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## Out of Darkness

**Gary Johnson, Mission & Outreach**

**Out of the darkness of Lent comes the brilliant light of Easter (with your help)... Skyping inclusive love to Nicaragua is now a reality!**

Sometimes sharing the inclusive love of Jesus seems overwhelming and painstaking. What if all it would take to make a huge difference in someone's life was a 30 minute skype call from your own living room? Thanks to our new partner, Emprededora High School in Nicaragua, helping could be as simple as turning on your computer.

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Officially blessing the site of the new library at the Emprededora Technical School in Nicaragua, February 2017



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## Out of Darkness, from page 1

In February John Ross, Lou Vlahos and six church members traveled to Nicaragua to help cement our relationship with this school. And what a school! What a trip! What an outcome!

**First a brief background.** Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Americas, where the typical family lives on \$500 U.S. per YEAR and public school stops in 5th grade. Opportunity International, a Christian organization which WCC has partnered with for many years, came up with a pilot program: to develop a world class high school in rural Nicaragua where students choose one of two tracks— agriculture or tourism (the fastest growing job areas in the country). At graduation students end up with both a high school diploma and a technical degree.

With the goal of becoming self-sufficient in 10 years, they are 75% of the way there by producing 1,100 eggs per day and 400 pounds of organic lettuce each week. They celebrated their first graduating class in December and of the 40 graduates over 30 have received financial assistance to continue their education in college! Imagine... these students are the first generation to finish 6th grade, let alone high school... and then to consider college!

Because being fluent in English is sorely needed, getting practice with “native English speakers” (that’s us!) is ESSENTIAL for the student’s success. As only God in His great wisdom could see fit, WCC raised the funds this past year for the school’s final building—a library/media center. Once equipped, the media center will allow classes of 30 individual students to Skype with us here in Minnesota to practice their English. Through the grace of our Council and the Senior Minister’s blessing, this year’s Easter offering will go toward fully equipping the library with internet capability and computers to achieve the remote connectivity for this project.

**We are incredibly fortunate** to have this opportunity to build relationships with these students without ever having to get on a plane or go on an official “mission trip”. For those who wish to practice Spanish while the students are conversing in English, this would be a double win!

If you or your family could find room in your heart for one of these students, or if you are willing to serve on the Nicaragua task force and help to develop this pilot project, please email Gary Johnson ([gary@calm.us](mailto:gary@calm.us); [jessekuendig@gmail.com](mailto:jessekuendig@gmail.com)) or sign up starting on Easter Sunday.



## Moderator's Report

Almost a year ago I accepted the call to serve as your Moderator. Since then I have had an intimate vantage point for the many ways we inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus. Worship engagement is strong. The WOW and Parables services continue to grow and provide a unique sense of community within the larger congregation. Our mission and outreach efforts include the local community housing initiative, which has identified a site, and is moving into a new phase of activity. The Easter Offering will support an international mission, the Opportunity International Nicaragua Emprendedora School.

We saw summer camp move to a new location, Camp New Hope—in the hope it would become a long term home. Our passionate staff and a talented group of dedicated volunteers looked at short term operations and long term strategy. After prayerful and deliberate discernment we decided to move again for 2017 to a closer location on Bay Lake.

We engaged four search teams to recruit clergy and staff as we go through a time of significant staff transition. The Personnel Committee has focused on supporting and equipping the staff to navigate through this time of change and changing responsibilities, so they can effectively focus on ministry.

Countless volunteers dedicated time, talent, and treasure serving on ministry groups, boards, and committees. The generosity of this congregation is extraordinary.

Please attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear more about the past year, as well as, plans for the coming year from our incoming moderator, Ann Stewart.

Thank you for inspiring me and allowing me to walk part of my faith journey in service of this amazing faith community. I've been blessed by the experience.

Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

*Jim Jensen*



# for the moment

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

## Light Shine!

When Jesus said, "...I am the Light of the world..." it wasn't significant only because of WHAT he said... but also because of WHERE he said it.

