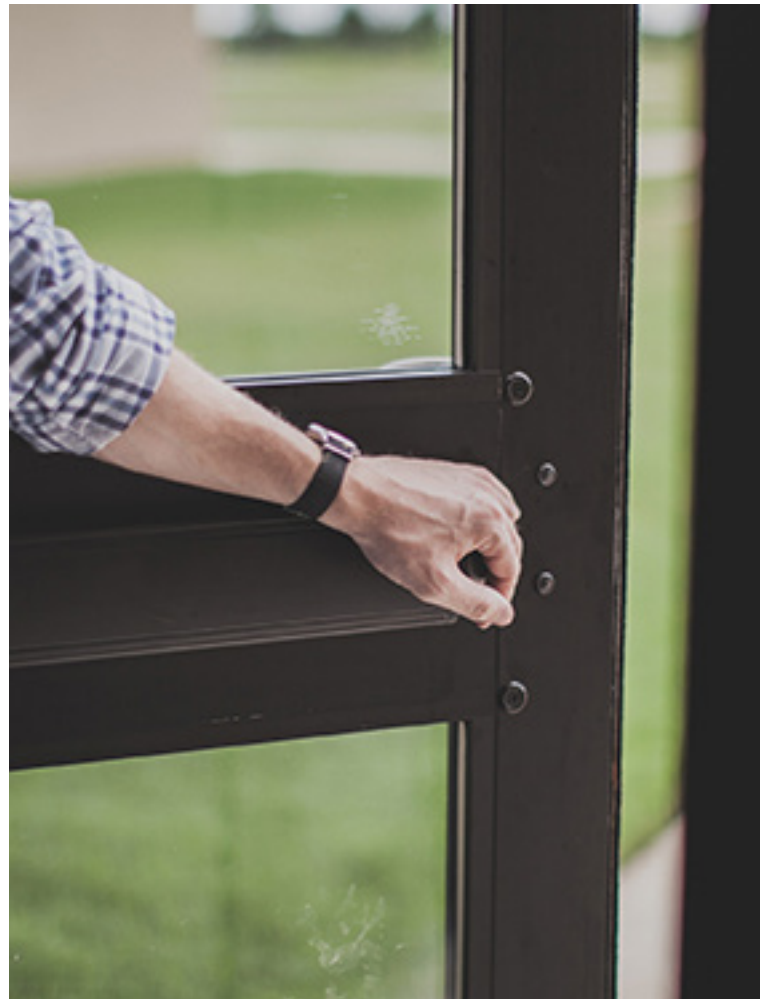
## Campus Pastor Search

The Search Team has brought in Pastor Mike Mulso from Emanuel, Inver Grove Heights, and Pastor Anthony Celia from Water's Edge Lutheran Church in Frisco, Texas. Both candidates have met with staff, the launch leadership team, and the launch team (including Concordia members). Stay tuned for information about next steps.

## Public Launch

Sunday, September 12 will be the "Public Launch" of the new campus with worship and ministry opening up in full swing. Between now and then there is a lot to be done, but excitement continues to build as we look forward to this new season of ministry. Please join in praying for the new campus that through ministry there many would hear and receive Jesus' invitation, "Come, follow me."

Contact Joel Symmank at [joels@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:joels@woodburylutheran.org) or by calling the church office at 651-739-5144 with questions or interest in being a part of the new campus.







## Pastor Paul's Summer Bible Study & Hymn Sing

Join us on Thursdays for the annual Summer Bible Study with Pastor Paul beginning on June 3rd and ending August 26th. We will begin with a hymn sing at 9:45am, the study will follow at 10:00am.

Even though Peter was one of Jesus' own inner circle, his contributions to the New Testament are often overshadowed by the Gospels and the writings of Paul and John. But Peter's letters are full of riches. Come discover them for yourself in this summer-long exegetical class through 1 & 2 Peter, led by Pastor Paul.

## Come, Follow Me

Joel Wetzstein | Director of Worship

*"One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me..."*  
*Matthew 4:18-19*

In a matter of two verses, the first two of the people that would walk and live and work with Jesus were interrupted, and invited. The invitation was simple. The invitation was clear. And yet, somehow, the invitation was pretty vague at the very same time.

