



Celebrating Scott Woolery!

Please join us in celebration of Scott Woolery's Retirement on Thursday, April 27 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Wayzata Brew Works, 294 Grove Lane East, Wayzata. Light appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP at bit.ly/scottparty.

If you wish to honor Scott with a financial gift, you may bring your gift to the WCC Reception Desk between 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will also be a basket at the party. Please make checks payable to Scott Woolery.

FELLOWSHIP

Suppers, etc.

Join us each Wednesday from 5-6:15 p.m. in Mithun Hall for Suppers, "Food for Your Soul!" On the menu this week: Soup du Jour (Vegan), Chili Blanco with Pollo, Tortilla Chips, Elote (Mexican Corn), Garden Salad with dressing, Artisan Breads, and Tres Leches Cake. Visit our website for other upcoming menus (bit.ly/wccsuppers).

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 a Choir!

Choirs rehearse on Wednesdays and all are invited to sing!

- Cherub Choir (Ages 3-5): 4:15-4:45 p.m.
- Joy Choir (K): 4:15-4:45 p.m.
- Hosanna Choir (gr. 1-2): 4:15-4:45 p.m.
- Alleluia Choir (Grades 3-5): 4:45-5:30 p.m.
- Chimers Handbell Choir (Grades 3-8): 4:15-4:45 p.m.
- Disciples Plus (Grades 6-12): 5:15-6:00 p.m.
- Joyful Noise Handbell Choir (High School-Adult): 5:15-6:00 p.m.
- Celebration Singers (High School-Adult): 7:15-8:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir (High School-Adult): 7:15-8:45 p.m.

TRIFAITH EVENT



Tapestry Interfaith Event

An 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 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 information, or contact kjeide@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

A Journey of Faith to the Holy Land

Join Rev. S. Lindy Purdy for a Journey of Faith and Discovery to the Holy Land, from October 25-November 7, 2017 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 until June 1. You may pick up an informational brochure at the Reception Desk or visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/journeytoholylnd.



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!

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

Since 1921, the Annual Rummage Sale has been a ministry of service, fellowship and outreach. 2017 Sale Days are Wednesday, August 2 (9 a.m.-8 p.m.) and Thursday, August 3 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.). Rummage drop-off begins on June 12! See our website for more information: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/rummagesale.

Thimble Bees

Thimble Bees will meet on Tuesdays, April 25 & May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon in Mithun Hall. Whether you have been in Thimble Bees for years or are just thinking about it, join us! If you sew or knit, this group is for you. Women willing to tie baby quilts, stuff toys, or do other tasks are welcome, too. Come for the joy of participating in special mission work and fellowship of a group of caring women.



Welcome

We are so pleased to share with you the celebration and joy of the Sunday After Easter! It is our prayer that you find meaning and inspiration in our time together, and that you leave filled with the spirit of God's love and grace.

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" in each pew so that we may know of your visit and you may greet each other by name. If you have questions about our church, please visit our Welcome Center in Founders Hall, or speak to any member of our staff.

He is risen...!

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister



The Sunday After Easter

9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We welcome The Minnesota Boychoir in worship this morning! 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.



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? Beginning April 26, 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!



2017 Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 30, 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Wayzata Community Church will be convened in the Sanctuary on April 30, 2017, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service (approximately 10:00 a.m.). All WCC Members are encouraged to attend.

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus

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



Transfer of Memory Photography Exhibit and Interfaith Lecture Series May 5 - May 19, 2017

Photo: David Sherman

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.

Lecture Series

- 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 Adath 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 Adath 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 Tzafirir "Finding Life in Lives Lost"

Iris Tzafirir 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 "Works from Jewish Composers" on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

VISION AND MISSION

We believe God is active in the world and that God has a specific calling and claim on our unique gifts, history, and resources as a church. Through our Vision and Mission we explicitly join God's work in the world in moving toward a less divided and divisive world. You as an individual have the power to inspire the world by finding your own unique way of living out the call of our Vision and Mission.

OUR VISION

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

OUR MISSION

To be a caring community drawn together by God's grace and called to personally live out Christ's love.

- To actively extend a welcome invitation to all people, embracing each other with uncompromising compassion.
- To boldly challenge our own complacency through courageous conversation and transformational worship.
- To relentlessly share our extraordinary gifts through life-changing mission and service—near and far.

