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A Congregation that Cares

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care

It is wonderful being a part of a congregation that cares for others. I can tell you about all of the care ministries that take place at WLC, but what about the care that you provide personally to others? It may not be someone who has a Stephen Minister or is in grief class, or someone receiving visits from a Pastoral Care Assistant. It may not be someone who is wrestling with addiction issues and attending Celebrate Recovery. It might not be someone who is active in our Disabilities Ministry either. A person doesn't have to be in need of specialized care in one of these ministries to be cared for by you in other ways.

I want to encourage you to practice the art of encouraging, listening, praying and simply being present for others who are hurting. Using your words to build people up instead of tearing them down is another fantastic way to care for others. Maybe you aren't sure what to say... it's ok to be silent, simply listening to others and being present in their time of pain. Thank you for your loving care and encouragement!

Grace and Truth

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."
-- John 13:35*

I have been thinking a lot about these words of Jesus and how they apply to our lives today. ***What does it look like to love a fellow follower of Jesus*** who has a different political perspective? ***What does it look like to love a fellow follower of Jesus*** who has a different view on worship styles? ***What does it look like to love a fellow follower of Jesus*** who has a different view on masks and vaccinations?

At the beginning of the Gospel of John, we learn that Jesus has come into this world full of ***Grace and Truth***. As a church, we try and model Jesus in the way we carry out ministry. We want to be a people who are marked by ***both*** grace and truth. Many churches today have fallen into the trap of being one or the other. Frankly, it is easier to plant your flag in one of the two camps. But Jesus doesn't let us do that, instead He invites us to live in the tension of both.

As we live in the tension of both grace and truth, we are called to above all love each other.

As we continue through all the challenges and opinions that surround Covid, I have found two of our values that mirror grace and truth in tension. These values are pictured to the right.

On the one hand we want every person to feel welcome at WLC no matter their views on Covid or anything else. My dad (the founding pastor of WLC) tells a great story about my grandma. In 1993 after the new sanctuary was built on the Valley Creek campus she heckled him saying, *"That place*

is huge, you will never fill it up." That Easter it was full and my dad went to his mother-in-law and said, *"Martha the church was full."* Without missing a beat she replied, *"That's because you will take anyone at that church."* That's the point; we want everyone to feel welcomed at WLC so that the Holy Spirit can do His transforming work.

On the other hand we also want to walk as a people who are compassionate with each other. For years the care ministry at WLC has been such an intricate part of who we are and it's not just programs, but it is a deep value engrained into the overall culture of WLC. We live out this value by being good listeners and putting the needs of others before our own needs/wants.

As we continue to navigate the waters of Covid, my promise to you is that we are doing our very best to lift up both of these values, but it is messy. There will be times where we are not on the same page and that is ok, we do not have to agree on everything. ***In those times, let's reach into the call of Jesus to show the world that we are His disciples by loving each other well.***

Peace,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor

WE VALUE
COMPASSIONATE
CARE
Bringing Hope
to the Hurting

WE VALUE
EACH
PERSON
Come as
You Are



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!

4th Sunday of the Month for the fall with childcare.

- 10/24 at all 3 Campuses: WR (10:30-11:45am) OH and VC (11:45am -1pm)
- 11/28 at all 3 Campuses: WR (10:30-11:45am) OH and VC (11:45am -1pm)

We'd love for you to register Just come, have some pizza and get connected. Email **Stacy Winter** to register!



A Burden Shared

Beth Kothe | WLC Stephen Minister

*This is my
commandment: Love
each other in the same
way I have loved you.
John 15:12*

This command of Jesus is why one of WLC's values is "Life Is Better Together." But when life gets hard, it is easy to feel isolated. For example, are you feeling pandemic fatigue? Are you mentally and emotionally exhausted by everything—I mean EVERYTHING—going on right now? You don't have to go through it alone. A Stephen Minister can offer you real care, comfort, and hope.

Stephen Ministers are lay members of our church (all campuses) who are trained to provide one-on-one care to adults experiencing a difficult

time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or pandemic fatigue. The training is a Christ-centered experience that equips participants with essential caring and relating skills such as listening to, caring for, and walking with those going through difficult times. Our job is not to fix people or to provide answers. We provide care, but only God can provide a cure.

Potential care receivers come from our congregation or our communities (faith in Jesus is not required). The individual first meets with Pastor Tim or Shirley Mertens, a Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister of the corresponding gender. The Stephen Minister meets with that

person weekly to listen, care, encourage, and to provide emotional and spiritual support. You can meet in person, by phone, or by video chat. All conversations are kept confidential. Stephen Ministers never even share the identity of their care receiver with another Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

A care receiver summed up our relationship with these words, "Talking with you makes me feel like I have someone who is always in my corner." Do you need someone in your corner?

*Share each other's
burdens, and in this way
obey the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*

Contact Pastor Tim or Shirley Mertens to learn more or fill out the

contact form at <https://www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/stephen-ministry/>.



