

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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Pastor Michael Fazio

Summer Worship Services:

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

No Sunday School until Fall

Office hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-1pm

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June, 2026 Leaf

Summer Worship Hours

We will keep our regular worship schedule of

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

throughout the summer this year.



A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few weeks ago, I led a video presentation of Dr. Charles Stanley's message entitled, "Walking Through the Darkness". Dr. Stanley's wisdom, insight and faithful teaching really hit home for me and I believe for all of us who participated in the presentation and following discussion. Here is a brief summary of that presentation:

There are seasons in life when darkness seems to surround us. We may face grief, illness, disappointment, uncertainty, or spiritual struggles that leave us feeling weary and alone. In his message "Walking Through the Darkness," Dr. Charles Stanley reminds believers that even in our darkest moments, God is present, faithful, and at work.

Darkness is not something any of us seek, yet Scripture shows us that many faithful servants of God walked through difficult valleys. David cried out in the Psalms during times of fear and sorrow. Job endured unimaginable suffering. Even the disciples experienced confusion and despair before the resurrection of Christ. Darkness is often part of the journey of faith.

One of the greatest temptations during difficult times is to believe that God has abandoned us. However, God's Word assures us otherwise. Isaiah 41:10 says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God." The Lord never leaves His children to walk alone. Though we may not always understand His purposes, we can trust His presence.

Dr. Stanley emphasized that God often uses seasons of darkness to deepen our dependence upon Him. When life is comfortable, we can easily rely upon our own strength and understanding. But in hardship, we learn to pray more earnestly, trust more fully, and seek God more sincerely. The darkness can become a place where our faith grows stronger.

As believers, we are also reminded that darkness does not last forever. Psalm 30:5 tells us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." God is a God of hope, restoration, and new beginnings. Even when answers do not come quickly, He is working behind the scenes for our good and His glory.

If you are walking through a difficult season today, do not lose heart. Stay grounded in prayer, remain in God's Word, and lean on the fellowship of the church. The Lord who guided His people through the wilderness still guides His people today. His light shines brightest in the darkest places.

May we encourage one another to trust God faithfully, even when the path ahead seems unclear. For in every season, we can hold firmly to the promise that Christ is the Light of the world, and His light can never be overcome by darkness.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." — Psalm 23:4

God be with you always,

Pr. Michael



"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him." -Proverbs 20:7

Happy June WPLC Families,

Summer is finally here! June brings warmer weather, longer days, and a shift in our daily routines. While regular school routines take a break, our faith journey never pauses. This month, we are focusing on how we can intentionally grow closer to God and to each other as followers of Christ. A gentle reminder for our Sunday school and Confirmation class to use their God boxes.

5 Ways to Strengthen Your Family's Faith This June

Summer offers unique, relaxed windows of time to connect. Try these five simple, actionable practices to build a Christ-centered home this month:

- Create a "Highs and Lows" Dinner Routine: Every night, have each family member share their best moment, toughest moment, and where they saw God working.
- Host an Outdoor Prayer Walk: Walk around your neighborhood together. Pray out loud for your neighbors, local schools, and safety.
- Establish a Car Ride Worship Playlist: Swap screen time for a shared family playlist of upbeat Christian music to lift everyone's spirits during summer road trips.
- Schedule a Family Serving Day: Volunteer together at a local food pantry or bake cookies for a lonely neighbor to practice hands-on kindness.
- Implement "First 5" Morning Devotions: Before checking phones or turning on TVs, read one Bible verse together at breakfast to center the day on Christ.

Lastly, Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our congregation today! We celebrate you and thank God for the vital role you play in our families and our church community. Earthly fathers are truly special because they provide a tangible reflection of our Heavenly Father's love, strength, and guidance. Through your daily sacrifices, quiet prayers, and steadfast support, you build a foundation of security and faith for the next generation. We deeply appreciate the hard work, patience, and love you invest into your homes every single day. May God bless you abundantly today, renew your strength, and fill your hearts with joy as we honor you.

In Christ,

Kathy Fazio, DCE

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church Council

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 2, 2026

ATTENDEES: Pastor Fazio, Lisa Douglas, Rachel Vick, Mitchell Rakow, Matt Hembrook, Adam Fielder

1. Opening Prayer - Pr. Fazio

- Pastor opened meeting in prayer at 6:34 PM.

2. Treasurers/Finance Report - Lisa

- Financials submitted - available upon request.

