

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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Holy Week Worship Services ~

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Services at Noon and 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

****With Easter brunch from 9:30-10:30 a.m.****

Come join us!

A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For this newsletter article, which will focus on the power and significance of Jesus' resurrection, I decided to go to our church's namesake, Dr. Martin Luther, who wrote extensively on the resurrection and what it means to us as people of faith. As you read this article, especially the quotes from Luther himself, keep in mind the glory, mystery, wonder and life that are present in THE most pivotal act in world history...The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and His promise to bring us with Him into glory!

For Luther, the resurrection was not merely an event to remember, but a living promise that transforms our daily lives. In his Easter sermons, he emphasized that Christ's victory over death is *our* victory. Jesus did not rise only for Himself, but for us—so that sin, death, and the power of the devil no longer have the final word.

Luther writes, "The resurrection of Christ is the greatest article of our faith. If Christ had not risen again, then everything would be in vain." These words remind us that Easter is the most significant day in the church year — in it we find the foundation of our hope. Because Christ lives, we know that death is defeated and eternal life is secured for all who trust in Him.

Throughout his writings, Luther returned often to the comfort found in the empty tomb. He encouraged believers to see in the resurrection a personal promise: that just as Christ was raised, so too will we be raised. This promise brings courage in the face of suffering and peace in times of uncertainty. As Luther put it, "Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge that we shall rise again."

This Easter assurance shapes how we live today. Luther believed that the resurrection frees us from fear and empowers us to live boldly in faith and love. We no longer need to strive to earn God's favor, for Christ has already accomplished everything necessary for our salvation. Instead, we are invited to live in gratitude—serving our neighbors, caring for those in need, and sharing the good news of the risen Lord.

In a world often marked by anxiety and loss, Luther's Easter message still speaks powerfully: Christ is alive, and that changes everything. The resurrection is God's declaration that life triumphs over death, light over darkness, and grace over sin.

As we celebrate this holy season, may we hold fast to the promise Luther so passionately proclaimed. Let us rejoice not only on Easter Sunday, but every day, knowing that the risen Christ walks with us, sustains us, and prepares a place for us in His eternal kingdom.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God be with you all,

Pr. Michael



"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." - Matthew 28:6

Dear WPLC Church Family,

As we enter this Easter, the "Why" behind every lesson, every craft, and every conversation we have with our children, and youth centers around Jesus' death on the cross. The empty tomb changed everything and hope will never be lost. It means that new life is always possible, and that we serve a God who makes all things new. This month, our focus is on moving from the quiet reflection of Lent into the vibrant, world-changing joy of the Resurrection.

March 29, 2026- Holy Week

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27:66

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Key Verse: The crowds that went ahead of [Jesus] and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" – Matthew 21:9

The Point: Jesus' last week starts with joy and ends with sadness.

April 12, 2026

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18, John 20:19-31

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43; Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Key Verse: Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. – John 20:18. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." – John 20:26

The Point: Jesus comes to us in our mourning and doubt and brings us peace.

April 19, 2026

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Key Verse: Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.-Luke 24:31

The Point: The resurrected Jesus revealed himself to more disciples.

April 26, 2026

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Key Verse: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10

The Point: Jesus brings us life, now and forever.



My prayer for you this season is that the reality of the Resurrection isn't just a story you hear, but a truth you feel. Whether you are at home or sitting in the pews, may you be struck anew by the wonder of the stone rolled away. Thank you for your continued support in planting seeds of faith. Because He lives, we have so much to look forward to!

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed,

Kathy Fazio, DCE

**No Council Meeting in March
Watch for updates next month.
Next Meeting is
Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m.**



WPLC Property Report – April 2026

At our March property meeting we reviewed our documentation of our past floods. We've hired an attorney to coordinate and review our claim submittal to the Village of Hales Corners and MMSD. Our intent is to start open communication with the Village and MMSD and collaborate to find a solution to the reoccurring problem.

- o We wrote letters to our neighboring property owners and have found only three others have had the same flooding issues we've had. Two of them have agreed to join our effort.
- o Our lawyer noted that a claim must be filed within 120 days for potential financial recovery assistance. Our last occurrence was in Jan 2026. We plan to submit it by the end of March. At this point we're focused on finding a solution rather than litigation. However, to support our claim, we are providing details of our past financial burden of property loss, remediation costs, increased insurance premiums, and the costs to improve our own facilities.

Other News

- o Dave Palmesheim, Van Johnson and I teamed up to replace the 2 sump pumps in the NE corner of the basement. We have 5 sump pumps in the church and 1 in the parsonage. We are proactively replacing them after 7-10 years because they run often.
- o Our flat roofs were inspected on Feb 18th by Schranz Roofing. They were delayed in providing me with their recommendations for repairs. We will be evaluating the costs of repairs vs replacement when all information is available.
- o Our 24-Hour wireless emergency monitoring system was inspected and serviced on March 9th by Action Fire & Alarm Co.
- o Pat Suderland and Diane Brunner continue to refinish our wood church pews. They look so much better!
- o Keep in your mind our upcoming spring cleanup in May - more details to come.
- o **Thank you!** Volunteers really help our bottom line!

