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Worship Services:
Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
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Thanksgiving Eve Worship

At 6:30 pm Wed. Nov. 25th, 2026

Regular Sunday Worship

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the days grow shorter and the autumn air turns crisp, we enter into the special month of November. Our liturgical calendar marks this transition in beautiful and meaningful ways. We begin the month by remembering the "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us and conclude it with the start of a new church year and the promise of fresh hope.

Remembering the saints
On All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 1), we gather to give thanks for the faithful who have died in Christ this past year and now rest from their labors. We remember the family members, friends, and fellow believers who shaped our lives and pointed us to Jesus. In our Lutheran tradition, we celebrate that all are saints because of God's grace in Christ, not our own merit. Though we may grieve the loss of those we love, we find comfort and great joy in the promise of their resurrection, secure in the knowledge that they are safe in God's eternal presence.

Giving thanks in all circumstances
This month also brings us to our national celebration of Thanksgiving. It's a time for gathering with loved ones, sharing food, and reflecting on the blessings in our lives. As Christians, we know that our highest thanksgiving comes from the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The grace given to us in him inspires our gratitude not just for our earthly blessings but for our salvation itself.

Thanksgiving is a practice that can reorient our hearts, especially in difficult times. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). By focusing on God's steadfast love and mercy, we can find reasons to be grateful even amid life's challenges. Our Thankfulness will be reflected in our Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 6:30pm.**

Looking toward a new year with hope
Finally, as November draws to a close, we complete the church year with Christ the King Sunday and then begin a new journey into Advent. While the calendar year ends, the church year begins again with the fresh promise that Jesus is always at work in our world, bringing hope and new life. This beautiful rhythm reminds us that God's love and faithfulness are constant, sustaining us through all the seasons of our lives.

As you navigate this month, I pray that you will experience the comfort of remembering the saints, the joy of a thankful heart, and the hope of Christ's coming.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. — *1 Chronicles 16:34*

🍂 Hey Sunday School Families!

Can you believe it is already November? The leaves have changed, the air is crisp, and our hearts are turning toward a season of deep gratitude. This month, as we look forward to Thanksgiving, we are working on **cultivating a grateful heart."**

It is easy to say "thank you" for the big things, but this month we are challenging our students to notice God's goodness in the small, everyday moments—the warmth of a jacket, a smile from a friend, or a delicious warm meal. We are so blessed, and we can't wait to grow in gratitude together!

🗓️ November Calendar & Highlights

- **11/1/2026 All Saints' (Pentecost 23) Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes**
- **11/8/2026 Pentecost 24 Matthew 25:1-13 The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**
- **11/15/2026 Pentecost 25 Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Bags of Money**
- **11/22/2026 Christ the King Matthew 25:31-46 The Sheep and the Goats**
- **11/29/2026 Advent 1 Mark 13:24-37 Keep Watch**

🏡 Faith at Home: The 30-Day Gratitude Jar

Want to keep the Sunday School momentum going at home? Grab an empty jar and a stack of paper slips. Every night at dinner, have each family member write down **one specific thing** they are thankful for that day and drop it in the jar. On Thanksgiving Day, empty the jar and read all the blessings out loud together!

Thank you, Lord, for all of our blessings,
Kathy Fazio, DCE

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 27, 2026

ATTENDEES: Pastor Fazio, Lisa Douglas, Rachel Vick, Matt Hembrook, Adam Fielder, Pam Kobin

1. **Opening Prayer** - Pr. Fazio
    - The pastor opened the meeting in prayer at 6:02 PM.
2. **Treasurers/Finance Report** - Lisa
    - Financials submitted - available upon request.
3. **Pastor's Report** - Pastor
    - Written report submitted - available upon request.
4. **Christian Education Report -** Kathy
    - Refer to Monthly Leaf for updates and happenings.
5. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Endowment -** Pam
        - No new updates
    b. **Worship and Music** - Pastor
        - Working to have Matthew Fazio play drums for the Christmas season.
    c. **Property -** Matt
        - After the well work was completed, there was discoloration of water in the parsonage.Water is being tested and to confirm the water is safe.
        - Hard wiring of the smoke detectors - not urgent, budget into 2027. Combine all smoke detectors into one system that sends alerts directly to the fire department.
        - Work completed on the two vertical furnace exhaust pipes in the attic above the gathering hall.
    d. **Social Ministry** - Adam
        - First Sunday coffee hour supports One Act of Giving, local veterans organization and fifth Sunday coffee hour supports.Street Angels.
6. **Old Business**
    - Potential Legal Action against Village of H.C. - ongoing, no new updates.
7. **New Business**
    - Keeping Staff Reviews every year, not every other year.
    - **GO BREWERS!**
8. **Next Meeting Date**:
    - Tuesday, November 24th
9. **Adjourn**
    - The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM with the Lord's Prayer.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The November 1st coffee hour will benefit **One Act of Giving** foundation. OAG assists local Wisconsin Veterans in need, working exclusively with the Wisconsin Veterans Network.
The November 29th coffee hour will benefit **Street Angels**. This mobile outreach organization assists our neighbors without homes in Milwaukee County.

