



## On Mission With Jesus... Who, Me?

Brad Miller | Director of Discipleship & Reach

Yes, you! Jesus' invitation to everyday disciples, like you and me, is "come on along" on his mission in the world. Check out his words, immediately after the resurrection, in John 20:21:

"Again he said, "Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.**" (read the verses surrounding John 20:21) Can you hear Jesus saying these words to you?

So what might it look like to live on mission with Jesus? Here's a living example from a friend of mine... "As we fight to figure everything out, Biden, Trump, Covid, BLM, Life...I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, stopping to talk to someone who may be having a bad day, tipping generously, sharing food, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at passersby. WHY? Because I will not stand to live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less. GIVE grace, BE kindness. Love your neighbor as yourself."

God of rescue and restoration, thank You for Your great and beautiful mission in the world. Here I am Lord, fill me with Your Spirit and send me. (From Lectio365)

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# Live Wisely

“Live wisely *among those who are not believers*, and make the *most of every opportunity*. Let your conversation *be gracious and attractive* so that you will have *the right response for everyone.*”  
Colossians 4:5-6

A few months ago a pastor friend of mine said to me in a very frustrated tone, “We have lost the ability to disagree and still talk to one another.” Have you noticed the shouting matches that are going on all around us? Whether it’s around the election, the virus or social upheaval it seems like everyone is speaking and typing **IN ALL CAPS** all the time! And it’s not just “those” people, too often it is us as Jesus followers.

This month we are focusing on what it means to be a missionary wherever we are. As I was thinking about this topic I was drawn to the words of Paul from Colossians 4. In two short verses he gives us four very helpful pieces of advice around how to have a conversation with those who disagree with us, whatever the topic. Let’s take a quick look...

1. **“Live wisely among those who are not believers...”** The assumption is that we do not live in isolation and seek to only surround ourselves with people who look, think, and act like we do. Instead, Paul says, as you are surrounded by unbelievers make sure that you are living wisely. This is an encouragement to be living out our faith and not falling into the ways of the world.
2. **“...and make the most of every opportunity.”** Living wisely among unbelievers will lead to opportunities for conversation and service. One of the greatest ways we as Jesus followers can make the most of every opportunity is by seeing a need in the community and filling it. I love what we are doing with **Settled** to help impact

the homeless issue in our community. What opportunities are right in front of you?

3. **“Let your conversation be gracious and attractive...”** Most of the conversations that I am hearing and reading are anything but gracious and attractive. As you enter into heated conversations take a breath, pray, and ask for the Holy Spirit to lead. Is the most important thing always to be right?
4. **“...so that you will have the right response for everyone.”** Different conversations call for different responses, but they should always be rooted in the truth and grace of Jesus, because when they are they are gracious and attractive.

What if our conversations looked more like this instead of **THIS!** I would say that’s what being a missionary wherever we are looks like.

Peace,  
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



## Next

If you’re new to our church or if you’ve been with us for a while but aren’t sure what your next step should be, register here to attend our upcoming offering of NEXT on Sunday, November 8 at 1:00pm via Zoom.

This is a time to connect, meet some of our leaders, find out more about our church and where God is leading us, and help you consider what your next step might be on your faith journey. Contact **Karl Grant** to get signed up!

# Thanksgiving @ Woodbury Lutheran Church - “Heaping Helping of Peace”

It's easy to take life for granted when times are good - then sometimes we can barely understand how rejoicing could be warranted when things are looking bleak. But in the midst of all that is going on around us - let us not forget to rejoice in the gift of life which God has given us and the promise he gives that we will have peace!

That will be our focus this year as we gather, ONLINE ONLY for Thanksgiving worship services on Thanksgiving Eve @ 7pm AND Thanksgiving Day @ 9am.

Bring your church home for your family gathering @ [live.woodburylutheran.org](http://live.woodburylutheran.org)! Happy Thanksgiving!



## Simple Ways to Be Jesus

Nancy Schubbe | Director of NextGen & Kids Ministry

We're called to be “missionaries” and to share the love of Jesus. I know what you're thinking, I have a family with young kids, or teenagers, or I'm already caring for my elderly parents, or, I don't really know my neighbors, so I don't feel comfortable with this!

