

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

Worship on Wednesday-WoW!

Join us for celebratory, contemplative worship appropriate for all ages, every Wednesday with music beginning at 6:15 p.m. Music and message invite all who attend to feel welcome. Check out the variety of Bible studies, classes and music opportunities offered on Wednesdays at bit.ly/wednesdayprograms.

Childcare is available from 4:30-8:30 p.m. in the Garden Room, and Wednesdays at WCC are Parables-friendly!

THIS WEEK AT WCC

MONDAY, MAY 1

Archives Committee, 9:30 a.m., Archives Room
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Geography Lab
Parables Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Holmes Room
Board of Fellowship, 7 p.m., Staff Room
Middle School CE Board, 7 p.m., The Corner
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m., Piper Library

TUESDAY, MAY 2

High School CE Board, 6:30 p.m., The Loft
Board of Deacons Commissioning, 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary
Board of Deacons, 7 p.m., Holmes Room
Art & Design Committee, 7 p.m., Art Lab
Children's CE Board, 7 p.m., Care of You
OA, 7 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Geo Lab
Legacy Class with Lindy Purdy, 10 a.m., Colonnade/Chapel
Soul Sisters Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Lunds (Colonial Square)
InnerChange (Middle School), 4 p.m., The Corner
Childcare for Birth-PreK, 4:15-8:30 p.m., Crib Room
Joy! Bible Study with Rustin Comer, 4:30 p.m., Chapel
Afternoon Classes and Choirs, 4:15 p.m.
Parables Young Adult Bible Study, 5 p.m., Onan Room
"Food for the Soul" Suppers, 5-6:15 p.m., Mithun Hall
Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
Joy! Bible Study with Rustin Comer, 7:15 p.m., Chapel
Evening Classes and Choirs, 7:15 p.m.
Al-Anon, 7:45 p.m., Onan Room
Inklings: Theology on Tap, 9 p.m., Kips Irish Pub, St. Louis Park

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Geo Lab
Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m., Folkestone Community Room
Baptism Stepping Stone, 6 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Transfer of Memory Photography Exhibit, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Founders Hall
High School Spring Retreat Check-In, 5:30 p.m., East Oval
Interfaith Speaker, Dr. Robert Fisch, 7 p.m., Chapel
Transfer of Memory Reception, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m., Holmes Room
Old Timers' Basketball, 9 a.m., Gym
Transfer of Memory Photography Exhibit, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Founders Hall
Parables Respite Care, 10 a.m., Gym
AA, 11 a.m., Onan Room

Spring Growth Campaign

Everyone knows spring as a time of renewed growth and life. Like spring, our church is experiencing a renewal of life with new programs, members, and growth of our ministries. YOUR INCREASED GIVING helps continue this growth, not just in the spring, but all year long... especially when you join others by increasing your giving to WCC.

Last fall, over 250 members increased their giving with an average increase of 9.4%! Very soon, we will be sending the Spring Growth Campaign information to you in the mail. As you return your response card, we ask that you thoughtfully consider what a small increase can do to support our growing ministries.

Why not increase your giving today? Call the church office (952-473-8877) to expedite your request. Thanks again in advance for your support of what God is doing in and through Wayzata Community Church.

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LEGACY PLANNING FORUMS

Legacy Planning Forums with Lindy Purdy Through May 24th, Rev. S. Lindy Purdy is leading a series of forums on Legacy Planning, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Colonnade/Chapel. All are welcome to attend any or all of these classes and registration is not required.