Perhaps they wondered - "Follow? Where are we going?" "Who are you anyway?" And, "Who do you think you are to call us away from our living, friends, and family?" "Well... You're pretty confident! Who are you, that you would even think we'd consider it?" While those questions would remain unanswered in that moment, the scriptures tell us, in two different places - by two different people, that they would stop what they were doing and do what he had invited them to do.

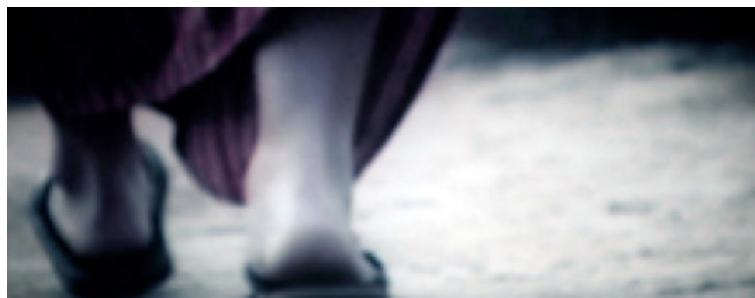
Those questions would be answered in due time along the way. While they were on their way, they would come to know him, trust him, and even more. What if the same were true for us? What if Jesus has, in fact, come along, and interrupted your life? Have you stopped to consider that he has invited you to follow him... and to do so with all the questions and with all the uncertainty that you may have... to just follow... him? Have you thought of it in that way?

Think about how simple and easy and encompassing that invitation is from his perspective. He knows who you are. He knows who you care about. He sees what you worry about. He knows what you're good at. He knows where you may be a little rough around the edges. He knows who he is. He is clear on why he is here. He is well aware of what he is capable of. He knows what he wants us to do. Notice that there are no caveats or conditions. He's pretty direct as well.

The "re-opening" from COVID and the lifting of restrictions related to the pandemic shines light and brings a dawn to the promise of a new day. The launch of another campus and the opportunity to bring others into community... into OUR community - in such a time as this is when people have been craving to be together again - is all in God's timing.

This next season of ministry at Woodbury Lutheran is going to bring many opportunities. Opportunities to dig in, to trust, to learn, to follow, and to dig in as we learn to trust while we follow.

Look for your opportunity. Prepare now to hear his call. Prepare now to take your next step, to follow as he leads and to go as you are invited.



# Serventure 2.0: Following Jesus

Brad Miller | Director of Discipleship & Reach

Are you ready for the invitation and challenge of moving out into our communities to **Follow Jesus?!**

This summer will be different in so many ways! That includes SERVENTURE!

- **What's the same?** Serving + the Adventure of Following Jesus is the same.
- **What's different?** There will NOT be 1 big day each month. There will be a variety of opportunities spread out throughout the summer.

## JUNE Dates:

10th: Valley Creek Campus Clean-up Day for families of all ages

- 5:30-8:30 pm: pizza provided
- Bring work gloves, and a rake or shovel if you have one
- [Registration link to RSVP](#) (and yes, it's for all ages)

13th (the week of): **Make Birthday Bags for kids to distribute to local food shelves**

- Buy and fill gift bags with cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, and a Target gift card for \$5 or \$10
- Drop off at WLC's outdoor worship at the Afton land on June 20 or during that week (June 25) at the campus you're part of.
- [Sign up at this link](#)

13th (the week of): **Prepare Art and Science projects** for Summer Bridge to Success for Trinity First Lutheran kids

- Purchase, package, and deliver the materials that will be used the following week at Summer Bridge to Success.
- [Sign up at this link](#)

21st-24th: **Summer Bridge to Success** at Trinity First Lutheran School

- Plans are still dependent on

Covid progress into June; TFL wants to limit (to some degree) interaction between volunteers and students/families.

- [See this link](#) for specific time-slots and length of service:
- Monday-Thursday with a variety of ways to get involved. No need to sign up for the whole week, jump in for a specific day or opportunity!

