

inspire

WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH

SPRING 2019

Faith in the World

Three of our college-aged members have spent their winter semesters living and studying in different countries. They share reflections on their experiences.

PIPER HENNINGS

I had the privilege of traveling to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan for the month of January with a group from St. Olaf College, taking a class called Bible in Context. We studied history, geography, and culture within the context of Judaism and Christianity. Not only did we focus on biblical events and sites, but also learned about current events, such as the Israel-Palestine conflict and how that has stratified both countries. I was inspired to go to Israel because of the amazing opportunity to see biblical sites and be in the places that I've read about in the Bible and heard about through Children's, Middle School and High School Ministry at WCC.

Seeing and experiencing Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, and Capernaum, places I had only read about, was very transformative and integral to conceptualizing and digging deeper into my faith. Being able to picture what these historical sites look like and being able to navigate the geography of the countries makes reading Jesus' narrative all the more discernible. As I read Bible stories now, I find myself saying, "I've been there!" and "I know how far that walk was and what the terrain was like".

I also really appreciated being able to learn more about the Israel-Palestine conflict, the occupation of Palestine by the state of Israel, and hearing from real people about their experiences and hardships. The conflict is a huge part of life in both places.

"Being able to picture what these historical sites look like and being able to navigate the geography of the countries makes reading Jesus' narrative all the more discernible."
Piper Hennings



Overall, this trip broadened my perspective on the world around me and gave me the tools to be critical of and grateful for my experiences and identity. It is hard immersing yourself in another country and communicating with people who speak a different language, but I feel so blessed to have had such an amazing experience.

ELLIE O'BRIEN

I am in Chiang Mai, Thailand studying at the University here, learning about culture and things related to social activism. There are 68 students from the US, but I am the only one from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

I have turned to my faith a lot. The first few weeks I had extreme homesickness

{ CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 }

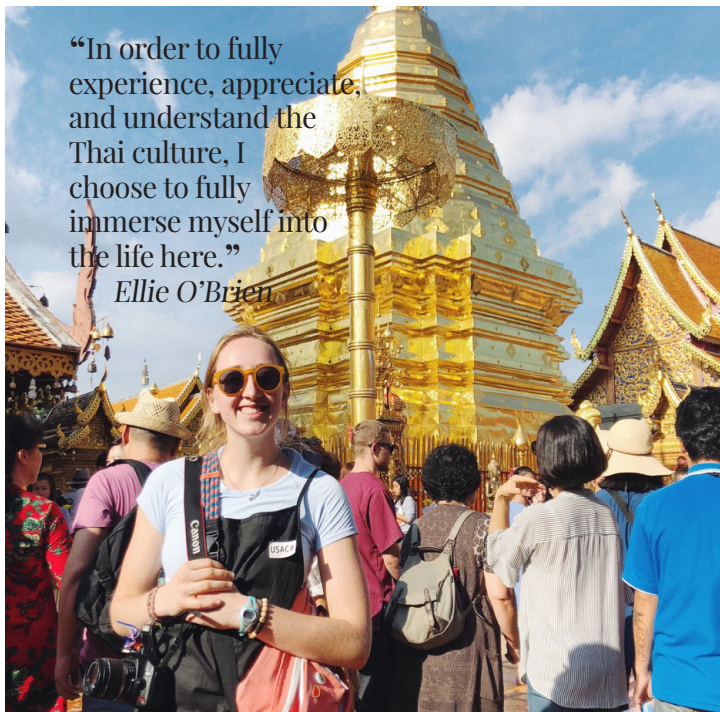
Faith in the World CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and depended on my family and WCC connections for support. I am very grateful for access to communication technology even halfway around the world! My roommate is incredibly grounded in her faith, and she has helped me in this journey. I have turned to God to help me and have experienced a number of “God Winks”—little blessings that remind me that God is right with me—if I watch for them. For example, the driver of the little campus mobile on my first day here was wearing a Concordia sweatshirt; he spoke no English (despite me trying), but it made me smile.

