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inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus

BE Church

By Ann Johnson Stewart, Moderator

Several years ago, I had a student who was from Sri Lanka. He was a good student, and one of the most polite people I've ever met. So now, I am certain that all people from Sri Lanka are just great; I know it because I know one person who was from there and he was very nice. Does that sound familiar? If you are like me, you can name several instances where you judge the residents of an entire city, state, or even country by a single person you've interacted with. I wonder if Christ knows that he's come to represent the entire country of Sri Lanka for me!

That has me thinking: who do I represent in the world? What impact do my words and actions have? And what impact CAN they have if I am a little bit more thoughtful about it?

Consider all the demographics you represent. Now, pick one, and consider how you want people to think of it. Let's pick the Church. I don't mean Wayzata Community Church, I mean THE CHURCH. Like God's Church. The BIG ONE. My Church is based on the inclusive love of Jesus. My Church is loving, kind, inclusive, engaged, generous, caring, and working for the good of all people (among other positive, wonderful things). I know and work with many Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, agnostics, atheists, and other non-Christians. For any of them, I easily could be that one person who defines what the Church is and how its members act, based on my behavior and our relationship. So, the pressure is real and it is on. I need to ask, "As a member of the Church, how am I living my life so that others who see me as its representative might define and describe it? Am I living a life that is warm, engaged, caring, generous, inclusive, and represents all that is good about the Church? Or am I providing ammunition to those who wish to discredit the Church based on bad behavior by its members?"

Humans remember a small percentage of what they hear, but that retention goes up to way over half if they hear and then SEE something that reinforces it. Being the Church means demonstrating all that Christ teaches us, and being our kindest, most inclusive, loving selves. I've recently started paying closer attention to the messages I'm sending others with my actions and words. And I'm challenged to be the Church as God would want me to be all the time. As the saying goes, "Be strong. You never know who you are inspiring."

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What is CORE?

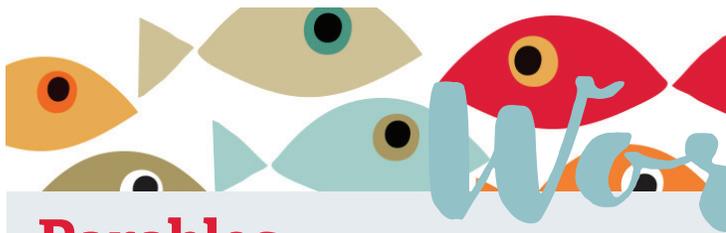
Core is a space to reconsider, reconstruct, and nurture our grasp of faith and life, asking the Spirit to guide us into truth. Read more on page 6.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Rev. Danielle Jones will lead an 8-week journey into understanding who you are, what has shaped you, and how that impacts your relationship with God. Read more on page 7.

Music Ministry at WCC

Fall is a great time to become part of a choir, attend a music event, audition for the Wizard of Oz, or simply enjoy the beautiful music in worship! Find out more on page 13.



Parables

Parables is a ministry that celebrates and empowers the community of people with special needs and their families.

We offer ongoing programming for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their parents, as well as having an interactive, “special needs friendly” Worship Service each Sunday morning that embraces all people to come as they are—special needs or not. All are welcome!

Our fish logo says it all in one simple picture. In it you see a school of fish all swimming in one direction, and one lone Red Fish swimming the other way—not the wrong way, just a different way. That’s us, the Parables community.

NEW WORSHIP TIME FOR PARABLES! *The Parables Worship Service is offered each and every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. from September 10 through May in the Chapel.* There is music, singing, praying, dancing, scripture readings and a message all offered in a safe and loving space.

We also offer:

- A twice a month Bible Study for Parables Young Adults
- A monthly Pizza and Movie Night for Parables Young Adults
- Ongoing WCC Mission opportunities for our Parables Youth and Young Adults
- A monthly Parables Respite/Friendship Group held at the church on alternating Friday nights and Saturdays
- A week -long summer camp for Parables Youth and Young Adults held in August at WCC
- Ongoing Parables Parents Book Groups held throughout the year.
- A Parables “Buddy Program” is currently being developed to pair Parables Youth and Young Adults with friends from the community.

PARABLES INTERN, KIERSTEN JARVIS

There will be a new face in our Parables ministry this fall! Kiersten Jarvis, a student at United Theological Seminary, will be interning at WCC this year, working with our Parables community.



Kiersten grew up in Edina and graduated with a BA in Fine Art from Kalamazoo College in Michigan. She completed a Master’s degree at the University of Minnesota in Speech-Language Pathology

and worked in the Minneapolis Public Schools before having children of her own.

She is now pursuing a Master’s of Divinity with concentrations in Pastoral Care and Counseling, Interfaith Chaplaincy, and Spiritual Formation. She lives in Edina with her husband, Mike, and their children Elise (19), Jack (18) and Thomas (15).



Sunday Worship

Our full Sunday worship schedule resumes on September 10.

Communion Worship Service

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

This worship service includes Communion, a shorter sermon, and traditional hymns. If you like a smaller worship experience while being connected to the larger life of WCC, you will love this service.

“Celebrations” Contemporary Worship Service

9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

This festive worship experience is more informal, embracing an innovative variety of contemporary music led by the inspiring musicians of Tapestry. Childcare provided for children through age 5. Coffee and fellowship follows this service in Founders Hall.

Parables Special Needs, Special Gifts Service

10:30- 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel

A worship of special needs, special gifts, this interactive, hands-on, “special-needs friendly” worship is held in the Chapel, led by Rev. Leslie Neugent.

“Traditions” Traditional Worship Service

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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. Childcare provided for children through age 5. Coffee and fellowship follows this service in Founders Hall.