Register Today for Our FMSC MobilePack

You've been waiting for this one ... invite your neighbors, friends and coworkers to pack meals for needy kids across the globe. Here are the times you can serve with your friends:

- Oct. 28 (Thurs.): 3:30 – 5:30 pm, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Oct. 29 (Fri.): 9:00-11:15 am, 12:00-2:15 pm, 3:00-6:15 pm, 6:00-8:15 pm
- Oct. 30 (Sat.): 9:00 – 11:15 am, 3:00 – 5:15 pm

Register today at:

<https://www.fmsc.org/volunteer-listing?mobilepack=2110-142EA>

One change is that FMSC is asking you to reserve a “group” of up to 10 people; this is to ensure the folks serving are comfortable NOT being socially distanced at your particular packing station. Questions? Contact Liz Thompson (eathompson1953@gmail.com) or Gayla Pleggenkuhle (gplegg@gmail.com)! Thanks for helping to feed God's precious children!

A Care Ministry is Born

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care

Upon arriving at Woodbury Lutheran nearly 11 years ago, a little used ministry had been waiting in the wings for assisting the pastors at WLC in the area visitation ministry. The ministry was called Pastoral Care Assistants (PCA), and it was designed to augment the visits that the pastors were making to the people of WLC. After visiting with staff and some lay people as well, we decided it was time to utilize the PCAs to the fullest extent, and what a blessing it has been to our congregation!

For the better part of the last decade, PCAs have been making visits to members who have been shut in, either for short amounts of time while they are recovering from a surgery or other setback, or longer periods of time for those who have been homebound. Visits have taken place in peoples' homes, as well as in assisted living facilities, depending on where they are during their time of need.

As time passed, an effort was made to include the Lord's Supper with these visits, with elements consecrated by a pastor being sent out with the PCAs on the visits they were making. Along with the consecrated elements were printed service orders that the PCA would lead in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. What an awesome experience to be able to share God's love with those who, for one reason or another, aren't able to make it to church for worship.

Often, our PCA ministry leads to other opportunities

to provide care as well, beyond a simple visit with the Lord's Supper. Due to a PCA relationship with a couple who has some physical needs, conversations have begun to provide help in replacing the stairs leading into the house, augmenting it with a ramp for easier access into their home. I've seen the impact these PCAs can have in their relationships with others, having heard about the blessing they are to those they care for.

This ministry is a ministry that occurs at all of our campuses, with both individuals and couples participating in caring for others. If you are in need of a PCA or know of someone who might be in need of visitation and think a PCA might be a good starting point, please reach out to the church office and let us know. If you would like to offer care to others through visitation and sharing God's love with them, please connect with Pastor Tim or Shirley Mertens to be a part of this ministry opportunity.



We Celebrate Together

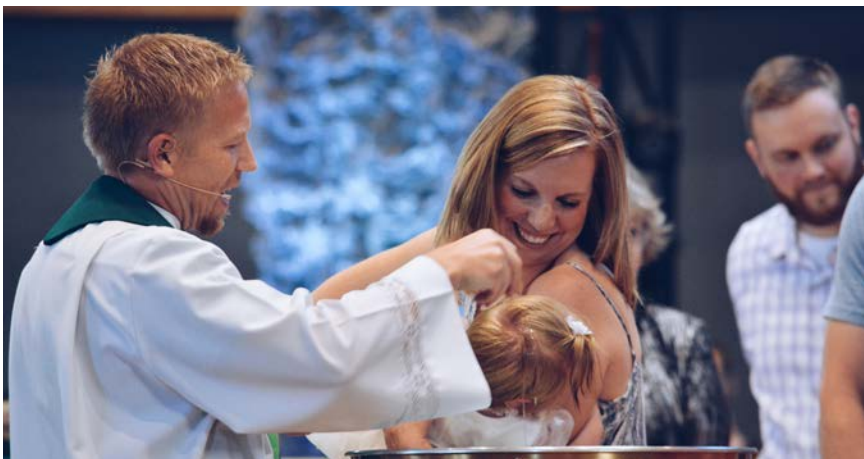
Sarah Dibbern | Oak Hill Kids & Youth Minister

When I was growing up, I always sat with my grandparents in church on Sunday mornings. My grandparents taught me how to behave in church and if I didn't cause trouble or talk too much, I would get a mint out of my grandma's purse when we came back from communion. As I grew up, I realized that my grandpa really liked it when I would go to communion with them...so much so that he would make it a point to thank me (with a twinkle in his eye that Dick Fisher often had) after church was over. As a teenager, I thought he liked it because I was his favorite (and only) granddaughter. But in my adult life, I realized that my grandpa liked going to communion with me because this was an important part of being a disciple of Jesus and we were able to celebrate and partake in that together.

In September, we had our fall baptism weekend and what an exciting weekend it was for the Woodbury Lutheran community. Across all of our campuses, we baptized babies, kids, and teenagers. We watched as these kids said they were ready to be baptized, the excitement on the teenagers faces as they learned what their names meant and the verse that went along with them, and the joy as they began their lives as baptized children of God. We were able to celebrate alongside them.

