













Sunday Worship

We invite you to join us for worship each week at one of our worship services that are designed to gather us in community to experience God together. Choose one of our four worship styles to ground you in community and encourage you to grow in faith.

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Join us for this worship that includes traditional music, an inspiring message, and communion each week.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Our contemporary worship style includes a variety of music, Celebration Singers choir, an inspiring message and milestone celebrations of our faith life together. *

10:15 a.m. Parables Worship

Parables is uniquely crafted for people with disabilities and their families. Services are designed to welcome everyone just as they are with music, an inspiring message, and connections in community. *

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Join us for organ and hymn-based worship that has a liturgical feel and includes an inspiring message each week.*

* Available on our website for livestream and on-demand.

Practi<mark>cing</mark> the Way

Be with Jesus Become like him Do as he did

Sermon Series: Practicing the Way of Jesus

April 7 - May 5, 2024

We talk a lot about following Jesus, but what does that really look like in your actual life? Following Jesus is about learning to do what he would do if he were living your life. Based on John

Mark Comer's compelling book, *Practicing the Way*, this sermon series will explore spiritual practices that will enable you to follow Jesus in tangible ways. Though not required, we encourage you to purchase the book and read along!

April 7: Becoming an Apprentice of Jesus April 14: Be With Jesus April 21: Become Like Jesus April 28: Do as Jesus Did May 5: Develop a Rule of Life



Planning a Celebration of Life (Funeral) Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., Colonnade

Whether you're drawn to this topic for yourself or for a loved one, this forum will get you thinking about the Celebration of a Life. This class will be focused on remembering how precious life is and acquiring tools, planning resources and ways to share vital information. Your participation will be a gift to your family and loved ones and you will be equipped to talk about this important event with them. Bring your thoughts and questions, your favorite verses, poems, clippings, and music. Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy.

Midrash

Wednesdays, April 17 & 24, 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., Colonnade

Midrash is an exploratory way of studying the Bible which allows for layers of meaning to emerge through dialogue and discovery. The layers of midrash provide space to ask questions with the layers of the human experience. Together we can struggle through how an ancient text might speak into the reality of what it means to live today. We can use the layer of simple meaning to ground us, while using the seeking layer to stretch us out beyond what we might see at first glance. No Bible study experience necessary — only an open heart and a curious mind! Led by Rev. Steve Wiens.

Be Healed! Stories of Healing in the Bible

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., Colonnade Join us for a 3-week exploration of some of our faith's most cherished healing stories in the Bible, and what insights they might provide about healing relationships in our world today. From Moses to Jesus, the Bible is filled with stories of healers and miraculous healing. Although these incredible stories demonstrate the power of God over illness and injury, they almost always point to the greater healing of families, broken relationships, or communities; our world could use this kind of healing. Led by Rev. Dan Stark.

Faith Bible Study (through May 16)

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Colonnade

All are welcome to come, put on your "theologian hat" and dig into scripture and theology with Lindy. All you need is curiosity and a loving spirit. If you like maps, words, stories, or fellowship, please join us! Led by Minister Emerita, Lindy Purdy.

Saturday Seekers

Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Holmes Room

Seekers are a self-led discussion group with weekly leadership usually from our group. No signups required. Show up when you can. On Wednesdays we email to those on our distribution list the topic for the coming Saturday and any thought starters for that week. If you would like to be on the email list, contact Judy Reed at reeddj2@comcast.net.



PARABLES DISABILITY MINISTRY

POW, Parables on Wednesdays

for 4-5 GYM/Graceland 18 years and younger

POW begins with open gym, then we head into our large group with Ms. Jodie leading a Bible story. Each session will end with an arts and crafts activity.

Parables Choir

5:45-6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

This is an all inclusive choir! All ages come together to create the most beautiful music. Everyone is welcome. Led by Kiki Webert and Cayla Worner.

AWE, Adults on Wednesdays (18 years and older)

6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Corner

A weekly bible study for the Parables adults Join us as we explore our faith through music, message and conversations! There are also games and crafts mixed into most Wednesday nights.

End of the Year Party!

On Wednesday, May 15th we will be having a special celebration with POW and AWE. Stay tuned for details. (This the last day of Wednesday programs.)

Parables Parent/Caregiver Support Group

2nd Thursday of the Month in The Corner, 6:00 p.m.

A safe and sacred space to share your journey with others who understand your world. Also, this group can help connect you to resources and services.