Meridian Manor Worship Service

1:00 p.m. at Meridian Manor

Traditional worship led by Rev. Susan Finn, with WCC musicians, Deacons, Called to Care Companions, and volunteers leading a half-hour service, from 1:00-1:30 p.m. in The Whistle Stop community room at Meridian Manor. This service includes prayers, hymns, a short homily, communion and fellowship. All are welcome.



for the moment

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

What Can We Do?

Now as much as ever, our families, neighbors, community, nation, and world need more from us. They need us to BE church.

“So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” James 2:17

Ever since the latest act of senseless violence occurred in Charlottesville, but also in response to what feels like an ever-ratcheting-up rhetoric of racism and intolerance, I’ve been getting the same question from people: What can we do?

I have an answer: **DON’T GO TO CHURCH.** You read that right. Don’t go to church. Instead, BE church. Our best response to any and every form of racism, violence, terrorism, bigotry, injustice, hate, and the like, is to BE what we’re created to BE: an action-based, love-centered, peacemaking community, which is grounded in grace. Don’t just GO to church. . . **BE church.**

Our old prophet-friend Micah speaks to and through us at the close of worship every Sunday. But lately I’ve been thinking that we should START every service by parroting his 3-part answer to his own question: what does the Lord require of us (the church)? AND, in light of our current context, I think we need to reverse the order of his triad.

First we need to learn to WALK. . . humbly. This kind of humility begins with honest, self-inspection. It’s been said that enlightenment is knowing where you are and telling the truth about it. Have you honestly looked at your life, your actions, your words, your priorities through the lens of Jesus’ teachings? It’s a humbling exercise because we all come up short of the mark, but that’s where we begin. Humility. Can you do that?

Our next call is to LOVE kindness. Some translations use the word mercy instead of kindness. Mercy is better. Mercy is stronger. Mercy is harder. But from a posture of humility, we have no choice but to extend loving kindness to all people—especially our enemies, no matter what we think of them. I think we all remember what Jesus said to do with our enemies. Can we do that?

Humility + Love = Justice. From a humble heart rooted in love, justice will come forth. Justice in its many forms is what the church does best. There’s no shortage of opportunities to do justice right now. And it’s the best, shortest, most important answer to the question I keep getting, “What can we do?” **BE CHURCH. DO JUSTICE.**

As we begin a new program year at WCC, don’t go to church. Now as much as ever, our families, neighbors, community, nation, and world need more from us. They need us to BE church.

Peace,

John

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister



Don’t GO to church —BE CHURCH

September Sunday Sermon Series

Swiss Reformed theologian, Karl Barth famously quipped: “The Word became flesh—and then through theologians it became words again.”

We’re going to spend the month of September ensuring that our faith is more than just words. We’ll consider what it means to BE church—rather than simply going to church.

Our full Sunday worship schedule resumes on September 10.

- 8 a.m. Wakefield Chapel, Communion
- 9 a.m. Celebrations, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Parables, Chapel
- 10:45 a.m. Traditions, Sanctuary



WORSHIP

on Wednesday

Join us every Wednesday for music, learning and worship. We offer new fall programs & classes and an uplifting midweek worship service in the Sanctuary. Suppers, etc. is served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in Mithun Hall. Enjoy a delicious meal and amazing fellowship!

Worship on Wednesday

6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Get your midweek BOOST at this celebratory time of worship for all ages. Music and message extend a warm welcome to all.

Childcare is offered every Wednesday from 4:15-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at WCC are **Parables-friendly!**

Suppers, etc.

Food for the Soul!

On Wednesdays let us do the cooking! From September through May, Suppers, etc. is served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in Mithun Hall before our Worship on Wednesday service. Suppers offers a fresh assortment of food items for purchase that will satisfy your appetite! For weekly menus, visit www.wayzatacommunity-church.org/suppers.



New Adult Faith Classes!

On page 6, read more about new CORE Adult Faith Formation classes that are being offered on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY & LOCATION	AGE GROUP
MORNING		
10:00-11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation Classes Chapel and Colonnade	Adult
AFTERNOON		
4:00-5:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Classes Chapel and Colonnade	Adults
4:00-6:15 p.m.	InnerChange, The Corner	6th-8th Grade
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Knutzen Children's Library Open	Everyone
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir, Community Room	Ages 3-5 years
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Joy Choir, GraceNotes	Kindergarten
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Hosanna Choir, Adult Choir Room	1st-2nd Grade
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Chimers Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room	3rd-8th Grade
4:15-8:30 p.m.	Childcare, Various Locations	Birth-5 years
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Alleluia Choir, Choir Room	3rd-5th Grade
5:00-5:35 p.m.	Moment for Mission, Care of You and GraceLand Art Room	K-2nd Grade
5:15-6:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise Handbells Bell Choir Room	High School/Adults
5:15-6:00 p.m.	Disciples Plus Choir, GraceNotes	6th-12th Grade
5:35-6:05 p.m.	Moment for Mission, Care of You and GraceLand Art Room	3rd-5th Grade
SUPPERS, ETC.		
5:00-6:15 p.m.	Suppers, etc., Mithun Hall	Everyone
WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY		
6:15 p.m.	Worship on Wednesday	Everyone
EVENING		
7:15-8:00 p.m.	Celebration Singers, GraceNotes	Adults
7:15-8:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir, Adult Choir Room	Adults
7:15-8:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Classes Chapel, Colonnade, Piper Library	Adult
7:15-8:30 p.m.	Bible Stories & Games Planet Hollywood	K-5th Grade
7:15-8:30 p.m.	Middle School Crossroads The Corner	6th-8th grade
7:15-8:30 p.m.	High School Ministry Acts The Loft	9th-12th Grade

Food for the Soul Sunday

You are invited to join us on Sunday, September 17, for "Food for the Soul Sunday" in Founders Hall after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. services. We will celebrate our Wednesday ministries, and Chef Jeff will be serving delicious samples of what this year's "Suppers" offerings will taste like!

