WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH

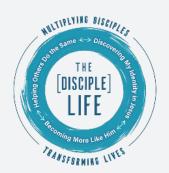
NEWS LETTER

WOODBURY LUTHERAN

Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives

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Do You Feel the Fall Stir?

Diana Vander Pas | Mulitsite Director of Small Groups

I want to dream of a great new fresh start this fall and yet what I really feel is busyness and a frantic flurry of activities. I always think that I can organize my time better, or try harder, or hope that the start of a new school year will bring a new and better experience.

But before I know it, I am tired, worn down, and needing a break the same way I did last fall. So, I'm asking God (again) to help me lean into practices and rhythms that help me work out of a place of rest. For me to slow down rather than speed up. Take more time with Jesus when I feel like I don't have time. Lean into connection and community rather than "get more accomplished." Why? Because these are the practices that bring life.

Jesus leads me to connect and engage with Him and with people and the world around me. Ask Jesus how you can connect and engage this fall in practices that bring you the life that is truly life. Listen to His voice and follow Him.



WLPreschool

School begins this month, but there are still a couple poisitons open to help us make for a successful school year.

Contact Sara Mulso at 651-739-5146 or at mulsos@woodburylutheran.org

Starting Fresh

Another summer has flown by, and the fall season has quickly arrived. At WLC it has been a very busy summer preparing for the fall. In a strange way even though it is in the middle of the calendar year the fall always marks new beginnings, kids are headed back to school, we are gearing up for a new ministry year at church, and so on.

Anytime we have a new beginning we have the opportunity for a fresh start. My wife Steph and I like to joke about the phrase a "fresh start" after eating a whole bunch of ice cream...We say no worries we can start fresh in the morning, meaning more fruit and less ice cream tomorrow.

Over the last few years, maybe you have found yourself wishing you could have a fresh start, a new beginning. A good friend of mine always says that we get to decide what we make the priorities in our life, no one else chooses them for us.

This fall I am inviting you to take a fresh start in your walk with Jesus. Starting September 10th across all our campuses we will be kicking off a message series where we will be focused on what it actually looks like to follow Jesus in our everyday lives.

Back in Jesus' day the way that people would learn from a Rabbi was by literally following them. By doing so they would act as sort of an apprentice learning the ways of their master and then they would put those ways into practice in their everyday lives. When we look at the life of Jesus, we begin to see some practices that He went to on a regular basis, things like Slowing, Solitude, Silence, Prayer, Scripture, Sabbath, and Community. When Jesus speaks to us about wearing His yoke what He is really saying is look at my life and model what I do. Jesus claims that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. I bet that sounds refreshing? Could it be that a lighter yoke simply means a life that looks more like the life of Jesus?

Maybe a fresh start isn't as far as we might think it is. Maybe it starts by taking off all the yokes that we have put on and replacing them with the yoke of Jesus. Come and learn what it looks like to be His apprentice and follow His ways – you get to decide!

Following Jesus! Pastor Tom





Caring Connections

Pastor Tim Marshall | Pastoral Care Ministries

With the passage of time comes changes in our habits and rou-Some of those changtines. es might be welcome changes (the birth of a child), while others weren't anticipated nor appreciated (losing a job). And still other changes happen that we aren't even fully aware of (discovering the death of a friend you lost track of). When changes happen, we can either gain community or lose community. Sometimes, isolation can set in, and we find ourselves more and more alone.

Recently, I had a phone call with an individual who had been feeling isolated in a lot of different ways. This person doesn't have any family around, few friends, and isn't very connected to any groups or other activities that can help them feel connected. As we talked, the loneliness was pretty evident, and I felt this person's frustration as well. In a world that is increasingly disconnecting from others, it can be easy to feel alone.

This is why it is so important to feel connected to something. It could be worship, it could be a bible study during the week, it could be connecting with your small group. But how can you be connected when you are going through misfortunes in life that have increased your isolation? If you are in a small group, I would encourage you to remain connected to your group, reaching out to those you haven't heard from for a while. Some of the best stories I hear about our small groups is when they provide meals for those who are going through a hardship of some kind.