Unity Lutheran Church
Clothing ministry for men, women and children: hooded sweatshirts, gloves, new underwear and socks, backpacks, belts, jeans, quilts, blankets, 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, November 17th**.
CommUNITY hot meals are on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. More volunteers are needed on the first Wednesday to serve and/or clean-up.

Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian coffee is available for purchase. 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 has ended for the season. The final total of free-will donations will be announced in the yellow insert and December Leaf. Thank you for supporting Social Ministry!

Spotlight on One Act of Giving

- The OAG foundation is based New Berlin, WI and gives 100% of all donations to local Veterans in need.
- OAG works exclusively with the Wisconsin Veterans Network to give back to those Veterans who are in need of assistance with gas cards, grocery cards, rent, energy, medication, schooling, minor home repairs, food, clothing and more.
- OAG also honors our local Veterans by supporting the Missouri's National Veterans Memorial. The One Act of Giving "Honor Trip" (2 day trip) pays for a Veteran, and a companion, to travel to Missouri's National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, MO. The Memorial is an exact replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

Spotlight on Street Angels

- Their goal is to empower individuals by providing a lifeline of support and hope.
- Mobile Outreach provides meals and resources to those facing unsheltered homelessness in Milwaukee County.
- Provides access to hot showers multiple times a week with their shower trailer.

WPLC Property Committee Leaf Report

Our October news/projects include:

- Riley McGee accepted our job offer as Church Sexton. He moved into the parsonage and began his duties mid-October. Thanks to Pat Suderland for providing training. The new house fridge was delivered; we changed the door locks and dead bolts on the house and garage and provided large plastic shelving for the basement. (Cost of fridge plus the misc. house items: $1020).
- S&K Plumbing finished the well repairs on Oct 1 which included a new well pump (145' deep) and wiring, new pressurized pipe to house, couplings and valves. They also replaced the original galvanized pipe with copper and polyethylene. Follow up water sample test will be taken on Oct 27th.
- On Oct 20th, the two attic furnace's exhaust pipes that were leaking rainwater have been replaced by Forward Mechanicals. Schranz roofing sealed the roof at the new vents. We'll replace the stained ceiling tiles next.
- Schranz Roofing also replaced the two wind-turbine attic vents. I purchased these from Grainger Inc and added ¼-inch wire screening to keep bats out.
- Possible outside fall projects include:
    - Re-grading the swale behind the church and parsonage to improve drainage to slope water away from buildings
    - Clearing away invasive buckthorn and tree removal along back property line.
- Our next property meeting will be on November 10th at 7 pm.

Thank you, *Larry Pfeil*

Monday, November 16th, 2026, 3:00 pm at WPLC *Book Club*

Book discussion: The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz

Jake Bonner is a washed-up, struggling former novelist in a low-tier MFA seminar. One of his arrogant students, Evan Parker, brags about a "foolproof" novel plot before dying suddenly. Jake steals the brilliant premise and writes it himself. The book becomes a massive, award-winning bestseller. Jake starts receiving anonymous emails and threats accusing him of being a thief. He tries to track down his stalker to uncover the dark truth behind Evan Parker's story.

Sullivan Stoner, 11-02
Kaylan Stoner, 11-02
Claudia Hoffmann, 11-02
Ruth Rice, 11-02
Lawrence Beier, 11-03
Marilyn Beier, 11-03
Katayoun Fazio, 11-04
Aimee Schlueter, 11-04
Julane Gaffney, 11-04
Nadine Wilch, 11-05
Allison Hampel, 11-05
Marilyn Simpson, 11-06
Dave Brown, 11-06
Warner Kilbey, 11-10
Edward Heidemann, 11-10
Gina Sparacino, 11-11
Sophia Ciche, 11-12
Rebekah Kruschke, 11-13
Joseph Hasenstein, 11-13
Sidney Arthur, 11-14
Dianne Myers, 11-14
Sandra Krause, 11-14
Larry Wills, 11-15
Martha Halls, 11-17
Dan Underberg, 11-17
Emily Brown, 11-19
John Just, 11-21
Isaac Fiedler, 11-24
Justin Sparacino, 11-26
Heather Nelson, 11-26
Nancy Schoenborn, 11-27
Renee Franz 11-27
Greg Saari, 11-27
Aubree Jankowski, 11-27
Brady Aderman, 11-27
Joey Leon, 11-28
Linda Shea, 11-29
Laura Staats, 11-29
MaryAnn Labott, 11-30
Susan Schlueter, 11-30



Happy Anniversary

Robert & Dian Paneitz, 11-03

Philip and Debbie Krajewski, 11-10

Paul and Kailyn Heidemann, 11-24

Dean and Marlyn King, 11-24

Church Council

President: Adam Fiedler
Vice President: Matthew Hembrook
Secretary: Rachel Vick
Endowment: Matt Grubis
Worship & Music: Rev. Micheal Fazio
Treasurer & Finance: Lisa Douglas
Fellowship: Rev. Michael Fazio
Property: Connor McMahon
Dir of Christian Ed: Kathy Fazio



