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Look for It

Patrick Brewer | Director of High School Youth Ministry

About two years ago, I picked up the hobby of bird watching. Although I have several friends who tease me for enjoying this activity 20 years before I'm supposed to, I have found great joy in chasing birds.

I've always loved being outdoors, but prior to adopting my "old man hobby" I could only name a handful of birds. Since picking up a pair of binoculars 24 months ago, I've observed 253 species. It wasn't that these birds weren't there before, it's simply that I wasn't looking for them.

In Matthew 6:26 Jesus tells us to "look at the birds." It's an invitation to pay attention to what He's doing for us behind the scenes. As we do, we see the many ways He's been protecting, providing, guiding, and blessing us thus far. It also helps us know His plan for our lives and the ways He wants to use us.

It's far from biblical, but Ferris Bueller was on to something when he said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Carve out some time this week to stop and **LOOK FOR IT!** Consider how God has been providing for you lately and where He might be leading you next!



Celebrating with Our March Confirmands!

We are celebrating with our youth who have dove deeper into their faith over the last several years. Throughout this, they have grown in their understanding of their baptismal faith throughout this journey.

During the weekend of March 6/7, the students below will publicly confirm and claim their identity as a disciple of Jesus.

- Liam Butler
- Kaitlyn Ginkel
- Jimmy Jensen
- Tom Kroohn

A New Beginning

*"To all who mourn in Israel, **He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.**" -- Isaiah 61:3*

Our Newsletter this month is focused on new beginnings...how pertinent with the news that **92% of the members of WLC who voted approved our resolution to take on Concordia in South St. Paul as a third physical campus** of Woodbury Lutheran. On Sunday, February 28th Concordia approved their own resolution to close and become a physical campus of WLC.

This whole process has brought back so many memories of when we added Risen Christ as our Oak Hill Campus in 2012. Like I was then, ***I have been struck by the willingness of the people at Concordia to start a new chapter***; this takes incredible humility and grace.

This is a great opportunity for us as a congregation to continue to ***step more deeply into our vision and our call as followers of Jesus to go and make disciples***. No matter which campus you worship on now, we should all be considering if God might be calling us to go and help with this new Gospel endeavor.

If you have even an inkling that God might be leading you to take this step please reach out to Joel Symmank at joels@woodburylutheran.org for more information about how you can help. Here is a rough timeline of what is to come:

- **March – May:** Members of the Launch Team from Concordia and WLC will begin to meet for

prayer, team building, and ministry planning.

- **Sunday, May 23rd:** A closing service and celebration will take place for Concordia Lutheran Church.
- **June 1st:** The merger will become official with Concordia dissolving and giving all assets to WLC.
- **June – August:** The Launch Team will continue to meet for prayer and worship along with outreach into the community. At the same time the addition of new technology and a general facelift will be happening in the physical space.
- **September:** The new campus will launch with the full spectrum of WLC ministries being offered.

WLC, you are amazing! We are confident that God has led us into this opportunity and now it is our turn to step into this call for His glory!

Peace,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



Renewing Community

Sarah Dibbern | Kids Minister, Valley Creek & Youth Minister, Oak Hill

I recently had it pointed out to me that fall is my least favorite season...which I understand is a weird thing to have someone else point out. But I legitimately think that once we close our cabin in September, I'm ready for winter (I know, I know, how dare I say something like this. I'm not saying this is right, this is just how I think). But I don't think I have one favorite season. Instead, I think my favorite time of year is when the seasons are changing:

- The first "real" summer day when it's warm and sunny and those days of negative temperatures are just a memory
- The beginning of fall when the trees are changing and the weather is all around perfect
- The first snowfall of winter where everything is beautiful.
- That spring day where you notice the trees beginning to bloom and the air just smells fresh.

In these first moments of each season there's a reset and a renewal (especially if you live in Minnesota and you get to remember what it feels like to have temperatures warmer than 20 degrees). You step outside and you can see how things are being made new.

Over the past year, we (the adults) have forced our students to be super flexible. One day they're learning in the school building and the next day they're virtual. They start their sport season and then it's canceled. While these changes in seasons are usually marked by tests, plays, tournaments, etc., they have been replaced with screens,



adapted seasons, and not really knowing what day it is and which classes they need to call into. But as I've talked with students and watched them interact on Wednesday nights, one thing has remained the same for them: their community at WLC. And, as someone who spends their days in the trenches with our teens, this is huge.

