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I Will Give You Rest

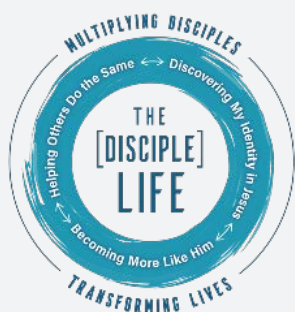
Rest is not easy to come by. This hits home for me as my family has been unpacking boxes to try to make our home feel like a place of rest. Life can often feel this way. We work harder, hoping that our efforts will lead to true, lasting rest. Yet, this rest never lasts. There is always more work to do. Jesus interrupts these last days of our Summer with words from Matthew 11:28:

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Jesus transforms how we do our work. We do not work to find rest. Jesus flips this around. Our rest in the unshakeable love of Christ is what fuels everything that we do. This Fall, I pray that your rest in Christ would be your foundation as you are busy serving those around you.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel





Carry One Another's Burdens

Pastor Tim Marshall | Care Ministries

With the month of August upon us, summer begins to draw to a close and a new season begins. Vacations come to an end, kids return to school and our schedules generally pick up once again. The never-ending cycle of our lives continues. But what happens when life throws you challenges that interrupt your cycle?

Whether it's relationship troubles, problems on the job, health difficulties, or any other life challenge that may enter your life, you don't have to be alone. We know that God's Word promises us that God is with us always, but what if that doesn't seem to be enough? God has also called us to help "carry one another's burdens" in the book of Galatians. To that end, we have Stephen Ministers who are trained to walk with you through life's challenges. If you would like a Stephen Minister, contact your campus pastor or **Pastor Tim** to get started.

Finding Rest

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says, *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*

As I read these words of Jesus, I find myself to be tired and like all of you I carry heavy burdens that leave me yearning for rest. Not just any kind of rest, but the kind that Jesus promises. Sometimes I wonder, "Is this kind of rest even possible?" Then I hear the promise of Jesus, *"Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

In western culture we hear the word teach and we immediately think classroom, but when Jesus uses this word, He is thinking apprenticeship - you will learn by following.

Growing up my mom would always tell me to be careful about who I spent time with because I would become more like them. As we spend time with Jesus, we will become more like Him. We are invited to think of ourselves as apprentices of Jesus where we are more and more putting into practice what we see in Jesus.

One of the first things you will notice about the life of Jesus is that He was never in a hurry. Let that sink in for a minute...The One who had the task of saving the world was never in a hurry. Throughout His ministry Jesus slipped off by Himself to pray and as He traveled around the interruptions were the ministry. He had goals, He had things to do, but He was never in a hurry.

Corrie Ten Boom once said that if the devil can't make you sin, he'll make you busy. Busy-ness and hurry cut off our connection with God. My worst moments in life are when I am in a hurry, you too, I bet.

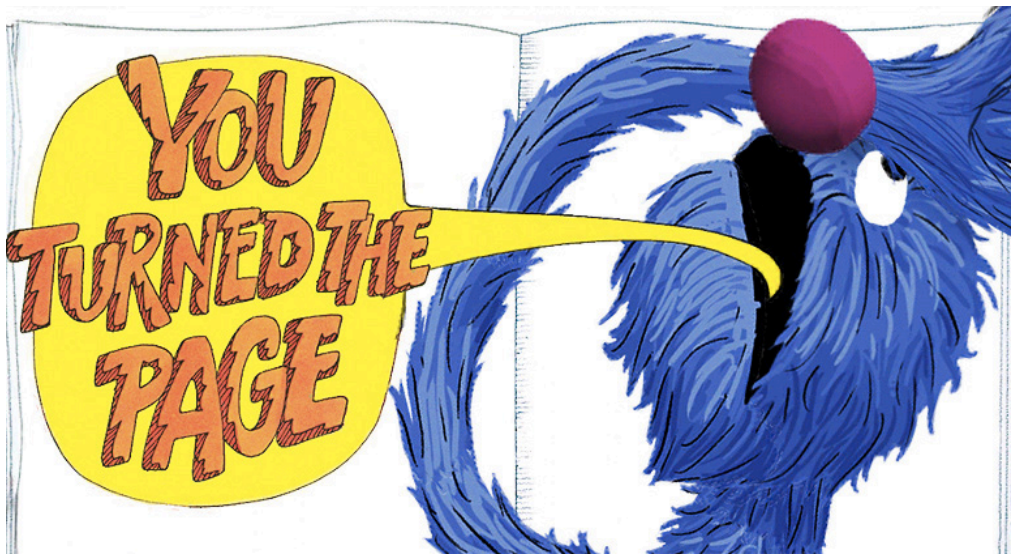
Here are just a few ways that you can fight hurry in your life - remember you get to decide which yoke you will wear, the busy-ness of the world or the way of Jesus...

