

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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February, 2026



Ash Wednesday 2/18

**Worship at Noon and 6:30 pm
and Pancake Supper at 5:00**

**2/25 Lenten Worship at
Noon and 6:30 pm**

A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, Lent begins a bit early, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. On this holy and interesting beginning of the Lenten Season, we are reminded that we come from dust, and ultimately to dust we shall return. There are a number of lessons we can glean from this idea, not the least of which is that life is short, and we should faithfully enjoy every day with which the Lord blesses us. The Ash Wednesday worship service, with imposition of the ashes, will be held at Noon and 6:30, with our annual Pancake Dinner starting at 5:00.

For the next five Wednesday's, we will have our midweek Lenten worship services, again held at Noon and 6:30, with the theme this year being, **The Wonders of the Word**. We will be using scripture to help us look at how God's Living Word creates, calls, saves, sustains and sends us.

The first week focuses on **Create**, and we will hear the story of God's Word as it was in the beginning from John's gospel and how God's Word has created all things and how it continues to create in and through those who believe to this day.

The second week is all about the Word's **Call**, and the biblical story we get will be the call given through the prophet Haggai. This amazing call story reminds us that if we tend to ourselves only, and not to God, none of our endeavors will be successful.

The third week the focus will be on how God's Word **Saves**, and the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea as they fled from Egyptian slavery. God's mighty Word saves as our strength is insufficient.

The fourth week will focus on how God's Word **Sustains**, and the story from the prophet Hosea how God's Word is active and loving in our lives, even when we may be unaware. God comes to us, and despite our sin, sustains us in His Love.

The fifth and final week will find us looking the way the Word **Sends** us out, and the text will be Romans 10, which informs us of the good news that God's Word will not only send us out to tell of His power and love, but will also empower us and guide us in what we say and do.

I am very excited to dive deeply into these texts and see what God has in store for us. Lent is easily one of my favorite times of the church year; a time of reflection and a time of focus on the amazing ways God comes to us through His life-giving Word and the way that Word shapes and forms our lives to His Will. We are blessed to enter this journey together!

God bless,

Pr. Michael

Seeds of Faith



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

Dear WPLC Families,

As we settle into the first full week of February, I am reminded of how quickly time moves when we are engaged in the work of the Lord. While the world outside may still be below zero in winter, our classroom is warmed up with new opportunities for growth, study, and connection. Here's our curriculum for the month.

February 1, 2026: A Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12, First Reading: Micah 6:1-8, Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-3. Key Verse: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:3. The Point: Those who work for the kingdom might suffer now, but God promises to bless them.

February 8, 2026: A Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20, First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12], Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]. Key Verse: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16, The Point: Jesus tells us to live our callings and be blessings to others.

February 15, 2026: A Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9, First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18, Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21. Key Verse: While [Peter] was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" - Matthew 17:5. The Point: Jesus' glory is revealed through a temporary transformation and a statement from God.

Confirmation: Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching on **February 18th**. Our confirmation students will be hosting the Annual Pancake Dinner. Please join us at 5-6:15p. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex. Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group: Our youth group will be bowling at Alpine Lanes in Muskego, February 22nd at noon. Pizza will be served.

Allowing the love of Christ to dwell in my heart,

Mrs. Kathy Fazio

Council January, 2026 Update

December and the year ended on a positive note. As a result of the generosity of our members our income was \$45k greater than budgeted. Our YTD net income is \$4,368.84 to the good. Expenses were in line with the budget. As expected, church repairs were over budget due to the recent flood(s) and our parking lot expenses since we no longer have the Hale House contributions.

December Actuals

Income	\$ 98,188.52
Expenses	\$ (27,945.94)
Profit (Loss)	<u>\$ 70,242.58</u>



2025 YTD Actuals

Income	\$ 382,652.30
Expenses	\$ (378,283.46)
Profit (Loss)	<u>4,368.84</u>

WPLC Property Report – February 2026

At our January meeting we discussed our latest issue regarding the sewage leak in the church and house basements on January 9th.

