

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church
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Worship Services:
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
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Come Join us for Worship
Services on Sunday
8:30 am and 10:30 am

A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer, I had the opportunity to travel quite extensively (as well as quite expensively!!!), and what I gained from these travels far exceeded simply seeing new or revisited places. There is a sort of “life-resetting” that comes with travel; this is the topic of this article, and the focus being, now is the time to reset our lives in Christ!

When we step away from our familiar routines, leave the demands of everyday life behind, and experience a new place, something begins to happen within us. We breathe a little deeper. We notice things we had stopped seeing. We make memories, gain perspective, and sometimes return home with a renewed appreciation for the life we have been given.

Travel can remind us that sometimes we need to step away in order to see clearly again. But what if the greatest reset our lives need isn't found in a new destination? What if it is found in a new direction—with Christ? Scripture tells us, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” God offers something far greater than a temporary change of scenery. In Christ, He offers transformation.

There are seasons when we feel stuck in old routines, weighed down by past mistakes, distracted by the pressures of life or simply running on empty. We may wish we could press a button and start again. The good news is that, through Christ, we can.

A reset in Christ doesn't mean pretending the past never happened. It means allowing God to redeem it. It means surrendering what we have been carrying and trusting Him with what comes next. It means receiving His grace, renewing our minds, restoring our hearts, and allowing Him to lead us into a new season.

Perhaps this is the moment to pause and ask: What does God want to reset in my life?

Maybe it is our priorities...Maybe it's our relationships...Maybe it's our faith...Maybe it's our perspective...Maybe it's simply our willingness to slow down long enough to hear His voice.

Travel can give us a fresh view of the world. Christ gives us a fresh view of our lives. So, as we enter this season, let's not simply look for a change of scenery. Let's look for a change of heart. Let's make room for God to do something new in us.

Now is the time for a reset—not just a reset of our schedules, but a reset of our souls. Let's leave behind what God is asking us to surrender, step forward in faith, and allow Christ to make us new. The journey ahead may be unfamiliar, but we don't walk it alone. Our destination is not simply a better life. It is a life surrendered to Christ.

May God bless us with a Divine Reset as He continues to form us in His Will.

Pr. Michael





"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." -Psalm 119:105

Seeds of Faith

Dear WPLC Families,

Fall is officially here, and our church is buzzing with the energy from Rally Day and thank you to all the people who filled up our fellowship hall! It has been an incredible start to the program year, and I am so grateful for the energy, curiosity, and faith that our students and youth are bringing into our community. Here is a look at what we've been up to and what is coming up this October.

Sunday School: Join the Fun!

Our Sunday School year is underway, but it is never too late to jump in! Every week, our children gather to explore the Gospel through engaging activities, games, and crafts.

- **Register Today:** If you haven't had a chance to officially enroll your child yet, please take a moment to visit the [Whitnall Park Lutheran Sunday School Registration Page](#) to fill out the online form.
- **Acolyte Sign-Ups:** We are looking for youth to assist in our worship services. Please check the **bulletin board in the Narthex area** to sign up for upcoming dates to acolyte.

Confirmation Class Milestones

A huge congratulations to our 1st-year Confirmation class! On September 23rd, our students completed their **Bible Instruction** milestone. It was a wonderful night of learning, diving into the scriptures, and understanding the core pillars of our ELCA Lutheran faith. They brought fantastic questions and a wonderful spirit to the class. Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue their confirmation journey this fall!

Youth Group Updates: Air 360 Outing

Our youth group has a lot of exciting things in the works for the fall season. We are currently planning a high-energy group outing to Air 360! Date & Details: The exact date is currently TBD.

As we watch the leaves change color this month, let us remember that God's love for us remains steadfast and unchanging. I am incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers, parents, and students who make the youth programs at Whitnall Park Lutheran Church so vibrant. May we all continue to walk in the light of Christ and support one another in our lifelong journeys of faith. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in the classrooms and pews this coming Sunday. Blessings on your week, and may you feel God's presence in everything you do.

In Christ's Service,

Kathy Fazio, DCE





Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 31, 2026

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

1. Opening Prayer - Pr. Fazio

- Pastor opened meeting in prayer at 6:35 PM.