- Try starting or ending your day in a few minutes of silence.
- Turn off the notifications on your phone and only check your email twice a day.
- Drive in the slow lane... at the speed limit.
- If you have a family, eat dinner together without technology.

Living the disciple life is always powered by Jesus showing us more and more who we are in Him. Becoming more like Jesus is a lifelong journey that always grows out of belief in Jesus, the Great I Am.

Following Jesus!
Pastor Tom





On To the Next, But Trusting God's Rest

Sara Mulso | Director of WL Preschool

Do you happen to know the book featuring Grover from Sesame Street called "The Monster at the End of this Book"? If you've not heard of it, the gist is that Grover wants to do anything in his power to stop you, the reader, from turning the pages that get closer to the end of this book. Because, you see, there is a monster at the end of the book! As you read, Grover gets quite agitated that there isn't a greater desire for you to stop turning the pages.

I sometimes feel a little like Grover. **PLEASE STOP MARKING DATES OFF THE CALENDAR!** How can it be that it is already August and that in what feels like a blink of an eye, school will have started. As Grover nears the end of the book, he shares that he is so scared. He doesn't know what he will do when he's forced to face the monster. And likewise, for me, it's a little unnerving to hope everything is ready before students come back to school.

You might not be facing a monster or the beginning of the school year, but there are things that are looming for all of us. It might be a project deadline or surgery. We all have situations in which we hope that time slows down and that the pages stop turning. We can be filled with a

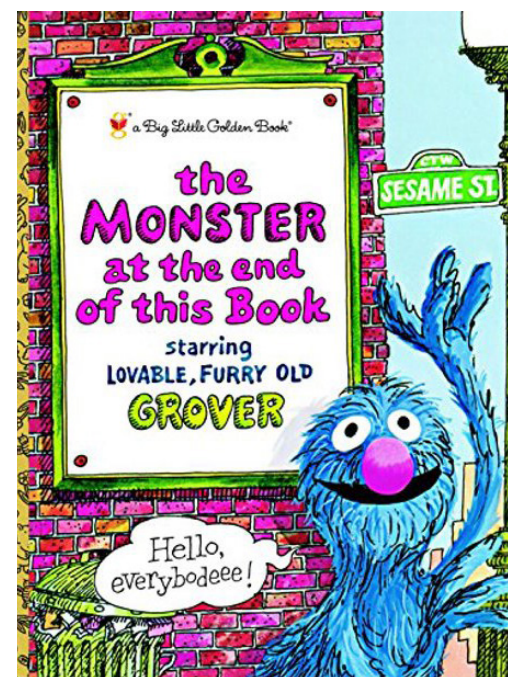
sense of fear or anxiety. The concept of not worrying or not being afraid is mentioned at least 365 times in the Bible. That's once every day of the year. The familiar words of John 14:27 remind us, "*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*"

We have opportunities to remember the past. We have opportunities to look to the future. A future filled with a variety of feelings. But most importantly we can experience the present. Grover and I may have missed the mark on this but it's something that at least I know I can work on. I can experience Jesus' goodness, presence, and peace by turning to Him. Friends, you can have this too.

Don't get caught up in the worry of the things to come. Jesus has it all under control. He's defeated the biggest monster out there, Satan. He did it because He loves each one of us. We can live in confidence as the pages of life flip past us that He has amazing things for us to look forward to in eternity.

At the end of the book, Grover realizes it's all okay. He's the monster at the end of the book.

His fear and worry are for nothing. Likewise, at the end of August, I'll be ready for September and all that the school year brings. When we can let go and give our worries over to Jesus, we trust that He's there to take care of all of our concerns and fears. So let go of all that is worrying you. Rest in the joy and love of Jesus.



Focused On Living Like Jesus

Joel Wetzstein | Multisite Director of Worship

In the hustle and bustle of life, it's easy to get caught up in the constant doing and striving. But amidst the chaos, there's a timeless truth we must remember: We are invited to "Find rest in Him" and recognize that Jesus is "The Great I AM." These two principles are intertwined, guiding us towards a more fulfilling and peaceful life, allowing us to be more like Him in our "being" rather than just in our "doing."