- o The leak was in relatively small areas around the floor drains (10'-15') in both buildings. The cleanup of the contaminated areas was contracted to RestoPros. The final cost is under review.
- o The Village acknowledged that the cause was from blockages in the street manholes and not in our laterals. They plan to TV scope the sewer to try to determine the cause.
- o The property committee is documenting our past issues, the costs of repairing and the cost of improvements we've made, and the insurance premium increases we have incurred. We are strategizing an approach to ensure the sewer flooding issues be identified and addressed by the Village and request that our costs be shared when our flooding is caused by a Village infrastructure issue. This may require us to hire professional technical assistance.
- o We'll also be reaching out to our neighbors to possibly pool our resources.

Other News

- o I discussed our trash collection bill with GFL. Their billing computer had classified us as a high-use commercial enterprise. The agent understood my plea and reduced our bill for 2026 significantly which will save us a few thousand \$ per year.
- o On Jan 20 (before the deep freeze), one of our attic furnaces had a blocked condensation line causing a water leak down to the ceiling tile in Carol Ann's office. Mr. Holland's fixed it, no charge.
- o When the weather gets a little better, I'll be getting an estimate for our flat roof replacement or repair. Our last inspection revealed leaks above the stairwell and the rubber membrane showing signs of hardening, shrinking and cracking on the main flat roof. It maybe has 3 years left.

I know water is an essential part of life, but it's starting to get on my nerves.

Our next property meeting will be February 10th at 7 pm.

Thank you, *Larry Pfeil*



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The February 1st coffee hour will benefit **Outreach For Hope**. They support life-giving ministries in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

Unity Lutheran Church is a warming center every night through March providing shelter to adults. Seasonal clothing and food donations are in need.

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 (deodorant, foot powder, lotion, body wipes, 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, Feb. 17th.**

CommUNITY hot meals: are served on the first and third Wednesday's every month.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. For the first Wednesday's, more volunteers are needed to serve the meal and / or clean-up.



Super Bowl Food Drive

The annual drive is on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. Please consider donating cans of soup/vegetables/ fruit and other non-perishable food items. Cash and check donations are accepted. Please make checks payable to WPLC with "Super Bowl Food Drive" in the memo line. Donations will be shared with food pantries in our area.

Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee is available for purchase. There is the Christmas Traditions Blend (\$18 for 12 oz. bag), which combines 100% Mt. Meru premium



Arabica coffee beans with the rich flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, and other spices. It's the perfect seasonal blend for drinking coffee with friends and family. There are also 4- pack (\$15) and 6-pack (\$20) samplers. Bags of flavored and unflavored regular & 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, impacting the livelihoods of nearly 1,000 farmers and their communities.



Spotlight on Outreach For Hope

OFH supports our community in the following ways:

- Raise and distribute funds for Ministry Partners to provide food, nutrition, clothing, health care and spiritual care to the communities they serve.
- Foster connections between congregations and individuals, creating a path for sharing resources and working and walking together.
- Work to strengthen bonds between individuals, congregations, communities, and the God who has created us all, reminding us that we are not alone.



Karen Budic, Feb 1
Larry Cudzewicz, Feb 4
Matthew Kalusche, Feb 4
Chloe Berg, Feb 5
Doug Winter, Feb 5
Kaitlyn Heidemann, Feb 7
Ray Miller, Feb 9
Makayla Metzger, Feb 9
Carol Becwar, Feb 10
Brent Rice, Feb 11
Carter Cudzewicz, Feb 13

Caden Berg, Feb 13
Connor McMahon, Feb 14
Sharon Hause, Feb 15
John Lund, Feb 15
Sally Cole, Feb 17
Taryn Hareng, Feb 18
Scott Keske, Feb 18
David Mueller, Feb 19
Ron Sonntag, Feb 19
Kris Laposki, Feb 19
Gabrielle Vick, Feb 20

Greg Thacker, Feb 20
Bonnie Hareng, Feb 21
Sarah Schlueter, Feb 21
Kari Cole, Feb 22
Patricia Suderland, Feb 23
Tom Laposki, Feb 23
Joanna Stollenwerk, Feb 26
Sandy Johnson, Feb 26
Duane Hause, Feb 27
Lucas Hoffmann, Feb 27
Alexander Metzger, Feb 28
Nolan Martens, Feb 28

Ray & Diane Remington, Feb 10
Michael & Joanne Baldewicz, Feb 12



Doug & Melinda Winter, Feb 24
Scott & Kathi Ried, Feb 28

President: Adam Fiedler
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Property: Connor McMahon
Director of Christian Education
Kathy Fazio