Throughout the history of WLC, we've done a great job at celebrating each other and walking with each other. We've shown up in the big moments. We've mourned in the hard moments. We've embodied our value of "life is done better together". As someone who works with the kids and youth of WLC, it's so encouraging to me that we are a church body that celebrates these important faith milestones like baptism, first communion, and confirmation. It tells our young people that they are welcomed and loved by their church home.

Over the course of my life, I've been reminded time and time again how much sweeter is to celebrate important life things together. It's my prayer that we always get to celebrate moments like this and that we get to celebrate them together; when lives are transformed and changed through God and His incredible, never-ending grace.



Please Be Careful! (and Care-Filled)

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

It's likely you've heard that before and if you spend any time in our classrooms, you will hear these words. While our words say careful, we truly hope that we are teaching children to be care-filled.

As we guide our young children at school, here are some tips that we hope you can also use as you raise or encourage others to raise care-filled children.

1. **Build Loving Relationships.** When children are treated with care and respect they model that. They especially love to model the behavior that they see and experience. Questions such as "What's something nice someone did for you today? What is something nice you did? Encourage these relationships.
2. **Make caring for others a priority and talk about it.** It is important for children to hear that you find joy in caring for them and others.
3. **Provide opportunities for children to practice caring.** When children routinely participate in household tasks, or having classroom jobs, it makes caring second nature and develops their caregiving capacities.

Raising careful and care-filled kiddos is hard work but it's something that is so important! There is nothing more rewarding than to see children model the skills that you have been equipping them to use with others. These children contribute positively

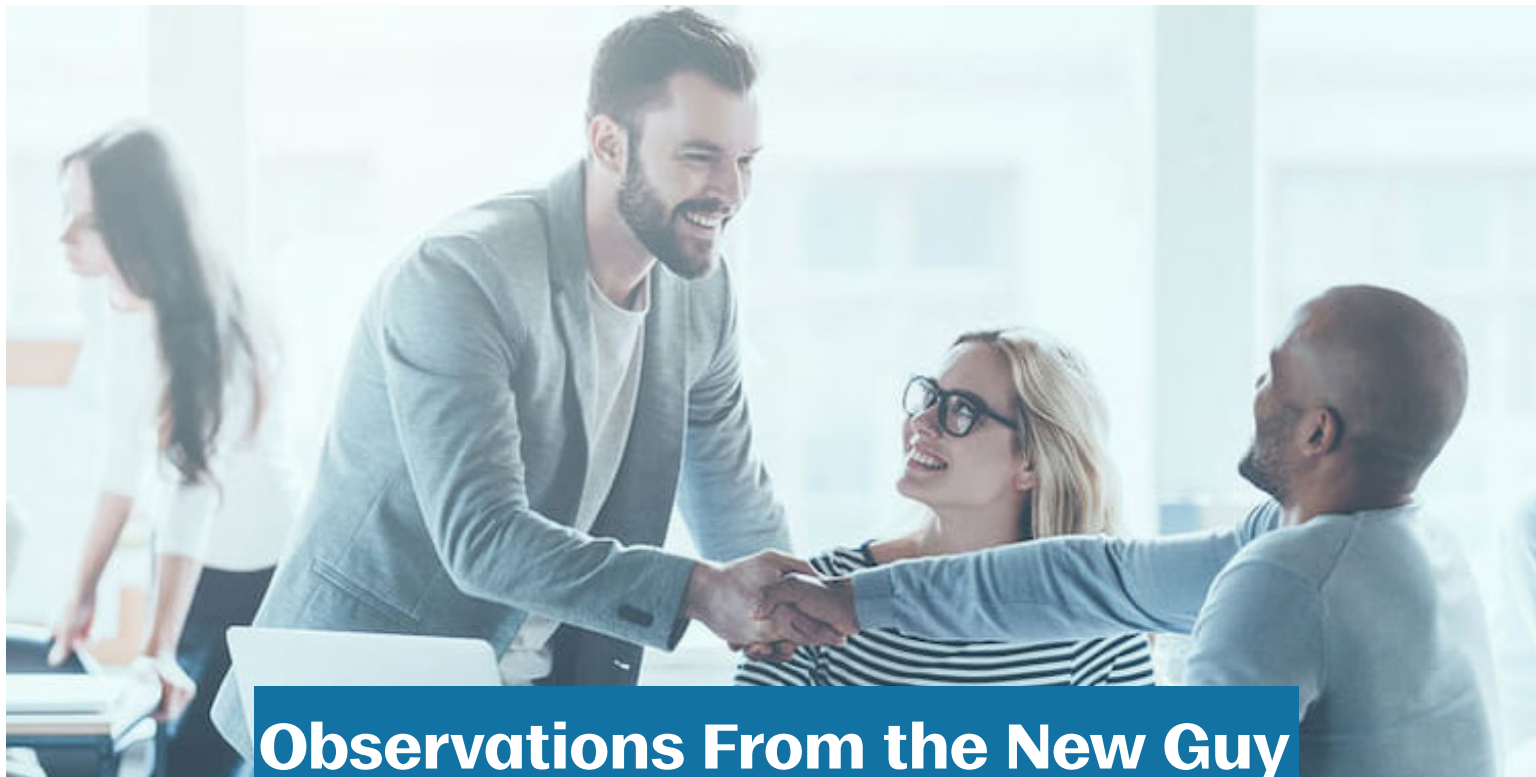
to your family, their friend groups and their school classroom and radiate Jesus' love in all they do!