Life can feel like a never-ending to-do list, can't it? But Jesus beckons us with open arms, saying, "Come to me all you are weary souls and burdened hearts, come to me, and I'll give you rest." His invitation is one of solace and comfort, a gentle reminder that we don't have to carry the weight of the world alone.

Now, let's take a moment to wrap our minds around the full magnitude of who Jesus is. He's not just a character in "CHOSEN" with a nice beard and sandals. He's "The Great I AM" - the one who was before anything even existed, the eternal and divine boss of everything. John's Gospel tells all - when Jesus says with a powerful proclamation... "Before Abraham was, I AM."

So, how do we practically find that sweet, sweet rest in Jesus? It starts by taking a step back from the rat race and spending quality time with Him. I know life is crazy busy - but this is the good stuff that recharges your soul. Dive into prayer, soak up His Word, and let His peace wash over you. For me, I'm focusing, again, on adding Bible time into my morning routine with my coffee time. I'm faithful and constant - daily - in my coffee time... with room to grow in my Bible time.

As we get to know Jesus more intimately, something incredible happens. We become more like Him without even breaking a sweat. It's like His nature starts to rub off on us. We find ourselves naturally being kinder, more compassionate, and less wrapped up in our own little world with our own set of problems and circumstances that steal the rest from us.

Let's take a step to carve out more quality time. Let's lean into His loving presence and learn from His example of grace and humility. In this "being" mode, we'll discover a whole new level of "doing" that flows from a heart transformed by the "Great I AM."

As we walk this journey together, let's encourage one another to find rest in Jesus. When the going gets tough, remember that we're a community built on love and support. We're "Better Together." So, let's keep each other uplifted and focused on living like Jesus, the ultimate "Great I AM."



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!

Coming in September to all campuses

Join us for some pizza, and get connected!

Watch for dates and registration information coming soon.

Find Rest This Summer for Your Body, Mind, and Soul

Nancy Schubbe | Kids Ministry Director

If you're like me, you're looking at your calendar and saying, "What happened to my summer?" Summer is the time I seek some rest before a busy fall begins! We all need rest of different kinds, so let's walk through the three kinds of rest we can all use.

Physical Rest

Maybe you have kids, a husband and a big dog, and there is always someone who needs help, cuddles, correction, explanation, time, or a walk. On top of all of your regular stuff, you want to exercise and read. You have resigned yourself to the fact that you are in a season where "sleeping in" does not exist, at least not yet. There are things that you could work on to find a bit more physical rest. Try not to do any housework on Sundays and go to bed ridiculously early. God commands us to rest in the third commandment. To take one day in seven to stop doing all the work we do during the week.

Mental Rest

Try reading before you go to sleep. It helps keep your mind focused on one thing instead of your brain trying to run in a hundred different directions.

Our minds, like the rest of our bodies, need a break.

I am sure there are many more ideas we could come up with that would help us in our quest for physical and mental rest. But there is an area of our lives that is even more important. We need spiritual rest, and if we can learn to rest in this area of our lives, it will affect our physical and mental life as well.

Spiritual Rest

We need a kind of rest that the world cannot offer.

The way we get this spiritual rest is by focusing on Christ's work and not our own; by focusing on Christ's success on the cross and not our failures; by looking to his strength and not despairing over our weaknesses; by asking for his wisdom and not trusting in our ignorance. Basically, we need to keep Christ always before our eyes.



Finding Rest This Summer

Diana Vander Pas | Multisite Director of Small Groups

*Be still, and know that I am God!
Psalm 46:10a (NLT)*

Psalm 46:10 is one of my favorite verses and one that I need to continually keep before me. I need to be reminded that I am not in control of everything around me, but that God's got it. To be reminded that I am human and need to rest in order to do the work God has given me to do. To be reminded that sometimes being still is the only way for me to hear the voice of God. Remembering that God is the Great I AM and to step back letting God do what only He can do, while I get to praise Him.

Summer is a great time to be still with God and to receive the rest and refreshment that He wants to give us. Where do you find refreshment? What activities can renew and re-create you into the person God made you to be? Maybe it's finding refreshment in God's creation; music or the arts; active outdoor activities; reading and journaling; time in community; reflecting on God's Word and in prayer. I found refreshment in the Lord in all of these ways while on a mission experience in Quito, Ecuador this summer and seeing God at work through the End Slavery Ecuador team in Quito. How has God wired your soul for refreshment?

