

Have You Received Jesus' Invitation?

Come to me...receive rest. Here's my yoke, go ahead and make it your own. It really is easy, following my way of life. No heavy burdens from me! (Matt. 11: 28-30 - Brad Miller paraphrase) 😊

So what's this **yoke** again?

A yoke in Jesus' day, and not that long ago, was what farmers used – a kind of collar to link animals together, and then attached to something like a plow. This helped them pull together.

Jesus applies this image to our life with Him. In his context as a Rabbi, he's talking about following him, being linked to him, learning to live an everyday way of life that is modeled after his life. In the words of John Mark Comer.

1. Be with Jesus
2. Become like Jesus
3. Do what he would do if he were you

Another way this invitation of Jesus could be said is... rearrange your life to look and live and love like me. You'll be at my side, learning to let me shoulder the weight of all the stuff you're carrying, AND to experience my deep rest along the way.

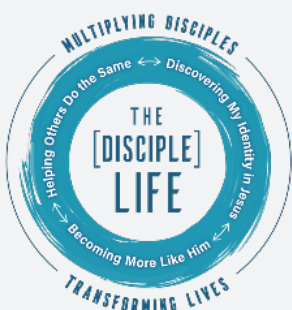
This yoke is not heavy...filled with all kinds of shoulds and rules and pressure and trying harder. You belong to Jesus! Take that in! His yoke, the way of life he's calling you to is easy...it's lighter because he's got you!!

Have you responded to Jesus's invitation?



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Sharing An Easy Yoke

Bethany Meyer | Kids & Youth Minister, Wakota Ridge Campus and Local Reach Coordinator

You've probably heard the phrase "live a life of example." As Christ followers, we get to show what it looks like to follow Jesus and receive an easy yoke - a burden that is light. Last month I challenged us to think about what we say "yes" to, so that we can leave room for where God might be calling us.

If you leaned into that challenge (it's not too late if you haven't yet), you may be starting to see and experience an easy yoke, with fresh new spaces for God to move in your week. Is God inviting you to reach out to others so that you can lighten their load, ease their burden, and share with them the easy yoke given when we follow Jesus?

Follow Me

As a kid I remember my mom saying, *"Be careful who you hang out with, because you will become like them."* That is really what this series **Follow Me** is all about, becoming more like Jesus by arranging our lives around being with Him and learning from Him.

In Jesus day there were two specific marks that every Rabbi or religious teacher had. The first was their yoke when was their set of teachings and how they lived their lives. For example, the Pharisees taught that people needed to carry the yoke following all the laws of the Torah, plus their own 613 laws, it was a heavy burden for people to carry. What made Jesus unique is that He claimed that His yoke is easy and light; that it is not a burden.

The second mark of a Rabbi were followers. These followers were more than roadies hoping to get a glimpse of their favorite singer, they were doing their very best to shape every aspect of their lives around their Rabbi. In Jesus day the common practice was for followers to choose their Rabbi, but Jesus turned that upside down, He chose His disciples. The point was to learn by watching and then modeling their lives after what they saw. So often we think of learning as only happening in a formal classroom setting, but the truth is much of what we learn is caught by observing and not just taught.

Jesus invites us to wear a different yoke from the world when He says, *"Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace."* Notice that we find rest as we walk with and learn from Jesus.

The yoke that Jesus offers us is His way of life. To wear the yoke of Jesus means that we rearrange our lives to spend time with Him so that our lives will reflect His life and all that was important to Him including the pace and rhythms of His life.

So, what are we waiting for? Whether we realize it or not we will always be wearing a yoke, lets make it the light and easy yoke of Jesus. I just love how author John Mark Comer says it, *"An easy life is not an option, an easy yoke is."*

Following Jesus!
Pastor Tom





WLC Mobile Pack with FMSC

Bethany Meyer | Kids & Youth Minister,
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Coordinator

of these areas of serving interest you, please reach out to Bethany at meyerb@woodburylutheran.org.

Which role could you serve in at our Mobile Pack? We sure hope you will join us! Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join you.

Register at info.wlc.church as soon as you know when you can come!

At the end of this month, October 26-28, we will be hosting our annual Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack. This event is filled with high energy fun and results in food packed for kids across the globe. During our event, we have the goal of packing over 200,000 meals which will feed over 550 kids for 1 year. We cannot accomplish that goal without you! These packing sessions provide opportunities for all ages and abilities. Here is an inside look to what happens during a 2-hour packing session:

Opening- when you arrive, you will hear about FMSC, the work they do and the impact of the food. You will also receive instructions on how to participate in various roles during the session.

