

We Were Created for Community

Diana Vander Pas | Multisite Director of Small Groups

What happens when we are isolated and alone? An increase in anxiety, depression, and mental fog. Decision-making is harder, loneliness increases, and self-esteem decreases. Physical, mental, and cognitive health decline. It has such a negative impact on us that solitary confinement can be used as criminal punishment in some situations.

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.”

-Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

Isn't this verse great? Just being together we help each other. Maybe you feel alone, or maybe you are the person who can reach out to help and invite others in. The fall is a great time to get plugged in. Check out the articles inside for all the ministry areas for all ages and stages. You will be encouraged just by showing up and will be an encouragement for others!

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Troubles

*"Be still and know that I am God."
-- Psalm 46:10*

Chaos, madness and brokenness it seems are never very far from us. I believe we continue to underestimate the incredible impact that the last two years and COVID have had on us individually and as a culture. There has been so much loss and there is so much confusion and as I have observed in our world the last several weeks it just keeps piling up.

An earthquake in Haiti leaving thousands dead and driving a nation in deep poverty further into despair. A 20 year war in Afghanistan coming to an end with scenes of unspeakable chaos. A flood in Ethiopia that swept away part of the Lutheran Seminary we have helped to support along with several people losing their lives including a pastor and his family. More floods and death in Tennessee, hurricane Ida, and tropical storms on the northeast coast. Closer to home I dealt with Covid and personally know two people fighting for their lives on ventilators from the virus.

It leaves me shaking my head wondering when will it end and how do we keep going? In those moments of despair I run to the words of Jesus from John 16:33, ***"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart I have overcome the world."***

I don't have to tell you about all the trouble, it is always and ever before us, sometimes in really big, obvious ways and sometimes in the isolation of our own thoughts and worries. ***I have good news for you, through His resurrection from the dead Jesus has overcome the world and all the brokenness in it and He has done that for us.***

I am praying that this incredible truth will be enough to keep us pressing forward into our calling as His church. ***Let us be people who carry the incredible hope of Jesus into the vast expanse of pain and brokenness that is all around us.***

Please know that I am praying for you and for the world!

Peace,
Pastor Tom, Senior Pastor



NEXT Pizza with the Pastor

What's your NEXT Step at Woodbury Lutheran? If you're new or newer 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.

- 9/26 at OH and VC (11:45am -1pm)
- 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 BUT it's not required. Just come, have some pizza and get connected. Email [Stacy Winter](#) to register!



Connect and Grow

Diana Vander Pas | Multisite Director of Small Groups

We believe that God changes us as we open Scripture in community with others who are learning to follow Jesus. Below are some upcoming opportunities to connect, and get plugged in to a topic or a time that will help you grow in your walk of faith.

NEW SMALL GROUPS FORMING

WLC has many types of small groups that meet on various days and times of the week. We have Women's, Men's, Co-Ed, Couples, and Family groups. Some meet in homes, cafés or on the church campus and others meet online. Some small groups are comprised of people who all attend the same campus, while others are from multiple campuses. Still other groups have people who don't attend WLC as their primary church home. The groups are as varied as the people in them!

This fall new groups are starting and new people

can be placed together by type of group, life-stage, campus, and/or desired meeting schedule. There will also be opportunities to simply try out a group to see if you like it!

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) WEDNESDAYS

AT 9:15AM STARTING SEPTEMBER 15. This fall we have group study options in person and online. All women welcome! No registration necessary! Please attend the first day and jump in!

"Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians" by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore. **In-person group at Wakota Ridge.** This 6-week video-based study is a deep dive into Paul's letter to the Galatians, which is wildly interesting and astonishingly relevant to our present world.

A study on 2 Corinthians by Dane C. Orlund. Group online via zoom.

This 12-week study looks at seemingly paradoxical truths -strength from weakness, life

through death, and comfort in affliction. As you discuss, you'll see how the book of 2 Corinthians ties in with the entire story of Scripture and gain a better understanding of God's Word. No video, just book and discussion.

"Better: A Study of Hebrews", by Jen Wilkin. In-person group at Valley Creek. This 12-week study includes Scripture, video, and discussion. The goal is to give you a renewed commitment to put all of your hope and faith in Jesus.