Did I hit all the reasons for opting out of sharing the love of Jesus with others? I'm going to suggest that we stop making it so hard for ourselves, and think about some simple ways to be Jesus in our neighborhoods.

- Do you have a fire pit or grill that is moveable? Set it up in your driveway and set up some chairs that are spaced apart. Bring out some S'more fixings and invite your neighbors to stop over! A little conversation will happen and they might share some concerns they have during this time. This is a perfect time for you to ask if you can pray for them!
- Make some cookies, brownies from a box, or salsa from your garden, and share it with your neighbors. Include a card with your family's names and your cell numbers with the invitation that they can call you if they need help with anything.



- Walk your neighborhood and pray for the people in the homes near you house.

Let's all be a *light* in our neighborhoods!



## Serving the Homeless - A Progress Report

Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

**THANK YOU** Woodbury Lutheran! Many of you know our church is taking part in building “tiny homes” with a ministry called “Settled”.

While the wheels were turning over the last several months, your generosity led to the progress of a completed tiny home for the homeless in our community. You not only provided four walls and a

roof but have provided the means for relational and social needs to be met in a holistic way. What a blessing! Especially as it seems winter is here early in Minnesota.

Settled is a Christ-centered approach to help chronically homeless people become part of a community off the streets; it addresses multiple problems traditional programs overlook.

For more information on the

project, contact Mike Sabbann ([sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:sabbannm@woodburylutheran.org)) and see Settled’s website ([BeSettled.org](http://BeSettled.org)).



# Ring in the Christmas Season by Being a Woodbury Bell Ringer

Cheryl Christiansen | Lead Bell Ringer

Our worship last month was centered around the Sermon on the Mount – the perfect standard for the Christian life. We are called to put Jesus' words into practice. One way to do so is by becoming a Woodbury Lutheran Bell Ringer.

For 21 years, Woodbury Lutheran Church has partnered with the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. Last year, over \$12,000 was raised by our faithful volunteers who rang bells at the Cub Stores in Woodbury and Stillwater.

We have the opportunity again to ring bells on Fridays and Saturdays from November 27th through December 19th.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic these safety guidelines are in effect:

- All volunteers are required to wear an approved mask, winter or disposable gloves, and to use provided hand sanitizer when appropriate.
- Please keep at least 6 feet between you and any store customer, maintaining safe social distancing.
- Group ringing is discouraged, unless it is from those in the same household.

Since March, the Salvation Army has served well over 2.8 million meals to many who would have nothing to eat without it. The need has always been there, this year it just happens to be greater for families facing poverty. With fewer Red Kettles and more people in need, will you join us in bell ringing this season?

Past Woodbury Bell Ringers will have the opportunity to sign themselves up for their favorite shift. A link to sign up will be coming via email. We desperately need more bell ringers. Please email Cheryl Christiansen at [christdc@msn.com](mailto:christdc@msn.com) to get started!



## Christmas at WLC

Life seems doomed to instability... look around!

COVID, shootings, protests, social justice issues, hurricanes, wildfires, job loss, closures, virtual, hybrid, election, What's next?

Life seems doomed to instability... then Jesus stepped in.

This year's COVID pandemic, and the restrictions that go along with it will require us to be creative with our scheduling of Christmas Eve services.

This season has also afforded us a tremendous opportunity to really lean into growing in our crafts/skills to bring our worship services home to you. Our worship planning team is going off-campus to film our ONLINE Christmas Services - pulling together an amazing cast/crew to proclaim the good news that is found in the solid rock, Jesus.

Join us for **A Stable Christmas**. ONLINE or IN-PERSON. Either way - you won't want to miss it.

Watch for more details on the schedule soon!



## Youth Mission Experiences 2021: Let's Try This Again!

Patrick Brewer | Director of High School Youth Ministry

Woodbury Lutheran's summer mission experiences are one of the biggest and best things that happen in youth ministry every year...well, in every normal year at least. And while it's incredibly strange to be rounding out a year without even one of these trips under our belts, it does give us a moment to focus on what makes them so powerful and to look ahead at where we'll be serving next year!

If you've been a student or leader on a WLC Youth mission experience you know that these trips are truly something special. These weeks are a unique balance of adventure, challenge, fun, hard work, and intentional community that is centered around Jesus! The combination of these elements creates lifelong memories, new friendships, and immense faith growth. These weeks push participants out of their comfort zones and are filled with hard work, but when students are asked to sum up their experience in just one word they almost always pick "FUN"!

