

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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Summer Worship Services:

Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:30

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May, 2026 Leaf



A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Sunday (4/19) I mentioned that the day before, April 18th was the 505th anniversary of the historic moment when our beloved Dr. Martin Luther took a stand against some of the flawed teachings of the church. Up to this point, Luther had written extensive documents lambasting the church for their faulty theology that proclaimed an individual's "good works" could earn them a spot in heaven, and by making financial donations, one could essentially "buy" loved ones out of purgatory.

The church at large had put it to Luther, "Recant your words, or face the consequences." To which Luther replied, "My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me. Amen". This was a key event, not only in church history, but in world history! Here is a brief reflection on how this one action continues to guide our faith.

For us today, the Diet of Worms is more than a historical event; it is a reminder of what it means to live faithfully. While we may not stand before emperors, we do face moments when our beliefs are tested—when it would be easier to stay silent, to conform, or to compromise. Luther's witness encourages us to ask: what shapes our conscience? What anchors our decisions?

As Lutherans, we hold fast to the conviction that Scripture alone is the ultimate authority in matters of faith. This does not mean life is always simple or clear-cut. Like Luther, we wrestle, we question, and we seek understanding. Yet we do so grounded in the assurance that God's Word is living and active, guiding us in truth.

The courage displayed at Worms was not born of Luther's strength alone, but of his reliance on God. This is good news for us, because it means that the same Spirit who sustained Luther is at work in our lives. When we feel uncertain or pressured, we are not left to stand on our own.

May the story of the Diet of Worms inspire us to live with integrity and faithfulness. May we be people who listen deeply to God's Word, who act with conviction shaped by grace, and who trust that God is with us in every challenge.

And when we are called to stand firm, may we do so not with defiance, but with humility, confidence, and hope—resting always in the promise that Christ is our foundation.

May God be with you all as you stand firm in faith!

Pr. Michael



“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another dvocate [The Holy Spirit], to be with you forever.” – John 14:16

Hello WPLC Families,

We have reached the end of another wonderful 2025-2026 year for our program. Our last Sunday school day wraps up on May 17th, with an exciting closing activity. Join us for our final lessons as we wrap up with the Ascension of Jesus, which signified that He is victorious, having completed His earthly work to bring salvation, and initiates His heavenly reign. The core message is that He is not absent but present in spirit, interceding for humanity, preparing a heavenly home, and will return in the same manner. Thank you for your continuous support of our program; it is greatly appreciated. Here are the lessons for May.

May 3, 2026: The Way, Truth, Life. Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Key Verse: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” – John 14:1. The Point: Trust in Jesus brings us peace.

May 10, 2026: God Promises the Spirit. Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Key Verse: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.” – John 14:16 The Point: God gives us the Holy Spirit.

May 17, 2026: The Ascension. Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Key Verse: While [Jesus] was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. – Luke 24:51 The Point: After his resurrection, Jesus left to be with God.

In Christ,

Kathy Fazio, DCE

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 28, 2026

ATTENDEES: Pastor Fazio, Lisa Douglas, Pam Kobin, Rachel Vick, Mitchell Rakow, Matt Hembrook

1. Opening Prayer - Pr. Fazio

- Pastor opened meeting in prayer at 6:36 PM.

2. Treasurers/Finance Report - Lisa

- Financials submitted - available upon request.

3. Pastor's Report - Pastor

- Written report submitted - available upon request.
- Hired Brian Hinkley as new accompanist.

4. Christian Education Report - Kathy

- Refer to Monthly Leaf for updates and happenings.

5. Committee Reports

a. Endowment - Pam/Pastor

- Covering 100% of DCE salary.

b. Worship and Music - Pastor

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

c. Property - Matt

- Voted to replace flat roof above front stairs as well as make necessary repairs and clean out debris, \$10,800.
 - Pastor seconded, all attendees approved.
- Voted to reimburse Larry P. for a small generator that he purchased out of pocket for the church when the power went out on 4/27/26.
 - Lisa seconded, all attendees approved.
- Voted for carpeting to be cleaned and stain protected after church rummage sale, \$950.
 - Seconded and all attendees approved.

d. Social Ministry - Adam (Not Present)

- Milkmen game planned for Thursday, August 13th.

6. Old Business

- WPLC hired an attorney for potential Legal Action against Village of H.C. for all the flooding issues. The main goal is to have the Village of H.C. correct the issue causing the flooding.

7. New Business

- None

8. Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, May 26

9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

WPLC Property Report - May

At our April property meeting we discussed the following:

- Our attorney will send our flood damage claim notice to the Village by the end of April.
- The April 16th rainstorm: Our sump pumps kept our basement dry, but the Villages sanitary sewer backed up again into our basement bathrooms. In January I hired a contractor to clean up the pungent sewage in the church and parsonage basements (\$6,300). This time the sewer backup covered less area and was more diluted, so I cleaned and disinfected our bathrooms and parsonage basement to save the expense.
- We are evaluating the recommendations and estimates for our flat roof repairs.
- Our parking lot developed cracks over winter that need filling and sealing
- Our drinking fountain bubblers need service.
- Church carpets will be cleaned after the rummage sale.
- **Spring Clean-up Day: May 16th** - please consider signing up to help
 - Outside cleanup, attic cleanup, etc.
- **Thank you!** Volunteers really help our bottom line!

Our next property meeting will be May 12th at 7 pm.