Create some rhythms or patterns in life to regularly soak in God's goodness. Not only for summer, but throughout the year. Put a block of time on your calendar to be refreshed in the Lord yearly, quarterly, weekly, and daily. It might look like a yearly getaway, a quarterly special activity day, a weekly Sabbath day, and a daily few moments away with the Lord. The fruit of God's Kingdom comes from first abiding in Him and remembering that He is God. So, find rest in the Great I AM and then share the story of God's goodness in your life with others.



Peaches Are Coming!

Our peach order is expected to arrive sometime between August 7th and August 8th.

Watch your email and listen for a phone call! We will be in touch when they arrive.

They can be picked up in the Bridge room at the Valley Creek Campus.

Thank you for your generosity for our youth scholarship fund.

High School Youth Mission Experience Recap

Patrick Brewer | Valley Creek High School Youth Minister

This past month a team of 36 high school students and 9 adult leaders journeyed down to Kansas City for a week of spiritual growth and serving others in the name of Jesus. It truly was an incredible week where God was clearly working in and through all of the participants.

Our team spent the first couple of days growing as a team and getting our hearts in tune with God. We spent time in worship, personal devotion, and small groups. We also spent time playing cards, throwing frisbees, engaging in silly competitions, and exploring all that Kansas City has to offer. (BBQ was eaten for an impressive, but ill-advised 3 meals in a row!)

After those first couple of days, we moved into our YouthWorks host site for the week and jumped into serving! Alongside youth from two other churches, we met various needs across the KC community. Many of our groups worked at farms, orchards, and other organizations that provide food resources and culinary skills to under-resourced communities. Some teams worked at a thrift store whose profits support Christian missions and organizations around KC. Other students came alongside a non-profit summer program that helps kids in urban areas who are struggling academically. And a lucky few students spent the week in a “chilly” underground warehouse that sorts and ships discarded but unused medical supplies to developing countries. God truly used these kids in many ways.

But it wasn't just the service they provided where God was seen. He was obvious in their conversations, their worship, their inclusion of others, in the games they played, and as they grew as a community.

The team worked their tails off in 100-degree heat, slept on the floor in shared living spaces, and spent the week

(mostly) without their phones...and they had a blast! If that's not evidence of the supernatural I don't know what is! Jokes aside, I couldn't be prouder of how this team leaned into the week. How they followed God, loved each other, and loved others.

As incredible as the week was, it wouldn't have been all that it was without the tremendous team of adult leaders who took a week out of their lives to walk with these students. WLC is so blessed to have adults who care deeply about young people and say yes to being a part of their lives. It's easy...and often accurate, to label teens as awkward, goofy, noisy, dramatic, smelly, and a million other things. But so many adults around this place choose to focus on the label that reads “Child of God” over those others...and we're incredibly grateful that that's true. I'd encourage all of us to follow the example that those leaders set!

Prayer requests following the trip:

- That the events of the trip would serve as a starting point and springboard for bigger things in their everyday lives!
- That the people we served, and served alongside would know their value in Jesus!
- That God would continue to raise up caring adults to invest in the students of WLC and young believers everywhere! (Perhaps even you!)



Feed My Starving Children - Save the Date!

This fall WLC will be hosting another *MobilePack event* for Feed My Starving Children! This is a GREAT opportunity to live The [Disciple] Life and become more like Jesus by serving others with your time, energy, and love. We invite you to take these 3 steps:

1. **Mark your calendar** for **October 26, 27, & 28** (specific info and hours to pack meals will be provided later)
2. **Join our Team!** We'd love to have you join in on making the event a success. There are various ways to serve with flexible times! If you enjoy hospitality, praying, working with your hands or thinking logistically, your gifts can benefit this event! Contact Bethany Meyer with questions or to get involved meyerb@woodburylutheran.org.
3. **Begin making a list** of neighbors, co-workers, or family members to invite to pack meals with you! Invite them to be a part of something very big that God is doing in the world. Their efforts will make a difference in the lives of real children!

FMSC is a Christian nonprofit organization committed to feeding God's children who are 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. Since 2014, Woodbury Lutheran has packed roughly 3 million meals for FMSC!