**As we prepare to emerge from the season of Lent equipped with the Gifts from the Dark, let us together see our lives in the Light of World!**

In a world lit only by fire, Jesus was standing in the Court of Women—home to Jerusalem's Illumination of the Temple—with burn marks on the stones beneath his feet, the smell of lamp oil in the air, and black soot on the walls and ceilings around lamps. In the shadow of candlesticks that would produce the brightest light known to people, Jesus said: This is the Light of Jerusalem... **BUT I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

In the Light of Jesus we see the world differently—we begin to see it through Jesus' eyes. Once we've seen the world in this way, we never see it the same way again. In the Light of Jesus...

### ...we see the NEEDS of our world... feel compelled to RESPOND.

Henri Nouwen in his book "The Way of the Heart" says this about what we see in the Light of Jesus: *"Business isn't it. Wealth isn't it. Portfolios are not it. Recognition is not it. Power is not it. Control is not it. No. Meaning and peace come in understanding, and understanding blossoms in concern and concern materializes in service."*

We are made to serve. We are called to love. But without the eyes of Jesus, without the light of his love, we remain blind to the needs of the world and we lack understanding and concern that materializes in service.

### ...we see the FAILURES of our lives... feel compelled to CHANGE.

Some people change when they see the Light, but others not until they feel the heat. Just before Jesus made this memorable claim, an angry crowd that was eager to kill a woman who had been caught in adultery had confronted him. You know how that story ends: Jesus did not condemn her. Neither did anyone else. Instead, He blessed her, looked on her with his own eyes and said, "Go and sin no more."

In the light of Jesus' love we can see more clearly our own failures. And, rather than be shamed or condemned, we are forgiven and called to new life.

For the moment, as we prepare to emerge from the season of Lent equipped with the Gifts from the Dark, let us together see our lives in the Light of the World!

Inspire the world,

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister



## Special Easter Offering

**We are pleased to announce that the Special Easter offering will go to Opportunity International Nicaragua Emprendedora School to further support the English learning curriculum and media center operations.**

Wayzata Community Church is partnering with Opportunity International to further its vision of helping the poor break the cycle of poverty. The work OI is doing with the Emprendedora School closely aligns with WCC's focus on alleviating poverty through supporting education.

WCC proposes a two-pronged approach to leveraging the WCC-OI partnership:

- Through financial support, dedicated to the English learning curriculum and the media center operations.
- Through operational support, WCC proposes to develop a pilot program that would give Emprendedora students and staff weekly opportunities to engage with native English speakers from WCC.

As God blesses our work, we look forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with OI and to make connections and form relationships with the school students. To read more and learn how you can be part of this on your computer right from home, read Gary Johnson's article beginning on page 1.



## Communion Art by Alli Luedtke

**Artist Alli Luedtke, her husband Brian, and their four children have been WCC members for over 20 years. Through the years she has generously shared her talent with the church.** Alli views her work as an offering, intentionally created to visually delight or in some way touch the viewer. Her sculptures are an invitation for people to pause, reflect, and quietly enjoy a feeling or memory. Her works are enjoyed across the country from the 20 foot tribute wall at the Carl N. Platou Clinic of Fairview Southdale, to the glass and metal mobile at the Broadmoor Medical Center in Colorado Springs and big snowglobes at Ronald McDonald Houses.

When Alli created the candlesticks which grace our communion table, she used leaves collected from our WCC churchyard for the base and asked the WCC staff and lay leaders to each add a symbol representing how they might serve the congregation. If you look closely, you will see hearts, crosses, fingerprints, and other symbols on the body of the candlesticks.

In 2016 Alli was commissioned to create two new pieces to complete the collection—a chalice and a paten, the cup and plate used in Holy Communion. These ceremonial pieces are adorned with grapevines and wheat.

Two of Alli's earlier creations are on display in the Long Hall of the church—bronze sculptures The Trumpeting Angel and The Crucible of Forgiveness, and the glass & bronze hearts, donated to past Mission Festivals, are in the case across from the Pastoral Suite.

