

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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November Leaf



***Thanksgiving Eve Worship
at***

***Whitnall Park Lutheran Church
Wed. November 26th @ 7:00 pm***

A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

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. 2), 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 joint worship with the good folks from Emanuel UCC on Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 7:00pm. Thanksgiving Eve worship this year is held at WPLC.

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

Seeds of Faith



"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." - Psalm 100:4-5.

Dear WPLC families,

As the autumn leaves change in our area and we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, our Sunday School theme for November is centered on thankfulness. This is a special time for us to reflect on God's abundant blessings and cultivate a spirit of gratitude in our own lives. I want to thank Carol Ann Bartoshevich and family for donating pumpkins to carve for our Sunday School and our successful Youth Group Event.

The Bible teaches us to give thanks in all circumstances, not just the good ones. This month, we'll be exploring what it means to be thankful in both big ways and small, and to praise God for His constant goodness. We are so grateful for each one of your children and for the opportunity to share God's word with them. Here are the lessons we'll be focusing on:

Nov 2, 2025: Gospel Reading-Luke 6:20-31

Key Verse: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." – Luke 6:31

The Point: God's kingdom is the opposite of our expectations.

Nov 9, 2025: Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

Key Verse: "Now [the Lord] is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to [God] all of them are alive."

The Point: Jesus gives us the hope for the resurrection and eternal life with God.

Nov 16, 2025: Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Key Verse: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

The Point: God does not abandon us, even when we suffer.

Nov 23, 2025: Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

Key Verse: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." -Luke 23:38

The Point: Jesus is the one true king, but he is not the one everyone expected.

Nov 30, 2025: Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Key Verse: "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Mathew 24:42

The Point: God calls us to be diligent about our work for God's kingdom.

In His Grace,

Kathy Fazio



Sponsored by Ladies of WPLC and Dorcas Sewing Group

Let the holiday baking begin! We are looking forward to another great Cookie & Bake Sale this year. We need A LOT of bakers to make LOTS of Christmas cookies for the cookie boxes along with all the other favorite bakery items for the sale. Everyone looks forward to the delicious cookies and bakery every year. Won't you please consider joining in on the holiday baking fun; your help is always appreciated. Please have your cookies at church no later than 9 am Friday morning, Dec. 12th, so that we can include them in the cookie boxes.

If you would like to get in on MORE fun...consider joining us with packaging, wrapping and filling cookie boxes on the 12th at 9 AM! "*Many hands make light work*"... and great fun!

Questions? See sign-up sheets along with more information on bulletin board or call Pat Suderland 414-425-4647 or Sharon Hause 262-679-2161.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

November 2nd coffee hour will benefit Street Angels, that assists our neighbors without homes in Milwaukee County.



Unity Lutheran Church (*revised for November*) Unity will be a warming center every night from Nov. 24th through Mar. 31st to provide shelter and comfort for the campers, especially families with children. This will result in an increased need for clothing and food donations.

Clothing ministry: men's belts, men's jeans (waist size 34 inches and lower), quilts, blankets, new underwear/socks, shoes, shirts, sweaters, coats, boots, gloves, hygiene items (deodorant, foot powder, lotion, body wipes, toothpaste and toothbrushes).

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

Food pantry: 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, Nov. 18th.**

CommUNITY meal: the next hot meal is **Wednesday, Nov. 19th.** Volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for meal prep, meal serve, fellowship and clean-up. There is a need for more clean-up volunteers in the 6:30 – 7:30 pm time slot.

Thanksgiving, Nov 27th: Thanksgiving meal will be served in the early afternoon. Volunteers to prepare and serve the meal are welcomed. More details will be placed in the weekly bulletin yellow pages as they become known.

Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee *is discounted 50%* through November. 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.



Produce Table raised \$377 in free-will offerings to support Social Ministry. *Thank you!!*

Holiday/Greeting cards are available for purchase for a nominal amount. They are next to the Mt. Meru coffee display. Proceeds support our Social Ministry.

Spotlight on Street Angels It is a mobile outreach organization dedicated to assisting individuals in ending their unsheltered homelessness by providing dignified services, advocacy, a consistent support system, connections to critical resources, and hope. They provide the boots-on-the-ground program five days a week through the Mobile Outreach and Showers of Hope programs. Another program is Pathway Assistance, to assist with the removal of immediate barriers on one's pathway to stability.