"Becoming a Woman of Influence; Making a Lasting Impact on Others", by Carol Kent. In-person group at Valley Creek. This 7-week video- and book study imparts principles from the life of Jesus for the making of an effective mentor and will help equip you to mentor the young women in your life who long to draw nearer to God.

"What Love Is: The Letter's of 1, 2, 3 John" by Kelly Minter. In-person group at Valley Creek. This 7-week

video study challenges us to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness.

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted", by Priscilla Shirer. Mom's Group In-Person at Valley Creek. This 7-week study looks at our interruptions and many times, like Jonah we run when God interrupts our lives! Interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. Childcare may be available. Check with Diana Vander Pas for details.

To connect to a new small group or to find out more about Women of the Word, contact Diana Vander Pas, Multi-Site Director of Small Groups at vanderpasd@woodburylutheran.org.



Worship Fall Ministry Season Start-Up

Joel Wetzstein | Multisite Director of Worship

I can hardly believe that summer is over. School has started and I think we all needed a summer vacation badly! The Fall "back to school" season typically brings with it a mindset to "Start-Up" a new ministry season as well.

With the Grand Opening Celebration at our new Wakota Ridge Campus happening as well - it's a very exciting time! Within the worship department and teams across all our campuses - there are so many ways for you to jump in during this Start-up season. Here are a few:

- Leading worship with any of our band and vocal teams across all of our campuses is a great way to use the musical gifts you've been given. If you're interested, contact me at 713-454-3963 or wetzsteinj@woodburylutheran.org
- Another way to help lead worship is by lending your voice to a choir. At Valley Creek, you can contact Karl Grant, grantk@woodburylutheran.org to join the Valley Creek Chorale.
- All of our campuses have teams working in Sound, Video & Lighting support of our worship services. Please contact James Bogert, our Technical Arts Director - bogertj@woodburylutheran.org

Faithful Staff Servants Celebrating Anniversaries

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries

Woodbury Lutheran has been blessed by an outstanding staff of talented, driven, followers of Jesus with hearts to help others know the joy of following Jesus, too. In 2021 we celebrate with the following staff members:



20 years - Mark Stutelberg, church administrator. In his role Mark handles Woodbury Lutheran's finances, budgeting, properties, and manages compensation and benefits for all of our employees.



10 years - Jyl Dunavan, Oak Hill Campus worship leader. Jyl works with the campus pastor (her husband Dean) to develop and lead worship at Oak Hill blessing that congregation with her skill and with her ability to develop the skills in other musicians.



10 years - Mary Law, office administrator, and assistant to the Senior Pastor. Mary keeps the office moving, working with her team to handle the wide variety of administrative tasks that go with WLC being a multisite church, as well as assisting Pastor Tom in his many tasks.



5 years - Kandi Chavie, communications director. Kandi maintains the church website, creates lots of our outgoing communication, as well as graphics and on-screen content for Sunday mornings. As part of the administrative team, she handles a variety of other office tasks as well.



5 years - Sunny Marshall. Sunny maintains myWLC, our church database. handles payroll, bill paying, and HR tasks such as employee benefits.

Each of these brings far more to our church than just the tasks they perform. God works through them to make Woodbury Lutheran a caring, responsive, dynamic church, where Jesus' death and resurrection are taught and shared. Please join in saying thank you to our God for these servants. And take a minute to reach out to say thank you to them as well.

Caring Opportunities

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care Ministries

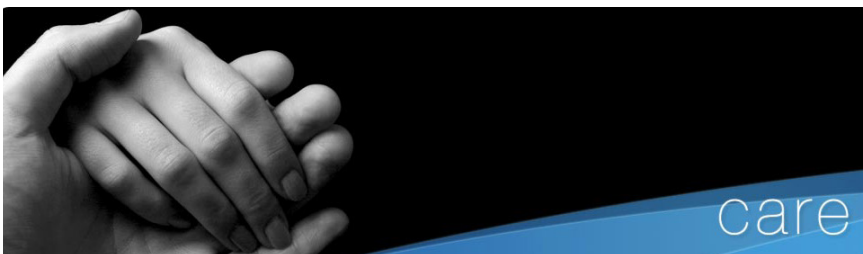
With the addition of the Wakota Ridge Campus come new opportunities to share the love of Jesus with others! We recently finished up Press Play Summer Camp for kids, teaching those who came all about Jesus and his great love for them. We have spent time in the community having neighborhood parties and meals, and also participated in the Kaposia Days parade, following behind and cleaning up after it. And even though we are still seeking a campus pastor to serve at Wakota Ridge, we have many opportunities to show care and love for the people of God.

