WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Many of my favorite memories, as a kid and, even now as a husband and father, are on road trips.

Give me a minivan and my family (including our dog), my roadtrippers.com app, a few State & National Parks and pet friendly hotels along the way - and I am one happy camper. I love summer road trips!

Last year my family went to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, via the Black Hills in South Dakota. We had 50 hours of drivetime covering 2,738 miles making 53 stops in 13 days! (But who's counting?!)

I took a picture when I got all of our stuff in the back of the van for the first time - I wanted to make sure that we could make it happen again.

I don't think we're taking a road trip this year... gas prices, transitions to and out of college have made life complicated. It's a crazy time right now.

So, no matter where you go - don't let the baggage of this life occupy all the space... Take Jesus With You!

The good news is that Jesus says, "I will be with you always!"



Can You Provide a Ride?

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care

Do you have an extra seat in your car on your way to church on Sundays? Do you like talking about the sermon but don't have someone to debrief with on the way home after church? How would you like to make a new friend?

As we continue to find people returning to in person worship, from time to time, we have people looking for rides. If you would like to offer a ride on Sunday morning to another worshipper, please let Pastor Tim know and he will make arrangements for rides for those who no longer have a vehicle.

Contact Pastor Tim at 651-295-0938 or <u>marshallt@woodburylu-theran.org</u>

Take Jesus with You!

"That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,
"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has
imagined what God has prepared for those who love
him." -- 1 Corinthians 2:9

Recently, I was reading an article that referenced a <u>2010 Study</u> that makes the claim that planning or anticipating a vacation actually makes you happier than the vacation itself. Yes, you read that correctly. And when you think about it I totally get it.

When we are planning a vacation or thinking about a vacation, we idealize everything. The plane ride is going to be fun; our kids will love everything we do; the weather will be perfect, and we will all be healthy. Planning a vacation is fun, going on vacation can be very stressful! Recently my uncle was stuck in Germany for more than a week because he had Covid. The airlines are a total mess across the board, and people, well people are people, the good, the bad and the ugly!

All that being said, I love to go on vacation and explore new things and unplug. I want to encourage each of you who might be getting away this summer to not only enjoy the planning, but make sure to bring Jesus with you on your summer road trip, because you are going to need Him!

Bring Jesus with you when the gate agent tells you that your flight has been delayed or cancelled. Bring Jesus with you to the family reunion where not everyone is so easy to love. Bring Jesus with you to the tired restaurant worker who is trying to make ends meet. Bring Jesus with you to the impatient traveler next to you.



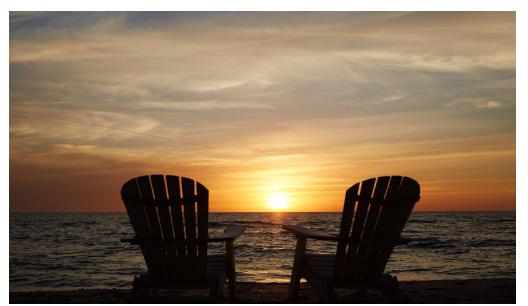
The beauty of following Jesus is that He goes with us wherever we go.

I like to think a lot about what it will be like when Jesus comes again. Some of my favorite conversations with my 9-year-old daughter are about the new heavens and the new earth. The other day she was a little chilly and she said to me, "Dad when Jesus comes again, and we get our new bodies will we ever get cold?" With a smile I replied, "I don't think so." And without missing a beat she did a fist pump and said, "Yes!!!!"

I get great joy thinking about what it will be like, but here is the deal, when Jesus comes again it will be so much better than anything I could ever dream or imagine, as Paul says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

Until that day comes, bring Jesus with you.

Following Jesus, Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



"Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."" John 20:21 (NLT)

Where are your plans and travels taking you this summer? Have you thought about Jesus being with you as you go? Even sending you? He may be sending you on mission to a distant place or He may simply be sending you and going with you to the grocery store! Jesus is always with you and always at work in and through you. Perhaps on your journey with Jesus you will meet a new person of peace in a momentary passing relationship to share His light? Perhaps you will pour His love and unhurried presence into permanent relationships where you and others gradually become more like Jesus? Or perhaps God the Father simply wants to fill you up and rest as His dearly loved child?

What practices might help as you invite Jesus into your everyday life? Consider these three areas:

Physical space: Imagine Jesus sitting with you at the empty chair at your table, in the armchair in your living room, or in the chairs at the airport, or café. What does Jesus notice about you and about the people you are around? What would he invite you to pray? What would he have you do or not do

in this moment? Many small groups use an empty chair as a reminder that Jesus is there with them wherever two or more are gathered in His name. It can be a helpful visual during small group time, and it can be a helpful visual as you are going through your everyday life.