Packing Session- there are 3 areas you can serve in:

- Labeling: if you love stickers, have kids under the age of 5, or can't stand for long periods of time- this is for you! You will place stickers with important information onto the food bags before they get packed.
- Food Packing: if you like being a part of the main action,

don't have a soy allergy, and can stand for 1.5 hours- this is for you! You will partake in the stations that fill the bags with food, seal them and pack them into boxes.

- Warehouse: if you like getting a workout in, moving at a face pace and lifting heavy things- this is for you! You will collect boxes from tables, fill bins with ingredients to keep the stations packing, and place boxes on pallets so they are ready to ship.

Closing- you'll gather back together with everyone in your session to hear about and celebrate how many meals you packed, and how many kids you fed. You'll also hear about opportunities available to continue to support the work of FMSC.

There are a few other areas you can serve if you desire to take a supportive role to our Mobile Pack. Our team needs greeters at every shift to welcome people in and guide them to the right location, volunteers who are willing to help check people in, and volunteers who want to help with food hospitality for FMSC staff and WLC lead volunteers. If any



Follow Me and Learn From Me

Joel Wetzstein | Multisite Director of Worship

As we continue our “Follow Me” series, delving into spiritual disciplines that bring us rest, I want to draw your attention to focus on a profound invitation from our Lord: “Take up my yoke and learn from me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:29).

In a world filled with hustle and bustle, stress and chaos, Jesus’ words resonate more than ever. The idea of a “yoke” is foreign to many of us. It may seem heavy at first glance, but He reassures us that His yoke is easy. But what does this have to do with worship?

Worship is not just a Sunday ritual; it’s a spiritual discipline that can be a yoke of grace in our daily lives. When we gather to worship, we are taking up Christ’s invitation to learn from Him, to experience the rest He promises. Worship is where we embrace the truth that we are not alone in our journey. It’s where we lay down our burdens and discover His grace anew. When we worship, we give God the glory He deserves. It delights His heart to see His children gathered in His name, offering Him praise and adoration. Our worship, in spirit and truth, brings honor to His name and magnifies His presence among us.

Worship is where we find rest for our souls. In the presence of our Creator, we discover peace amidst life’s storms. The music, the Word, the fellowship—they all serve as a balm to our weary hearts. It’s in worship that we align ourselves with God’s purpose and understand our identity in Jesus.

Our corporate worship is a powerful testimony of our faith. It unites us as a community of believers,

fostering love, unity, and a shared sense of purpose. When we worship together, we become a source of encouragement and strength for one another.

As we step into the “easy yoke” of worship, let us respond to Jesus’ invitation to follow Him. Let’s not see worship as a mere obligation but as a pathway to rest and renewal. In our worship, let’s cast our anxieties and burdens upon the One who cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

Our call to action is simple: take up His invitation for us to “Follow Me.” Let’s commit to a lifestyle of worship, not confined to a building but woven into the fabric of our daily lives. Seek moments of worship in your day—offer a prayer of thanksgiving, meditate on Scripture, or sing a song of praise.

In this journey, may we discover the rest and ease that come from embracing the yoke of worship. As we do, we’ll find ourselves drawing closer to the heart of Christ and experiencing the fullness of His promise: “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



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!

- October 15: Valley Creek Campus only
- November 19: all Campuses

Join us for some pizza, and get connected!

[Click here](#) for registration.

Living Generously

Mike Ehnstrom | Executive Director

Over the past several months, Woodbury Lutheran Church has encountered a season of change that is truly visible in our ministries, our buildings, and how we interact with each other.

One new venture that we launched in June 2023 is the WLC Estate Planning Ministry. More than 70 WLC members took part in an estate planning seminar moderated by our ministry partner, Financial Planning Ministry, resulting in over 30 estate plans created at no out-of-pocket cost to our members. With this great success, we are pleased to announce that WLC will host another “Wills and Trust” seminar at our Oak Hill campus on November 14th. A webinar will take place on November 16th for those that cannot attend in person. Please stay tuned to the Church Center app and wlc.church for more information and how to register in the coming weeks.

Another big change is our transition to Church Center. Our staff and key volunteer leaders have spent an incredible amount of time and effort to successfully launch Church Center in early September. You have likely seen the new check-in

stations with name tags, a new phone app, and a new giving platform. Once fully implemented, Church Center will streamline and improve church engagement and communication at a significantly lower cost to WLC. Thank you to all that have already moved their online giving to Church Center, which saves WLC approximately 1% per transaction. For those that have not, our staff is ready and willing to assist you in making the change.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your generosity in allowing us to invest in improving each of our properties. These investments include land reclamation, a new nursery, and a new roof and siding at Oak Hill, new WLCkids spaces and courtyard improvements at Wakota Ridge, and improved security and bathroom spaces in our preschool. None of this would have happened without the consistent generosity of our members.