Take time to pause, reflect, and enjoy Alli's beautiful creations.



## The Easter Watch

by Rev. Rustin Comer

**Saturday, April 15 • Easter Eve Service  
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel**

**Travel with us from the Creation to the Resurrection of Jesus on Holy Saturday as we keep the Vigil and share the first celebration of Easter.**

The Easter Watch, traditionally known as the Easter Vigil, or the Paschal Vigil, is a traditional part of the Easter triduum, held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day.

During this service the stories of liberation and salvation are recounted from the Bible. Readings from the Hebrew Bible are usually the creation story, the story of the flood, the story of the exodus, and stories of liberation are from the Major and Minor prophets.\*

The stories are followed by songs and psalms that connect the Hebrew Bible events to the Christ event of the resurrection. The journey through our liberation history reminds us that the work of redemption and reconciliation has always been the work of God throughout human history.

As the light grows, we move into the three New Testament stories, including readings from the epistles and concluding with the Resurrection story of Jesus. Traditionally during the Lenten season the word "Alleluia" is struck from liturgy. It is during the Watch service that "Alleluia" returns as the light grows brighter. As the light is at its apex the congregation celebrates the first communion of the Easter season.

As Ash Wednesday started in the light and took us into darkness, the Easter Watch will start in darkness and lead us into the Easter light. Our Easter Watch service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

\*examples: *Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:4a.5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28*

# Scott Woolery scouts out his next great path!

by Rima Torgerson

“There are lots of trout just waiting to be caught all over the country and plenty of big pieces of wood just waiting to be converted into projects”. With these objectives in mind, in late April Scott Woolery will spend his final day here as our Director of Operations (DO).



*Scott, laughing with his loyal team: Katie Kraus, Cami Farley, Tereasa Nies, Robin Carlson, Ashleigh Kreider, and Mandi Lee.*

Charismatic, spirited, bold, confident, comedic and amazingly positive — these are the words Wayzata Community Church (WCC) staff and lay leaders use to describe Scott. They call him their “go-to guy” and a “rock” and a “light in the storm when things get rough”. His ear-drum shattering laugh reverberates through the halls of the church, bringing everyone a smile. He has made a significant impression on our people and he will leave a lasting impact on our church.

Senior Minister John Ross says, “his impactful work on our physical facilities is his legacy. Since the construction of our Sanctuary in the early '90s, Scott has been at the center of every significant capital improvement project at WCC, resulting in a beautiful house of God and home for our faith community!” In addition to the building improvements, Scott oversaw our move to a fully electronic member data system (CCB) and the expansion of our website and online presence. He also provided disciplined financial leadership and helped improve our generosity initiatives.

Scott began making an impact at WCC long before becoming DO. As a member since 1982, Scott served in a variety of volunteer roles – as our Moderator and on the Board of Trustees, as Chair of Annual Giving (twice), as Chair of the Capital Campaign for the Sanctuary project, as Chair of Building and Grounds during the construction of both the Sanctuary and the Center for Faith and Learning and as Co-Chair of the search committee that hired Allen Hilton.

After retiring in 2008 from managing a local heating and air conditioning firm, Scott wasn't looking for a “real job” with regular hours or anything that involved managing people. But in 2012, he wasn't able to resist the pull of serving WCC in yet another key capacity – as our DO. With a degree in Business Management from Indiana University and an MBA from The Wharton School, Scott's education and work experience prepared him well for the job. Scott once described the job as “going to a lot of meetings, managing people and ‘putting out a lot of fires’” (not his exact words).

**Scott's upbeat personality, sense of humor, and endless stream of life stories will be dearly missed.**

With big shoes to fill, there is much enthusiasm about Scott's replacement, church member Laura Janckila. While there is universal excitement about Laura, staff and lay leaders are lamenting Scott's departure. His upbeat personality, sense of humor, endless stream of life stories and of course, his “Scott-isms”, will be dearly missed. His steadfast guidance, encouragement and support of the staff and his faithful focus on the vision and mission of the church have been inspiring. While Scott looks forward to doing what he wants when he wishes to do it, he says he will most miss the people with whom he works.

