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## Rummage: It Takes a Village!

**“The Rummage Sale is a great way for us to work together as a family to help our greater community.” – Molly Hegwood**

There must be something special about the WCC Rummage Sale that keeps people coming back year after year, and generation after generation, to work for no pay just to help people in need! The 500+ rummage volunteers are living out what we say at the end of each worship service at WCC — “to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.” But not only that — “it’s fun!” says 5th (of 6) generation Penny Sprague, whose ancestors were among the original 12 who started the church in 1881.

Molly Hegwood and her sons Jackson, 10, Charlie 9, Judd and Eddie, 6 are dedicated volunteers. “I have always said that working at the Rummage Sale is something I do for my boys. It’s an opportunity for my boys to work side-by-side with multiple generations. They get so much joy hearing stories about me as a child, their grandparents and great grandparents working at the sale! It’s also very important for me as a parent to teach them about giving back. The WCCRS is a great way for us to work together as a family to help our greater community. It slows us down, forces us to fill our hearts with fellowship, put in a little elbow grease and get a job done start to finish!”

But not all our rummage volunteers are members of WCC. Many come from the community and many have come to us from the Salvation Army Harbor Light and their BOLT (Basics of Life Training) program.



**The Rummage Sale, continued on page 2**



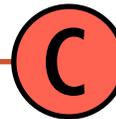
### From Our Moderator

Moderator Ann Stewart Johnson writes about friendship pads and saying “hello!” to people in church, on page 2.



### Summer Worship on the Lawn

Summer WoW continues through July 26th. Bring a picnic, bring your friends, bring your dog—and experience worship on the lawn as we Rock the Steeple! More on page 12.



### The Amazing Miracle League

What baseball team cheers for the opposing team right along with their own team? The Miracle League, that’s who! Read more on page 9.



## From Our Moderator Ann Johnson Stewart

**Ever since I was a little girl, I have loved the church “Friendship Pad”.** I would love to sign my name as it went by, scanning for the names of friends or neighbors sitting in my row. I still love that friendship pad; I love signing it, looking at the names already on it and then again when it comes back my way. It is a disappointing morning when the people sitting on the aisle don’t know that they’re supposed to sign it and send it down the row, even when reminded to do it! Arrghh... on those mornings, I’ve been cheated out of one of life’s small pleasures.

When I luck out and my row contains a rule follower on the aisle, the pad makes its way to me, and I note who’s a “visitor” and who’s a “member”. I’m always intrigued when I see there’s a “member” sitting next to me whom I don’t recognize. I wonder, “Who are they? Why don’t I know them?” The visitors are easy to greet: “Hello! Welcome!” But the members are a little trickier: what if I introduce myself and they’re someone I should know? What if I’ve already met them and don’t remember? It’s worth the risk; introduce yourself anyway. Better yet, engage them in short conversation! And, please be gracious with me and with the rest of us who are brave enough to extend a hand. If we have already met, simply reply, “Nice to meet you too!”

At my mom’s small church in rural Wisconsin, there’s no need for the friendship pad. She goes to a church that has about 25 regular members. During their “welcome time”, everyone in the church greets every other person. It takes a while, and as a visitor, I’m entertained by the chaos of all the shuffling and moving around, and by watching everyone make sure they say hello to every person who’s there. I love that. It is an important tradition for them, and an important part of their morning worship. They check in with each other; ask about family, health, children; and reconnect as a community.

Some of our members do this too: I often see Lindy walk all the way up the aisle, greeting everyone along the way. By the time the service has moved on, she’s quickly striding back to the front to regain her spot. I wish we all would do that. Wouldn’t it be funny if one of these Sundays, everyone took a cue from my mom’s church, and made a point to greet EVERY OTHER PERSON in the Sanctuary?? I wonder how long it would take? Should we find out? And would it really take away from church? Or would it be an exercise in exactly what church is supposed to be?

## The Rummage Sale, continued from page 1

John Foster who came to WCC many years ago through the BOLT program raves about the people who impacted his life while working at The Sale: Paul Parrish, John & Patty Bailey and Bill Boulware. John says that most people won’t ever realize what an effect the WCC people have on the lives of the BOLT people. From beginning to end, hour after hour building momentum, relationships, and lasting friendships. “It is really a blessing”, John says. John is now employed at Salvation Army as Chaplin and Activities Coordinator.