## Serving opportunities:

- Pre-pack lunches for the kids using TFL's kitchen
- Daily help in lunchroom
- Chaperone kids on their field trips! Wed. & Thur.
- Thursday afternoon: pack up supplies and materials into totes, and move to storage
- Prayer Walks/Learning each day

21st & 24th: **Gardening on the Afton Land Garden** for families and all ages

- Help the hungry! Vegetables don't grow without your help!
- 6:00 pm on Mon. and Thur.
- Our Afton Garden provided thousands of pounds (*literally*) of veggies to local food shelves last summer!
- [Sign up at this link](#)

## July Dates:

TBA: **Bless a Teacher** from Kaposia Elementary (S. St. Paul) or Highwood Hills Elementary (St. Paul)

- Fri and Sat. Watch for dates
- We'll identify a teacher from both Kaposia and Highwood Hills whose yard needs some TLC; could include trimming bushes, weeding, cleaning out gutters, etc. A fun way to work together and serve them!

12th & 15th: **Gardening on the Afton Land Garden** for families and all ages

- See June Event for info
- Watch for details and Registration link

22nd: **Love Our City.** We're partnering with Trinity First in the Phillips Neighborhood of Minneapolis

- 1:00 - 6:00 pm
- A GREAT opportunity to learn about the "inner city" and the people in it!
- A Bus Tour with City Vision; an organization that has studied the area for decades
- Learn from local neighbors, a prayer walk, an ethnic meal
- Watch for details and Registration link

## August Dates:

TBA: **Bless a Teacher** from Kaposia Elementary (S. St. Paul) or Highwood Hills Elementary (St. Paul)

- See July's info above

9th & 12th: **Gardening on the Afton Land Garden** for families and all ages

- See June Event for info
- Watch for details and Registration link

Yes! More information will be coming your way! Check [WLC the website](#) or contact:

- Brad Miller at [Brad@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:Brad@woodburylutheran.org), or
- Mike Sabbann [SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org)

## Serventure 2.0

## FOLLOW ME.

- JESUS

## Summer 2021





## Follow Me & Let's Go!

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

"Follow me." Two simple words. Jesus spoke these words 13 different times. These were the words that Jesus said to his soon to be disciples as they were fishing near the Sea of Galilee. Can you imagine who or what it might for you to be told these two words, "follow me," to have you leave your career, your home, maybe even your family?

"Let's go." "Are you ready?" "Let's make a line!" All versions of a "follow me" that I overhear from teachers on a regular basis as they work with their classes. In the hustle and bustle of the last weeks of school, these little ones are quick to be on board! They trust and love their teachers and they know that there are good things in store as we get ready to go on to the next exciting place in the day!

This wasn't always the case. That "follow me" is harder in September than it is in May. "Follow me" can

also really mean "trust me!" That is a big expectation for each of us on our journey in life! Knowing that whoever our teacher is, he or she has our best interest at heart. This takes trust, time, and a sense of belonging.

As I think about creating a sense of belonging, I want to talk a bit about Jackie Polinske. Miss Jackie was one of the teachers who connected with me immediately as I stepped in as a new director. She shared and explained aspects of our program, and was patient as she listened to my wild and crazy ideas. She brings a peace and love that reminds me often of the gentle ways that ministry and relationships develop the best.

Miss Jackie has been with our program for 12 years and during most of those, she has been a three-year old teacher. She has been one of the very first people that so many children have put their trust in as she said "follow me". She has loved them, nurtured them, instilled a deep

sense of curiosity in them, and taught them that the "follow me" response to a teacher yields many amazing experiences! She has helped so many children grow in the love of learning and of Jesus!

After this year, Miss Jackie will be following a different call. One to care for her newest grandbaby, Millie, to care for her garden, and to travel with her husband, Virgil.

Thank you Miss Jackie for teaching us what it means to "follow me". From the children whom you have taught, from the families whom you have eased into the comfort of formal learning, and from your co-workers whom you have mentored. You have modeled growth, love, patience, and what it means to hear a calling. You have shared your love with us, and we hope that you have felt that love in return. We will miss you! Thank you for all you have done in your years with Woodbury Lutheran Preschool!

# A Summer of Serving

Nancy Schubbe | Director of NextGen

This summer looks like it will be “normal” in many ways. As our schedules become busier, and we fill the short summer in Minnesota with ball games, vacations, camps, and family fun, let’s not forget to find some time to serve others and share the love of Jesus! “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

## June – Serventure 2.0

Serventure 2.0 is a great way to serve and include your children or grandchildren in the fun. In June we’ll be making Birthday Bags for three local organizations. Maybe you find it hard to believe, but there are families who never get the chance to celebrate birthdays. There may not even be a cake! Birthday Bags will bring joy to families and kids, so here is what is needed to make one. Use a new gift bag or one in excellent condition that is unisex and can be used for anyone and fill it with these items:

- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of frosting
- 1 package of candle
- 1 package of balloons
- \$5 or \$10 Target gift card.