3. Pastor's Report - Pastor

- Written report submitted - available upon request.
- Summer Sundays that Pastor will be on vacation (June 21, 28, July 12, 19).

4. Christian Education Report - Kathy

- Refer to Monthly Leaf for updates and happenings.

5. Committee Reports

a. Endowment - Pam/Pastor

- Discussed scholarship application process and consideration to increase the amount of scholarship awards.

b. Worship and Music - Pastor

- Summer Worship Schedule will stay 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM.
 - No Wednesday summer services.

c. Property - Matt

- Parsonage needs an update to the water pump system to add a pressure conduit to be compliant with DNR code.
- Need new drinking fountains / bubblers in the Narthex.

d. Social Ministry - Adam

- The produce table has received a total of \$241 so far.
- Coffee hours on May 31 and June 7 benefit the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.
- The Social Ministry committee will meet on June 14th to discuss future beneficiaries and other activities.

6. Old Business

- Potential Legal Action against Village of H.C. - on going, no new updates.

7. New Business

- None.

8. Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, August 25

9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

WPLC Property Report

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

- Our flood claim notice to the Village and the MMSD (sewage district) has been submitted. Hopefully this will move things forward to begin collaboration to resolve the issue.
- A furnace was repaired in May needing a new gas regulator. \$750
- We decided to move ahead with repairs to the rubberized flat roof sections that need attention. Estimated cost is \$10,800
- We are evaluating options for replacing/updating the upstairs bubbler.
- Church carpets will be cleaned June 17th. We'll need help moving furniture. The carpets in the parsonage will also be cleaned.
- Our private well water system was inspected. Our water test passed but their report notes that we need to make some updates to bring the well pipe lateral up to code. This is not an urgent item but will require a contractor to excavate for the pipe installation. I will be getting estimates for this work.
- Thanks to all the helpers on our spring clean-up day. Very much appreciated.
 - Cleaned attic and window wells
 - Pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, planted flowers
- We'll use sign-up sheets for other projects we need help with.

Our next property meeting will be June 9th at 7 pm.

Thank you, *Larry Pfeil*



We will have another outing this year to the Milkmen Game

Game is on Tues. August 11th at 6:30 pm.

Please sign - up by July 19th

so we know how many to expect.

Cost is \$16 which includes seat in Skybox,

Slice of pizza, beverage and a gift.

Come join for some fun and fellowship!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The May 31 st and June 7th coffee hours will benefit Milwaukee Rescue Mission. They share God's love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, to see lives transformed through Christ to hope, joy and lasting productivity.

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, June 16th**.



CommUNITY hot meals are on the first and third Wednesday's of each month.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. More volunteers are needed on the first Wednesday's for clean-up.

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 Milwaukee Rescue Mission

MRM provides food, shelter, clothing and long-term rehabilitation programs in our community, addressing the root causes of poverty. Their long-term transformational programs include education, job training, counseling, addiction recovery, biblical instruction and life-skills classes. Also, educate students in Kindergarten through 12th grade at Cross Trainers Academy, to equip them with academic, social, emotional and spiritual tools for life.

Social Ministry meeting is on **June 14th** after first service. Anyone interested to learn more about Social Ministry is welcome to attend.

Looking Ahead

In preparation for the Lutheran World Relief School Kit drive this summer, 8 more empty boxes of ten-ream letter (not legal) copier/printer paper are needed to pack and ship the kits. If you have access to empty boxes, please bring them to church, thank you.