Reach for Rest

Bethany Meyer | Wakota Ridge NextGen Minister & Multisite Reach Coordinator

August always feels like a scramble to squeeze out the last bit of summer, knowing full well that there is too much to do before it ends. However, work without rest only leaves us empty. In a chaotic season where more is required, what would it look like to seek more balance in your work and rest? I know it's tough, especially in a world where accomplishment can equal status, being busy is the norm, and there is too much to do, with so little time.

Unfortunately, requirements will always be constant, which is why it is important to reach for rest with Jesus. Time with Him will fill your cup so you can continue to do the work set before you. Rest will allow you to walk into this Fall with a cup that is filled. Spending time with Jesus is never a negative, and always results in more fullness.

Wakota Ridge Campus Update

We value Our Community - Serving and welcoming. This value statement has been a part of Woodbury Lutheran's DNA since day one. I love it because it is a "doing" value, it's a value that requires some skin in the game, that requires us to be out of our seats, maybe out of our comfort zones, and outside of ourselves. At the Wakota Ridge Campus we continue to ask ourselves, "How can we connect with our community? How can we live the love of Jesus in a way that shows?"

At the end of June, South St. Paul celebrates Kaposia Days. (Kaposia was the band of Mdewakanton Dakota Native Americans who settled a village along the Mississippi in what now is South St. Paul.) For the third year running the Wakota Ridge campus brought up the rear of the parade as the trash clean-up crew. 25 Wakota Ridgers donned gloves, carried trash bags, and walked the two-mile route bending over to pick up Tootsie Rolls and candy wrappers, aluminum cans, and whatever else was left behind. And had fun doing it! There is real joy in serving! Lots of sincere "Thank you's" came from the parade watchers as we passed by appreciating the efforts to keep South St. Paul clean.

As I'm writing this our lobby wall is lined with Peanut Butter and Jelly we've been collecting through June and July for Neighbors Inc. our South St. Paul food shelf, and plans are coming together for a Night to Unite get-together we're hosting for the neighborhood, with Summer Blast (VBS) following quickly behind. So many great ways we get to serve and welcome!

Speaking of Kids Ministry, with steady growth in WLC Kids during the 2022-2023 school year our kids are moving to the upstairs classrooms. That wonderful

space will accommodate the kids we have now with room to welcome more!

As we come up on our second anniversary as a campus, I am so grateful for what God has done and is doing at Wakota Ridge, in the hearts of those who attend here, and in the neighborhood around us. And I am praying with eager anticipation for him to reveal what he has in store next.

Joel Symmank
Wakota Ridge Campus Lead



Connect with the Zooks - WLC Sent Missionaries to Ecuador!

- Tuesday, August 15
- 6:30pm
- Ice-cream Sundaes will be served, connect with the family, hear an update on their lives and ministry and pray for them
- Ron & Mavis Shriver's: 5751 Deer Tr. Woodbury
- Contact Brad Miller for more information millerb@woodburylutheran.org