The organizations receiving these bags are the Christian Cupboard Emergency Foodshelf, Neighbors, Inc., and Backpacks for Good. Plan to drop-off your Birthday Bag at our outdoor service on the Afton land on 6/20. If you’re not able to do this, you can drop it off through Sunday June 27th at the campus where you worship.

## July – Summer Camp Mission Project

During our Summer Camps we also have a mission project. This summer we are partnering with Compassion International to support kids from all over the world to make sure they feel they belong, are known, and valued. Donations welcome! Your donation will provide:

- textbooks and Bibles
- water filters
- Food for a malnourished child
- Help where most needed

## August – Serventure 2.0

In August, we have another great opportunity to partner with the Wilder Foundation in St. Paul. They will hold a “Tools for Schools” drive with collection dates from August 16-20. Very soon a list of school supplies will be put together, so that we can shop for supplies and fill backpacks to be used to help local children succeed this fall in school. Let’s help make that possible for some kids this year as they head back to school!

So get ready for a Summer of Serving! Contact Nancy Schubbe at [schubben@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schubben@woodburylutheran.org) for more information.



## Thank You Youth Leaders!

Laura Stennes | Kids & Youth Ministry Leader, South St. Paul Campus

As school ends for summer, each year we pause to appreciate our youth leaders. At any youth ministry event, you’ll see adults faithfully welcoming, listening, praying for, and encouraging our youth as they grow as disciples.

This year, we’ve also had dedicated leaders who’ve enabled youth to remain connected through online youth ministry. One online host and small group leader, Nichole Murray, reflects on her experience like this:

“I never thought I’d be an online youth leader, and then this past year happened. It has been a challenge, yet a blessed opportunity to rise above the challenges and watch God continue to unleash His power in so many ways. This year has allowed for community growth with the online crew to blossom in such a unique way. Although it looks different,... we still get to see how excited the girls are to come hang out... and it allows for new opportunities. For example, this year is the first year I’ve had my girls go from not wanting to pray out loud, to praying every week out loud - all of them! How sweet is that!?”

You too could have this experience! As summer begins, there are many opportunities to serve our youth. Connect with Sarah, Lindsey, Patrick, or I if you feel this could be your next step.





## Family Serve Night

Families are you looking for a fun way to serve? Join us for an evening of campus clean up around the Valley Creek Campus. It's going to be a great night to help weed & mulch!

We'd love families of all ages to help with the project! Come as you're able between 5:30-8:30pm. We will have pizza available at 5:30pm. Then we get to work! Spreading 120 bags of mulch!

Questions: please contact Lindsey Schmdt: [SchmidtL@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:SchmidtL@woodburylutheran.org) or register by [clicking here](#).

## Spoken For

Sarah Dibbern | Reach Coordinator

For most of the summers during my undergraduate career, I worked for a mission trip organization and spent two summers running mission trips in Cortez, Colorado. Cortez is a small town in the Southwest corner of Colorado in the middle of the desert and between the Navajo reservation and the Ute reservation. A few weeks into my first summer there, our boss told my team that four of us were placed in Cortez for a very specific reason: to build relationships. The organization I worked for was very intentional about the communities that they had mission trips site in. They weren't in the business of going in for a week and leaving. They believed in long standing relationships in the community. We were told that we were placed there specifically to solidify both the relationships between our organization and the churches in the area and begin to make connections with the Navajo and Ute people. I spent my two summers getting to know the community members. I spent time with pastors, joking with them and talking theology with them. I learned how to greet Navajo tribal leaders in their native tongue in order to show my respect for their people and their culture. I unlearned the Western idea of a firm handshake while introducing myself to Native Americans to communicate that I was equal with them.

A couple of weeks ago, I was at our South St. Paul campus taking pictures. I walked into the fellowship hall and saw items laying out on tables for members of Concordia to claim and take home with them. I saw pictures and paintings, books, table cloths, etc. Next to the items that were claimed were pieces of

paper that said, "spoken for". As I looked around the room, I thought about the history of these items. Of the people who came to know Jesus better through the ministries of Concordia in South St. Paul. Of the disciples that were made and of the lives transformed.