Friendship Group

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Gym

All ages are welcome to come hang out. The morning is filled with all kinds of games, music, crafts and social time! We have opengym if you are looking to burn off some energy or there are quiet spaces to just chill. \$25 fee REGISTRATION CLOSES ON APRIL 11th. Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/parables-disabilityprograms to register.

Pizza and Movie Night

Friday, May 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in The Corner

This event is for friends 18 years and older! Just a fun night hanging out, watching a movie and having some pizza. \$5 fee. Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/parables-disabilityprograms to register.

FAMILY MINISTRY

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

Littlest Angels Sunday School and Child Care For ages Birth-PreK

9:00-10:00 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Each week we welcome your little ones into our safe, faith based classrooms with our mature and trained staff. We work hard to provide a warm and loving environment where your kids will experience God's love through hands on activities and play.

WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir (Ages 3-PreK) 5:00-5:30 p.m., Community Room

Cherub Choir (ages 2-5) meets each week in the Community Room, led by Jodie Nyberg. Your child will love this interactive experience where we use rhythm instruments, scarves, parachutes and more to explore music and faith. Join us as we learn more about our faith while singing and dancing to the spirit.

Open Gym for Tiny Tots

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Stay and play after Cherub Choir in our kid-friendly Community Room. We'll ride trikes, climb on jungle gyms, and enjoy the friendship of our WCC church friends. Parent supervision is required.

Parenting In Faith: The Early Childhood Years (birth-age 5)

Wednesdays April 17 and May 8 5:00-5:40 p.m., Planet Holywood

Join facilitator Kris Sanford in Planet Holywood for a lively conversation and sharing. Each month Kris will introduce a parenting/ faith topic and give practical tips on how to weave these ideas into everyday life!! Preschoolers ages 2-5 are welcome to join Jodie and her helpers for Cherub Choir and Open Gym while parents meet in the adjoining room. Jump in at any time; all are welcome!

ELEMENTARY MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

Graceland Sunday School May (K-5th grade) 9:00 a.m. in the Gym and Labs

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in "Graceland", our Sunday program. Each week we begin in the gym with a few minutes of free play, and then move to our large group worship time. After worship, all ages meet in classrooms with parent volunteers for small group faith based activities. Parents pick up in the classrooms at 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Wednesday Open Gym Time

Wednesdays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. in the Gym

All kids ages K-5th grade are invited to join us for free play in the gym every Wednesday evening. Open gym runs from 5:15-6:30 p.m. weekly. Please monitor your children during open gym time. Faith and Fun Wednesdays!

Large and Small Group Time

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Gym and Labs

Join us each Wednesday evening in the Gym as we laugh, learn and grow in faith. Each week we'll begin in a large group where we'll play a silly group game, sing faith-filled songs, explore our monthly Bible verse and topic, and more. After large group time we'll gather with our leaders in small groups (by age group) where program leaders make the Bible story come to life with games and activities. Parent pick up in classrooms at 7:30 p.m.

Kids Night Out: April 19 and May 17

For Kids ages 3 through 5th grade, 5:30-9:30pm \$20 each

Join your friends in faith for a Friday night of fun at church! We'll eat a yummy pizza dinner, play games, make cool crafts and watch a kid friendly movie on the big screen! Friends are always invited too! Registration required. Space limited so sign up early to secure a spot! To register visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch. org/elementary-programs.

5th Graders: Middle School Meet and Greet!

Wednesday, April 24 and Sunday, May 5

We know there are so many big changes coming for your soon-tobe 6th graders. We have dedicated two special events for your 5th grader to meet the 6th grade leaders and our awesome director Ann Hunhoff! Join Ann and the team in the Loft on Wednesday April 24th for a taste of what's to come in Middle School! You are also invited to attend Middle School fun on Sunday May 5th in The Corner classroom. Hope to see you there!

First Grade Bible Milestone

Thursday, April 11, 6:15-7:45 p.m. in the Graceland Gym Sunday April 14, 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Parents and 1st graders are invited to join Jodie Nyberg on Thursday April 11th for a walk through the children's Spark Bible. We'll play games, read passages and discover the excitement that awaits your child in these beautiful Bibles. Then, the following Sunday, all 1st graders will be presented with their very own Spark



Bibles in the Sanctuary in a special ceremony at the beginning of the service. After the ceremony kids will head down to the Gym to begin using their new Bibles! Registration is required so we know how many Bibles to order! Scan the QR code to register.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., The Corner

Join us in the Corner for breakfast treats, good conversations, and loads of fun. Every Sunday looks a little different: sometimes we go to part of the worship service, sometimes we do Bible study, sometimes we have discussions, and we always have fun and games as well. We will be continuing to explore the Bible and how it impacts our faith.