I have learned that there is a lot of respect ingrained into the Thai culture. I am growing accustomed to the “wai” gesture, the small bow with palms pressed together. It is used in greeting and when saying “thank you.” By doing the wai and speaking some Thai, I try to show respect. The most important thing I have learned so far, besides reaching out, is the importance of open-mindedness. In order to fully experience, appreciate, and understand the Thai culture, I choose to fully immerse myself into the life here. I want to be an ethical and responsible resident and that means allowing myself to learn and experience things I otherwise wouldn’t.

“In order to fully experience, appreciate, and understand the Thai culture, I choose to fully immerse myself into the life here.”

Ellie O’Brien



My experience as a white person in Thailand makes my role in society different than at home. Sometimes we are not believed to be students, or we are taken advantage of at a market because of how we look. And sometimes, I experience more privilege because I come from the United States and have white skin. I recognize that many people in the United States experience this to a much larger extent every day. This experience gives me a small way to understand, at least a little more, how people of color and other marginalized populations experience our country. I hope I can take this back and create ways to empower and contribute to a more fair society.



“Through this class and through engaging with other international students from all over the world, I feel affirmed in my Christianity AND in my passion for interfaith dialogue/practices.”
Maddy Ross

MADDY ROSS

I was inspired by the incredible stories of my camp counselors who studied abroad, and by my parents who have encouraged me to go out into the world and claim my story, so here I am in the city of Belfast, Northern Ireland focusing on the history of the religiously motivated conflict (“The Troubles”, as it is called here).

Through my World Theologies class I’ve gained a new lens on my faith through exposure to different cultures and traditions. We have visited Hindu and Buddhist temples, Catholic and Protestant churches, and a Synagogue. This has exposed me to the pluralist principles I’ve always leaned into as a person of faith. Through this class and through engaging with other international students, I feel affirmed in my Christianity AND in my passion for interfaith dialogue/practices.

The most important things I’ve learned are about the complicated externalities at play when religious groups are in conflict—specifically, about the Catholic and Protestant groups here. I feel I’m finally getting a grip on the history, politics, and anthropology that caused the Troubles. So much of it has very little to do with actual spiritual differences, but instead about conflicting identities of allegiance to Ireland or Britain. The historical trauma that remains after 40 years of civil war is so deeply painful, and peace is still daily work for the people here. I’ve definitely learned not to take peace for granted.

It’s been incredible to hear from elders in the community about how grateful they are that Belfast is no longer a war zone, but a city on the rise. As much as they’d love a united city without the many religiously segregated schools, everyone is just grateful to have a growing generation that is leaving the Troubles behind them.

It’s a beautiful thing to miss the home you know, but it’s also been wonderful to think about everything my loved ones have given me to get through longing for familiarity: the courage to strike out on my own and the love to hold me in little moments of culture shock. Being away from home is, of course, a constant shift in mindset—but it’s also been such a thrill. I’m just so grateful that I am able to have this experience.



FOR THE MOMENT

REV. DR. JOHN ROSS
SENIOR MINISTER

Faith in the Future

For 137 years since its founding on May 18, 1881 Wayzata Community Church has prospered through what was arguably the most significant period of change in human history: the 20th Century.

Time and again Wayzata Community Church has embraced change as opportunity:

- From employing a female Senior Minister before she had the legal right to vote, to aligning with the progressive work of the United Church of Christ;
- From establishing a Rummage Sale as outreach, to opening the first church nursery school in the area; and,
- From the construction of a larger Sanctuary to accommodate population growth, to the addition of a Center for Life and Faith where children and youth could grow and thrive.

Wayzata Community Church has a legacy of acknowledging change and responding with trust in God and faith in the future.

The winds of change have not slowed. In fact, according to Moore's Law, they are happening at unprecedented rates and we are going to have to remain faithful and focused to keep pace with the needs of the world that we are called to inspire. Our question is the same as those who came before us: **How will we respond as a church?**

In addition to the myriad ministries that WCC offers every day of every week, we will add focus and attention to the following ways we believe will build faith in the future at WCC:

1. A comprehensive ministry to families and individuals with Special Needs.
2. Significant expansion of our digital ministry platforms and strategy.
3. Intentional discernment of our worship life – times, styles, and spaces.