In the midst of all the change, in the midst of the unknown, our teens look at Woodbury Lutheran Church and see stability. Now, this isn't me being boastful, this isn't me saying "Hey look at what we're doing!" Instead, this shows how important Christ-centered community is. This is an idea that doesn't just apply to our teenagers, but applies to us adults as well.

It's pretty easy to get stuck in our routine of only thinking about ourselves and the people immediately around us. But what if we looked for renewal in our relationships and in our community? What if we were intentional about looking outside of ourselves and connecting with

those people we haven't spoken to in awhile? When we let go of ourselves and focus on the people around us and connecting with them, we are reminded that life is done better together.

I have learned a lot from working with teenagers and I've learned a lot from the teenagers themselves. Each Wednesday, I'm reminded just how important community is as I watch our students laugh with each other, talk with each other, and make sure that their small group leaders know everything going on in their lives. Let's follow this example, look at our relationships and renew them, and figure out how we can do life better together.

Resting in Hope

Tim Marshall | Pastor for Pastoral Care Ministries

During a recent Bible study that I lead, the topic of death was front and center one session. Death is not something that we can hide from, outrun or outsmart. It is determined in its pursuit of us, and ultimately, will catch us all. Romans 6:23a tells us that “the wages of sin is death” and since we are all sinners, death comes for each of us. The good news for us is that our Lord Jesus endured death so that when we face it, it doesn’t have the final say. Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” This promise offers us comfort and peace, reminding us that even though we will face death, we have been made right with God. We no longer have to fear death, because it actually leads to our eternal life through Jesus Christ and his blood shed for us on the cross.

Still, death is not something we relish, especially when death comes to a loved one and we are left behind to pick up the pieces. Whether it’s the death of a parent or grandparent, a spouse, a sibling, or even a child, it still hurts. When a loved one dies in the Lord, God’s promises bring hope. We know that our loved ones are with the Lord, and that brings hope. But when we recognize that our loved ones are with the Lord, it also means they are no longer here with us, and that leaves behind a hole that is not easily filled.

Sometimes we may find comfort in the presence of family members, close friends, or even your church family. But often, that is only for a time, before life picks up for those around us while we remain stuck in our loss. If you have lost a loved one and haven’t grieved your loss, whether it has happened recently

or some time ago, take the time you need to grieve, and let us help you as well. Many of our Stephen Ministers have taken on caregiving roles for those who have lost someone, and that is a regular relationship that can help you grieve. Feel free to call me if this is something you would like to pursue.

Another possibility is the **grief support class** that has been suspended due to covid, but is now being offered in person once again at the **Valley Creek Campus**. This class is a video-and-scripture driven class that helps those who are grieving know they are not alone. This class will take place **every Monday for 8 weeks, starting on Monday, March 1, at 6:30 pm in the Fireside room**. If you have questions about the class, feel free to give me a call at 651-739-5144.

Even though death comes for us all, our Lord offers us hope in the midst of death. May your hope rest in the “gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23b), as well as the people around you whom God has placed to help you in your time of grieving.



Baby Bottle Totals for New Life Family Services

Thank you for your generosity to New Life Family Services. You raised **\$6,582.69** between online and physical bottles.

Your generosity will help New Life bless new mothers and walk alongside them during their pregnancy.

Let the Amen Sound!

Jyl Dunavan | Oak Hill Campus Worship Leader

The coldest day of our February freeze was Valentine's Day, and it was ordination day for Dean. We wondered if anyone would brave the cold for the service that afternoon.

I love being on the other side of an event like this, holding it in front of me and inspecting its different angles, but even while I'm writing today, the words are getting blurry and I'm swallowing one of those deep and grateful lumps that well up when trying to put words to it.

I looked out at so many people who braved the cold, who made worship part of their Valentine's Day and their eyes were bright and their voices were strong. Right there, in the Valley Creek sanctuary, on the coldest day in over a year, I heard, ***"Let the amen sound from His people again!"*** Let it, indeed.