Thank you for your generosity of time, abilities, and finances that enable us as a church body to achieve our vision of *Multiplying Disciples, Transforming Lives*.

Generosity at WLC



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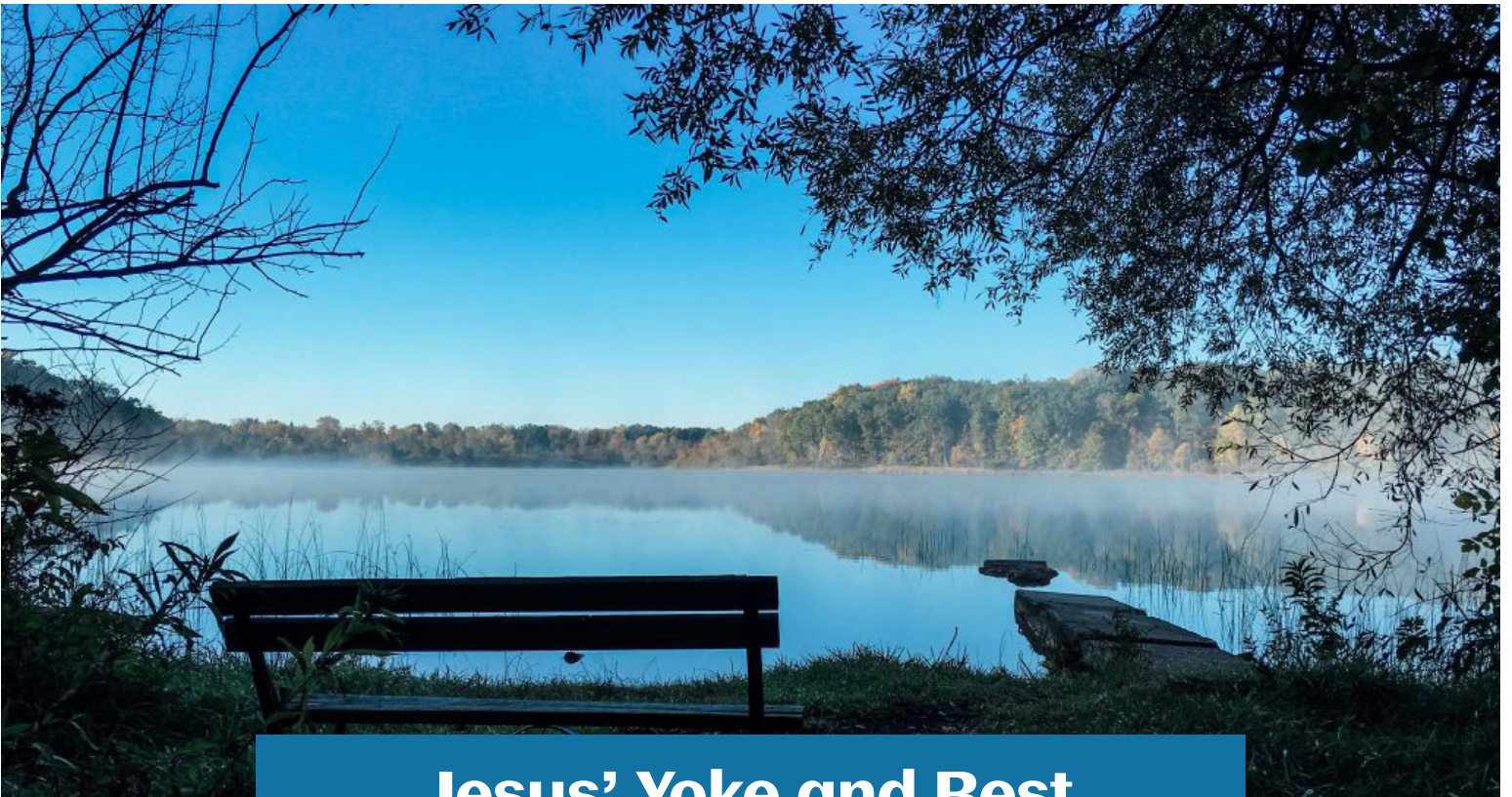
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Jesus' Yoke and Rest

Lindsey Schmidt | Multisite Director of NextGen

In the hustle and bustle of life, resting, let alone working from a place of restedness and peace can seem impossible. As we journey together as disciples of Jesus, we are reminded of Jesus's invitation to be yoked with Him, doing life His way... and experiencing a lighter burden.

