

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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Summer Worship Services:

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School will be back 9/27

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September Leaf



Worship Services

Sunday

8:30 am and 10:30 am

A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few weeks ago, we had a visitor come to worship on Sunday and ask if we had a brochure or some informational pamphlet about our beloved WPLC...which I said, "no". It's a good idea though, that we should have something in place that highlights all of the parts of our amazing church. So for this newsletter article, I wanted to make a list of the various parts that make up the whole of our congregational life. I'm also going to encourage each of you to look at this list and find one or two in which you would like to participate; we definitely need help in a few key areas such as assisting minister, acolyte and usher.

Worship: Worship and Music Committee (help guide and create the worship liturgy), Assisting Ministers (help lead the weekly worship), Ushers (hand out bulletins, guide the people up to receive communion and collect the offering), Acolytes (youth who light the candles and assist with communion), Choir, Bell Choir, Guest Musicians (we would like more opportunities for folks to use their musical talents in the context of worship).

Education: Sunday School (assist with teaching our youth), Confirmation, Bible Study

Leadership: Church Council (take part in making the big decisions that influence the direction of our congregation), Endowment (help oversee and distribute God's financial gifts to those people and charities who qualify for the need), Count Offerings (meets monthly every third month to count and deposit the financial gifts our church receives).

Outreach/Fellowship: Outreach (everyone's responsibility to share Christ and invite others to church), Social Ministry (help spread God's blessings to others outside the doors of WPLC), Coffee Hour (help serve the amazing treats in between services that our wonderful bakers make), Dartball (a fun way to compete and fellowship with church members and folks from teams from other local churches), Youth Group (help organize and lead our youth in fun and faithful activities outside the normal church schedule), Dorcas (fun and fellowship with the church ladies who make beautiful quilts).

Property Management: Property Committee (help ensure the building and its contents are kept in good working order).



Groups we'd like to see: - Tech. support (currently we have one member who sets up and maintains our streaming service...more help would be appreciated!).

I'm quite sure I'm missing something, but I believe that this is a fairly comprehensive list of much of what makes up our life at Whitnall Park Lutheran Church. We have a special group of people working together to praise God and serve each other and the wider community; please consider ways that you too can get involved and be a part of our growing in faith and commitment this year!

God bless,

Pr. Michael



*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."
– Ephesians 4:2*

Seeds of Faith

Dear WPLC Family,

Get ready for a fun and exciting start to our new church school year of 2026-27 as we kick things off with Rally Day on Sunday, September 20, 2026. Bring your family for games, treats, and joyful fellowship right after the service. During worship that morning, we will also hold a special Back to School blessing for all our children and youth. We want to pray over our students as they step into the 2026-2027 school year wrapped in God's love and protection.

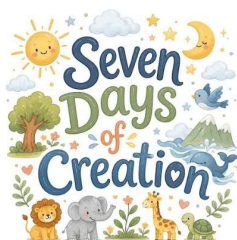
The excitement continues the very next week when our classrooms officially open for learning and growing together. Please join us for the first official day of Sunday School on September 27, 2026. We have prepared engaging lessons, fun crafts, cooking, games, and wonderful Bible stories for every age group. It is a great time for kids to build their faith and reconnect with their church friends. We cannot wait to see all of those bright faces back in the classrooms.

Looking ahead to our worship services, the new Acolyte Schedule and Confirmation Classes for the 2026-2027 year are being finalized. Serving as an acolyte is a wonderful way for our older youth to take an active and meaningful role in Sunday worship. You can find the complete list of assigned dates posted on the church bulletin board and on our website. Please reach out to me directly if you need to switch a date or if your child would like to join the acolyte team this year. Wishing you a blessed school year!

Sunday school 2026-27 are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

In Christ,

Kathy Fazio, DCE





**Due to the change in the date of the Council Meeting,
The meeting minutes will not be printed in this months
Leaf. But will be available in a few days upon request.
Sorry for the inconvenience.**



WPLC Dorcas News Corner

Welcome to our brand new **Dorcas News Corner**...not a very creative name, is it?! *Sew!*...we're working on a "name" for our special space so that we can let you know what we've done, what we're working on, and what events may be coming in the future. *Sew!*...stay tuned!

After having the summer months off, we return in September to a closet full of fabric to be cut, fabric to be sewn, quilt tops and bottoms to be sewn and tied together. Then we'll get ready Quilt Blessing Sunday—scheduled for October 4th. Boxes of quilts will be taken to a drop-off point October 10th for semi-trucks to deliver them to Minneapolis or the East Coast for

distribution. They go to wherever they are needed—nationally (USA disaster areas) or internationally. This year—something new—we will be able to "track" our shipments if we are interested. Our remaining quilts are distributed locally throughout the year by either the members of Dorcas or members of Social Ministry.

A few new projects are in the works this year—possibly making lap robes and LWR Kits (bundles are comprised of fabric and spools of thread).

Coming up in December — our annual Christmas Cookie and Bake Sale collaboration with Ladies of WPLC.

Thank you for your support at Sunday Coffee Hour...Enjoy! More to come!



