



2017 annual report

Our Vision:

Multiplying Disciples // Transforming Lives

Our Mission:

To **FOLLOW** Jesus Christ, **GROW** as His disciples, **SERVING** and **TELLING** others, so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

What's Inside Look For These Icons

Hear from our Senior Pastor, get a glimpse into 2017 at each of our three campuses, and take a look at overall membership and finances.



See how worship attendance has grown over the past several years.



Discover how important small groups and education are to WLC.



See how much we value serving and volunteers. Find out how you can become involved in serving at WLC.



Learn how WLC is reaching beyond our doors and into our community and world.

From Pastor Tom

2017 was an incredible year for those who gather as disciples of Jesus at Woodbury Lutheran Church on all three of our campuses. Last Easter we stepped up in an incredible way giving away our entire Easter offering of \$100,000 and multiplying \$10,000 of it through your generosity back into the community.

Throughout 2017 we celebrated God's faithfulness over the last 50 and 500 years as we remembered how Woodbury Lutheran Church began 50 years ago and the beginnings of the Lutheran Church through the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago.

We started the Liberty Ridge Campus and celebrated the 5 year anniversary of the Oak Hill Campus. We provided over 272,000 meals through Feed My Starving Children. We grew in worship attendance to over 1500 people for the first time in our history. We were blessed to baptize over 70 people. Adults and students participating in Small Groups continued to grow as did the number of people who are Serving and Reaching.

Through Multiply, we are looking ahead to where God is leading us next; His Spirit continues to move in incredible ways as He uses us to be His witnesses! As you read through these pages be filled with joy at the work of God through His church, you, and me.

Peace,
Pastor Tom



WE VALUE

Truth

Each Person

Relationships

Our Community

*Compassionate
Care*

Movement





In February, we publically launched the Liberty Ridge Campus. On that first Sunday, we had

147

people in **worship!**

In 2017

10

1st or 2nd time guests filled out a Communication Card at the Liberty Ridge Campus.

LIBERTY RIDGE CAMPUS

CAMPUS PASTOR - JON KUEHNE

OUR FAMILY ACTED ON THE HOLY SPIRIT'S NUDGE AND TOOK THE NEXT STEP IN OUR FAITH JOURNEY IN MOVING TO LIBERTY RIDGE. WE HAVE BEEN RICHLY BLESSED AS WE'VE DEEPEMED AND DEVELOPED NEW FRIENDSHIPS THROUGH SERVING TOGETHER TO BRING JESUS TO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD
- BREIHOLZ FAMILY | LIBERTY RIDGE

95

WEEKLY AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE IN 2017

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HIGHEST
WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 5

147



In **August**, we celebrated the 5th anniversary of the official launch of the Oak Hill Campus. We had

257
people in **worship!**

In 2017

19

1st or 2nd time guests filled out a Communication Card at the Oak Hill Campus.

IN SEPTEMBER, THE OAK HILL CAMPUS SAID GOOD-BYE AND GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO THE BROTEN FAMILY. THAT LAST SUNDAY WITH THEM WAS FILLED WITH MEMORIES, SMILES, LAUGHS, PRAYERS, HUGS, AND TEARS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS PASTOR DEREK AND HIS FAMILY AS THEY FOLLOW WHERE GOD IS LEADING THEM.

OAK HILL CAMPUS

CAMPUS PASTOR - **VACANT**

WE HAVE BEEN IMPACTED AT OAK HILL BY THE WARM, FRIENDLY CONGREGATION, PASTORS, AND STAFF, BY OUR SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY, BY OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY WITH VARIOUS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES, BY BIBLICALLY-CENTERED PREACHING, WORSHIP, AND SONG - **JERRY & JOYCE MORAN | OAK HILL**

214
WEEKLY AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE IN 2017



HIGHEST
WEEKEND
EASTER
393



In **October**, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the launch of Woodbury Lutheran Church (now the Valley Creek Campus). We had

1377

people in **worship!**

In 2017

161

1st or 2nd time guests filled out a Communication Card at the Valley Creek Campus.

VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS

WE WORSHIP AND SERVE AT THE VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS BECAUSE OUR ROOTS ARE HERE. OUR KIDS WERE CONFIRMED AND MARRIED HERE AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN WERE BAPTIZED HERE. VALLEY CREEK IS WHERE WE GREW IN OUR FAITH THROUGH SERMONS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND SMALL GROUPS. OUR FAITH GREW MORE BY BEING INVOLVED IN YOUTH PROGRAMS, COUNCIL, CHOIR, AND ELDERS. THE VALLEY CREEK CAMPUS IS WHERE WE SERVE AND WHERE WE CALL HOME - **SCOTT & PAT STEVENS | VALLEY CREEK**

1145

WEEKLY AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE IN 2017

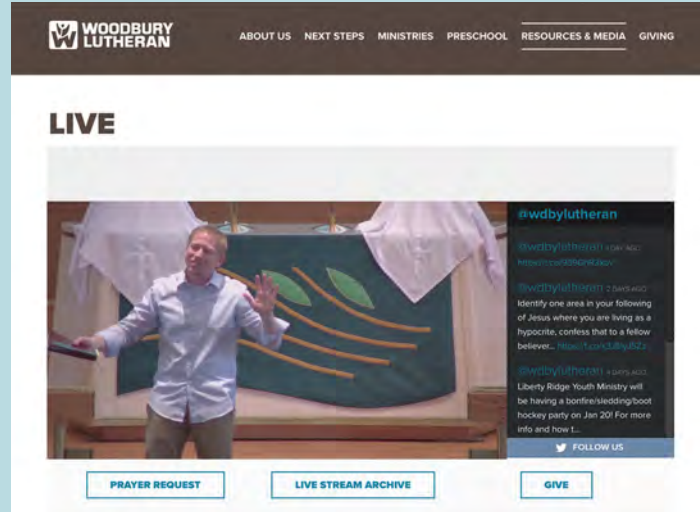


HIGHEST
WEEKEND
EASTER
2801

In January, we held the official launch of our Online Campus. We had

116

people **worshipping** online that first Sunday!



ONLINE CAMPUS

ONLINE SERVICES KEEP ME CONNECTED WHEN I CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH. WHETHER I CHOOSE THE CONTEMPORARY OR BLENDED SERVICE, I FEEL LIKE I AM PHYSICALLY THERE. BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE!
- **CONNIE JONES | VALLEY CREEK**

78

WEEKLY AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE IN 2017



HIGHEST
WEEKEND
DECEMBER 31

177

Worship.



