

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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Summer Worship Services:

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

No Sunday School until Fall

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August Leaf



Summer Worship Hours

**We will keep our regular worship schedule
of Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I'm thinking about this article, I'm also preparing for a bible study on the book of Jonah. This is a fascinating book and its themes and applications, like so much of the bible, are timeless. For this article, I want to share with you the basic message of this amazing book.

The Book of Jonah is a prophetic story centered on God's boundless mercy. Instead of containing prophecies, it highlights a reluctant prophet who flees from a divine mission to Nineveh, is swallowed by a great fish, and eventually learns a hard lesson about God's inclusive love for his enemies.

The key events and theological points of the story include:

- **Disobedience and Flight:** God commissions the prophet Jonah to preach repentance to Nineveh—the capital of Assyria and a bitter enemy of Israel. Jonah disobeys and sails in the opposite direction toward Tarshish to avoid the mission.
- **The Great Storm and the Fish:** God sends a massive storm, and the pagan sailors realize Jonah is the cause. When they throw Jonah into the sea, God appoints a "great fish" to swallow him. While inside the fish for three days and nights, Jonah prays for deliverance and promises obedience.
- **The Revival of Nineveh:** After the fish vomits him onto dry land, Jonah goes to Nineveh. He preaches a brief message of judgment. The entire city, from the king to the animals, repents. Showing compassion, God spares the city.
- **Jonah's Anger:** Rather than rejoicing, Jonah is furious that God showed mercy to his enemies. He asks God to take his life and pouts outside the city limits.
- **The Vine and the Lesson:** God provides a vine to shade Jonah, then sends a worm to destroy it, causing Jonah to suffer in the heat and complain again. God uses this withered vine to teach Jonah a lesson: if Jonah cared so much about a plant that took no effort to grow, how much more should God care for a vast city of thousands of people and their animals?

The summary of these themes sends a clear message:

- When God calls, it's best to obey.
- When in trouble, unceasing prayer is the best option.
- No matter what **you** think of the circumstance, it's best to trust **God's** plan.
- Realizing God has unconditional love for all who repent and seek Him is a source of great hope and joy.

Praise and Glory to our God who loves us no matter what!

God Bless,

Pr. Michael





Seeds
of
Faith

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

— 2 Peter 3:18

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Dear WPLC Families,

Happy August! This month gives us a gentle reminder to slowly turn our attention to transitioning ourselves and our families back to our new 2026-27 school year. This month also brings a tiny reminder to register for Sunday School and the importance of cultivating deep spiritual roots. Just as plants need soil, water, and sun, our faith requires intentional daily habits to grow strong. Rally Day will only hold one service on September 20th, 2026. We'll have a special back-to-school blessing and plenty of fun, hopefully in the sun and with food! Ice cream may be involved, so don't miss out!

In Christ,
Kathy Fazio
Director of Christian Education

RALLY SUNDAY PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

- 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE: STUDENT BLESSING
- 11:30 AM - POTLUCK DINNER - HIBBARD HALL
- LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES TO FOLLOW FOR ALL AGES!
- OUTDOOR GAMES
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- BINGO

MENU

**SUNDAY FRIED CHICKEN WILL PROVIDED
POTLUCK....PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS**



There was no council meeting in July.
The next meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday, August 25th, 2026



WPLC Property Committee Report – August 2026

At last month's property meeting we discussed the following:

- The new bubbler has been ordered and delivered. Installation is next.
- Our repairs to the rubberized flat roofs have been postponed until August.
- We are getting an estimate to repair the glazing on the interior of our stained-glass windows. There is a short horizontal section on several windows that needs to be repaired.
- We're also getting an estimate to regrade the drainage swale behind the parsonage and garage. We need to improve the flowline from our sump pumps discharge and downspout pipes to keep water flowing away from the buildings and fix the standing water issues.
- I'm looking for volunteers to help with:
 - o Weeding around the parsonage house
 - o Painting the exterior window sills on the west side of the building. Some painting experience would be good. This will be a fall project.

Our next property meeting will be **August 11th at 7 pm.**

Let me know if you have questions or would like to help with projects.

Thank you,
Larry Pfeil



SOCIAL MINISTRY

August 9th coffee hour will benefit **Fisher House Wisconsin**. It is a "home away from home" for families and caregivers of Veterans receiving care at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

136 school kits is the target goal. School supplies still needed are:

- 20 pink erasers
- 30 **BLUNT TIP** scissors
- 125 yellow #2 **UNSHARPENED** pencils
- 125 ballpoint pens (**NO GEL**)



Also in need are more empty paper boxes sized for ten-ream 8.5x11 inch paper, to pack the school kits. Thank you for your support!

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, August 18th**.

CommUNITY hot meals are on the first and third Wednesday's of each month. There is a volunteer shortage on the first Wednesday's to serve and/or clean-up. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.



Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee is available for purchase. There is a blend (\$18 for 12 oz. bag), which combines 100% Mt. Meru premium Arabica coffee beans with cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, and other spices to enjoy drinking with friends and family. There are 4-pack (\$15) and 6-pack (\$20) samplers. Bags of flavored and unflavored regular and decaf coffee are \$12. The Mt. Meru Coffee Project celebrates 25 years of a ministry partnership with the coffee farmers. Their commitment to fair trade has driven significant growth for nearly 1,000 farmers in their communities.

Spotlight on Fisher House Wisconsin

Families and caregivers of active-duty service members and veterans are provided free, temporary lodging while their loved ones receive medical care. The Fisher House is located on the grounds of the Milwaukee VA Medical Center and is part of a nationwide network of comfort homes built through a partnership between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Fisher House Foundation.

Produce Table is set up for our church family to enjoy the excess bounty from the "farmers" in our congregation. Free-will offerings support Social Ministry.





Michelle LeHouillier, 08-01

Troy Vande Yacht, 08-02

Diane Brunner, 08-0

Robert Wiza, 08-03

Ralph Klute, 08-04

Michael Sparacino, 08-05

Gabrielle Ried, 08-06

Ellen Dallmann, 08-07

Liz Peare, 08-09

Dean Strom, 08-09

Thomas Coleman, 08-12

Marcus Kunz, 08-13

Eiley Roe, 08-13

Arya Roe, 08-13

Sarah Stark, 08-13

Andrew Braun, 08-15

Jasan Cornell, 08-15

Noah Thacker, 08-15

Olivia Knier, 08-15

Don Holt, 08-16

Aubrey Stark, 08-16

Jack Kerr, 08-17

Amanda Oberheu, 08-17

Maggie Aderman, 08-17

Alan Peters, 08-19

Thomas Schulte, 08-19

Lilian Cole, 08-20

Adelyn LeHouillier, 08-21

Kraig Sorvick, 08-22

Karl Sorvick, 08-22

Hannah Cotey, 08-24

Kathleen Kilps, 08-24

Samantha Casey, 08-24

Julie Buss, 08-25

Robert Schoenborn, 08-26

Joan Lance, 08-26

Jill Underberg, 08-27

Mary Schlueter, 08-27

Jeffrey Dietz, 08-28

Lindsay Strom, 08-28

Ashley Roffers, 08-30

Dorothy Saari, 08-31



Travis & Theresa Brugger, 8-1

Michael & Katayoun Fazio, 8-4

Richard & Laura Staats, 8-7

Adam & Sara Fiedler, 8-10

Garrett & Sarah Stark, 8-11

Lawrence & Julane Gaffney, 8-15

Kodye & Sarah Shier, 8-17

Dan & Jill Underberg, 8-21

Robert & Jeannie Schoenborn, 8-22

Mark & Donna Winiarski, 8-23

Matthew & Tammy Johnson, 8-28

Lloyd & Beverly Gellings, 8-28

Kaylan & Richard Stoner, 8-31

President: Adam Fiedler

Vice Pres: Matthew Hembrook

Treasurer & Finance:

Lisa Douglas

Secretary: Rachel Vick

Endowment: Matt Grubis



Fellowship: Rev. Michael Fazio

Property: Connor McMahon

Director of Christian Education

Kathy Fazio

Worship & Music:

Rev. Michael Fazio



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

6:30 pm Milkmen Outing

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

6:30 pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST



**Check yellow pages for
list of items still needed
for backpacks to go
over seas.**

Thank you



Altar Flowers

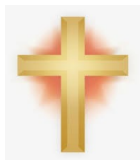
**Please sign up for flowers
to place on the altar. The
calendar is posted on the
bulletin board. Flowers can
be in honor or memory of
someone or a special event
in your life. Please bring
before the 8:30 a.m. service.**

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.

Friday, August 2nd		
8:30 am	*10:30 am*	Readings
Assisting Minister ~ Doug Winter	Assisting Minister~ Jennine Sonntag	Isaiah 55:1-5
Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu	Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21
Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz	Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow	Romans 9:1-5
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday, August 9th		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick	Assisting Minister~Matt Hampel	1 Kings 19:9-18
Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose	Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar	Psalms 85:8-13
Ushers ~ Jeff Girard	Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil	Romans 10:5-15
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday, August 16th		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister ~ Meg Sutton	Assisting Minister~Doug Winter	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Altar Guild ~Linda Shea	Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland	Psalms 67
Ushers ~Adam Fiedler	Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Matthew 15:10-28
Sunday, August 23rd		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister~Marjorie Pagel	Assisting Minister~Matt Grubis	Isaiah 51:1-6
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland	Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar	Psalms 138
Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim	Ushers ~ Ryan Peters	Romans 12:1-8
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, August 30th		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister ~Linda Shea	Assisting Minister ~ Jennine Sonntag	Jeremiah 15:15-21
Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu	Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham	Psalms 26:1-8
Ushers ~ Adam Fiedler	Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow	Romans 12:9-21
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Matthew 16:21-28



Milkmen Outing

If you've signed up, the Milkmen Game is
Tuesday August 11th at 6:30 pm.



Rally Day / Church Picnic



Sunday, September 20th

We need volunteers. Please contact the church office if
you are available to help 414-425-1169.