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Inflatable Pools & Gratitude

Lindsey Schmidt | Director of Middle School Youth Ministry

A few years back, a mentor shared her practice of daily capturing three things that inspired gratitude; looking for the easily overlooked moments and reminders of God's faithfulness. My journals are filled with people who filled my cup, praises for answered prayers, good weather, or our new inflatable kiddle pool for floating (my favorite). Recently, the Holy Spirit has been nudging me to look for Him at work when I feel frustrated. stressed, disappointed, or annoyed (What is there to be grateful for in needing to empty the inflatable pool, wash it and refill it every few days?).

Mentors in my life have shared their gratitude for terminal diseases. How their faith was refined and transformed during moments of frustration and pouring out. They speak of God's faithfulness even when things don't get better or work out the way they prayed. Only God can do that; redeeming pain and brokenness, refreshing our spirit and strengthening our faith in the midst of any circumstance. May your hearts overflow with gratitude for the easy and hard, restful and challenging, floating and emptying (that inflatable pool...).

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

The Power of Gratitude

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." - Philippians 2:5

Philippians 2 is one of the most powerful chapters in all of Scripture. In it Paul gives us a picture of how our lives are shaped by the incredible generosity that God has shown us in sending Jesus. After reminding us of all that Jesus has done for us he admonishes us to remember that the way we treat one another should flow out of having the same attitude that Jesus had. Now that is quite a challenge!

If you are anything like me most days you can sense that your attitude is anything like that of Jesus, but there is hope. One of the best ways to have an attitude like that of Jesus is to practice gratitude. Have you ever noticed how quickly your attitude can shift when you pause just for a moment and give thanks?

A few weeks back I was having a conversation with someone who wasn't very happy with something that we were doing at church. In the middle of the conversation, I stopped them and asked them to share one thing they love about our church. It was amazing to see the flood gates open and the entire tone of the conversation changed.

I want to challenge you to spend some time in your small group, with your spouse, or with a friend sharing what you are thankful for. Here are a few things on my list:

- I am thankful that Jesus did not cling to equality with God, but instead took on the very form of a servant to come and seek after me.
- I am thankful for my family, especially my wife Stephanie and daughter Peyten; they are truly my greatest treasures on this earth.

- I am thankful for the North Shore and the refreshment of a long hike.
- I am thankful for the health that allows me to run marathons so that kids will have clean water (you can support Steph and me by <u>Clicking Here</u>).
- I am thankful for the opportunity to worship our incredible God in amazing ways.
- I am thankful for a church family that trusts and allows me to use my gift of leadership.
- I am thankful for the many faithful Jesus followers who call WLC home.
- I am thankful to be a part of a church who understands that the mission of Jesus is far greater than any of our own preferences.
- I am thankful for an incredible staff team.
- I am thankful for the lay leadership at WLC.

What are you thankful for? The next time you sense that your attitude isn't anything like the attitude of Jesus, pause for a moment and name what you are thankful for and watch as your attitude shifts.

Peace, Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor





Colorado Peaches!

Colorado Peaches are back! Our annual fundraiser for our Youth Scholarship Fund has started. Orders for these wonderful peaches will be delivered in early August (our best guess).

Please visit the website for more information. Cost will be \$34 a crate (18-20 pds), or \$17 for 1/2 a crate. To order, **click here**. Online orders end on 7/18/21.

Thanks for supporting our youth!

South St. Paul Update

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries

As of this writing, we've had worship on two Sundays at our new South St. Paul campus, both with over 140 in attendance! Our two church families are getting to know each other as we become one new family.

Building Updates

Painting has been completed on the entire first floor. New carpet will be installed in mid-August. New doors with keyfob and scheduled access will be installed by the end of June. Toward the middle of August, new audio and video systems will be installed in the sanctuary.

Campus Pastor Call

The Church Council has approved the Search Committee's recommendation that Woodbury Lutheran extend a Call to Pastor Anthony Celia from Water's Edge Lutheran Church in Frisco, Texas to serve as the campus pastor. Voting was completed on June 27th. The vote passed and a Call will be extended the week of the 27th. Please keep Anthony, his wife Tanya, and son Soren in your prayers as they seek to discern where God would have them serve His people.