We know there was so much

excitement around the trips planned for 2020, and that there was also a significant amount of sadness when those plans were cancelled. Because of this, we are extra excited to announce that we'll be rebooting the 2020 options in the summer of 2021! High schoolers will be headed to Idaho, and the middle school team will be serving in Duluth!

Please join us in praying that these experiences will be able to safely occur, for the students and leaders that will be a part of them, and for the communities they will serve. If you have a child who is interested in participating check out the info below and block off these dates on your family calendar. Also be looking for more trip info and the official sign ups in the next couple of months! Summer 2021 can't get here quickly enough!

**Middle School Mission Experience Youthworks, Duluth MN** June 27-July 2, Cost \$375  
Open to current 6th-8th graders

Partnering with Youthworks, we will be serving around Duluth in ways that have been requested by local churches and community members. We will be doing yard

work, serving at kids' programs and food shelves, relationship building at elder care facilities, and doing anything else that we're asked to do.

- 1 adult for every 5 students, 20 student spaces
- Vehicle Credit (loan us your van or 7-person SUV for the week) \$150

**High School Mission Experience Lutherhaven-Idaho Servant Adventures, Northern Idaho**

June 11th-18th\*, 2020, Cost TBD  
Open to current 8th-12th graders.

We'll serve, explore, worship, and play in the beautiful wilderness of Northern Idaho! Our nights and mornings will be spent at Camp Lutherhaven's Shoshone Mountain Retreat, and our days will be spent serving the surrounding community. We'll share Jesus' love as we swing hammers, paint homes, split firewood, & care for the young and elderly.

- 1 adult for every 5 students. 36 student spaces.

*\*Exact dates might flex slightly due to final travel and lodging options, but they will remain centered around the week of June 13-18.*

# Confirmation November 1, 2020

Lindsey Schmidt | Director of Middle School Youth Ministry

We are blessed to be able to celebrate with the following students who have completed their Confirmation Journey.

- Hadley Burger
- Claire Becken
- Caden Jamison
- Cameron Jamison
- Hanna McGuire
- Matthew Mortenson
- Ethan Topp
- Jack Usalis

The Confirmation Journey is a personal, family based experience that is driven by a student's desire to grow in their understanding of their relationship with Jesus. They have spent time serving, worshiping, participating in a small group, reading the Bible, exploring the Catechism, asking and answering questions, and each has shared a testimony of how they have experienced God at work in their life.

We celebrate with them as they stand before us on November 1st and publicly confirm their Holy Spirit-given baptismal faith. We join them in claiming and celebrating our identity as disciples of Jesus.

A special thanks to our Small Group Leaders who've invested so much into these students.



7th -12th graders, If you're interested in starting your Confirmation Journey, contact Lindsey Schmidt. [schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:schmidtL@woodburylutheran.org)



## Don't Miss This!!

Do you want to hear about the amazing ways God is at work on college campuses?

Our "sent" missionaries ***Danielle and Grant Hoel*** (and family) will be spending time with our congregation on November 15. This is a great opportunity to hear about the university ministry they lead in Duluth (UMD)...and even get involved!! The Hoels will be introduced and prayed for at each of our worship services. Plus ... we're offering two opportunities to hear from them directly:

- a live presentation from 11:45 - 12:30 pm on the Valley Creek campus in the Isaiah Room (beverages will be served; no food will be served due to Covid restriction)
- a Zoom presentation from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Nov. 15. Watch the weekly email for the Zoom link!

Contact Mike Sabbann ([SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org)) with questions.