We at Woodbury Lutheran are beginning a new adventure. We're stepping into a new community. We are bridging relationships between the people of Concordia and the people of Woodbury Lutheran. We're learning history, we're hearing stories. We're showing that we're in the business of stepping into communities and being in it for the long haul. The merging of two churches isn't always easy. Traditions will probably change, things won't be done the same way they've always been done. But isn't that the way it always goes? From the beginning of the church at Pentecost to Martin Luther and the time of the Reformation, change has always been a part of the story. But at the core of this change is community; of realizing that following Jesus isn't meant to be done on our own but instead in fellowship with others. We're committing to multiply disciples and transform lives together.

And I can't think of a greater adventure than that.





# Summer For Our Missionaries!

Mike Sabaann | Reach Coordinator

Your generosity allows WLC to support missionaries around the globe! Here are a couple of quick updates on what's going on this summer for a few of them. Please remember to pray for them! [Click here](#) for a handy guide to do that

## Guerreros in Paraguay!

Dario & Juanita (and daughter Amara) begin a 9-month furlough in the US this month! They leave their little village of La Esperanza in central Paraguay to rest, recharge, and visit supporters. They plan to visit Minnesota in August ... watch for a chance to meet with them!



## Klepels in Ukraine!

Rosen & Oksana made the decision last year that the city of Ternopil will be their long-term base of ministry. This summer is an exciting time of preparing to purchase and build-out a townhouse,

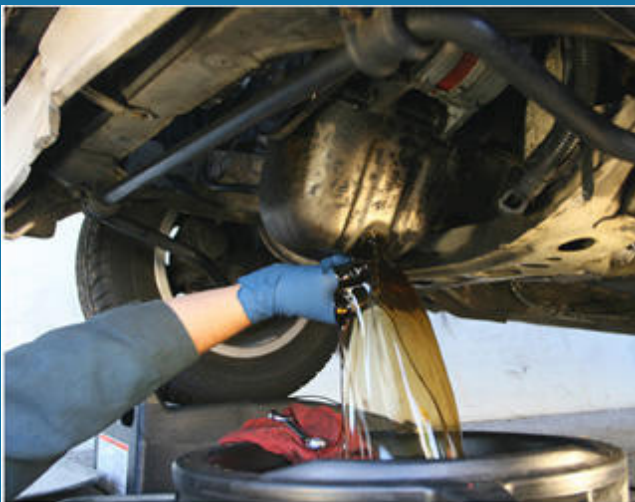


which they'll use for ministry and their home!

**Beckendorfs in Botswana!** Guess what? In June their tiny village of Shakawe enters the winter months (with the rest of the Southern Hemisphere!!) Tim, Lisa, and sons Aaron & Andrew also enter the "malaria season". Their translation team continues to forge ahead, hoping to finalize the last portions of Scripture in the language of the Khwe people.



Our missionaries are very much like us - hopes, dreams, struggles - please pray for them. Again, thanks to you, we're able to support them as they bring the good news of Jesus - the forgiveness of sin and brokenness - to people we are unable to reach directly.



## Blessed With An Oil Change

On a beautiful Saturday in May, a new ministry opportunity blessed several widows / single moms who were in need of an oil change. The idea to serve these women of our congregation was born out of a desire to help others, and motivated by many passages of Scripture calling upon God's people to help. In just one morning we changed the oil and filter of 6 different women. This Oil Change Ministry plans to make this service available twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

If you would like to know more about this ministry, feel free to reach out to Pastor Tim Marshall or Greg Carlson.

# New Vicar Greetings

Dear Members & Staff of Woodbury Lutheran Church,

On April 28, 2021, my wife Kali and I were blessed to receive the news that we would be serving at your congregation this next year for my vicarage assignment. It is with great joy, honor, and humility that we graciously accept this assignment and look forward to joining you in August.