Thank you, *Larry Pfeil*



Final Book Club Until Fall

Monday, May 11th, 2026 3:00 pm at WPLC

Book discussion: *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin August 1939:



London prepares for war as Hitler's forces sweep across Europe. Grace Bennett has always dreamed of moving to the city, but the bunkers and blackout curtains that she finds on her arrival were not what she expected. Through blackouts and air raids as the Blitz intensifies, Grace discovers the power of storytelling to unite her community in ways she never dreamed—a force that triumphs over even the darkest nights of the war.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The May 3rd coffee hour will benefit the **Open Door Café** ministry at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Open Door Café serves lunches Sunday through Friday to those in need in the Milwaukee area.

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, May 19th**.

COMMUNITY meals are on the first and third **Wednesday's** of each month. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed to serve and clean-up.

Plant sale supporting the Meal & Clothing ministries will be on sale Saturday, May 2nd and 9th between 9am-12pm. If you have **plants** to donate, then please drop them off at Unity by 9am on the days of the sale. In the past, partner churches donated house plants, bulbs, perennials, rooted seedlings, vegetable / herb plants, and potted annuals.

Also, please come and find new plants to take home with free-will donations. Funds help to replenish the shelves, repair appliances, purchase necessities, assist individuals in emergencies, etc.

May 15th & 16th Kitchen and Food Pantry Deep Clean from 8am-1pm. Volunteers may come for a portion of that time too. All **hands on** deck are needed and appreciated!

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 available for \$12. The Mt. Meru Coffee Project celebrates the 25th anniversary 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 Open Door Café at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Approximately 100 people are served free lunches six days per week. Sunday is a cold lunch; Monday through Friday there are hot and cold lunch options available. Open Door Café also provides hygiene kits, transportation assistance and medical, veteran and housing-related outreach to their guests.

Looking Ahead

In preparation for the **Lutheran World Relief School Kit** drive this summer, 14 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Farber, 05-02

Lisa Vande Yacht, 05-02

David Palmersheim, 05-02

Jeff Ciche, 05-03

Susan Arthur, 05-03

Garrett Stark, 05-04

Randy Sannes, 05-05

Cailinn Lynch, 05-08

Seth Kaempfer, 05-08

Doug Tikkanen, 05-09

Paul Saari, 05-10

Mila Schwenker, 05-10

Elijah Hernandez, 05-11

Jeffrey Monson-Dupuis, 05-11

Lori Nelson, 05-14

Ken Perkl, 05-16

Evan Grubis, 05-16

Kylie Just, 05-16

Jon King, 05-17

Paul Heidemann, 05-17

Isabel Ried, 05-18,

Sarah Shier, 05-18

Julia Kruschke, 05-18

Kristi Martens, 05-19

Kathi Ried, 05-20

Nathan Tikkanen, 05-20

Heidi Martin, 05-20

Kathy Ross, 05-21

Kain Talatzko, 05-21

Anthony Gagliano, 05-22

Kristin Cudzewicz, 05-23

Gabriel Nelson, 05-25

David Ross, 05-25

Richard Stoner, 05-26

Gregg Sorvick, 05-27

Larry Pfeil, 05-27

Matthew Johnson, 05-27

Sean Grubis, 05-28

Todd Bartoshevich, 05-29

Joyce Gagliano, 05-30

Matthew Hembrook, 05-31

Michelle Harbort, 05-31

Kevin & Susan Schlueter, 5-04

Kristin & Brian Martens, 5-06

Ralph & Leta Klute, 5-11

Greg & Lynn Stanton, 5-14



Andrea & Robb Schwenker, 5-17

Jerry & Anne Magyera, 5-19

Aaron & Sarah Knier, 05-20

David & Angela Cotey, 05-20

Corky Roe & Valerie Lunch, 5-25

President: Adam Fiedler

Vice Pres: Connor McMahon

Treasurer & Finance:

Lisa Douglas

Secretary: Rachel Vick

Endowment: Matt Grubis

Email: council@wplchurch.org

Fellowship: Rev. Michael Fazio

Property: Connor McMahon

Director of Christian Education

Kathy Fazio



Worship & Music: Rev. Michael Fazio



FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

8 am - 5 pm Rummage Sale
Office closed

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

8 am - 1 pm Rummage Sale

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

Pastor off / Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

Happy Mother's Day

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 11TH

3:00 pm Book Club *(Final til Fall)*
10:00 & 6:30 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

9:00 am Dorcas
7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
(Final Choir until Fall)

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Church Clean-up Day

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School

(Last until Fall)

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, 20TH

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

8:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

Happy Memorial Day

Pastor off / Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

9:00 am Dorcas

6:30 pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service



****Summer Hours****
will remain 8:30 am
and 10:30 am as they
are currently.



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.

Friday, May 3rd

8:30 am

Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick
Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose
Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu
Acolyte ~ Mila Leon

6:30 pm

Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis
Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar
Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil
Acolyte ~ Levi Kratz

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, May 10th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Linda Shea
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim
Acolyte ~ Camille Sutton

Happy Mother's Day

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Kris Laposki
Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham
Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow
Acolyte ~ Ethan LeHouillier

Readings

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 17th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Meg Sutton
Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu
Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu
Acolyte ~ Natalie Sutton

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson
Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow
Acolyte ~ Levi Kratz

Readings

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 24th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Doug Winter
Altar Guild ~Linda Shea
Ushers ~ Noah Leon
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Matt Hampel
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Sunday, May 31st

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Adam Fiedler
Acolyte ~ Soren Fiedler

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham
Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

What a beautiful Easter celebration this year. Thank you to everyone who took part in helping WPLC celebrate our Risen Lord. From our Easter Cross and Garden, the reassurance of the Word of our Lord, the traditional and enlightening Easter morning music, to the plentiful Easter Brunch...it was memorable. We are so thankful for those who provided spring flowers in special tributes and those who helped with set-up and take down; those who worked hard in the kitchen and who provided the array of food on the table. Alleluia!



Decorating and Altar Guild

