

**Woodlake
Lutheran Church**

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*Woodlake Lutheran Church is a
congregation of the ELCA.*

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning
10:00am

***Please see summer worship
schedule on the right!***

Saturday Evening
5:00pm in the Chapel

Wednesday Morning Matins
8:00am in the Chapel

Church Office Hours

Monday.....9am – 12pm
Tuesday.....9am – 4pm
Wednesday.....9am – 4pm
Thursday.....9am – 4pm
Friday.....9am – 12pm
Saturday.....Closed
Sunday..... Before and after worship

*Articles for July's issue of The
Messenger are due to
office@woodlakechurch.org
no later than June 15.*



From the Call Committee

Who: Each one of you

What: Review completed Ministry Site Profile (search material for a new Pastor)

Where: Posted on our website
(<http://woodlakechurch.org/media/recommended-links/>) or available in the church office

When: Before June 8th

Why: We appreciate your feedback and will listen to it via e-mail or in writing or in person on Thursday, June 8th at a meeting in the Fireside Room between 6pm-7pm.

**June 4th – June 11th: Families Moving Forward
Hosting Week**

FMF is operated by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative; check out their website at <http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/>. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and take down rooms, act as hosts, prepare meals, wash dishes, do laundry, and stay overnight. Check out the sign up table in the narthex after worship on Sunday, or contact lead coordinator Scott Dahlquist at sjaadahlquist@comcast.net or at [612 919 9232](tel:6129199232) to see how you can help.

**Sunday, June 4: Recognition of Graduating Seniors
and Piano Dedication**

Join us as we recognize our graduating high school seniors during worship! (If you have a graduating high school senior and you can be in worship at 10am, please contact Julia in the office at 612-866-8449 ext 10 or via email at office@woodlakechurch.org). After worship, we'll dedicate our new pianos with some musical fun.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 18

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: 10am on the lawn

2nd and 4th Sundays: 10am in the sanctuary

Every Saturday: 5pm in the Chapel

Coffee will be served on Sunday mornings during the summer if someone signs up to serve it (signup sheets are in the office).

Pastor's Corner

“Better Together”

We are better when we do life together. Talk to the coach of any athletic team and she will tell you that the team that plays together generally is the team that wins the game. Better together. Talk to the director of a symphony or a choir and they will tell you the same thing. The best music is produced when we work together. Again, better together.

It was something that people in the Bible knew very well. Because 2000 years ago if you wanted to survive you needed each other. You needed each other's skills, talents, and abilities if you were going to make it through the day. There was a strength in numbers. Better together.

So for us, in a world that so often celebrates the strong individual, we do better when we are together with each other and with our Lord Jesus Christ. We bear one another's burdens. We are strong when others are weak. Connected to Jesus we find the power we need to deal with what life has placed before us. We are better together. Don't ever forget it.

Pastor Charlie

Around the Table

Notes from Your Leadership Board

A big THANK YOU to EVERYONE who assisted with worship during Holy Week. There were many people who helped behind the scenes with flowers, palms, banners and other decorations, worship planning, and who volunteered as worship assistants, chancel stewards, communion assistants, ushers, and sacristans. There were many people who stepped up to help. I especially appreciate Carol Olson, Diane Rappe, Cheryl Buranen, and Muriel Holland who took care of many extra details during Holy Week.

Summer is coming soon and we will be having outdoor worship as in previous years. Worship will be outside (weather permitting) the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month, beginning June 18th. Worship will be in the sanctuary the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Time will continue to be 10am. Communion will be by intinction on Sundays during the summer beginning May 28th. Individual cups will be used during the Saturday service. There are always openings for someone to set up for Saturday services; please contact Deb Heinecke if you are willing to help some weekend. There is also a need for sacristans on Sundays, especially during the summer. Contact Deb if you would consider this and she will provide info/training.

There are plans underway for a joint collaborative service with Oak Grove and House of Prayer August 20th at Veteran's Park - so mark your calendars!

