

January CORE Classes

You can still register for these classes! REGISTRATION is required for these classes online at www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/januaryCORE

Christian Ethics: A deep dive into current moral issues

Teachers: Rev. Rustin Comer and Maggie Pierson Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. \$20 class fee

The Gift of Being Yourself

Teacher: Rev. Danielle Jones Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. \$20 class fee.

Does the Spirit Still Speak through the Hebrew Scriptures?

Teacher: Ron Troxel Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. \$20 class fee



Soul Sisters Retreat Rest Restore Revive Saturday, February 24 – Sunday, February 25, 2018 Register online at

www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsistersretreat

Women of WCC of every age (18+) and stage, join other Soul Sisters at Camp Courage on February 24 and 25 for the Soul Sisters' Soul to Soul Retreat! The weekend begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24 and ends at 11:00 a.m. after worship on Sunday, February 25. The fee for the weekend is \$125 and includes meals and activities. Spaces are limited. Registration deadline is January 30, 2018.

The retreat is created to deeply connect women of WCC with God and with themselves in the context of community. A multi-dimensional and transformational weekend, there will be room for rest, fellowship, contemplation, and the reconnection of our spiritual and physical selves through yoga, the labyrinth and the beautiful outdoors at Camp Courage in Annandale.

Led by our speakers Elizabeth Carlson and Debra Lindell, the retreat program will guide each woman to identify an area of personal longing, using it to grow in her faith journey with God and others. The weekend will also provide the opportunity to discover spiritual direction with Rev. Andrea Wichhart Tatley. Read more on our website at www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/soulsistersretreat.

PARABLES

Parables Book Study

Rev. Leslie Neugent will be hosting a Parables Men's and Women's Book Study from February-early May, held on alternating Mon-



day nights beginning Monday, February 5th and ending May 7th. The book we will be discussing is Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, a book that while not a book about being a parent of children with disabilities, is deeply insightful about our journey. Participants will also be asked to purchase the Companion Journal that is sold separately from the book. We will be using both resources in our time together. We will meet on these dates:

- Women's Group: 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7
- Men's Group: 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30

If you are interested in participating, RSVP to Leslie no later than Friday, January 26th at Ineugent@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

MISSION <u>AND OUTREACH</u>



January Blankets, Mittens and More

Last year we collected almost 600 blankets for people who have to sleep on

the floor at the Salvation Army due to overcrowding. This year, we would also like to help over 300 students who are experiencing homelessness— with gloves/mittens and hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, and feminine hygiene items. Please place your donations in each of the green buckets located at all WCC entrances. Every donation counts! Read more about our January mission at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/mittensandmore.

COFFEEHOUSE



Coffeehouse Concerts

Enjoy Friday evenings with great music! Founders Hall will be transformed into a European Coffeehouse, featuring fabulous music, steamy coffee drinks from *roastlab*, and delicious desserts (included in the price of your

ticket)! We have an amazing line-up of music guests this year. Doors open at 7 p.m., and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10) available at the door.

- February 2: Michael Monroe with Chris Jantzen and Mark Anderson
- February 9: Courtney Yasmineh
- February 16: Alison Scott and her band
- February 23: Daisy Dillman Acoustic

INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE

We've been invited to join our Muslim neighbors in co-sponsoring and participating in a BLOOD DRIVE on Saturday, January 27 from 12-4:00 p.m. at the Northwest Islamic Community Center, 3300 Plymouth Blvd, Plymouth, MN 55447. For information contact Kristen Jeide at kjeide@wayzatacommunity-church.org



This Morning in Worship Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching 8 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Celebrations, 10:30 a.m. Parables, 10:45 a.m. Traditions



Toxic Charity: A Sermon Series

How could charity ever be toxic? How is it possible for us to hurt those we seek to help? Under what circumstances is charity more harmful than helpful? What respectable person of faith would ever knowingly participate in something that steals the dignity and self-worth of another human? These are among the questions we seek to answer through a sermon series this month under the same title as the book, *Toxic Charity*, by Robert Lupton. As we ask and answer these and other questions, we will also draw examples from the charitable efforts of WCC.



Summer Camp 2018

Register for camp sessions beginning next Sunday, January 28th at 7:00 a.m.

Our new and improved online registration system is now live! We encourage you to create an account before January 28th: visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp for details! We are thrilled to be going back to camp on beautiful Bay Lake, located on Church Island, and owned by First

Lutheran in St. Paul. We had a great summer there last year, and are excited to see what blessings a new summer will bring!

