

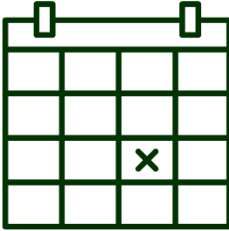
Willerup Whispers

... To Glorify Christ in Word & Deed

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Thank you, Willerup Family!

Bill and I are so happy to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, along with you! Thank you for the wonderful Pastor Appreciation notes, cards, gifts, gift cards, phone calls and love. We feel so encouraged, appreciated and supported! Thank you for your thoughtfulness, generosity and kindness. God knew what we all needed...each other!

**Thank you for a wonderful Pastor Appreciation Month!
Bill and Jen**

Gratitude

Our natural tendency is to want more. Gratitude can stop that insatiable desire right in its tracks. We can learn to interrupt our *selfish* desire by practicing a *selfless* act of compassion or by making a sacrifice for the greater good. We all can trade our 'gimme' attitude that we are born with for the 'give you' attitude Jesus modeled so brilliantly and wants to share with us. It takes time to intentionally change our selfish disposition and why it is so important to teach and model a life of gratitude for others around us.

Gratitude is both a philosophical and Godly virtue. Cicero, a Roman philosopher and statesman who lived more than 2,000 years ago taught that gratitude was not only the greatest virtue—it was the parent of all others. Thankfulness was a common theme for Apostle Paul as he led the early Christian churches. Verses about gratitude are included in almost every book of the Bible.

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GRATITUDE



November 2021

<i>November Birthdays</i>		6	Dan Retzlaff	24	Betty Prescott
		9	Kathy Kenseth Condon	27	Mark Woolever
1	Mary Oates	10	Alice Becker	28	Julie Kriedeman
3	Jonas Boshart	11	Jeff Rubish	30	Richard Retzlaff
4	John Raymond	13	Uli Wagenpfeil		

Oct 31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:00am Acts - Women's Study @ Willerup Group 6:30pm Home Again Group	8:45am Retiree Potluck 3:25pm Awana K-5th 6:30pm Kenas Group 6:30pm Legge Group 6:30pm Youth Group		9:30am Pat Bryan Group	8:00am Men's Study
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28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	
Come Home for Christmas 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Worship @ Home Again		9:00am Acts - Women's Study @ Willerup Group 6:30pm Home Again Group				Cable 987 Sundays 4:00 pm Mondays 6:30 am Mondays 4:00 pm Tuesdays 6:30 am Tuesdays 4:00 pm



Invested in Missions

is our worship focus for November 7-21

During this time, we will collect for

Voice of the Martyrs

Give:

At WillerupChurch.org

By Mail

Or On-site in our wooden offering boxes



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A discipline of gratitude can absolutely change us and have generational impact. It is an indication of Christian maturity to be grateful in all things and something crucial for our chosen life of faith. Gratitude is a powerful weapon against defeat. And at the same time, it breathes life into the characteristics we all desire in our lives such as kindness, faithfulness and self control.

If you truly want to challenge yourself and family to something that will get you closer to the heart of God, practice Christian gratitude daily for 30 days. Talk about it everyday-morning, noon and night. Find bible verses that include the words: gratitude, appreciation, thanks, thankful, thankfulness, grateful, recognition, obligation, tribute, indebtedness, praise, honor, or grace.

Imagine what your life might be like if you were to practice gratitude as a discipline. Take this verse to heart:

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 (Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Current Events



November 14
All-Church Annual
Meeting after Church

December 5
Charge Conference via
Zoom at 6:30pm



"Kids" of all ages enjoy worship
at Willerup!
Pictured here are high school,
4K, and "well past school."



...And the Lord added to their number
daily those who were being saved...we
keep growing! More kids! Each LOVED by
God!

Cambridge Awana Club, after school on
Wednesdays, Kindergarten-5th grade



Can we know the Bible as more than a book
to live by? The Word of God has so much
more to share and show us. Youth Group
outside!
Wednesdays at 6 pm

Two Great Christmas Events Coming Up!