We are in the season of Lent with the hope of Easter right around the corner. I am a "get my hopes up" kind of girl. I see more of you returning to in person worship, knitting your voice with those around you. God is good, and His mercy truly endures forever (Psalm 136).

My newly ordained husband tells me every Sunday is "a little Easter." Whatever the temperature, I look forward to celebrating the resurrection with you, my friends!



Seasons Change But God Never Changes

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

Winter can be long and cold in Minnesota, but we always know that spring is coming. It won't be long before the snow banks start to melt. We'll see soft green fuzz on the trees before they leaf out, and my allergies will be in full bloom.

This winter has been more of a struggle for many of us as we live through a pandemic. It's important to remember that God will never change. God loves you and He will never leave you. He will always be there to help you through. God says that He has made everything beautiful in its time. That means that He can take even the worst seasons of life and turn them into something more beautiful than we could ever have imagined. Our God is incredible!

When the long winter ends we start looking for the signs of spring. We watch for robins and other songbirds to return, we are outside watching for buds on the trees, and plants coming up out of the ground. What if we used this time to look around and see how God has been active in us, and our family? What if we saw signs, and encouraged new growth in ourselves, and our family? Let's look for it in our lives!

What's Happening with Short-term Teams in 2021?

Brad Miller | Director of Discipleship & Reach

Due to the Covid-19 Crisis around the world Woodbury Lutheran Church will NOT be sending short-term teams in 2021 to serve with our partners in far away places...

---Alaska---Ecuador---Jamaica---

Some sites are not hosting teams, and with the uncertainty of the coming months regarding health safety & recommendations around travel, we will choose to focus our REACH closer to home.

We are all invited to live on mission with Jesus every day! That's what a disciple of Jesus does!!

LOOK FOR IT!!

New opportunities locally will be coming your way in the months ahead.

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO???

GO...Walk across the street or down the hallway and get to know a neighbor! Circle the 10 closest homes or apartments to you. Pray for opportunities and begin to keep track of names and details of those whom God has placed near you, your neighbors. Watch for opportunities to reach out with kindness, ask a question about their lives and begin to build a relationship. These are all people that God cares deeply about. How does God want to pour out his love and blessing to them through you?

PRAY...Choose one of our missionaries or ministries and pray for them! How about the Guerrero's in Paraguay? Come to **World Prayer Dive** THIS WEEK to meet them, hear about their lives and what God is doing in their remote village, and pray for them.

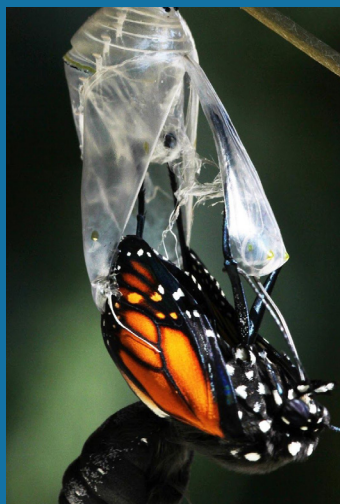
March 4: 7-8pm on Zoom (see next page).

How about incorporating praying for the world in your prayer life and habits? Curious? Check these out...To find out more about how WLC is involved in bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth: <https://www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/reach-missions/> (scroll down to Long-term (Global) missions, click on a part of the world, look around and pray.). For how to pray for the world: <https://www.operationworld.org/prayer-movement-sign-up>.

GIVE... Decide to give a financial gift to one of the missionaries or ministries we partner with to participate with them in their Kingdom work! Our God is a generous God and he wants to express that generosity through you. He loves to lead his people, so ask him...and then listen and respond. Need help? Ask Mike Sabbann or Brad Miller.

LEARN... the world has come to our doorstep. Did you know? It is estimated that more than three million **Ethiopians** and persons of **Ethiopian** origin are residing in different regions of the globe, and half a million or more are in North America. The largest Ethiopian ethnic group is called the Oromo people. It's estimated that more than 10,000 Oromo live in Minnesota. Learn about the diaspora in Minnesota. Diaspora is the dispersion of any people from their homeland.

As disciples of Jesus we're called to be learners and lovers of the nations..and they're right out our backdoors, down the hallway, at the grocery store, where we work, and go to school. What an amazing opportunity God has placed in our laps!!