August Birthdays

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| 1 Chauncey Charlson
Hazel Crist
Jeanne Dicke
Carol Edwards
Eugene Eineke
Jon Gage
Justin Heintz
Jon Kuehne
Liam LeMay
Abby Macioch
Sophia McFarland
Jan Prange
Daria Turner
Grace Wesser | Brant Larsen
Michelle Manship
Shari Todd
Morgan Voyda
6 Lauryn Bambenek
Kris Brandon
Kris Carlson
Bob Engen
Ron Gehring
Katy Hohenstein
Allison Pokrandt
Luke Rodemeyer
Lindsey Schmidt
Laura Stennes
Perry Varin
Cali Yee
Matthew Young | Nathan Xiong
11 Abigail Finnegan
Everett Gilbert
Susan Haukland
Bryan Hawkinson
Naomi Langewisch
Susie Nadasdy
Hoyt Olson
Breana Voss
12 Connor Bertram
Linnea Friemann
Ellie Hanisch
Ellen Kistner
Tim Loeffler
Jeff Mueller
Jim Noren
Stephanie Penaloza | Kristen Bettmann
Maggie Haines
Joshua Hayek
Grady Frye
Thomas Mertens
Marilyn Myers
LaRee Opdahl
Colette Sand
Nate Schank
Ethan Wess
17 Courtney Barringer
Nora Bystrzycki
Sue Carlson
Gino Ferrara
Jeffrey Figimiller
Justin Fox
Desiree Ginn
Sharon Gullickson
Jake Kato
Deborah Maves
Allison Ortiz
Susan Reichling
Alyssa Salava
Beth Tessmer
Grace Willmott | Alex Fisher-Damsgard
Jack Fosson
Eloise Gehring
Chandler Ignaszewski
Madelyn Murray
Calvin Nelson
Krisan Shaw
Tim Zeller
21 Harold Converse
James Finell
Alexis Huber
Brooklyn Peltier
Cheryl Wasko
Charlie Wesser
22 Cerise Diedrich
Brandon Firkus
Stephanie Gow
Julia Granlund
Michael Hamann
Charles Helgason
Kathleen Janssen
Richard Markgraf
Mila Mensing
Camille Weiss | Ronald Hintz
Herb Larson
Avery Rourk
Rachel Symmank
Brett VanOverbeke
28 Ashley Arneson
Matt Brocker
Lisa Cordes
Madilynn Fox
Debbie Grimmer
Lilyana Howard
Mark LeClair
Joel Schuessler
Brad Scibak
Lori Standly
Joyce Stiebner
29 Theodore Brocker
Lisa Ginn
Janet Kochmann
Justin Mack
Vivienne Mattson
Adriana Tacheny
John Welsh
30 Esme Brocker
Grace Burrows
Mara DePalma
Dylan Gallahue
Jim Krengel
MaryAnne Linser
Kathy Lutes
Mike Mills
Addison Mohlenhoff
Mariah Nasby
David Noblett
Dennis O'Connor
Audrey Rogotzke
Maddison Wicker |
| 2 Justin Brigl
Louie Doane
Janice Grizzel
Sarai Kieser
Doug Martneson
Jessica Munn
LeAnn Perry
Ellyson Roepke
Erika Roepke
Sara Kieser
Emma Wiering
Sarika Wolfgram
MaKenna Yonkovich | 7 Susan Ackerman
Nancy Gustason
Carl Jackson
Sue Lange
Maria Mueller
Kaleb Munn
Greg Rome
Brenda Sirovy
8 Lowell Ackerman
Rick Carlson
Twyla Franzen
Matthew Haehn
Todd Hanson
Elsie Hetrick
Nancy Kapernick
Karen Miner
Alex Tonolli | 13 Jacob Bloomer
Marvin Heaton
Dan Lofthus
Abigail Menge
Jeff Miner
Lisa Reberg
Shelly Schwalm
John Swanlund
Ryan Wegner
Michael Weir
14 Brynna Cattell
Tom Christianson
Sally Cronin
Carson Jeske
Dawn Ludwig
Zora Pankratz
Andrew Rose | 18 Michael Karcher
Margaret Kilb
Olivia Lueders
Nichole Murray
Craig Schirm
Mike Steffel
Mitchell Watanabe
Riley Wick
19 Bruce Avenson
Judy Cameron
Kevin Doyle
Bob Drayton
Jennifer Drayton
Mia Faeth
Kelly Frisque
Elijah Ginkel
Edna Hunter
Jason Matthews
Sue McDowell
Leah Peterson
Meghan Schach
Tatum Vavra
Dave Voss
Erica Zilka | 23 Norm Berg
Christine Borscheid Habeck
Kim Cox
Addison Dikken
Deborah Tacheny
Jonathan Wesser
Beckett Wyeth
24 Gabriel Berner
Abby Eggers
Castiel Khang
Dave Martini
Marta Rowcliffe
Drew Sirovy
25 Dylan Anderson
Dan Connell
Sienna Nordman
Cheryl Schindeldecker
Daniel Stoerzinger
Grace Winter | 31 Katie Benson
Dawn Droel
Morgan Gillard
Troy Goetz
Bob Horning
Julia Kosanke
Paul Reberg
Karen Roberts
Steve Wagner |
| 3 Del Anderson
Matthew Bolles
Chad Ellwein
Helen Engman
Jenni Fors
Julia Hayek
Brian Wiebe
Jill Wiebe
Michelle Wright | 9 Levi Burrows
Charlotte Crane
Christine Davis
Deborah Ellis
Kylie Fischbach
Lacey Hazlett
Frankie Hines
Dave Jacobson
Gloria Johnson
Kayley Johnson
Tony Moran
Matthew Nepsund
Mike Sabbann | 15 Diana Albrecht
Brielle Deilke
Franklin Fett
Silas Howard
Mark Kosanke
Mitchell Leonard
Dylan Lorence
Matthew Lorence
Kaitlyn Mammenga
Cassandra Menge
Holton Sailer
Mary Beth Schwartz | 20 Kayla Berg
Zach Brocker
Joseph Doane | 26 Joseph Groves
Tova Johnson
Madison Mayer
Gabrielle Symmank
Javen Vislisl
Virgie Wright | |
| 4 Erin Bowes
Madison Bieniek
Greyson Ellis
Anna Fog
Kate Griffin
Margot Huska
Tom Koch
Mary Jo McNeal
Samantha Meyer
Matt Raymer
Jaylin Tuman
Grace Wiebe | 10 Wyatt Clifford
Michael Hunst
Gail Kamrath
Katie Pillman
Nancy Schultz | | | | |
| 5 Grant Boehme
Joe Bonnette
Joan Figimiller
David Johnson | | 16 Cody Arend
Tami Bauer | | 27 Alicia Bata
Jaxon Dwyer
Morgan Gibbs | |