WPLC Property Report – November 2025

We held our monthly property committee meeting on October 14th to discuss our completed, current and remaining 2025 projects to maintain our church and parsonage house. Our church custodian, Jacob lives in our house along with his wife Eliyah and their two young daughters. He handles our church cleaning and minor maintenance items. Jacob has been a church employee for nearly six years.

Our Fall Clean Up Day on Oct 4th was lightly attended, but we accomplished several items on our “to do” list including replacing several ceiling tiles, trimming trees and bushes around the church and parsonage house and repairing the fence around the garbage bins. *Thank you* to the helpers.

Our well water was tested in October and was determined safe and with no issues.

Our flood repair work in the church basement is advancing from the removal phase to replacing the bottom edge of drywall, baseboards and repairing cabinets that were water damaged. Two storage rooms are complete. To date we have spent about \$500 on supplies and materials. We’ve been doing the work ourselves to save money and appreciate any help labor or financial donations). You can contact me, Larry Pfeil (262) 347-9632 or Pastor Fazio.

The cost of the flood damage at the parsonage house included \$5,900 for removing debris and cleaning/sanitizing the basement. There was a cost of \$1,150 for a new washer/dryer. Also a cost of \$7,900 for a new furnace, A big ***Thank you*** to our anonymous donor - a member of our church.

In this final quarter of 2025, and considering our stretched budget due to the flood repair, we will only do critical preventative maintenance items including replacing the aging sump pumps in the church and getting the lateral check valves inspected/maintained. The kitchen floor drainpipe video scoped (cost \$915). We’ll also do annual maintenance on the lawn tractor and snowblower.

To help plan our budget for 2026, this fall we will have our roofing contractor give us an evaluation and estimate for replacing or repairing our three flat roof sections. These were not part of the new shingled roof project this past April.

Our next property meeting will be on **November 14th at 7 pm** to discuss status of projects and identify and prioritize new ones.

Thank you, *Larry Pfeil*

Monday, November 10th, 2025 ~ 3:00 pm at WPLC

Book discussion: James by Percival Everett



When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. Thus, begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond. While many narratives set pieces of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn remain in place, Jim’s agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light.



Christmas/Holiday Decorating of WPLC—2025

Scheduled for Saturday morning, November 29th—9 am. Please consider giving of your time to help decorate our sanctuary for this special season—watch for the sign-up sheet.

Sullivan Stoner, 11-02

Kaylan Stoner, 11-02

Ruth Rice, 11-02

Claudia Hoffmann, 11-02

Lawrence Beier, 11-03

Marilyn Beier, 11-03

Aimee Schlueter, 11-04

Julane Gaffney, 11-04

Katayoun Fazio, 11-04

Nadine Wilch, 11-05

Allison Hampel, 11-05

Dave Brown, 11-06

Marilyn Simpson, 11-06

Warner Kilbey, 11-10

Edward Heidemann, 11-10

Gina Sparacino, 11-11

Sophia Ciche, 11-12

Joseph Hasenstein, 11-13

Rebekah Kruschke, 11-13

Sidney Arthur, 11-14

Dianne Myers, 11-14

Sandra Krause, 11-14

Larry Wills, 11-15

Dan Underberg, 11-17

Martha Halls, 11-17

Emily Brown, 11-19

Pat Grutza, 11-20

John Just, 11-21

Isaac Fiedler, 11-24

Justin Sparacino, 11-26

Heather Nelson, 11-26

Greg Saari, 11-27

Aubree Jankowski, 11-27

Brady Aderman, 11-27

Renee Franz-Piotrowski, 11-27

Joey Leon, 11-28

Linda Shea, 11-29

Laura Staats, 11-29

Susan Schlueter, 11-30

MaryAnn Labott, 11-30



Robert and Dian Paneitz, 11-03

Philip and Debbie Krajewski



Dean and Marilyn King, 11-24

Paul and Kaitlyn Heidemann, 11-12

Andrew and Catherine Paremski, 11-29

President: Adam Fiedler

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Fellowship: Rev. Michael Fazio

Property: Connor McMahon

Director of Christian Education

Kathy Fazio

Worship & Music: Rev. Michael Fazio

QUILTING UPDATE from Dorcas Ladies

So far this year, we have sent 33 quilts to the Milwaukee Homeless Vets, 21 to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission/Joy House, 27 to Unity Lutheran Church, and Sharon took 20 quilts down to Mt. Pleasant Oct.