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus invites us, saying, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The imagery of a yoke and the work entailed might seem daunting, but Jesus assures us that His yoke is not one of oppression or hardship. Instead, it is a way of life marked with love, grace, freedom, purpose, rest and a deep awareness that we're not navigating anything alone.

In our non-stop world, the concept of rest can seem impossible. Jesus teaches us the importance of setting aside time to rest and reconnect with Him. The Sabbath is a gift from our Creator, an invitation to intentionally pause, worship, and ask Jesus to put us back together... to rest so we are ready to take on the challenges coming our way.

Sabbath resting can help to set us free from the temptation to believe that our efforts, achievement, accrual of things, and that what we produce is what give our lives value. It's a practice in trusting. An act of worship. An act of obedience that the Holy Spirit uses to transform our hearts.

As families, what could it look like to practice working from our rest together? Setting aside moments regularly to remind each other of who we are as loved children of God. To notice and help each other name when we have picked up a different yoke than what Jesus offers. Maybe one of these very tempting yokes looks like: people pleasing, proving our value through exhausting efforts, or depending

on our stuff to find security. Or just maybe it can look like:

- disconnecting from screens for a few hours or for a day.
- making a day's worth of meals ahead of time so that a Saturday or Sunday doesn't require meal prep but instead includes family chill time around a fire or going for a hike?
- an afternoon set aside to have an hour of reflection and prayer and then a family meal and a game or walk after.

I'm continually reminded that living the disciple life is not anchored in "doing all the right things" but instead a journey of asking the Holy Spirit to show me how I can know Him more and live my life His way. Resting looks different for each of us. Let's each ask for help to lay down any yokes that we have grown comfortable wearing so we can experience the rested, freedom of Jesus' way.

Choosing Who We Follow

Sara Mulso | Director of WL Preschool

It's likely that most of us have played Follow the Leader. As a child it is a fun game of being silly, twirling here, and climbing there. As an adult it may be keeping up with an instructor at an exercise class. Maybe that isn't as easy.

We live in a world that says, "follow me." We see pictures of where people are and what they are doing on social media. We get nudges to buy something after we do a google search for an item. As a parent, our conversation with others may be an inquiry about if we've signed up children up for that sport or event. There is always someone or something that we are pulled to follow.

Following isn't always fun and easy.

But Jesus...

Throughout the Gospels, we read of more than 20 times where Jesus says, "follow me." It's not a suggestion or a nudge. It's not only a calling, but also a promise! The same Jesus that says, "follow me" in a world that wants us to follow so many other

things, gives us the promise that He is also with us. We don't have to be the leader who knows it all, but instead we can be a follower who trusts that Jesus is always by our side.



Fall Leaves!

Do you have leaves that you need to dispose of? Bring them to the WLC garden on the Afton property (NE corner of Bailey and Manning) any time after October 20. Please look for the signs directing placement - start at the far side of the garden (north side) and spread leaves into an even layer about 10-12 inches thick. Your leaves are used as mulch to reduce moisture loss and weed growth, critical to our success every year. Leaves only - no garden waste, house plants, shrubs, etc.

Our WLC garden is having our best year - we hope to harvest over 7,000 pounds of vegetables for the Open Cupboard food shelf this year! Please help us prepare for next year! Any questions, please text Ted Bolles **651-308-5775** or email: tedbolles@gmail.com.

Oil Change Ministry

What is it? A free oil change for widows, single moms, missionaries, and those that are in need that qualify.

Who are the volunteers? We have a team of about 12 people that enjoy serving in this capacity. They are all members of WLC.

Who do I contact? Pastor Tim Marshall, or the church office. You will be assigned a time slot. On the day of the oil change simply drive your vehicle to the Valley Creek East parking lot. A valet driver will take your vehicle to the "shop" for service and return it to you when done. You will be able to enjoy a light snack and beverage while you wait. Service takes approximately 45 minutes.

When is the oil change done? Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Are you able to do other kinds of service? Due to time constraints, we are not able to do vehicle repairs. We will check your vehicle lights and vacuum the interior of your vehicle. We also make a note of other items needing attention.



Connect and Engage at WLC!



Celebrate Our Sent Missionaries, the Hoel Family!

Brad Miller | Multisite Director of Discipleship and Reach

Danielle and Grant Hoel have been our sent missionaries, ministering to college students at University of Minnesota - Duluth and coaching ministry leaders since 2009.