If you've recently lost a loved one, or haven't been able to appropriately grieve a loss that occurred a while ago, we will have a grief class at the Valley Creek Campus starting on Monday, September 13, at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in the Fireside Room, where we will take the time to share our own experiences, listen to the experiences of others, and encourage one another in our shared experiences. The class itself is video and Scripture driven, and will be led by Pastor Tim. Even though the class is at the Valley Creek Campus, you can attend no matter what campus you call home. No signup is necessary, and all materials for the class will be provided.

Another opportunity to receive care is through our Stephen Ministry. If you aren't familiar with our Stephen Ministry, it is a confidential, one on one caregiving ministry for anyone who is going through a challenging time. It could be a loss of any kind, whether it is the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, the loss of a job, a move to a new location, or any other challenging situation you might find yourself in. This ministry is for all of our campuses. Reach out to [Pastor Tim](#) or your campus pastor to be connected to our Stephen Ministry.

You may find yourself presently unable to get out of your home consistently, and are desiring home visits. While our pastors make house calls, we also have Pastoral Care Assistants who can reach out to those who are not as mobile as they once were. Our PCAs have been trained to share Holy Communion during those visits as well. If you or someone you know might benefit from a house call, please reach out to Pastor Tim or your campus pastor.

As members of the body of Christ, let us love one another as Christ has loved us!



Expand Your Heart for God and the World He Loves!

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Discipleship & Reach

Coming in September and October...

9/23 (7pm online) World Prayer Dive

- Connect with one of our Missionaries and pray together for all
- our missionaries and for God's Kingdom around the world

Starting 10/4 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

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



FMSC MobilePack is Back!

Mike Sabbaan | Reach Coordinator

**But with a few COVID modifications*

WOW!! Since 2014, **Woodbury Lutheran has packed over 2 million meals** for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). We are excited that we will be packing meals again this year! FMSC is a Christian nonprofit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals – MannaPack™ Rice – formulated by food scientists specifically for malnourished children. Organizations in nearly 70 countries distribute these meals to children in greatest need. Prior to 2020, FMSC was able to spend more than 92% of total donations directly on feeding children because of its volunteers. However, COVID required FMSC to change their model from volunteers packing meals to machine packing. Loosening of COVID restrictions has allowed them to once again return to volunteer packing – within COVID guidelines.

When will we do it?! **October 28th through the 30th**.

This year's FMSC MobilePack event will take place at the Valley Creek Campus. Adults and youth will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Children as young as five can also help as long as they are with a parent/adult.

COVID precautions will be in place including limiting the number of packers per packing session; sanitizing all surfaces and equipment between sessions and confirming the health of each packer when they arrive. While masks are not required to pack, you are welcome to wear one.

Registration for this event will open in late-

September. When you register, you will note that you are registering to pack at a specific packing station. Each station holds up to 10 packers. If you are uncomfortable packing with others, please make sure and fill your station with ten individuals who you are comfortable being with (all names will be required when you register).

While we will be helping FMSC in their mission, we will also be fulfilling the goals of our church to include the practice of generosity and modeling Christ's love by meeting the basic needs of others. This event is a perfect opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to Woodbury Lutheran. Who can you invite to pack alongside of you?

Got questions? Contact Liz Thompson (eathompson1953@gmail.com), Gayla Pleggenkuhle (gplegg@gmail.com), or Mike Sabbaan (SabbannM@woodburylutheran.org). Thank you for helping to feed God's precious children!



Baptism Sunday

God saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5-6

Baptism is a gift from God! Because of His love for us, God washes away our sin, gives the gift of faith, and makes us part of His family. We are adopted into his family and are sons and daughters of the King!

A few times a year, at each campus, we step up our celebration of baptism for a highlight weekend! We go all out. If you or a loved one has not been baptized - this is for you!

Baptism Sunday is right around the corner - September 19, 2021. If you want to be baptized, contact the WLC office at 651-739-5144 or go to <https://www.woodburylutheran.org/next-steps/baptism/>

Serventure 2.0...WLC Rocks It Again!