If you aren't a part of a small group at this time and are feeling isolated due to difficult life circumstances, you might benefit from our Stephen Ministry, a one-to-one caregiving ministry for those who feel like they have no one to walk alongside them. If you find yourself in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know. (We no longer hear from the hospital when someone is hospitalized due to HIPAA laws, and we would love to visit you.)

Another way you can combat feeling isolated is to become more engaged at church. There are many ways you can become a part of our serving community at WLC. If you know how you would like to serve, you can talk to the leader of that ministry to get better connected. Maybe you aren't sure where you would like to serve... If that is the case, reach out to one of us pastors or other staff members who would be happy to help you discover where you might fit best.

Whether you are in need of a caring connection or looking for a way to be engaged, one thing is clear... We are better together!

Sharing Stories to Connect & Engage

Diana Vander Pas | Mulitsite Director of Small Groups

I'm known for my appreciation of story... for telling stories and for listening to other people's stories. If you want me to feel uncomfortable, just tell me to sit in silence with someone I just met! God works in and through our stories as He shapes our identity to be more like Him. I wish parts of my story weren't there; parts that I am not proud of, or that were difficult. But I've grown to trust that God doesn't waste anything. He can use and transform even the ugly parts of my life for my ultimate good and for His glory.

So, who are you sharing your story with and whose stories are you listening to? I try to hear stories from people who are brothers and sisters in Christ, and from people who look and think differently than me. It helps me see Jesus at work in many ways, reminds me we are all broken and in need of a Savior, and it grows my understanding, love, and compassion for others. I think we need more of that in our world today, don't you?

Take time in your small groups to share your stories. Share your story with your mentor or mentee. Take a moment when you are at a restaurant to ask your server how they are doing today and how you can pray for them. Set time aside on your next plane ride to listen with a humble and curious (not judgmental) spirit to the person next to you.

How can you connect and engage with the people around you? Remembering that God loved people

so much that He sent His one and only Son for them. Ask Jesus to use these connections and stories for your ultimate good and His glory.





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!

- September 17: all campuses
- October 15: Valley Creek Campus only
- November 19: all Campuses

Join us for some pizza, and get connected!

Click here for registration.

Fall Time for New Beginnings

Nancy Schubbe | Director of Kids Ministry

My parents were both teachers, so fall was always a busy time at our house. Not only were there back-to-school supplies and clothes shopping, but there were lesson plans to write, schedules to finalize, and phone calls to make to new students in my mom's Kindergarten classes. Many days were spent cutting nametags for those first days of school!

While fall is an exciting time, it can also be an overwhelming time because of all the new things happening. There are visits to new classrooms, new teachers to meet, activities to sign up for, etc. So why is it important to take the time to attend worship and register your kids for WLCkids? I mean it's all available online anyway, right?

We do have lots of options from just catching the sermon on YouTube to listening to the playlist from last Sunday's worship songs. So why engage and travel to the physical church on a Sunday? If you want to move from a consumer to a contributor, or from someone others serve to a servant, then traveling to your place of worship is the right move!

It's also a great way to show your kids what matters most to you and your family. Talk to your kids, have a family meeting, and share your vision for your family as they grow in faith. Worship together, take communion together, even when your kids are too young and get a simple blessing. Let your kids see you serve others and let them serve alongside you whenever possible. Talk together about what they learned in WLCkids. What was the Bible story about? How does it apply to their lives?

The second great reason to attend on Sunday mornings is to invite friends to join you. Or meet other people new to the faith brought by other members. Maybe you yourself still have some room to grow in your faith, and can't we all make that statement? Come and help make the place you worship an open, welcoming, and loving place for all who are growing in their faith in Jesus.

What better example for your kids to watch and see in action? Parents who care for others, welcome others, make space for others, as they learn about Jesus' love for them. Engaging in worship and serving are keyways for you to continue to grow your faith and to help your family grow together in their faith.