We Need Your Leaves

Have leaves that you need to dispose of? Bring them to the WLC garden on the Afton property (NE corner of Bailey and Manning) Saturday/Sunday, October 23/24 or Saturday/Sunday, October 30/31. It is important to bring them at those times as we want to place them so the garden will be ready for spring planting. If that is impossible for you, please call Ted Bolles at 651-308-5775. Leaves only – no garden waste, house plants, shrubs, etc.

Our WLC garden has had a great year, harvesting over 6,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious food for the Christian Cupboard!! You can help us prepare for next year! Any questions, please call Ted Bolles 651-308-5775.



Observations From the New Guy

James Bogert | Multisite Technical Director

Being the new guy at work can be difficult sometimes. You don't know where all the supplies are, you may not have all the passwords or keys you need yet, and don't even get me started on remembering the names of all your new coworkers. Throw in moving 1,600 miles from your entire family to a state where you don't know anyone, not having a house to move in to (apparently getting materials to build a house is difficult these days), being separated from your spouse and children, and that's right where I found myself this June when I left Arizona to join the staff of Woodbury Lutheran Church.

As difficult as all of that was, the way I experienced care and love from the people of Woodbury was amazing. Care is at the very core of this body of believers. As I mentioned, I didn't have anywhere to call my own when I arrived in Minnesota, but a staff member graciously opened up their home to me for more than two months! In my time of need

they stepped up and made this transition possible even though all they knew was that I was the new guy on staff looking for a place to stay.

One of the reasons I felt drawn to Woodbury is through the way they care for their volunteers and staff. While I visited in March I had the opportunity to sit alongside the team that was prepping for a Lenten service. Most everyone had come straight from work to be there and make this happen. Instead of leaving everyone to their own regarding food, dinner was provided for everyone and we got to have some fellowship while eating a meal together before the service. It doesn't take a lot to show someone you appreciate them like this small act of simply providing a meal for those willing to take the time to be there on a work week night.

Generosity within our team isn't just providing food for others. Just recently, my office neighbor, Karl, was the recipient of a "diaper pounding" as he prepared for the birth of his daughter last month.

A "diaper pounding" meaning his family was given the blessing of an extremely large amount of diapers, which if you are a parent you know is a much needed necessity. What a blessing to have people come alongside not only Karl, but his entire family to help them in a time where there will be a lot of changes, giving them one less thing to have to think about between those late night feedings and little to no sleep.

These days the family is all back together in a very small apartment (we like to call it "cozy") while we wait for our house to get finished up. We're also eagerly awaiting our own diaper pounding as we look forward to the birth of baby boy Bogert this December. And while we're sad to not have our family around the corner, we look forward to raising our son in a community that values care so much. We love that he, as well as our daughter, will get to experience this care first hand and grow up knowing that we are called to do this for each other.



Help Your Children Learn Empathy

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

Some children may possess empathy for others naturally, but many others will need to have some help to develop this characteristic. What is empathy? Empathy is at the heart of what it means to be human. It's a foundation for acting ethically, for good relationships of many kinds. And it's key to preventing bullying and many other forms of cruelty.

Empathy begins with the capacity to take another perspective, to walk in another's shoes. But it is not just that capacity. Salespeople, politicians, actors and marketers are often very skilled at taking other perspectives but they may not care about others. Empathy includes valuing other perspectives and people. It's about perspective-taking and compassion.

Children also learn empathy by watching those we notice and appreciate. They'll notice if we treat a server in a restaurant or a mail carrier as if they're invisible. On the positive side, they'll notice if we welcome a new family in our child's school or express concern about another child in our child's class who is experiencing a challenge.

Demonstrate empathy for others, including those different from you. Consider regularly engaging in community service or model other ways of contributing to a community. Even better, consider doing this with your child. Express interest in those from various backgrounds facing many different types of challenges.

Help your children understand that the world doesn't revolve around them. It's vital at times for parents to put children's concern for others above their happiness, for example, insisting at times that children turn off the TV and help around the house, be polite even when they are in a bad mood, or not dominate the airwaves when they are talking to other children or adults.

Provide opportunities for children to practice empathy. Children are born with the capacity for empathy, but it needs to be nurtured throughout their lives. Learning empathy is in certain respects like learning a language or a sport. It requires practice and guidance. Regularly considering other people's perspectives and circumstances helps make empathy a natural reflex and, through trial and error, helps children get better at tuning into others' feelings and perspectives.