I want to give you a little background of who Kali and I are. I was born and raised in Denver, CO where my father has been a pastor Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the last 30 years. From as young as I can remember, I knew that I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and become a pastor. This led me to Concordia Nebraska where I majored in Business Administration, joined the Pre-Seminary program, and played on the football team. It was at Concordia where I met my amazing wife, Kali (Kay-lee), who is originally from Altamont, IL. Kali is one of the greatest treasures that God has given me, and she exudes a joy and passion for life and the Lord that impact all those that she encounters. She is incredible with children, loves camp ministry, and will fight to be outdoors as much as possible.

We got married in July of 2018, finished our last year at Concordia, and headed off to Seminary in the Fall of 2019. While our Seminary experience has been very unique with many challenges brought by the pandemic, we have been blessed to have this time to grow closer together, and more importantly, closer to God. We are excited and optimistic for how the Lord will be able to use us in your ministry as the world starts to move back to some form of normalcy this upcoming year.

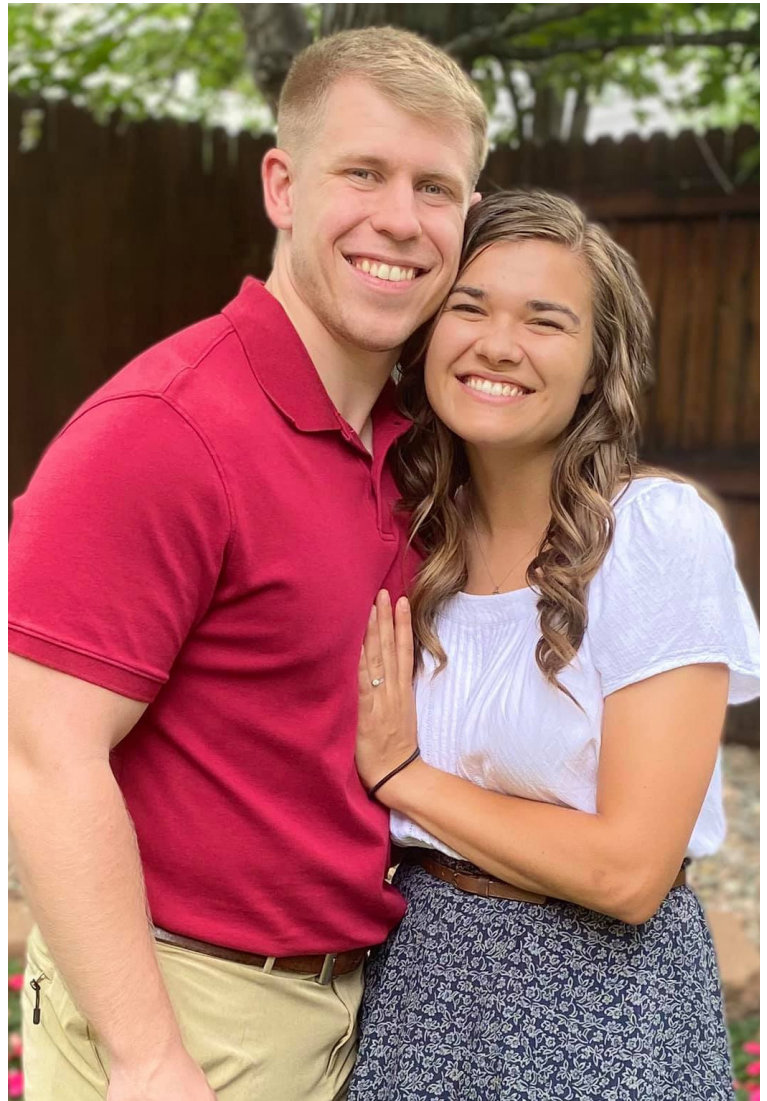
While I look forward to our unity we will share in ministry, I am afraid that such unity will not be possible when it comes to sports. I am a die-hard Denver Broncos and Denver Nuggets fan. My parents were born and raised in Minnesota so the Vikings have always been our second team that we followed. However, I hope that my Broncos can bring much joy to the state of Minnesota through the luring of Aaron Rodgers away from the Packers. Then we can all rejoice together.

One of Kali's and my favorite hobbies is to play strategic board games with people. We love the way that we are able to grow and connect with people through strategy and laughter. We enjoy hiking, canoeing, camping, backpacking, and anything

else that gets us outdoors. One of my more recent hobbies that I picked up during this last year is content creation through a YouTube channel. I love using technology, and I am excited to see how I can use that passion to serve your ministry!