WEDNESDAYS

Homework & Hang

Wednesdays, 4:00-9:30 p.m., multiple locations

Homework & Hang is available every week that we have programming: after school and throughout the night, in the Corner from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and in the room across from the Loft from 6:00-9:30pm. Be sure to check-in when you arrive, and don't forget you can attend Community Meal (\$6) and Disciples Plus Choir during the after-school time as well!

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, The Loft

Join us in the Loft for an energetic and meaningful evening that includes incredible music, upbeat games, silly skits, relevant teaching series, Biblical and engaging talks, and dedicated small group times led by our wonderful adult leaders. Over the course of the winter months, we will engage in a few different series. First, we will be doing an overview of the Bible, what it is, and how it can help us grow in our faith. Another series will focus on justice and how faith in Jesus calls us to serve others. Then in March, we will learn about the Holy Trinity! (Middle School Youth Group will take off Wednesday, April 3 for Spring Break.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Middle School "Generic Birthday Party"

Saturday, April 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Meet us in the Loft for this classic birthday to celebrate absolutely no one and everyone at the same time! It's a fun birthday party with all the cheesy things we loved as little kids: piñatas, cupcake decorating, cheesy games, and more! Cost: \$10. Registration required.

Middle School Fast Food Formal

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (last day of programs)

We will meet in the Loft for a buffet of the most delectable fast food items. Dress up for this fresh and formal event where we will eat, play games, and celebrate our year together. No cost. No registration required.

FAMILY MINISTRY

8th Grade Celebration

Saturday, May 19, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We will recognize our wonderful 8th graders in 9:00 a.m. Worship with a brunch and short celebration program to follow for 8th graders and their families. Save the date; registration will be required to get an accurate count for catering.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS

High School Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. in The Loft Wednesday nights are the center of High School programming at WCC. Each week we gather in the Loft! Students experience hanging out with friends, games and skits that are fun (and maybe a little competitive), a talk that connects to faith and daily life, and small groups.

High School Band — Wednesdays

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? We're looking for high school youth to sing and play in our band. You don't have to be the best musician you know, you just need a passion for learning and playing new music and working with a great group of youth and adults to bring that music to our Wednesday night gatherings. If you're interested, please let Mike know (651) 377-2285 or msolberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

High School Spring Retreat: April 26-28

April is the perfect time to get away with your friends one last time before the year gets away from us! Mark your calendar for an incredible weekend of fun, relaxation, ridiculous games, small groups, community and more! The cost for this weekend is \$195. Scholarships are available. Registration via the weekly emails.

Senior Celebration Sunday: May 5

We are so excited for the Senior Celebration Sunday, which starts with a recognition in the 10:30 a.m. service and a lunch to follow up in The Loft. We will celebrate our Seniors as they prepare for their next steps in their journey, share lunch, gift our students, and hear memories of the students' faith journey from parents, leaders and other special guests. Our Seniors will also be invited to receive a prayer of blessing from those close to them.

Fast Food Formal

Wednesday, May 15, 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. (last day of programs)

We're ending the year in style once again with our Fast Food Formal! Hop on the party bus with us and enjoy a progressive fastfood dinner in your prom attire. Bring your friends and join us for a memorable night! Watch for sign-ups in the weekly email and social media.



Men's Breakfast (Rise and Dine)

Thursday, April 25, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Mithun Hall

Gather for a hearty breakfast, intergenerational connection, and a brief devotion and morning prayer from Steve Wiens and Dan Stark to send you into your day. This is a great opportunity to develop new relationships with other guys, and strengthen existing ones. Cost is \$10. RSVP encouraged for food purposes, and walk ups are welcome.RSVP at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ mens-ministry-events.

New Member Information Sessions

Thursday, April 18 — 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Colonnade Sunday, April 21 — 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Colonnade New Members will join on Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m. Join Dan Stark and Autumn Toussaint for a New Member Information session! We strive to make our large congregation feel like a family, and an important part of that is for us to get to know one another— to be in tune with the rhythm of the church while connecting with one another. Come learn about ways you can become engaged in the life of the church, ask questions about membership, and engage in meaningful conversation.

New Member Gathering at Lindy Purdy's Home

Sunday, May 5, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

All members of WCC are invited to meet and greet our newest WCC members at this gathering! Stop by to say "hello" and enjoy a beverage and light appetizers. Watch for an email invite with further details and an RSVP link.