WORSHIP



GROW



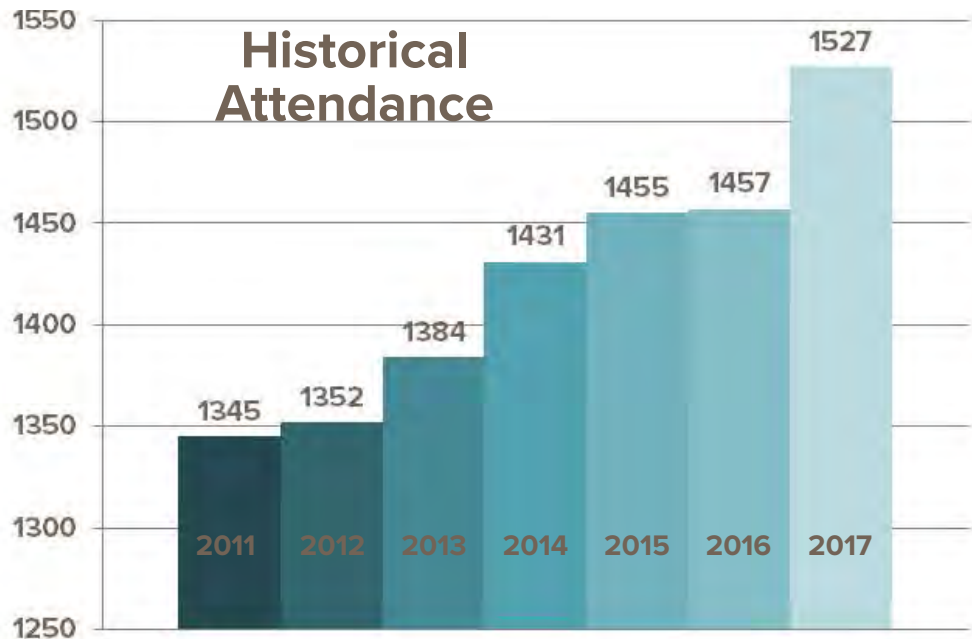
SERVE



REACH

190

IN 2017
1ST OR 2ND TIME
GUESTS FILLED OUT A
COMMUNICATION CARD



MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING WLC FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME, WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH STAFF AS WELL AS THE GREAT FRIENDS WE HAVE MADE. FOR QUITE SOME TIME, WE HAD BEEN ATTENDING TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY. BUT, MORE RECENTLY, WE HAVE FOUND OUR HOME IN THE 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE. IT'S A BLESSING TO HAVE A CHURCH WITH OPTIONS THAT CAN APPEAL TO ALL. WE FEEL AT HOME AND TRULY LOVE OUR TIME AT WLC! - **DAVE HOVE | VALLEY CREEK**

1527

2017 WORSHIP
AVERAGE ACROSS
ALL CAMPUSES



HIGHEST
WEEKEND
EASTER

3364

Membership.



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH

6 Infants
Liberty Ridge

10 Infants
Oak Hill

3 Adults
Valley Creek

74
PEOPLE
BAPTIZED
IN 2017

55 Infants
Valley Creek

479
PEOPLE
BAPTIZED
SINCE 2011

75
PEOPLE
CONFIRMED
THEIR FAITH
IN 2017

38 Adult
Valley Creek

22 Youth
Valley Creek

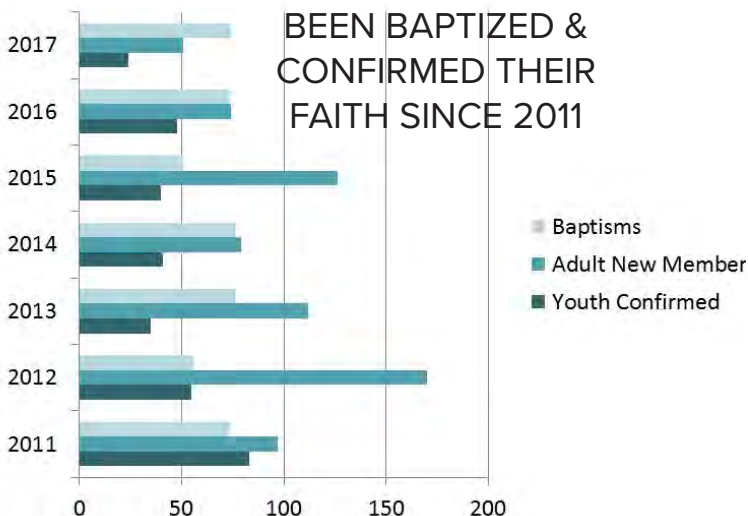
1 Youth
Oak Hill

10 Adults
Oak Hill

1 Youth
Liberty Ridge

3 Adults
Liberty Ridge

1514
PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN BAPTIZED &
CONFIRMED THEIR
FAITH SINCE 2011



3784
Baptized

2811
Confirmed

3473
Baptized

2550
Confirmed

2016

2017

**Historical
Membership**

The Finances.



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH

We look ahead to an exciting two years as we begin to implement our plans around **Multiply**. This includes a continued push toward paying down debt, holding cash resources for needed building upgrades and improvements, and beginning to plan for funding future ministry.