Of course, our strategic initiatives of Affordable Housing and Camp Ministry will remain as priorities, but to meet the needs of an ever-changing church in an ever-changing culture we must be prepared to ask every hard question. It's who we are. It's who we've always been.

Faithfully yours,

John

worship



Special Easter Offering

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) provides nutritionally complete meals specifically designed for undernourished adults and children. FMSC is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to seeing every child and person around the world healthy, nourished and whole in body and Spirit. FMSC has partnerships in 89 countries including places like Haiti and Nicaragua, and works with disaster relief in places like Puerto Rico and in more than 20 countries in Africa that are experiencing famine. *Please write your check to Wayzata Community Church designating "FMSC" in the memo line.*

Next October, WCC will host a three day mobile packing event where you will have the chance to pack meals by hand to feed the hungry around the world. **Mark your calendar for October 10, 11 and 12 and engage in a hands-on opportunity to respond to God's call to feed the hungry.** Email Danielle Jones, Minister of Mission and Congregational Life, to learn how to join the planning team for this Mobile Packing event.



BY REV. RUSTIN COMER

Worship without Walls

What would happen if we stopped spending so much time inside the walls of our local church, and went beyond our walls into our neighborhood? Over the last year Wayzata Community Church has been experimenting with “going beyond.”

While our building is full of beauty, we recognized that in following the way of Jesus, church can not simply be a building we go to, but church must be who we are. We needed to expand our imagination and leave the walls of our building and be the community of Jesus in our neighborhood. This year we experimented with this idea in a multitude of unique ways.

JJ HILL INTERFAITH SERVICE

The very first event of our program year was the JJ HILL DAYS INTERFAITH SERVICE. We were given the opportunity by the Wayzata Chamber to lead our neighborhood into worshiping together in an interfaith service on the Sunday of our town’s annual JJ Hill Days. It was a beautiful sunny Sunday morning. Together with the Northwest Islamic Center, St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, and St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, we processed in solidarity down Lake Street calling our community into a more inclusive love. We prayed for peace, for understanding, for greater relationships with one another. Together we listened as Sadia taught us about the Muslim call to love. Together as communities of love, we proclaimed to our neighborhood that God’s love should bring us together— not tear us apart.

HOLY SPIRITS

This year we also experimented with a new pop-up faith experience called Holy Spirits. The idea behind these 6 events was to take the church outside our walls into the community of Excelsior. Each stand alone event was built to reach into a different part of our greater lake community using music, and storytelling.

The first Holy Spirits was held in the downstairs bar of Red Sauce Rebellion. It was focused on Faith and Science. It called those in attendance to expand their imaginations on how two often separated ideas could be seen in relationship with one another. As we open ourselves to the mysteries of science and the universe simultaneously, we can open ourselves up to mysteries of faith.



As we have left the walls of 125 Wayzata Blvd., we have seen personal walls challenged, and new relationships forming. With each of these profound experiments we have expanding our community, our minds, and our hearts.

Our Christmas event was at Pique Travel. We experimented with how to take the incarnation celebrated at Christmas into the world around us and into our community. We asked what it might look like for Jesus to make his home within us.

In February, back at Red Sauce, we had a Mock Prom, filled with love songs and conversation about eros, or desire. We explored through conversations and music how texts like Song of Solomon, help us understand love as desire... how we are to live into desire in the same way that God desires us, like a lover. We asked if expanding our definitions of love to include the often denied ideas of desire and eros could expand our faith and life in profound ways.

Each of these experimental evenings moved us to take the love of Jesus outside the walls of the church building and into our neighborhood.