What is Congregational Life anyway?

Danielle Jones,
Minister for Congregational Life



I am almost three months into my new position of Minister of Congregational Life at Wayzata Community Church. Already, I have enjoyed meeting so many of you in worship, at All Church Camp, for

coffee and in meetings along the way. But many of you have asked me "What does your role entail?"

The Minister of Congregational Life position is a new one for WCC, but it comes to us at just the right time in this new season of ministry. This community has been blessed with vision and growth over the past many years and although every church longs to grow, growth comes with its own set of challenges and opportunities.

My role is to help anyone and everyone get connected and engaged at WCC. Our lives are made up of seasons and each season is a new opportunity to notice God's work in our lives and to join God at work in the world. I hope to connect new members and longtime members into places of meaningful spiritual growth and ministry here at church and in the world.

Church becomes more meaningful when we have places of connection that enfold us in community, challenge us to seek God in all we do, and when we find places to use our gifts to serve God inside and outside of the walls of WCC.

In addition, I will also be working with the Deacons who contribute to meaningful worship and in Pastoral Care alongside Lindy Purdy and all our clergy to ensure that our members feel loved and cared for by their church. I look forward to how this role will unfold as we live life together in community.

As fall begins, be watching the weekly and monthly *inspires* for ways to get involved in our church and be listening to God for wisdom about what your unique gift is to this community. I look forward to meeting more of you along the way.



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.

BIRTHS

- Julian Sorrentino on February 7, parents Andrea Sorrentino & Scott Elliott, grandparents Joe & Sue Sorrentino
- Harrison Lemmens on June 8, parents Gina & Matt Lemmens, grandparents Joe & Sue Sorrentino
- Hazel Jean Sören Comer on August 3, daughter of Heather & Rustin, and little sister of Jackson

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

Karen Ryding Nancy Pohtilla Arthur Rouner

CONDOLENCES

- Craig Friedhoff and family on the death of his father, Carl "Bill" Friedhoff, on May 23, 2017.
- Kathy Handy and family on the death of her husband, Jay Handy, on June 21, 2017.
- Friends and family on the death of Thelma Benson, on June 23, 2017
- Joyce Beauchane on the death of her sister Kay Murphy, June 23, 2017
- Carole Kilmanas on the death of her sister, Marilyn Rausch, on June 25, 2017.
- Friends and family on the death of Michelle Orcutt, on July 1, 2017.
- Jan Ingwolson and family on the death of her sister, Cleo Carlson, on July 5, 2017.
- Friends and family on the death of Sue Jackson, on July 7, 2017.
- Pat Doan and family on the death of her husband, Bob Doan, on July 11, 2017.
- Jen Zavitz and family on the death of her father, Richard "Dick" Lee, on July 16, 2017.
- Mandi Lee and family on the death of her uncle, William "Bill" Lee, on July 17, 2017.
- Friends and family on the death of Laura Morlan, on July 19, 2017.
- Julie Close and family on the death of her mother, Judy Potts, on July 20, 2017
- Friends and family on the death of Marion Kole, on July 21, 2017.
- Nicole Halliwill and family on the death of her father, Dean Halliwill, on August 1, 2017.
- Mike Gustafson and family on the death of his father, Lloyd Gustafson, on August 2, 2017.

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WCC is a community committed to learning. Over the last nine months we have been dreaming about how to create a comprehensive adult learning experience that offers multiple topics and multiple methodologies of learning simultaneously. This fall that dream becomes a reality through Core.

We're all growing in something. The question is: What are we growing in? At the heart of our Christian faith is story. Stories about God, about those who have followed God, God's redeeming message, and the way of Jesus. Core can help you find your place in this story. Through classes, forums, and small group discussion, you can find ways to grow in knowledge, wisdom, community, and service.

Core isn't reserved for "spiritual elites." It's for everyone: from those engaging the Bible and faith for the first time, to skeptics, doubters, stay-at-home parents, business owners, teachers, singles—anyone who wants to grow in faith, knowledge, wisdom, and life. Core seeks to equip women and men to grow in their love for God and to live out the way of Jesus in the world.

WHY CORE?

In 1265 St. Thomas Aquinas published the first piece of the Summa Theologica, 'Core Theological Issues'. The Summa is "one of the classics of history of philosophy and one of the most influential works of Western literature." It was intended as an instructional guide for theology students, including clergy and the literate laity. "Core" is a useful English shorthand for the Summa and provides a worthy title for our Wednesday adult education, for two reasons:

First, an education program worthy of the name is not inherently "secular." Nor does starting from religious foundations mean rejecting evolution, psychology, sociology, feminist studies, or any other realm of contemporary investigation. "God's truth" is not a subset of knowledge. Rather, God encourages questioning and is present in all seeking of truth.

Second, "Core" represents a willingness to rethink received ideas. Aquinas fashioned a view of the world that incorporated many of Aristotle's views but placed them in a different framework, sometimes in conjunction with Augustine's writings. Setting aside old articulations of faith and knowledge as inadequate and looking for new frameworks within which to comprehend our faith and lives is an act of faith. Core offers a place to undertake that task.

Core is a space to reconsider, reconstruct, and nurture our grasp of faith and life, asking the Spirit to guide us into truth.