2017 YEAR-END FINANCIALS

Operating Budget

\$3,442,480

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

\$4,151,488

Debt

\$1,747,263

CURRENT TOTAL DEBT

\$242,283

TOTAL DEBT REDUCED
IN 2017

Endowment Fund

\$136,340

END OF YEAR BALANCE



From the WLC website, click on "GIVE" to find out about:

**giving online*

**text-to-give*

**accessing your giving statement*

**Endowment*

First Fruit gifts to **MULTIPLY** Funds set aside for 2018-19 ministries:

\$600,000

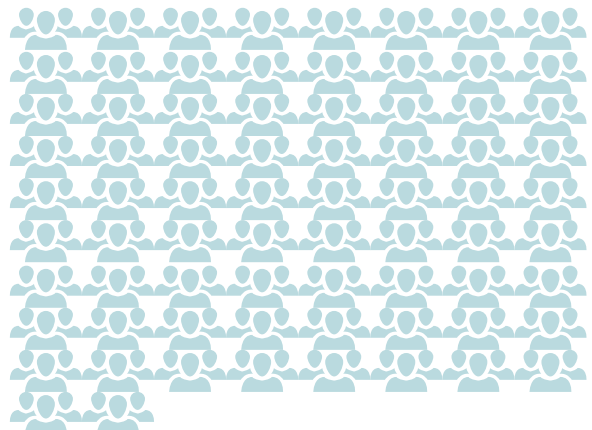


\$100,000

GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL CHARITIES

248

INDIVIDUALS
GAVE FOR THE
FIRST TIME



multiply
477

PLEDGES COMMITTED
TO MULTIPLY OVER
THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Growing Together.



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRIES

47

SMALL GROUPS
IN KIDS &
YOUTH
MINISTRIES

49

YOUTH IN THE
CONFIRMATION
PROCESS

218

KIDS & ADULTS
EACH WEEKEND
IN KIDS MINISTRY

395

KIDS ATTENDED
SUMMER CAMPS
WITH 113
VOLUNTEERS IN
2017

VALLEY CREEK

137 kids, 17 grps, 43 ldrs

OAK HILL

19 kids, 3 grps, 8 ldrs

LIBERTY RIDGE

6 kids, 2 grps, 5 ldrs

167

YOUTH & ADULTS
EACH WEEK IN
YOUTH MINISTRY

VALLEY CREEK

106 yth, 20 grps, 24 ldrs

OAK HILL

17 yth, 5 grps, 6 ldrs

LIBERTY RIDGE*

9 yth, 5 ldrs

* Liberty Ridge students and leaders join with
Valley Creek for Wednesday evening programming.

234

GUESTS IN
KIDS AND YOUTH
MINISTRIES



I LOVE HOW THE YOUTH HAVE BECOME VITAL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM. THEY ARE MUCH NEEDED AND MISSED WHEN ABSENT. THEY ENJOY SERVING BECAUSE THEY ARE VALUED. ALSO, IT IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR THEM TO SERVE RIGHT ALONG WITH ADULTS. WE ARE ALL ONE BIG FAMILY AND ARE SO BLESSED TO SERVE WITH THEM.

- KRIS SWEET | LIBERTY RIDGE

BIBLE & FRIENDS - VC
5 students; 11 volunteers

ADULT MINISTRY - SMALL GROUPS



574
ADULTS IN SMALL
GROUPS

VALLEY CREEK

411

OAK HILL

111

LIBERTY RIDGE

52

72

ADULTS IN SMALL
GROUPS

MY SMALL GROUP HAS BEEN A SAFE SPACE TO LEARN, QUESTION, LOVE, AND GROW. THE SUPPORT I RECEIVE FROM THIS GROUP OF WOMEN HELPS ME GROW IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. - **ANGIE FISH | VALLEY CREEK**



Haven't taken the next step of joining a small group? Find out all about them and how to join by contacting Mary Lehman at 651-739-5144. Valley Creek, contact: Kaye Christiansen at 651-285-4950.

Liberty Ridge, contact Jan Rygh at 651-983-9172. Oak Hill, contact Wendy Baumgarn at 651-815-9122 or Diane Cragoe Hall at 507-920-9594.

WOODBURY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

125

CHILDREN
SERVED AT WL
PRESCHOOL

BAPTIZED

58

UNBAPTIZED

58

DEDICATED

9

CHURCH DENOMINATIONS OF FAMILIES WE SERVE:

30 WLC

14 OTHER LUTHERAN

52 OTHER CHRISTIAN

29 NO CHURCH AFFILIATION



Serving Together.