Mike Sabbaan | Reach Coordinator

Kids and families across the Twin Cities and in the East Metro will start the Fall season with hope and fun because of the generosity and service of dozens of WLC members! Here's how you used your gifts and resources during Serventure 2.0 during the summer to bless kids:

Highwood Hills Elementary School

- here's a quick story ... WLC has partnered for years bringing meals to kids at nearby Highwood Hills Elementary (just west of McKnight Road on Londin Lane, [located here](#).) Over time we got to know the school's art teacher, Phil Sinn. When we offered to help the school during Serventure 2.0, Phil shared with us his dream for an "Outdoor Learning Space," where school kids can be outside, in an inviting area for special projects and learning opportunities; he wanted something outside the classroom setting. Phil asked if we could help turn a weedy, overgrown area near the school entrance into something nicer looking. Our members worked and sweated side-by-side with school staff - including Dr. Lawson, the school principal (far right holding the shovel in the picture above!) We rototilled, raked, hauled black dirt and mulch, and planted. School staff are so excited to have the kids start this fall with such a beautiful spot! Jesus loves this kind of service!



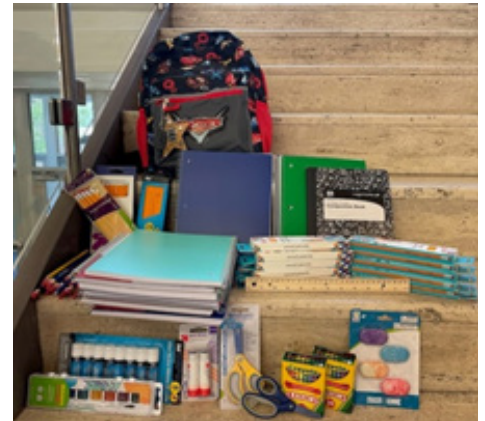
Trinity First Lutheran School: Summer Bridge to Success - Forty-plus inner city kids will start their fall school season better equipped because of WLC's sponsorship of TFLS's annual summer program for kids! Our members generously provided science project equipment and art supplies. We made hundreds of sandwiches in the school kitchen (!) and assembled lunches for the kids so they could participate in the classroom activities and on a field trip. No "summer learning loss" for these kids! Well done, Woodbury!

WLC's Afton Garden - Once again Serventure provided a few volunteers to work with the regular team out at WLC's Garden. Ted Bolles leads the

Team, and had this to say about the August 19 crew, *"We harvested 287 pounds tonight - our highest so far! The Serventure people were a great help! Thanks!"* WLC delivers the fresh veggies (cukes, butternut squash, peppers ... you name it!) to our local food shelves. What a terrific blessing to local families!

Birthday Bags for Kids - Kids whose families visited our local food shelves were surprised to find special "birthday bags" awaiting them! Imagine the excitement of a child who is surprised by a gift from folks who want them to know they are a child of God on their birthday! More than 115 were blessed with this gift assembled and delivered to area food shelves by WLC folks.

Wilder Foundation: Backpacks for Kids - Many families cannot afford the basic school supplies, and their kids suffer as a result. WLC members contributed 23 backpacks to the Wilder



Foundation's "Tools for Success" program so families start the fall school year on a better footing.

Love our City - Serventure 2.0 wasn't all about serving! Twenty or so WLC members went on a "learning adventure"; we boarded a bus for a fascinating tour of inner city Minneapolis! We visited a Somali shopping center and Hispanic supermarket, drove through the largest urban Native American community in the U.S. We topped it off with an ethnic meal at Trinity First Lutheran School as we learned from a parent of a Trinity student what it's like to be an immigrant. Watch for future opportunities to join in this!

Bottom-line - WLC members prove to have "servant hearts" over-and-over-and-over! Thanks for blessing so many with the love of Jesus!



A Nudge Toward Community

Patrick Brewer | Director of High School Youth Ministry

I have two very different children in my household. Both of them are quite social, but given their druthers, one would never be at home, and the other might never leave the house. It's not that my little homebody doesn't like being around others, it's just that he needs frequent nudges to step into places where he's in community with others.