2. Treasurers/Finance Report - Lisa

- Financials submitted - available upon request.

3. Pastor's Report - Pastor

- Written report submitted - available upon request.
- Rally Sunday / Church Picnic Sept. 20th
- Pastor vacations - Sept 13th - Kris Laposki will cover services

4. Christian Education Report - Kathy

- Refer to Monthly Leaf for updates and happenings.
- Sign up for Sunday school! Check the bulletin board for sign up sheets.

5. Committee Reports

a. Endowment - Pam/Pastor

- Discussed sabbatical fund.
- Need to get By-Laws updated to clarify how funds can be used.
 - Working with a new lawyer as the current lawyer stepped down due to illness.

b. Worship and Music - Pastor

- Updated liturgy to start Sept 20th
- Going to have Thanksgiving Eve service again this year.

c. Property - Matt

- Sexton Resignation
- Parsonage needs an update to the water pump system to add a pressure conduit to be compliant with DNR code.
 - To be updated Sept. 17th.
- Tabled approval of work to sewer lateral pending receipt of quote from Sewer Ninjas.

d. Social Ministry - Adam

- Permanently pick up any 5th sundays.
- The produce table has received roughly \$400+ in funds.
- Coffee hour donations will be going to Serenity Inns

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, September 29

9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

WPLC Property Committee Report

Our September news/projects include:

- We gave a job offer to Riley McGee to be our new Sexton. It's a part-time position of about 12 hrs. per week to clean our church and perform light building maintenance including lawn care. Although young, he gained valuable experience working for his grandmother's cleaning business and was also in the Army for 4 years as a mechanic. He plans to move into the parsonage Sept. 26th. Jacob's last workday was Sept 22nd. We are replacing the old refrigerator (\$830).
- The rainy Sept 19th weekend exposed another sump pump issue for us as water flooded the elevator pit on Rally Picnic Day. A high-water alarm gave us notice before anything was damaged. On Monday, Dave Palmersheim and I found the cause to be a blocked discharge pipe, from hardened mineral deposits, and we replaced it (\$8 repair). I'm monitoring the system to determine if additional repairs are needed.
- I'm getting estimates replacing two furnace exhaust pipes that have been leaking rainwater into the attic during storms. This has caused stained ceiling tiles in our Fellowship Hall.
- On Thursday, Oct 1st, a contractor will update our well equipment to comply with current code. The water will be turned off for most of the day.

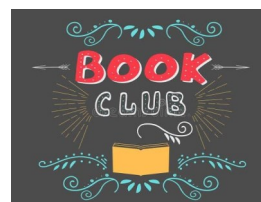
Our next property meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13th at 7 pm.**

Thank you,
Larry Pfeil



Monday, October 19th, 2026, 3:00 pm at WPLC

Book discussion: [Remarkably Bright Creatures](#) by Shelby Van Pelt



After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The October 4th coffee hour will benefit **Capuchin Community Services**.

They operate a food pantry in Milwaukee at the House of Peace and provide evening meals at St. Ben's.



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, October 20th**.

CommUNITY hot meals are on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Volunteer signup sheets are 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. 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 of excess bounty from the "farmers" in our church is winding down for the season. Free-will offerings support Social Ministry.

Spotlight on Capuchin Community Services Their mission is to attend to spiritual and other basic human needs, especially to those experiencing poverty and disenfranchisement, promoting justice for all. The following services are provided:

- The House of Peace is a place of fellowship, health and wholeness through the food pantry, clothing closet, wellness center and legal clinic. All programs and services offered are free of charge.
- St. Ben's offer's a community meal five evenings a week. The Open Door Ministry at St. Ben's offers showers, laundry, emergency clothing and hygiene items, social workers and is a warming center during the during the winter season.