Their life and calling is changing. God is leading them in a different direction, and they will no longer be our sent missionaries.

Come Celebrate what God has done in and through them! Join us on Sunday, November 5!

- They will be celebrated and prayed for in each service at all campuses...9 & 10:30am
- At the Valley Creek Campus, they will be available to connect after each service.
- There will also be a brief time of sharing and prayer at 11:45am in the Fireside room

Come and meet the Hoels and thank them for their ministries and the impact of their lives as an extension of WLC.

Contact Brad Miller for more information: brad@woodbury-lutheran.org

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
-Psalm 145:3,4,7



Need Help with a Heavy Load?

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

I'm sure you've had times where you've needed help to lift something or move something that is just too heavy or too large for you to move by yourself. What is a good solution to this problem? You find someone to help you! And together the job gets done.

In Matthew 11:30 Jesus says, "For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." In farming terms, a yoke helps two animals pull something together. When we choose to follow Jesus, He can help us with our trials and everyday problems. Jesus becomes "yoked" to us and helps us when we ask Him to be with us.

How can you help kids understand that they can ask Jesus to help them with their problems? Find something heavy, like a brick or something else in your home. Could they lift it for a whole day, for an hour? In fact, they might find out that the longer they hold it, the heavier it gets!

The same is true of our problems. Maybe you have a friend who isn't being very kind to you. Maybe there is a class you're struggling with. Kids can ask Jesus to help them with all their problems and more!

Trust - Connect - Give Glory! Oak Hill Campus Update

We speak a lot about the Disciple Life at WLC. To discover my identity in Jesus, become more like Him and help others do the same. This is a beautiful picture of what it looks like to grow as disciples of Jesus: people who respond to His invitation to Follow Him.

Being part of this at Oak Hill has been one of the most joy-giving, life-satisfying, Holy Spirit filling, Kingdom advancing experiences of my ministry. But none of it could happen without trust. Trust in God, and trust in His people, namely you. Believing God's Word, "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). If life is truly better together, and I believe it is, then creating an environment of trust deepens us as a community of believers who are willing to be vulnerable, sharing our stories of transformation and pointing to our great and glorious God who sets captives free. You truly are a New Creation.

The Apostle Paul gives us an incredible example of this. He never denies what he once was, or what he once did. He uses these things to point to Jesus and declare how awesome He is. "For you have heard of my former life... I persecuted... violently... trying to destroy." (Galatians 1:13) "I was a blasphemer, persecutor and violent aggressor." (1 Timothy 1:13) In Acts 22 and 26 the Apostle Paul does not hide his former life but uses it as the platform to point to the power of mercy and grace in Jesus. "Yet I was shown mercy..."

It takes courage to be vulnerable. It also takes people who create a safe place to receive and communicate love and celebrate what God has done. This Fall at Oak Hill we have returned to Wednesdays in the Barn where this kind of courage and vulnerability opened the door for others to share their stories of God's redemptive power to heal, strengthen, and breathe His life into us. I am so proud of Maria Engen, Mark Hogeboom, Tiffany Fitzgerald, and Tim Howard who were willing to share some of their stories and deepen us as a family of Jesus Follow-

ers. But it doesn't stop there. Prayer takes us even deeper in communion with each other and the Holy Spirit.

Our evenings in the Barn conclude with coming together and praying for each other. Sharing our fears, hopes, longings, and needs with each other and offering them all to our Heavenly Father in prayer. I want to challenge you. Each of us has a story, most likely many stories, of what God has done, how He has been faithful through it all. Friends, get connected and tell others of how good the Lord has been to you. It will take courage and a safe place. But know this, you will deepen in the Lord as you share, and it will help others do the same. Join us for our last Wednesday in the Barn October 4th. 7060 Lake Elmo Ave. Stillwater.

grateful,
Pastor Dean Dunavan
Oak Hill Campus Pastor



Connect with WLC Supported Missionaries - Tim & Lisa Beckendorf

We value Truth - Rooted in God's Word

God's word is changing lives all over the world. We want to see all people have access.

Come and meet WLC supported Missionaries, Tim and Lisa Beckendorf (and their 2 sons). Hear about the Bible translation work they are doing with Lutheran Bible Translators among the Khwe people in Botswana Africa.

Join them on Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:30-11:45am at the Wakota Ridge Campus. Coffee and treats will be served.