Our next property meeting will be April 14th at 7 pm.

Thank you, *Larry Pfeil*



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Unity Lutheran Church

Clothing ministry: hooded sweatshirts, men's gloves, new men's gym socks, backpacks, men's belts, men's jeans (waist size 34 inches and lower), quilts, blankets, new underwear, shoes, shirts, sweaters, coats, boots, hygiene items (baby wipes, deodorant, foot powder, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes).

Food pantry: chicken soup, white rice, canned pasta / chicken / tuna, triscuits, canned fruit (apple sauce, peaches, pears), Knorr side dishes (rice / noodle), canned potatoes / pasta / mushrooms, olives (ripe / stuffed), condiments (ketchup / mustard / mayo).

Food and clothing donations will be delivered on **Tuesday, April 15th** .

CommUNITY meals are on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed to serve and/or clean-up on the first Wednesdays.

Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee

Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee is available for purchase. There is the Christmas Traditions Blend (\$18 for 12 oz. bag), which combines 100% Mt. Meru premium Arabica coffee beans with the rich flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, and other spices. It's the perfect seasonal blend for drinking coffee with friends and family. There are also 4-pack (\$15) and 6-pack (\$20) samplers.



Bags of flavored and unflavored regular and decaf coffee are available for \$12.

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project celebrates the 25th anniversary of a ministry partnership with the coffee farmers. Their commitment to fairtrade has driven significant growth for the nearly 1,000 farmers and their communities.

Spotlight on Camp Hometown Heroes

Offers free week-long overnight summer camp for children aged 7-17 years old of fallen U.S. service members. They have made the ultimate sacrifice of losing a loved one who served for our country for the freedoms we cherish each day. The camp provides them a healing process doing summer activities that brings them joy.

Looking Ahead

In preparation for the **Lutheran World Relief School Kit** drive this summer, 14 boxes of ten-ream letter (not legal) copier/printer paper will be needed to pack and ship the kits. If you have access to these boxes, please bring them to church, thank you.

Monday, April 13th, '26 3:00 pm at WPLC

Book discussion: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki



Presidents have come and gone, but she has hosted them all. Growing up in the modest farmland Battle Creek, Michigan, Marjorie had an insatiable drive to live and love and to give more than she got. From crawling through Moscow warehouses to rescue the Tsar's treasures to outrunning the Nazis in London, from serving the homeless of the Great Depression to entertaining Roosevelts, Kennedys, and Hollywood's biggest stars, Marjorie Merriweather Post lived an epic life few could imagine.

Patricia Sparacino, 04-01
 Amy Kaboskey, 04-02
 Julie Driebel, 04-04
 Nonine A Larson, 04-04
 Ronald T Larson, 04-04
 Jeff Girard, 04-06
 Chloe Skubal, 04-07
 Taylor Kalusche, 04-10
 Marilyn Medeiros, 04-10
 Briana Reisz, 04-11
 Jennifer Just, 04-11
 Carter Johnson, 04-11
 Jo Ann Stawicki, 04-12
 Elaine Johnson, 04-13
 Dwayne Harbort, 04-14



Dan Vogt, 04-15
 Nathan Aderman, 04-15
 Elizabeth Schoenleber, 04-15
 Kimberly Mueller, 04-15
 Isabella Stoner, 04-16
 Chelsea Gagliano, 04-18
 Jake LeHouillier, 04-18
 Melanie Saari, 04-18
 Van Johnson, 04-19
 Ashley Peters, 04-21
 Scott Cole, 04-25
 Ralph Llanas, 04-25
 Kaitlyn Martin, 04-26
 Gail Rajchel, 04-26
 Mason Vande Yacht, 04-28

John & Trudy Lund, 04-06
 Robert & Lynda South, 04-15
 Joseph & Elizabeth Posick, 04-15
 John & Jennifer Just, 04-15



Gregory & Lisa Douglas, 04-17
 David & Rose Palmersheim, 04-22
 Ray Deborah Miller, 04-29

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST**

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND****MAUNDY THURSDAY***

6:30 pm Worship Service

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD****GOOD FRIDAY****

Noon & 6:30 pm Worship Services

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH*****Easter Sunday***

8:30 am Worship Service

Easter Brunch 9:30 ~ 10:30 am

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

Office Closed - Easter Monday

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH**SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 13TH

3:00 pm Book Club

10:00 & 6:30 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

9:00 am Dorcas

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH**SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH**TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST**

9:00 am Dorcas

6:30 pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH**TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH**

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

**Altar Flowers**

Please check the flower calendar on the bulletin board to sign up for flowers on the Altar after Easter. You can place them in Honor of or Memory of someone special in your life. *Thank you, God Bless*



Worship Services

Services are live streamed on YouTube. Recorded services are also available on YouTube. Worship bulletins for the most current services can be found on our website: www.wplchurch.org ~ under the publications tab.