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH



REFUGE LIFE MINISTRY

1 REFUGEE FAMILY

welcomed, provided for, and celebrated with by **14 MEMBERS** of **2 SMALL GROUPS**. They met **35 TIMES** with the family, loving and serving them.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

3 TEAMS SENT to serve over **10 families** with **\$52,000** raised for relief/rebuild expenses. Rebuilding is still underway. **YOU** can still get involved and serve!



1056

PEOPLE SERVED IN VARIOUS ONGOING MINISTRIES AT ALL CAMPUSES DURING 2017

94

PEOPLE WERE CONNECTED WITH AT WLC CONNECTION CENTERS

272,160

MEALS PACKED DURING OUR FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK

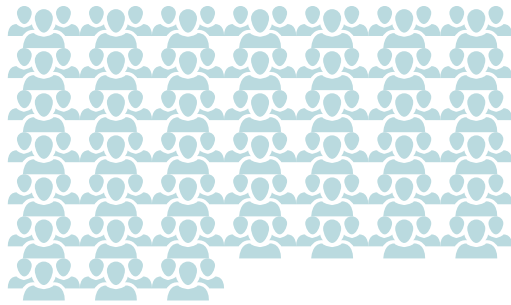
SERVING AT WLC AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE LIBERTY RIDGE CAMPUS HAS BECOME A BIG PART OF MY FAITH. BEING A PART OF THE SET UP AND TEAR DOWN TEAM HAS HELPED ME GROW STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS WITH MY COMMUNITY IN THE CHURCH, WHICH IN TURN HAS HELPED MY FAITH GROW, AND HAS SURROUNDED ME WITH PEOPLE THAT HELP MY FAITH AS WELL.

- DANNY AMUNDSON | LIBERTY RIDGE

Reaching Farther.



136
PEOPLE



SENT ON...

7

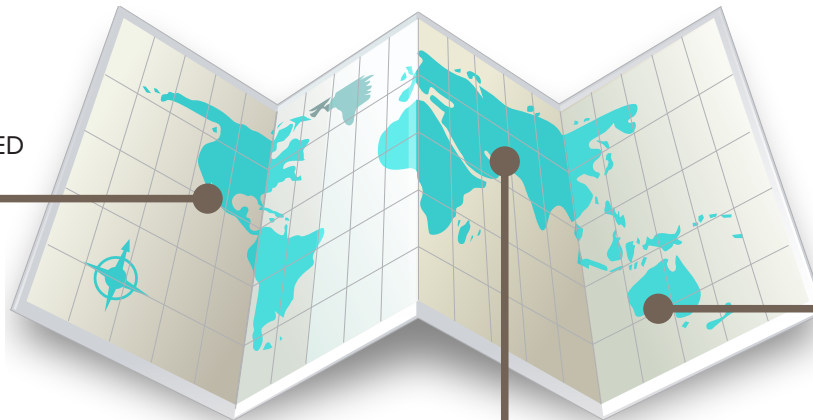
SHORT-TERM
ADULT & YOUTH
TEAMS



REACH MEANS CHALLENGING MYSELF TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE OUTSIDE OF THE COMFORT ZONE OF MY CHURCH FAMILY. LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS WITHIN MY COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVING OTHERS, GETTING TO KNOW MY NEIGHBORS, AND SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. REACH MEANS HAVING AN IMPACT THROUGH SHORT-TERM MISSIONS AND PARTICIPATING WITH *TEAM WORLD VISION*. AND WHILE I AM BEING CHALLENGED TO REACH AND SERVE, I AM REWARDED WITH THE REALIZATION OF HOW BLESSED I AM. - **DIANE CRAGOE HALL | OAK HILL**

16

MISSIONARIES
AROUND THE
WORLD SUPPORTED
BY WLC



168

CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA
SPONSORED BY WLC
FAMILIES THROUGH
CHILDREN'S HOPE
CHEST (228 TOTAL
SPONSORED CHILDREN)