INKLINGS

Another important venture was our young adult study called Inklings. Over the entire program year our young adults have taken church into a local Hopkins bar. At the end of last year we realized most of our active young adults lived closer to Minneapolis. So it was time to take our church outside of Wayzata and create a more convenient way to connect with our thriving young adult population. Each Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. our young adults have gathered at Main Street Bar and Grill. Together over the last year they have been exploring Saints and Sinners who have influenced their faith and helped them to become who they are. From Kierkegaard, Flannery O'Connor, Dorothy Day, and Julian of Norwich, to our own personal saints/sinner that shape who we are, we've delved deep into our own formation asking the question of who we want to become, over a pint of our favorite brew.

Each week as we have left the walls of 125 Wayzata Blvd, we have seen personal walls challenged, and new relationships forming. With each of these profound experiments we have expanded our community, our minds, and our hearts. We would love if you would join us and take the challenge to "go beyond."



The December Holy Spirits event at Pique Travel (top photo) featured music by Kai Brewster, Hannah Cruzen and friends.

Clergy and leaders from St. Bartholomew, St. Philip the Deacon, the Northwest Islamic Center, and Wayzata Community Church led the **Interfaith Service** at Wayzata's JJ Hills Days in September (bottom photo).

GabeandHilary

BY JOHN F. ROSS



Gabe with his high school crew, building a home on the 2008 Mexico Mission Trip.

“Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.”
Isaiah 43:19

GabeandHilary. No, that’s not a typo. That’s how it’s been here at WCC for more than 13 years in our high school and camp ministries. It was never just Gabe. It was never just Hilary. It was always Gabeand

Hilary (or equally as often, HilaryandGabe). A team. A couple. A model. A blessing for which WCC will be grateful for in generations to come.

“Gabe is ALWAYS there for me. When I have questions about God, he helps to translate the Bible into something I can meaningfully relate to. He is funny but knows when to take a more serious tone which makes him so fun and easy to be around.”

Over those years, not only did their own family expand and grow, our church family expanded and grew. Under their leadership we did NEW THINGS. They took us to NEW PLACES beyond. And they instituted a NEW MODEL of ministry to youth. It’s time to celebrate their ministry among us and honor their faithful, pioneering spirits.

NEW THINGS

Sundays and Wednesdays (Life beyond Confirmation)

It’s hard to imagine, but there was a time not too long ago when very few high school students stuck around the church past Confirmation. I remember in my first few months in WCC, a 10th grade student named “Peter” said to me on Confirmation Sunday: “I just can’t believe my time in the youth ministry over.” HilaryandGabe have demonstrated that Confirmation, like Commencement, is just the beginning!

Beyond Confirmation, they did new things among us that give students the chance for fellowship, learning, service, and FUN. The first ever “Turkey Bowl” had barely enough people for 2 teams. Now that occasion serves as a day-long reunion of high school and college students, young adults, and Adult Leaders. More than enough players for 10 teams playing on 5 fields in rain, snow, or sleet...followed by a time of fellowship and worship. NEW THINGS!

NEW PLACES

Retreats, Trips, and Camp

Taking a page right out of Jesus’ playbook, GabeandHilary were intentional about inviting students into the wilderness where God was making new paths. Stepping away from the stress, busy-ness, and digital connection of everyday life proved valuable in and of itself. But focusing that travel on specific purposes brought even deeper meaning and impact.

Mission trips to Mexico and Mississippi; wilderness journeys in Colorado; weekend retreats in Annandale; and weeks of Summer Camp in Alexandria, McGregor, and Bay Lake all proved to have transformational power over the lives of all who participated. As Steinbeck wrote, "We don't take a trip... a trip takes us." Hilary and Gabe know that trips take us to NEW PLACES!

NEW MODELS

Relationships and Leadership

Perhaps the most profound and long-lasting gift that Gabe and Hilary brought to WCC is a relational model of ministry. Relationships were at the heart of Jesus' day-to-day ministry, providing a platform for caring, growing, sharing, and learning—and it has been the same for us. If we can build relationships, there's nothing we can't do. But this takes thoughtful intention...and lots of time.