Author Event: Colby Martin

Sunday, September 24 • 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Historically, the Christian Church has not made space at the table for those who identify as LGBTQ. Our discrimination has been justified by the (mis) use of six passages in the Bible. "UnClobber," an evening with Colby Martin, will explore these six passages in a fresh way that not only demonstrates how God is not anti-LGBTQ, but these passages can actually provide some beautiful principles for a more expansive, hospitable, and loving faith. Even if

your heart is already wide open for all people, "UnClobber" can help settle any remaining hangups with regards to the Bible and homosexuality.

Colby Martin is the author of *UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*, wherein he shares his story of being fired from an evangelical mega church when they discovered his open and affirming theology. Colby and his wife, Kate, are the founding co-Pastors of Sojourn Grace Collective in San Diego, where they live with their four boys. Read more at www.colbymartinonline.com

This fall our Core classes will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. Our first three offerings will be:



**The Bible: Holy Book/
House of Cards/Mystic Treasure?**

**Taught by Bible scholar Ron Troxel
10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.**

After reading scripture each Sunday, the reader says, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church." But what is it that we hear the Spirit say? Are the words of scripture what the Spirit says? Given the common confession that the Bible is "the word of God," we might draw that conclusion. But what, then, of admissions from the pulpit that not everything in scripture comports with our sense of faith? In fact, how do we deal with our embarrassment that scripture says some things that we find crude or morally objectionable? If the Spirit speaks through scripture, how can we suggest that some of its ideas do not meet with our approval? What is the Bible's role in our faith?



**God Talk: Introduction to Theologies
of The CHURCH**

**Taught by Minister of Formation
Rustin Comer
10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.**

Theology seems like a big word to many of us, yet, at its root, it simply means talk about God. Throughout Christian history there have been many theologies developed by people seeking to understand God, the church, and themselves in new ways. Over ten weeks we will look at different theologies developed by the Church and explore their usefulness in our own faith journey. Many of us have foundational questions we long to explore. Questions like, "Why is there evil and suffering?"; "What is the purpose of the Church?"; "Who is God?"; "What's the purpose of Humanity?"; "Does Jesus actually matter?"; and "What happens when we die?"



**God Is Not One:
Understanding Interfaith**

**Taught by Minister of
Spiritual Life
Kristen Rouner Jeide
7:15 p.m.**

Opening our eyes to religious differences can help us appreciate the unique beauty of each of the great religions — the radical freedom of the Daoist wanderer, the contemplative way into death of the Buddhist monk, and the joy in the face of the divine life of the Sufi shopkeeper are just a few of the voices that we will hear from in this powerful book study of Stephen Prothero's work, *God is Not One*. Join us and hear 8 distinct and unique voices of friends in Faith.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Thursdays, September 21-November 16 (No class on October 19)

6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Colonnade

Led by Rev. Danielle Jones



Growing in Christ does not just happen because you show up on Sunday mornings or you serve here at the church once in a while. Growth in Christ happens through intention and regular time with God and others who are seeking God.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS) is an 8-week journey into understanding who you are, what has shaped you, and how that impacts your relationship with God.

EHS is designed to help you make new and deeper connections at WCC while learning more about yourself and strengthening your relationship with God.

Some of the foundational principles of EHS are...

- It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.
- You can't separate knowing God from knowing yourself.
- Our doing for Jesus must be sustained by a life of being with Jesus.
- Without silence and solitude it is almost impossible to grow in the spiritual life.
- It's possible to be believers in Jesus but not disciples of Jesus.

This class requires an online sign-up. The fee is \$30 per person which includes a book, a workbook, and a daily devotional that will be used throughout the course. The course is designed with a little bit of homework and a lot of discussion. Please contact Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org for more information. Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/EHS

Soul Sisters Fall Kick Off : New Year's In September!

**Saturday, September 30
Mithun Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Join Soul Sisters for a celebration of a new year of inspiration! We'll have soulful music, delicious snacks, and a message of renewal from Rev. Danielle Jones. You will have an opportunity to sign up for Table groups, Lunch Bunch, walking groups, and all of our ongoing programs. If you're new to WCC, Soul Sisters is for you! All women of all ages are invited.

Registration is required, and there is a \$10.00 registration fee. (Fee is non-refundable.) Registration deadline is September 24. Register online at

www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsisters.

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Sisters*

MILESTONES

MINISTRY

You may have heard of our Stepping Stones Family ministry. This year we are recreating, and amplifying that ministry and giving it a new name. MILESTONES is a re-newed learning opportunity for families with children creating a significant link between the church and home, while also fostering a sense of community among families.

During our Milestone sessions we laugh, discuss, connect, and deepen our connection with God, family, and community through learning spiritual practices together. Each of the 13 short courses, or “milestones,” invites families into interactive and engaging ways to share the journey of life and faith through everyday faith practices—blessing one another, praying together, sharing highs and lows, reading scripture together, giving and receiving forgiveness, and participating in mission. Each of the Milestones is celebrated with the wider church family in worship with a special blessing. The overriding hope of our Family Milestones is to bless the child, gift the family, and call the parents to the sacred work of nurturing their children’s spiritual lives.

The 13 Family Milestones



INFANT BAPTISM MILESTONE Engaging the Sacrament of Baptism

Parents of infants spend one session sharing, laughing, and growing as they learn about their baby’s physical, emotional and spiritual health...as well as their own. We share about the sacrament of Baptism and the theology behind why we practice

this ancient ritual. The course finishes with a your child’s baptism at Sunday worship. Parents and their infants are together for the beginning and close of the session, with nursery care provided during the rest of the session.