Unsurprisingly, as their father, I find those varying dispositions at play in my own heart as well. One day I'm over-packing the family calendar and the next I'm hoping those plans get cancelled. I don't want to miss out on all the great opportunities out there, but I also don't want to overbook us into exhaustion. Perhaps you can relate to this conundrum in yourself or in the young people in your household. It truly is a tricky balance to navigate.

As our fall calendars begin to fill up, I'd like to point us to the words of Hebrews 10:25 which remind us to *"not neglect our meeting together, as some people do,*

but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

These words remind us just how essential community with other believers is to our faith walk, and they wisely urge us to make it a priority in our lives. There are so many fantastic things that fill our calendars, but none of them compare to what happens when we gather around the word with fellow Christians. In these environments, we are encouraged to be more like Jesus and we're reminded of the truth, peace, grace, and hope that the world can't give. They're places where we can be known, ask questions, and grow.

Even in the throes of all that the previous year entailed, we saw God work powerfully through groups of young believers at WLC. Whether it was Wednesday night small groups, mission experiences, conversations between leaders and students, or amidst the silliness of game nights!

So, as you're choosing what gets on your calendar this fall, I

want to give you and your family a nudge to plug in with other believers. Make worship as a family an anchor of your week, take the plunge into a small group, have your little people step into KidsLink, find a place to serve as a family...and if you have youth in your life, help them find, experience, and prioritize Christian community with their peers!

Wednesday night youth ministry is one of the best ways for students to plug in and grow here at WLC and it fires up again on September 15th, 6:30-8:00PM. Just like every year, we have an amazing team of caring adults who can't wait to pour into your young people. We'd love to have your kid(s) in 6th-12th grade join us! Registration is open at WLCYouth.org.

We have so many ways for young people to experience a community that cares about them and encourages them. If you have questions about any of our programming or other ways we can partner with you, our youth staff would love to talk with you!

Energized! Dynamic! Ardent! and Zealous!

Sara Mulso | Director of Preschool & Kindergarten

Happy Back to School Month! I'm sure that this is something that EACH of you can relate to. Whether it be getting your own littles off to school, launching a recent graduate, and for all of us, what some of those back to school days mean to each of us. Do you remember how exciting a box of new, sharp crayons made you? What about if you got a whole box of 64 crayons? Anyone recall back to school clothes shopping or getting a new bag for school? I know you are thinking about something and my guess is that there were some things about back to school that excited you.

So as we think about this time of year, we also think about an academic type calendar year. Maybe you have rhythms and routines that begin about now. I know for our staff of nearly 20 at Woodbury Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten, we are beginning this new rhythm and there are things that we are excited about as we begin to connect with parents and get their children plugged into learning for the upcoming year. *(Psst....a little insider scoop -we were asked to write about being plugged in and when I googled it, I found out it means that you are closely involved or very enthusiastic about something. Drum roll please as I share what that looks like at our end of the hallway!)*

1. Our teachers are **energized**! This is our job but it is so much more. These little people are like little spark plugs in our lives and their joy for learning excites us. The more they dig in, the more we are energized to help them learn more!

2. Our team is **dynamic**! There are never two days that play out the same way. We adapt to the needs children have and we look to capture those teachable moments and see that twinkle in their eye as they "get it!"
3. Hands-on learning dominates our day. All staff are creative and **ardent** as they strive to provide the right materials to capture the interest of children. We learn names of train cars, cartoon characters and frequently mispronounce dinosaur names all in our quests to have children know that we care about what they love.
4. We are **zealous** in our relationship building with families. We know that for many of them, not only are we their child's first teacher but we are the first parent-teacher relationship they have. We want this to be a dynamic, meaningful and rich relationship where we honor them as an advocate for their child who walks alongside us who are skilled in teaching.

All of this stuff is cool and we love it, but the most important place where we **get plugged in** is teaching children about Jesus and walking alongside families as this relationship with a Savior who loves their child begins to develop. This is not part of our job, it is a privilege! There is absolutely nothing as sweet as hearing four and five year olds pray for their friends, their family and their world.

You see, we know that being ready for kindergarten is important. That's our job. But our ministry and our heartbeat is knowing that we are entrusted not only to prepare these children for kindergarten but for eternity. Thanks for all that you do to help us fulfill this ministry to nearly 130 children this year!



Welcome Back!