Children's Sessions

CC #1 Saturday, June 23 through Tuesday, June 26 CC #2 Wednesday, July 11 through Saturday, July 14

Middle School Sessions

MS #1 Sunday, June 17 through Friday, June 22 MS #2 Thursday, July 5 through Tuesday, July 10

MS #3 Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 20

High School Sessions

HS #1 Sunday, June 10 through Saturday, June 16 HS #2 Wednesday, June 27 through Tuesday, July 3 HS #3 Saturday, July 21 through Friday, July 27

All Ages & Stages of the Church Family

Church Camp Friday, July 27 through Monday, July 30

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus

January 21-27, 2018

Welcome Visitors! Please take this issue of *Inspire Weekly* home with you today.

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Today, 10:10-10:40 a.m.

As part of our Toxic Charity series, WCC will host key leaders from some of our mission partners. Today we welcome Lori Olson from Opportunity International. WCC has partnered with OI for more than 5 years and most recently in the innovative approach to assets based community development in Nicaragua.



Super Bowl of Soul Sunday! Sunday, February 4, 2018 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

With J.D. Steele, Guest Director, the WCC Community Gospel Choir, Fred Steele on keyboards, and special guest worship leader, Tonia Hughes! Everyone is invited to sing with the community choir. Children ages 10+ are welcome to sing; if under 10 years of age we ask that they sing with a parent or guardian.

Workshops will be held these dates (childcare provided for each workshop):

• Wednesday January 31, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

AND/OR

 Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary (Attending both Workshops is VERY helpful... However, you could absolutely participate by only attending one.) Questions? Contact Autumn Toussaint at atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch. org.

SUNDAY EDUCATION

This Morning

Ages birth-4: before the 9 a.m. worship service, check your children into the rooms below, and pick them up in the same room following the service.

- Birth-1 year: check children into the DANDELION ROOM.
- Age 2: check children into the SUNSHINE ROOM.
- Age 3: check children into the TREEHOUSE ROOM.
- Age 4: check children into the GARDEN ROOM.
- At 10:45 a.m., Birth-PreK, please check your child into the GARDEN ROOM.
- Kindergarten-5th Grade: at the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship service, K-5th grade students begin with their families in worship. Children will be called out by Jodie Nyberg toward the beginning of the service. Pick up children in the Gym directly following worship.
- Middle School: 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship services, students begin with their families in worship. Middle Schoolers will be called out by Christa Workmon towards the beginning of the service and will walk down together and meet in The Corner.
- High School: Programs meet from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in The Loft.

FAMILY MINISTRY: EARLY CHILDHOOD



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

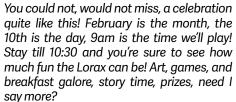
Sundays: Drop-off and pick-up from the child's age-appropriate room before and after the service.

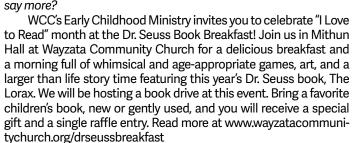
- Dandelion Room: 0- under 2
- Sunshine Room: 2 year olds
- Treehouse Room: 3 year olds
- Garden Room: 4 year olds

Early Childhood on Wednesdays

Childcare is offered from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday in the Garden Room. Childcare is provided by a trained, experienced group of adults and students of the church. The safety and security of the youngest children of our church is a priority. For children ages Birth to 5 years. Children are invited to participate in Cherub Choir (4:30-5:00 p.m. in Community Room) directed by Hannah Cruzen.

Dr. Seuss Book Breakfast! February 10, 2018 • 9:00-10:30 a.m. Purchase tickets online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ drseuss





FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN'S



5th Grade Milestone Ministry Classes

It's your turn 5th graders and parents! It's time to sign up to join Rev. John Ross and Jodie Nyberg as we explore the sacrament of communion (January 24 and 31) on Wednesday evenings in church. This class will culminate in a celebration of the 5th graders in the Sanctuary on a Sunday TBD. Even if you cannot make all classes come when you can!

FAMILY MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

MIDDLESCHOOL GIRLS & GUYS NIGHTS ARE COMING UP!

This annual event is an awesome time to get to know and have fun with other middle schoolers and our Middle School Leaders.

- All 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls are getting together for a Girls Night on Friday, January 26 at 6 p.m. through Saturday, January 27 at noon. Christa has planned some great crafts, games, outside fun, baking, discussions, service projects and time to just hang out in our sweats with other girls.
- All 6th, 7th & 8th grade guys are getting together for some time with the guys on Friday, February 9 at 6 p.m. through Saturday, February 10 at noon. Nate has planned some great games, competitions, fun for outside, discussions, and more.

Each night costs is \$25 and includes dinner, breakfast, snacks, lodging and all activities! Register at www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/ms-specialevents.