PRESCHOOL PRAYER MILESTONE Building Family Prayer Tools

A child’s transition from infant to toddler to preschooler is a period of constant discovery for parent and child alike. From the child’s perspective, virtually everything he or she encounters – from the most mundane task to the most unique occurrence

– is happening for the first time. In this single session course we will craft 5 prayer tools to be used in your family. We will learn together how to put these prayer tools to use in your family’s regular flow of life.



KINDERGARTEN MISSION MILESTONE Blessing the Backpacks

In this single session we will discuss the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of children during the kindergarten year. It is designed for parents and their children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall or are currently in kindergarten.

Parents and children are together for the beginning of class. They will pack backpacks for children in need, and discuss the value of caring for others. Then parents will walk through the Sunday morning elementary Graceland experience. At the conclusion of this course, parents and children will be celebrated in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. We will bless their first backpacks and bless the backpacks of all the students in the congregation.



2ND GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE Beginner Story Bible

In this two session course we will discuss how to introduce the Bible into your family during evening storytime. We will talk through techniques on how to engage your second grader with the Bible during

the development of their learning to read. The goal of this course is to help students and parents have a basic understanding of the narrative stories of the Bible, and to create a nightly or weekly ritual of sharing those stories together. At the conclusion of this course, parents and children will be celebrated in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. We will gift your children with their first storybook Bible.



4TH GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE My Bible

This comprehensive Milestone is six sessions. It is designed for parents and their 4th graders to learn together. Each session will engage parents and 4th graders in a meaningful and creative exploration of the Bible. This is an in-depth course build-

ing on the foundations of what you learned together in the 2nd grade Milestone. At the conclusion of this course, parents and children will be celebrated in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning, all 4th graders will be presented with their very own Bible in worship.



5TH GRADE COMMUNION MILESTONE Engaging the Sacrament of Communion

This three-session Milestone is for parents and their 5th graders and covers the meaning of communion and the practice of forgiveness. Parents and children will be invited to make promises to confess and forgive together each night as part of a new nightly ritual. At the conclusion of this course, students will celebrate their first communion in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning.



6TH GRADE TRANSITIONS MILESTONE A Time of Change

This two-session Milestone is for parents and their 6th graders. We will explore some of the mental, emotional, and physical transitions occurring in the life of a 6th grader. This stone will give ample time for parents and students to talk peer-to-peer about the changes they are feeling and experiencing. We will focus on the ritual of blessing. During these two sessions we will teach parents how to speak words of blessing over their student each day. At the conclusion of this course, parents and children will be celebrated in the Sanctuary at a Wednesday night worship service.



7TH GRADE MILESTONE Learning to Thrive

This Milestone is three sessions over three months designed for parents and their 7th graders together. The first session will cover The Cow & The Haystack Theory, addressing how societal pressures and support structures are different from the way they were a generation ago and how parents and adolescents can begin charting this new territory together. The second session is entitled Our Dreams, where parents and their teens will work together to articulate their dream relationship, then take special steps to make that dream a reality. "Highs & Lows" is the third session and will explore how parents and teens can utilize nightly communication effectively and commit to applying God's Word to their daily highs and lows.



8TH GRADE BLESSING MILESTONE Moving up

This single stone is for parents and their 8th graders. We will explore some of the mental, emotional and physical transitions occurring in the life of a 8th graders as they prepare to move into high school. This stone will give ample time for parents and students to meet our high school ministry staff and hear about all the amazing things in the family's future connected to WCC. At the conclusion of this course, parents and students will be celebrated in the Sanctuary at a Wednesday night worship service.



9TH GRADE TRANSITIONS MILESTONE A Time of Change

This three session stone is for parents and their 9th graders. We will explore the basics of faith. We will challenge parents and students to create space for the students faith to become their own. Session one will focus on the basics of the way of Jesus. Session two will focus on what it means to be a part of the UCC and session three will focus on how to navigate handing the responsibility of faith over to your student. At the conclusion of this course, parents and children will be celebrated in the Sanctuary at a Wednesday night worship service.



10TH GRADE KEYS MILESTONE A Time For Others

This two-session stone is for parents and their 10th graders. We will explore the keys to the kin-dom of God. As students are starting to get keys to the family car, it is also time we turn over the keys to the kingdom of God. During these two sessions parents and students together will be on mission with our local mission partners to create change in our world.



11TH GRADE STUDY MILESTONE Studying the Bible

This comprehensive Milestone is two sessions. It is designed for parents and their 11th graders to learn together. Each session will engage parents and 11th graders in a meaningful and creative exploration of the Bible. We will respond to questions like: What do we do with doubt? How do we approach inconsistencies in the Bible? How do we study the Bible to get the most out of it? This is an in-depth course building on the foundations of what you learned together in the 4th grade Milestone. At the conclusion of this course, parents and children will be celebrated in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning, All 11th graders will be presented with their own Study Bible in worship.



12TH GRADE COMMISSIONING MILESTONE A Time to Send

This two-session stone is for parents and their 12th graders. We will explore the upcoming transitions of leaving the nest. We will discuss topics like: budgets, continued relationship with family, expectations, pressures of college, and how to succeed in your first year post high school. During these two sessions together parents and students will create a family covenant to help navigate this new relationship of parent and adult child. We will celebrate your family together on a Sunday morning as we commission your seniors to go out into the world and BE church.

A New Name, A New Way, A New Look

Over the last year the “Transformer Team,” children’s and youth ministry team, has been hard at work dreaming about how to meet the needs of a changing culture. While this work is far from finished and will be a life long work, we are proud to introduce to you some new ideas.