But, we will still be seeing Scott in the pews! Scott and his wife Joyce will maintain their home here, while also enjoying more time at their second home in Tennessee, near 6 of their 7 grandchildren. A number of road trips with Joyce are planned, including one down the Mississippi to Memphis; another to Florida on some Boy Scout business (in addition to his commitment and passion for WCC, he is a highly merited and tireless volunteer for the Boy Scouts); another to New Mexico to train adult Scout leaders; and a European river cruise this fall.

Best wishes dear friend! Trout... watch out!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

 <p><b>The Third Thursday Readers will meet in the Piper Library at 1 p.m. on April 20 to discuss <i>Stolen From the Garden: The Kidnapping of Virginia Piper</i>, by William Swanson. If you like to read and discuss books, please join us! Everyone is welcome!</b></p>	 <p><b>Soup, Salad and Song Luncheon</b>  <b>Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy</b>  <b>April 19 • 12:00 noon in Mithun Hall</b>  <b>Join us for a potluck lunch for all folks 55 or better, featuring music, games, fellowship and great food! All are welcome.</b></p>	
<p><b>2 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching</b>              8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel              9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary              10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel              10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary              Hillcrest Golden Living Worship, 11 a.m.              Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m.              AA, 10 a.m.              Parables Book Group, 6:30 p.m.              AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Planning Committee, 6 p.m.              Art &amp; Design Committee, 7 p.m.,              Board of Deacons, 7 p.m.              Children's CE Board, 7 p.m.              OA, 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>9 PALM SUNDAY</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching</b>              8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel              9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary              10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel              10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary              Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.              Cantus Concert, 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m.              AA, 10 a.m.              Parables Book Group, 6:30 p.m.              Camp &amp; Retreat Board, 6:30 p.m.              I Am That Girl HS, 7 p.m.              Middle School Board, 7 p.m.              AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Thimble Bees, 9 a.m.              Exec. Comm. of Council, 5:30 p.m.              Membership Committee, 6:30 p.m.              High School CE Board, 6:30 p.m.              Adult CE Board, 7 p.m.              Personnel Committee, 7 p.m.              OA, 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>16 EASTER</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching</b>              6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Wayzata Beach              8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel              9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary              10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel              10:15 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary              11:30 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary              Hillcrest Golden Living Worship, 11 a.m.              Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m.              AA, 10 a.m.              Rummage Sale Committee, 4 p.m.              Parables Book Group, 6:30 p.m.              Music Board, 7 p.m.              AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Church Council, 7 p.m.              OA, 7 p.m.              Unique Family Ministry Meeting, 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>23 The Sunday After Easter</b>  <b>New Member Sunday</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching</b>              8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel              9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary              10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel              10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary              Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.              Encore Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m.              AA, 10 a.m.              Loaves &amp; Fishes, 5:15 p.m. (offsite)              I Am That Girl MS, 7 p.m.              I Am That Girl HS, 7 p.m.              I Am That Girl Moms, 7 p.m.              AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Thimble Bees, 9 a.m.              CHC Meeting, 4:30 p.m.              GenComm Meeting, 7 p.m.              OA, 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>30 Annual Meeting</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching</b>              8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel              9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary              10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)              10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel              10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary              Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.              Wayzata Symphony Orchestra Concert, 3 p.m.              New Member Reception, 4:30 p.m., Ross home</p>		<p><b>Blended and Blessed Simulcast</b>  <b>Saturday, April 29 • 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel</b>              Blended &amp; Blessed is a FREE one-day live event for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Join hundreds of sites around the globe as we unpack 5 keys that are crucial to healthy stepfamily marriages. Register online at <a href="https://familylife.brushfireapp.com/blended-blessed/436185">https://familylife.brushfireapp.com/blended-blessed/436185</a></p>

# WEDNESDAY

# THURSDAY

# FRIDAY

# SATURDAY



## Soul Sisters Garden Party

Join the Soul Sisters for a Garden Party on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Colonnade. Rev. S. Lindy Purdy will lead meditations in the Labyrinth for those interested. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. All women are welcome! Register at [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsisters](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsisters).