# The Blessing of A Multisite Church

Pastor Jon Kuehne | Multisite Director & Liberty Ridge Campus Pastor

When I tell people I work at a multisite church, I generally brace myself for the questions or statements that follow: “A multi-what?” “Oh, so it’s a church with satellite locations?” “So it’s a group of churches that work together?” I get it. There are many different types of multisite churches out there, but when you hear us talk about being multisite at WLC it means that we are a church of campuses. Here’s another way to put it: We are one church that gathers in three different campuses (Liberty Ridge, Oak Hill, and Valley Creek). While multisite has its challenges, it is something we strongly believe God uses to lead us in multiplying disciples and transforming lives. With that in mind, I want to share three reasons why being a multisite church is such a blessing:

## 1. Multisite Means More Connection

Being a church of campuses means we have three unique opportunities to connect with our surrounding community. This is a major blessing as we follow Jesus in multiplying disciples and transforming lives. When I talk with people at WLC many mention specific reasons why they love the specific campus they regularly attend and a closer location is often part of the answer. Many also mention their close friends and small group. Multisite makes both possible: first, more campuses cast a wider ‘Gospel net’ if you will; second, more campuses allow for the community to be more spread out, allowing people to be seen and known.

## 2. Multisite Opens Doors for Church Transformation

In late April, the research organization Barna Group, published their findings that as many as one in five churches could close in the next 18 months. Many churches are hurting. Members are tired and over-serving. They want to connect with their community, but it seems daunting. Merging can literally rewrite a congregation’s story. Some of you know this personally. WLC stepped into multisite by merging with Risen Christ (now the Oak Hill Campus). What once

was a struggling congregation is now thriving. Not that WLC had all the answers, but multisite injected new energy and life into the situation. Multisite helped make the transformation possible! There will be more merging opportunities in the future. One of the most significant ways you can bring transformation is by being willing to help launch a new campus. Is God calling you?

## 3. Multisite Helps Us Be the Church Where We Live

Recently I’ve joked that we’re ‘more multisite’ due to this season of crisis. Being a multisite church we’ve learned the importance of making ministry scalable to different settings and group sizes. That’s never been truer than right now. Think of worship: some are gathering in-person, others are streaming at home, some of us stream worship with our small group or some friends. Who knew your home could become a microsite? A couple of weeks ago, I heard from a couple that streaming church in their garage led to a connection with their neighbors who have now streamed worship with them too. Since you are part of the church, the church is in your neighborhood. And we want to help you be the church! From worship services, to Kids LINK lessons, to small group studies, and more, we can help. Maybe you could start your own ‘microsite’ with your neighbors.



## Staying Connected with WL Preschool

Can the hands and feet of Jesus wear unicorn mittens and size 7 shoes that light up? You better believe they can! Each month our students do a deep dive into two stories from the Bible and our teachers share this story in a variety of ways with our children. One of these is through a craft project. What we have learned is that when children know the story and have something they have made, THEY can retell the story to those around them.

Prayers are also part of our routine at school, including meal time praying. Recently we had a family ask if we could share those “before we eat” prayers with them. You see, through the repetition and modeling at school, this sweet child was now adamant about prayers at meal times at home!

We worship a God who loves us in all times and in all places. He sends us to GO but sometimes our richest rewards can be closest to home. We feel so fortunate to see these little ones be the hands and feet of Jesus in their world!