Back for her eleventh summer is Christine, a BOLT graduate and now a college graduate who majored in criminal justice, hoping to work with troubled kids. Christine keeps coming back because she likes what The Rummage Sale stands for—helping others.

In her thirteenth year, Danielle drives out from North Minneapolis each day during the summer to work in the kitchen, hosting the all-important snack time. During the “off season” she is a student at National American University studying billing and coding. She loves being with everyone and seeing old friends. She also came to WCC through Harbor Lights.



There is room for everyone at the WCC Rummage Sale — come join the fun and fellowship as we work together to inspire this world right here at The Sale and, with our proceeds, to inspire the world well beyond our walls locally, nationally, and internationally.



**Last Day to Drop Off Rummage, July 17**

### SALE DATES

**Wednesday, August 2: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 3: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

### Some Mission & Outreach Grant Recipients include:

- Adopt-a-Neighborhood/Kimberly Meadows Apts.
- Music for Memory
- Light of Hope Home and School for Girls
- Haiti College Fund
- Opportunity International
- Can Do Canines
- Evergreen Youth & Family Services
- Banyan Community
- Upstream Arts/Special Needs Community
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Joyce Preschool
- Gigi’s Playhouse
- Salvation Army
- Interfaith Outreach
- Families Moving Forward
- Meals on Wheels
- Loaves and Fishes
- Bridging, Inc.
- Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
- and many others!



# for the moment

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

## Not All Who Wander Are Lost

**Not all who wander are lost. Take Saint Columba for example.** He was exiled in 563 C.E. from his home in Derry, walked to the east coast of Ireland, climbed into a one-person curach (unique, Irish boat), and subjected himself to the wind and waves—allowing the Spirit to blow him where it would.

Eventually he would land on a beach made up entirely of stones the size of basketballs at the south end of a tiny island (just 3 square miles) where he would establish a monastic community that still calls Celtic pilgrims to its sacred soil yet today: the Iona Community. Inch for inch, the tiny island of Iona packs more spiritual punch than most places around the world... and is the first place referred to as a "thin place."

George MacLoed famously said, "Iona is a thin place where only tissue paper separates the material and the spiritual." According to MacLoed's description, do you have a "thin place" in your life? Do you have a place where the space between earth and heaven seems particularly "thin"? If not, consider these marks of a thin place as experienced by Peter, James, and John at the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9).

### Jesus Leads Us To Thin Places

Jesus is what some call a "prime attractor". That is someone who moves history and humanity just by being who they are. Jesus is THE Prime Attractor for Christians, and is the one who invites us to places of transformation—leading us from above, beneath, before, behind, beside, and within.

CS Lewis who lived and wrote from Ireland and Britain, created the Chronicles of Narnia in which Aslan (the Christ figure) often says, "You can't know what would have been, but you can find out what will be if you follow me."

### Thin Places Invite Us To Silence

Silence is an element of natural creation that can't be duplicated in other spaces. Silence has become so foreign to us it makes us uncomfortable, but it is a critical aspect in a life of faith. On the Mount of Transfiguration the Disciples didn't know what to say. Although Peter broke the silence, God interrupts him saying, "This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to Him!" In short, "Silence is the language of God. All else is poor translation."

### In Thin Places, We See Something New In Jesus... and OURSELVES

Saint Francis is another "prime attractor" who regularly went to the thin places in his life. Franciscan tradition holds that he would spend entire nights praying this phrase over and over: "Who are you, God? And who am I?"

Thin places come equipped with these core questions of identity. And in the asking, comes clarity in the voice of God, the Transfiguration of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. And every time we see something new in Jesus...we see something new in ourselves.

On their way down the mountain, Jesus instructed the disciples to "tell no one" what they had seen and heard. What I think he meant was don't tell people about Jesus, SHOW them by the way they live their life. May the thin places of our lives have that effect on all us... every day. Amen.

See you in church,

John

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister



## Beannacht (Blessings)

On the day when  
the weight deadens  
on your shoulders  
and you stumble,  
may the clay dance  
to balance you.  
And when your eyes  
freeze behind  
the grey window  
and the ghost of loss  
gets in to you,  
may a flock of colors,  
indigo, red, green  
and azure blue  
come to awaken in you  
a meadow of delight.  
When the canvas frays  
in the curach\* of thought  
and a stain of ocean  
blackens beneath you,  
may there come across the water  
a path of yellow moonlight  
to bring you safely home.  
May the nourishment of the earth  
be yours,  
may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean  
be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors  
be yours.  
And so may a slow  
wind work these words  
of love around you,  
an invisible cloak  
to mind your life.