Deb Heinecke, Worship and Music Commissioner

From the Records

Deaths and Funerals

Thank you for keeping these families in your prayers.

M. Joan Hodges (9/29/1930 – 12/28/2016), service held at Woodlake on December 31, 2016

Arlene Schroeder (11/19/1930 – 1/19/2017), service held at Masonic Home on January 25, 2017

Linda Lee Christenson (7/22/1964 – 3/5/2017), service held at Woodlake on March 10, 2017

Charles Benson (6/7/1933 – 3/16/2017), service held at Woodlake on March 21, 2017

Danette Kamrath (6/7/1945 – 4/23/2017), service held at Woodlake on April 28, 2017

Robert Thrune (6/18/1928 – 4/29/2017), graveside service on May 4 at Fort Snelling

Cheryl Tremel (5/13/1928 – 5/7/2017), service held at Woodlake on May 16, 2017

Baptisms

Za'Nya Antia Anjinia Major, child of Chartina and Anthony Major, on February 12

Aurora Maye Jungers, child of Kristy and Paul Jungers, on February 19

Harrison Timothy Riley, child of Brianne and Timothy Riley, on March 12

Elizabeth June Forderer, child of Colleen Windler and Mitchell Forderer, on March 19

First Communion

Lauren Davis took First Communion on April 13.

Confirmands

Ryan Howard Lauber and **Molly Wen Sha Olson** were confirmed on May 21.

Building and Finances

At the mid-way point of the 2016-17 fiscal year, we are happy to report that we are in a good financial state. As shown below, the budgeted amount anticipated a shortfall both for the month of April and year to date. However, due to continued generous contributions and holding expenses down, we in the black on both fronts!!

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Total Operating Income	\$302,627	\$310,565
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$303,102</u>	<u>\$264,690</u>
Net	(\$475)	\$45,875

	April Budget	April Actual
Total Operating Income	\$50,834	\$47,819
Total Operating Expenses	\$54,488	\$37,599
Net	(\$3,654)	\$10,220

Research has been conducted into the right type, color and patterns of new floor covering for the Narthex and Fellowship Hall areas. The next step is to narrow the options down to just a few for the final selection.

An audit and recommendations are now in for replacing existing lighting with LED lighting and installing occupancy sensors to avoid having lights on unnecessarily when a room is not occupied. The affected areas include parking lot lights, flag lights, the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, restrooms and most of the Sunday School rooms and hallway. Under Phase I energy use in the affected areas are expected to go down by 91%, while actually improving the level of light by 10% or more. The estimated cost of \$8,400 has a payback period of only 1.72 years (1 year and 8 1/2 months) with continued yearly savings (energy & maintenance) of about \$4,900 after that.

REACH update

The REACH fund was originally established in November 2012 to help the congregation complete the repairs on our building, pay down the mortgage principal and reach out with Christ's love in our community and beyond. The three-year pledged fund ended in October 2015. We have been blessed to continue to receive financial support through the REACH program from you. We are going to officially close the REACH savings account and future support will be allocated to the Properties Project fund. We accomplished so much because of you and we thank you for your continued support.

- The Leadership Board

Worship and Music Notes

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Acts 2:1-4

I got caught up in the word ‘ALL TOGETHER’ and ‘IN ONE PLACE’ while I was reading and writing these verses.

The first Sunday of June is Pentecost. In Acts 2:1, they were all together in one place. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. It happened fifty days after Easter Sunday. They gathered in a house and experienced the Holy Spirit. This is the birthday of church. I often think it could happen in our place. Because the miracle that all of the people in the room were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues happened around this time. The miracle can occur in our place if we desire at this time.

Spiritual growth in our life as a Christian is important. When? My soul thirsts for God. How? Put your hope in God. (Psalm 42) Like as the deer panteth for the water...When our soul longeth after thee can grow. Let's long for the miracle in our life.