<p>Thursday, April 2nd *6:30 pm*</p> <p>Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom Altar Guild ~ Group Ushers ~ Jeff Girard Acolyte ~ N/A</p>	<p><u>*Maundy Thursday*</u> *One service only*</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ N/A Altar Guild ~ Group Ushers ~ Extra Volunteer Acolyte ~ N/A</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>
<p>Friday, April 3rd * Noon*</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ N/A Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu Ushers ~ Volunteer Acolyte ~ N/A</p>	<p>*6:30 pm*</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ N/A Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar Ushers ~ Volunteer Acolyte ~ N/A</p>	<p>Readings</p> <p>Isaiah 52:13--53:12 John 18:1-11, 18:28-40 John 19:1-7, 19:18-16A John 19:16B-22, 23-20 John 19:31-41</p>
<p>Sunday, April 5th *Easter* *8:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister~ Doug Winter Altar Guild ~Sandy Abraham Ushers ~ Jeff Girard Acolyte ~ Joe Leon</p>	<p>*10:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil Acolyte ~ Ethan LeHouillier</p>	<p>Readings</p> <p>Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14a-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-210 John 9:1-41</p>
<p>Sunday, April 12th *8:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister~Marjorie Pagel Altar Guild ~ Linda Shea Ushers ~ Connor McMahon Acolyte ~ Soren Fiedler</p>	<p>*10:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister~Kris Loposki Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow Acolyte ~ Adelyn LeHouillier</p>	<p>Readings</p> <p>Acts 2:14A, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31</p>
<p>Sunday, April 19th *8:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick Altar Guild ~Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu Acolyte ~ Camille Sutton</p>	<p>*10:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ Jennine Sonntag Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz Acolyte ~ Levi Kratz</p>	<p>Readings</p> <p>Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35</p>
<p>Sunday, April 26th *8:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ Matthew Hembrook Altar Guild ~Barb Meyrose Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz Acolyte ~ Natalie Sutton</p>	<p>*10:30 am</p> <p>Assisting Minister ~ Matt Hampel Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>Readings</p> <p>John 10:1-10 Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>

**WE ADDED
THURSDAY!**

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

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APR. 30/MAY 1-2, 2026

We are **ANTICIPATING A HUGE SALE** and a **HUGE SUCCESS** this year! So, we added an extra day...this means that we **REALLY NEED EXTRA HELP!!** Watch for sign-up sheets to see how you can help.

Flyers will be available at church for members to take and distribute throughout the communities. Think of places where the flyers could be posted...GREAT way to help.

Rummage donations may be brought in **STARTING TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH** (check for church office hours prior to dropping off)...take your items downstairs near the elevator.

Bakery donations are always in BIG demand...**especially this year!** Packaging & pricing will be done on Wednesday & Thursday; if you need to bring bakery in earlier, please let us know. Watch for signup sheets in Hornburg Hall to bake and help package, price, and sell.

Workers are needed!!—many helping hands make happy workers! Bring a neighbor; bring a friend. Watch for signup sheets for:

- ☞ Rummage organizing, pricing, cashiers, bagging, assisting customers, general security
- ☞ Bakery pre-packaging, pricing, selling, cashier

If you have any other questions, contact Pat Suderland 414-425-4647; Sharon Hause 262-679-2161; Priscilla Brugger 414-425-4824.

WANTED: Your STUFF!

Books! ★ Puzzles ★ Crafts/supplies ★ Wedding supplies ★ Party supplies ★ Pots&Pans
★ Office supplies ★ Radios ★ Small Appliances; crockpots, toaster ovens, etc ★
Dishes, Glasses, Household ★ Vintage/Antiques ★ Lamps ★ Tapes/Records/CDs ★
Kids' & Baby Items ★ Games ★ Sports Stuff ★ Tools of all kinds ★ Shovels/
Gardening Tools ★ Hardware ★ Holiday ★ Art ★ Jewelry ★ Shoes ★ Bicycles ★ Camping
Gear ★ Fishing ★ Desks ★ Cabinets ★ Shelving ★ Chairs/Rockers/Stools ★ Tables
★ End Tables ★ Garage items ★ Outdoor Items... *What else do you have?*

We cannot accept the following items:

Items containing Freon, i.e. refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezers. No kitchen stoves; computers; TVs; extra large heavy furniture (i.e. sofas, recliners, heavy upholstered chairs); beds are OK but no mattresses; cribs. NO clothing, please (shoes & purses—OK).

Church

Rummage

SALE AND BAKE SALE

Apr. 30/May 1-2, 2026

WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

5847 Lilac Lane, Hales Corners

Forest Home Ave at 105th (entrance to Whitnall Park)

**BOOKS • OUTDOOR
• HOUSEHOLD •
MEDIA • TOOLS
10,000s of ITEMS!!**

Thur. 8:00–5:00

Fri. 8:00–5:00

**Sat. 8:00–1:00 -
BAG SALE DAY!**