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

Kids Ministry is central to ministry at Woodbury Lutheran on all of our campuses where kids are given consistent opportunities to hear the message of the Bible in kid friendly environments.

We're busy getting ready to welcome back you and your family this fall! Join us on **Open House Sunday, September 12th**, to find your kid's small group locations on Sunday morning, and so much more!

During all of our services on September 12th we will have a "Back to School Blessing" covering all of our students, teachers, and everyone working our schools with prayer. A free backpack tag will be given to students that day also.

The first day Kids LINK small groups meet will be **September 19th** on all campuses. Get plugged in and join us this fall! Register at Kids.Woodburylutheran.org

Wakota Ridge Campus Update

Joel Symmank | Director of Ministries

Grand Opening, Sunday, September 12!

As summer winds down the Grand Opening of our newest campus is quickly approaching. On Sunday, September 12th we'll enjoy worship together followed by a reception with cake and some fun activities. Sunday the 19th is the first Sunday of Kids LINK and Baptism Sunday with build-your-own ice cream sundaes after worship. Sunday the 26th is Be a Good Neighbor Sunday, with opportunities to serve together after worship. Three big weeks of celebrating the new thing God is doing in South St. Paul!

Summer Fun For Kids

Wakota Ridge just wrapped up four Wednesday evenings of Summer Fun (VBS) for kids from the congregation and the neighborhood. 20 kids came each week to hear the good news of Jesus shared through games, Bible stories, and crafts. A wonderful group of volunteers helped with the program, cooked and served hot dogs for families each evening, and provided a welcoming environment for everyone.

Building Updates

While I'm writing this a team is wrapping up the installation of new audio, video, and lighting in the Wakota Ridge sanctuary. These new systems have been designed for the specifications of the sanctuary to allow all of the elements of worship to be seen and heard well by everyone in the room.

A big thank you goes to our facilities team who has been working non-stop all summer making the campus feel like home!

Campus Pastor Call Process

The call team is in the process of gathering names. As the list develops the team will begin the process of working through the names and setting up interviews.

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.



Thank You!

Steve Retter | Director of Peach Fundraiser

The Youth Programs of WLC thank you for a very successful Colorado peach sale for 2021! It requires a lot of volunteer dedication and "horsepower" to make this sale work, and many people rose to the occasion! We moved 530 crates (4.8 tons) of peaches in two days, raising over \$5,000 for the Youth Scholarship Fund.

To all the customers, volunteers (adults and youth), custodial support and office support, a BIG thank you!

