God is Not One: Understanding Interfaith
Taught by Minister of Spiritual Life
Kristen Roumer Jeide
7:15 p.m. in Piper Library
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 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?

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
Led by Rev. Danielle Jones, Minister of Congregational Life
Thursdays, September 21- November 16
(No class on October 19)
6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Colonnade
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.

This class requires an online registration. 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. Read more and register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/EHS. For more information please contact Danielle Jones at djoness@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

Faith Bible Study with Linda Purdy
Rev. Linda 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 12, November 16, and December 14. Participants will be invited to go to lunch together after the Bible Study. All are welcome!

The Saturday Seekers
Saturday Seekers is a longstanding, lay-led group that meets in the Holmes Room from 8:00-9:30 a.m. most Saturdays. Part scripture study, part book club, part multi-generational Koffee Klatch, the Seekers collectively decide what to study for particular periods of time. All are welcome! Please join us.

Soul Sisters Fall Kick Off: New Year’s in September!
Saturday, September 30
Mithun Hall, 10:00-11:30 a.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.

Full Blended Stepfamily Class: Smart Stepfamily Study for Individual ADULTS or couples
Sundays, October 1- November 19
10:15-11:45 a.m. in Piper Library
Through engaging sessions you will learn useable solutions for everyday living and glean insight and practical tips for becoming a Smart Step Family. Childcare available. There is a small fee for class materials (scholarships available) during online registration. Please note, due to class content, materials and time, class size is limited. Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/uniquefamilies.

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus
September 10-16, 2017
Welcome Visitors! Please take this issue of Inspire Weekly home with you today.

NEW!
ADULT FAITH FORMATION CORE CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13
These three CORE classes will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. Read more about CORE at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/CORE

The Bible: Holy Book / House of Cards/Mystic’s Treasure?
Taught by Bible scholar Rev. 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 confusion 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?

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 is for everyone: from those engaging the Bible and faith for the first time, to skeptics, doublers, 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 love and faith to live our way of Jesus in the world. See the back cover of this issue of Inspire! to read about CORE classes being offered this fall, beginning September 13.

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This is why evil and suffering exist?; “What is the purpose of the Church?”; “Who is God?”; “What’s the purpose of Humanity?”; Does Jesus actually matter?; and “What is the church for?”

Parables has 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 inclusive “special needs friendly” Worship Service each Sunday morning that embraces all people to come as they are—special needs or not. All are welcome!

Pacem in Terris Retreat
Friday, October 6-Sunday, October 8
Pacem in Terris, a Franciscan center of spirituality located in St. Francis, MN, which 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. Kristin Jeide invites you to experience this time alone with God, but in the context of community. We’ll begin Friday afternoon, followed by a meal together and orientation before going to our individual hermitages for two nights. Read more about Pacem in Terris at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ministries/caring-ministry/pacem-terris-retreat. For more information and to register, contact Rev. Kristen Jeide at kjeide@wayzatacommunitychurch.org

This Morning in Worship
Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching
8 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Celebrations, 10:30 a.m. Parables, 10:45 a.m. Traditions

September Sermon Series
Don’t Go to church—BE CHURCH
Swiss Reformed theologian, Karl Barth famously quipped: “The Word became flesh—and then through theologians it became wood again.” Love for God and spend the month of September ensuring that our faith is more than just words. We’ll consider what it means to BE the church—rather than simply going to church.

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SUNDAY EDUCATION

This Morning
Ages birth-6, before the 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. worship service, check your children into the rooms below, and pick them up in the same room following the service.
• Birth-6 years: check children into the DANDELION ROOM.
• Age 2: check children into the SUNSHINE ROOM.
• Age 3: check children into the TREEHOUSE ROOM.
• Age 4: check children into the GARDEN ROOM.
• Kindergarten-5th Grade: at the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship service, K-5th grade students begin with their families in worship.
Children will be called out by Jodie Nyberg toward the beginning of the service. Pick up children in the Gym directly following worship.
• Middle School: 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship services, students begins with their families in worship. Middle Schoolers will be called out by Christa Workman towards the beginning of the service and will walk down together and meet in The Corner. High School Programs meet during the service this morning at 10:15 a.m. in The Loft.

FAMILY MINISTRY: EARLY CHILDHOOD

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EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Sunday: Drop-off and pick-up from the child’s age appropriate room before and after the service.
• Dandelion Room: 9-10 a.m.
• Sunshine Room: 9-10 a.m.
• Treehouse Room: 9-10 a.m.
• Garden Room: 9-10 a.m.

Early Childhood on Wednesdays, beginning September 13.
Childcare is offered from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday in the Garden Room. Childcare is provided by a trained, experienced group of adults and students of the church. The safety and security of the youngest children of our church is a priority. For children ages Birth to 5 years. Children are invited to participate in Cherub Choir (4:30-5:00 p.m. in Community Room) directed by Jodie Nyberg.

FAMILY MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Sunday Programs begin today!
Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. for Seeds. We begin with worship in the Sanctuary for the first 10 minutes and then dive into a year full of hearing and experiencing Jesus' Miracles. We'll enjoy games, video clips, discussions, crafts, food projects and more as we eat a light breakfast together!