There is a great opportunity coming up this month for you to serve as a family and invite others to join you in serving! Woodbury Lutheran is sponsoring a mobile packing event for Feed My Starving Children on the Valley Creek Campus October 28-30. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some time to talk with your children about why we make food for those in need, and begin to show empathy together as a family!

Living Out God's Love

Laura Stennes | Wakota Ridge Kids & Youth Miniserr

Jesus loved others with a love that was radical. His actions and messages show us a picture of love that is radically different from what the world expects. In the book of James alone, we hear his call to listen more than we speak, not play favorites, as well as practice humility and love. As we follow Jesus we're called to show Jesus' revolutionary love to others.

This fall, the middle and high schoolers are digging into what it looks like to live this out as they study the book of James. Our small group leaders not only help them navigate this topic, but are models of it. They step into the lives of our youth, listening, texting, praying, encouraging, sharing God's word, and showing up in their lives. As youth ministry kicked off for the school year, we're thankful for 46 leaders (across all three campuses) that said yes to caring for our young people by serving in small groups & youth hospitality. They are pivotal in showing that this place, Woodbury Lutheran Church, is a place where each young person is welcome, known, and loved by God.



Showing Christ's Love in an Oil Change

Last spring, WLC launched its first Oil Change ministry event. It was a success, and we are hosting another one this fall!

To get your oil changed properly, this ministry will take your vehicle to an off-site location nearby that is equipped with a grease pit. While waiting for your car's oil to be changed, you can spend time in the Genesis room, or if you want to enjoy the weather, you can wait outside. If you have children and the weather is nice, the playground will also be available. The entire process should be close to 30 minutes.

To sign up for this service, please go to the link below and fill out the form, sharing with us information about your vehicle.

<https://woodburylutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/416/responses/new>

By filling out the above form, it will enable us to buy the specific parts needed for your vehicle. Once your form is submitted, we will be in touch with you the week before to remind you of your upcoming appointment. All you need to do is bring your vehicle to the east parking lot of the Valley Creek Campus at your designated time.

Feel free to reach out to **Pastor Tim** and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Expand Your Heart for God and the World He Loves!

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Discipleship & Reach

Coming in October...

10/3 @ OH and 10/10 @ VC Arrive Ministries Interest Meetings

- Learn about opportunities to welcome and support Refugees and Immigrants in the Twin Cities
- 10:15 - 11:15 am at OH; 11:45 to 12:45 pm at VC

Starting 11/29 Discover God's Heart for the Nations "Book Club"

- Once-a-month for 90 minutes an evening
- Nov 2 / Dec. 2 / Jan 4 / Feb 7 / March 7 / April 4
- For more information: brad@woodburylutheran.org

Sample A Small Group!

Diana Vander Pas | Multisite Director of Small Groups

We all want to try before we buy, right? We test drive cars, sit on sofas, sample new products at the state fair, and come home with more food from Costco because we tried the samples!

Now is your chance to "kick the tires" on a small group experience! If you're not connected to a small group today and would like to sample a session, come to one of the upcoming Small Group "Try It" events.

Small groups at WLC help us grow closer to each other, grow closer to Jesus, and to serve and invite others on the journey!

In this 90 minute sample, you will get to know others at WLC, read a Bible passage or two, and experience how a group discussion can bring Jesus more in focus for you in everyday life.

Upcoming "Try It" Small group experiences will be held:

- Sun. 10/17, Wakota Ridge Campus, 11:45am-1:15pm (Pizza lunch)
- Mon. 10/18, Valley Creek Campus, 6:30-8:00pm
- Thurs. 11/4, Online -Zoom, 6:30-8:00pm
- Sun. 11/7, Oak Hill Campus, 11:45am-1:15pm (Pizza lunch)

Register at www.woodburylutheran.org/ministries/small-groups, or call the church office at 651-739-5144. For questions, email Diana Vander Pas at vanderpasd@woodburylutheran.org.



Hearing A Voice?

Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

Years ago my wife, Connie, and I felt like the Lord was encouraging us to learn more about His mission work around the world. We explored what the Bible said about it, and took a few steps ... and we were “wowed”! Maybe you’re wondering the same thing – what does the Lord want you to know (and do) about people who don’t yet know Him? Consider this low-risk and highly-experiential way to learn more. Join others from WLC as we spend a weekend away with Engage Global (engageglobal.net). In 72 hours we’ll have direct cultural contact with multiple ethnic groups, as well as classroom sessions with former missionaries; we’ll examine God’s Word, His World, and the Work believers can engage in to spread the Gospel.



Contact Brad Miller (MillerB@woodburylutheran.org) or Mike Sabbann (SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org) for more information. We want to answer all your questions, and then encourage you to register for the weekend. Watch your emails for the link to register.



Set aside November 18 – 21 (starts Thursday at 3 pm; ends Sunday at 2 pm) for a terrific onsite training experience at Engage Global’s site in the inner-city of Minneapolis. You’ll be glad you did!