WCC Night Out

Thursday, May 23, 700 p.m. Boom Island, Minnetonka

Join Director of Engagement, Autumn Toussaint and other WCC members for our Spring WCC Night Out! Everyone is invited new WCC folks AND long-time attenders alike. Make some new connections, and deepen current ones. We'll enjoy good conversation mixed with delicious local beverages (including non-alcoholic options) and yummy food!



Soup, Salad, and Song

Thursdays, April 18 and May 16 in Mithun Hall 11:30 a.m. Community time 12:00 p.m. Lunch Soup, Salad and Song continues through May!

Our crew of amazing volunteers make this a special time by providing a variety of soups and salads for all who come to share a meal. If you'd like, bring a dessert, salad, bread, appetizers, or any favorite of yours. Invite someone who might

enjoy this time of fellowship! Contacts: Sandy Seibert, 952-334-2840 and Vicki Thompson, 612-270-4458.

ENGAGEMENT

Third Thursday Readers Thursdays, April 18 and May 16 1:00-3:00 p.m., Onan Room

All are welcome to join this group of women and men for a lively discussion of a wide variety of fiction (historical, literary), and non-fiction books. Participate each month or whenever you are able. Contact Margaret Green with any questions, margyg63@ gmail.com. Books we will discuss are:

- April 18: Rules of Civility, Amor Towles
- May 16: The Midnight Library, Matt Haig

Thimble Bees

Tuesdays, April 9, 23 & 30 (Handicrafters) and May 14 9:00 a.m.-12 noon in Mithun Hall

All are welcome! Join WCC members and friends to craft lovely, hand-made items for charity. No experience necessary! Whether you sew, knit, crochet, or have no

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necessary! Whether you sew, knit, crochet, or have no craft skills at all, you can enjoy the fellowship of working together to help people in need of encouragement, love, and support in their everyday lives. All meetings are held from 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon in Mithun Hall. Contact: Kathy Smith at ksmith3600@aol.com

Community Meal on Wednesdays 5:15-6:30 p.m. in Mithun Hall

April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8 & 15 Join us on Wednesdays for dinner without the dishes! Our Community Meal is a special time to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal and connect with old and new friends. Our amazing Executive Chef Timmy G. puts a fresh spin on our Community Meal tradition with tasty crowd-pleasing menus, freshly prepared in our own kitchen. Everyone is invited! You can't beat the price — only \$6 per person, or \$5 for kids ages 12 and under (and you can pay with cash or Venmo!) Bring a neighbor or a friend!

Check out weekly menus at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ community-meal



Join WCC's Refugee Resettlement Team

We need YOU to help welcome new neighbors sometime in April. Join the refugee resettlement team and make a huge difference in an immigrant family's life as they get acclimated to the Twin Cities. There are many ways to be involved — some are short term and important, like setting up an apartment or shopping for essentials with the family, and some are longer, like connecting with the family on a regular basis. If interested in serving in this way, please email Gary Orris, garyorrisl@gmail.com or Ann Shaw, ann.c.shawl@gmail.com.



Meet our 16 Dough Semi-finalists!

The next step of Dough is underway! Our Screening Team evaluated all applications to narrow the 84 applicants down to a Qualified Pool. Our Navigators then evaluated those applicants

for a second time and have paired up with 16 ideas, our "Sweet 16." These semi-finalists will be mentored and coached over the next 3 months in order to better hone their idea and prepare for a pitch to our Judges. Please pray for our Navigators as they do this important work over the coming months. Visit our website to read more about the semi-finalists at bit.ly/dough_semifinalists.

THE 102nd RUMMAGE SALE JULY 17 & 18, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES April 23

June 1 June 3 June 10 June 10 to July 12

July 7

July 16

July 17 July 18 July 19 July 20 Dept. Leadership Kick-off
First day to drop off donations
Department Heads Begin Volunteers Begin: 8:30 a.m. in the Gym
Sorting/Pricing: M,T,W,Th,Sat: 9-12 noon Tuesday evenings: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Last day to drop off donations (Furniture pickup continues)
Outdoor pricing and shopping for qualified volunteers (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
THE SALE (9 a.m.-7 p.m.)
THE SALE (9 a.m.-6 p.m.)
Clean up (7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.)
Clean up (8 a.m. - Finish)

Drop off donations at the lower garage north side of the church. Enter from Ferndale Road. Donations must be in good, clean, working condition.

Garage Open: M-Th. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri-Sun. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No after-hours drop off available.