Amazing Transformation

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

Last spring, in the land of virtual learning, we provided a substitute for a popular classroom activity where we watch caterpillars become butterflies. Have you ever done that? The cup of caterpillars and all of the "yuck" that goes with that change? Then you get to watch these chrysalises hoping and waiting for that amazing transformation to happen. This phase is not a beautiful sight. However, to see it turn into a butterfly with their beautiful wings emerge is amazing!

In Romans 12:2, Paul urges Christians to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." I know that there are times that my mind may be a bit like that caterpillar cup. Filled with all sorts of yucky things: frustrations, hurt, anger, and bitterness. Maybe you too? God wraps our minds and our hearts in his love like the chrysalis on a caterpillar. When our minds are wrapped in Christ's love for us, we are transformed! Like that butterfly, we have beauty to share with others as we share Christ's love in all we do.



Two Mission Updates

Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

Their Long Term Goal - It's So Close

Missionaries Tim & Lisa Beckendorf arrived in the remote reaches of northwest Botswana in 2005. The Khwe tribal group referred to below did not even have a written language when they arrived! We just got this note from them:

***Dear Friends at WLC** - Thank you so much for your very generous gifts to our ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators. ... you help make it possible for us to serve the Khwe people and share God's Word ... in their own heart language.*

We have great hopes for this coming year. We are praying that this year we will finally finish the panoramic Bible for the Khwe people and have it dedicated and distributed to the Khwe communities. A panoramic Bible is portions of the Old and New Testaments which point to Christ and our need for a Savior. This was our original goal back when we started fifteen years ago, ... we did not originally think it would take this long to accomplish.... Please pray that God will continue to move this project forward and that it will progress according to His Will. Thank you, again....

Rev. Tim, Lisa, Aaron, and Andrew Beckendorf

Please consider sending the Beckendorfs an encouraging email; thank them for persevering in a challenging location on a difficult task. Ask to be put on their newsletter list. They are disciples WLC has been partnering with for years. They'd love to hear from you! Reach them at Lisa.Beckendorf@lbt.org.

Special Guests from Paraguay!

Join us for our virtual World Prayer Dive, 50 minutes of prayer and learning about WLC's global missionaries. We'll be joined by **Dario & Juanita Guerrero from Paraguay**. They moved recently to a remote village that doesn't have a Bible-teaching church. They'll spend 15 minutes helping us understand what it's like to be church-planters and standard-bearers for Jesus!

Mark your calendars: Thursday, March 4, 7:00 pm

- Join the Zoom meeting by contacting Mike Sabbann for the link and the passcode. See his email below.
- Questions? Contact Mike Sabbann (SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org). Be intentional in 2021! Spend time learning about God's desire for all people in every nation!



End Times: Are You Still Watching?

Sermon Series

February 21-March 28, 2021

When Jesus ascended into heaven after his resurrection, he didn't tell us to just hang out here and try to make the best of things for a while. Jesus didn't institute the church so that his followers would have a place to hang out over shared interests until we die and go to be with Him.

Before Jesus was crucified for us, he was very clear about two things:

1. That he would be coming back again.
2. How we live while he's gone will impact how he deals with us when he returns.

This life isn't all there is.

There's more to come in the next age. As we journey through Lent this year, each Sunday bringing us closer to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we will learn from him about what it means to keep watch and be alert in 2021 as we wait for his triumphal return at the end of this age.

Week #3 | March 6/7 :: Episode 3 - The Return

- Primary Reading :: Matthew 24:23-31
- Key Verse :: Matthew 24:27

Jesus warns his disciples to not be fooled by the claims that some will make in the last days. Some will claim to be the messiah. Others will claim that the messiah has already come in secret. But Jesus promises that his second coming will be impossible to miss. And first among all the reasons why his return will be impossible to miss is the resurrection of the dead and the gathering together of all believers, those newly resurrected and those who are still alive at his coming.