# November Birthdays

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|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| 1 | Kylee Collyard<br>Joy Hopke<br>Easton Johnson<br>Jon Kush<br>Candice Lee<br>Addison Lower<br>Allison Lower<br>Diane Panning<br>Dana Southward<br>Steven Stone<br>Karen Wachal   | Jessica Dowdall<br>Robert Heck<br>Donna Herian<br>Rachel Homuth<br>Sarah Jahn<br>Ethan Johnson<br>Brody Loeffler<br>Natascha Mishacoff<br>Matthew Nelson<br>Macie Schnell<br>Bridgette Stewart | 30   | Samuel Beucler<br>Michelle Bunge<br>Greg Carlson<br>Keith Esala<br>Larry Faffler<br>Christopher Hauge<br>David McNally<br>Tyler Schutz<br>Kayla Wesszer<br>Kelli Wick   | Earl Staats<br>Zachary Wagner<br>Brian Whitemarsh, II   | Gabrielle Baty<br>Craig Bloom<br>James Brewer<br>Keith Gustafson<br>Kinsley Hove<br>Roz Johnson<br>Peyton Lange<br>Gene Letendre<br>Arthur Williams                              | Pat Duffy<br>Madeline Fong<br>Perry Rogotzke<br>Kayla Sonn  |  |   |
| 2 | Luke Burger<br>Lauren Eddinger-Danner<br>Amber Gehring<br>Makayla Gillard<br>William Klinzing<br>Betty Krueger<br>Jill Leonard<br>Pat Morsching<br>Angie Niezgocki<br>Jason Pleggenkuhle<br>Isabella Sannah<br>Kelly Vo<br>Dianna Weum                        | 6  | Calvin Bowes<br>Tara Dalbec<br>Erin Fitzgerald<br>Micah Gamble, Jr.<br>Griffin Graham<br>Cindy Grove<br>Logan Longworth<br>Steve Matejka<br>Lawrence Optiz<br>Judy Patraw<br>Sarah Riechling<br>Rebekah Stebbing | 11  | Erik Ehnstrom<br>Eiley Kieser   | 16   | Adela Ashby<br>Megan Becken<br>Doug Cameron<br>Robert Cerza<br>Lynn Clark<br>Tyler Johnson<br>Louis Junker<br>Hailey McNally<br>Emily Moore<br>Alayna Oehlke<br>Harold Pearl<br>Phillip Stebbing<br>Janice Wenker                             | 27   | Cassandra Baty<br>Claire Becken<br>Glen Boedecker<br>Marge Helander<br>Eleanor Meyer<br>Mark Retica<br>Anya Steffel<br>Everleigh Vossen<br>Jeffrey Wilford<br>Robert Wilkie |
| 3 | Patty Blomquist<br>Dean Galvin<br>Helen Gland<br>Neil Horn<br>Jerry Miller<br>Pennie Nagbe<br>Kassandra Olson<br>Donna Peting   | 7  | Natasha Culbertson<br>Connie Jones<br>Marian Lensegrav<br>Karen Longworth<br>Liam Pleggenkuhle<br>Vicki Strong<br>Avery Vo<br>Gabriel Waldo  | 12  | Rebecca Pittman<br>Gywnn Pepin<br>Len Score<br>Helen Spindler<br>Porter Yee   | 17   | Callen Brittain<br>Gloria Dale<br>Ruth Harrison<br>Ellyn Holum<br>Sophia Kuhrmeyer<br>Julianne Kurth<br>Emma Lee<br>Brittany Morrison<br>Elena Penalzoa<br>Faith Schreiber  | 28   | Madison Buchholz<br>Jarrod Bury<br>Cindy Kucharski<br>Michael Mergens<br>Simon Odegaard<br>Gary Prestegord<br>Gabriella Vitela<br>Grace Wenck                               |
| 4 | Greyson Ash<br>Adeline Beucler<br>Lora Bock<br>Kayla Cariveau<br>John Carlson<br>Avery Corrigan<br>Austin Dunham<br>Erin Ecker<br>Mike Heggernes<br>Tim Huska<br>Afton Kirby<br>Addison Lange<br>Madison Lien<br>Lilly Lopez<br>Brady Roloff<br>Naveena Spitz | 8  | Rachel Anderson<br>Kaitlyn Corey<br>Amanda Drinovsky<br>Mark Erickson<br>Ivy Haines<br>Bruce Johnson<br>Virginia Obermire<br>Ron Shriver<br>Steve Skytte<br>John Voyda   | 13  | Matt Boyd<br>Daniel Ferguson<br>Clayton Houfer<br>Bohdi Lemke<br>Ivan Niezgocki<br>Kylee Nickle<br>Misty Nickle<br>Bob Ogren<br>Chad Peterson<br>Tom Zarnke                     | 18   | Jackson Jones<br>Vince Lelei<br>Dawn Mroszak<br>Wayne Pepin<br>Kristi Starzynski<br>Harper Weisbrich  | 29   | Scott Conant<br>Ian Grant<br>Gayle Huska<br>Maximus Khang<br>Colton Longworth<br>Sean Ngu'e<br>Linda Pierre<br>Eve Smith<br>Holly Sorgert<br>Eryn Stoerzinger               |
| 5 | Jeffery Crane   | 9  | Brandon Bambenek<br>Leo Johnson<br>Brian McInerney<br>Jim Montgomery<br>Ben Muenstermann<br>Paul Neubrand<br>Dan Parvey<br>Dan Parvey<br>Daniel Schach<br>Kelly Schmidt  | 14  | Aaron Duffy<br>Gary Grohoski<br>Evan Hillmeyer<br>Charlie Jones<br>David Kopesky<br>Michael McNally<br>Laurel Mills<br>Gerald Palesh<br>Lindsay Sandrock<br>Shanessa Schlattman | 23   | Thelma Altman<br>Isaiah Anderson<br>Allen Bergh<br>Kendra Berkman<br>Grace Beseman<br>Mike Bocker<br>Emma Feldkamp<br>Angela Fossan<br>Steve Frisque<br>Delaney Goerlitz<br>Tyson Morris<br>Richard Schmidt<br>Blake Standly<br>Sydney Ulrich | 30   | Bethany Brocker<br>Nathan Hartwig<br>Teeghan Herian<br>Maggie Kolb<br>Dale Werth  |
|   |   |  | 15   | Jeannie Backlund<br>Nancy Branton<br>Susan Finell<br>Kimberly Jorgenson<br>Thomas Karow<br>Abriella Lema<br>Rochelle Michel<br>Bryce Mohlenhoff<br>Leah Peterson<br>Kristi Rohlf<br>Tom Schlattman<br>Marjorie Seeger<br>Mark Sorgert | 20  | Seth Bridenbecker<br>Caylee Clifford<br>Henrik Johnson<br>Kristina Johnson<br>Adam Krause<br>Caitlin Linert<br>Donna McElveen<br>Colette Miller<br>Colette Nelson<br>Madelyn Rud |   |  |   |
|   |   |  |  |   | 21  | John Baranick<br>James Barringer   | 24  | Wade Amundson<br>Madeline Baumann<br>Cindy Boedecker<br>Ted Bolles<br>Kent Emerson<br>June Groth<br>Jennifer Schwarzenbach<br>Julia Voss |   |
|   |   |  |  |   |   |  | 26  | Pat Bouthilet<br>Maxine Carter-Hunder<br>Abigail Ceaglske<br>James Culbertson  |   |