WORSHIP

We at Wayzata Community Church enjoy worship. The community we share and the good we do emanate from the joy-filled, life-changing times of gathered worship, as we bring our whole selves before God.

Sunday Worship

Chapel (8:00 a.m.)

This intimate worship service includes Communion, a shorter sermon, and traditional hymns. This is a smaller worship experience while being connected to the larger life of WCC.

Celebrations (9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

This festive worship experience in our Sanctuary is more informal, embracing an innovative variety of contemporary music.

Parables (10:10-10:40 a.m. in the Chapel)

The Parables worship service is an interactive, hands-on, "special-needs friendly" service open to anyone and everyone, led by Rev. Leslie Neugent, September through June. Parables embraces all people, those with special needs and those without. All are welcome!



Traditions (10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

This is our classic, traditional worship service with the pageantry of the Chancel Choir, organ, and liturgy. Grounded in our long history, this is a more formal worship experience.

Hillcrest Golden Living Service (11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest)

A worship service for residents and friends of Hillcrest Golden Living, offered the first and third Sunday of each month, led by Rev. Susan Finn.

Meridian Manor Worship (1:00 p.m. at Meridan Manor)

A weekly worship service for residents and friends of Meridian Manor, led by Rev. Susan Finn.

Wednesday Worship: WoW!

Join us for this celebratory worship service every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music and message create an inspiring atmosphere in the Sanctuary—invitational, inspirational, and intergenerational. Childcare is available from 4:30-8:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

Summer Worship on Wednesday

Come for inspiring worship, amazing music, and fellowship on the front lawn Wednesday evenings this summer! WoW kicks off on June 14 with the Daisy Dillman Band. Other music guests this summer include: Power Tap with Charles Lazarus, Lorie Line, the Jack Brass Band, Robert Robinson & Friends, and Why Not Sea Monsters? featuring Justin Roberts! Grab a hot dog sizzling on the grill, and enjoy a picnic dinner and music beginning at 6:00 p.m. Worship begins at 6:40 p.m., followed by more music and fellowship. Dogs are welcome!



ADULT FAITH & LEARNING

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.

Unique Family Ministry: Blended & Blessed Simulcast Saturday, April 29 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Blended & Blessed is a FREE one-day live event for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. We will unpack 5 keys that are crucial to healthy stepfamily marriages. With some of today's most trusted and respected experts, Blended & Blessed will challenge, inspire, and encourage you. If you are part of a stepfamily, or know someone who is, this is a can't-miss opportunity! Register at <https://familylife.brushfireapp.com/blended-blessed/436185>



LITTLEST ANGELS MINISTRY

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

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.

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. For more information, and to apply, visit: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp.

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



PASTORAL CARE

Legacy Planning Forums with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

Rev. S. Lindy Purdy is leading a series of Legacy Planning forums, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Colonnade/Chapel. You are welcome to attend any or all of these forums. Registration is not required.

• April 26: Legacy Planning, Part 2

Guest speakers: Caring Bridge and Hospice Care

• May 3, Legacy Planning, Part 3

Planning a Funeral

• May 10, Legacy Planning, Part 4

New Directions in Grief Care, Finding the New Normal

• May 17, Legacy Planning, Part 5

Ethical Wills and Re-Membering

• Legacy Planning (Part 6) May 24

Summary Session



SUMMER CAMP MINISTRY



Summer Camp 2017: Church Island on Bay Lake

Share in the amazing ministry of unbelievable fun, faith-forming relationships, and memorable experiences! Register now to attend camp at our beautiful new location, Church Island on Bay Lake, in Deerwood, MN. Spots are available for children and youth, from 3rd grade through

High School. Get ready for the "best week of your summer"! Register today at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp.

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.

MEMBERSHIP



How do you do Church?

Whether you are just visiting or looking for a new church home, WCC has something great for you! Worship to fit your style... Inspiring adult and youth ministry programs for all ages...

Adult Bible Education for Beginners & the "Well Versed"...

World-Class Music & Music Concert events... Local, National & International Mission and Outreach programs...

Interested in becoming a member? Fill out a friendship pad during Sunday or Wednesday services, or contact Lou Vlahos at 612-850-5178, lvlahos@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.