

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

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Summer Worship Services:

Sun. 9:00 am & Wed. 6:30 pm

No Sunday School until Fall

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September Leaf



****Sunday, September 7th****

(After one service at 10:30 am)



A WORD FROM PASTOR FAZIO . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every week in church we say a few words that have definite biblical/spiritual significance; and I'm wondering if you know exactly to what they refer? The words in question are found in our Communion Liturgy and are "Cherubim and Seraphim". In context we say, "Therefore, with angels and archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn." In full disclosure, I had an idea as to what Cherubim and Seraphim were, but didn't know for certain...so, here we go... understanding "Cherubim and Seraphim".

Cherubim: Guardians of God's Holiness

The **Cherubim** (plural of Cherub) are first mentioned in **Genesis 3:24**, where they are stationed at the entrance to the Garden of Eden with a flaming sword, guarding the way to the Tree of Life after Adam and Eve's expulsion. This dramatic scene sets the tone for their role: **guardians of the sacred** and **symbols of God's holiness and justice**.

Later, in the tabernacle and temple worship (Exodus 25:18-22; 1 Kings 6:23-28), cherubim are carved and embroidered into the Holy of Holies, the most sacred space in Israel's worship, where God's presence dwells. In **Ezekiel 1 and 10**, they appear as complex, awe-inspiring creatures with multiple faces, wings, and wheels—servants of God's glory and judgment.

In Lutheran theology, we affirm that **God is holy**, and the cherubim remind us of this in both His justice and mercy. Their presence at the ark of the covenant, for example, points us to **Christ**, who is now our Mercy Seat—the place where God meets His people in grace (Romans 3:25).

Seraphim: Worshipers of God's Glory

The **Seraphim** are only mentioned once in the Bible, but their appearance is unforgettable.

In **Isaiah 6:1–7**, the prophet sees a vision of God on His throne, surrounded by seraphim—fiery beings with six wings. They cry out:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

Their song echoes in the **Sanctus**, a part of our liturgy: *"Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might..."*—linking our worship to that of heaven. The seraphim do not just praise; one brings a burning coal to touch Isaiah's lips, declaring, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." This prefigures how God's grace cleanses sinners and commissions them for His purposes.

For Lutherans, the seraphim remind us that **worship is not entertainment or emotional experience**, but participation in the heavenly liturgy. Through Word and Sacrament, we are drawn into the presence of God, where **forgiveness and holiness meet**.

At their most basic definition:

- **Cherubim** show us the majesty and justice of God's presence.
- **Seraphim** point us to the holiness and mercy of God's worship.

They teach us to revere God's holiness, rejoice in His mercy, and remember that all of creation—including us—is called to glorify Him.

In the majesty and holiness of our Lord,

Pr. Michael



Seeds of Faith



"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor."
- 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

Dear Sunday School Families,

A new year planting Seeds of Faith and fun awaits! Welcome back to Sunday school as we are so excited for your families to kick off the new 2025-26 year, together with **Rally Day, Sept. 7th after the 10:30 a.m. service** with games, activities, food, and ice cream social! We've been busy preparing for a season of learning, laughter, and growing in faith. We have so many wonderful things planned, and we can't wait to share them with you. This year, we'll be exploring lessons, involving creative crafts, cooking, S.T.E.M., games, projects, lively songs and our Christmas program (TBD). You can count on our children growing in God's word in a fun and meaningful way. We are so blessed to have a group of parents and volunteers dedicated and passionate about pouring their hearts into serving our children.

Important dates to remember:

- Sunday, September 7th: **RALLY DAY**- Student Blessing at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- Sunday, September 14th: **ACOLYTE TRAINING** with Pastor Fazio after 8:30 a.m. service during "Middle Hour" in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, September 28th: **FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS** during Middle Hour in the Multimedia Rm.
YOUTH GROUP GET TOGETHER. Lunch will be served!

Your children are a gift from God, and it is a privilege to partner with you in their faith journey. Thank you for entrusting us with this precious time.

We can't wait to see you on Sept. 7th!