December 4, 2021 at 6pm

Singing at the Christmas Tree

This is your opportunity to join a longstanding Christmas tradition at Willerup. Join us for a night to remember as we enjoy a light meal, exchange Christmas cookies, sing Christmas songs and great hymns of the season. Be present when we light our giant Christmas tree and usher the Light into the world!

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4



Christmas at Olson Barn December 11 at 2pm

942 East Church Road
Cambridge, WI 53523

Parking across the street and on the grounds.

You are invited to join us for

Christmas in the Barn, Saturday, December 11 at 2pm

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ together as a community as we share stories, sing Christmas songs and hear a message of hope. Invite friends with family!

Dress warmly and bring a blanket for the bales of straw.
Hot drinks and Christmas cookies provided.

What's Happening at Willerup?

Invested – Mission-Focus

Nov 7 – The Persecuted Church, communion bread will remind us of our global mission with bread from cultures around the world

Nov 14 – Why We Do Mission Work, Peggy Boshart

All-Church Meeting also Nov 14: Join us for a town-hall-style meeting as the ALB presents 2022 ministry goals, a financial budget, and nominations for leadership positions. Gather with us after worship for this exciting time. *Livestream will be available.**

Nov 21 – Thanksgiving Celebration Sunday and a special offering will be taken for Missions (*You may give toward the special offering at any time during November.*)

***Added* Nov 21 – 7 pm, Community Thanksgiving Worship at Grace Lutheran**

Nov 28 – Advent Begins! *Come Home for Christmas*

Dec 4 – Singing at the Tree, 6 pm, The Levertons have generously provided a tree that will be a light to our community in our front yard! Join us for light refreshments, singing at the Tree and a tree-lighting to help celebrate the coming of Christ! Bring Christmas cookies to share!

Dec 5 – Willerup Charge Conference, 6 pm, District Superintendent Forrest Wells will facilitate via Zoom

Dec 11 – 2 pm Christmas at Olson Barn: Family Event

Dec 24 – Celebrate Christmas Eve Services at 4pm and 10pm



Willerup Church
Accountability Leadership Board (ALB)
Board Meeting of October 25, 2021, 6:30 PM
Summary

Attended: Ron Dayton, Dick Legge, Carl Nurmi, Lisa Kalata, Gerry Fosdal, Jen Wilson, Shannon Ghorbani
Other attendees: Karl Nordvall, Orvin Kendall
Not in attendance: Megan Retzlaff, Judy Vasby

Call to order @6:30:pm by Ron Dayton
Pastor Jen Wilson opening prayer

6:40p - Karl Nordvall on acoustic improvements to heritage hall. Showed a 4x4 piece, install some ceiling panels as test pieces. Attaches directly to studs.
Hope is to have phase 1 done by Christmas.

6:48p - Card Ministry. Various individuals.
6:50p - Pastor Jen Wilson message - be aware of your "leadership soul" during this season of meetings.

6:54p - September Meeting Minutes - Motion by Lisa Kalata, Second by Dick Legge. Motion Approved.
6:56p - Finance - Shannon Ghorbani - No Finance report for September, contribution report by Shannon, no questions. Question about income vs expense through the end of any month in relation to the 2022 budget file request.

7:04p - Jen Wilson - dates already presented of upcoming events.

7:06p - Trustees - Lisa K - Electrician at the parsonage to fix some issues. Spectrum fixing feed, Alliant Energy coming out to fix things.
Men's bathroom fixed. Garbage disposal in kitchen fixed.
Getting info on church insurance adjustment for new cemetery shed, any increase due to shed to be paid by cemetery association.
Gerry F - front of church stone work fixed. Other stonework of the church to be looked at in spring.

7:20p - Lay Leadership - Carl Nurmi - Carl's volunteered for analytics of outreach and engagement.

7:23p - Ministry - nothing from Judy V.

7:25p - Finance - no report, budget discussion later during meeting.

7:30p - SPPR, need for a new Treasurer still exists. New team members for ALB (Trustee), new staff being searched through (worship team assistant). Communication by email AND oral announcements must be made.

7:43p - Ron Dayton - ALB goal planning document.