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
All Saints Sunday
8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
7:00 pm Dartball (away)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
9:00 am Dorcas
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4TH
THURSDAY, NOV. 5TH
6:30 pm AA Meeting
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
Pastor off / Office Closed
SATURDAY, NOV. 7TH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
7:00 pm Dartball (Home)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
9:00 am Dorcas
7:00 pm Property Meeting
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11th
6:30 pm Choir Practice
THURSDAY, NOV. 12TH
10am & 6:30pm Bible Study
6:30 pm AA Meeting
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
Pastor off / Office Closed
SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
MONDAY, NOV. 16th
3:00 pm Book Club
7:00 pm Dartball (Home)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER17th
9:00 am Dorcas
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18th
6:30 pm Choir Practice
THURSDAY, NOV. 19th
6:30 pm AA Meeting
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
Pastor off / Office Closed
SATURDAY, NOV. 21st
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd
8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
MONDAY, NOV. 23rd
- No Dartball

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
9:00 am Dorcas
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25th
Thanksgiving Eve Service
6:30 Worship at WPLC
THURSDAY, NOV. 26th
Happy Thanksgiving
6:30 pm AA Meeting
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
Pastor off / Office Closed
SATURDAY, NOV. 28th
9 am Holiday Decorating
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
MONDAY, NOV. 30th
7:00 pm Dartball (Away)

Please check the bulletin board for open dates for flowers on the altar.
Thank you
God Bless





2026 Mitten Tree Giving

Colder weather is closing in and it's time for hats and gloves, time for our annual **Mitten Tree Outreach.** Please help "warm-up" the tree with your mittens, hats, scarfs, new socks and underwear for all. *"Need comes in all size, so new items of any size are welcomed!"* Look for the **Mitten Tree in Hornburg Hall** beginning Nov. 15th. All items will be given to St. Ben's Outreach Program in Milwaukee.

Sew...What's New?

The **Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering** was held on Oct. 10th when we delivered 32 quilts to the semi-trucks at Norway Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, WI. They will join thousands of church quilts from across North America to be shipped to unknown destinations but where they will be greatly needed. We hope everyone had a chance to look at our displays in Hornburg Hall Oct. 4-18.

Our latest quilt numbers: Street Angels—6 (plan to send many more in Dec.); Unity Lutheran—18 (majority were wool); Veterans—15; Lutheran World Relief—32; sold 10 as gifts.

Dorcas Faith Quilters will be busy (besides quilting) this Nov. & Dec. getting ready for the **Cookie & Bake Sale on Sun., Dec. 13th**. We also sponsor the annual **"Mitten Tree"** which will be available mid-November for your donations of "warm gifts" (mittens, hats, etc.).



We want to thank Donna Winiarski for taking many of our scrappy material strips home this past summer and turning them into quilt tops. She also created the colorful $5 woven mats that are for sale in Hornburg Hall. And, our warmest thanks to Pat Suderland for her determination to turn 6 huge boxes of donated wool material into warm, life-saving quilts for the homeless campers through Unity Lutheran last winter.

See you at Coffee Hour!

Dorcas Faith Quilters

Worship Services

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

Sunday, November 1st

*8:30 am	*10:30 am
Assisting Minister: Meg Sutton	Matt Hampel
Altar Guild: Linda Shea	Sandy Abraham
Ushers: Mike Oberheu	Larry Pfeil / Carl Hampel
Acolyte: Soren Fiedler	Julia Sutton

Sunday, November 8th

*8:30 am	*10:30 am
Assisting Minister: Linda Shea	Matt Grubis
Altar Guild: Pat Suderland	Carol Bewar
Ushers: Jeff Girard	Jerry Rakow
Acolyte: Ethan LeHoullier	Volunteer Needed

Sunday, November 15th

*8:30 am	*10:30 am
Assisting Minister: Doug Winter	Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild: Barb Meyrose	Elaine Johnson
Ushers: Adam Fiedler	Ryan Peters
Acolyte: Volunteer Needed	Natalie Sutton

Sunday, November 22nd

*8:30 am	*10:30 am	Thanksgiving Eve Wed, *6:30 pm
Assisting Minister: Marjorie Pagel	Matt Hampel	Doug Winter
Altar Guild: Janel Oberheu	Sandy Abraham	Volunteer
Ushers: Connor McMahon	Jerry Rakow	Mike or Adam
Acolyte: Mila Leon	Addy LeHoullier	Volunteer needed

Sunday, November 29th

*8:30 am	*10:30 am
Assisting Minister: Meg Sutton	Matt Hampel
Altar Guild: Pat Suderland	Elaine Johnson
Ushers: Dave Palmersheim	Marlene Smith
Acolyte: Volunteer Needed	Ethan LeHoullier