Mind space: Try setting a timer to go off throughout the day. Set it for what feels right for you, maybe twice a day or every three hours. When the timer goes off, breath deeply and offer up that moment to God; how you are feeling, and what you are thinking. Spend a moment in prayer before you resume your activity. Perhaps try out the "One Minute Pause" app on your smart phone by Ransomed Heart and author John Eldridge. Set the timer for prayer through the app. Reflect each evening in how this practice of inviting God into these moments is molding you, and then share with a close friend about it.

Relational space: God has placed you with family relationships, work relationships, and relationships where you play/rest. Where might He be calling you to lean into a particular relationship over these summer months? Have you dreamed or prayed about how God might bring the fruits of the spirit from Gala-

Where is Jesus Sending You This Summer?

Diana Vander Pas | Multisite Director of Small Groups

tians 5:22-23 in your life (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) and spilling over into your relationships? In prayer ask God to work these character attributes into you. Which do you need to grow in? In what situations is God placing you to grow and display these fruits of the spirit? When you enter these relational spaces, be intentional about inviting God to go before you, with you, and behind you.

Invite Jesus into your everyday life wherever you go and watch expectantly for His work in and through you. Take Jesus with you wherever you go.

The Rhthym of Summer

Sara Mulso | Director of Woodbury Lutheran Preschool

There's this magical place that I take myself too mentally each May. It is a land where the rhythm of summer is marvelous! I have visions of a well-orchestrated schedule. I save on Pinterest fun summer foods we'll make in order to savor the produce from our garden. I have mini day trips planned. Each year I'm convinced that summer will be amazing!

Fast forward to June and my ideals of summer sound a bit like a beginning band. There are lots of good ideas and moments, but the collective outcome isn't quite there yet. Here are a few suggestions to consider as we approach July to help your summer go from a little flat to right on key. We have had a bit of time to sneak in some summer fun but let's be real -there can be a lot of HYPE about summer and often a lot of disappointment when things don't go just as we've hoped.

- 1. Snap Some Pictures -capture those moments of sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and baseball games. Better yet, record a short video! These are the memories that kids love to go back and revisit and talk about with you.
- 2. Join Your Kids In Play -plop down in the pool with them or sit down and have a freeze pop. Maybe they love frisbee or you try to make a sandcastle together. It can be hard to let go of our adult expectations and just play with children but it is so fun for them when they have our undivided attention.
- 3. Make the Most of the Mundane -You likely have extra help with everything from grocery shopping to laundry and everything in between. Make a

- game out of chores -we used to clean up our toys by color (everyone put away the green toys, then the red, etc). Give kids a grocery list of things to look for at the store and encourage them to help you cook. While it can be fun to play together, it can also be fun to work together.
- 4. Explore the World Next Door -In the Twin Cities, there are so many opportunities! If your summer doesn't include a big trip or maybe you're looking to jazz things up, consider picking a different city each week. You might find a fun playground to play at and a local ice cream shop that's a favorite. Big fun for kids doesn't always entail lots of miles.

As you do these activities as a family, I'd also encourage you to make your faith be in synch with summer. Make it a routine to pray for safety before play or bike rides. Find opportunities for God sightings -how do you see God's handiwork in the world around you? Be open to "divine appointments"! Who are the people you might meet and how can you bless them? The rhythm of summer has lots of room for Jesus!



It's that Time Again! Peaches Are On Sale!

The Peach fundraiser helps to make sure that all youth are able to participate in youth ministry events and experiences. These funds are used as scholarship money as well as helping to lower the overall cost of events. These tasty, mouth-watering Colorado peaches are incredible. You can buy a full box for \$39 or a half box for \$20.

We have a limited supply this year due to a smaller crop, so you'll want to get your order in quickly! We'll stop taking orders on July 18th or whenever we hit the grower's box limit.

You can <u>order and pay online</u> or you can pick up a paper form from the Connection centers on July 10th at each campus and mail your check *(please put "peaches" in the memo line)* to the WLC offices (7380 Afton Rd Woodbury,

MN 55125) c/o Stacy Winter.

We anticipate the peach truck to arrive in early August. You'll get a phone call or text message when they arrive.