Knowing that as their ministry grew they would not be able to personally build relationships with every student, they employed an Adult Leadership model that would effectively multiply themselves. These Adult Leaders would give four years of their lives to travel the full journey of high school with a class of students. This model is the primary "secret of our success" and is establishing relationships that literally last a lifetime. NEW MODELS.

MORE NEW THINGS

Hilary and Gabe have faithfully responded to God's call and in so doing had a profound impact on thousands of lives—students, families, adults, peers—and on mine and that of my entire family. To be sure, our church owes them a debt of gratitude repayable by a sustained commitment to the new things, the new places, and the new models that they gave us.

Now it's time for Hilary and Gabe to embrace new paths, trusting that God is leading them as God always has. Hilary is on the verge of ordained ministry that will put her in a position to share her remarkable, God-given talents in any setting she might choose. Gabe is leading by example even in his departure, going forth without knowing exactly where he will land next, but trusting God on the way.

Wherever God leads them, we all know that they will continue to change lives for the better. And as we sustain our commitment to high school and camp ministries, we will continue to be blessed by all they planted in this place.

“Gabe Flynn is my brother, a father figure and role model, who treated me with love and respect, even when I didn't deserve it.”



Above: Hilary preaching at Worship on Wednesday, 2014. Left: Gabe in character at Summer Camp. Right: The Flynn family.

“Hilary has a spirit that continually elicits the best from others. Her aura is servant leadership and inclusive love.”

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

An interview with longtime WCC member Paul Parrish



Kathy and Paul Parrish

Tell us about your family

The Parrish family was originally comprised of Kathy, me, and our three daughters, each confirmed and married at WCC. Their life partners are three genuinely great guys, who together have blessed us with eight grandchildren (more girls than boys)! Kathy and I have lived in Wayzata since moving from

Atlanta in 1981....members of WCC since 1982. Although we attend other WCC services, we consider the 8 am service tailored to what we want and need in our spiritual journey.

If you were to articulate a life's purpose what would it be?

Through WCC, we have found that to have a fulfilling life three words define our values: **Faith** - staying continuously connected to God in any way you can. **Family** - married for 40 years to your best friend makes raising a family great fun. **Friends** - more valuable than money, worth taking time to nurture. It is important to have friends you respect, with whom you share similar values.....good friends are respectful of your values.....though not always in agreement.

Serving and helping others provides great pleasure. A purposeful life is grounded in somewhat frequently used terms, "giving back", "paying-it-forward", "servant leadership", and "sharing your Time, Talent and Treasures". Serving others is the inspiration for my life-long service to non-profits.

What mission activities or agencies outside of WCC do you support? (Time, Talent, Treasure)

Following a stint in the navy, 38 years at Honeywell provided me with management and leadership tools, which help equip me to serve on numerous non-profit boards. WCC has been most supportive during my five years as board member and treasurer at GiGi's Playhouse (Down Syndrome Awareness Center). Through the financial support and the link with Parables, GiGi's Playhouse - Twin Cities was successfully launched in 2012 and has served families throughout the eight county area. Another community activity is our Ramp Team. A number of retirees (some from WCC) join me to provide handicap ramps for families to provide access to their homes. With WCC financial support and partnering with Rebuilding Together, we have constructed 43 ramps since our inception seven years ago.



Parables is happy to welcome Upstream Arts back to Wayzata Community Church this spring for a five week residency!

This is possible thanks to a Mission and Outreach and Rummage Sale grant. Parables participants will join "The Art of Social Skills" that will include "The Art of Voice and Choice". Each workshop will include music, dance, poetry, theatrical skills and painting.

Last year Upstream Arts worked with Parables respite program teaching important life skills that motivated and excited all participants. They provided opportunities for personal growth, for fun and for self-confidence to grow! One result was the beautiful Faces of Parables photo gallery that hung outside of the Chapel last April and May. The photos they took truly captured the essence of our young people and highlighted their God given talents and abilities.

This local organization was founded by Julie and Matt Guidry. As they learned to communicate with their non-verbal son, they realized the value of physical movements, body language and facial expressions. They saw their son communicate and engage with those around him and, thus, Upstream Arts was born!