Contact Brad Miller for more information... brad@woodburylutheran.org
org Interested in Lutheran Bible Translators? Go to LBT.org

October Birthdays

1	Janna Duban Marianne Eineke Mason Himes Cheryl Mann Victoria Riehle Brian Smith Joey Wess	Jordan Kealy Gina Pearson Julie Rhoades Michelle Sabatke Garrett Sailer Kimberly Sorgert Kenneth Stopler	Fran Menge Danielle Nelson Gradey Olafson Delaney Palmer Ruth Premiah Diana Schirm Brian Stakston	15	Dominic Browning Bob Cummings Amy Fitzgerald Chelsea Lewis Jerry Morton Shannon Schach Jessami Schaefer	22	Graham Anderson Diane Cragoe Hall Hannah Dufresne Kimberly Herr Zach Howard Jan Jeske-Rowe Everett Morri Lisa Peterson Jill Simon	Craig McHenry Edith Roen Karin Stensvad Lisa Winter David Wolterstorff			
2	Nathan Bloomquist Josh Brocker Barrett Connolly Kaylee Hunt Joshua Kirchoff Scott Stevens Kaiden Wetzstein	7	Dave Wegner Linda Atchison Courtney Beck Luanne Greengard Shirley Hensel Lisa Noblett Julia Opheim Veronica Pettit Don Piper April Reed Nick Weiler	11	Ainsley Clark Kevin Graham Dave Hegg Eric Heintz Jill Hodne Dan Krause Eileen Lund Amy Meyer Bruce Montgomery Seryozha Mzenga Mary Petterson Lorraine Wohlhuter	16	Carrie Butcher Jennifer Foss Sam Froseth Jan McLean Asher Peterson Rose Schiller Max Schmidt Elise Schuenke Amy Tessmer Eric Varin Madelyn Weller	27	Theo Barahana Michele Jacobus Harper Lopez Tim Pleggenkuhle Roman Rogotzke Connie Sabbann Jeanette Schmidt Lisa Thao		
3	BJ Brown Kris Bruesehoff Lyn Foley 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 Brian Kirchoff Bob Kolb Katie Luger Etta Meyer Scott Reinhard Mark Smith Olivia Thao Cheryl Tveit	12	Barb Groth Melanie Haberman Dawn Kroohn Christopher Neutz Celina Reyes Cindy Schwartz Ella Schwarzenbach Mike Steingraber Mark Stoltenow	17	Brooke Albrecht Paige Albrecht Cindy Martin Ryker Nardini-Barabas Kristen Nesvig Lillian Stenzel Matt Weiss	23	Hannah Belisle Peter Bloomquist Lesa Clarkson Sue Dale Melania Fitzgerald Madeline Haut Jacqueline Hedegaard Tom Kroohn Brad Sweet Annaliese Voss Jen Wenck Warren Weum Adam Wiering	28	Nolan Aspen Olin Berg Maria Engen Quinn Haines Carley Kokaisel Bob Nelson Rachel McFarland Katie Schultze Wendy Schultze Anastacia Speckhard Parris Vitela
4	Elias Aune Silas Boyer Patrick Brewer Paul Burandt Jerry Helander Marvel Mitterholzer Dennis Sager Jason Sirov	9	Terri Albrecht Hunter Allan Everett Anderson Steve Dopson Jeff Konop Matt Meek Grant Schouveler Jesse Spates Rick Theissen Bennett Zeller Griffin Zeller	13	Tommy Albrecht Jennifer Anderson Abigail Avenson Lynn Brown Tami Gooch Cortney Heerwald Paulette Hinkelman Hannah Rodemeyer Michael Zenner	18	Will Bartley Erin Brandvik Julia Glatzmaier Ryan Lindstrom Addison Rohm Jim Sobaski	24	Nora Bauer Melissa Bartzler Zach Cartier Jenny Granlund Arlene Halleen Presley Olafson Arul Ramesh Pat Stevens Justin Topp	29	Beth Bauer Amanda Brigl David Schelling Bob Albrecht Simona Awiszus Rylea Casselberry Chad Helgason Candace Lilleboe Aspyn Offenhauser Tomy Ogren Kassie Raasch Keira Rosin Macey Salzmann
5	Sophia Carlson Aubrey Chavie Camryn Goerlitz Jan 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 Christa Gaffer Stella Hall Debbie Heggernes Olivia Hillmeyer	14	Zeta Anderson Rick Blomquist Grace Harre Carolyn Hernandez Alicia Leemkuil Josephine Mack Charlie McElveen Eva Powers Stacey Wagley Kade Zimmer	19	Ruth Camilli Paul Claugherty Andrew Prestegaard Craig Roberts Jacob Rygh Josiah Beyene Heidi Hove Benjamin Jacobus Aaron Lauterbach Judy Pirkel	25	Ashish Abraham Kaitlin Albrecht Nancy Brezina Julie Drevnick Maggie Law Ryan Loss Abraham Matthews Desiree Morningstar Valerie Reichel John Rodemeyer	30	Bob Albrecht Simona Awiszus Rylea Casselberry Chad Helgason Candace Lilleboe Aspyn Offenhauser Tomy Ogren Kassie Raasch Keira Rosin Macey Salzmann LaVonne Hamilton Renee Kenow Brian Kieser Latha Kirubakaran Emelynn Klotthor Alyxia Morris Katherine Parker Tyler Printon Michael Scheid Jean Steinbraber
6	George Achterling Michele Eggers Fritz Feuerherm Maverick Jones				20	Heidi Hove Benjamin Jacobus Aaron Lauterbach Judy Pirkel Eli Boon Vienna Carlson Matthew Edwards Andrea Hitzemann-Johnson Zac Krueger Helen Louie-Terzian Autumn Schuldt Jerry Steffel Daniel Wesser	26	Rick Albrecht Don Arneson James Belmonte Kaylee Bierdeman Eric Bjornson Cristina Gurrola Vicki Huebsch Alyssa Kreutzfeldt Mason Kuhmeyer			