Summer Ministry Plans

In addition to Sunday morning worship and Kids LINK, a neighborhood welcome is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, July 18 and National Night Out activities are planned for Tuesday, August 3. Vacation Bible School will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout August.

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 or by calling the church office at 651-739-5144 with questions or interest in being a part of the new campus.





Entering His Gates Karl Grant | Vicar & Valley Creek Campus Organist

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation." - Psalm 100:4-5 NIT

When we enter our church buildings (the "gates") and pass through the doors into the sanctuaries (the "courts") at each of our campuses - or we join with others in viewing a live-stream service online - we do so because we know: The LORD is good! And whether those words flow freely in your heart or uttering them takes the last shred of faith that you have, be assured: When we gather in the name of our triune God, we all receive his gifts - forgiveness, salvation, freedom from sin's power and strength for loving and serving one another and the world.

This world is hard on all of us. But every weekend we have occasion for gratitude and thanksgiving, because we gather not just to sing a few songs and say a few prayers, but because the LORD is good and his faithfulness continues to each generation, including ours!

"Give thanks to him and praise his name."



Fostering An Attitude of Gratitude!

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

Sometimes it's easy to get in the rut of feeling that our life is not quite as great as our friends or neighbors. It can happen to grownups and kids alike! One great solution is to practice gratitude.

Gratitude is a skill. **An attitude of gratitude** is a positive way of looking at life. Gratitude can increase our kid's happiness, teach them to be more empathetic and help them to be more thankful for everything they have. Below are several ways to exercise your gratitude muscles!

- **1. Help someone less fortunate.** This could be your neighbor down the street, grandma, or someone you know who is in a tough spot.
- **2. Send out Thank You cards.** Express your gratitude for those who have added value to your life, like teachers, coaches, dance instructors, etc.
- **3. Share your gratitude at the dinner table.** Take a moment at dinner time to share what you are thankful for. Go around the table, allowing each family member a chance to vocalize their gratitude.
- **4. Create a family gratitude list.** Post it on the fridge. Add to it when necessary.
- **5. Practice turning complaints into praises.** Coach your children to reword their complaint into something that they appreciate instead.

"I give you thanks, O LORD, with all my heart!" Psalm 138:1

They Ended Up Teaching Me

Sarah Dibbern | OH Youth Minister & VC Kids Minister

If you've spent any time around the church, you've heard some version of this phrase, "Well I went there to teach, but they ended up teaching me". I can tell you story after story of when I've said phrases similar to that one. I've said it about my time working with the Navajo people. I've said it about the summers I spent traveling the Midwest, putting on Sports-Themed Vacation Bible Schools at churches. I've said it about the congregation where I did my internship in Western Michigan. But I can safely say that no one has taught me about thankfulness and joy quite like the youth of WLC during the pandemic.

During a time when so much of life was filled with uncertainty and negativity, I could show up on a Wednesday night and watch our students interact with each other, laugh with each other, and act like nothing else in this world really mattered. If I'm being completely honest with you, this was the respite that I often needed. You see, our students saw what happened when so many of the freedoms they were used to having were stripped away and they didn't like that. This means that whenever they were together, they were thankful to be together because they knew what it was like when they couldn't be. In those moments, these kids, some of whom are less than half my age, ended up teaching me more than I taught them.

This summer, our youth are able to go on their annual

mission trips. Last month, our middle schoolers went to Duluth and spent their week serving the community up there. This month, our high schoolers will head to Northern Wisconsin to serve at Camp Daniel, a camp geared towards people of all ages with special needs. Before we leave for a mission trip, our youth spend time getting to know each other through three different meetings. Since we're blending a couple of campuses, we have these meetings so that the kids can get to know who they'll be serving alongside for an entire week. During our high school mission trip meetings, I loved standing back and watching our students interact and experience how thankful they were to be together and to be able to go on a trip like this again. These meetings contained an energy that I simply can't describe and it was amazing.

It's my own personal prayer that I have eyes for what teenagers have to show to us old people (... sorry. Older people. I suppose at 31, I'm still young in the grand scheme of things). I pray that I can look at them and see how easy it is to be thankful in all circumstances. I think that should be all of our prayers. That we can see the world through the eyes of a child/teens and allow ourselves to find joy and be thankful for the little things like simply spending time with each other. Laughing with each other. Doing life with each other. I think we should look at the younger generations and be able to say this phrase, "They ended up teaching me more than I taught them."