A New Name

The team previously known as “Transformers,” will now be known simply as your “Family Ministry Team.” This change is important for a multitude of reasons. First, very few people knew who the transformers were or what they did in our church, yet this group of bold leaders helps facilitate all the ministry happening from birth to college. This is a significant section of life. Creating a name that clearly communicates who they are, while simultaneously sharing what they do, was an important first step. Your Family Ministry Team includes leaders you know well, and a few new members whom you will get to know. Gabe Flynn and Jordan Masters will be leading our High School ministry, Christa Workmon with the help of Nate McDonald will lead our Middle School ministry, Jodie Nyberg leads our Elementary ministry and Hannah Cruzen is our newest addition, leading our Early Childhood ministry. Helping us keep all of this together are Kjerstee Miller and Rustin Comer. Together they help each of these leaders create the best family programming possible.

A New Way

Last winter we created a new vision for our team. The Family Ministry Team builds bridges with children, youth, and their families through relational experiences of God’s love, to inspire the world. This is a dramatic change. We understand our core role as bridge builders. We long to help build bridges between:

- Children, youth, and families to God
- Student to the “family”
- Self to the other
- Community “in” to the community “out”
- Students to mission
- Stages of Childhood and adolescence to “adulting”
- Self to mental health

This is just a start to the bridges we hope to help build within the life of the church.

A New Look

As seen here, each of our individual family ministries has a new logo and those individual images come together to build a bridge. The multifaceted bridge will be our teams new logo and shows the intersections of how we work together to create a full ministry to children, youth and their families.

FAMILY MINISTRIES BUILDING BRIDGES



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

As Hannah starts to strengthen the bridge between Wayzata Community Church and WCC Nursery School, she is looking forward to all of the fun events that will combine children and families of these two together. The first event on the calendar is the WCCNS Halloween Ball on Friday, October 27, from 6-7:30pm. Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for some spooky fun in Mithun Hall!



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Sundays and Wednesdays: In the first quarter of the year we have many exciting activities for kids in Children’s Ministry! Rally Sunday is September 10, with a parade in the Sanctuary welcoming kids back to our program year. Wednesday classes begin on September 13, with a Moment for Mission class where kids learn about needs in the world and respond with a hands-on project. We also share highs and lows of the week and a Bible verse or story related to our project. Look for details in our upcoming online brochure.

Milestone Ministry classes will begin for all kids entering 4th grade on September 27. Kids will learn about the Bible with their parents in 6 hands-on sessions on Wednesday evenings. At the end of the classes students will receive their own Bible in worship on Sunday, November 12.

Kindergarteners, 2nd graders, 5th graders, 6th graders and their parents will also have Milestone sessions throughout the year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

We like to kick off the school year in a lot of fun ways. First, Crossroads kick off, on Wednesday, September 13, is always a super fun night and a time to come back together after all our summer adventures. We will have all new curriculum this fall.

Then on Saturday, September 16 we have our Back to School Party with lawn games, fun time with friends, great grilled food and a bonfire! And don’t forget to save the date for our first Wednesday offsite on Wednesday, October 25 for Halloween Crossroads.

On Rally Sunday, September 10, we will begin focusing on Miracles— our topic for the whole year. Our Seeds sessions are offered at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 service.

Milestone sessions for each Middle School grade and their parents will be held throughout the year.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

“Pathways” for High School begins on Sunday, September 10 at 10:15 a.m. in the 3rd floor Loft. The Wednesday night program “Acts”, also in the Loft, begins September 13 at 7:15 p.m. Gabe is excited to have our new program “Bridge Builders” begin as it will allow even more students to participate in the incredible opportunities High School Ministry offers. It will also further support our belief that money should never stop a student from being a part of a life changing experience at Wayzata Community Church. Jordan is excited about the revamping of our 9th-12th grade Sunday curriculum. Rustin Comer, supported by the wonderful people at Luther Seminary, have taken our Pathways curriculum and added some exciting new details to make it even more accessible to students. Milestone sessions for each grade of high school and their parents will be scheduled throughout the year.

COLLEGE MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

The college program is excited to launch a brand new podcast this fall. Additionally, this program will have a newsletter for all college age people.

Welcome Hannah!



Hannah Cruzen, our new Early Childhood Integration Specialist, is no stranger to Wayzata Community Church. After spending her late elementary and middle school years around the church, she became an official member through the confirmation program in 2005.

In 2011, Hannah was called back to faith life and ministry as Wayzata Community Church started its first year of summer camp. Over her six years at camp, Hannah served in six different roles: CIT, counselor, work crew director, head counselor, assistant staff director, and staff director. In addition to camp, she has served many other ministries at WCC. Hannah has volunteered at Rummage, attended and worked at Family Camp, been an adult leader for High School Ministry and the Middle School Mission Trip, taught Vacation Bible School, graced the stage in many Good Works Community Theater productions, and served on the Adult Faith Formation Board.

When she isn't at church, you're sure to find Hannah singing and dancing, cooking up some delicious meals, and spending quality time with her close friends and family. Hannah now has her Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and is excited to bring her energy and passion for learning to the Early Childhood Ministry at WCC and facilitate a new bridge with the children, families, and staff of WCCNS.

Called to Care Core—C3

Rev. S. Lindy Purdy will lead two 1-day Called to Care sessions this fall. Called to Care helps us gain critical skills in developing relationships in the context of Christian care and leadership. Key to this care ministry is respect, safety and access to resources. Each session is open to all WCC members. One class is required for anyone working with WCC youth. Requirement for C2C Core Completion: one class (8 hours) plus homework.