5

MINISTRIES AROUND
THE WORLD
SUPPORTED BY WLC

Life Events in 2017

BAPTISMS

Brooks Anderson ~ Isaac Anderson ~ Lainey Anderson ~ Lucy Anderson ~ Brooks Aspen ~ Jack Ballen ~ Nora Barney ~ James Barringer ~ Kylee Bass ~ Joseph Bauer ~ Jori Bernier ~ Louis Bernier ~ Wesley Bloemendal ~ Eli Browning ~ Lincoln Burrows ~ Theodore Charpentier ~ Aubrey Chavie ~ Tristan Chavie ~ Benjamin Clappier ~ Aliyah Clauson ~ Isaiah Clauson ~ Wyatt Crow ~ Camden Diekmann ~ Eugene Eineke ~ Charlotte Everson ~ Bennett Fitzgerald ~ Joslyn Fitzgerald ~ Melania Fitzgerald ~ Natalie Fox ~ Dylan Gallahue ~ Eleanor Grotha ~ Ivy Haines ~ Anders Heggernes ~ Aron Howard ~ Vivian Huska ~ Gracyn Jagger ~ Lincoln Jarchow ~ Lucy Jorgensen ~ Calvin Kane ~ Rachel Kelling ~ Castiel Khang ~ Maximus Khang ~ Naomi Koschmann ~ Paul Krypel ~ Annabel Kush ~ Liam LeMay ~ Christopher Londino ~ Patricia Marchewka ~ Paige McNeill ~ Samuel Miner ~ Timothy Moody ~ Greta Norman ~ Presley Olafson ~ Jeremiah Parker ~ Owen Perl ~ James Poole ~ Riley Rivera ~ Madelyn Rud ~ Quinn Sand ~ Gregory Schneider ~ Francis Shugg ~ Lilly Smith ~ Easton Sonn ~ Zane Spreigl ~ James Stebbing ~ Soren Voth ~ Stella Voth ~ Henry Wolsky ~ Joseph Wolsky ~ Margaret Wolsky ~ Nicholas Wolsky ~ Beckett Wyeth ~ Carter Wyeth ~ Axl Zilka

CONFIRMATIONS

Tyler Anderson ~ Jacob Bloom ~ Bethany Bocker ~ Johanna Broten ~ Zachary Cartier ~ Emma Christopherson ~ Alison Fedorowski ~ Reid Fedorowski ~ McKenna Fedorowski ~ Mia Hodne ~ Piper Hodne ~ Lukas Hruby ~ Tanner Ignaszewski ~ Ryan Kehl ~ Kimberly Koreltz ~ Evan Korsgren ~ Logan Longworth ~ Trenton Lutterman ~ Dillon Peterson ~ Erin Powell ~ Cameron Rhoades ~ Roman Rogotzke ~ Quinn Stoerzinger ~ McKenzie Voyda

MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2017

Merriell Pieper ~ Pam Scapanski ~ Lorayne Tobin ~ Kay Brusewitz ~ Al Krummel ~ Lloyd Nelson ~ Lindasue Lambrecht ~ Judy VanOverbeke ~ Edward Dicke ~ Marv Rosen ~ Phyllis Hanggi ~ Viola Alrick ~ Roy Tompson ~ Bob Osborne ~ Darlene Nelson ~ Tom Westling ~ John Ratliff ~ Don McGorman ~ Jerome Hervey ~ Eric Leonard ~ Marian Snow ~ Pat Walker ~ Art Plath

WEDDINGS

FEBRUARY: Phillip Rathollsky & Jennifer Bocker **MARCH:** David Whittenberg & Greta Peterson **APRIL:** Kody Drost & Brianne Bata ~ Christopher Clark & Leah Knoepfel **MAY:** Jason Taylor & Michelle Manship ~ Brandon Nelson & Amanda Kohlbeck ~ Eric Ceaglske & Beth McHenry ~ Josh Bocker & Amanda Heidmann ~ Matt Fowler & Emily Walker ~ Byron Martin & Olufunke Ogunfolami **JUNE:** John Bystrzycki & Emily Hillesheim ~ Scott Daniels & Kirsten Euscher ~ Casey Zilka & Michele Murray ~ Daniel Todd & Shari Krass ~ John Horner & Sydney Steele ~ Peter Kasmitter & Kaitlyn Godbout ~ Jordan Berg & Kayla Zastrow **AUGUST:** Norco Uchal & Krista Brusewitz ~ Paul Ruble & Katlin Hastings ~ Chandler Ignaszewski & Whitney Baca ~ Taylor Mitchell & Danielle Scott **SEPTEMBER:** Dallas Tucker & Kaitlin Edwards ~ Nicholas Carr & Rachel Radke **OCTOBER:** Alex Hernandez & Kara Hayden ~ Jim Kiltie & Kris Peltier ~ Marcus Laskowski & Olivia Swanson **NOVEMBER:** Matthew Price & Michelle Henderson **DECEMBER:** Todd Peterson & Susan Lasater