Serventure 2.0: July

Brad Miller | Director of Discipleship & Reach

TBA - Bless a Teacher from Highwood Hills Elementary (St. Paul)

- Thursday, Friday and Saturday - watch for dates
- We'll identify a teacher from Highwood Hills whose yard needs some TLC; could include trimming bushes, weeding, cleaning out gutters, landscaping, simple carpentry, painting, mowing, edging, yard work cleanup; really fun to work together and serve them!

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

- Help the hungry! Vegetables don't grow without your help! Harvesting is fun!!
- 9:00 am on Monday the 12th
- 6:30 pm on Thursday the 15th

22nd - Love our City Tour

This one's a little different. Instead of come and serve it's "Come listen and learn"! A disciple is a learner! We get to practice together! South

Minneapolis Urban (Immersion) Tour with City Vision

- Noon to 7pm; Meet at the Bus at VC Campus at noon, 7pm back to Woodbury (VC)
- Begins and ends at WLC Valley Creek Campus.
- We'll all jump on a coach bus (with a bathroom) and head for Trinity First Lutheran (TFL). After a brief stop/orientation we'll tour South Minneapolis, learning about the most diverse neighborhood in the US. Minneapolis is not a war zone, it's a place where Jesus is at work, filled with people whom Jesus loves and died for.
- Our guide will help us learn about the city, engaging in a conversation, stopping to walk through things like global markets, and we'll process new perspectives on people groups and the assets and challenges of the City. We'll hear about God's heart and have times of focused prayer.

- We'll return to TFL for out last stop, a short prayer walk, then an ethnic meal from the neighborhood while we hear stories from people who live there.
- As we drive back, we'll have the opportunity to process our day and consider, as disciples of Jesus, how God would have us respond.
- Cost: \$20 suggested donation (For adults and youth age 12 and older with a parent registered)
- Deadline: Sunday July 18 Contact Brad Miller for more information - brad@ woodburylutheran.org or call 651.739.5144.

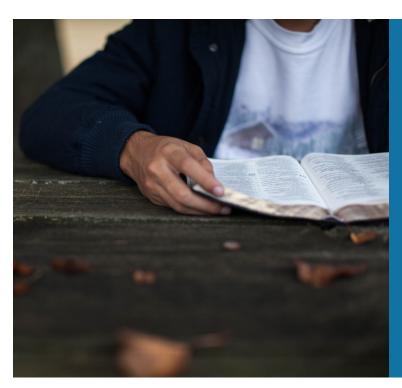
<u>Click here</u> to sign up for **July Serventure**.

Serventure 2.0

FOLLOW ME.

-JESUS

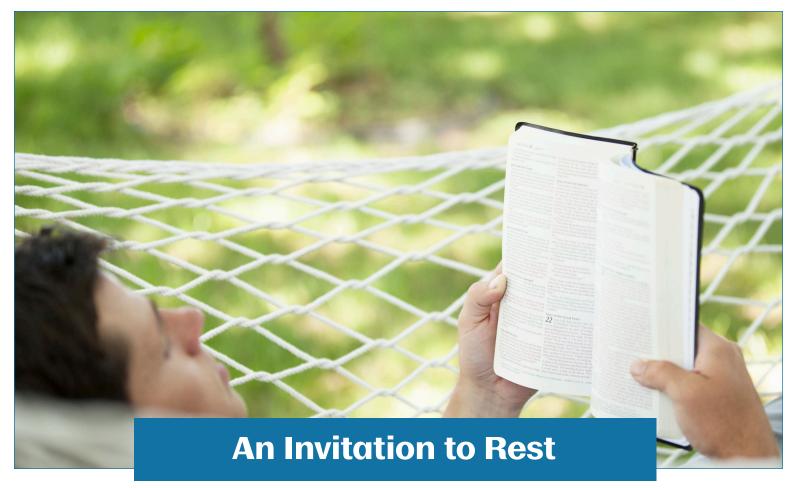
Summer 2021



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.