October Anniversaries

1	Gary & Diane Baran Joey & Kirsten Benke Tim & Brittany Bystrzycki Nick & Julie Kordosky Bob & Sandra Zak	9	Aaron & Jamila Drevlow	19	Ken & Lindsey Babin Scott Habeck & Christine Borscheid Habeck Chuck & Janice Jones Fred & Alyssa Kreutzfeldt
2	Gary & Byrnina Iskason Kevin & Darlene Meissner	10	Brian & Katie Whitemarsh	20	Chike & Sarah Ociagha Dick & Nancy Ritter
3	Karl & Cheryl Hohenstein Thomas & Ingrid Kinmounth Dave & Sue McNally Garrett & Ashlee Schmidt Mark & Kim Sorgert	11	Jim & Alicia Culbertson David & Cheryl White	22	Bob & Fran Cummings Jeff & Joan Figlmiller Aaron & Haley Raebel Mark & Tonya Smith
4	Mark & Cindy Johnson Mark & Cameo Kosanke Jeff & Katie Mueller	12	Glen & Cindy Boedecker Brett & Lisa Corrigan Lucas & Ashley Hanon Tom & Patti Nelson Brian & Kasey Short Matthew & Rachel Solosky	23	Peter & Barb Cavanaugh John & Diane Kuhmeyer Kevin & Deb Tacheny Kyle & Sara Terrill Ed & Cathy Yee
5	John & Dorothy Blaisdell James & Manda Leary Jorge & Acela Lopez Cody & Taylor Mathison Burt & Reighe Nagel	13	Brad & Sandi Miller Chris & Tiffany Perl	24	Grant & Pixie Anderson Tom & Alex Finnegan
6	Paul & Sally Cronin Jeff & Aimee Wilford	14	Russell & Linda McCuskey Dave & Cheryl Schindler	26	Chad & Alison Kurth Brian & Addie Michlitsch
7	John & Joy Taraldsen	15	Justin & Amanda Brigl	27	Keith & Cynthia Gustafson Michael & Brenda Haut
8	Scott & Beth Bauer TJ & Gabrielle Kane	16	Adam & Emily Browning Steve & Jolene Macioch Doug & Yvonne Pilot Andrew & Keann Prestegaard Bob & Amy Schlichenmaier	30	Tim & Roxane Becken
		17	Larry & Carol Edwards	31	Dwight & Patti Schultz
		18	Bill & Karen Klinzing John & Jessica Norring Greg & Sharon Opheim Tom & Kristine Stork		

Church Council Update September 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](#) after the 10th of each month. After you click the link, scroll down to Council Minutes section.

Woodbury Lutheran Church - Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:30-8:30am

Meeting Highlights

Financial Report:

As we continue to transition after Mark Stutelberg's retirement, we talked about the process we will be using for forming our 2024 budget and spent considerable time talking through specific line items in the budget and what each of them houses. We continue to be blessed with strong giving and have two significant estate gifts that will be received later this year.

EOS Operating System:

After meeting with an EOS implementor and experiencing a 90-minute level 10 meeting Mike and Tom are recommending that we move forward with the process of hiring an implementor to help us integrate the EOS system into WLC. The Council approved this motion.

Council Advisory Teams:

The Financial Advisory Team met and will continue to serve as an advisory group for Mike, Tom, and the Council. The Governance Ministry Action Team is up and running with the primary focus of reviewing the Constitution and making recommended changes that the congregation will eventually have to vote on. This team is made up of Ann Baumann, Linda Tank, John Kuhrmeyer, Frank Jannsen and Pastor Tom.