Week #4 | March 13/14 :: Episode 4 - The Hour

- Primary Reading :: Matthew 24:32-36
- Key Verse :: Matthew 24:36

We cannot know the precise hour of Jesus' return, but we can be sure that the signs that he's already told us to watch for are sure indicators that the end of the age is very near. Rather than obsessing over the precise hour of Jesus' return, we should remember that as long as Jesus has not yet come back, he's extending his kindness toward all. Like Peter says, "He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." Jesus goes on to explain how we ought to live in the meantime.

Week #5 | March 20/21 :: Episode 5 - The Judgement

- Primary Reading :: Matthew 25:31-46
- Key Verse :: Matthew 25:31-32

When Jesus returns, it will be for judgment. We say this

every communion Sunday in the Apostles' Creed: "and he will come to judge the living and the dead." But we may in fact be in danger of inoculating ourselves to this reality by so frequently exposing ourselves to it. Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats and John's vision of judgment day speak to the same future event. These Scriptures sound **scary**, but more important is that we realize that they're **serious**. If we take them seriously now, we'll have nothing to fear then.

Week #6 | March 27/28 :: Episode 6 - The King

- Primary Reading :: Matthew 21:1-11
- Key Verse :: Matthew 21:10

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey all those centuries ago everyone in the city wanted to know "Who is this?" Nobody understood the significance of Jesus' first "triumphal entry." But when Jesus returns on the white horse as "King of kings and Lord of lords," his triumph will be hidden from nobody. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to die and rise again as the beginning of the end of this age. The day is soon coming when we will wave palm branches not to celebrate Palm Sunday, but to praise our God face to face around his throne (Revelation 7:9-10).

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END TIMES

Are you still watching?