Ron spoke with Steven Fry at Cambridge School District about tech coordinator / advising. Result of meeting with Steve Fry was a process of assessment, advise / proposal, and what such a person needs to have in place. A "tech team" needs to be formed to assist this conversation with Steve. Steve Fry would also help facilitate training to church members / others as we may desire. Discussion of potential team members and organizing initial meeting.

ALB update meeting in Sun Prairie (courtesy of Dick Legge) - new structure / planning document of ALB made available. Mentioned good insight of other churches and how they handle ALB in essence.

COVID-19 updated procedures, any changes, who makes the call regarding ongoing service. Same protocols as first put in place in 2020 regarding consultation with Pastor, COVID team, and then notification / suggestion to ALB to approve modifying / canceling services.

Town Hall 14 November, Agenda items:
Opening Prayer
Budget 2022
Goals 2022
COVID protocols
ALB concept / structure info
Leadership positions / openings still available.

Charge Conference 5 December
Agenda items already provided by the district.
Appropriate ALB team members need to submit necessary forms via the online 'people portal'.
Various discussions on charge conference agenda items and requirements...

8:55p - Budget - Shannon G. Eliminate \$6k for youth coordinator, eliminate other general line items that have a separate fund available?. Write more notes in the budget report for the town hall meeting.

9:02p - Dick Legge moved to adjourn, Lisa Kalata seconded. Meeting adjourned.

9:08p - 2022 Pastor Compensation package, motion to approve by Dick Legge, seconded by Ron Dayton, motion approved.

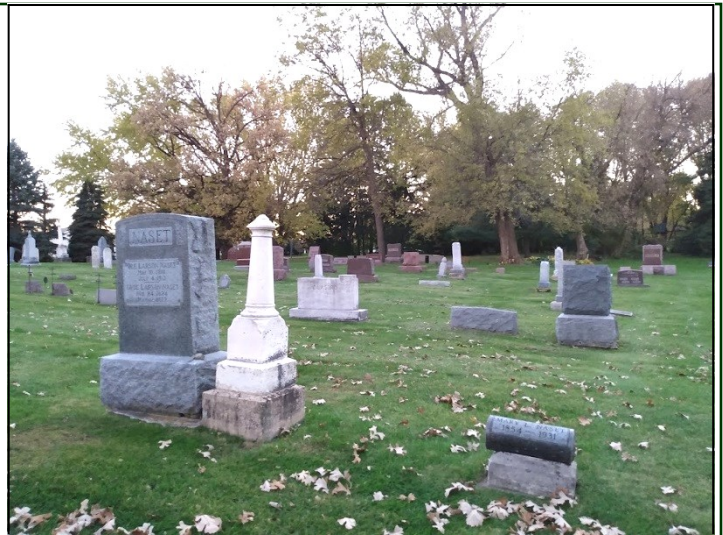


History Speaks By Judy Vasby

Cemetery Stroll—Remembrance of the Saints

One of the unique things about Willerup UMC is that it has its own cemetery. It has been there since the church was built in the 1850's, part of the legacy given to us by the founding church fathers. Since All Saint's Day is November 1st, I got to thinking about the Willerup Saints who are buried next to our church.

A lot can be learned about history and culture from taking a stroll and reading the grave stones. There was an era when it was popular to write epitaphs for the deceased. Can you find any epitaphs engraved on headstones in Willerup's cemetery? Are there indications of a flu epidemic—lots of deaths within a period of a month or two? Can you identify familiar church family names?



Look for the oldest marker. It is in the section immediately to the west of the sanctuary, about in the middle.

In that same area, can you find a few graves with cement "curbs" around them? It was the custom in the 1800s to elevate the graves by marking out a rectangular piece of ground raised in the air a foot or more and contained by cement or wooden braces. These raised graves were spaced about four feet apart and got to be a nuisance to mow, being that one had to lift a lawn mower up to the flat top to cut the grass on each plot. So one year, when a house was being built on John Johnson's road (behind the parsonage), Lester Jarlsberg offered to haul away the left over dirt. He used the grain trucks with dumps on them that he had for his grain business downtown and moved the dirt to the cemetery. However, to get it spread around between those raised graves, he had to use wheelbarrows. It turned out to be a lot of work, but today, we can zip riding mowers up and down and around the grave stones, on level ground, saving lots of time.