Overall, Kali and I love to have fun. We love to laugh. We love to connect with people. We love building relationships, and we love showing people just how loved they are by their Father in Heaven. We cannot express just how excited we are to be joining you all! I pray that this year would not only be one of learning and growth for myself, but also for the entire congregation as we emerge from a dark 2020 reminded that Christ was and is in control through it all. Blessings this summer, we look forward to joining you in August!

In Christ,  
Daniel Langewisch





# June Birthdays

1 Steve Carlson Jay Holthaus Lena Reichling Daniel Tucker	Yvonne Neils Stephanie Pfotenhauer Whitney Seltz	Dwayne Morris Amber Tacheny Carter Trachy Emily Weber	Jax Erickson John Norring, III Jeremiah Rygh Penelope Schmidt	Jane Rose Bruce Strong Albin Abraham Noah Anderson	Sam Horner Mary Karrow Ryan Kehl Francina Lelei
2 Kathy Bailey-Boyd Marissa Eubank Kaitlyn Radecki Amanda Retica Brad Zager	7 Ashley Shugg Bonnie Brings McKenzie DuFresne Wayne Hoffbeck Tyler Reynolds	13 Arlene Bartley Alyssa Bradshaw Jodi Burger Jacy Goetz Meg Hruby	Camden Steffel Linda Stolper Heidi Strenke Barry Thompson Alex Tweit	23 Jane Bettmann Ella Bohren Leonard Dahlin Everett Everson Nancy Feuerherm Scott Groth Brian Heintz	Matthew Mergens Sydney Nassios Garrett Schmidt Leticia Vilas Henry Wolsky Dennis Wolterstorff
3 Barb Anderson Jeannine Buchholz Dan Doyle Amanda Fong Valentina Garcia Zander Walberg	8 Kirk Eastenson Ronald Faust Jim Fischer Jennifer Jankiewicz Ron Linden	14 John Stutelberg Gabriel Barabash Lily Butler Jay Deverell Linda Erickson	18 Sarah Cartier Tristan Chavie Kris Kiltie Nathan McDonald Mary Landgrebe Rico Lopez Hannah Meinke Natalie Munn	Trevor Jeske Lorreen Mohlenhoff Jamie Pearson Stephen Rodemeyer Larry Schindeldecker Rob Starzynski Misty Thompson	28 Carolyn Fernandez Averee Kreutzfeldt Tim Marshall Becky Martini Jeffrey McNally Renee Murphy Scott Ostrom Tobias Palmer
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# Church Council Update March

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

**Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 8, 2021**  
**7:30-11:30am**

## Meeting Highlights

*May is the annual strategic planning meeting for the Church Council. We met for almost four hours to pray, see how we are doing and discuss the future of WLC. As you can imagine in four hours lots of words are used, below are a few highlights.*

**Strategic Plan:** In 2019 a team of lay leaders worked with the staff team to develop a five year ministry plan focused on Discipleship Impact, Reach and Multisite, the plan can be found [Here](#). The Council spent a significant amount of time talking through each focus area of the plan and believes that with some small tweaks it will keep us moving in the right direction.

**Metrics:** For many years the "success" of a church was measured by attendance and financial metrics. Over the last several years we have begun to measure things like baptisms, servants and those participating in Small Groups. [Here](#) you can find a working dashboard of what we measure at WLC. Each measurement is weighted and will be put into a formula that helps to better measure our churches health.

**Key Actions/Tactics:** Within the strategic plan there are specific goals that the staff builds strategies around. The Council continues to believe in the importance of Small Groups, Online Ministry and connecting with new people in our communities. We also believe that this fall is the perfect time to launch a spiritual campaign focused on reconnecting our congregation to the Discipleship Path and continuing to put ourselves in a strong financial position for the future.

**WLC Brand and Name:** The team continues to gather feedback internally and are waiting on external data. The team is not in a hurry and appreciates all the feedback we have been getting.

**Concordia, South St. Paul:** So far we have over 100 current WLC members who are committed to going to the new campus. Our Search Team has interviewed three candidates for the Campus Pastor role and we are working hard at developing metrics and ministry plans for the summer and into the fall.