- **Legacy Planning, Part 3 (May 3):** Planning a funeral
- **Legacy Planning, Part 4 (May 10):** New directions in grief care, new normal
- **Legacy Planning, Part 5 (May 17):** Ethical wills and Re-Membering
- **Legacy Planning, Part 6 (May 24):** Summary Session



TRAVEL MINISTRY



A Journey of Faith to the Holy Land

This Journey of Faith and Discovery to the Holy Land, from October 25-November 7, 2017, will be more than a site-seeing trip, although we will see the major sites that are sacred to Christians, Jews, and Muslims. It will be a trip of experiences that excite the senses, stimulate and promote our understanding of the complexities of the Middle East. Led by Rev. S. Lindy Purdy and Mike and Marcia Bussey. Registration remains open, as space allows, until June 1. You may pick up an informational brochure at the Reception Desk or visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/journeytoholylnd for more information.



Save the Date:

Early October 2018. Travel to the South of Spain with John & Sheila Ross for an unforgettable interfaith experience of a region where all three Abrahamic traditions have resided for centuries. More information coming soon!

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**ANNUAL MEETING • Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching
8 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Celebrations, Sanctuary
10:10 a.m. Parables, 10:45 a.m. Traditions, Sanctuary**



Transfer of Memory Photography Exhibit and Interfaith Lecture Series

May 5 - May 19, 2017

As part of Wayzata Community Church's commitment to the interfaith relationships and dialogue, we dreamed of a series to connect us to the lives of our Jewish Sisters and Brothers. The opportunity to host the *Transfer of Memory* photography exhibit and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra's concert of compositions by Jewish Holocaust survivors created focus for us to hear voices from our community about the experience of the Holocaust. You're invited to see the exhibit in Founders Hall from May 5-19. *Transfer of Memory*

was created by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Interfaith Speakers

- **Friday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., Dr. Robert O. Fisch**
"Light from the Yellow Star"

Dr. Robert O. Fisch was born on June 12, 1925 in Budapest, and survived a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. After the war Fisch attended medical school and participated in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. After a death threat, Fisch emigrated to the United States where he became world-renowned for his work in pediatrics, specifically with phenylketonuria. An author, Dr. Fisch's most notable book is *Light from the Yellow Star*.



- **Monday, May 8, 7:00 p.m., Rabbi Harold Kravitz**
"Hebrew Bible and the Holocaust"

Rabbi Kravitz joined the rabbinic staff of the Aduv Jeshurun Congregation in Minnetonka in 1987. In honor of his spiritual leadership, Kravitz was named one of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis in 2013 by the prominent Jewish newspaper, *Jewish Daily Forward*. The Aduv Jeshurun Congregation is active in trying to help people in poverty. Kravitz has taken a leading role in that effort, serving as the board chairman for Mazon, a national Jewish advocacy group that aims to eradicate hunger.



- **Monday, May 15, 7:00 p.m., Iris Tzafir**
"Finding Life in Lives Lost"

Iris Tzafir is an Israeli who has been living in the United States for the last 20 years. Trained as a scientist, she manages intellectual property transactions in the agriculture industry. She regularly speaks and writes about being a second generation of Shoah survivors.



The **Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra** will present ***In Times of War, Works from Jewish Composers*** on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Inspire the world with
the inclusive love of Jesus**

April 30-May 6, 2017

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

Reverend Danielle Hample Jones

It is with great anticipation and excitement that we announce the selection of our Minister for Congregational Life, The Reverend Danielle Hample Jones.



Danielle is a passionate church leader who thrives on developing caring relationships, building innovative congregational programs, and empowering lay leaders to engage in ministry. She is known as a magnetic, collaborative innovator who loves the church.

Danielle will deliver her candidate sermon on Sunday, May 7, followed by a Congregational Meeting at 11:45 a.m. to formally affirm her as our next minister. A reception will follow in Mithun Hall. Danielle will officially join our staff team and church family on May 8.



Annual Meeting This Morning 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Wayzata Community Church will be convened in the Sanctuary this morning immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service (approximately 10:00 a.m.). All WCC Members are encouraged to attend.

ADULT FAITH & LEARNING

Let There Be Joy!