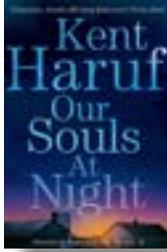
John O'Donohue

\* Irish boat

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The Third Thursday Readers will meet on Thursday, July 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Our Souls at Night*, by Kent Haru. If you like to read and discuss books, from literary and historical fiction, to biography, autobiography, and memoir, please consider joining this group of avid readers. Attend every month, or when time and interest allow. Everyone is welcome!

July 2017

<p>2 <b>Rev. Rustin Comer preaching</b> 8:00 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary</p>	<p>3 Building Closed for Holiday</p>	<p>4 Building Closed for Holiday</p>
<p>9 <b>Rev. Rustin Comer preaching</b> 8:00 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary New Member Breakfast, 11:00 a.m. Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC</p>	<p>10 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Investment Committee, 3 p.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC</p>	<p>11 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Bible ABCs for Twos, 11:30 a.m. High School #2 Camp Check-In, 1 p.m. Executive Committee of Council, 5:30 p.m. Membership Committee, 6:30 p.m. Adult CE Board, 7 p.m. Personnel Committee, 7 p.m. Building &amp; Grounds Board, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC</p>
<p>16 <b>Rev. Rustin Comer preaching</b> 8:00 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary</p>	<p>17 <b>Last Day to Drop off Rummage Donations</b> Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Soul Sisters Steering Committee, 6 p.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Middle School Summer Stretch, 8 a.m. Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Bible ABCs for Twos, 11:30 a.m. Children's #2 Camp Check-In, 1 p.m. Mission &amp; Outreach Board, 7 p.m. Church Council, 7 p.m. Unique Family Ministry Meeting, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.</p>
<p>23 <b>Rev. Danielle Jones preaching</b> 8:00 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary</p>	<p>24 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. CHC Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Generosity Committee, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.</p>
<p>30 <b>Rev. Rustin Comer preaching</b> 8:00 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  <b>All-Church Camp at Bay Lake</b></p>	<p>31 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	

## WEDNESDAY

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			1 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m.
Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Middle School #3 Camp Check-In, 1 p.m. Summer Organ Concert, 12:15 p.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Summer Worship on Wednesday, 6 p.m. Smart Stepfamily Marriage Class, 7 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.	6 Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Bible ABCs for Three & Fours, 11:30 a.m. New Member Orientation, 6:30 p.m.	7 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m.	8 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. Parables Respite Care, 10 a.m. AA, 11 a.m.
12 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Summer Organ Concert, 12:15 p.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Summer Worship on Wednesday, 6 p.m. Smart Stepfamily Marriage Class, 7 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC	13 Finance Committee, 6:45 a.m. Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Bible ABCs for Three & Fours, 11:30 a.m. Library Committee, 2 p.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC	14 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC	15 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m. Families Moving Forward at WCC
19 Middle School Summer Stretch, 8 a.m. Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Summer Organ Concert, 12:15 p.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Summer Worship on Wednesday, 6 p.m. Smart Stepfamily Marriage Class, 7 p.m. Colorado Trip Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Middle School Mission Trip Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.	20 Middle School Summer Stretch, 8 a.m. Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Bible ABCs for Three & Fours, 11:30 a.m. Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m.	21 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m.	22 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m. Middle School #4 Camp Check-In, 1 p.m.
26 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Summer Organ Concert, 12:15 p.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Summer Worship on Wednesday, 6 p.m. Smart Stepfamily Marriage Class, 7 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.	27 Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Bridge, 12 noon  <b>All-Church Camp at Bay Lake</b>	28 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m.  <b>All-Church Camp at Bay Lake</b>	29 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m. <b>All-Church Camp at Bay Lake</b>



### Coming Up in August

- **The Rummage Sale! Wednesday and Thursday, August 2 & 3**
- **Summer Organ Concerts continue on Wednesdays through August 16**
- **Vacation Bible School, Passport to Peru! August 7-11**
- **Parables Summer Camp, August 14-18**