In His Grace,

Kathy Fazio, DCE



WPLC Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 19, 2025

ATTENDEES: Pastor Michael Fazio, Adam Fiedler, Pam Kobin, Connor McMahon, Lisa Douglas, Rachel Vick

1. Opening Prayer Pr. Fazio
 - Pastor opened meeting in prayer @ 6:34 PM
2. Treasurers/Finance Report - Lisa
 - Financials submitted - available upon request
3. Pastor's Report Written
 - Written report submitted - available upon request
4. Christian Education Report Written
 - Currently planning curriculum for Sunday school
 - Helping with confirmation and bible study
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Endowment - Pam
 - 3 applicants for scholarships \$1000 each
 - 3 for continuing \$500 each
 - Sponsored 1 attendee for Christian camp
 - 1 late application approved for the continuing
 - Endowment account \$888K as of July
 - Received a significant gift from a member who recently passed
 - Attorney re-writing by-laws to better clarify documents
 - Endowment is covering the cost of tickets for the Serenity Fundraiser Dinner for 3 WPLC attendees
 - b. Worship and Music - Pastor
 - Getting close to transitioning from summer to fall liturgy
 - c. Property - Connor
 - Landscaping completed
 - Tuckpointing completed
 - Parking lot refreshed
 - Major contracting work is completed
 - d. Social Ministry - Adam
 - Raised \$276 dollars from produce table
 - Last coffee hour of the month to go towards Serenity Inn
 - Toy drive upcoming to support Children's hospital cancer patients
 - Organized school kits
6. Old Business
 - None
7. New Business
 - Most recent water in basement/house
 - Need new furnace
 - Replace washer and dryer in house
 - Employee reviews - coming out in September
8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 16
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm with the Lord's Prayer

SOCIAL MINISTRY

August 31st coffee hour will benefit Serenity Inns. Their mission is to provide care for men seeking recovery from substance use disorder.

Unity Lutheran Church

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.

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

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, Sept. 16th**.

CommUNITY meal: the next hot meal is **Wednesday, September 17th**. Volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for meal prep, meal serve, fellowship and clean-up.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

The goal is to send 70 school kits to LWR. The remaining need is 121 ct. of 70-page wide-ruled spiral notebooks. Also need 4 or more boxes of ten-ream letter size (not legal size) for shipping. The school kits will be delivered to Madison on **Saturday, September 13th**.

September - Childhood Cancer Month

Jolyn Haugen is a WPLC Social Ministry member and on 9/30/25 will celebrate being cancer free for 15 years. Since her 5-year cancer free anniversary, she has been doing a group “pay it forward” to celebrate. This year Jolyn is teaming up with Jillie, her friends’ daughter who is a 7 year cancer survivor. They are collecting new toys and games for the children/young adults receiving treatment at the Oncology unit at Children’s Hospital. They will be collecting through September to honor Childhood Cancer Month. Please note: toy guns of any type and stuffed animals are not accepted. If you would like to be a part of this pay it forward, a collection box will be in the narthex to donate a toy/game. Donations will be dropped off at Children’s Hospital in the beginning of October.

Thank you for your support!!!

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 Regular & Decaf coffee is 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

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.

Spotlight on Serenity Inns

Their mission is to empower men struggling with substance use disorder by offering a holistic treatment program focused on compassion, healing, and personal growth while fostering a compassionate community of accountability, guiding them on their journey to recovery.

Their program includes:

Drop-In Clinic: Provide accessible care for all, regardless of insurance status.

Residential Treatment: A supportive environment where men begin their journey to recovery, addressing diverse health needs.

Transitional Living: Offer continued structure and guidance as men progress towards independent living.

Alumni House: Ensure ongoing support and connection for program graduates.

Church Directory



Our new church directory is ready. Please take one copy per family. They are located on the table near the front door near the elevator. Thanks to Mike Oberheu for putting it together and to all who shared their photos with us.

WPLC Report Property Report

There wasn't a formal meeting in August, but here is an update:

Like many in the area, our church and house were affected. The back flow valves that were installed worked correctly and surely saved us from a serious water issue. The church basement classroom area had the most water. Again, a huge thank you to everyone who showed up with wet vacs and fans. We will be having a moisture inspection done to ensure it is thoroughly dried out. At this time, we are not certain of where the clear water came from but are looking into it. The house backup was caused by a sump pump issue. The basement has been cleaned, sterilized and anti-mold inhibitors have been applied. A new dehumidifier has been purchased, and a new furnace is scheduled to be installed. We may need to replace the washer and dryer as well.

Next meeting is: **Tues., Sept. 9th at 7pm.** Please join us! You don't need to be an expert. If you like working around your house or condo, or miss doing these things, we could always use another set of hands and talents.