August Anniversaries

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Jared & Melissa Goerlitz
Kit & Heather Johnson | 2 Jason & Susan Brusewitz
Matthew & Debbie Eddy
Dean & Susie Nadasdy
Daniel & Mary Powers | 4 Ron & Kathy Lutes
Scott & Denise Schuenke
Stephen & Ashley St. Clair | 5 David & Becky Nelson
Tim & Allison Peper
Lucas & Katie Pillman
Mark & April Reed | 6 Michael & Jennifer Hamann
Steve & Lori Johnson
Phillip & Rebekah Stebbing | 7 Matthew & Heather Meek
Mark & Annette Reagan | 8 Don & Linda Amey
Zack & Karina Barabash
Daniel & Gail Field
Neil & Julie Horn
Brian Kersten & Jeanette Black
Jeff & Cindy Linert
Thomas & Katie Luger
Barry & Cindy Thompson
Warren & Dianna Weum | 9 Lars & Hannah Heggernes
Gary & Sue McDowell
Steve & Kristi Rohlf | 10 Keith & Lavonne Buchanan
Rodney & Diane Nelsestuen
Christopher & Dawn Radecki
Francis & Karen Rheinberger
Jim & Marlys Sobaski | 11 Mark & Darlene Carlson
Patrick & Haley Courteau
Donald & Michelle Hartinger
Lester & Sue Lange
Neil & Liz Perryman | 12 Eric & Roxy Bjornson
Tony & Nicole Hayek
Brian & Karlee Pitt | 13 Wayne & Nanci Dauwen
Michael & Amy Gannon
Nate & Megan Howard
Richard & Jennifer Schmidt | 14 Wes & Patty Balin
Clark & Katie Dailey
Steven & Susan Joines
Daniel & Makenzie Schouvieller
Tom & Marci Speckhard
Tom & Darlene Tibbetts
Corey & Rhonda Topp | 15 Chad & Leah Peterson
Don & Joyce Piper
Steve & Lori Raebel | 16 Jim & Lori Golden
Ron & Lori Kane | 17 Eddie & Jennifer Carlson
Ricky & Jamie Pearson | Brad & Kim Scibak
Charlie & Rachel Tank | 18 Norm & Deb Berg
Christian & Brenda Bertram
Chris & Jolene Deilke
Craig & Diana McHenry
Steven & LuCinda Schwartz | 19 Ron & Bev Hintz
John & Kelly Sadlovsky | 20 Mike & Tina Pokrandt
Christopher & Sherri Smith | 21 Howard & Karen Boatman
Tom & Ann Crist
Joey & Megan Wess
Jonathan & Lizzie Wesser
Derek & Kelli Wick | 22 Kyle Duffy & Blair Fanning
Bryan & Michelle Hawkinson
Mark & Vicki Hogeboom
Todd & Cayla Klusmann
Bryce & Rikki Mohlenhoff
Larry & Sarah Willmott | 23 Mike & Sherrie Kinmouth
Monte & Rochelle Michel
Kirk & Mary Nesvig
Joseph & Kimberlee Seltz
Hal & Nancy Shaver | 24 Roger & Betty Fockler
Jim & Sharon Gullickson
Mike & Carolyn Kohlbeck
Matthew & Kris Nelson | Dan & Kris Peterson
Perry & Deb Varin | 25 Rod & Kimberly Beseman
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Tom & Barb Koch
Kevin & Leslie Lange
Jerry & Marjorie Seeger
Ross & Stephanie Smith
Jim & Dana Stoffel
Lev & Sandra Wagner | 26 Sang & Peg Albrecht
Tim & Bethany Mathot
Dave & Marsha Voss | 27 Will & Arlene Bartley
Joshua & Susan Boon
Ben & Jeanne Doane
Gabe & Casey Howard | 28 Tim & Ruth Bredahl
Marv & Joan Bugnon
Emmanuel Johnson & Penny Nagbe
Brian & Lisa Smith | 29 Kurt & Kathleen Anderson
Mark & Eli LeClair
Dennis & Mary Ellen O'Connor | 30 David & Gwen Krehbiel
Brant & Melissa Larsen | 31 Don & JoAnne Arndt
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Church Council Update July 2023