Tim Marshall | Pastor for Pastoral Care Ministries

Then Jesus said, "Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

If you've been with us at Woodbury Lutheran for any length of time, then you've probably heard us reference what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. God's word encourages us over and over to help others, to love others, to serve others. We read in Romans 12:13, "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality." We know that as Christians, we are to show God's love to all we come in contact with, that they might also be exposed to God's love. How do we care for others when we are feeling like we don't have anything left in the tank to give, when we are in need of help ourselves?

That's why the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28 are so important...

When we are weary and carrying our own burdens, when we are weighed down by our own problems, it can be so hard to help others. Jesus invites us to come to him to find our rest. But how does one come to Jesus with their burdens? Even though we go to God in prayer, our problems typically don't just suddenly disappear...In fact, God's word doesn't even promise to remove our burdens. But what God does promise is his presence through our challenges. Jesus says in Matthew 28:20 that he will be with us always, to the very end of the age. In fact, God's love for us is so great that St. Paul writes about it in Romans 8, telling us that there is nothing in this world that can separate us from his love that is in Christ Jesus.

Even though we know this, we still sometimes struggle. We may know the words of Scripture that remind us that God is with us always, but at times, we feel like David in Psalm 22:2, when he

wrote, "Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief." This world places a burden upon us. Our sins weigh us down. It can be hard to help others when we so desperately need it ourselves. And that's when Jesus invites us to rest in him, in the forgiveness he won for us. If you need a reminder of this forgiveness won for you, feel free to reach out to me and I will walk you through a personal time of confession and forgiveness, that you might rest in Jesus and have your burdens lifted.

Peace and Joy in Christ, Pastor Tim

Thank You Father for Making Me, Me

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

A favorite song in the preschool/kindergarten end of the building is the Butterfly Song. You might know it...

"If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings"

Lots of other animals from a robin, to an octopus, and even a bear, share what they'd be thankful for.

There's also the kid part of the song where children sing:

"But I just thank you Father for making me, me! You gave me a heart and you gave me a smile. You gave me Jesus and you made me your child! So I just thank you Father for making me, me!"

There can be lots in our world that we compare ourselves to. It may be someone else's great vacation pictures or your neighbor's immaculate, and weed free yard. Sometimes we (me, you, us) can get so caught up in the comparing, planning, and thinking about that we forget who we are.

You are a child of God. Jesus was sent for you! So, when we get a little glum about what we might not have, think about the butterfly, the robin, the octopus, and the bear; who are all thankful for what they have. I challenge you to then think about all the amazing things that you have to be grateful for. It's probably so much more than what you even can begin to consider!

Be blessed as you enjoy this summer of God's creation and also celebrating who you are in this creation.





Come Find Out How God is Working - Through You - in His World!

Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

Join us for our virtual World Prayer Dive, 60 minutes of prayer and learning about WLC's global missionaries. We'll be joined by one of the missionaries WLC supports at an international location.

They'll spend 15 minutes helping us understand what it's like to be on mission with Jesus in a foreign culture and foreign land!

- Mark your calendars: Thursday, July 29, 7:00 pm
- Join the Zoom meeting at this link:
- World Prayer Dive (passcode = Praying)
- Questions? Contact Mike Sabbann (<u>SabbannM@wood</u> <u>burylutheran.org</u>).

Be intentional in 2021 - spend time learning about God's desire for all people in every nation!



Serventure 2.0: June









Serventure 2.0 FOLLOW ME.

-JESUS

Summer 2021



July Birthdays

- 1 Gretchen Crist
 Bob Everson
 Matthew Gage
 Melani Hanisch
 Jynessa Hughes
 Shaylee Kamp
 Diane Kuhrmeyer
 Donna Lorenz
 Vincent Mueller
 Vincent Polaski
 Evan Rones
 Aubrey Spates
 Lowell Zeller
 Donn Anderson
- 2 Jordan Berg
 Gail Field
 Brayden Holmgren
 Beth Kothe
 Paige McNeill
 Robert Olson
 Grayson Petrich
- 3 Jacob Anderson Bob Benson Adam Browning Josh Boyd J.J. Brusewitz Julianne Gage Emily Law Cynthia Mertens Todd Muellner Kay Noennig Dan Rose Steven Stensvad Rachel Sweet
- 4 Kirsten Benke Steve Braun Carolyn Carlson Rachel Krueger Zachary Roth John Schoenewald
- 5 Brandon Conway Luke LeMay Lisa Martinson Doug McMahon Maxwell Moris Rick Pieper Cindy Schmitt Kathie Widen Ava Wilk
- 6 Maris Hall Lisa Karcher Heather Meek Nick Sabatke