SUNDAY

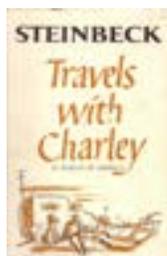
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		1 Rummage Volunteers, 9 a.m. Planning Committee, 6 p.m. Board of Deacons, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.
6 Hilary Flynn preaching 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.  Middle School Mission Trip	7 VBS, 9 a.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.  Middle School Mission Trip	8 VBS, 9 a.m. High School CE Board, 6:30 p.m. Membership Committee, 6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, 7 p.m. Building and Grounds Board, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.  Middle School Mission Trip
13 Rev. Danielle Jones preaching 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary	14 Parables Summer Camp, 8 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Camp & Retreat Board, 6:30 p.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.	15 Parables Summer Camp, 8 a.m. Mission and Outreach Board, 6:30 p.m. Church Council, 7 p.m. Unique Family Ministry, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.
20 BAPTISM SUNDAY Rev. Danielle Jones preaching 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary	21 Called to Care Training, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Soul Sisters Steering Committee, 6 p.m. Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.	22 CHC Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Generosity Committee, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.
27 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary	28 Called to Care Training, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Loaves and Fishes, 5:15 p.m., Offsite Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.	29 OA, 7 p.m.



The Third Thursday Readers will meet in the Piper Library at 1 p.m. on August 17 to discuss *Travels with Charley*, by John Steinbeck. If you like to read and discuss books, please join us! Everyone is welcome!



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<p><b>2</b> <b>THE RUMMAGE SALE, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.</b> AA, 10 a.m. Summer Organ Concert, 12:15 p.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake <b>THE RUMMAGE SALE, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.</b> Women's AA, 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Rummage Clean Up VBS Training for Junior and Senior Counselors, 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. Rummage Clean Up AA, 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>9</b> VBS, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Summer Organ Concert, 12:15 p.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.  Middle School Mission Trip</p>	<p><b>10</b> Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake VBS, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Library Committee, 2 p.m.  Middle School Mission Trip</p>	<p><b>11</b> VBS, 9 a.m.  Middle School Mission Trip</p>	<p><b>12</b> Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m.</p>
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<p><b>23</b> Great Expectations Breakfast (for Interfaith Outreach), 7:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m.. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake Women's AA, 10 a.m. Bridge, 12 noon</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>30</b> Called to Care, 9 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Soul Sisters Walking Group, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Parker's Lake Women's AA, 10 a.m.</p>		



### Coming Up in September

- Our regular Sunday Worship schedule begins on Sunday, September 10
- Worship on Wednesday in the Sanctuary begins Wednesday, September 13



## Galen's Magnificent Marble Mazes

by Mary Jane Hochstein

It all started with a pile of oak wood in the garage and the statement, "I want to make sawdust!" Armed with a set of designs from a woodworker's magazine, Galen Hochstein's first marble maze was born twelve years ago.

Since then his hobby has morphed from a simple tower maze to complicated and detailed theme mazes. Along the way, he learned to make curved tracks, vortices from wood, and other structures from Owens Corning Insulation foam. Galen repurposes xylophones, Venetian blinds, blocks, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs and stones vacuumed off the front lawn making his mazes unique and memorable. A bell, incorporated in each maze, is his signature piece.

Galen has entered his mazes into the Hennepin County Fair and the Minnesota State Fair, winning multiple blue ribbons and two awards for Innovation in Design and Technique. He makes one maze a year, with Maze Number 7 waiting in the wings for this year's State Fair, where it will be on display in the Creative Activities Building. Galen has also adapted smaller mazes for several pre-schools and for kids with special needs.

Although the mazes are not for sale, we have enjoyed sharing them with family and friends, and events at WCC such as Families Moving Forward and Mission Festival. The mazes have been to early childhood learning centers and various community events and provided entertainment for the residents of the memory unit at Walker Methodist Health Center in Minneapolis.

What started out as simply something to do has become a gift, a work of wonder and joy for kids of all ages. Blessed to be a blessing.



## Summer New Member Orientation

If you are interested in joining Wayzata Community Church, our next New Member Orientation events take place in July.

### NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

**Sunday, July 9, after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Colonnade**

Join us for a continental breakfast, meet staff and members, and hear about becoming a member at WCC.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES

This hour is packed with helpful information including a short overview of our church's heritage, traditions and ministries, led by Rev. Danielle Jones, with a brief message from Rev. Dr. John Ross, Senior Minister, Wayzata Community Church

- Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Holmes Room
- Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Holmes Room

### SUMMER NEW MEMBER RECEIVING CEREMONY

On Wednesday, July 26, we welcome new members into Wayzata Community Church during the Worship on Wednesday service. Register for a New Member Orientation Class online: [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/newmemberclasses](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/newmemberclasses).



**1. New! Soul Sisters Walking Group**  
 Ready for a good walk with friends? Join the Soul Sisters walking group for a jaunt! The walkers meet at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. every Thursday at Parker's Lake in Plymouth, at the main pavilion. Be sure to wear your walking shoes and bring water! If you have any questions, send an email to Margaret Green at [margyg63@gmail.com](mailto:margyg63@gmail.com) (or call or text 815-440-3592) with any questions.



**2. Families Moving Forward Guests.**  
 Volunteer for Families Moving Forward from July 9 to July 16! We still need people to help with food, overnight stays, hosting and more! Sign up in Founders Hall on Sundays or contact Peter Thompson ([pthompson@hamline.edu](mailto:pthompson@hamline.edu)) or Cindy LaRue ([cindyla29@aol.com](mailto:cindyla29@aol.com)) for more details.

**3. Join us for All-Church Camp from Thursday, July 27-Sunday, July 30 and experience a truly unique, Spirit-filled weekend!** We get to savor the beauty of our camp home at Church Island on Bay Lake, enjoy God and each other, and spend time building and strengthening our foundation as a church family. Summer cabins and Lodge rooms (with individual bathrooms) are offered. Payment plans are available, as well as limited scholarships. This year, we reduced the fees to increase access for everyone to attend! For more information and to register for Church Camp, July 27-30, visit [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org).



The Dairy Queen Dodgers

## The Miracle League

By Autumn Toussaint

**Baseball is a rite of passage for kids in this country, but America's favorite past-time isn't an option for most special needs children and young adults. However, for so many of our own Wayzata Community Church Parables Ministry families, it has been a reality since 2008.**



West Metro Miracle League games include all the sights and smells of a typical ballpark: the National Anthem, the crack of a bat, the smack of the ball in a glove, and the sound of cheers as a runner rounds 3rd base and heads toward home, the smell of hot dogs, and time spent in God's great outdoors as part of a team working for a common goal. But at our games, the opposing team cheers just as loudly when a player crosses home plate. If it takes 5 minutes to get from 1st base to 2nd base, that's OK. Our games have no winners or losers (always a tie).

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The West Metro Miracle League was founded with the motto "Every child deserves a chance to play baseball." Any child (ages 3-19) with ANY cognitive or physical challenge is invited to play in the league. To help the athletes, we use a "buddy" system – pairing each player with an able-bodied peer or adult. We play on the official Harmon Killebrew Field, a Miracle League Field sponsored by the Minnesota Twins, Harmon Killebrew, and Subway. This special baseball field includes a thick rubber field to enable all kids to get around the bases safely. My son Kevin has played on the Dairy Queen Dodgers since 2009, and it has enhanced our family's life in so many ways. For one hour each weekend during baseball season Kevin is cheered on by everyone in the stands. His buddy helps him bat and run the bases (his favorite), and the high fives and huge smiles are our way of knowing how special these moments are. All of this takes place while we simply sit in the stands and watch. This does not happen often, if at all, where families of special needs children are told, "I've got him/her, you go sit as a family and simply enjoy the game."

For the past 9 years the Dairy Queen Dodgers have been coached by WCC's Tim Hawley. In the beginning, the team was made up mostly of kids from WCC as well. However, the league expanded so much, and our Parables Ministry Families became so involved that both of Tim's older children, Maddie and Bennett Hawley, now coach teams of their own that include WCC kids. We also have several WCC High School and College students who have taken on teams of their own, as well as formed Buddy teams to assist with games. West Metro Miracle League is about making new friends, building self-esteem and being treated just like other kids. It's also a chance for parents, families and friends of special needs kids to fellowship, share ideas, and cheer on the most incredible athletes on earth!