- **Session I:** Saturday, September 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mithun Hall. Jimmy John's lunch will be ordered, and beverages and snacks will be served. Cost: \$10 to cover the meal.
- **Session II:** Sunday, October 15, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Community Room. Jimmy John's lunch will be ordered, and beverages and snacks will be served. Cost: \$10 to cover the meal.

For more information and to register, visit www.wayzata-communitychurch.org/calledtocare.



Spirit Award

This month's Spirit Award recipient is Rick Graft. Rick exemplifies what it is to be a servant leader. Under Rick's leadership the Personnel Committee resurrected the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon allowing the membership of the church, through the Personnel Committee, to personally thank our staff for the work they do to support and carry out our call in the world.

Mission in Motion also holds Rick's fingerprint. In memory of his wife Suzanne and her commitment to mission and children, Rick and his family provide the funds for our annual Mission in Motion event. In partnership with Jodie Nyberg, WCC children and their families are invited to participate in numerous service projects for mission partners near and far each Ash Wednesday.

Rick's newest endeavor is his work with the Good Works Community Theater. Offering his skills and background in set design, Rick worked tirelessly as set manager and crew lead for the 2016 production of Fiddler of the Roof and is now busy at work designing and preparing the set for the GWCT production of The Wizard of Oz.

Rick is also active with the Parables Community, not to mention the many hours he gives through his work with the Rummage Sale, IOCP, and the Red Cross. We are truly blessed by Rick's caring and gentle spirit and can-do attitude.



Music Ministry



Take the Leap!

“Most of us go to our graves with our music still inside us, unplayed”. Oliver Wendell Holmes used that metaphor years ago, to urge us to explore our inner desires and to dare to play them out.

I wondered, could those words be literally true for me? Did I have unsung music inside me?

From time to time over the past several years, a choir member (taking a day off) sitting close to me in the pew, would turn to me after the service and say something like, “we need your voice in the choir”. I always thanked them for their kind words, but politely demurred... I haven’t sung in a choir since my High School days and for a 74 year old, those days were a long time ago!

Over the years though, those words of encouragement percolated inside me, so that several months ago when an invitation went out inviting anyone who had ever thought of singing in a choir to join the Chancel Choir for a short series of exploratory singing, I took the leap.

More than a little intimidated by that talented and experienced group of singers, I took another leap and put a choir robe on for the first time last January. I joined for the opportunity to be part of the music ministry that I have enjoyed for so long at WCC and for the challenge of a new experience. I have gotten both, but the great gift, has been in becoming a member of a wonderfully accepting, encouraging, fun-loving and caring community that is the Chancel Choir.

Because of a few kind words, a little encouragement, the welcoming acceptance by seasoned choir members and personalized support from my section leader, the music inside me no longer goes unsung.

Don’t let the music inside you go unsung.... Chancel Choir is anxious to welcome you! —*Jack Hustedt*

There’s no place like Oz!

Travel with us next spring over the rainbow to a magical kingdom filled with munchkins, flying monkeys, witches, and wizards! Join four unlikely friends as they set out to discover wisdom, compassion, courage, and the way home.

We need YOU to be a part of WCC’s Good Works Community Theater’s 12th full scale Musical Production... THE WIZARD OF OZ. All ages and stages are welcome (from beginners to professionals), and behind-the-scenes help is desperately needed too.

There will be singing and non-singing parts, a Children’s & Youth/Adult Ensemble, and lots of fun character parts (Lollipop Guild, anyone?) Opportunities abound for ALL who wish to be involved in this amazing community event, open to members and non-members of our church family (invite your neighbor!)

- **Auditions** will be held Monday & Tuesday, November 13 & 14, 2017
- **Production dates** are Wednesday through Sunday, March 14-18, 2018

For more information contact Autumn Toussaint at atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.



Fall is a great time to join a Choir!

All our choirs are starting new music this fall, and not only welcome new members, but encourage them to come and sing!

All Choirs rehearse on Wednesdays. These choirs begin on September 13:

Cherub Choir (ages 3-5)	4:30-5:00 p.m. in Community Room
Joy Choir (K)	4:30-5:00 p.m. in GraceNotes
Hosanna Choir (Gr. 1-2)	4:30-5:00 p.m. in Adult Choir Room
Alleluia Choir (Gr. 3-5)	5:00 -5:30 p.m. in Adult Choir Room
Chimers Handbell Choir (Gr. 3-8)	4:30-5:00 p.m. in Hand Bell Choir Room
Disciples Plus (Gr. 6-12)	5:15-6:00 p.m. in GraceNotes
Joyful Noise Handbell (HS-Adult)	5:15-6:00 p.m. in Hand Bell Choir Room

This choir begins rehearsals on August 30:

Chancel Choir (HS-Adult)	7:15-8:45 p.m. in Adult Choir Room
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This choir begins rehearsals on September 6:

Celebration Singers (HS-Adult)	7:15-8:00 p.m. in Grace Notes
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Music at Wayzata Concerts

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra*

Friday, September 29, 8:00 p.m.

Schubert's *Third Symphony* shows us Haydn's influence on the young composer's work. Written when Schubert was just eighteen, the symphony remained unpublished until after his death. Variations on a *Theme of Frank Bridge* is the first work to bring Britten international appreciation, and is a tribute to his former tutor, Frank Bridge. Selections from Mozart's darkly comic opera *Don Giovanni* arranged for "harmonie" or wind ensemble start out the night. *For tickets, visit www.thespc.org.