Trinity First Lutheran School - October 16th “Serve Day”!

Mike Sabbann | Reach Coordinator

The diversity of the Twin Cities is made clear in the student body of Trinity First Lutheran School (TFLS). The staff has been loving and teaching these beautiful children of God (and their families) for many years. You can join us in supporting this school on the October 16 (Saturday) “Serve Day”. We’ll begin at 9:00 am, tackling a bunch of light- and medium-duty chores, including cleaning, maintenance, assisting teachers in their classrooms, outdoor work and painting. Whatever gifts you have – we can put you to work!

Contact Lori Golden for more information (651-459-9533; GoldenLJG60@gmail.com) TFLS is located at 1115 E. 19th Street, Minneapolis, 55404.

Wakota Ridge Campus Update

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries

Grand Opening, Sunday, September 12!

With nearly 200 people in worship, including the mayor and community liaison of the city of South St. Paul, Wakota Ridge held its grand opening service on September 12. The beginning of the service was streamed into each of our other two campuses, and all three campuses held a ribbon-cutting ceremony as a reminder that this is a new day for all of Woodbury Lutheran.

On September 19th the celebration continued as Kids LINK kids ministry began and the first baptism as Wakota Ridge was held. On September 26 the three-week celebration wrapped up with Be a Good Neighbor Sunday, where Wakota Ridge members went out after worship to serve by working on landscaping at a local park.

The three weeks of celebrating were a culmination of a summer of merging two congregations, connecting with the neighborhood, and the new campus establishing its identity while also being a launch into the long-term ongoing ministry of Woodbury Lutheran in the South St. Paul community.

Some more highlights at Wakota Ridge:

- More than 50 hospitality servants were trained in September
- New faces are coming through the door every Sunday
- Last week's new faces are returning and bringing friends
- Lots of comments appreciating the quality of music and messages
- Lots of comments about the welcoming and friendly atmosphere of the campus are being

shared

- A beautiful new altar and baptismal font were created by repurposing the former pulpit and lectern by our own Chuck Jones
- New relationships and friendships are being formed weekly
- Kids from the neighborhood are participating in Kids Ministry
- And the list goes on!

Campus Pastor Call Process

The call team is in the process of reviewing a list of candidates and their personal and ministry-related information. The team will narrow the list and begin interviewing candidates that seem like the best fit for the campus pastor role.

Please keep the Wakota Ridge Campus, its developing ministries and neighborhood presence, and the call process in your prayers. Contact Joel Symmank at joels@woodburylutheran.org or by calling the church office at 651-739-5144 with questions or interest in being a part of the new campus.



A Pilgrimage to Germany

Join Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer on a pilgrimage to Germany, Passion Play in Oberammergau July 15-27, 2022. This passion play has a rich history and has occurred about every ten years since 1633.

If interested and want more information, call or email Pastor Paul & Rhoda at paulrhoda@comcast.net or 651-707-7144.