Happy Birthday

Susan Biloff, Oct 1

Samual Cole, Oct 3

Christian Berg, Oct 4

Ryan Peters, Oct 4

Alivia Cornell, Oct 7

William Mueller, Oct 9

Corky Roe, Oct 10

Sandy Wiegert, Oct 14

Ellen King, Oct 15

Melinda Winter, Oct 17

Caleb Vick, Oct 17

Karon Hedlof, Oct 17

Joanne Baldewicz, Oct 17

Barbara Meyrose, Oct 19

Jerry Rakow, Oct 19

Matthew Hampel, Oct 20

Jon Dietzler, Oct 20

Linda Kerr, Oct 25

Suzie Sorvick, Oct 25

Dean King, Oct 26

Taylor Zalim, Oct 27

Charles Freier, Oct 27

Joe Slieff, Oct 28

Camille Sutton, Oct 28

Morgan Johnson, Oct 30

Lisa and Karl Hampel, 10-01

Matthew and Taylor Kalusche, 10-06

Duane and Sharon Hause, 10-09

Michelle and Dwayne Harbort, 10-09

Robert Horcos and Marsha, 10-12



Michael and Melissa Goetz, 10-17

Caleb and Rachel Vick, 10-19

Ronald and MaryAnn Labott, 10-27

Jerome and Deborah Thome, 10-29

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

OFFICE CLOSED WATER OFF

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**9:30 am Pet Blessing****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH****Quilt Blessing**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH7:00 pm Dartball **(Away)***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH7:00 pm Dartball **(Home)***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

9:00 am Dorcas

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

3:00 pm Book Club

7:00 pm Dartball **(Home)***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Confirmation Ceremony**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**7:00 pm Dartball **(Away)***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

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, October 4th

8:30 am

Assisting Minister ~ Linda Shea
Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu
Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz
Acolyte ~ Ethan LeHouillier

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~
Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild ~Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Ryan Peters
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~ Marjorie Pagel
Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose
Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu
Acolyte ~ Mila Leon

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Matt Hampel
Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham
Ushers~Larry Pfeil/Marlene Smith
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom
Altar Guild ~ Linda Shea
Ushers ~Connor McMahon
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis
Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar
Ushers ~ Ryan Peters
Acolyte ~ Addy LeHouillier

Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 25th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Doug Winter
Altar Guild ~Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Jeff Girard
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Reformation Sunday

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Kris Laposki
Altar Guild ~Elaine Johnson
Ushers ~Jerry Rakow
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

***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



Special Thank You

Church family, it was a surprise for me on Aug. 2nd that many of you were here at church that day to celebrate my 70th birthday. Thank you to all that brought the cake and the many cards that touched me more than you know. And then Pastor Fazio brings out this life like bobble head of me sitting at a grand piano. I about lost it! If you have not seen it, I have it on the organ. I love this church and all that attend it. You truly are an extended family which my wife Leta and I love dearly. Thank you all for the gifts and cards!!

Ralph



WPLC Dorcas News Corner

Fall is upon us and so is time for Dorcas to proudly show off all of the colorful quilts that have been gently and creatively put together; they will adorn the church pews on Oct. 4th—WPLC's Quilt Blessing Sunday. They are actually only a portion of this year's quilted accomplishments at Dorcas; a number of them have already been given to Street Angels in Milwaukee, Unity Lutheran (many were wool quilts), and Veterans Initiative.

If you are interested, Facebook has a special group dedicated to LWR Quilts—"LWR Quilters & Kit Makers Community." Check it out—see what other churches have done in their quilting groups—they're all beautiful. All we can say is "Wow"...some put

out a lot(!) of quilts weekly and some have a few more workers than we have...but it all looks like fun and it warms our hearts!



We have a lot more work to do this Fall...squares have been cut, laid out in a design and ready to sew together...we could use a little help if anyone is willing to volunteer...even pinning layers together or tying quilts with yarn. Jobs are not limited to ladies...men are more than welcome to join in. We "take a break" about 10:30 for coffee and snack...all are welcome!

We're currently making plans for the Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale; and don't forget about the annual "Mitten Tree" in Nov/Dec. Thank you for your support...see you at Coffee Hour!

Nature Walk

Let us celebrate the beauty of God's creation with a walk through the Wehr Nature Center on Saturday, October 17th. We will meet at church @ 9:00 am and carpool to a parking lot. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more information for anyone interested to enjoy the morning walk. There will be snacks and refreshments at church immediately following the walk.



Come join us to enjoy God's country!