1 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.  
Old Timers' Basketball, 9 a.m.  
AA, 11 a.m.

5 WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS  
AA, 10 a.m.  
Soul Sisters Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study with Kristen, 4 p.m.  
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m.  
Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  
**Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.**  
Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study with Kristen, 7:15 p.m.  
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.  
Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)

6 Women's AA, 10 a.m.  
Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Folkestone

7 Heritage Council Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.  
Parables Respite Care, 5 p.m.  
SPCO Concert, 8 p.m.

8 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.  
Old Timers' Basketball, 9 a.m.  
AA, 11 a.m.

12 WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS  
AA, 10 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study with Rustin, 4 p.m.  
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m.  
Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Parables Young Adult Bible Study, 5 p.m.  
Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  
**Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.**  
Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study with Rustin, 7:15 p.m.  
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.  
Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)

13 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Finance Committee, 6:45 a.m.  
Women's AA, 10 a.m.  
Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Folkestone  
Library Committee, 11 a.m.  
Summer WoW Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.

14 GOOD FRIDAY  
Good Friday Service of the Seven Last Words of Christ, 5 p.m.

15 HOLY SATURDAY  
Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.  
Old Timers' Basketball, 9 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m.  
AA, 11 a.m.  
Easter Eve Service: The Watch, 7 p.m.

19 WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS  
AA, 10 a.m.  
Soup, Salad and Song Luncheon, 12 noon  
Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m.  
Parables Young Adult Bible Study, 5 p.m.  
Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  
**Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.**  
Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.  
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.  
Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)

20 Women's AA, 10 a.m.  
Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Folkestone  
Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m.  
New Member Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

21 Kids' Night Out, 6 p.m.  
  
Middle School Retreat (offsite)

22 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.  
Old Timers' Basketball, 9 a.m.  
AA, 11 a.m.  
  
Middle School Retreat (offsite)

26 WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS  
AA, 10 a.m.  
Legacy Planning Forum with Lindy, 10 a.m.  
Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study with Rustin, 4 p.m.  
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m.  
Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  
**Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.**  
Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study with Rustin, 7:15 p.m.  
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.  
Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)

27 Women's AA, 10 a.m.  
Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Folkestone  
Bridge, 12 noon  
Summer WoW Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

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29 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.  
Blended & Blessed Simulcast, 8:30 a.m.  
Old Timers' Basketball, 9 a.m.  
Soul Sisters Garden Party, 9:30 a.m.  
AA, 11 a.m.



## Coming Up in May

- Artaria Concert, Sunday, May 7, 3 p.m. in the Chapel
- Civic Orchestra Concert, Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m.
- Mission Festival, Sunday, May 21
- High School Ministry Senior Night, May 21 at 6 p.m.



## “He is risen, He is risen indeed”



These familiar words are known as the Paschal or the Easter Greeting and its use is part of a very old custom within the Christian Church. Saying these words on Easter Sunday is the culmination of walking the road to the Cross, with Jesus, and celebrating the truth that with God, light will always trump darkness and life will always trump death. It is a reminder for us to look for “resurrection moments” in the midst of the crucifixions of our own lives.

In the Parables community, we celebrate these “resurrection moments” each and every Sunday morning in the Chapel at 10:10 a.m. This service is where people with special needs come to find their place at the table of Jesus, to discover their unique God-given gifts and to share them boldly with the world. Come join us and see the words “He is Risen” put into action. Because “He is Risen Indeed!” All are welcome!

