Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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August Leaf





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A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I'm writing my article for the August Newsletter, I am also preparing for our "Throwback Sunday Worship" (part of our 85th Anniversary celebrations), where on July 13th, we will worship in the same format as did the good Lutherans of 1940; and this has brought me to thinking a lot about what "Church" truly means. For many, it's easy to associate "church" with the building—the pews where we sit, the altar where we gather, the stained-glass windows that quietly tell stories of faith. While these sacred spaces hold deep meaning, the true essence of the Church runs deeper. It's not the structure—it's the people.

The Bible reminds us in **1 Corinthians 12:27**, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." The Church is not made of bricks or wood; it is made of believers, gathered in faith, united by God's grace, and called to live in love. We are the Church.

In our Lutheran tradition, we are rooted in the understanding that church is both *Word and Sacrament*. It is the place where God comes to us—through the preaching of the Gospel and the holy gifts of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. But it doesn't end at the altar. It begins there and flows outward into our daily lives.

To be the Church means to be the living presence of Christ in the world. It means caring for one another in times of joy and sorrow. It means praying for our neighbors, sharing what we have, standing for justice, and welcoming all with Christ-like hospitality. Wherever and whenever we gather together in faith, the Church is alive.

During this year of celebrating 85 years as Whitnall Park Lutheran Church, and as we reflect on our mission and ministry, let us not simply ask, "What does our church offer?" but rather, "How are we living as Christ's Church?" "Are we being shaped by God's Word?" "Are we reaching out with the love and mercy we ourselves have received?" For Christians, our faith dynamic is always centered around receiving from God and responding in kind.

It will do us good to remember that being Christ's Church is not a Sunday event—it's a seven-day-a -week calling. And whether we're worshiping, serving, studying, or simply listening to a friend, we are embodying the living Church Christ has built.

Thanks be to God for the gift of *His* Church—alive in us, active in the world, and always centered in *His* grace.

In Christ,

Pr. Michael

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Seeds of Faith



"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." -Psalm 27:14

Hello WPLC Families,

The above verse is fitting for the month of August as it encourages patience and waiting on God, which can be a good lesson as kids transition back to school and potentially face new challenges. It also emphasizes strength and courage, which are important themes of support for the beginning of the school year.

The themes that come to mind are:

Patience: August often marks a time of change and transition, and this verse reminds children to be patient and trust in God's timing.

Strength and Courage: The verse encourages children to be strong and courageous, which can be helpful as they face new classes, teachers, or social situations at school.

Connection to God: It emphasizes waiting on the Lord, which can be a good reminder to connect with God through prayer and scripture study.

Versatility: This verse can be applied to many different situations and can be a helpful reminder for children throughout the year, not just in August. Lastly, posting this verse in a place where everyone in your family can see it on a daily basis or even incorporating it in your prayers is an important way to keep it in forefront in your child's mind.

A reminder that our **Rally Day Picnic 2025-26** will begin in church at 10:30 a.m. Also, the new <u>2025-26 Acolyte</u> sign-up sheet is available. Enjoy every drop of your summer together!

God's Blessing Be With You,

Kathy Fazio

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

August 3rd coffee hour will benefit Unity Lutheran's Food Outreach ministry, which is comprised of their food pantry, hot meal and bag lunches.

Unity Lutheran Church – *revised in late July*

<u>Take-out meal ministry</u>: the first Wednesday of the month from 1–3 pm, to assemble bag lunches. Sign-up sheet to volunteer is on the bulletin board.

<u>Clothing ministry</u> <u>is overstocked with donations</u>. Through the rest of the summer, only the following donations will be accepted: socks, quilts, blankets, hygiene items (deodorant, foot powder, lotion, body wipes, toothpaste, and toothbrushes).

<u>Food pantry:</u> white rice, canned pasta / chicken / tuna, Triscuits, packs of fruit cups (apple sauce, peaches, pears), chicken soup, 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, August 19th**.

<u>CommUNITY meal:</u> the next hot meal is **Wednesday, August 20th**. Volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for meal prep, meal serve, fellowship and clean-up.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits Sufficient supplies for six of eight items are on hand to send 70 school kits this year. The remaining needs are: 1) 70 boxes of 24 store-brand crayons and 2) 280 seventy page wide-ruled spiral notebooks. Please purchase items on sale in August, if possible, for 25-50 cents per crayon box and 30-60 cents per notebook. Supplies may be limited and more expensive this year.

Also need 3-11 boxes of ten-ream letter (not legal) copier/printer paper for shipping.

Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee is available for purchase. Holiday Premium Coffee Sampler (\$20), has six sample packs (Regular, Peaberry, Hazelnut, French Vanilla, Butter Pecan, Chocolate Raspberry). The Four-Pack Holiday Sample (\$15) contains drip grinds of Regular, Decaf, Peaberry, and holiday traditions. Bags of unflavored and flavored Reg. & Decaf coffee are available for \$12. All sales help improve the lives of the coffee farmers, their families, and communities in the Mt. Meru Diocese of Tanzania.

Spotlight on Unity Lutheran The church assists those in need in our community through the following ways: Food Pantry: open every Wednesday to provide temporary food assistance. Unity Food Pantry operates under the notion of no ID, no zip code, no issue. Clothing Closet: open every Wednesday to provide emergency clothing items for men, women

CommUNITY Hot Meal: third Wednesday of every month.

<u>To-Go Meals</u>: bag lunches available the other Wednesdays of every month.

Produce Table

and children.

A 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.



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We've been busy!!

On the 4TH OF JULY, church members manned a HOSPITALITY TABLE at the corner of our parking lot and offered refreshments to parade-goers who were passing by. Also handed out were PROMOTIONAL FLYERS about WPLC's anniversary year—the same flyers used at the Rummage Sale in May. Thank you to all who gathered around the table and celebrated the Fourth!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Property Committee for the recent **LANDSCAPING RENOVATION** completed as part of the 85th Anniversary events. It looks absolutely beautiful.



Then the **THROWBACK SUNDAY ON JULY 13TH** honoring the beginning of our Charter as a church—Whitnall Park Lutheran—July 1st, 1940. Pastor Fazio, Ralph, and Carol Ann put together quite a bulletin—very similar to one used in 1941. Responses and Amens were all sung along with tunes we were not familiar with but...we learned and survived. It was a challenge and a good learning lesson for all of us. I think we were impressed that it went fairly well. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was our sending hymn...Amen.



Following the Throwback service, members had been invited to visit the **HERITAGE ROOM OPEN HOUSE**. Hundreds of items were on display from archived 3-ring binders and decades of photos to blueprints, memorabilia, artifacts, flags, banners, quilts, ledgers, record books, and so much more. The Heritage display will be open through August.

The new anniversary edition of **"FROM A QUIET CORNER"** was available for members to take home. They will be located near the elevator for pickup.

We even included a **THROWBACK COFFEE HOUR.** The ladies served "throwback" recipes—typical goodies baked and

shared during the 1940s and 50s—cheese kuchen, blitz torte, spice cake, frozen fruit salad, kranz, apple torte supreme and lemonade. (Recipes will be available in the kitchenette during future coffee hours.)

The next anniversary event will be a **POTLUCK DINNER** at the Rally Day Picnic, Sept. 7th. **The main meat item will be fried chicken but the remaining items will ALL be from YOU ... the members** — watch for sign-up sheets soon. Let's bring back that old-time POT LUCK DINNER!

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NOTES FROM YOUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No property meeting in July any questions contact

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Rally Day Picnic



Rally Day potluck picnic is set for <u>Sunday, September 7th</u>.

There will be one service that day at 10:30 am with food and games to follow. See flyer in this issue for more information.



Hope to see you all there. God Bless!



There was no Council Meeting in June or July. Next meeting is scheduled for August 19th, 2025.

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 call the church office if you have any questions. *God Bless!*





Acolytes Needed

We are in need of volunteers to be Acolytes.

Pastor can go over the duties in detail. Please call the office if you are willing and interested in volunteering.

God Bless

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Michelle LeHouillier, 08-01

Troy Vande Yacht, 08-02

Diane Brunner, 08-02

Robert Wiza, 08-03

Ralph Klute, 08-04

Michael Sparacino, 08-05

Gabrielle Ried, 08-06

Ellen Dallmann, 08-07

Dean Strom, 08-09

Thomas Coleman, 08-12

Sarah Stark, 08-13

Marcus Kunz, 08-13

Arya Roe, 08-13



Eiley Roe, 08-13

Olivia Knier, 08-15

Jasan Cornell, 08-15

Andrew Braun, 08-15

Aubrey Start, 08-16

Don Holt, 08-16

Jack Kerr, 08-17

Amanda Oberheu, 08-17

Maggie Aderman, 08-17

Thomas Schulte, 08-19

Alan Peters, 08-19

Lillian Cole, 08-20

Adelyn LeHouillier, 08-21

Kraig Sorvick, 08-22

Karl Sorvick, 08-22

Patricia Kilbey, 08-23

Samantha Casey, 08-24

Hannah Cotey, 08-24

Julie Buss, 08-25

Joan Lance, 08-26

Mary Schlueter, 08-27

Jill Underberg, 08-27

Lindsay Strom, 08-28

Jeffrey Dietz, 08-28

Ashley Roffers, 08-30

Dorothy Saari, 08-31



Travis & Theresa Brugger, 08-01
Pastor & Katayoun Fazio, 08-04
Richard and Laura Staats, 08-07
Adam & Sara Fiedler, 08-10
Garrett & Sarah Stark, 08-11
Katharine & Alexander Kasper, 08-15
Lawrence & Julane Gaffney, 08-15