September Birthdays

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| 1 Craig Baumann Teresa Critchley Perry Firkus Addison Fluegel Jaime Hegna Sandy Johnson Lois Langholz Maleah McKinley Angie Moris David Pearson Lily Pieper Stephanie Smith Ava Young | Beth Welsh 6 Paisley Ash Karen Brown Eldon Engen Emma Goetz Jim Gullickson Madison Himes Julie Mittelholtz Niko Morris Mike Rygh Selah Stebbing | Bryan Jackson Lori Kane Aaron Waldo 12 David Butina Noah Danner Killian Everson Lars Heggernes Camille Jones Carmen Jones Catelynn Jones Tyler LaMott Craig Laue Ella Oehlke | Madison Schmidt Marna Uebler 16 James Biederman Lance Huebner Matteo Izzi Greg Johnson Mike Looney Zoe Marth Sarah Rasmussen Ruth Stakston Blake Stoffel Stacy Winter | Peggy Novak Mary Scott Blake Fluegel 21 William Gilbert Noah Gow Alisa Hartwig Arlene Holst Adele Salava Mark Sikorski Daniel Stoddard Dylan Walker | Nicholas Larson Erin Mills Dan Powers Marlys Sobaski 26 Mary Betts Kiera Daniels Sydney Fedorowski Sherri Graham Gianna Juliano Halle Myers Greta Norman Brady Perryman Dena Petrich Gregory Rohm Katherine Stebbing |
| 2 Joan Bugnon Jane McAllister Pamela Riley Laura Schumacher | 7 Parker Allen Donna Bargsten Taylor Casselberry Wyatt Crow Joanna Dikken Morgan Ingram Leann Radel Charles Stennes Kyle Topp | 13 Franklin Anderson Taylour Blakeman Wesley Bloemendal Michaela Bradshaw Elizabeth Edwards Lois Groves Judy Lindemeier Jim Nassios Becky Nelson Chuck Nelson Teresa Raymer Ashley St. Clair Andy Stone Eleanor Young | 17 Lucy Anderson Caitlyn Conway Vicky Gerver Brian Ingram Dylan Longworth Brooke Salzman Bennett Sauer Ava Sonn Yvonne White Joseph Wolsky Owen Zeller | 22 Michael Brandmire Jileen Cowley Steve Grovender Willy Mzenga Steph Odegaard Shari Opheim Nevalynn Peasley Jenni Rathousky Nicole Rosin Jason Sakizadeh Maggie Svoboda Patrick Svoboda Aaron Wesser Jo Youngquist Lisa Ziemer | 27 Joseph Baumgarn Anika Bramer Maxwell Bramer Ken Olson 28 Don Amey Dan Field Corbin Johnson Janice Jones Karen Klinzing Jeanne Luebker Gary McDowell Cheryl Olstad Clark Peterson |
| 3 Alexa Diedrich Oskar Ehnstrom Carol Houfer Artie Lehtonen Caleb McDonald Abi Naffziger Alex Oehlke Carrie Steffel Lyndis Vander Louw Al Wilkie Cambelle Young | 8 Jack Bailen Evan LaMott Hudson Lueders Kemal Munn Steve Rohlf Samuel Scholz Kathy Siegling Larry Young | 14 Ronn Hannula Kelsie Knippenberg Alex Laney Paige Lee Sara Murray Ed Nelson Ray Nibbe Meghan Rheinberger Scott Schuenke Ethan Topp | 18 William Anderson Brianna Andrasfi Sara Carson Dan Colvin Baylee Horner Mary Nesvig Kris Peterson Everly Phillipson Emma Stakston Linda Wilk | 23 Angela Cowles Tim Fett Louis Graen Elizabeth Gustafson Kennedy Huber Bill Jacobus Stephen Jeske Molly Kieser Scarlett Ko Marilee Schoenewald | 29 Ole Anderson Amanda Durow Stephen Kiester Timothy Moody Stacy Parks Kalvan Reyes Stone Sterling 30 Sonya Anderson Hannah Ashby Mason Aspen Scott Bauer Lory Cedarbloom Steven Joines Cayla Klusmann Lisa Kush Fred Peting Emily Rossow Neil Schwartz Sofia Tonolli |
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September Anniversaries

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| 1 Robert & Sara Cerza Mark & Mary Shepperd Andy & Andrea Stakston Scott & Tina Stebbing | Keith & Beth Heintz Leo & Denise McFarland Greg & Holly Rome | Gary & Sarah Nelson Steven & Cheryl Stensvad Joseph & Erica Zilka | Nic & Danielle Yee | Nick & Lindsey Weiler |
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| 4 Cal & Nancy Branton Roger & Joy Hopke | 11 Herb & Kaye Larson Blake & Brenda Score Jason & Colleen Schuldt | 18 Lou & Luanne Greengard Jesse & Angie Spates Ryan & Lisa Winter | 23 Scott & Kate Groth Christina & Ronald Himes Fran & Nancy Menge Steve & Wendy Schultze | 30 Craig & Leanne Bloom Lee & Michelle Bunge Ben & Esther Kumpula John & Jeanie Strohufus Chris & Cheryl Tveit Bart & Joanne Zehnder |
| 5 Mike & Denise Quell Jack & Grace Lavers Francisco & Steph Penaloza | 12 Nathan & Emily Anderson Richard & Brynn O'Neil Jerry & Diane Panning | 19 Ryan & Tara Huppert Michael & Monica Knox Marc & Tina Raasch Bill & Mary Young | 24 Greg Bailen & Lainie Steffen Jim & Mary Lou Kregel Rick & Mary Scholz Don & Nancy Thaemert Don Dufresne & Jeanne Yee Dan & Jenna Saur | |
| 6 Mike & Kelly Vo | 13 Carl & Lynn Clark | 20 Jake & Tara Dalbec Greg & Sheri Lewis Jon & Jane McAllister Clark & Sandra Petersen Andrew & Holly Sonn Bruce & Vicki Strong | 26 Caleb & Rachel Anderson Nathan & Hannah Belisle Craig & Karen Bettmann Steve & Lilly Haehn Matt & Alyson Nelson | |
| 7 James & Lee Fischer Wayne & Twyla Franzen Justin & Jenny Quell Dick & Julie Peterson Jim & Yvonne White | 14 Tim & Jeannine Buchholz Ken & Julie Drevnick Paul & Amy Pflieger | | 27 Todd & Jennifer Schwarzenbach Mike & Jean Steingraber Chad & Colleen Vossen | |
| 8 David & Dawn Butina Nathan & Amanda Fong Cody & Melissa Gerver | 15 Paul & Stephanie Clagherty Bob & Jennifer Drayton | | | |