Pentecost is a festival and blessing. Let's celebrate it.

“There shall be showers of blessing.” The hymn was written by Daniel Webster Whittle. This is the hymn that I want to share with you now:

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.

Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need; Mercy drops 'round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing, Precious reviving again; Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.

There shall be showers of blessing: Send them upon us, O Lord; Grant to us now a refreshing; Come and now honor Thy word.

There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall, Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!

- Hyeonjeong Lee, Director of Worship and Music

Small Group and Circle News

Faith and Fiction Book Club

Next meeting is Thursday, June 22, 7:00pm in the Heritage Room (fourth Thursday). Our book for June is *Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. Join at any time!

Annual Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, June 7th is the date for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Laughter Group, and Caps and Wraps Knitters, and Quilters to get together for lunch and laughter. We will meet at noon at Timber Lodge and we hope you will be able to attend – always a fun time to be together. Please call Starr at 612-866-2922 or Betty at 952-835-3133 before June 5th if you plan to be with us. If you would like to come just to see what we are all about, you are welcome. And bring a joke to share!

Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your help!

Our knitters and crocheters try to keep their eyes and ears open for those who might appreciate a prayer shawl because of something going on in their lives or the lives of someone they know. We know that we miss people and sometimes that will happen, but with your help maybe we won't miss as many. Please let Starr (612-866-2922), Betty H. (952-835-3133) or anyone in the prayer shawl ministry know, and we (or you) can get and give a shawl to whomever you think should have one - if you want one for yourself, let us know. We want you to have one!

To you who are new to Woodlake, we have given over 800 shawls since 2005 - most of them outside our congregation. They have been sent to many states and even to Africa - all made with lots of prayers and love. Please help us. Thank you!

Morning Prayer Shawl Ministry – Summer Schedule

The Thursday morning knitting and crocheting group will continue to meet during the summer months beginning June 22nd and continuing the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in July and August. If anyone of any age wants to come this summer to learn to knit or crochet, we would be happy to have you join us when you can. We meet from 9:30 – 11:30 in the Fireside Room.

The laughter group will take a break during the summer months, but keep laughing – it's good for you!

Collaboration Corner



Bobby Van Deusen Concert & Barbary Coast Band at House of Prayer

Sunday, June 4! Come see the best! One of Bobby Van Deusen's final concert series at 1:00 pm, plus the Barbary Coast Band at the 9:30 am worship service! Van Deusen is one of the world's finest piano entertainers – Jazz, Dixieland, Classic – you name it! The Barbary Coast Band is a Minnesota Hall of Fame favorite. It's all FREE! Invite your friends to both or either the 9:30 am worship service at HOP or the 1:00 pm world class performance. Refreshments will be served following the 1:00 pm performance.

Pin of the Month - June

29 Dollar-Store Finds That Will Keep Your Kids Busy All Summer

This pin includes awesome ideas to keep your kids entertained, and cool, for less. Including ideas like using chalk and a large sponge to turn your drive way into a target game or using a colander and a bike helmet to catch water balloons. Find the pin and the directions on our Pinterest page under our Let's Get Moving board! Or at: <https://www.pinterest.com/familyfaithfun2/lets-get-moving/>

Women's Summer Bible Study at Oak Grove

All women of House of Prayer, Woodlake, and Oak Grove are welcome! Lydia-Ruth Circle of Oak Grove will be hosting his Bible study on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the lower level of the church. Light refreshments will be served. No preparation is required. The Bible study is published in the Gather magazine, a publication of the ELCA for women.

Session One: say Goodbye to Nice. Nice is not the same as good. Making nice is what you do to avoid upsetting people. But Good knows there are more important things than your reputation, your balance sheet, and whatever else it is you count on to make you comfortable. Good does what matters. **(Tuesday, June 13)**

Next sessions are on Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday, August 8. If you need a ride to Oak Grove, please contact Margaret Olson at 612-866-7827.