Upstream Arts works with individuals of all ages and abilities at every stage of life. Thank you WCC and Mission and Outreach for making our ministry stronger through this partnership!

mission & outreach grants



Mary



Anne



Jackie



Wendy

ROAD TRIP TO BRANSON

Jackie, Anne, Mary, and Wendy, all Hammer residents, have known each other for at least 20 years and all have been housemates or coworkers. It is easy to see the love they have for each other. When the idea for a girls' trip was first brought up, everyone had an opinion as to where to go. The common theme was that it needed to be handicap accessible, to make sure all were included.

"All for one and one for all" was their motto. They thought they might like a place that had entertainment along with some cute guys! They finally decided on a Branson Road Trip. The daily communication picked up as they talked about what clothes they would take, what the weather was like, and which celebrity impersonators they might see. Finally, the big day was here and they were off.

There were so many things to do and they did as many as possible! They saw many cute guys named Elvis! They saw people impersonating Bob Barker, Wynona Judd, and Elton John and were amazed by the beautiful butterflies at the Butterfly Palace. They shopped for themselves, buying shirts and jewelry, and did some Christmas shopping.

Once back home, the ladies were telling their friends about the trip, when it slipped out that one of them had received a necklace from a certain gentleman. Their friends were pressing for more details, but no further info was forthcoming. This gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "What happens on a girls' trip – stays on the girls' trip!"

When asked if they would go on a trip again, the answer was unanimous – "YES!" And where will they go next? "We don't care, as long as we can go together." That is the true definition of a successful girls' trip.

Special Christmas Offering

Hammer Residences Quality of Life Fund

Our WCC Special Christmas offering of 2018, totaling \$29,697, was given to Hammer Residences Quality of Life Fund to help provide the "extras" that ensure that the individuals Hammer serves have the means to live a full and meaningful life.

Funded 100% by contributions from individuals, foundations, and community groups, there are no overhead expenses and 100% of donations to the Fund go directly to those supported by Hammer. In 2018, there were 514 requests granted providing \$160,230 in financial resources, ranging from \$3.50 for coffee with a friend, to \$6,856 for extensive dental work not covered by dental insurance.

Mission & Outreach Grant Recipients

The generosity of WCC through pledges, Rummage Sale proceeds, and other individual donations has allowed WCC Mission and Outreach Board to issue over \$72,150 in giving to charitable entities in 2018.

Twelve grants were given that aligned with our five MOB areas of focus: alleviate poverty, provide food for the hungry, offer education for those without access, assist special needs persons of all ages, and shelter for the homeless. Recipients for 2018 were Open Arms, Relate Counseling, Haven Housing, Banyan Community, My Very Own Bed, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities, Crisis Nursery, We Can, Families Moving Forward, We Can Ride, Can Do Canines, and Upstream Arts.

Inspire Magazine

inspire Magazine is published quarterly by Wayzata Community Church, a United Church of Christ Congregation. Call 952-473-8877 with address changes or if you would like to be removed from the *inspire* Magazine mailing list. ©2019 Wayzata Community Church. All rights reserved.