**Blessings,  
Leslie**



## The Sunday After

### THE MINNESOTA BOYCHOIR

**The Sunday After Easter, April 23, will feature the Minnesota BoyChoir returning to WCC to sing for 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.** The choir sings concerts regularly in WCC’s Sanctuary as a part of the Music at Wayzata Concert Series, and sang for the Sunday After Easter 2012.

The Minnesota Boychoir trains young men to be outstanding musicians and strives to help them develop a sense of poise and self-confidence through education and performance. The singers come from many communities throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

## 1. WCC Annual Meeting

WCC’s Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our Moderator, Jim Jensen, and Vice Moderator, Ann Stewart, invite all WCC members to attend. Come hear more about what is happening at church.

## 2. Daily Lenten Devotions are posted on our Facebook page each morning.

You may also pick up a print copy of all the Lenten Devotions at the Reception Desk or in Founders Hall.



## 3. New Member Events in April

Whether you are looking for a new church home or just visiting, WCC has something great for you! Visit our website to sign up for classes: [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

### **New Member Orientation**

New Members are invited to attend a New Member Orientation in the Holmes Room on Thursday, April 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### **New Member Receiving Sunday**

April 23, 9:00 or 10:45 a.m. Services or the 10:10 a.m. Parables Service

### **New Member Reception**

On Sunday, April 30, a New Member Reception will be hosted at the home of Rev. Dr. John and Sheila Ross.





## 4. WCC Easter Egg Hunt!

Join us Saturday, April 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Gym for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Littlest Angels ministry in partnership with the WCC Nursery School. Along with a the traditional Easter Egg Hunt there will be bounce houses, crafts, balloon twisting, a photo booth and more! All ages under 8 are welcome—invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Cost: \$5 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We extend a **special invitation to our Parables community** to arrive for their own Easter Egg Hunt at 9 a.m.



## 5. Church Camp at Bay Lake

Enjoy Church Camp for the whole Church Family! Wayzata Community Church has a long and joyous history of offering camp for the whole church family. **This weekend, from Thursday, July 27-Sunday, July 30, is designed for all kinds of families, singles, lifestyles and ages.** Activities are based on age group, including infants to adults. The full weekend is planned and led by the Camp Leadership Team and clergy of WCC. Church Camp brings the activities and spirit of the summer camp experience, but for individuals and families to enjoy together. Register on our website at [www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/summercamp](http://www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/summercamp).

## Biblical Paintings

If you have admired the two paintings by Krista Johnson, which hang in the stairwell at the West Entrance of the church, prints are now available for you to purchase for your own home or as a gift.

Krista Johnson is offering these Giclée prints for a limited time. 40% of the net proceeds from sales will be donated to WCC's mission and outreach project for the Community Room at Kimberly Meadows in Plymouth.

### About the paintings

The original paintings were commissioned by Krista's mother, Bette Johnson, with the request that one of them portray Jesus' great love and compassion. In response, Krista painted the story of "Jairus' Daughter". The other painting, "Woman Caught in Adultery", Krista chose as an example of the inclusive love of Jesus. (Read more about the paintings at [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/biblepaintings](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/biblepaintings))



Jairus' Daughter

### Printing Overview

Prints are available as Giclée or on Canvas. Printing done by BamBam Grafix.

### Giclée Printing

Giclée is a French word (pronounced Zhee-Clay) which means "to spray". Giclée fine art prints are produced digitally on high quality inkjet printers, which have the capability to reproduce a much wider range of colors than conventional processes, due to the specially formulated inks and media used.

### Pricing

#### Giclée Prints (Unframed)

11x14 (image size 9x12) \$59

16x20 (image size 14x18) \$134

#### Prints on Canvas

18x24 \$206

25x35 \$285

36x46 \$483

Other sizes are available in both prints and on canvas. Please inquire with the artist about price and sizes.

For more information or to order your prints visit [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/biblepaintings](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/biblepaintings). You may contact Krista Johnson directly at [kristaleejohn@msn.com](mailto:kristaleejohn@msn.com) or 952-200-8244.