One more great reason to find time to worship in person is that you become a real part of our church family. God's plan was a good one! He knew we all need each other for support and strength as we grow in our faith. We truly are "better together"!

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 NLT



Connect & Engage

Joel Wetzstein Mulitsite Director of Worship

I hate to even say this.... But the summer is wrapping up and as we step into the vibrant colors of fall, we're excited to kick off a brand-new season of worship and service. If you have a heart for music and production, we invite you to journey with us as we create meaningful worship experiences together.

Our mission, "multiplying disciples and transforming lives," fuels our passion for connecting with one another and our community. This fall, we're all about starting fresh – embracing innovative ideas, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Let's Connect and Engage in serving! Whether you're a seasoned musician or just curious about the world of production, your unique talents have a place here. Together, we'll bring uplifting music and impactful worship to life.

Join us on this journey of Discovering our Identity in Jesus, Becoming More Like Him, and Helping Others do the Same. Together, we'll make a difference that resonates far beyond our church walls.

Ready to dive in? Reach out to us and let's embark on this exciting musical and spiritual adventure together. See you at rehearsals and gatherings – let's make this fall unforgettable!



Thank You!

WLCyouth would love to say a HUGE thank you to all of our Peach purchasing families! 485 cartons of peaches were sold, raising over \$6,000. These funds are so helpful for our youth families!

You may not know this, but most of our youth fundraisers at WLC are led by amazing volunteers. Julie Williams-Wolterstorff and Cindy Cavallaro gracefully and generously led the way on the Peach sale this year with great support from the WLC office staff and custodial team! These leaders were also supported and encouraged by many youth families and friends of WLCyouth who gave their time and energy to help carry peaches, welcome, and call folks. Thanks again!

Power in Your "YES" or "NO"

Bethany Meyer | Wakota Ridge NextGen Minister & Multisite Reach Coordinator

Fall has a bit of a New Year's resolution feel to it, doesn't it? We get involved in activities, our schedules feel fresh, and we are back to a rhythm hoping for a great year ahead. The challenge begins when our rhythm gets shifted a couple months later and we find ourselves trying to keep all the must-dos on the schedule going. Things no longer feel fresh, we are exhausted and hoping the next season comes quick. So, how can we get to a place where we avoid all of that so we can enjoy a more grounded fresh start?

Something I learned when our world was starting up again post-pandemic, is that I just don't have to do all the things I used to do. There is good in my "yes" and "no." When I say "no" to something (even though it might be good, or something I would enjoy doing), I open myself up to say "yes" to something that is even better and keeps me filled.

What might you need to say "no" to this Fall, so you can say "yes" to the better option?

Starting fresh isn't just about a new calendar date. It is also about how we fill that calendar. Here are a few questions to ponder:

Am I leaving space for God to invite me into places where I can grow closer to him?

Am I leaving space for God to invite me into places where I can serve him and those around me?

Am I leaving space to give the best, most rested and filled version of myself to those I love?

I encourage all of us to consider what fills our calendars and leave space for engaging and connecting with God and others. And, because I believe walking the walk is important, I'll share with you what my plan is this yearnot to boast, but in hopes that it could help you consider what is possible for you.

Grow: by participating in BSF and studying the book of John.

Serve: by choosing less activities so I can say "yes" to co-workers, friends, family, and neighbors who need a helping hand. And, by checking in with those people regularly to listen for ways I can be of support.

Rest: by following through with resting on my Sabbath day (rather than trying to get errands done), 2 solo solitude days (Fall and Spring), monthly unstructured time for exploring creation and being creative, and reading 4 books to grow and learn.

What could it look like for you? If you aren't sure of all the possibilities, I invite you to wander the Connect & Engage event at your campus on September 10th (VC, OH & WR) or September 17th (VC) to see what sparks your interest. And carve out time to ponder what honors God, brings you joy and keeps you grounded, a great idea will likely surface there.



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. <u>Mark your calendar</u> for October 26, 27, & 28 (specific info and hours to pack meals will be provided later)
- 2. <u>Join our Team!</u> 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. <u>Begin making a list</u> 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 – MannaPackTM 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!