- Emma Williams
 Willow Young

 Everett Berg
 Lucas Cronin
 John McLean
 Dave Schindler
 Callie Sirovy
- Liliane Wilford
 Katie Barker-Sieling
 David Brandmire
 Ann Carlson
 Steven Conley
 Daniel Hammerstrom
 Laurie Helgason
 Pat Kyndberg
 Dorothy Siebert
- Jori Bernier
 Emma Critchley
 Del Howard
 Gary Isakson
 Joan Pawlik
 Dillon Peterson
 Robbie Rizzardi
 Andrea Sobaski
- 10 Kelly Bass
 Wendy Baumgarn
 Jason Brusewitz
 Casey Charlson
 Lauren Froseth
 Monroe Lisson
 Sara Norton
 Benjamin Reinhard
 Liam Roeller
 Alice Schultze
 Chris Tveit
- 11 Tammy Ablan Garett Horn Brynleigh Hunter Riddick Williams
- 12 Kennedy Bailen Lukas Hruby Eric Huska Kenley McMahon Paul Niezgocki Renae Omdahl Lois Plath Kristal Treadway Harold Voth William Young
- 13 Rachel Breiholz Larry Edwards Penelope Lindberg

- Sally Meyer Stella Schmidt Shirley Yates
- 14 Lynne Arneson
 Karina Barabash
 Brandon Dowdall
 Michael Dowdall, Jr.
 Parker Field
 Patti Nelson
 Dorothy Olson
 Yvonne Pilot
 John Sakizadeh
 Sandy Southward
 Marci Speckhard
 Preston Widen
- 15 Audrie Bauer Elsie Corrigan Erik Dikken Grace Dunavan Robert Durfee Emily Fisher-
 - Damsgard Karen Grovender Jackson Norring Chris Odegaard Hide Sudoh
- Joseph Zastrow 16 Zoe Dittmann Gary Melin Anna Young Maeve Zilka
- 17 Kylee Bass
 Ashley Boyd
 Cary Charlson
 James Conway
 Iban Drevlow
 Wesley Eggers
 Mia Hodne
 Piper Hodne
 Na Lehtonen
 Addie Michlitsch
 Nancy Oehlke
 Andrew Parks
 Hailey Rhoades
 Sarah Rodgers
- 18 Jeanette Black Sheryl Breiholz Ryan Duffy Rylan Lange Brenda Mammenga
- 19 Steven Awiszus Francile Cummings Cheri Frost

- Zuri Harris Mary Jeske Ben Koch Patricia Marchewka Mitchell Monson Hudson Short 20 Robert Bous
- Greg Cloose
 Tyler Cowles
 Lincoln Gehring
 Lucas Howard
 Jack Lavers
 Cheri McKusky
 Amber Salzman
 Cole Schuessler
 Molly Smith
 Anna Terzian
 Jeff Yonkovich
- 21 Ethan Blakeman
 John Clappier
 Marty Coughlin
 Anders Dahlin
 Winston Ko
 Jenna Kurth
 Josh Matysik
 Barbara Riehle
 Sarah Tveit
 Sophia Vitela
 Ella Wenck
- 22 Roxane Becken Tim Bystrzycki Isaiah Clauson Bev Esala Mary Hitzemann Mitchell Hobot Joleen Macioch Caden MacLeod Amanda Rose Jackie Sprenger Valory Tessmer Jack Uebler
- 23 Brady Burns
 Stephanie Claugherty
 Lucille Dalbec
 Thomas Deverell
 Alison Fedorowski
 Mckenna Fedorowski
 Reid Fedorowski
 Barb Fleming
 Lauren Mortenson
 Elle Peterson
 Mary Powers
 Lori Raebel