## Meeting Agenda

**Call to Order & Quorum Determination**

**Devotions/Prayer**

**Strategic Plan Discussion**

- Strategic Plan Discussion – Are we heading in the right direction given our current situation? What do we want to accomplish?
- Key Actions / Tactics – What key actions over the next 12-18 months should we take in order to realize our vision?
- Metrics – How will we measure progress and define success towards our vision?

**Additional Discussion Topics**

- Late fall Spiritual Campaign
- Call Team Update and Next Steps
- Rebranding Exploration Update / Town Hall Approach
- June Meeting Preview
- Corrie's House / Afton Land Proposal
- Policy Manual Review / Refresh
- Rebranding Exploration Update

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjourn**

## Worship

**Online**

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

**In-Person**

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

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## Baptisms

Avery Renae Printon  
Grace Marie Burrows  
Bennett Jack Everson  
Silas Everett Boyer  
Logan David Farr  
Callie Grace Farr  
Rosie Marie Feuerherm  
Eliana Hazel Ray Johnson  
Ada Jane Peterson  
Connor John Reagan  
Hannah May Ashby

## Weddings

Chelsey O'Donnell & Erick Young

## Deaths

JoAnn Abraham - sister of Chuck Stakston  
Peter Johnson - husband of Lynn Johnson  
Alice Adams - mother of Heather Johnson  
Luches Hamilton - husband of LaVonne Hamilton  
Jim Reed  
Earl Schmieden - father of Mary Zarnke  
Joseph Allenspach  
Nathan Lutterman - nephew of Lisa Paradise



## Staying Connected

### Giving at WLC

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

### Stock Donations

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

### Stephen Ministers

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

### All Campus Middle School Mania

June 7th--Oak Hill Campus 6:30-8pm  
Free! Friends welcome! All current 5th-8th graders.

### All Campus Middle School Mania

June 21st--South St. Paul Campus 6:30-8pm  
Free! Friends welcome! All current 5th-8th graders.

### Summer Youth Bible Study

OH MS & HS at Oak Hill, VC MS & HS at Valley Creek. Wednesday nights, June 16th-August 11th, 6:30-8pm.

### Travel Opportunity in July 2022

Enjoy Rome and much more. Italy, cross Austria, experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany, and end in Munich. We had a full complement for the 2020 Passion Play, but it was postponed because of the pandemic. We now have openings for the same trip in July 2022.

1. Review the itinerary and trip information at [tri.ps/ipp22](https://tri.ps/ipp22).
2. Contact Ben Herbrich at [Herbrich3@gmail.com](mailto:Herbrich3@gmail.com).
3. Share this information with your friends.



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LIVE MUSIC  
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Community Food Drive  
BRING Non-Perishable Foods

JUNE 19, 2021

5:30-8:00PM

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# June 2021 Calendar

## **3 (V) Pastor Paul's Summer Bible Study**

Thursdays, 9:30am  
Contact: Karl Grant  
651-739-5144 x241

## **3 (V) Celebrate Recovery**

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

## **5 (V) Baptism Class**

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

## **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

## **6 (O, S, V) KidsZone**

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

## **7 (V) Monday Men's Study**

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

## **7 (O) Middle School Mania**

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

## **7 (O) Wednesdays on the Hill**

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

## **10 (V) Serventure 2.0 - Family Serve Event**

Thursday, 5:30pm  
Contact: Brad Miller  
651-739-5144 x209

## **14 (V) Kindergarten 2 Week Camp**

M-F, 8:30am  
Contact: Sara Mulso  
651-739-5144 x233

## **16 (O, V) Youth Summer Bible Study Begins**

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

## **16 (V) High School Youth Fun Night**

Wednesday, 8:00pm  
Contact: Patrick Brewer  
651-739-5144 x211

## **17 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive**

Thursday, 11:00am

## **19 (Afton Land) Summer Night Out**

Saturday, 5:30pm

## **20 (Afton Land) Outdoor Worship for All Campuses**

Sunday, 9:30am

## **21 (V) Preschool Camp**

M-F, 8:30am  
Contact: Sara Mulso  
651-739-5144 x233

## **21 (S) Middle School Mania**

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

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9050 60th Street North  
Stillwater, MN 55082

South St. Paul Campus (S)  
255 Douglas Street  
South St. Paul, MN 55075

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Afton, MN 55001

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