Sweet Things!

Bethany Meyer | Wakota Ridge NextGen Minister & Multisite Reach Coordinator

Grown closer with God by studying John and asking great questions, served on mission trips, Summer Blast teams and in many areas during Summer Stretch plus had fun with Miracle League, kayaking, mission trip adventures, and Valley Fair. Whew, how cool!

Throughout all of that, what I have enjoyed witnessing the most is the intentional, joy filled relationships that have begun and deepened over the summer. And I can't wait to see what this school year holds!

As we jump back into the Fall, let's keep that connection going and invite others to join us in it. Have you blocked out time for youth group? If not, I'd love for you to do it right now. We are excited for a year of learning, growing, questioning, and discovering, connecting and having fun with YOU!

Connecting and Engaging at the Valley Creek Campus

This Fall, so much of what is happening at the Valley Creek Campus is around "Connect and Engage." The body of Christ thrives when its members are deeply connected and actively engaging in the ministry that is happening. This is an essential part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus!

What might "Connect and Engage" look like for you at the Valley Creek Campus?

It could start with staying and socializing with others around doughnuts the first Sunday of the month. Is there someone who you don't recognize or have seen for years but don't know their name? Introduce yourself! That simple step is critical in making the Valley Creek Campus become a place where people feel seen and known.

Another huge area where "Connect and Engage" is happening is around serving. We recently had a night of worship, celebration, and training for all of our servants and volunteers at Valley Creek. It was amazing to see all the people that God is using to make incredible ministry happen here. They are normal people who God has equipped to use in extraordinary ways!

How has God equipped you to use your gifts to serve? We will have two Sundays in September focused on "Connect and Engage." I want to encourage you to be open to taking that next step in getting involved! God didn't create you to sit on the sideline. God has given you gifts and skills that He wants to use to bring the gospel to others. You are vital to this mission! I pray that you would be open to how God might use you because we need you engaged in our ministry.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to connect and engage, not only with those within these walls, but with those in the surrounding neighborhoods as well. We are super excited about the opportunities that God is opening for the Valley Creek campus to be actively involved in serving the local schools around us. God has surrounded our campus with so many opportunities and we are ex-

ploring how we can start to build deep relationships with the kids and staff in these local schools. This will be an amazing opportunity to shine the love of Jesus into our local community through various serving opportunities. If you are passionate about serving kids and our local schools, please reach out to either me or Bethany Meyer, our Local Reach Coordinator, so that we can help you get connected to this great opportunity.

It can be scary to take that next step of connecting and engaging. There is a certain vulnerability in stepping out into community and service. You are not alone in this. You are part of the body of Christ here at WLC and we are on this journey together. Let's not stay on the sideline any longer. This Fall, let's connect and engage!

Pastor Daniel Langewisch Valley Creek 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.

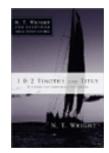
Join them on Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:30-11:45am at the Wakota Ridge Campus. Coffee and treats will be served.

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

Women of the Word Starts September 13th

Women of the Word (W.O.W.) studies help us grow closer to God and to each other in community. Studies begin September 13 and are held every Wednesday 9:00-11:30am.

These all-campus classes will be held on the Valley Creek Campus except for the "Better" study held at the Wakota Ridge Campus. All women welcome! Book prices are shown below. Scholarships are available as needed. Click this link to register here: https://woodburylutheran.churchcenter.com/registra-tions/events/1883578



A study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus by N.T. Wright. Led by LaVonne Hamilton. This 12-session book study looks at these letters from Paul guiding Timothy and Titus with wisdom we need today too. Book is \$12.

"Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin. Led by Lori Golden.

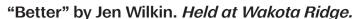
This 9-session video-based study invites us to look at these 3 chapters in Matthew as one cohesive message that challenges us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, a citizen of heaven. Book is \$16.





"God of Deliverance" by Jen Wilkin. Led by Vicki Strong.

