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WOODLAKE LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (2019 – 2020 PROGRAMMING YEAR)

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship:

10:00 a.m. on Facebook or YouTube

In-person services will be announced

God is present in our midst, and worship is our response.

Worship with others is a formative experience for a Christian, building faith and strengthening community. Worship is for all ages, every week.

2020 STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor Neal Cannon
Pastor Micah Pearson

John Call, Custodian
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Woodlake Lutheran Church, sponsored by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, was established in 1947 as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The new congregation first met in homes and then in the now-demolished Wood Lake School on 66th Street near Wood Lake in Richfield. A church was built and occupied on Penn Avenue and 72nd Street in 1948.

Woodlake experienced rapid growth in the early 1950s and, realizing the need for a larger facility, purchased the land where the present church stands from the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church, in turn, bought Woodlake's land and building, and continues to worship there at what is now St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

The southwest wing, including a worship space that is now Fellowship Hall, was built in 1955. The northwest wing, sanctuary, chapel, and office area were completed in 1962. A 31-rank Holtkamp pipe organ was added to the sanctuary in 1977. Several updates and renovations have been undertaken since that time. A refurbishment of the classroom wings was completed in 1998. Installation of the eight stained glass windows envisioned in the original design of the sanctuary was finished that year as well. Most recently, the narthex and Heritage Room addition along with renovations to the office/reception area and Fellowship Hall were completed in 2000.

Woodlake has been served by the following pastors: LaVerne Nelsen (1947-1952), C. Richard Evenson (1952-1957), Alf Romstad (1957-1977), Paul Romstad (1977-1995), Warren Schulz (1995-1996, interim), Mark Wegener (1996-2010), Arthur Bruning (2010-2012, interim), Fredrick Hanson (2012-2016), Charles Plaster (2016-2018, interim), Micah Pearson (2018-present), and Neal Cannon (2019-present). Associate and Visitation Pastors have included Jack Bredfeldt, Al Byers, Paul Oas, Marshall Pechauer, Louis Larson, John Henning, Henry Ehlen, Walter Ekeren, Theodore Edwardsen, Jerome Larson, Clarence Solberg, Robert Hall, Kari Fedje Rasmus, Mark Nelson (Interim), Diane Roth, Brice Eichlersmith, and Joanne Sorenson. Many Seminary Interns and other staff members have also enriched the ministry of the congregation.

Changes in the larger Lutheran Church brought a merger between the Evangelical Lutheran Church and several other Lutheran churches in 1960, and Woodlake became a congregation of the American Lutheran Church. On January 1, 1988, another merger made Woodlake a part of the new Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

A CHURCH YEAR

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany

During the four weeks of Advent we wait for the Christmas miracle to happen again and ponder the love that sent God's Son. Special Wednesday evening services emphasize this spirit of expectation and provide you with a quiet time to prepare a space in your heart for the Christ Child.

As Christmas approaches, the excitement builds. Our choirs and Sunday School students share the rich music and drama of the season in special presentations.

Services on Christmas Eve are joyous, festive and welcoming. The Word has once again been made flesh and come to dwell among us. Come and see!

Share the light of God's saving love as we remember how the "good news" was heralded by a star at the first Epiphany.

Lent & Easter

Lent is the church's springtime, when a people reborn through baptism emerge from a winter of sin into the Lord's death and resurrection. You have extra opportunities for worship on Lenten Wednesdays as well as a standing invitation to break bread with us at a Soup Supper.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, in the festive spirit of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. As events of the week unfold in services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the mood changes. Consider in turn the meaning of the Lord's Supper, the depths of Jesus' suffering and death, and the promise of baptism. The intense experience of this single service conducted across these services heightens the impact of the glorious victory of Easter.

Celebrate the resurrection with us in a burst of trumpets and a loud "Alleluia" when we gather on Easter morning.

Pentecost

Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church," when the Holy Spirit first came to Jesus' disciples. The Spirit continues to guide our growth as we hear Scripture readings in Sunday morning worship about God's plans for our lives of discipleship.

Green, growing, summertime...all are words associated with the season of Pentecost at Woodlake. Our Sunday worship schedule changes as we take advantage of the beauty of God's outdoors and the Minnesota tradition of a time of rest and relaxation in the summer.

Summer is a time for special opportunities for you and your family. Investigate one of the Bible camps your boy or girl can attend, and put Vacation Bible School on your calendar.

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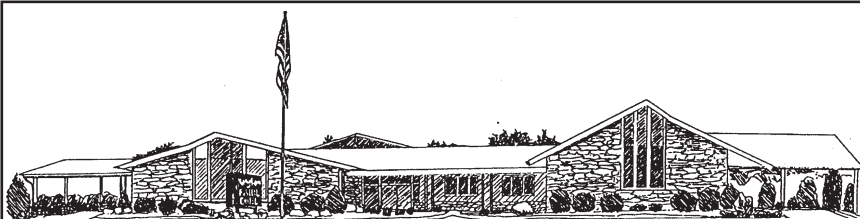
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The Woodlake Heritage Endowment Fund is structured to receive gifts that benefit the ministries of Woodlake Lutheran Church today, tomorrow, and into the future. Your special gift to the Endowment Fund can support current programs or encourage expansion into new opportunities for ministry.

Such gifts are appropriate whether you are honoring a loved one who has died, marking the birth or baptism of a child, or celebrating a wedding anniversary—any occasion when you have been reminded of God's blessings and wish to give thanks. The Fund is equipped to receive a variety of assets including cash, stock, bequests, and insurance policies.

The Heritage Endowment Fund consists of two distinct types of gifts: Memorial funds that can be depleted for the purpose specified and Heritage funds that are invested to generate earnings that become available for spending according to Endowment Fund guidelines. Memorial funds are collected by category (Music Ministry or Carpet Replacement, for instance); earnings from Heritage funds are awarded to specific proposals submitted annually and ratified by congregational vote.



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