It's Summertime -Take Jesus with You

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

We all have memories of summer and the fun we had swimming, riding bikes, camping, or maybe taking a road trip with our family. This year find ways to include Jesus in your plans! Here are some great ideas for including Jesus in your days this summer:

- Start your day with a prayer. Pray for the day and others around you that need prayer. Then WATCH for answered prayer and talk through how those prayers were answered.
- As you run errands or drive anywhere, you can listen to great music! Spotify and Apple music have great kids' music about Jesus. Search Orange Kids Music and find Making Waves to listen to the music we learned during Summer Blast.
- Help your kids serve Jesus by serving others! Help shop for a neighbor who just had a baby or someone who is elderly. Help with yard work or watering flowers when a neighbor is on vacation. Talk with your kids about the sacrifice it took to help and how it made them feel.
- You probably spend more time with your kids during their days in June, July, and August. It's a good time to work on the basics. A lot of "good" manners are also "God" matters. Connect the two.
 - * Running ahead to hold the door for the mom with the baby carrier or stroller.
 - * Reaching things from the shelf at the grocery store for the person in the motorized cart.
 - * Noticing the person in line who needs to go first.
 - * Responding to others with respect, even when that same respect has not been returned.
 - * Handing a water bottle or fast-food voucher to the person with the cardboard sign. I'm sure you can think of more!
- Family habits can become Jesus habits. Just connect the behavior with the One you are really serving.



• If a road trip or even just some day trips are on your schedule, make a Flat Jesus (just like a Flat Stanley) and bring him along on your trips. Take photos and have fun together!

"I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise your forever." Psalm 145:2



To God Be the Glory

Lindsey Schmidt | Director of Middle School Ministry

This was the theme of our Middle School Mission Experience. We (14 middle schoolers & 5 adults) spent the week joining God in His work in the community of Rochester, MN.

The Rochester Servant Event is hosted by Redeemer Lutheran church. It's filled with worship, fun, and serving (weeding & yardwork, organizing clothes & supplies, food packing, window washing, serving at homes for youth in crisis and group homes for folks with special needs, lots random acts of kindness, shut in care package delivering, kids' day camp, and so much more).

We learned a lot about each other, the folks we had the privilege to serve & we experienced a week of intentionally living The Disciple Life.

- We were reminded over and over of our identity as loved and forgiven children of God through worship, conversations, and devotion time.
- We were challenged daily to pray asking the Holy Spirit to help us to be more like Jesus and to say "yes" to the opportunities to stretch and grow that He put before us.
- We got to help others to experience that same love & invitation through evening chapels, celebrating our "yay God" moments, praying with the folks we were serving and speaking words of encouragement to each other.

What a powerful week! Thank you WLC for supporting our young people! Your generosity helps make experiences like this happen!



Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

Talk about a long road trip! Many of you know that Woodbury Lutheran built a "tiny home" in late-2020. On June 8, 2022, the St. Paul City Council provided a key approval and the home arrived at its destination later in the month. It's part of a tiny home community at Mosaic Christian Community in the 500 block of East Wheelock Parkway in St. Paul (located here.)

In August WLC begins building its second tiny home - on our Valley Creek campus. Once again, we'll partner with Settled, a Christcentered ministry that helps chronically homeless people become part of a community off the streets. Their unique approach addresses multiple problems traditional "homeless" programs overlook.

Watch the WLC Weekly email for more information about how you can be part of Tiny Home 2.0. Construction on the 250 square foot home starts in early-August (date tbd) in the east parking lot at Valley Creek.

But it's not all about swinging

hammers. We're assembling three primary teams to make this happen.

- Prayer Team that's right! We're not moving forward on this without calling on the Lord! We'll be praying on the building site before we start, as well as praying from the comfort of your own not-tiny home.
- Building Team we need skilled. unskilled. and in-between help. **Folks** comfortable with power tools, and folks comfortable running to the store for supplies, keeping the site clean and helping move materials.
- **Hospitality Team** lunches and

What's the schedule for all of this to happen? Details are being worked

be working two days/evenings each week from August through October. The flexible schedule allows for more volunteers to be part of the ministry.

If you have questions, please contact me at 651-739-5144 x230 sabbannm@ or woodburylutheran.org



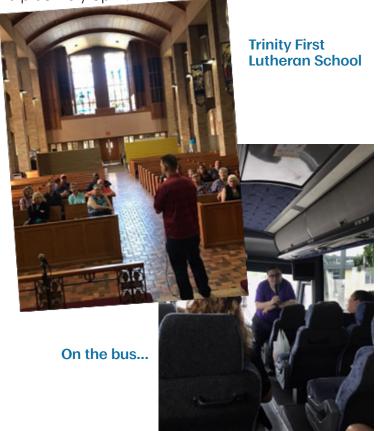


Love Our City Tour

A tour of one of the most diverse square miles in the US! Minneapolis, June 2022

Becoming more like Jesus means seeing the world through Jesus' eyes. We walked and prayed, interacted and processed all the people groups that God has made and has brought to our backdoor. Our call as disciples is to love where we live. Fill us &

help us Holy Spirit!