To see more of Krista's work, visit her exhibit in the Long Hall of the church or see the clergy portraits (including Rev. Dr. John F. Ross) outside the Pastoral Offices.



"Woman Caught in Adultery"



## Music at Wayzata: April Concerts

**Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert (tickets required)**

**Chaconne: A Baroque Fantasy**

**Friday, April 7, 8:00 p.m.**

Conductor and harpsichordist Jeannette Sorrell brings her “vibrant, life-affirming approach to the re-making of early music” (BBC Music Magazine) to the SPCO for a program of works rooted in dance by masters of the Baroque era. At the heart of the program, SPCO musicians Joshua Koestenbaum and Sarah Lewis are featured as soloists in Vivaldi’s Double Cello Concerto. For tickets, visit [www.thespco.org](http://www.thespco.org) or call 651-291-1144.

**Cantus (tickets required)**

**America Will Be!**

**Sunday, April 9, 3:00 p.m.**

In America Will Be!, Cantus explores the sacrifices of some of our nation’s greatest heroes at home: men and women fighting for the evident truth that all people are equal. Featuring timeless spirituals like Harry T. Burleigh’s “Deep River” and “This Ol’ Hammer” by John W. Work, as well as new voices in American music, America Will Be! looks toward the potential of the American promise. To purchase tickets, please call (612) 435-0055 or visit [www.cantussings.org](http://www.cantussings.org).

**The Encore Wind Ensemble**

**Sunday, April 23, 3:00 p.m.**

The Encore Wind Ensemble is a collection of some of the Twin Cities’ top instrumentalists dedicated to the performance of traditional and contemporary masterworks for band. It provides an opportunity for serious wind players and percussionists from the Minneapolis and St. Paul area to share in the highest level of musical expression and artistry. The concert is free.

**The Wayzata Symphony Orchestra**

**The Planets**

**Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m.**

This concert will feature Gustav Holst: The Planets, Op. 32. Each of the seven movements in this suite is named after a planet in the Solar System and its corresponding astrological character as defined by Holst. The concert is free.



## His Story, Our Story

by Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

**To make of his story something that could neither startle, nor shock, nor terrify, nor excite, nor inspire a living soul is to crucify the Son of God afresh.** (Dorothy Sayers)

When we stand in our 21st Century time zone, with our Post-modern, Western mindset, wearing the lens of freedom and wealth and privilege, the story of Jesus is most often experienced as a distant event, in a distant place, in distant times.

This story can be told in many ways. According to the gospels, it involved a collusion between religion and politics, soldiers and police, chief priests and Pharisees to solve a mutual problem— Jesus. Jesus stands at the center of the action like a mirror in which all can see themselves clearly. But this story is not simply a conflict between politics and religion, or between the betrayer and the betrayed, or even a story of one people against another. This is not a story from a distant time and place. It is our story as Christians, and the season of Easter bids us to look in the mirror of Jesus, and find our reflection in the world.

At a retreat years ago, the leader asked us to think of someone who represented Christ in our lives. Of course, we all chose saintly people who reflected God’s love clearly and compassionately. I will never forget one woman who stood up and confessed that she had to spend a long time thinking about the question “Who is it in my life who tells me the truth about myself so clearly that I wanted to harm her?”

The story of Easter is startling, shocking, terrifying, exciting, inspiring. Jesus stands as a mirror, that we must dare to look into during Easter week as we move from waving triumphant palms, to sacred remembering at the table, to brutal clashes and ultimately horrific death. And from the cross we hear the distant voice, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” God, forgive us for we do not know what we do.



## Trifaitb Opportunities

### Adath Jeshruan Congregation The Illusion Theater

Daryl Rother & Karyl Lynn Burns, in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, present "WIESENTHAL; An Ordinary Man Who Did Extraordinary Things". Shows are April 25-30. For tickets: 612-339-4944 or [www.illusiontheater.org](http://www.illusiontheater.org).