Songs of America with Charles Lazarus*

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Join Charles and virtuoso pianist Tom Linker in this uniquely intimate setting showcasing great American songs. You'll hear selections ranging from early spirituals and the music of the father of American music Steven Foster, all the way to George Gershwin, big band great Harry James, and St Paul composer Steve Heitzeg. The concert will include Heitzeg's American Nomad concerto which is an inspiring hipster's musical journey from the east coast to the west coast of the United States celebrating the myriad styles of American music and the joyful spirit it represents. There will be a special intermission chat with composer Steve Heitzeg. *Tickets (\$20, \$10 for students) available at www.CharlesLazarus.com, and also available at the door.



Wayzata Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, October 15, 3:00 p.m.

Erin and Tony Play Brahms, featuring *Hungarian Dance No. 6*, *Academic Festival Overture Op. 80*, and *Concerto for Violin and Cello in A Minor Op. 102*. Guest Artists: Erin Keefe, Concertmaster, MN Orchestra. Anthony Ross, Principal Cello, MN Orchestra. The concert is free, and donations gratefully accepted. Join us for a reception to meet the musicians following the concert. Note: This concert will not have an intermission.

Cantus*

Sunday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.

Discovery of Sight

We have all experienced personal 'sunrises' and 'twilight hours' — moments when we suddenly look at the world in a new way. *Discovery of Sight* revels in the mystery, science, and poetry of what it means to truly 'see.' Beyond seasoned and much-loved masterpieces like Richard Strauss' "Traumlicht," Franz Schubert's "Die Nacht," and Eric Whitacre's "Lux Aurumque," the program breaks new ground with a new commission from Gabriel Kahane. *For tickets, visit www.cantussings.org.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



Thimble Bees Starts Soon!

All women, both members and friends, are invited to enjoy fun, fellowship, and mission. **Beginning Tuesday, September 12, the group will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 9:00 to 12:00 noon in Mithun Hall.** Projects include baby blankets and quilts, knit scarves and hats, prayer shawls, and much more. Any level of skill is valued! All items are donated to area charities and hospitals to provide support, comfort, and encouragement.



The Labyrinth

Take a guided tour of the beautiful Labyrinth in the Peace Garden, on Wednesdays with Rev. Lindy Purdy, from 5:45-6:15 p.m.

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COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. John Ross preaching
8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

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**LABOR DAY
BUILDING CLOSED**

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Planning Committee, 6 p.m.
Board of Deacons, 7 p.m.
Children's CE Board, 7 p.m.
WCCNS Board, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

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Regular Worship Schedule Begins

Rev. Dr. John Ross preaching
8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel
9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel
10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary
Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.

JJ Hill Parade, 1 p.m., Lake Street in Wayzata

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Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Camp & Retreat Board,
6:30 p.m
Membership Committee,
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Board, 7 p.m.
Middle School CE Board,
7 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

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Thimble Bees, 9 a.m.
High School CE Board, 6:30 p.m.
Building & Grounds Board, 7 p.m.
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

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**"FOOD FOR THE SOUL" SUNDAY
BAPTISMS**

Rev. Dr. John Ross preaching
8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel
9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel
10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary
Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.

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Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Soul Sisters Steering
Committee, 6 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

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Israel Trip Planning and Potluck, 6 p.m.
Mission & Outreach Board, 6:30 p.m.
Church Council, 7 p.m.
Unique Family Ministry Meeting, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

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CONFIRMATION

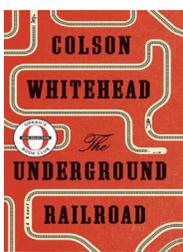
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Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

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Thimble Bees, 9 a.m.
Generosity Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.



The Third Thursday Readers will meet on September 21 at 1 p.m. in the Piper Library to discuss *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. If you like to read and discuss books, please join us! Everyone is welcome!



Summer Camp Golf Fundraiser!

Join us to support our Summer Camp ministry with our 2nd annual golf event on **Friday, September 15 at Pioneer Creek Golf Course in Maple Plain.** The scramble with a shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. The cook-out dinner, entertainment and awards will begin at 5:00 p.m. Read more and register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/golffundraiser.

September 2017

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>Bible Study at Folkstone Rev. Lindy Purdy will lead a Bible Study at Folkstone once a month this fall, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, on Thursdays, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 14. Participants will be invited to go to lunch together after the Bible Study. All are welcome!</p>		1	2 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. AA, 11 a.m.
6 Women's AA, 10 a.m. Kindergarten Milestone, 6 p.m. Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m. Celebrations Singers, 7:15 p.m. Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.	7 Women's AA, 10 a.m.	8	9 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. "Jerusalem" Movie, 9 a.m. AA, 11 a.m.
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Coming Up in October

- **Charles Lazarus: American Nomad Concert, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**
- **Kids Night Out: Friday, October 13, 6 p.m. in the Gym**
- **Soup, Salad and Song Lunch: Wednesday, October 18 at 12 noon in Mithun**



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Like Cranberry Ridge, Creekside Commons (shown above) is home to working families. Located in an affluent Minneapolis neighborhood, Creekside Commons is home to 30 families, 22 of whom have lived there since it opened in 2010.

Cranberry Ridge Update Beacon Affordable Housing

Events continue to move forward as we work with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative to provide quality affordable housing to working families in the West Metro!

On June 27th the Plymouth City Staff presented a sketch review of our initiative to the Plymouth City Council. This was an important initial step in the process to gain final City Council approval to develop our site on Hwy 55. Beacon is now in the process of working with the City to address all issues related to the application for land use approval (zoning change). The plan is to have the land use application submitted in time for the Planning Commission to make their recommendation at their September meeting. The City Council would then follow with their recommendation in October.

Check out this link to a news story that appeared on local cable station CCX Media (formally channel 12), which includes an interview with Lee Blons, Executive Director of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, along with information about Cranberry Ridge: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=fL7gtqj2ZlQ>