- Lisa Vitela
 24 Joseph Bauer
 Lee Bunge
 Scott Homuth
 Roger Olstad
 Riley Rivera
 Wyatt Shugg
- Wydt Shigg 25 Jordyn Bunge John Colton Allisa DeCoteau Dean Huska Aaron Raebel Jack Wesser

26 Clark Dailey

- Kelsey Devérell
 Jake Droel
 Chris Edwards
 Kaitlyn Ginkel
 Pamela Hall
 Cal Janacek
 Adela Lopez
 Makenzie McCuskey
 Blake McNeill
 Arlo Perlick
 Tanner Theis
 Jean Wendlandt
 Isaac Wuotila
- 27 Caden Andrasfi
 Jana Beck
 Keith Buchanan
 Linda Bystrzycki
 Jayden Carr
 Collin Flanagan
 Emmanuel Johnson
 Dale Martinson
 Vida Miles
 Lucy Morrison
 Billy Mzenga
 Eileen Reinhardt
 Baylee Scholz
 Jennifer StevensenWaldo
- Johnny Voyda
 28 Whitney Berkman
 Dale Bjorkman
 Alex Dailey
 Amelia Deckert
 Marvin Hammer
 Marlene Ingvalson
 Caden Jamison
 Terri Kanne
 Gabriella Nassios
 Scott Schank

- Jesse Vislisel
 29 Susan Boon
 Jenny Bouthilet
 Ethan Gage
 Lynne Geistfeld
 Justin Hall
 Rob Krueger
 Dan Meyer
 Isabelle Olek
 Greg Opheim
 Heidi Sorgert
 Scott Stebbing
 Tom Stork
 Mary Timmers
 Diana Wende
- Tristan Wesser
 30 Deb Anderson
 Howard Boatman
 Colleen Dokmo
 Amy Graham
 Owen Heggernes
 Hunter Kirby
 Emma Klinzing
 Mary Kolb
 Danielle Retica
 Ron Unneberg
 31 Addison Baty
 - 1 Addison Baty
 Jared Brandvik
 Lucas Dailey
 Ethan Johnson
 Meghan Konop
 Julie Kordosky
 Davin Morri
 Jessica Norring
 Alexa Rosin
 Jonathan Schulze
 Zaidyn Wagner
 Tanner Zuehlke

July Anniversaries

- 1 Patrick & Jenny Brewer Duane & Angela Johnson Tom & Mary Karrow Bob & Arlene Schindeldecker
- 3 Duane & Valory Tessmer
- 4 Roy & Joy Klasinski
- 6 David & Mary Brandmire8 Blaine & Teresa Raymer
- 10 Dean & Mary Galvin
 Bryan & Kim Hughes
 Jason & Kathryn LaMott
 Tom & Stephanie Pfotenhauer
 Andrew & Julie Rhoades
- 11 Robert & Gabrielle Baty Robert & Sue Chad Michael & Melyssa Ehnstrom Kyle & Maria Engen Mike & Julie Huber Chris Medin & Mary Murray-Medin
- Ryan & Leah Peterson
 12 Rico & Elizabeth Bohren
 Jon & Sara Carson
 Christian & Emily Moore
 Larry & Vicky Smith
 Devin & Amanda Gervais
 Bill & Michele Jacobus
 Cory & Kimberly Bauman
 John & Jenelle Rodemeyer
- 15 Joe & Dawn Droel Roger & Marie Haukland Alejandro Trujillo & Nancy Brezina
- 16 Mark & Jane Jechort John & Alicia McGuire Jay & Jill Olson Brian & Kelly Schmidt
- 18 Eli & Angela Coffey Joel & Stacey Schuessler Jeff Sieling & Katie Barker-Sieling

- Jesse & Jenna Vislisel Dan & Kayla Wesser 19 Pat & Jenny Bouthilet
- Scott & Jean Shriver
 Jeff & Denise LaFontaine
 Lawrence & Stephanie Sadowski
- 21 Grady & Erin Jensen John & Marcia Lally Jonathan & Molly Schulze Nathan & Jenni Xiong
- 22 Gerald & Colette Miller Todd & Toni Muellner Jim & Barbara Riehle Mike & Bonnie Slaughter
- 23 Jim & Lynne Blass Paul & Deborah Burandt Herb & Judy Goetsch Charles & Laurie Helgason Kevin & Mary Landgrebe