In this 10-session video-based study of Exodus 1–18, Jen Wilkin shows us that Israel's story is our story: God delivers us to dwell with I AM. **This class will be offered in-person on Wednesday mornings and Tuesday evenings 7-9pm via Zoom. Book is \$8.**



Led by Cindy Cavallero and Melani Hanisch.

This 10-session video-based study on the book of Hebrews explores how God provides something better for us through Jesus Christ, in whom we put all our hope and faith. Book is \$17.





Calling Moms of all ages! Would you like to gather with others on Wednesday mornings for a simple study, encouragement, and prayer? Take our brief survey with this QR Code! We want to know the level of interest and childcare needs. Contact Kim Bauman or Diana Vander Pas with questions or for more information.

To find out more about Women of the Word, contact Diana Vander Pas, Multi-Site Director of Small Groups at vanderpasd@woodburylutheran.org.

September Birthdays

- 1 Craig Baumann
 Teresa Critchley
 Perry Firkus
 Addison Fluegel
 Jaime Hegna
 Lois Langholz
 Angie Moris
 Bernice Nelson
 David Pearson
 Lily Pieper
 Stephanie Smith
 Ava Young
- 2 Joan Bugnon
 Jane McAllister
 Pamela Riley
 Laura Schumacher
- 3 Alexa Diedrich
 Oskar Ehnstrom
 Carol Houfer
 Artie Lehtonen
 Rosemary Lockwood
 Caleb McDonald
 Abi Naffziger
 Alex Oehlke
 Carrie Steffel
 Lyndis Vander Louw
 Al Wilkie
- Cambelle Young
 Daniel Baumgarn
 Liam Butler
 Frank Janssen
 Maxwell Jorgensen
 Sara McConaughey
 Carolyn Ortiz
 Avery Printon
 Annette Reagan
 Dottie Rensenbrink
 Martin Strohfus
 Kristina Swanson
 Lily Thomson
 Isabella Trujillo
 Coleen Vossen
- 5 Ava Aune
 Camryn Connolly
 Brenda Engen
 Erik Hendrickson
 Christina Himes
 Denise Jenkins
 Mike Kinmounth
 Tony Printon
 Matthew Varin

- Beth Welsh
 6 Paisley Ash
 Karen Brown
 Eldon Engen
 Emma Goetz
 Jim Gullickson
 Madison Himes
 Niko Morris
 - Mike Rygh Selah Stebbing Parker Allen Donna Bargsten Taylor Casselberry Wyatt Crow Joanna Dikken Morgan Nissen Leann Radel Charles Stennes Kyle Topp
- Jack Bailen
 Louis Courteau
 Logan Cummings
 Mary Harrisville
 Evan LaMott
 Hudson Lueders
 Kemal Munn
 Steve Rohlf
 Samuel Scholz
 Kathy Siegling
 Larry Young
 Jennifer Aspen
- 9 Jennifer Aspen Kim Beseman Joyce Biagini Keith Heintz Jennifer Mahlke Todd Rizzardi Abby Schouvieller 10 Melissa Bjornson
- 10 Melissa Bjornson Madelyn Bjostad Robert Brings Sharon Fong Leeanne Grether Nancy McDonagh Leo McFarland Sarah Nelson Dan Oehlke Sophia Van Jaarsveld Joyce Wettleson
- 11 Nathan Aladerks Carly Horner Vivian Huska

- Bryan Jackson Lori Kane Amelia Kopp
- 12 David Butina
 Noah Danner
 Killian Everson
 Lars Heggernes
 Camille Jones
 Carmen Jones
 Catelynn Jones
 Tyler LaMott
 Craig Laue
 Ella Oehlke
 Spencer Sadowski
 Vicky Smith
 Carlie Vavra
 Landon Xiong
- 13 Franklin Anderson
 Taylour Blakeman
 Wesley Bloemendal
 Michaela Bradshaw
 Elizabeth Edwards
 Lois Groves
 Judy Lindemeier
 Jim Nassios
 Andre Nelson
 Becky Nelson
 Teresa Raymer
 Ashley St. Clair
 Andy Stone
 Eleanor Young
- A Ronn Hannula
 Kelsie Knippenberg
 Alex Laney
 Paige Lee
 Sara Murray
 Ed Nelson
 Ray Nibbe
 Meghan Rheinberger
 Scott Schuenke
 Ethan Topp
- 15 Lindsey Babin
 Adam Brandmire
 Lauren Bunge
 Brent Clifford
 Wyatt Crist
 Rory Daniels
 Sherri Monson
 Brynn O'Neil
 Shep Rose
 Gina Ruesch