*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** (<https://wlc.church/resources/newsletter-and-council-minutes/>) after the 10th of each month. After you click the link, scroll down to Council Minute section.*

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Financial Advisory Team:

The Council is also in the process of building a small team of financial experts that can support Mike in his new role. They will help with financial planning and oversight in a variety of ways.

Care Ministry Update:

Pastor Tim spent time updating the Council on all the different care ministries that are offered at WLC. We were again reminded of the depth and breadth of the care ministries of WLC and the important role that our lay people play in extending the care of the church across generations.

Executive Director Report:

We are making good progress on several capital projects including the landscape and roof, siding, and windows at Oak Hill. We are beginning to implement new security protocols across campuses and are looking at remodeling a portion of the VC campus for the pre-school to be enclosed in one area. This fall we will be changing the church database to a more user-friendly platform.



Meeting Highlights

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- June Meeting Minutes
- June Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Overview of Care Ministries
- Council Roles and Responsibilities
- Operational Highlights

Informational Topics

- Financial Advisory Team

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

Sundays @ 9:00, 10:30am
Youtube OnDemand
live.wlc.church

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

Beau Thomas Klotthor

Marriages

Gabrielle Nelson & Luke Symmank
Kaylee Amundson & Mitchell Hunt
Sarah Lane & Brent Avenson

Deaths

Dale Werth
Jack Atchison
Vicki Anderson, mother of Katie Sieling

Phil Kupka, birth-grandfather of Maggie Law

Ray Nibbe

Bill Rengstorf

Gladys Peterson, mother of Marilyn Harrold

Alice Schultze

Laurel Hinck, sister of Curt Smith

LaVonne McGee, sister of Janette Bohren;

aunt of Rico Bohren & Sunny Marshall

Barbara Ripke, mother of Stacey Moran

Danny Schmoll, brother of Sue Zabilla

Cassandra Kush, sister-in-law of Jon Kush

Helen Gland



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.

Miracle League Wednesday, August 9 5:15-8pm

Miracle League is an adaptive baseball program for kids with special needs and it's one of the most fun ways to serve ever! We'll have pizza before and then play two games with our new friends. This event is open to both MS and HS youth from all campuses. Save the date and watch for more info soon on [WLCYouth.org](#)

HS Kayak Trip Thursday, August 10 9:30am-5pm

High schoolers from all campuses are invited to spend a fun and memorable day on the KinniKinnic River. Save the date and look for a signup at [WLCYouth.org](#) soon!



Looking for more information to stay connected?
Scan the QR code above!

WE ARE HIRING

Now hiring Part-Time Positions for the 23-24 School Year!
Teacher, Assistant Teacher and Aide Positions Available

We offer competitive pay, paid training, PTO as well as an exciting and supportive work environment!

5 day a week, 5 to 6 hours per day

3 days a week, 4-7 hours per day

Extended Care Support 7:45-9:15 am or 1:45-4:30 pm



Contact Sara Mulso to learn more

mulsos@woodburylutheran.org



August 2023 Calendar

1 (W) Night to Unite

Tuesday, 5:30pm
Contact: Joel Symmank
651-472-1976

2 (O) Pastoral Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Pastor Dean
651-739-5144 x331

3 (V) Pastor Paul's Summer Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Paul
651-261-3416

3 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

4 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive

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

4 (V) Kitchen Band

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

5 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

5 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

5 (V) Baptism Class

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

6 (O,V,W) WLC Kids Summer Spark

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

7 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

7 (V) Ladies' Gathering Group

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

13 (W) WLC Kids Summer Blast

M-Th, 6:00pm
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

WLC NEWS LETTER

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Wakota Ridge Campus (W)
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South St. Paul, MN 55075

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