March Birthdays

1	Andrea Austin Harrison Brigl Danielle Broucker Keith Daniels Caleb Fett Jessica Hammett Kyle Meinke Diana Olsen Adeline Schoenberger Mary Shepperd Morgan Sonn Min Starzynski Mary Wess Megan Williams	Deanna Bieniek Shari Devine Jeff Hagen Lucas Johnson Callahan Klotthor Andy Kroohn Kay Moquist Daniel Rogers Tom Young	Paula Walther Stephen Butz Gayle Cornwell Samuel Hohenstein Barb Koch Stacy Moran Myron Tank Kim Thommes Kris Wesser Tom Wolfgram	Brandon Thompson Sondra Wagner Michael Houfer Mark Jechort Dan Peterson Amanda Witt	Daniel Sauro Peyton Schrachta Holly Sonn Ryan Topp Mark Wollner
2	Hanna Arndt Caden Boe Kathleen Klinzing Hanna McGuire Richard Ritter Mike Rollefson Alexander Rome Parker Taylor Robert Thomas	8 Robert Chad Bev Jechort Olivia Kruse Colton Lindeman Thomas Nelson Karlee Pitt McKenzie Schnell Lori Schouvieller Nancy Shaver Robert Treadway	14 Noah Aalderks Sally Carlson Lillie Cloose Jolynne Colvin Tiffany Fitzgerald Kathy Janacek Chad Kurth Zachary Lehmann Lois Rogers Mitch Schank	20 Emily Anderson Jeff Haines Joy Klasinski Jerry Linser Elizabeth Niezgocki Hatti Score Tim Schubbe Matthew Stoddard Ethan Thomas Aidan Zuehlke	26 Lavonne Buchanan Merlene Lieder Noble McHenry Jude Scholz Kasey Short Garrett Stennes John Vander Louw Hannah Walker John Wildman Margaret Wolsky Sue Zabilla
3	Kristen Albrecht Zack Barabash Taylor Hawkinson Gary Jorgensen Tim Lamkin Jenny Moody Chris Perl Brian Schmidt	9 Riley Belak Melissa Dahlin Elle Erickson Lucy Jorgensen Aaron Lindeman Cindy Linert Sarah Peterson Jennifer Spreigl	15 Matthew Baumgarn Jacob Brammer Donald Harrison Kevin Landgrebe Cheryl Olofson Lisa Parvey Marissa Sandrock Joy Taraldsen	21 Matthew Bagan Kris Bohrer Delores Fitzgerald Thomas Kinmonth John LaVenture Allyson Leonard Erik Nelson	27 Joan Cooper Amanda Gervais Mallory Law Doug Mackey Lynnette Mahlke Mathew Muellner Paul Stiebner Darlene Tibbets James Widen
4	Kristin Charlson Renee Holthaus Evan Parkhurst Dennis Wenker	10 Robert Baty Joe Blomquist Brinley Brusewitz James Gillard Matt Jorgenson Carol Koehn Kevin Meissner Paula Morton Jeff Southward	16 Cal Branton Gracyn Jagger Molly Law Paul Lieder Deanna Link Gene Niezgocki Andrea Shugg Bradley Wilkie	22 Erik Carlson Hannah Carpenter Mary Jane Hood Burt Nagel Hannah Parks Sue Ratliff Keri Rojas Jameson Sturm Orion Sturm Satoru Sudoh	28 Brian Daniels Lisa Deverell Roger Fockler Jacob Lambrides Rodney Nelsestuen Gianna Peterson Tad Schmidt Sally Schumacher
5	Eric Bridenbecker Bob Carlson Sarah Dibbern Brianne Drost Samantha Flood Matt Fluegel Caleb Fox Sally Kolb Taylor Perryman Michelle Schwake Kenya Skytte Illiya Spreigl Mason Tuman Caden Vo	11 Conner Delaney Bennett Harris Michaela Hartinger Kathy Johnson Carol Roeller Pat Schank Josie Schowalter Dwight Schultz Xander Spreigl Lev Wagner Colton Widen	17 Ken Drevnick Tracy Finch Ross Goertzen Monica Knox Jim Liljedahl Jordan Neutz Kelly Parker Patty Pearson Micah Schulze Kaycie Schlichenmaier	23 Patty Bolin Nathan Hazlett Sarah Hughes Maddie Mills Nathan Mueller Noah Otto Sandy Peterson Brenda Ratzloff Heather Rohm Michele Starr	29 Karl Hohenstein Olivia Olek Mason Pflieger Steve Raebel Joshua Riehle Marina Rizzo Marcia Strharsky
6	Tom Burger Lisa Corrigan Kathy Hegna Hannah Meek Mike Petrich Robbie Sivill	12 Ginny Broucker Bradley Butler Jeanne Doane Karen Heaton Kayleigh Kamealoha Mike Peterson Rachel Rasmussen Glenn Rogers Todd Schwarzenbach	18 Rod Beseman Caleb Bloomer John Broucker Nick Ginn Mary Lehman Christian Opheim Eli Perl Alyssa Radecki Allison Stohlmann	24 Kim Berven Diane Frisk Gene Jones Ramesh Krishnanmani Darlene Meissner Chris Radecki Grayson Reyes Ann St. Jacques Hayley Zwakman Tyler Zwakman	30 Odin Daniels Matthew Eddy Coen Haroldson Mark Johnson Sunny Marshall Rikki Mohlenhoff Ava Visliser
7	Gary Baran			25 Jon Dibbern Carol Nelson Vanaja Samuel	31 Jameson Bieniek Natalie Coughlin Megan Dyck John Hukee Cael MacLeod Andy Ogren Lin Peterson Anna Tveit

March Anniversaries

1	John & Ellen Kistner Jerry & Jan Steffel	16	Perry & Debbie Firkus Rick & Nancy Hoffman	28	David & Shirley Schelling
3	Steve & Diane Hall	17	Kent & Mary Emerson John & Janice McLean	29	Richard & Judith Lindemeier
5	Fred & Donna Peting	20	Rob & Kristi Starzynski	30	Don & Virginia Broucker Jay & Lisa Deverell David & Nancy Kopesky
6	Brian & Jill Wiebe	21	John & Courtney Colton Ron Linden & Leann Radel	31	Richard & Beth Ferguson Rick & Sarah Stinogel
7	Doug & Renee Boehme Richard & Marilyn Sinclair	22	David & Janet Jacobson Alan & Lyn Wilkie		
12	Brad & Julie Fisher	22	Ty & Raquel Beucier		
13	Ben & Tami Lower Bob & Mary Jo McNeal Peter & Marta Rowcliffe	23	Jeff & Melissa Rones		
14	Tom & Jodi Burger	25	Kurt & Barb Brammer		
15	Jacob & Sophia Van Jaarsveld	26	John & Lyndis Vander Louw		

Church Council Update February

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, February 9, 2021
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Financially:

January income was better than expected at over \$309k for the month leaving us with surplus over expenses for the month.