- Justin Sather Madison Schmidt Blake Thompson Marna Uebler
- Maria Gebler
 6 James Biederman
 Lauren Bunge
 Lance Huebner
 Matteo Izzi
 Greg Johnson
 Mike Looney
 Zoe Marth
 Sarah Rasmussen
 Berkley Richardson
 Ruth Stakston
 Blake Stoffel
 Stacy Winter
- 17 Caitlyn Conway Cody Gerver Brian Ingram Dylan Longworth Brooke Salzman Bennett Sauer Ava Sonn Todd Stocker Yvonne White Joseph Wolsky Owen Zeller
- 18 William Anderson Sara Carson Dan Colvin Baylee Horner Mary Nesvig Kris Peterson Everly Phillipson Emma Stakston Linda Wilk
- 19 Susan Brusewitz
 Alyssa Burdett
 Sara Cerza
 Melyssa Ehnstrom
 Doug Jones
 Blaine Raymer
 Kari Schiltgen
 Madison Schnell
 Emilee Trost
 Daniel Wegner
 Larry Wilford
- Bob Youngquist 20 Archer Drapinski Spencer Dunham Wendy Ellwein

- Paul Gerver John Horner, Jr. Marcia Lally Peggy Novak Mary Scott
- Mary Scott

 Islake Fluegel
 William Gilbert
 Noah Gow
 Alisa Hartwig
 Arlene Holst
 Adele Salava
 Mark Sikorski
 Henry Solseth
 Daniel Stoddard
 Dylan Walker
- 22 Michael Brandmire
 Jileen Cowley
 Steve Grovender
 Willy Mzenga
 Steph Odegaard
 Shari Opheim
 Lisa Paradise
 Nevalynn Peasley
 Jenni Rathousky
 Nicole Rosin
 Jason Sakizadeh
 Maggie Svoboda
 Patrick Svoboda
 Aaron Wesser
 Jo Youngquist
 23 Angela Cowles
- 3 Angela Cowles
 Tim Fett
 Louis Graen
 Elizabeth Gustafson
 Kennedy Huber
 Bill Jacobus
 Molly Kieser
 Scarlett Ko
 Cody Mathisen
 Marilee Schoenewald
 Kris Westad
- 24 Cathy Johnston Allison Miller Eve Wiebe
- 25 Nathan Anderson Thomas Becken James Butzler Carl Clark Mary Galvin Avery Krause Nicholas Larson

- Erin Mills Dan Powers Andrew Sell Marlys Sobaski 26 Mary Betts
- Kiera Daniels
 Sydney Fedorowski
 Sherri Graham
 Gianna Juliano
 Katherine Lockwood
 Halle Myers
 Greta Norman
 Brady Perryman
 Dena Petrich
 Gregory Rohm
 27 Brooke Avenson
- Brooke Avenson
 Joseph Baumgarn
 Ken Olson
- Ken Olson
 28 Don Amey
 Todd Bambanek
 Dan Field
 Corbin Johnson
 Janice Jones
 Jeanne Luebker
 Gary McDowell
 Cheryl Olstad
 Clark Peterson
 Elijah Stennes
 29 Ole Anderson
 Amanda Durow
 Scarlett Hanon

Stephen Kiester

Stacy Parks
Kalvan Reyes
Stone Sterling
30 Sonya Anderson
Hannah Ashby
Mason Aspen
Scott Bauer
Catherine Burow
Lory Cedarbloom
Steven Joines
Cayla Klusmann
Lisa Kush
Fred Peting
Emily Rossow
Neil Schwartz