Meet Our Missionaries

The Hoels are a missionary family "sent" into the mission field by WLC in 2011. They have some BIG changes coming ... a road trip from Duluth to the Twin Cities. But it's MORE than a road trip! Their ministry focus is changing, and that means relocating!

Join us for our virtual *World Prayer Dive* to catch up on these big changes, as Danielle and Grant work to expand God's Kingdom! They'll help us understand their new ministry directions, how missionaries are called to change, and how their family must adjust.

- Mark your calendars: Thursday, July 28, 7 8:15 pm
- Join the Zoom meeting at this link: **World Prayer Dive**; (passcode = K4f9jr)
- Questions? Contact Mike Sabbann (<u>SabbannM@</u> woodburylutheran.org).

Encourage them, hear about their lives, pray with and for them, in real time. They are living The [DISCIPLE] Life!

Oak Hill Campus Update

Dean Dunavan | Oak Hill Campus Pastor

Hello friends.

"May the peace of God, which transcends all human understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Every Sunday as I was growing up, I would hear my pastor speak these words at the end of our worship service. I have grown to love these words deeply as they communicate the truth of the power of God in a world of brokenness, confusion, and sin. And yet, the words that precede give direction for experiencing this peace that "transcends all human understanding." The New Living Translation says it like this, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then..." You see, this peace is a result of taking everything to the Lord in prayer. "Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7.

Over the last four years I have experienced so many emotions for a myriad of reasons. Just like you. But more than anything I have felt the love, care, and support of your prayers as I have done my Seminary work. Two weeks ago, I finished all my courses and graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for Woodbury Lutheran Church and the immeasurable support I have received. To be clear, Woodbury Lutheran Church is YOU! Thank you, my dear friends, for walking with me and my family through these last four years. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership

in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1: 3-6.

So, with that I want to encourage you to continue this work that the Lord has begun in all of us. He has given us His Holy Spirit and is calling us to love and serve His church and His world so that more and more people will encounter His grace in Jesus. And while the summer brings so many experiences and opportunities, I want to simply highlight one at our Oak Hill Campus. On Wednesday July 27th we will have our Wednesday on the Hill. This is a time of worship, sharing from one of our members, prayer, and fellowship. Join us at 6:00 p.m. After all, we are better together!

Blessings & Peace, Pastor Dean





NEXT: Pizza with the Pastor

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

Sunday July 24th (after services) on all campuses

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

Come, have some pizza, and get connected!

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

July Birthdays

- 1 Gretchen Crist
 Bob Everson
 Matthew Gage
 Melani Hanisch
 Jynessa Hughes
 Shaylee Kamp
 Diane Kuhrmeyer
 Donna Lorenz
 Vincent Mueller
 Vincent Polaski
 Galen Prail
 Evan Rones
 Aubrey Spates
 Lowell Zeller
- 2 Donn Anderson Jordan Berg Gail Field 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 Daniel Trost
- 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
 Daniel Schouvieller
 Kathie Widen
 Ava Wilk
- 6 Maris Hall Lisa Karcher Heather Meek Nick Sabatke

- Emma Williams
 Bob Wolf
 Willow Young
 Everett Berg
 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
- O Grant Ánderson
 Jori Bernier
 Emma Critchley
 Del Howard
 Gary Isakson
 Sydney Parkhurst
 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
- Brynleigh Hunter Riddick Williams 12 Kennedy Bailen Lukas Hruby Eric Huska Kenley McMahon Paul Niezgocki Renae Omdahl Lois Plath Kristal Treadway Harold Voth

Garett Horn

William Young
13 Rachel Breiholz
Grant Conner
Larry Edwards
Penelope Lindberg

- Sally Meyer Stella Schmidt Shirley Yates
- 14 Lynne Arneson
 Karina Barabash
 Brandon Dowdall
 Michael Dowdall, Jr.
 Parker Field
 Ruth Kinmounth
 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
 Ella Gooch
 Zuri Harris
 Rylan Lange
 Brenda Mammenga
 Hudson Short
 19 Steven Awiszus