## WCC's Chancel Choir Welcomes Singers!

by Carolyn Riley, WCC Chancel Choir Council President

**“While the 10:45 worship service is generally viewed as traditional, the music the Chancel Choir sings is not bound by tradition.”**

During the course of this past year, the WCC Chancel Choir—which regularly provides music for the 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship service—has been re-examining and re-imagining itself, intent on growing its membership. Choir council members, who represent the interests of the choir at large, have undertaken the task of capturing—in words—our vision, mission and core values. ([Click here to view on our website.](#)) This process has included conducting individual interviews with choir members, seeking the guidance of WCC's former Moderator and now Director of Operations Laura Janckila, engaging both section leaders and the entire choir in conversations at intervals along the way, writing and re-writing, and most recently sharing our final version in a meeting with Senior Minister John Ross.

While the 10:45 worship service is generally viewed as traditional, the music the Chancel Choir sings is not bound by tradition. Besides sacred classics, our repertoire includes spirituals and contemporary and world music. And we eagerly anticipate our recurring, thrilling collaborations with the Wayzata Symphony Orchestra for holidays and concerts!

The fervent desire of Chancel Choir is to be accessible to all interested singers. Yes, we aim to excel in our musical offerings during worship, but our rehearsals are a-laugh-a-minute fun! And if our warm welcome doesn't reassure newcomers, the supportive musical leadership of our section professionals certainly will! As Director Tom Paulson often reminds us, “we don't perform brain surgery, we create art.” Indeed, participating in Sunday worship in such an artful way is a joy that none of us takes for granted.

This fall, Chancel Choir will begin a new tradition of rehearsing three Wednesdays a month and singing three Sundays a month. A Chamber Choir—our section leaders and auditioned volunteers—will provide music for worship on a fourth Sunday. In addition, Chancel Choir welcomes those who can make only limited commitments, whether it be for the fall season, for Christmas, for our spring concert, for the Lenten/Easter season, or as frequently as possible. Contact Tom Paulson at 952-473-8877 ext. 216 or at [tpaulson@wayzata-communitychurch.org](mailto:tpaulson@wayzata-communitychurch.org) to express your interest. Our first rehearsal this fall is Wednesday, August 30. We will be so excited to have you join us!

# SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy free 30-minute concerts by world-class organists performing on the landmark magnum opus Charles Hendrickson tracker organ in our beautiful Sanctuary, 12:15 p.m. every Wednesday! Following each recital, join us for light refreshments in Founders Hall.



### July 5: Matt Haider

Matt is Director of Worship and Music at Edison Park Lutheran Church, Chicago.



### July 12: Sharon Kleckner

Sharon holds degrees in organ performance from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where she studied with Garth Peacock, and Syracuse University where she earned the Master of Music.



### July 19: Joshua Lindgren

Joshua is Minister of Worship and Music for Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Prior Lake.



### July 26: Christopher Stroh

Christopher has served as Principal Organist at The Basilica of Saint Mary in downtown Minneapolis since 2006.



### August 2: Christopher Ganza

Christopher is the Organist & Choirmaster at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Minneapolis, where he directs the Parish Choir, Vespers Choir, and Cantors, and plays for all of the parish's sung liturgies.



### August 9: Carolyn Diamond

Active as both pianist and pipe organist, Carolyn Diamond performs regularly on concert series in the metro areas of Minnesota and New York.



### August 16: Kraig Windschitl

Kraig is Principal Organist and Director of Handbells at Wayzata Community Church.



# celebrations & transitions

## Caring Ministry at WCC

As Rev. S. Lindy Purdy takes some time away this summer, and as Rev. Danielle Jones is stepping into her new role as Minister of Congregational Life, we have established a new system to ensure that we are aware of your pastoral care needs as they arise. Katie Kraus is the key contact for pastoral care concerns. We want to know if you have a hospitalization, upcoming surgery, death of a family member, personal or family crisis, are in need of a care visit, or you simply would like to connect to a pastor. Katie will work with the pastoral staff to connect with those in need. Katie can be reached at 952-473-8877, ext. 228 or [kkraus@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:kkraus@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

## Pacem in Terris Retreat

Friday October 6-Sunday, October 8

“Be still and know that I am God,” writes the psalmist. But in the full and fast pace of life in our world, it can be hard to make a time and place to simply be with God and listen for God’s personal word to each of us. Thankfully, there are ministries dedicated to providing just such a time and place for people to come and be with God. Pacem in Terris, a Franciscan center of spirituality located in St. Francis, MN, is one of those places. Set in beautiful woods among walking paths with a lake nearby, Pacem in Terris provides simple “hermitages” for individuals to experience prayerful solitude and a time to rest in God’s presence.