Adult Wednesday Bible Study

Paul's letter to the Philippians is an expression of gratitude and joy. So, what exactly is joy? How does joy differ from happiness? What does Paul teach of this word? Are you hungry for joy in your life? Join Rev. Rustin Comer in the Chapel at 4:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. to find out how this letter encourages all who read it to let there be joy!



INKLINGS: Theology on Tap

Join Rev. Rustin Comer every Wednesday for a guided discussion on theology, the Bible, and courageous conversations topics. Tailored to Young Adults 21+, Post College and Career, 9:00 p.m. at Kips Irish Pub, St. Louis Park.



Faith Bible Study

Faith Bible Study, led by Rev. S. Lindy Purdy, meets in the Community Room at Folkestone of Wayzata on Thursdays at 10 a.m. We are studying the ancient words that tell the extraordinary story and mission of Jesus Christ, and their relevance for our lives today. All people are invited to come and share learning and life experiences.

Saturday Seekers

The Saturday Seekers, a longstanding, lay-led study and discussion group, meets in the Holmes Room on Saturday mornings from 8-9:30 am, after which time they share potluck breakfast. We are currently reading *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind—a New Perspective on Christ and His Message*, by Cynthia Bourgeault. New members are very welcome.

Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters is a group for all women and friends of Wayzata Community Church— all women, all ages all stages! Our mission is to inspire and equip women to spread the inclusive love of Jesus. Find out more about Soul Sisters at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsisters.

SUNDAY EDUCATION

- Birth-1 year old (9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.): check children into the CRIB ROOM before the service, check them out from the same location directly after the service.
- Ages 2-PreK (9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.): check children into the TREEHOUSE ROOM before the service, check them out from the same location directly after the service.
- Kindergarten-5th Grade: at the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship service, all K-5th grade students begin with their families in worship. Children will be called out by Jodie toward the beginning of the service. Pick up children in the Gym directly following worship.
- Middle School: 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship services, students begins with their families in worship. Middle Schoolers will be called out by Christa towards the beginning of the service and will walk down together and meet in The Corner.
- High School: Programs meet during the service this morning at 10:15 a.m. in The Loft!

LITTEST ANGELS

Bible ABCs

Bring your kids to spend time learning about the Bible and letters of the alphabet through interactive play. Children will begin the day with lunch, followed by learning a Bible story based on the letter of the week. They will make crafts, play in the Gym or outside on the playground and, if we have time, watch a short Veggie Tale movie to end the day. One class is offered for 3 and 4 year olds, and one for 2 year olds, beginning in June. For more information, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/bibleABC.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Passport to Peru: VBS 2017 • August 7-11

All children ages 3-5th grade are invited to attend VBS! Throughout the morning we'll sing and engage in active learning about our faith and how we can make a difference in our world! We'll discover what is unique about the food, culture, animals and people of Peru! Middle Schoolers are invited to register as junior counselors in our leadership program as. Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/VBS.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Middle School Mission Trip: August 2017

DULUTH AND GRAND MARAIS HERE WE COME!! We will be traveling to the north shore to explore our state and learn more from our neighbors, Sunday, August 6-Friday, August 11. Cost is \$350 for Middle Schoolers (current 6th-8th graders) and there is no cost for Adult Leaders. Again this year, there are scholarships available and fundraising opportunities. **Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/msmissiontrip.** For more information, contact Christa Workmon at cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Summer Camp Work Crew Application

All 10th - 12th graders are encouraged to participate in an extended service-based faith experience through our Summer Camp Work Crew Program. Visit: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ministries/camp-ministries/high-school-work-crew/

Register for the Colorado Trip! All current 12th graders are welcome. Trip dates are July 22 - July 30, 2017. For more information and to register, please visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/coloradotrip.

WCC NURSERY SCHOOL

WCC Nursery School Enrolling!