- Francile Cummings Cheri Frost Mary Jeske Ben Koch Patricia Marchewka Mitchell Monson Allison Peper Dominik Rathousky
- 20 Robert Bous
 Greg Cloose
 Tyler Cowles
 Lincoln Gehring
 Lucas Howard
 Jack Lavers
 Cheri McKusky
 Amber Salzman
 Molly Smith
 Anna Terzian
 Harrison Tongen
 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
 Sarah Willmott
- 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 25 Jordyn Bunge John Colton Allisa DeCoteau Dean Huska James Pontius Aaron Raebel Jack Wesser
- 26 Clark Dailey
 Kelsey Deverell
 Jake Droel
 Chris Edwards
 Kaitlyn Ginkel
 Cal Janacek
 Adela Lopez
 Makenzie McCuskey
 Blake McNeill
 Arlo Perlick
 Tanner Theis
 Jean Wendlandt
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 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 Gwen Krehbiel Rob Krueger Dan Meyer Belle Olek Greg Opheim Angie Siemer 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
 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 Rov & Jov Klasinski
- 6 David & Mary Brandmire
- 8 Erick & Heidi Harre
 Justin & Kayla Metli
 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
- 13 Devin & Amanda Gervais Bill & Michele Jacobus
- 14 Cory & Kimberly Bauman John & Jenelle Rodemeyer
- 15 Joe & Dawn Droel Roger & Marie Haukland Alejandro Trujillo & Nancy Brezina
- 16 Mark & Jane Jechort John & Alicia McGuire Matthew & Angie Siemer
- 17 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 Paul & Gloria Bollman Pat & Jenny Bouthilet Scott & Jean Shriver
- 20 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 Jacob & Maddie Beckstrom Jim & Lynne Blass Paul & Deborah Burandt Herb & Judy Goetsch

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

Church Council Update Month

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

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022 6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

District Convention:

From June 9-11 Pastor Tim and Wade Amundson were at the Minnesota South District Convention. The convention passed several resolutions including a resolution to ask congregations to not practice "online communion." The resolution will be considered at the National convention next summer. For the time being we will continue to be in conversation with President Woodford. Please pray for our Synod and its leaders. Overall, the convention was frustrating, but the Council was very clear that we should continue to seek to be a shining light in the district.

WLC Council:

We had a good conversation around the effectiveness of the Council and what we can be doing even better. In the coming months there will be several opportunities for Ministry Action Teams to dive deeper into topics. Next January we will also have several new council members coming on board and it will be important that we find folks that will be a good fit for the team.

Staff Structure and staffing:

The Council is in the process of chartering a Ministry Action Team to develop recommendations around our future staffing plan.

Sr. Pastor Report:

Each month Pastor Tom shares a Sr. Pastor Report that gives all kinds of updates. You can **Click Here** to find the June report.



Meeting Highlights

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- May Meeting Minutes
- May Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Key Takeaways from District Convention
- Discuss WLC Organizational Design and Identify a MAT team
- Discuss WLC Council effectiveness etc.
- Discuss next steps with Financial Planning Ministry

Informational Topics

Sr. Pastor Report

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 upto-date worship information.

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Baptisms

Isaac Andrew Hedegaard Brody Lehner Finnley Thor Stakston Jameson Robert Mausolf Colton Reid Vopat Josiah Christian Beyene Bjorn Jayton Prestegaard Winston Hunter Ruble

Marriages

Riley Monsour & Christian Friberg Madelynne Arrigoni & Garrett Anklam

Deaths

Virginia Becker-Langan
Diane Frisk
John Wilke
Dianne Luttinen, cousin of Sheri
Lewis
Joel Ruud, son-in-law of Steve &
Donna Retter
Grace Kettermann, aunt of Diana
Wuitke



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.

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Stephen Ministers

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

Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

Would you be willing to knit or crochet shawls, soft chemo/Neuro surgery caps or baby caps/afghans which would be given to someone who is experiencing a life trauma, an illness, or loss? We would love to have you join us on Monday afternoons at the Valley Creek Campus at 1:00pm, or bring your completed items to us at the Valley Creek Campus. Call Tamara (651) 734-3974 or email tskarl@comcast.net for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.



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July 2022 Calendar

1 (V) Kitchen Band

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

2 (V) Baptism Class

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

2 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

2 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

4 (O, V, W) Offices Closed -Independence Day

All Day

7 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

8 (W) Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, 1:00pm www.redcross.org

7 (V) Pastor Paul's Summer Study

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

11 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

11 (V) Ladies' Gathering Group

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

18-21 (W) Summer Blast

Mon-Thur, 9:30am Contact: Laura Stennes 651-739-5144

25-28 (O) Summer Blast

Mon-Thur, 9:30am Contact: Sarah Dibbern 651-739-5144 x332

25 (W) Middle School Mania

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

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