# November Anniversaries

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| 1 | Ron & Tammy Price  | 10 | Paul & Janice Grizzell<br>Ben & Marissa Jagger        | 19 | John & Lynnette Mahlke | 25 | Kevin & Keri Stifter   |
| 2 | Nathan & Alisa Hartwig   | 11 | Brian & Molly Kieser                                  | 20 | Daniel & Jana Beck     | 27 | Joshua & Jennifer Granlund                                       |
| 3 | Robert & Kristal Treadway  | 12 | Edward & Francina Lelei                               | 21 | Jerry & Lucy Beane     | 29 | John & Debbie Hukee<br>Frank & Kathleen Janssen                  |
| 4 | Craig & Karen Roberts  | 13 | Frederick & Heidi Conrad                              | 22 | Jim & Tracey Jensen    | 30 | Doug & Judy Cameron<br>Doug & Rhonda Jones<br>Nick & Jenny Moody |
| 5 | Aaron & Desiree Morningstar  | 14 | Gwen & Dan Froseth<br>Abraham Mathews & Vanaja Samuel |    |                        |    |  |
| 6 | Israel & Cindy Carmona<br>Dale & Elizabeth Thompson<br>David & Diana Wende | 15 | Mike & Lin Peterson                                   |    |                        |    |  |
| 8 | Timm & Helen Spindler  | 16 | Lon & Kim Berven                                      |    |                        |    |  |
| 9 | John & Patrice Horner  |    |   |    |                        |    |  |

# Church Council Update October

*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](#).*

**Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**  
**6:30-8:30am**

## Meeting Highlights

### Financially:

We continue to run in the black with income being greater than expenses. We have started to work through the budget for 2021 and with a strong end to the year we will be in a great financial position to pay down our debt significantly. As we consider the merger with Concordia we are blessed to have more than \$425k set aside for future multisite ministries.

### Concordia, South St. Paul:

The majority of our time was spent working through our most recent meeting with the leadership of Concordia on Sunday, October 11th. The meeting and the feasibility work that Pastor Jon has done with them using our model from Oak Hill has us very much looking forward to a future together. The church Council has recommended that we keep moving forward in the process, so be on the lookout for a town hall meeting in the next month or so where there will be an opportunity to ask questions etc. In order for a merger to happen both congregations will have to vote to approve the move.

### Worship:

Our worship team is busy planning for Christmas. A survey will go out in late October to get a better handle on how many in-person services we will need, etc. We will be filming on location later in November for the online Christmas services. Our in person services are at about 25% of what they were pre-COVID, this is pretty much what churches across the county are seeing.