Worship & Music: Rev. Michael Fazio

2026 EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM — ORDER BY: Sunday, March 15th

QTY:	FLOWER CHOICE:	\$\$\$ AMOUNT:
_____	Easter Lily - 6.5" pot - \$12 ea.	_____
_____	Mums for the Easter cross—6.5 " pot - \$17 ea.	_____
_____	Tulips - varied colors - 6.5" pot - \$12 ea.	_____
_____	Azaleas - 6.5" pot - \$26 ea.	_____
_____	Reiger Begonias—\$20	_____
_____	Hydrangeas—\$30	_____

Make checks payable to: WPLC

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Flowers placed by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

(If no designation is filled in above, the bulletin insert will read as: "To The Glory of God")

For Office Use Only:

Rec'd payment Y / N Rec'd by (initials) _____

Check # _____ or Cash (amount) _____

Received on (date) _____

EASTER CROSS OF FLOWERS 2026

ORDER BY SUN., MARCH 15th

All are welcome to take part in creating our beautiful **Easter Cross of Flowers** by ordering a plant to beautify the church sanctuary. Your flowers may be placed in honor of, or in memory of, someone...or they can be placed as a special blessing, or simply to add to the beauty of the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Please see the **Easter Flower Order Form** (available in the church office or on bulletin board) for plant choices. Submit your order forms to the church office or in the offering plate. Questions? Sharon Hause - 262-679-2161



Book Club

Monday, February 9th, 2026 3:00 pm at WPLC

Book discussion: Surviving Savannah by Patti Callahan



When Savannah history professor Everly Winthrop is asked to guest-curate a new museum collection focusing on artifacts recovered from the steamship Pulaski, she's shocked. The ship sank after a boiler explosion in 1838, and the wreckage was just discovered, 180 years later. Everly's research leads her to the astounding history of a family of eleven who boarded the Pulaski together, and the extraordinary stories of two women from this family: a known survivor, Augusta Longstreet, and her niece, Lilly Forsyth, who was never found, along with her child.



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, February 1st

*8:30 am

Assisting Minister ~ Meg Sutton
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Connor McMahon
Acolyte ~ Mila Leon

*10:30 am

Assisting Minister ~ Kris Laposki
Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham
Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil
Acolyte ~ Ethan LeHouiller

Readings:

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, February 8th

* 8:30 am

Assisting Minister~Linda Shea
Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu
Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim
Acolyte ~ Joseph Leon

*10:30 am

Assisting Minister~Matt Hampel
Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson
Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 15th

*8:30 am

Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom
Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose
Ushers ~ Adam Fiedler
Acolyte ~ Natalie Sutton

*10:30 am

Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz
Acolyte ~ Adelyn LeHouiller

Readings

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, February 18th

*Noon

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

Ash Wednesday

*6:30 pm

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

Readings

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 22nd

*8:30 am

Assisting Minister~Marjorie Pagel
Altar Guild ~Linda Shea
Ushers ~ Jeff Girard
Acolyte ~ Zia Roe

*10:30 am

Assisting Minister~Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar
Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil
Acolyte ~ Lauren Gollash

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Wednesday, February 25th

*Noon

Assisting Minister ~ N/A
Altar Guild ~Volunteer Needed
Ushers ~ N/A
Acolyte ~ N/A

*6:30 pm

Assisting Minister ~ N/A
Altar Guild ~ Volunteer Needed
Ushers ~ N/A
Acolyte ~ N/A

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study
3:00 pm Book Club

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

9:00 am Dorcas
7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

9:00 am Dorcas
6:30 pm Council Meeting TBD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH****ASH WEDNESDAY****

Noon & 6:30 pm Worship

5:00 pm Pancake Dinner

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Noon & 6:30 pm Lenten Worship
5:30 pm Soup Supper
7:10 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wed. evening Soup Suppers begin February 25th and ends March 25th, in the lead up to Palm Sunday. The meal starts at 5:30 pm and the menu includes soup, salad, relishes, dessert, milk and coffee. Volunteer soup makers are needed each Wed. Donations of dessert and salad are also appreciated. Please view the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the office door.

All are welcome to come enjoy the meal and fellowship. A free-will offering is requested to help cover the cost of supplies (suggested offering is \$5 per person). The remaining balance will be donated to Social Ministry. We hope you are able to join us during this Lenten season!