- Tom & Peggy Novak
 24 Zach & Courtney Barringer
 Donn & Laurel Anderson
 Cary & Patricia Arneson
 Robert & Sharon Heck
- 26 Phil & Sandy Johnson Dustin & Molly Nystel Arthur Williams & Adrien Everest
- 27 Dean & Jyl Dunavan John & Nora Foster
- 28 Dave & Heidi Hove Stanley & Michelle Schoenecker Reed & Kathy Siegling Brian & Kristi Delaney Matt & Lisa Noblett Jason & Brenda Sirovy
- 31 BJ & Robin Brown Tim & Erin Lamkin

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 <u>here</u> after the 10th of each month.

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

Meeting Highlights

Corrie's House:

Over the last several months the Church Council has been in conversation with Corrie's House about the possibility of using a portion (10 acres) of the Afton land (we have 44 acres) to build a home for young women who are in the process of coming out of being trafficked. The Council has several follow up questions that will be processed in the coming months.

WLC Brand and Name:

The Council talked through the recommendation of the team to continue with our current naming convention. There was strong unity around the topic and a realization that this will not be the end of this conversation.

Policy Manual Review:

The Council has several tweaks and clarifications to make, but no additional policies were added.

Concordia, South St. Paul:

The campus has soft launched with a strong start in worship. There is much work to be done in bringing the two congregations together and our maintenance team and vendors have been very busy updating the building. The Call Team has been busy and will make a candidate recommendation later this week.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- April/May Meeting Minutes
- May Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Corrie's House Proposal Reaction, questions and next steps
- WLC Rebranding Exploration Recommendation and Next Steps
- Policy Manual Review What changes or edits are needed?

Informational Topics

- Sr. Pastor Report and Metrics
- SSP Campus updates

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)

Please visit our website for upto-date worship information.

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Baptisms

Hannah May Ashby
Benson Oliver Berg
Aubree Marie Bieniek
Conor James Moes
Jordan David Pieper
Parker Schmidt
Madison Schmidt
Mae Marie Vincent
Maxwell Bernard Huounder
Daniel James Sauro
Cedar Ronald Martin Olson
Abigail Dianne Menge

Weddings

Brock Bartylla & Katie Klingman Paul Reberg & Erin Schaefer

Deaths

Jim McCoy Daniel James Sauro - newborn son of Dan & Jenna Sauro



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.

Summer Youth Bible Study

Youth Summer Bible study continues in our study of the Minor Prophets at the Oak Hill & Valley Creek campuses from 6:30-8pm.

- July 7: Nahum, bring your favorite underrated or strange snack
- July 14: Habakkuk & Zephaniah, bring your favorite sour snack
- July 21: Malachi, bring your favorite dip

High School Kayaking

Thursday, July 8th 9-5 Trip info, waiver, and registration at WLCyouth.org

Middle School Manias

All rising 5th-8th graders are welcome to come join in on the fun! It's free & no registration required.

- July 12 (@VC),
- Aug 2 (@OH), and
- Aug 16 (@VC)-Water games!

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 tskarl@comcast.net for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.



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

July 2021 Calendar

1 (V) Pastor Paul's Summer Bible Study

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

1 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

3 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

3 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

5 (O, S, V) WLC Offices Closed for Holiday

Monday, All Day

7 (O) Wednesdays on the

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

7 (O, V) Youth Summer Bible Study

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

8 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, 1:00pm

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8 (V) High School Kayak Trip

Thursday, 7:00am Contact: Patrick Brewer 651-739-5144 x211

10 (V) Baptism Class

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

11 (O, S, V) KidsZone

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

12 (V) Kindergarten 2 Week Camp

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

12 (O) Summer Day Camp

Monday-Thursday, 9:30am Contact: Molly Schulze 651-739-5144 x332

12 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

12 (V) Ladies Gathering Group

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

12 (V) Middle School Mania

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

14 (V) High School Youth Fun Night

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

19 (V) Summer Family Camp

Monday-Thursday, 5:30pm Contact: Nancy Schubbe 651-739-5144 x203

19 (V) Preschool Camp

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



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