Crossroads Kickoff is Wednesday, September 13.
There are many choices on Wednesdays. From 4:15-6:15 p.m. come hang out in The Middle School Corner with friends for InnerChange and enjoy a snack, play games, make a craft, listen to music, play in the sandlot or the soccer field. From 4:30-5:00 p.m. you may join the Chimer’s Handbell Choir. From 5:15-6:00 p.m. you may want to sing at the Disciples Plus Choir. From 5:00-6:15 p.m. enjoy dinner at Garden Market. Worship on Wednesday begins at 6:15 p.m. where we like to sit together in the East Wing of the Sanctuary. At 7:15 p.m. Crossroads begins with our live band, followed by silly games and a meaningful message. We’ll end the night in small groups discussing that night’s message with our friends, talking about how God, our faith, and our lives all come together.

SAVE THE DATE for our Back to School BBQ!
Join us on Saturday, September 16 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. for some backyard fun as we kick off the year. We’ll enjoy lawn games, burgers, a bonfire and time with friends and our MS Leaders! Location to be announced in the MS Newsletter.

FAMILY MINISTRY: HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Pathways begins this morning for all High School students, grades 9-12. We meet from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in The Loft, beginning with full group announcements before we break off into our individual classes (including Confirmation).

Wednesday Programs kick-off September 13! High school students are involved in music, Suppers, and of course the WoW worship service. Following the service, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in The Loft, we get a special treat for just our youth crew. We take the elements that we know you love: MUSIC, time together with the high school community, a chance to DO FAITH, time to talk, ways that INSPIRE and a chance to SHARE your own thoughts about Bible and faith with each other.

REV. S. LINDY PURDY WILL LEAD TWO 1-DAY CALLED TO CARE SESSIONS THIS FALL.
Culled 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 WoW 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.-7:00 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.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/calledtocare.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

THE SOUTH OF SPAIN:
Exploring the Common Ground of the Abrahamic Traditions
September 24-October 4, 2018

Informational Meetings:
September 25
10:05 & 11:50 a.m., Piper Library
Join Rev. Dr. John and Sheila Ross in Spain as we explore the Common Ground of Abrahamic Traditions. For centuries, adherents to the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths have co-existed in this historical and spiritual epicenter of the world. We seek to learn from their experience. This 10-day trip will begin in Madrid, continue through the ancient cities of Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, and Granada before de- parting to Malaga. A Barcelona extension will be offered. Read more and register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/spain.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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. Choirs begin on September 13. To register, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/joinchoir.
Cherub Choir (ages 2-5), 4:30-5:00 p.m. in Community Room
Joy Choir (K-4), 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), 4:30-5:00 p.m. in Adult Choir Room
Chimeras 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
Chancel Choir (HS-Adult), 7:15-8:45 p.m. in Adult Choir Room
Celebration Singers (HS-Adult), 7:15-8:00 p.m. in Grace Notes

WESTWINDS,
Archaeological sites and ancient cities of Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, and Granada before departing to Malaga. A Barcelona extension will be offered. Read more and register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/calledtocare.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Thimble Bees, 9 a.m., Mithun Hall
High School Board, 7 p.m., Piper Library
Children’s Board, 7 p.m., Care of You & Building & Grounds Board, 7 p.m., Staff Room
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m., Parlor
OA, 7 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Women’s AA, 10 a.m., Geo Lab
CORE Class: The Bible with Ron Troxel, 10 a.m., Chapel
CORE Class: Theology with Rustin Comer, 10 a.m., Colonnade
CORE Class: The Bible with Ron Troxel, 4 p.m., Chapel
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Child Care, 4:15 to 7:15 p.m., Community Room
Middle School Interchange, 4 p.m., The Corner
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m., Piper Library
Children’s/youth Choirs, 4:30-6:00 p.m., various locations
Suppers, Etc., 5 p.m., Mithun Hall
Children’s Moment for Mission (Gr. K-2), 5 p.m, Care of You
Children’s Moment for Mission (Gr. 3-5), 5:35 p.m, Care of You
Walk the Labyrinth with Lindy Purdy, 5:45 p.m., Courtyard Garden
WARDPLOW WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
CORE Class: The Bible with Ron Troxel, 7:15 p.m., Chapel
CORE Class: Theology with Rustin Comer, 7:15 p.m., Colonnade
CORE Class: Interfaith with Kristen Jeide, 7:15 p.m., Piper Library
Children’s Bible, Books and Games (Gr. K-9), 7:15 p.m, Care of You
Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m., The Corner
High School Acts, 7:15 p.m., The Loft
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room
Celebrations Singers, 7:15 p.m., Grace Notes
New Member Brainstorm Session, 7:15 p.m., Holmes Room
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m., Onan Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Finance Committee, 6:45 p.m., Holmes Room
Soul Sisters Walking Group 7:15 a.m., Parker’s Lake Pavilion
Women’s AA, 10 a.m., Onan Room
Library Committee, 2 p.m., Piper Library
Pacem in Terris Retreat Group, 7 p.m., Piper Library

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Saturday Seekers, 7 a.m., Holmes Room
Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m., Gym
Parables Respite & Friendship Group, 10 a.m., Gym
AA, 11 a.m., Onan Room
Middle School Back-to-School BBQ, 5 p.m., offsite