October Birthdays

1 Janna Duban Marianne Eineke Mason Himes Victoria Riehle Brian Smith	Fritz Feuerherm Jordan Kealy Gina Pearson Michelle Sabatke Garrett Sailer	Delaney Palmer Ruth Premiah Brian Stakston Dottie Tillery Dominique Villaume	Jan McLean Max Schmidt Elise Schuenke Amy Tessmer Eric Varin	Madeline Haut Jacqueline Hedegaard Tom Kroohn John Lally Elden Lamprecht	Lisa Thao Nolan Aspen Olin Berg Maria Engen Quinn Haines
2 Rhonda Affield Kaylee Amundson Nathan Bloomquist Kurt Brammer Josh Brocker Barrett Connolly Scott Stevens Joey Wess	Kimberly Sorgert Kenneth Stopler Dave Wegner 7 Linda Atchison Luanne Greengard Roger Haukland Shirley Hensel Lisa Noblett	11 Kevin Graham Eric Heintz Jill Hodne Dan Krause Eileen Lund Amy Meyer Bruce Montgomery Seryozha Mzenga Irene Sczublewski Lorraine Wohlhuter	17 Brooke Albrecht Paige Albrecht Cynthia Martin Kristen Nesvig Lillian Stenzel Matt Weiss	Brad Sweet Annaliese Voss Jen Wenck Warren Weum Adam Wiering	Carley Kokaisel Bob Nelson Rachel McFarland Katie Schultze Wendy Schultze
3 Alex Barker BJ Brown Lyn Foley Cynthia Freeman Nate Griffin Amber Ignaszewski Bethany Mathot Gabe Peterson Kavin Ramesh Nancy Ritter Carol Score	8 Aaron Bauman Ellen Cochran John Foster Parker Huebsch Tyler Huebsch Bob Kolb	12 Barb Groth Melanie Haberman Dawn Kroohn Christopher Neutz Celina Reyes Cindy Schwartz Ella Schwarzenbach Mike Steingraber Mark Stollenow	18 Will Bartley Erin Brandvik Julia Glatzmaier Ryan Lindstrom Addison Rohm Jim Sobaski	24 Nora Bauer Melissa Butzler Zachary Cartier Jenny Granlund Arlene Halleen Presley Olafson Arul Ramesh Pat Stevens Justin Topp	Anastacia Speckhard Parris Vitela
4 Elias Aune Silas Boyer Patrick Brewer Paul Burandt Jerry Helander Kendel McKinley Marvel Mitterholzer Dennis Sager Jason Sirovy	9 Terri Albrecht Steve Dopson Jeff Konop Matt Meek Grant Schouveller Jesse Spates Rick Theissen Bennett Zeller Griffin Zeller	13 Tommy Albrecht Jennifer Anderson Zetta Anderson Cary Fields Cortney Heerwald Hannah Rodemeyer Michael Zenner	19 Ruth Camilli Paul Clagherty Craig Roberts Jacob Rygh	25 Ashish Abraham Kaitlin Albrecht Nancy Brezina Julie Drevnick Maggie Law Ryan Loss Abraham Matthews Desiree Morningstar Valerie Reichel John Rodemeyer	29 Beth Bauer Amanda Brigl David Schelling Cheryl Stensvad
5 Sophia Carlson Aubrey Chavie Camryn Goerlitz Janet Harrison Elizabeth Huebsch Rod Lund Neil Perryman Brenda Stoffel Alejandro Trujillo-Corona Meron Ukubazgi Lori Voth John Wilford Michele Wolf	10 Gene Anderson Georgina Cavanaugh Kaye Christianson Logan Duis Stella Hall Debbie Heggernes Olivia Hillmeyer Fran Menge Danielle Nelson Grady Olafson	14 Rick Blomquist Mackenzie Fossan Carolyn Hernandez Alicia Leemkuil Josephine Mack Charlie McElveen Eva Powers Stacey Wagley 15 Dominic Browning Robert Cummings Amy Fitzgerald Marie Klinzing Chelsea Lewis Jerry Morton Shannon Schach Jessami Schaefer	20 Heidi Hove Benjamin Jacobus Judy Pirkil	26 Rick Albrecht Don Arneson James Belmonte Kaylee Bierdeman Eric Bjornson Cristina Gurrola Vicki Huebsch Alyssa Kreutzfeldt Craig McHenry Katherine Reinhard Karin Stensvad Lisa Winter David Wolterstorff	30 Bob Albrecht Simona Awiszus Rylea Casselberry Chad Helgason Candace Lilleboe Aspyn Offenhauser Thomas Ogren Kassie Raasch Keira Rosin Macey Salzmann Murphy Sczublewski
6 George Achterling Michele Eggers		16 Jennifer Foss Sam Froseth	21 Eli Boon Vienna Carlson Matthew Edwards Andrea Hitzemann-Johnson Zac Krueger Helen Louie-Terzian Autumn Schuldt Gerald Steffel Daniel Wesser 22 Graham Anderson Diane Cragoe Hall Hannah Dufresne Kimberly Herr Zach Howard Jan Jeske-Rowe Everett Morri Lisa Peterson Jill Simon	27 Michele Jacobus Harper Lopez Tim Pleggenkuhle Roman Rogotzke Connie Sabbann Jeanette Schmidt KC Swanlund	31 Trevor Brammer LaVonne Hamilton Renee Kenow Brian Kieser Latha Kirubakaran Emelynn Klotthor Jan Lindau Quinn McHarg Alyxia Morris Katherine Parker Tyler Printon Michael Scheid Jean Steinbraber

October Anniversaries

1 Gary & Diane Baran Joey & Kirsten Benke Tim & Brittany Bystrycky Nick & Julie Kordosky Bob & Sandra Zak	Burt & Reighe Nagel 6 Paul & Sally Cronin Jeff & Aimee Wilford	14 Russell & Linda McCuskey Dave & Cheryl Schindler	22 Bob & Fran Cummings Jeff & Joan Figlmiller Aaron & Haley Raebel Mark & Tonya Smith
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3 Rich & Shelly Ahlquist Karl & Cheryl Hohenstein Thomas & Ingrid Kinmounth Dave & Sue McNally Garrett & Ashlee Schmidt Mark & Kim Sorgert	8 Scott & Beth Bauer 9 Aaron & Jamila Drevlow 10 Brian & Katie Whitemarsh 11 Jim & Alicia Culbertson Kevin & Kristin Esboldt David & Cheryl White 12 Glen & Cindy Boedecker Brett & Lisa Corrigan Lucas & Ashley Hanon Brian & Donna Herian Tom & Patti Nelson Brian & Kasey Short Matthew & Rachel Solosky	16 Adam & Emily Browning Steve & Jolene Macioch Doug & Yvonne Pilot Bob & Amy Schlichenmaier 17 Larry & Carol Edwards 18 Josh & Melanie Anderson Bill & Karen Klinzing John & Jessica Norring Greg & Sharon Opheim Tom & Kristine Stork 19 Ken & Lindsey Babin Scott Habeck & Christine Borscheid Habeck Chuck & Janice Jones Fred & Alyssa Kreutzfeldt	24 Grant & Pixie Anderson Tom & Alex Finnegan 25 Kelly & Tiffany Fitzgerald 26 Chad & Alison Kurth Brian & Addie Michlitsch 27 Keith & Cynthia Gustafson Michael & Brenda Haut 30 Tim & Roxane Becken 31 Dwight & Patti Schultz
4 Mark & Cindy Johnson Mark & Cameo Kosanke Gene & Phyllis Letendre Jeff & Katie Mueller	13 Brad & Sandi Miller Chris & Tiffany Perl	20 Chike & Sarah Ociagha Dick & Nancy Ritter	
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Church Council Update March