WPLC Property Committee Report

Our August property meeting was cancelled but maintenance projects are still proceeding:

- Thank you to Aaron Knier for installing our bubbler and donating his time on Sat, Aug 8th. It wasn't an easy job. Our cost for the 3-part unit was \$2,475.
- The repairs to our flat roof were completed on Aug 6th by MM Schranz. This included replacing the flat roof over the front stairwell where it had leaked.
- The heavy morning rain we had on Aug 9th (the anniversary of last year's major storm/flood) resulted in a small leak in the sanctuary (new shingled roof) and also at 2 furnace exhaust pipes. I am working with the contractors to investigate the cause/fix.
- Annual elevator preventative maintenance cost invoice: \$3,355
- A summer thank you to Pat Suderland for weeding our landscaping and Doug Winter for planting flowers and watering. I've been doing the trimming as needed. The summer heat has affected some plants, but they should be fine.

Our next property meeting will be **September 8th at 7 pm.**

Thank you,

Larry Pfeil



Monday, **September 21st, 2026 3:00 pm** at WPLC

Book discussion: [The Woman in Cabin 10](#) by Ruth Ware

Lo Blacklock, a journalist who writes for a travel magazine, has just been given the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise. The cabins are plush, the dinner parties are sparkling, and the guests are elegant. But as the week wears on, frigid winds whip the deck, gray skies fall, and Lo witnesses what she can only describe as a dark and terrifying nightmare: a woman being thrown overboard. The problem? All passengers remain accounted for and so, the ship sails on as if nothing has happened, despite Lo's desperate attempts to convey that something (or someone) has gone terribly, terribly wrong.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

August 30th and September 6th coffee hours will benefit **Serenity Inns**. Their mission is to provide care for men seeking recovery from substance use disorder.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Thank you very much for the overwhelming support with donations of school kit items!! Approximately 200 school kits will be delivered to LWR in September.

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, September 15th**.

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 to serve and/or 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.

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.

Spotlight on Serenity Inns

Their mission is to empower men struggling with substance use disorder by offering a holistic treatment program focused on compassion, healing, and personal growth while fostering a compassionate community of accountability, guiding them on their journey to recovery.

Recent statistics note a 93% success rate for the program! Their program includes:

Drop-In Clinic: Provide accessible care for all, regardless of insurance status.

Residential Treatment: A supportive environment where men begin their journey to recovery, addressing diverse health needs.

Transitional Living: Offer continued structure and guidance as men progress towards independent living.

Alumni House: Ensure ongoing support and connection for program graduates.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlie Martin, 09-01
 Jared Slieff-Vogt, 09-04
 Jackson Bussler, 09-05
 Cameron Casey, 09-06
 Bob Dallmann, 09-06
 Meg Sutton, 09-07
 Terry Sparacino, 09-07
 Jenna Laposki, 09-08
 Logan Goetz, 09-09
 Carrie Berg, 09-11
 Michael Goetz, 09-12
 Deborah Miller, 09-13
 Natalie Cudzewicz, 09-1
 Michael Baldewicz, 09-15
 Jessica Stanton, 09-17

Jamie Bussler, 09-19
 Ronald Labott, 09-20
 Elvin Arthur, 09-21
 Tom Abraham, 09-22
 Joseph Posick, 09-25
 Elizabeth Posick, 09-26
 Lloyd Gellings, 09-26
 Don Hareng, 09-27
 Greg Stanton, 09-27
 Angela Cotey, 09-27
 Debbie Krajewski, 09-28
 Michael Myers, 09-28
 Lisa Hampel, 09-29
 Dale McIntyre, 09-30

Lyle & Joan Lance, 9-1
 Jon & Michelle Dietzler, 9-9
 Kathy & Donald Ross, 9-10
 Kurtis & Sharon Kaempfer, 9-15
 Sandy & Tom Abraham, 9-17



Patrick & Samantha Casey, 9-18
 Jennine Sonntag & Roy Stollenwerk, 9-22
 Michael & Janel Oberheu, 9-22
 Scott & Kari Cole, 9-24

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



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

Final Wed. Bible Study

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

9:00 am Dorcas

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

10:30 am Worship Service

****Rally Day / Picnic****

after one worship service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible

3:00 pm Book Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School Resumes

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH



Please bring flowers to decorate our Altar. The calendar showing open dates, are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

*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.

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 am

Assisting Minister ~
Matthew Hembrook
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~ Kris Laposki
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~Larry Pfeil
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~ Marjorie Pagel
Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu
Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~
Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson
Ushers ~ Ryan Peters
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20th

**** One Worship
service at 10:30 am
followed by
*Rally Day / Picnic***

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Matt Hampel
Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham
Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick
Altar Guild ~ Linda Shea
Ushers ~ Adam Fiedler
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis
Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar
Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

***Are you interested in going into the field of mental health/addiction treatment?
Then YOU might be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship to repeat up to four times=\$4000!
These fields sorely need persons who have a heart to help people with mental health/
addiction issues.***

***This opportunity is in remembrance of our son Ethan Monson-Dupuis who
died at age 25 due to mental health and substance use issues.***

Go to ethansfund.org to learn more about Ethan.

Apply to the church directly.

Robin and Jeff Monson-Dupuis





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