Carson Cotey, 06-01

Lisa Douglas, 06-01

Philip Krajewski, 06-03

Anne Magyera, 06-03

Tammy Johnson, 06-04

Laurie Essers-Mair, 06-04

Carli Hause, 06-05

Leta Klute, 06-05

Robb Schwenker, 06-07

Robert South, 06-07

Priscilla Brugger, 06-08

Rachel Vick, 06-09

Sara Doering-Fiedler, 06-11

Mindy Ross, 06-11

Jolyn Haugen, 06-11

Zia Roe, 06-13

Catherine Paremski, 06-13

Jeffrey Johnson, 06-14

Daniel Buss, 06-16

Frances Heidemann, 06-17

Evelyn Schubert, 06-18

Abigail Slieff-Vogt, 06-22

Elijah Stark, 06-23

Lynda South, 06-23

Mitchell Rakow, 06-23

Lawrence Gaffney, 06-24

Rosemary Fiedler, 06-24

Scott Ried, 06-24

Christopher Berg, 06-26

Becky Horcos, 06-27

Harrison Stoner, 06-28

Shirle Holt, 06-28

Keegan Metzger, 06-30

Abigail Brown, 06-30

Jerrel & Rebekah Kruschke, 6-1

Ronald & Kathy Graef, 6-2

Renee Franz-Piotrowski & Les, 06-06

Dale McIntyre & Barb Meyrose, 06-06

Chayce & Meg Sutton, 06-07

Daniel and Aimee Schlueter, 06-07, 29

Brady & Kim Aderman, 06-09

Doug & Sheryl Tikkanen, 06-15

Larry & Kristin Cudzewicz, 06-16

Greg & Dorothy Saari, 06-16

Dan Vogt & Joe Slieff, 06-16



Tom and Kris Laposki, 06-16, 42

Ronald & Nonjine Larson, 06-17

Charlie & Heidi Martin, 06-18

Marcus Kunz & Martha Halls, 06-18

Jake & Michelle LeHouillier, 06-18

Jerry & Laura Rakow, 06-19

Patrick & Carly Leon, 06-20

Van & Sandy Johnson, 06-23

William & LaVerne Mueller, 06-25

Terry & Patricia Sparacino, 06-25

President: Adam Fiedler

Vice Pres: Connor McMahon

Treasurer & Finance:

Lisa Douglas

Secretary: Rachel Vick

Endowment: Matt Grubis



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Fellowship: Rev. Michael Fazio

Property: Connor McMahon

Director of Christian Education

Kathy Fazio

Worship & Music: Rev. Michael Fazio



MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD

10 am and 6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 8TH

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH

10 am and 6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Social Ministry Meeting

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 15TH

TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH

****Office Closed due to
Carpet cleaning****

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

9:00 am Nature Walk at Wehr

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 22ND

TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH

THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH

TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH



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will remain Sundays
at 8:30 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.***

Altar Flowers

Our flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board. Please select a date to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone or a special event in your life. Please bring before 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, June 7th		
8:30 am	*10:30 am*	Readings
Assisting Minister~ Doug Winter Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Assisting Minister ~ Kris Laposki Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar Ushers ~ Jeff Girard Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Hosea 5:15—6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Sunday, June 14th		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister ~ Marjorie Pagel Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Assisting Minister~Matt Hampel Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson Ushers ~ Ryan Peters Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8-23
Sunday, June 21st		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose Ushers ~ Connor McMahon Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Assisting Minister~Jennine Sonntag Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham Ushers ~Jerry Rakow Acolyte ~ Lauren Gollash	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
Sunday, June 28th		
*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Readings
Assisting Minister ~ Linda Shea Altar Guild ~Linda Shea Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Assisting Minister ~ Kris Laposki Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

Nature Walk

Let's celebrate the beauty of God's creation with a walk in the Wehr Nature Center park on Sat. June 20th. We will meet at church at 9:00 am and carpool to the parking lot. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with information for those interested in enjoying the morning walk.

Come join us for fun, fellowship and exercise!!!





****UPDATE****

BEST RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE EVER!!

We had a great Rummage and Bake Sale this year with a third day added! Adding that third day made it all more important to request extra help and more bakery...and it happened. Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in making this project successful.

We need to give SPECIAL thanks to Pat Suderland, Priscilla Brugger, Sharon Hause, Larry Pfeil, John Hembrook, Laurie & Gregg Sorvick, and Bonnie Hareng for the extra, extra hours put into the days and nights leading up to the rummage event.

Bakery was a tremendous success—a wonderful variety and delicious products; great efforts were made to cover the 3-day sale. Many of the customers came just for our great bakery... they told us so...kudos to all! Special thanks to Carol Bechwar and her crew who managed all of the packing, pricing, setting up and selling.

And, again, we had that line of 60-70 people waiting to come through the doors...that makes us smile! Thank you to those who distributed our sale flyers in the community.

Thanks to Carol Ann for answering phone calls from people asking for information and for dealing with all the rummage coming through the doors.

Clean-up went very well. The majority of our leftovers went to The Xaverian Missionary Fathers in Franklin for their festival this summer. Other items were distributed to Veterans Initiative, Souls for Jesus (shoes), Norway Lutheran Church's Rummage upcoming rummage sale (books/etc.), Unity (misc), and The Humane Society (sheets for bedding).

The final figures after expenses: Bakery—\$2,967.00; Rummage—\$10,932.91; Total—\$13,899.91. A portion of our expenses included a donation to WPLC's Social Ministry of \$592.00.