## Meeting Agenda

### Call to Order & Quorum Determination

### Devotions/Prayer

### Discussion

- Potential merger with Concordia South St. Paul

### Consent Agenda

- September Meeting Minutes
- September Financial Report

### Information

- Sr. Pastor Report

### Discussion

- 2021 preliminary budget considerations
- 2021 Council recommendations

### Closing Prayer

### Adjourn

## Worship

### Online

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

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

[woodburylutheran.org](http://woodburylutheran.org)

## Baptisms

Louis Mitchell Graen  
Hazel Ann Crow

## Deaths

Regina Kehl - father, Rick Lane  
Irene Sczublewski - brother, Tim Sczublewski  
Dana Stoffel - mother, Denise Merrill  
Greg Richie - father, Dan Richie



## Staying Connected

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The Valley Creek Campus will once again be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, November 16. [Register here](#) to donate blood.

### Giving at WLC

Thank you for your ongoing generosity that keeps the ministries of Woodbury Lutheran functioning. Giving may be done online via text 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.

### Valley Creek Campus Open Hours

The Valley Creek Campus is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-4:00pm and Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm if

you'd like to stop in the office, pick up Portals of Prayer, visit the library, or stop in the sanctuary to pray. Please wear a mask and practice the social distancing recommendations.

### See the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany in 2022

With the rescheduling of the famous Passion Play performed by the residents of the Bavarian village of Oberammergau to 2022, Rev. Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer are considering organizing a group tour to see a performance on July 21, 2022. The play is performed every ten years on the decade and the 2020 performances were sold out before being postponed. Please contact the Pfothenhauers to express your interest by email to [paulrhoda@comcast.net](mailto:paulrhoda@comcast.net) or call 651-707-7144 no later than December 1. If there is enough interest, they will proceed to plan a tour itinerary in parts of Germany and Austria for 11-12 days. A minimum of \$100-\$200 per person non-refundable deposit will be due by the end of this year to hold a passion play ticket. Deposit and registration details will be provided after December 1.

### Need Help with Christmas Toys?

The Salvation Army Clearing House can help! On November 4th you can register online at: [SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop](https://SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop). If you have difficulty registering online, please call 651-746-3595. There are limited registration spots available; all registration will close on or before December 4th.



Looking for more information to stay connected? Snap a picture of the QR code above!

# November 2020 Calendar

**3 (L,O,V) WLC Offices Closed - Staff Working from Home**  
Tuesday, All Day

**4 (O) Wednesday Morning Bible Study**  
Wednesdays, 10:00am  
Contact: Vicar Andrew  
651-739-5144 x223

**4 (O,V) Youth Mid-Week Classes**  
Wednesdays, 7:00pm  
Contact: Lindsey Schmidt  
651-739-5144 x219

**5 (V) Celebrate Recovery**  
Thursdays, 6:30pm  
Contact: Larry Smith  
651-308-9113

**7 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**  
Saturdays, 7:00am  
Contact: Jeff Linert  
651-387-9428

**7 (O) Men's Bible Study**  
Saturdays, 8:00am  
Contact: Vicar Dean  
651-739-5144 x331

**7 (V) Baptism Class**  
Saturday, 9:30am  
Contact: Rachel Symmank  
651-472-1975

**8 (O,V) Kids LINK**  
Sundays, Varying Times  
Contact: Nancy Schubbe  
651-739-5144 x203

**8 (V) NEXT**  
Sunday, 1:00pm  
Contact: Karl Grant  
651-739-5144 x241

**9 (V) Monday Men's Study**  
Mondays, 10:45am  
Contact: Pastor Tim  
651-739-5144 x221

**16 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Monday, 1:00pm  
[www.redcrossblood.org/](http://www.redcrossblood.org/)

**25 (Online Only) Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
Wednesday, 7:00pm  
[live.woodburylutheran.org](http://live.woodburylutheran.org)

**26 (Online Only) Thanksgiving Worship**  
Thursday, 9:00am  
[live.woodburylutheran.org](http://live.woodburylutheran.org)

**26 (L,O,V) WLC Offices Closed**  
Thursday, All Day

**27 (L,O,V) WLC Offices Closed**  
Thursday, All Day

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