Sofia Tonolli

September Anniversaries

- 1 Robert & Sara Cerza Andy & Andrea Stakston Scott & Tina Stebbing
- 2 Nicholas & Jamie Linert-Arnold Gregory & Heather Rohm
- 3 Harold & Joan Converse Dean & Gayle Huska Scott & Sue Meyer Herb & Pat Morsching Harold & Nona Pearl
- 4 Cal & Nancy BrantonRoger & Joy HopkeJack & Grace Lavers
- Francisco & Steph Penaloza

 Mike & Kelly Vo

 Jim & Lee Fischer
 Dick & Julie Peterson
- Jim & Yvonne White

 8 David & Dawn Butina
 Nathan & Amanda Fong
 Cody & Melissa Gerver
 Keith & Beth Heintz
 Leo & Denise McFarland
 Greg & Holly Rome
- 9 John & Marianne Eineke Steve & Diann Lindeman Dale & Lisa Martinson

- Paul & Joyce Stiebner Dan & Shelagh Stoerzinger 10 William & Bernise Giefer
 - Weston & Shelby Kotoski Jon & Lisa Kush Paul & Sharon Neubrand Myron & Linda Tank
- 11 Herb & Kaye Larson
 Jason & Colleen Schuldt
- 12 Nathan & Emily Anderson Richard & Brynn O'Neil Jerry & Diane Panning
- 13 Carl & Lynn Clark
- 14 Tim & Jeannine Buchholz Ken & Julie Drevnick Nick & Carey Larson Paul & Amy Pflieger
- 15 Paul & Stephanie Claugherty Bob & Jennifer Drayton Gary & Sarah Nelson Joseph & Erica Zilka
- Jerry & Marge Helander Michael & McKenzie Duncan Scott & Joy Ostrom Gary & Char Les Stohlmann John & Susan Wildman
 Joe & Rachel Browning

- Steve & Cynthia Matejka Bruce & Kaye Montgomery 18 Lou & Luanne Greengard
 - Jesse & Angie Spates Ryan & Lisa Winter Bill & Mary Young
- 19 Ryan & Tara Huppert Michael & Monica Knox Marc & Tina Raasch
- 20 Jake & Tara Dalbec Greg & Sheri Lewis Jon & Jane McAllister Clark & Sandra Petersen Andrew & Holly Sonn Bruce & Vicki Strong
- 21 Peter & Barbara Fleming Brian & Carolee Mueller Alex & Jessami Schaefer
- 22 John & Kellie Clappier A.J. & Erin Ecker Chris & Christina Snow
- 23 Christina & Ronald Himes Fran & Nancy Menge Steve & Wendy Schultze
- 24 Greg & Lainie Bailen Jim & Mary Lou Krengel Rick & Mary Scholz

- Don Dufresne & Jeanne Yee Dan & Jenna Sauro Chris & Rachel Thormodson
- 26 Caleb & Rachel Anderson Nathan & Hannah Belisle Craig & Karen Bettmann Steve & Lilly Haehn Matt & Alyson Nelson
- 27 Todd & Ayson resisting for Schwarzenbach Mike & Jean Steingraber Chad & Colleen Vossen Nick & Lindsey Weiler
- 28 Scott & Rachel Conant Dan & Susan Jamison
- 29 Todd & Anna Albrecht Ronn & Laurel Hannula Nick & Allison Ortiz Tom & Tara Schlattman John & Jenna Voyda Matthew & Lauren Young
- 30 Craig & Leanne Bloom Lee & Michelle Bunge Ben & Esther Kumpula John & Jeanie Strohfus Chris & Cheryl Tveit

Church Council Update August 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 <u>HERE</u> after the **10th** of each month. After you click the link, scroll down to Council Minutes section.

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

Meeting Highlights

EOS Operating System:

Over the last several months Mike and Tom have been looking into the EOS operating system to better run the day-to-day operations at WLC. Although EOS is primarily used in the business world it has applications that are very helpful in the non-profit and church sectors. We have spoken with another church that uses EOS and we have several upcoming meetings with integrators to see if this will be a good fit for us moving forward.