WCCNS is a non-profit, non-denominational school offering toddler and preschool classes for ages 26 months to 5 years old. Our mission is to promote the development of the whole child; physical, intellectual, social and emotional, and to assist parents in their parenting challenges. WCCNS offers an extended summer program, along with many enrichment opportunities, providing quality programming for families all year long. Come and see what Wayzata Community Church Nursery School has to offer! www.wccns.org



SUMMER CAMP

Support Summer Camp Ministry!

We would gratefully accept donation (or loan) of the following items to help us as we prepare for an awesome camp season on Church Island:

- Small ATV/UTV (like a Gator) and/or golf cart(s)
- Storage facility – secured, dry space for year-round use
- Backup generator
- Power washer
- Mountain bikes (and helmets)
- New hammocks
- Sports equipment (Only new basketballs, volleyballs and soccerballs, please.)

You can also email camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org to volunteer on a weekend trip to prepare the facility for this summer!

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, lifestages 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.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp.



MISSION

Mission Festival: "Living in Community" Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Mission Festival 2017 is right around the corner! This event involves all boards and committees as we work together to help those in need. This year we are focusing on a local mission: Building a Community Room at the Kimberly Meadows Affordable Housing Complex right here in Plymouth, MN. Join us for worship at 9 a.m. as the children of the church lead us with message, song and skits to help us focus on serving. Following the 9 a.m. service there will be a one-of-a-kind carnival with experiences you might find in your own community. Families can make a woodworking project, practice yoga, learn to draw from an expert, take "selfies" on a green screen with cool backgrounds, and more! We'll also have favorites from years past like Wacky hair, Bingo and the Cookie Walk. There will also be some amazing baskets in a silent auction, a raffle for all ages and stages, and a delicious lunch served on the patio. Plan on attending this end of the program year celebration with your church family as we "Live in Community" to help those in need!



The Rummage Sale Trivia Game

We will have a weekly question until the Sale on August 2nd and 3rd. There will be a prize for the most correct answers! Send your answer to Rummagesale@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

Question #6: The Rummage Sale currently has _____ departments.

We would love to have new volunteers to help with the Sale, WCC's largest mission and outreach effort. If interested, contact the Rummage Sale Office (952-473-8877, ext. 276).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music at Wayzata Presents...

Wayzata Symphony Orchestra Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m.

The Wayzata Symphony Orchestra, WCC's orchestra in residence, will present *The Planets*, featuring 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.

Sing in the Mother's Day Choir on May 14!

Join our 5th Annual WCC Mother's Day Intergenerational Choir! You don't have to know how to sing... we're all about being together and praising God. God cares about what's in your heart and the Spirit with which you worship.... Moms, Daughters, Friends, Sisters, Goddaughters, Godmoms, Grandmothers, Granddaughters, Aunts, Cousins, Friends are all welcome!

We will rehearse on Saturday, May 13 from 9-9:45 a.m. On Sunday, May 14, we'll meet in the choir room at 8 a.m. for rehearsal and we will sing in the 9 a.m. Celebrations service.

Guest Organists

Today, Organist Kraig Windschitl will be playing the dedication of a new Rodgers Digital Organ at First United Methodist Church in Steamboat Springs, CO. On Sunday, May 7 will be leading a hymn festival at Holy Rosary Church, Medford, WI to dedicate their new Rodgers Digital Organ. Please welcome two distinguished artists who will be subbing for him: Sharon Kleckner on April 30, and Carolyn Diamond on May 7. Kleckner holds degrees in organ performance from Oberlin Conservatory and Peabody. Diamond, heard many times on the Summer Organ Series and other series in Minneapolis and New York City, is a good friend of WCC Music, and was Associate Organist at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis from 2000-2016.

ART & DESIGN

Jennifer Bong Photo Exhibit

You are invited to view a new art exhibit in the Long Hall, recently installed by the Art & Design Committee. Jennifer Bong is a Minneapolis photographer who has been photographing children and flowers for over forty years. Her work with black and white film, sepiatoning and soft hand tinting evokes a simpler time of gentleness and peace.