Rev Sannaker

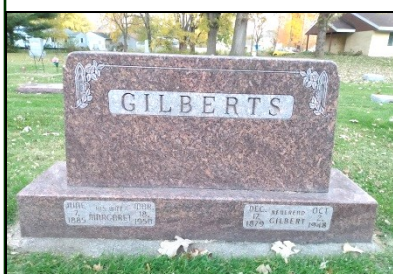
Although many of the founding members of Willerup Church are buried in Stoughton, where they went to start a second Norwegian Methodist church, a number of headstones carry the names of members who joined in the late 1800s: the Lillesands, Jens England (the father of Don Prescott's mother), the Netlands (grandparents of Lester Jarlsberg).

Some missionaries are buried here, too: Elva Vasby Dekker (aunt to Kent Vasby) and Rev. Mooney, who was married to Don Prescott's sister, Winifred. He started a big church (not Methodist) in an unused super market building in Sheboygan.

If you look hard, you will find 13 pastors buried on our grounds. Among them are Rev. Sannaker, Rev. P.M. Peterson, Rev. Jens Yndestad, Rev. Josephson, Rev. Rohrstaf, Rev. Edwards, Rev. Danielsen (who guided the church renovation in 1901) and Rev. Gilbert Gilberts (grandpa to Glenn Gilberts and father-in-law to Lester Jarlsberg). Ole Jacobson was a local preacher. Rev. Wilbur Egeland and Rev. Harold Peterson did not serve Willerup Church, but were related to Willerup families and chose to be buried in our cemetery.



Rev. Allan Knight



Rev Gilbert Gilberts



Rev. Ole Rohrstaf

I invite you to take a stroll through our cemetery to both "meet" and honor those people who served the Lord and worshipped before us and left us this building and spiritual heritage.



Rev Harold Peterson

Who are We at Willerup?

Our Mission

To **Seek** the Lost, To **Strengthen** the Lord's Disciples,
and To **Serve** in the Lord's Kingdom

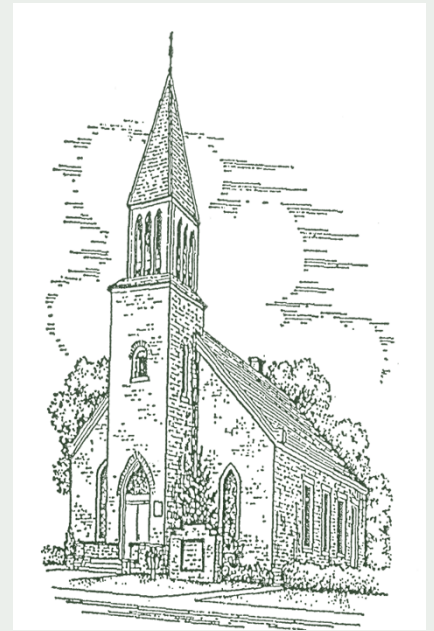
Our Purpose

To Glorify Christ In Word and Deed by....

- ♥ Reaching out and receiving new people, introducing them
 - ♥ to the person of Jesus Christ.
- ♥ **Connecting people** to the community of **faith** which is growing in the **grace** and **knowledge** of the **Lord**.
 - ♥ **Developing** people to **Christ-like** maturity.
 - ♥ **Equipping** & sending **disciples** in ministry & mission.
 - ♥ ... All to the end of **exalting & honoring God's name**.

Our Conviction

We Believe a Great **Commitment** to the
Great **Commandment** and the Great **Commission**
Will Grow a Great **Church!**



Willerup United Methodist Church
Accountability Leadership Board

2021 Contact information

Some members have specialties, but any member can be contacted to share a concern or question.

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Sundays

**10:00 am Worship
On-Site
& Live-streamed**

The Willerup Whispers Newsletter

(1 Kings 19:11-12)

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