### Northwest Islamic Community Center

**A Tapestry Interfaith Women's Event will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.**, hosted at Northwest Islamic Community Center in Plymouth. All women are invited to this interfaith event that includes: Islam 101, Tour of the mosque, refreshments, service project collection for refugee families here, and a craft of handmade journals. Check the Tapestry Interfaith Women's facebook page for more information, or contact [kjeide@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:kjeide@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

## Legacy Planning with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

**Beginning in April, Rev. S. Lindy Purdy will lead a series of forums on Legacy Planning, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Colonnade/Chapel. Topics include:**

- **Legacy Planning, Part 1 (April 19)**  
*Health care directives*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 2 (April 26)**  
*Guest speakers: Brigit Bonner from Caring Bridge, and Sam Goodrich on Hospice Care*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 3 (May 3)**  
*Planning a funeral*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 4 (May 10)**  
*New directions in grief care, finding the new normal*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 5 (May 17)**  
*Ethical wills and Re-Membering*

You are welcome to attend any or all of these classes. Registration is not required.



## celebrations & transitions

We would love to hear from you when you have a new baby or grandbaby, so we can share the good news with your church family.

### BAPTISMS

- Nash James Nibbe, son of Christopher & Julie, grandson of Craig & Jane Nibbe.
- Naomi Joy Smith, daughter of Fred & Kate.
- Clark Michael Vossen, son of Michael & Kathleen.
- Catherine Claire Walk, daughter of Nicholas & Susanna.
- Grier Laughlin Chhun, daughter of Bunkosal & Emily.
- Cullen Joseph Frost, son of Adam & Sarah.
- Roman Russell Heiderscheidt, son of Joe & Laura.
- Jonathan Eric Sheveland, son of Eric & Melissa.

### CARES

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

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Bob Henderson	Karen Ryding
Jim Benda	Jay Handy
Truck Morrison	Tom Rutter
Carolyn Byers	

### CONDOLENCES

- Jule and Betsy Hannaford and their friends and family on the death of their son, Paul Connolly, on February 19.
- Karen Schreiber and her family on the death of Boyd Schreiber, on February 21.
- Dana Wood on the death of her father, Dea Elverum, on February 22.
- Reidun and Michael Tackett on the death of their mom, Annie Tackett, on February 25.
- John Peterson on the death of his father, George Peterson, on February 26.
- Tammy Neilson on the death of her mother, Marlys Schoenrock, on February 26.
- Bette Tjornhom and Amy Chapman on the death of their mother and grandmother, Theresa Fossen, on March 4.
- Carl Challgren and family on the death of his brother, Dan Challgren, on March 9.
- Family and friends on the death of Bill Fox, on March 16.

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## Holy Week and Easter

### **PALM SUNDAY • April 9**

- 8:00 a.m. Chapel with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship
- 10:10 a.m. Parables Worship (Chapel)
- 10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE • Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Tenebrae will tell the story of the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and trial in story and song; with WCC Chancel Choir and solo cello.

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE • Friday, April 14, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Service of the Seven Last Words of Christ.

### **EASTER EVE SERVICE; THE WATCH • Saturday, April 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Chapel**

### **EASTER SUNDAY • April 16**

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wayzata Beach. A Wayzata classic! Music, communion, scripture, message, and bonfires. Dogs welcome. (Wayzata Beach is just west of the Depot, on Lake Street in Wayzata.)
- 8:00 a.m. in the Wakefield Chapel. A celebration of Easter in an intimate setting with traditional music, soloist, communion, and sermon.
- 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A joyful contemporary celebration of Easter with sermon, and music by Tapestry, Celebration Singers, WCC Brass, and Children's Choirs, with a Children's Message.
- 10:10 a.m. in the Chapel. Parables Special Needs, Special Gifts. All are welcome!
- 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Traditional, lively Easter celebrations with sermon and music by the WCC Chancel Choir, Organ and WCC Brass.
- 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Traditional, lively Easter celebrations with a Children's Message, sermon, and music by the WCC Chancel Choir, Organ and WCC Brass.