Council Advisory Teams:

The Financial Advisory Team is set up and will have their first meeting on September 5th. The team is made up of financial experts from the congregation and will assist Mike and Tom with the overall financial picture at WLC. The Governance Ministry Action Team is also 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 and several lay people.

Executive Director Report:

Mike has been extremely busy with implementing new processes and several construction projects across all three campuses. Joel Wetzstein walked the Council through the process for changing our database to Church Center and fielded the Council's questions.



Meeting Highlights

Call to Order & Quorum Determination

Devotions/Prayer

Consent Agenda

- July Meeting Minutes
- July Financial Report

Discussion Topics

- EOS Operating System
- Council Advisory Teams
- Sr. Pastor Highlights
- Planning Center Migration

Closing Prayer
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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 upto-date worship information.

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Baptisms

Weston Patrick Kane Najair Lea Murdock Journey Faye Avenson Nicole Kipper Wilhelhmina Paige Christensen Carly Jean Horner Isabelle Grace Rathousky

Marriages

Gabriella Tyler & Adam Belisle Kaitlyn Dittloff & Ross Gerber

Deaths

David Kassahn, uncle of Tina Raash Wayne Franzen Arline "Spike" Kenow Michael O'Donnell, son of Diane O'Donnell Norm Seiling, father of Jeff Seiling Bev Jechort



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 through the Church Center 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.

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.

Middle School Mania

Sept 15th 6:30-8pm. This is an all campus middle school youth (6th-8th grades) opportunity for fun, games, a relational devotion and a great way to get more connected. These events are free, friend friendly, we'd love your **RSVP**. Mark your calendars & come have fun with us! We rotate between campuses, we'll be at the Valley Creek campus in September.

WLCyouth Wednesdays

We resume on September 13th at the Valley Creek and Oak Hill Campuses. 6:30-8pm. Register here for a year of connection, discipleship growth, and fun!

WLCyouth Sundays

We resume on September 24th at the Wakota Ridge campus. 10:30-11:30am. Register here for a year of connection, discipleship growth, and fun!

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.



Communicating your values to raise sexually healthy children

WOODBURY LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARENTS OF **6TH-9TH GRADERS**

OCT 14 PARENTS OF CHILDREN PRE K-1ST GRADE 8:30-10am

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

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CHILDREN **GRADES 2-5** 10:30am-12pm

September 2023 Calendar

1 (V) Kitchen Band

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

2 (V) Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

2 (O) Men's Bible Study

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

2 (V) Baptism Class

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

4 (O,V,W) WLC Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday

Monday, All Day

5 (V) Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, 1:00pm

Contact: www.redcross.org

5 (V) WLC Choir Rehearsal

Tuesdays, 7:00pm Contact: Stephanie Pfotenhauer 561-504-5164 6 (O) Pastoral Bible Study

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

7 (V) Celebrate Recovery

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

8 (V) Life Line Screening

Friday, 9:00am Appointments here

10 (0,V,W) Connect & Engage Sunday, 9:00am & 10:30am

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

11 (V) Ladies' Gathering Group

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

13 (O,V) WLCyouth Group

Wednesdays, 6:30pm Contact: Lindsey Schmidt 651-739-5144 x219 13 (O) Wednesday in the Barn

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

15 (V) Middle School Mania Friday, 6:30pm

Contact: Lindsey Schmidt 651-739-5144 x219

17 (V) Connect & Engage Sunday, 9:00am & 10:30am

17 (O,V,W) WLCkids

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

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17 (W) Pizza with the Pastor

Sunday, 10:45am Contact: Brad Miller 651-739-5144 x209

17 (O,V) Pizza with the Pastor

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



Looking for something else?

Visit wlc.church

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Oak Hill Campus (O) 9050 60th Street North Stillwater, MN 55082

Wakota Ridge Campus (W) 255 W Douglas Street South St. Paul, MN 55075

Afton Land 12122 40th Street South Afton, MN 55001

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