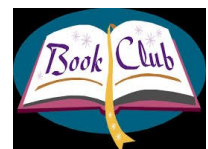
Thank you, *Michael Oberheu*



Monday, September 8th, 2025 3:00 at WPLC

Book discussion: The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives, but when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books.



Charlie Martin, 09-01
 Mary Llanas, 09-04
 Jared Slieff-Vogt, 09-04
 Jackson Bussler, 09-05
 Cameron Casey, 09-06
 Bob Dallmann, 09-06
 Meg Sutton, 09-07
 Terry Sparacino, 09-07
 Jenna Laposki, 09-08
 Carrie Berg, 09-11
 Deborah Miller, 09-13
 Natalie Cudzewicz, 09-14
 Michael Baldewicz, 09-15
 Jessica Stanton, 09-17



Jamie Bussler, 09-19
 Ronald Labott, 09-20
 Elvin Arthur, 09-21
 Tom Abraham, 09-22
 Joseph Posick, 09-25
 Elizabeth Posick, 09-26
 Lloyd Gellings, 09-26
 Angela Cotey, 09-27
 Don Hareng, 09-27
 Greg Stanton, 09-27
 Michael Myers, 09-28
 Debbie Krajewski, 09-28
 Lisa Hampel, 09-29
 Dale McIntyre, 09-30

Lyle & Joan Lance, 09-01
 Jon & Michelle Dietzler, 09-09
 Kathy & Donald Ross, 09-10
 Kurtis & Sharon Kaempfer, 09-15
 Sandy & Tom Abraham, 09-17



Patrick & Samantha Casey, 09-18
 Jennine Sonntag & Roy Stollenwerk, 09-22
 Michael & Janel Oberheu, 09-22
 Scott & Kari Cole, 09-24
 Nicki & Andrew Braun, 09-27

President: Adam Fiedler
 Vice Pres: Connor McMahon
 Treasurer & Finance:
 Lisa Douglas
 Secretary: Rachel Vick
 Endowment: Pam Kobin
 Council Member:
 Mitchell Rakow



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 Property: Connor McMahon
 Director of Christian Ed:
 Kathy Fazio
 Liaison to Christian Ed: Pam Kobin

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



Throwback Potluck Dinner



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, September 7th

****Rally Sunday***

****One service 10:30 am***

****Rally Picnic to follow***

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Matt Grubis
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers~Greg & Dorothy Saari
Acolyte ~Volunteer Needed

Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 14th

*** 8:30 am**

Assisting Minister~Marjorie Pagel
Altar Guild ~Janel Oberheu
Ushers ~ Jeff Dietz (Noah Leon)
Acolyte ~ Zia Roe

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~
Jennine Sonntag
Altar Guild ~ Elaine Johnson
Ushers ~ Jerry Rakow
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 21st

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~
Jerrijo Cowman
Altar Guild ~Barb Melrose
Ushers ~ Dave Palmersheim
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 pm**

Assisting Minister ~ Meg Sutton
Altar Guild ~ Sandy Abraham
Ushers ~ Adam Fiedler
Acolyte ~ Nolan Martens

Readings

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 28th

***8:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Doug Winter
Altar Guild ~ Pat Suderland
Ushers ~ Mike Oberheu
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

***10:30 am**

Assisting Minister ~ Matt Grubis
Altar Guild ~ Carol Becwar
Ushers ~ Ryan Peters
Acolyte ~ Volunteer Needed

Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST



Pastor off/Office closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



AFTER 1 SERVICE 10:30 AM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

3:00 pm Book Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:00 am Dorcas

7:00 pm Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

6:30 pm Senior Choir practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00 am Dorcas

6:30 pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

6:30 pm Senior Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

10:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

9:00 am Dorcas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

6:30 pm Senior Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Pastor off/Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

9:00 am Dorcas

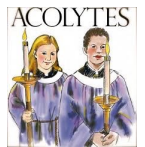


**Choir practice will begin
on Wed. Sept 10th.**

Acolytes Needed

We are in need of volunteers to
Acolyte. Pastor see
Pastor for details.

God Bless!



Let us celebrate the beauty of
God's creation with a walk
through the **Wehr Nature Center**
Park on **Saturday, October 11th**.
We will meet at church @ 9:00 am
and carpool to a parking lot.
There will be a sign-up sheet on
the bulletin board with more
information for anyone interested
in enjoying the morning walk.



Our flower calendar
is on the bulletin board.
Please sign up for
flowers on the Altar.

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God Bless!