Concordia, South St. Paul:

The vote to approve the merger with Concordia passed with 92% of the vote being yes. We are in the process of building a launch team and smaller team of lay people to help get the campus off the ground. Concordia will vote to approve the merger on February 28th and if it passes the merger will officially take place on June 1st. A call team to call a campus pastor will be formed according to our constitution pending approval from Concordia.

WLC Brand and Name:

The team has contacted several organizations that help in this process. We will be working with one of them in the coming weeks to gather data. We are also putting together a lay steering team made up of 6-8 WLC members to help guide the process.

Corrie's House:

This is a new organization that works with young women who have been caught in the sex trafficking industry. They are looking for land to build a home that would house these girls in their recovery. We are having initial conversations around the possibilities of using a portion of the Afton Land for this venture.

Upcoming Topics:

In the next couple of months we will review how or if the Afton Land still fits into the future plans of WLC as well as looking at the possibility of filling the hole located on our Oak Hill Campus.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- January Meeting Minutes
- Annual Meeting Minutes
- January Financial Report

Information

- Sr. Pastor Report
- Update on South St. Paul Concordia Merger discussions
- WLC Rebranding Exploration Update
- New Member Orientation

Discussion

- Five Year Strategic Plan and Dashboard
- Corrie's House
- Concordia /Call Team Direction
- Filling Oak Hill Hole

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

Saturdays @ 5:00pm
Sundays @ 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am,
3:00, 5:00 & 7:00pm
Mondays @ 7:00pm

In-Person

Sundays @ 9:00 & 10:30am

Please visit our website for up-to-date in person worship information.

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Baptisms

Micah David Weideman
Cora Leigh DeRuyscher
Julia Lynn Granlund

Deaths

Matt Schweer, brother of Sara Muso
Paul Dolan, husband and father of Kim Dolan, Andrew Dolan, Courtney Berringer, Michael Dolan and Rob Orr
Ed Godbout, uncle of Jackie Bambanek

Wayne Wolden, grandfather of Laura Cloose
Rev. Steve Stohlmann, husband & father of Jeanete Stohlmann & Naomi Stohlmann
Norma Sandrock, mother of Eric Sandrock
Elsie Riehle, mother of Jim Riehle
Belva Lanciani, sister of Bernice Krueger



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.

Garage Sale Treasures Update

Due to COVID and for everyone's safety we will not be holding our annual garage sale in May. We are hopeful for a future date! Thank you so much for your past generosity that has helped us develop a youth scholarship fund that is able to continue to support families and youth who would have to otherwise skip

mission experiences like these. We are so grateful for your support!

Youth Ministry changes in Lent:

Valley Creek youth: Starting the week after Ash Wednesday (February 24) both on-campus and online youth will gather from 6:30-8pm. We will have small group from 6:30-7, then worship together using the livestream, with small group discussion following worship. Parents, you are welcome to worship along with your young person in their small group or, if you're attending on-campus worship, your young person is welcome to join you for that.

We will not be gathering on March 10th or March 31st. We will resume our regular Ministry rhythm after Easter (April 7th). Please let us know if you have questions.

Oak Hill youth: Youth will not be meeting on Wednesdays during Lent. Oak Hill Youth Gatherings will take place on Sundays March 14, 28 from 6:30-8pm. Sarah will email locations and other information!



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March 2021 Calendar

1 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

3 (O) Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Vicar Andrew
651-739-5144 x223

3 (V) Youth Mid-Week Classes

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

3 (O) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 7:00pm

3 (V) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 12:00pm &
7:00pm
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4 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

6 (V) Baptism Class

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

6 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

6 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

7 (O,V) Kids LINK

Sundays, Varying Times
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

10 (O) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 7:00pm

10 (V) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 12:00pm &
7:00pm
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14 (O) ROOTS

Sunday, 6:30pm
Contact: Sarah Dibbern
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17 (O) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 7:00pm

17 (V) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 12:00pm &
7:00pm
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24 (O) Lent Worship

Wednesday, 7:00pm

24 (V) Lent Worship

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28 (O) ROOTS

Sunday, 6:30pm
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