Editor: Cami Farley

cfarley@wayzatacommunitychurch.org

Design: Marnie Baehr

mbaehr@wayzatacommunitychurch.org

AEGIS AWARDS

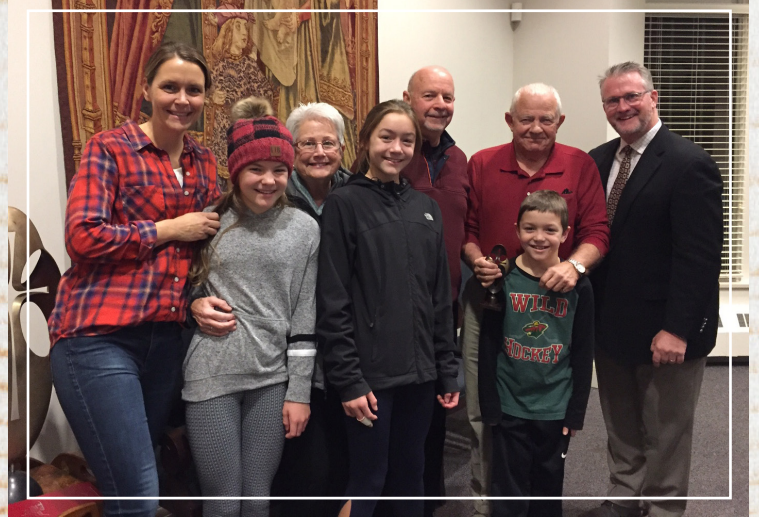
MARTY KEENAN

Marty Keenan is the November recipient of the Aegis Award at WCC. He came forward, asking John Ross what he might do to help the church now that he was retired. He wanted to serve in some way using his skills as a teacher and businessman. It turned out that the office staff needed someone to transcribe the Sunday sermons every week to be sent out to people who would like to read them. Marty was willing, and a wonderful match for the time consuming task of faithful transcription.

Marty is very dedicated to the written word. As a former English teacher, he not only values it – but he can type 60 words or more a minute!

Marty has incorporated the transcribing job into his weekly routine. As soon as the service appears online, he sets up his computer and spends an hour or two upstairs in his office listening and typing and then listening again. He has it all down to a specific routine and is usually finished by Tuesday afternoon.

Marty is a quiet, devoted presence in so many lives, and bringing the printed sermons to people is just one more way he can humbly serve others.



Marty Keenan, second from right, accepting the Aegis Award, with his family, Moderator Mark Bayley, and Rev. Dr. John Ross.

LIFE CELEBRATION MINISTRY TEAM

The LIFE CELEBRATION MINISTRY TEAM was recently honored by The WCC Council. They are a blessing to every family who comes to celebrate the life of a loved one. In this wonderful ministry, each takes part in creating a safe and comforting place for the broken hearted to experience God's inclusive love. They are present physically and emotionally...encouraging all those who mourn to remember and share their loved one's stories. It is a joy to observe each of them living out Romans 12:15– *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

*Some of the Life Celebration Ministry Team
Back row: Dick Minors, Paul Parrish, Lindy Purdy, John Purdy, Peggy Douglas, and Kathie Challgren. Front row: Lee Minors, Nancy Holmes, Nancy Crist, and Jane Shanard.*



Life Celebration Ministry Team

Coordinator: Lee Minors

Ushers: Steve Beachler, Belle Davenport, Peggy Douglas, Jan Eichoff, Nancy Holmes, Dick Minors, Paul Parrish, John Purdy, Sandy Seibert, Jane Shanard, Jan Thome, Sandy Werts. Reception Volunteers: Trudy Beachler, Marian Bowser, Karen Caswell, Kathie Challgren, Nancy Crist, Inez Gantz, Lynne Gehling, Dana Harrison, Shirley Hogan, Sandy Seibert, Cindy Sorensen, Sue Sorrentino, Cathy Troyak, and Nancy Webert. Thanks to all for serving the congregation of Wayzata Community Church.



A Bro-mance over Beer Choir

Walking the halls of Wayzata Community Church on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, you HEAR Kraig Windschitl coming toward you before you see him. In a church community full of outsized personalities, Kraig is among the most extroverted souls you're likely to ever meet. Such boundless energy is poured not only into his work at WCC, where his command of the Charles Jackson Organ in the Sanctuary leads our congregational song every Sunday, but also into his work with the Apollo Club Male Chorus, his many piano and organ students, and into his role as Lead Pianist for the Twin Cities chapter of Beer Choir, an organization building community through beer and song.

It was at a June 2017 Beer Choir event that Kraig reconnected with an old friend, Beer Choir co-founder and song leader Adam Reinwald. Nearly two years later, Adam and Kraig happily continue their profes-

sional relationship as the Traditional Music team here at WCC, while continuing to lead "drinking singers" at Beer Choir events monthly around the Twin Cities metro.