Ten “hermitages” have been reserved for the weekend of October 6-8. Rev. Kristen Jeide invites you to experience this time alone with God, but in the context of community. The time begins Friday afternoon, followed by a meal together and orientation, before going to our individual hermitages for two nights. We gather together again on Sunday morning to share reflections on our time before departing before noon. (We will gather twice before our retreat for information and preparation on Thursdays, Sept. 14 & 28, 7-8 pm.)

Suggested donation to Pacem in Terris is \$230 (scholarships available.) Registration deadline is Thursday, September 14. For more about Pacem in Terris, visit [www.paceminterris.org](http://www.paceminterris.org). For more information and to register, contact Rev. Kristen Jeide at [kjeide@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:kjeide@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

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

- Greyson Joshua Blair, son of Joshua & Abbey
- Henrik Alexander Feitz, son of Mark & Katherine
- Josephine Ella Shore, daughter of Nathan & Veronica
- Anna Bell Swaggert, daughter of Nicholas & Amanda

### Reaffirmation of Baptism

- Theodore Joseph Fazendin, son of Ben & Andrea

### 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 Doan	Judy Alexander
Lou Vlahos	Lenore Watkins

### CONDOLENCES

- Hannah Fazendin and family on the death of her father, Brad Fazendin, on May 19, 2017.
- Maureen Shaver and family on the death of her mother, Hazel “Spencer” Hastings, on May 22, 2017
- Betsy and Allie Henley and family on the death of Betsy’s brother (Allie’s uncle), Neil Hyde, on May 22, 2017.
- Katharine Hull and family on the death of her mother, Lucia Morison, on May 27, 2017.
- The Webb family on the death of their father Roscoe C. Webb, Jr, M.D. on June 1, 2017.
- Family and friends on the death of longtime WCC member and organist, Marjie Hawthorne McFarland, on June 6, 2017.
- Roger and Kathleen Patterson and family on the death of Roger’s father, Donald Patterson, on June 10, 2017.
- Family and friends on the death of longtime WCC member, Judy Specht, on June 12, 2017.
- Missy Swanson and family on the death of her mother, Pat Leer, on June 16, 2017.
- Nancy Crist on the death of her sister, Carolyn Wilson, on June 18, 2017.

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# ROCK WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH THE STEEPLE



## Worship on Wednesday

Join us on the front lawn for our 10th year of outdoor summer worship! Bring a picnic, bring your friends, bring your dog. Come rain or shine, we're rocking the steeple on Wednesdays! Music and food starts at 6 p.m. and worship begins at 6:40 p.m. Adele's Custard is served every Wednesday at WoW!

### **JULY 5: Ipso Facto: An All-American Celebration**

Rock-style reggae with our WoW drummer, Greg McFarlane, and brothers Wain and Juju! Ipso Facto has toured with everyone from UB40 to Tracy Chapman. We welcome them back again this summer. **Grilled hot dogs will be served by the Boy Scout Troop 283**, and the Scouts will lead a special blessing of our new flag pole.

### **JULY 12: Children's Night: Why Not Sea Monsters? with Justin Roberts**

"Why Not Sea Monsters?" Bible songs are filled with wit and catchy hooks, both silly and touching! "Why Not Sea Monsters?" tours across the country with their whimsical music tailored to children. **The Target Field Food Truck** will be serving delicious baseball fare. As a special treat for the kids, we'll have bouncy houses, face painting and games on the lawn!

### **JULY 19: Jack Brass Band**

The Jack Brass Band plays everything from old Louis Armstrong-style New Orleans jazz to the modern street Mardi-Gras anthems. **Jake's Street Grill** will be serving a variety of fare from Jakewings and Jake Burgers turned mini, and Cajun Tilapia to Lobster/Shrimp Tacos!

### **JULY 26: The Finale: Robert Robinson & Friends**

Minnesota's own, Gospel Legend Robert Robinson is back, sharing his soulful voice and great messages of love and hope! We will celebrate our fabulous Rummage Sale Ministry and welcome New Members at WoW, and you can order dinner from the **Rusty Taco Food Truck**.