Meeting Highlights

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- August Meeting Minutes
- August Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- Transition to EOS
- Council Advisory Teams Update
- St. Pastor Highlights

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Worship

Online

Sundays @ 9:00am, 10:30am
Watch the Livestream at
[Live.WLC.Church](https://www.wlcchurch.com)

In-Person

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

Please visit our website for up-to-date worship information. at [WLC.Church](https://www.wlcchurch.com)

Baptisms

Estelle Vivian Tank
Joshua Hubble
Aroara Jo Friberg
Aurora Rose Cornwell
Nova Brynn Everson

Marriages

Thuy Ahn Thi Tran and Adam Muehler
Sinloria Macrae and Marzouk Alassani
Caitlynn Nelson and Benjamin Huntley

Deaths

Millie Stagemeyer, mother of Sharon Fong
Elaine Schlenner
Don Hove, father of Dave Hove



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!

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.

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 at 1:00pm, or bring your completed items to us at the Valley Creek Campus. Call Shirley (651) 276-7224 or email sungrams1@gmail.com for more info on how to be connected with this ministry.

High School Hootenanny

Bingo Bonanza! October 7th, 6:30-8:30PM, at VC. We'll play Bingo like it's never been played before. It's guaranteed to be ridiculous and so will the prizes! This event is for 9th-12th grade students

from all campuses. [Register here.](#)

WLCyouth Mission Reveal

October 11th, 6:30-8:00 VC. 6th-12th grade students from all campuses are invited to the Valley Creek campus to hear where the 2024 high school and middle school mission trips are headed and how we'll be serving! We'll also have fun and time for small groups!

WLCyouth Wednesdays

Wednesdays at VC and OH and on Sundays at WR are in full swing! There is no wrong time to jump into these groups! [Click here](#) to learn more about both and to register for a year of connection, discipleship growth, and fun!

FMSC Mobile Pack Youth and Youth Family Session

Saturday, October 28th 3:30-5:30PM. This session is for youth and their families from all campuses! We also have two add-on options for even more service and fun! Come early 3:00-3:30PM for some fun adults vs youth competition and/or plan on staying after (5:30-6:30PM) to help FMSC clean up the mobile pack! [RSVP here.](#)

Confirmation Journey Launch Meeting

October 1st, 4:00-5:30PM. Students in 7th-12th grade from all campuses who are

interested in starting the Confirmation Journey should attend this meeting along with a parent or faith mentor to step into that process. [Register here.](#)

Beyond Birds and the Bees

This event is free and please share this with friends and community members. [RSVP here.](#) There is optional free childcare for the Saturday sessions.



COMING SOON!

JOIN US!

beyond birds & bees

Communicating your values to raise sexually healthy children

WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A program designed for parents interested in communicating to their children about sexual topics in a way that's consistent with their values and in touch with reality

OCT 11	OCT 14	OCT 14
PARENTS OF 6TH-9TH GRADERS	PARENTS OF CHILDREN PRE K-1ST GRADE	PARENTS OF CHILDREN GRADES 2-5
6:30-8pm	8:30-10am	10:30am-12pm

October 2023 Calendar

1 (O,V,W) WLCkids

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

1 (V) WLCkids

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

2 (V) Monday Men's Study

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

2 (V) Ladies' Gathering Group

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

3 (V) WLC Choir Rehearsal

Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Contact: Stephanie Pfothenhauer
561-504-5164

4 (O) Pastoral Bible Study

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

4 (O,V) WLCyouth Group

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

4 (O) Wednesday in the Barn

Wednesday, 6:30pm
Contact: Pastor Dean
651-280-5754

5 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

6 (V) Kitchen Band

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

7 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

7 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

7 (V) Baptism Class

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

7 (V) High School Hootenanny

Saturday, 6:30pm
Contact: Patrick Brewer
651-739-5144 x211

8 (V) Hearts & Hands

Sunday, 12:30pm
Contact: Pastor Tim Marshall
651-739-5144 x221

11 (V) Beyond Birds and Bees

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

14 (V) Beyond Birds and Bees

Saturday, 8:30am & 10:30am
Contact: Nancy Schubbe
651-739-5144 x203

15 (V) Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, 11:45am
Contact: Brad Miller
651-739-5144 x209

26-28 (V) FMSC MobilePack

Thursday-Saturday, Various Times
Contact: Bethany Meyer
651-739-5144

WLC NEWS LETTER

Looking for something else?

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