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, August 10, 2021
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Wakota Ridge Campus:

We are looking forward to September 12th and the official launch of the campus. We have been averaging 120 in worship and there has been lots of outreach into the community. The Search Committee tasked with finding a campus pastor is back up and running. We are collecting names and will begin to interview candidates in early September.

Corrie's House:

Over the last several months the Church Council has been in conversation with Corrie's House about the possibility of using a portion (10 acres) of the Afton land (we have 44 acres) to build a home for young women who are in the process of coming out of being trafficked. The Council has met with their leadership and will continue to look for ways to deepen the relationship. There is no action on the land at this time.

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.

Financials:

Our giving continues to be very strong and our expenses are also under our expectations, especially in the area of staffing (due to the open pastor and worship positions at Wakota Ridge). Our cash position also is strong even though we have used several hundred thousand dollars for our long term capital and multi site lines. Any questions feel free to contact Mark Stutelberg.



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- July Meeting Minutes
- July Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Wakota Ridge Campus and Call Update
- Update on Corrie's House
- Update on Follow Initiative
- Update on Ethiopian Church Partnership Opportunity

Informational Topics

- Sr. Pastor Report and Metrics
- Vision Plan

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

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

In-Person

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

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

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Baptisms

Declan Thane Barron
Harrison Bradley Tongen
James Myon Pontius
Wren Svoboda

Weddings

Adam Maser & Abigail Miggler
Makenzie Mace & Daniel Scouvieller
Megan Miller & Joseph Wess
Pennie Nagbe & Emmanuel Johnson

Deaths

Brenda Dyck, mother-in-law of Megan Dyck
Myra Rasmussen, sister-in-law of Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer, Aunt of Pastor Tom Pfothenhauer
Gordon Pedersen
Nancy Erickson
Janice Madouros
John Sutherland, father of Kathy Lutes
Tom Walker
Verna Lutes, mother of Ron Lutes
John Tubbesing, Jr.
William David



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.

Campus Youth events in September:

- **VALLEY CREEK YOUTH:** Saturday, September 18th: 6:30-8pm **Bingo Night for All Youth** (6th-12th)! Snacks, Prizes, and Bonus Points for folks who come dressed as their favorite old people!!! This is a great friend event! Grab some buddies and come ready to rock the bingo boards! No RSVP needed.
- **OAK HILL YOUTH:** Saturday, Sept 18th 7:30-9:45 **Outdoor Movie Night** (6th-12th) Watch for an email from Sarah and for campus communication with more details.
- **WAKOTA RIDGE YOUTH:** Sundays, September 12th, 19th, and 26th **Grand Opening** month events after worship! We get to be a part of launching this place together. Watch for an email from Laura and for campus communication with more details.

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry (VC/OH)

There are only a few more weeks until Wednesday night ministries begin and we are busy inviting leaders to serve, training, and preparing for a great **Kick Off night on September 15th!**

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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to stay connected?

Scan the
QR code above!

September 2021 Calendar

2 (W) Hannah Quilters

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

2 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

4 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

6 (O, W, V) Labor Day Holiday, WLC Offices Closed

Monday, All Day

7 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, 1:00pm
Contact: www.redcross.org

8 (V) Mitten Makers

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

11 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

11 (V) Baptism Class

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

13 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

13 (V) Ladies Gathering Group

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

13 (V) Grief Class

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

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

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

15 (O, V) Foundations & ROOTS Begins

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

18 (V) All Campus Youth Bingo Night

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

19 (O, W, V) KidsLINK

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

19 (V) KidsLINK

Sundays, 10:30am
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
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