Summer Mission Trip 2018

MOORHEAD AND FERGUS FALLS HERE WE COME! We will be traveling to explore our state and learn more from our neighbors Sunday, July 22-Friday, July 27, 2018. Cost is \$350 for Middle Schoolers (current 6th-8th graders) and there is no cost for Adult Leaders. Again this year, there are many scholarships available and fundraising opportunities. Please join us Sunday, January 28 at 10 a.m. in the Middle School Corner to learn more about the trip! Registration opens Monday, February 5.

FAMILY MINISTRY: HIGH SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Pathways meets this morning for all High School students, grades 9-12. We meet from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in The Loft, beginning with full group announcements before we break off into our individual classes (including Confirmation).

Mexico 2018

This Spring Break students and adult leaders will be travelling to Tecate, Mexico to build homes. We are so grateful for this opportunity to serve in this way. There are a few spots still available! Information, including registration, can be found at www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/mexicomissiontrip. A mandatory meeting for parents and students to go over important trip details is on January, 21st at 12:30 p.m. in the Loft.

TRAVEL MINISTRY



Nicaragua Insight Trip March 1-5, 2018

Come see first-hand the transformational work of Opportunity International, our mission partner in Nicaragua, on this 5-day Insight Trip. Join John & Sheila Ross and other members of WCC for this long weekend

of exposure to the community economic development of OI through the Emprendedor School, agricultural strategy, and micro financing groups. For more information, contact Ann Shaw at ann.c.shaw1@gmail.com.



South of Spain: Exploring the Common Ground of the Abrahamic Traditions September 24- October 4, 2018 ONLY 6 SPOTS REMAINING!

Join Rev. Dr. John and Sheila Ross in Spain as we explore the Common

Ground of Abrahamic Traditions. For centuries, adherents to the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths have co-existed in this historically rich part of the world. We seek to learn from their experience. This 10-day trip will begin in Madrid, continue through the ancient cities of Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, and Granada before departing out of Malaga. A Barcelona extension will be offered. Read more and register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/spain.

SUPPERS HOSTS NEEDED

Be a Suppers Host!

We need hosts for Suppers, etc. on February 14 and March 8. Koinonia groups or friends within the church can sign up to volunteer together for a fun evening of fellowship! We need 9-10 people to help each week. Any volunteer group is always encouraged to send additional volunteers to be greeters, dine with others, and generally make Suppers, etc. a welcoming experience. To volunteer please contact Betsy Henley at 612-709-5066 or betsyh519@yahoo.com.

WORD, INC.

Word, Inc. is looking for new members

Have you ever wanted to bring Scripture alive by reading it aloud? In front of the congregation? On Sundays? Well here is your perfect chance. Word, Inc. is looking for a few new members. There are some prerequisites to reading, so your next step is to contact Katherine Poindexter via email or phone and set up a short interview: katherine. poindexter@gmail.com or 612-310-1118.

THIMBLE BEES

All women, both members and friends, are invited to enjoy fun, fellowship, and mission on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month; the next meeting is Tuesday, January 23, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon in Mithun Hall. Projects include baby blankets and quilts, knit scarves and hats, prayer shawls, and much more. Any level of skill is valued! All items are donated to area charities and hospitals to provide support, comfort, and encouragement.

THIS WEEK AT WCC

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab) Rummage Committee, 4 p.m., Onan Room Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary Al Anon, 7:30 p.m., Piper Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Thimble Bees, 9 a.m., Mithun Hall Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary Generosity Committee, 7 p.m., Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
CORE Class with Rev. Rustin Comer, 10 a.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Rustin Comer, 4 p.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Danielle Jones, 4 p.m., Colonnade
Middle School InterChange, 4 p.m., The Corner
Child Care, 4:15 to 7:15 p.m., Garden Room
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m., Piper Library
Children's and Youth Choirs, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Parables Young Adult Book Study, 5 p.m., Room 301
Suppers, Etc., 5 p.m., Mithun Hall
Children's Moment for Mission (Gr. K-2), 5 p.m., Care of You
Children's Moment for Mission (Gr. 3-5), 5:35 p.m., Care of You

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
5th Grade Communion Milestone, 7:15 p.m., Mithun Hall
CORE Class with Rev. Rustin Comer, 7:15 p.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Danielle Jones, 7:15 p.m., Colonnade
Children's Bible, Books and Games (Gr. K-5), 7:15 p.m., Care of You
Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m., The Corner
High School Acts, 7:15 p.m., The Loft
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room
Celebration Singers, 7:15 p.m., Grace Notes
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m., Onan Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m., Plymouth Fieldhouse Soul Collage, 9:30 a.m., Colonnade Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab) Folkestone Bible Study with Lindy Purdy, 11 a.m, Folkestone Bridge, 12 noon, Mithun Hall CORE Class with Dr. Ronald Troxel, 6:15 p.m., Colonnade Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Middle School Girl's Night 6 p.m., The Corner St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m., Holmes Room Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m., Gym Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary AA, 10 a.m., Onan Room