Adam's work outside of WCC is as the Assistant Conductor/Community Engagement Manager with the National Lutheran Choir, a semi-professional community choir based in Minneapolis. National Lutheran Choir will bring Mozart's Requiem to the WCC Sanctuary this coming fall. Adam and Kraig both enjoy private lesson teaching—Kraig mentors piano and organ students, Adam teaches voice—and they both are in demand as clinicians and teaching artists for state and local solo/ensemble contests.

When Kraig finally has time in his busy week to turn off the organ console, he enjoys attending performances by the Minnesota Orchestra or jetting off to Arizona, where his golf game matches the tempera-

Kraig (left) and Adam (middle) sporting their lederhosen at a Beer Choir event.

ture...both in the 100s. Adam finds work/life balance in his family—wife Trisha and son Alder (4 ½)—and cheering loudly and embarrassingly for the football and basketball Fighting Ducks of the University of Oregon. Both from strong German families, Kraig and Adam live for Oktoberfest celebrations of schnitzel and bratwurst, and have occasionally been known to devour entire sticks of Schweigert's Summer Sausage while planning Sunday anthems for the Chancel Choir.

Friends in and out of the choir room, Adam and Kraig can often be found at your favorite local watering hole, beer or root beer in hand, encouraging people to sing heartily. Come join the Chancel Choir—no experience necessary!—to see these two in action!

WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH

125 Wayzata Boulevard East

Wayzata, MN 55391

Inspire! (USPS 472-430) is published monthly, June-July combined,
by Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Boulevard East, Wayzata, MN 55391.
Periodical postage paid at Wayzata, MN.
Postmaster: send address changes to Inspire! 125 Wayzata Blvd. E., Wayzata, MN 55391
PERIODICAL TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

CELEBRATIONS & TRANSITIONS

BAPTISMS

- Rose Jane Nibbe, daughter of CJ & Julie Nibbe, granddaughter of Craig & Jane Nibbe.
- Spencer Emily Kelley, daughter of Christopher & Courtney Kelley.
- Josiah John Sorrentino, son of Tony & Rachel Sorrentino, grandson of Sue & Joe Sorrentino.
- Nell Alice Biscay, daughter of Andrew & Kathryn Biscay.
- Harrison Michael Sheveland, son of Eric & Melissa Sheveland.
- Connor Daniel Wallack, son of Stephen & Marisa Wallack.

CARES

If we can be helpful before or during your hospital stay, please call our Pastoral staff at the church, 952-473-8877.

DEATHS

- Friends and family on the death of Sue Platou, on December 25, 2018.
- Patricia Baker and family on the death of her mother, Camilla Alton, on January 5, 2019.
- Kathryn Ramstad and family on the death of her mother, Donna (Muffy) Christen, on January 6, 2019.
- Sandy Andert and family on the death of her brother, Tom Aspelin, on January 8, 2019.
- Larry and Barb Wiken and their family on the death of their son, Wade Wiken, on January 14, 2019.

- Mark Bendickson and family on the death of his uncle, Wayne Bendickson, on January 14, 2019.
- Tim Reardon and family on the death of his mother, Mary Reardon, on January 25, 2019.
- Friends and family on the death of Lucy Hartwell on January 26, 2019.
- Webb Friedly and family on the death of his father, John Friedly, on February 14, 2019.
- Marcus Mianulli and family on the death of his brother, Michael Mianulli, on February 20, 2019.
- Flip Crummer and family on the death of his sister, Ellen Anderson, on February 24, 2019.
- Page, Layne and Reid Vanatta on the death of thier husband and father, Chris Vanatta, on March 2, 2019.
- Friends and family of Merry Detlefsen on March 6, 2019.
- Vicki Wagener and family on the death of her father, Keith Turnquist, on March 6, 2019.
- Larry Christofaro and family on the death of his brother, John Christofaro, on March 11, 2019.
- Ann Gavin and Sally VanValkenburg and their families on the death of their mother, Cora Hawkinson, on March 12, 2019.
- Jeff Schulte and family on the death of his mother, Jacqueline Schulte, on March 20, 2019.