11th for the Lutheran World Relief Fall Gathering. We still have 19 on the shelf plus 10 that are ready to be tied...that's a total of 130 quilts...we have been very busy.

Pat also creates the baptism blankets for our newly baptized members at WPLC and, as part of our "giving" this year, Dorcas donated \$500 to ELCA's Flood Disaster Fund.

We love creating quilts and enjoy our mornings together. We have lots of material and supplies on hand but we need a little more help. We have fabric squares already sewn together into 80" long strips and we are looking for someone to sew those strips together to create a quilt top (you could sew these at home if you wish). We could also use one more helper to pin quilt tops and bottoms together...no sewing involved! Please let us know if you might be interested in helping in any way.

Contact: Pat Suderland—414-425-4647 or Sharon Hause—262-679-2161

September

Per P/L

No Council Meeting in October

September Actuals

Income	20,092.18
Expenses	(30,103.60)
Profit (Loss)	<u>(10,011.42)</u>

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for **Tues Nov. 18th.**

Here is a financial summary of our income & expenses.

2025 YTD Actuals

Income	236,937.19
Expenses	(297,482.02)
Profit (Loss)	<u>(60,544.83)</u>



We are in real need of Assistant Ministers (mainly 10:30 am service - but we can work around the times. We also need Ushers and Acolytes. If someone is interested and would like more information, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Fazio. Thank you for considering trying something new. God Bless!

Altar Flowers

Our flower calendar is posted on place flowers on the altar in event in your life. Please call the



the bulletin board. Please select a date to honor or memory of someone or a special church office if you have any questions.

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, November 2nd *8:30 am Assisting Minister~Melanie Strom Altar Guild ~ Linda Shea Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz (& Noah) Acolyte ~ Mila Leon			*All Saints Sunday* *10:30 am Assisting Minister~Jennine Sonntag Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham Ushers ~ Greg & Dorothy Saari Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed			Readings: Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10		
Sunday, November 9th * 8:30 am Assisting Minister~Jerrijo Cowman Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim Acolyte ~ Joe Leon			*10:30 am Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Larry Pfeil Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed			Readings Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38		
Sunday, November 16th *8:30 am Assisting Minister~Doug Winter Altar Guild ~ Janel Oberheu Ushers ~ Jeff Girard Acolyte ~ Camille Sutton			*10:30 am Assisting Minister~Doug Winter Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow Acolyte ~ Ethan LeHouillier			Readings Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19		
Sunday, November 23rd *8:30 am Assisting Minister~Marjorie Pagel Altar Guild ~ Barb Meyrose Ushers ~ Connor McMahon Acolyte ~ Volunteer needed			*10:30 am Assisting Minister ~ Jennine Sonntag Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham Ushers ~ Greg & Dorothy Saari Acolyte ~ Adelyn LeHouillier			Readings Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43		
Sunday, November 26th *7:00 pm Assisting Minister~Jennine Sonntag Altar Guild ~ Volunteer needed Ushers ~ Ryan Peters Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed			* Thanksgiving Service at WPL Church* <u>7:00 pm</u>			Readings Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44		
Sunday, November 30th *8:30 am Assisting Minister ~ Matthew Hembrook Altar Guild ~Pat Suderland Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu Acolyte ~ Lauren Gollash			*10:30 am Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson Ushers ~ Ryan Peters Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed			Readings Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44		



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

All Saints Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Dartball (*home*)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

6:30 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

8:30 am Worship Service

Hand Bells-both services

9:30 am Sunday School

9:45 am Confirmation Class

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

3:00 pm Book Club

No Dartball (off)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

Veteran's Day



9:00 am Dorcas

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Dartball (*away*)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

9:00 am Dorcas

6:30 pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

No Dartball (*off*)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship



at WPLC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Pastor off / Office Closed

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