Kodye & Sarah Shier, 08-17
Dan & Jill Underberg, 08-21
Mark & Donna Winiarski, 08-23
Matthew & Tammy Johnson, 08-28
Lloyd & Beverly Gellings, 08-28
Kaylan & Richard Stoner, 08-31

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WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rally Sunday Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

10:30 am — Worship Service; Blessing of students

11:30 am — Potluck Dinner—Hibbard Hall

Lots of Fun Activities to Follow for All Ages!

OUTDOOR GAMES
ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday Fried Chicken

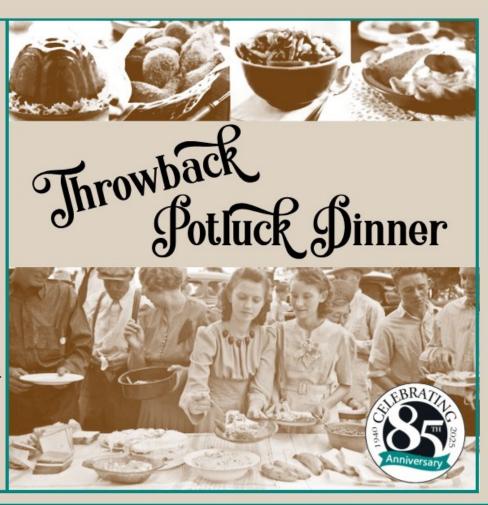
The rest of the menu is up to YOU!!

POTLUCK...Please bring a dish to pass.

We will provide: Chicken & one more meat plus refreshments

Sign-up sheets will be available near the elevator.

Tickets: \$6—age 14 & up Under 14—Free



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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, August 3rd *9:00 am

Assisting Minister~ Matthew Hembrook Altar Guild ~ Barb Mevrose Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed Wednesday, August 6th *6:30 pm

Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom Psalm 49:1-12 Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson Ushers ~ N/A Acolyte ~ N/A

Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 10th

* 9:00 am Assisting Minister ~ Marjorie Pagel

Altar Guild ~Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz

Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, August 13th *6:30 pm

Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom Psalm 33:12-22 Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose

Ushers ~ N/A Acolyte ~ N/A Readings

Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 17th *9:00 am

Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick Altar Guild ~Volunteer Ushers~Greg & Dororthy Saari Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, August 20th *6:30 pm

Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland Ushers ~ N/A Acolyte ~ N/A

Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 24th *9:00 am

Assisting Minister ~ Jerrijo Cowman Altar Guild ~ Volunteer Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed Wednesday, August 27th *6:30 pm

Assisting Minister~Laurie Sorvick Psalm 103:1-8 Altar Guild ~ Volunteer Ushers ~ N/A Acolyte ~ N/A

Readings

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 31st *9:00 am

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



Readings

Proverbs 25:6-7a Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST Pastor off/Office closed **SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD** 9:00 am Worship **MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH** 10 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH** WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH 6:30 pm Worship **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH** 6:30 pm AA Meeting FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH Pastor off/Office closed **SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH** 9:00 am Worship **MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH TUESDAY. AUGUST 12TH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH** 6:30 pm Worship **THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH** 6:35 pm Milkmen Outing 6:30 pm AA Meeting FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH Pastor off/Office closed **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH 9:00 am Worship **MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH** 10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study **TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH** 6:30 pm Council Meeting **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH** 6:30 pm Worship **THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST** 6:30 pm AA Meeting FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND Pastor off/Office closed **SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD SUNDAY. AUGUST 24TH** 9:00 am Worship **MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH TUESDAY. AUGUST 26TH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH** 6:30 pm Worship (Final Wed. Worship) **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH** 6:30 pm AA Meeting FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH Pastor off/Office closed SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH **SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST**

9:00 am Worship



Please see the registration form on the bulletin board or the website to sign up your young people for the appropriate class for their age group. Thank you, God Bless!



Our flower calendar is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for flowers on the Altar in honor or memory of someone special or to celebrate an important event

God Bless!