Staff & Leadership

STAFF

Tom Pfothauer, Senior Pastor; **Tim Marshall**, Pastor for Pastoral Care Ministries; **Jon Kuehne**, Liberty Ridge Campus Pastor; **Christian Jones**, Vicar; **Karl Grant**, Seminary Intern; **Mark Stutelberg**, Business Administrator; **Joel Symmank**, Director of Christian Education/Contemporary Worship Leader; **Lindsey Schmidt**, Middle School Youth Minister; **Patrick Brewer**, High School Youth Minister; **Mark Shepperd**, Director of Music; **Jyl Dunavan**, Oak Hill Worship Leader; **Kendall Johnson**, Worship Arts Coordinator; **Kandi Chavie**, Liberty Ridge Worship Leader; **Mary Lehman**, Small Groups & Women's Ministry; **Regina Kehl**, Reach Leadership; **Mike Sabbann**, Reach Leadership; **Nancy Schubbe**, Director of Kids Ministries; **Cindy Linert**, Kids Ministry Coordinator; **Sarah Dibbern**, Youth & Kids Ministry; **Rachel Conant**, Kids Care Coordinator; **Molly Schulze**, Growth Ministry Coordinator, Oak Hill Campus; **Laura Stennes**, Growth Ministry Coordinator, Liberty Ridge Campus; **Sara Mulso**, Preschool Director; **Mary Law**, Assistant to the Senior Pastor; **Alycen Brothen**, Communications/Database Manager; **Sunny Marshall**, Administrative Assistant; **Stacy Winter**, Youth Ministries Administrative Assistant; **Barb Arend**, Administrative Assistant; **Dan Arend**, Director of Custodial Services; **Roger Haukland**, Custodial Services; **Brian Ingram**, Custodial Services; **Theresa Ingram**, Custodial Services; **John Stutelberg**, Custodial Services

2017 CHURCH COUNCIL

Bryan Hughes, President; **Renee Boehme**, Vice President; **Lisa Smith**, Treasurer; **Troy Wenck**, Secretary; **Bob Petrich**, Lead Elder; **Tim Reberg**, At Large; **Cindy Gustafson**, At Large; **Brian Schouvieller**, At Large; **Linda Tank**, At Large; **Scott Pitsch**, 16-17 Vicar, Ex Officio; **Christian Jones**, 17-18 Vicar, Ex Officio; **Mark Stutelberg**, Administrator, Ex Officio; **Tom Pfothauer**, Senior Pastor, Ex Officio

2017 ELDERS

Bob Petrich, **Jerry Backlund**, **Norm Berg**, **Rod Beseman**, **Craig Bettmann**, **Doug Boehme**, **Greg Carlson**, **Emmanuel Choragudi**, **Tom Crist**, **Keith Daniels**, **Nutzy Golnitz**, **Kevin Graham**, **Larry Hall**, **John Horner**, **Del Howard**, **Brian Kieser**, **Tom Koch**, **Ramesh Krishnanmani**, **Rob Krueger**, **Dan Meyer**, **Brian Michlitsch**, **Dan Peterson**, **Steve Spaudie**, **Phil Stebbing**, **Scott Stevens**, **Don Thaemert**

STAFF WE SAID GOODBYE TO

Drew Bayless, Pastor of Serve & Reach; **Derek Broten**, Oak Hill Campus Pastor; **Scott Pitsch**, Vicar; **Dorothy Blaisdell**, Preschool Director; **Laurie Ross**, Saturday Night Worship Leader

LIBERTY RIDGE CAMPUS

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