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

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Discipleship Summary:

Brad Miller and Joel Symmank were staff guests to share some of the exciting things happening in our desire to grow disciples who make disciples. Brad is leading a small team of staff and lay people reviewing our Discipleship Path and how we can continue to improve the process of growing to be more like Jesus.

Congregational Health:

Wade Amundson shared his perspective as our Lead Elder. This continues to be a huge time of transition and challenge for so many which has left some people frustrated (mask policies, not enough political action, worship schedules). At the same time there is an overall sense of great unity and health within the congregation.

Follow Initiative:

Starting in November we will be launching the Follow initiative focused on re-engaging people on our discipleship path and sharing ministry vision and financial needs for 2022-2023. Follow will tie very closely into our ministry vision plan with a strong focus on Discipleship Impact, Reach and Multisite.

Wakota Ridge:

We had an incredible grand opening with 200 people in attendance. During the month of September we have several special events planned to get out into the community. The search team has collected 15 names for the campus pastor role and will be working through them over the next several weeks.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- August Meeting Minutes
- August Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- How are we doing developing disciples, disciples who make disciples, and leaders?
- Review and discuss 2022 WLC Scorecard
- What is the health of our congregation?
- Update on Follow Initiative

Informational Topics

- Sr. Pastor Report and Metrics
- Wakota Ridge Campus Launch - Highlights & What's Next, Update on pastor call process

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

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

In-Person

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

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

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Baptisms

Ruth Michaela Kinmounth
Zander-Guy Alan Batten-Brooks
Charlie Renee Barringer
Owen Braatz
Even Braatz
Madilynn Christine Fox
Maddox Frye
Mariah Rose Mattson
Jayda Grace Revier
Macy Jo Revier
Kaylie Maren Sand
Dominik Philip Ranausky

Weddings

Jamie Linert & Nicholas Arnold
Hannah French & Michael Stoddard

Deaths

Ron Hoelscher, brother-in-law of Sally Dunn
Joel Jensen, brother of Jim Jensen
Shirley Zalewsky, aunt of Diane Wutke
Geri Neujahr
John Norring, Sr., father of John Norring, Jr.
Viola Natt



Staying Connected

Ready to Take Your Next Step?

The WLC Connection Center is available to help you determine what your next step might be on the Discipleship PATH. Whether you want to explore options or you already know what your next step will be, our Connectors would love to help! The Connection Center staff at each of our campuses, is available for each worship service. Come and say hi!

Giving at WLC

Thank you for your ongoing generosity that keeps the ministries of Woodbury Lutheran functioning. Giving may be done by texting WLCGIVE to 833-808-4447, through our [website](#), and through the WLC app ([iOS](#) | [GooglePlay](#)). Checks may be mailed to the church office at 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125.

Stock Donations

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

Stephen Ministers

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

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry (VC/OH)

If you've not registered yet, please help us out by filling out [this form](#) so we can be ready for your young person!!!

Monday Afternoon Women's Ministry

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

Mitten Makers

Come create mittens from sweaters with us! If you can cut, hand sew, or sort, join us at the VC campus on Wednesdays at 12:30pm in room L-900 (VC Paul). All proceeds benefit Robin's Nest Orphanage.



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October 2021 Calendar

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

2 (V) Baptism Class

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

3 (O, W, V) KidsLINK

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

3 (V) KidsLINK

Sundays, 10:30am
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

4 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

4 (V) Ladies Gathering Group

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

4 (V) Grief Class

Mondays, 6:30pm
Contact: Pastor Tim
651-739-5114 x221

6 (W, V) Women of the Word (WOW)

Wednesdays, 9:15am
Contact: Diana Vander Pas
651-739-5114 x208

6 (V) Mitten Makers

Wednesdays, 12:15pm
Contact: Lyndis Vander Louw
651-459-3313

6 (O, V) Foundations & ROOTS

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

7 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

7 (W) Hannah Quilters

Thursdays, 9:00am
Contact: Miriam Kostecki
651-739-5114

24 (O, W, V) Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, after worship
Contact: Brad Miller
651-739-5144 x209

28-30 (V) FMSC MobilePackr

Thursday-Saturday, various times
Contact: Mike Sabbaan
651-739-5144 x230

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