

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Let Your Light Shine: Soul Sisters Christmas Fellowship
December 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Connie Hines' home (Wayzata)
Join the Soul Sisters for Christmas fellowship! **Register online by December 11 at wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsisters.** Donations are encouraged to benefit Home Free, a Domestic Women's Shelter. They are in need of deodorant, toothbrushes, and hair conditioner... and to help their Light Shine, they would appreciate cosmetics and lipsticks, sugar/salt scrub, nail polish, and yummy lotions (no travel sizes, please). For more information, contact Karin Dayton at 612-669-5702 or kndayton@comcast.net.

Soul Sisters Walking Group

We all know walking is good for us, but sometimes it's difficult to get moving by ourselves. Walking with a group provides the extra bonus of conversation and making new friends! For the winter months, the group is meeting at the Plymouth Fieldhouse (14800 34th Ave., Plymouth) each Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

New walkers are encouraged to sign up, so you will be notified by email of any changes in time or location. For sign-up or questions, please contact Margaret Green at margyg63@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Advent CORE Class

Sent from God, Swaddled in a Manger
Wednesdays through December 13
Taught by Rev. Rustin Comer and Ron Troxel

10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., Colonnade

Each Advent we hear stories about an angel's announcement to Mary that she will bear a son, about the child born in a manger, and shepherds startled by an angelic host. But a star that travels ahead of the Magi until it stands over the family's dwelling conflicts with what we know of astronomy, and the report that the Magi find the family in a "house" seems a different scene than a manger in a stable. And although we hear that this birth is news of God come to dwell among us, in what sense is this child God's presence? Whom or what do we receive at Christmas? Read more about this class on our website: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/adventCORE.



TRAVEL MINISTRY



South of Spain: Exploring the Common Ground of the Abrahamic Traditions

September 24- October 4, 2018

Limited spots available!

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 historically rich part 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 departing out of Malaga. A Barcelona extension will be offered. Consider giving this amazing historic trip as a Christmas gift to someone you love! Read more and register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/spain.



Worship on Wednesday
6:15-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

If you are looking for a chance to "accomplish" something over the course of this year, come to Worship on Wednesday. Through weekly readings, sermon and reflection, we're exploring what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our lives and in the world today. Anyone who grew up in a lectionary-based worship life will appreciate this approach, in a truly contemporary worship experience.

SPECIAL WORSHIP



An Evening of Interfaith Prayers for Peace and Unity
Sunday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.
St. Edward Episcopal Church

The Communities of Adath Jeshurun Congregation, Bet Shalom Congregation, Northwest Islamic Community Center, St. Edward the Confessor Episcopal Church and Wayzata Community Church invite you to An Evening of Interfaith Prayers for Peace and Unity at St. Edward the Confessor Episcopal Church (865 Ferndale Road, Wayzata). All are welcome. We encourage carpooling to ensure parking for all.



DWELT: A REFLECTIVE WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, December 20
6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

Dwelt is a worship experience for the whole family. There will be a kids corner, lively music, spoken word, candles and gathered community. This year's Dwelt theme is "Coming Home." We recognize that Advent and Christmas are a busy time. Yet, in the midst of all of this busyness Jesus is at work building a home within you. Advent is a time when we intentionally focus on making this home with Jesus. We invite you to Come Home this holiday season and rest for a while in the home that Christ has built. (Childcare available for birth-age 5 in the Garden Room.)



THE LONGEST NIGHT
Thursday, December 21
12 noon and 7 p.m. in the Chapel

The celebrations of this holy season have a way of shining light on our griefs, fears, and longings, so that we feel them more deeply. Recognizing that, we invite you into the simple warmth and beauty of this Advent Candlelight Worship on the longest night of the year. Through scripture, prayers, music and message, we offer you the gift of a time to reflect on the comfort and hope of this season – for you, for those you love, for the wider world. This special service will be led by our Pastoral Care clergy and Tapestry musicians.

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



at the Reception Desk.

Daily Devotions for Advent

Wait, Watch and Wake, written by Rev. Danielle Jones

The true call that lies at the heart of Advent is to wait, watch, and wake. We wait for Jesus to come to us again. We watch to see how God is working in the world around us. We wake up to the ways God is calling out to us so we can join God in his work of bringing hope to the world. —Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/education/adult-faith-formation/advent-devotions and sign up to receive these inspiring devotions in your email each day throughout Advent. Or, if you prefer, you may pick up a printed copy weekly

Advent and Christmas Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT • Sunday, December 24

- **Chapel Service with Communion • 8:00 a.m.**
Traditional Chapel worship and communion, with Christmas carols and a sermon from Rev. Danielle Jones.
- **Build Your Own Nativity • 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**
Calling all kings, shepherds, and sheep! Help us re-create the Nativity in this child-centered Christmas service. Bring your own costume, or wear one we provide! Childcare available for ages Birth-4 years.
- **Traditions Worship* • 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel**
Traditional worship with Christmas carols and a sermon from Rev. Danielle Jones.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP • Sunday, December 24

- **Christmas in Wakefield Chapel* • 1:30, 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Chapel**
A traditional service with organist, soloist, and a Christmas message from Rev. Dr. John F. Ross.
- **Candlelight Family Christmas* • 1:30, 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary**
This wonderful experience for all ages includes music from contemporary music team, Tapestry, Christmas carols, candlelighting, special moment for children, and a Christmas message from Rev. Dr. John F. Ross.
- **Festival Christmas Eve • 9:00 p.m., Sanctuary**
With fanfare and joy we hear the Christmas story in festive music from the Chancel Choir and String Quartet, and a Christmas message from Rev. Dr. John F. Ross.
- **Midnight Christmas • 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary**
A joyous and contemplative welcome of the midnight hour and the beginning of Christmas Day. We will hear a meditation by Rev. Dr. John F. Ross and share communion around the table. Moving music will guide us into a time of reflection.

* Childcare available for Birth-1 year in the Dandelion Room; Age 2 in the Sunshine Room; Age 3 in the Treehouse Room; and Age 4 in the Garden Room.

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus

December 3-9, 2017

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



Advent Workshop is Today!
2:30 p.m. (Parables families) and 3:00 p.m.

Ring in the Advent season with your family and faith friends today in the Great Hall (Gym). This event is best for children ages 3+ and adults. At 2:30 p.m. we will host Parables families, and from 3:00-5:30 p.m. all other families.

We will make ornaments, gifts and decorations for you to hang on your tree or give as gifts. We will also have 3 kinds of fresh greenery to make your own swag, centerpiece, or wreath. Enjoy Christmas cookies and Christmas music while you craft. The cost is \$10 per crafter (max \$30 per family).

Year End Giving... We Need Your Help

Believe it or not, the church receives 25% of its annual gifts in the month of December. Your year-end giving is very important this year as our year to date giving has fallen behind by 6% compared to last year leaving us with a potential deficit of \$150,000 going into December.

Your extra, year-end gifts are critical this year, and position us for a full scope of ministry in 2018. WCC offers multiple ways to give in December.

- Pay with credit card online at wccpledge.org
- Give your gift in person during worship or in the Business Office
- Mail a check to the church prior to December 31, 2016
- Make a gift of stock to the church. (Call the office at 952-473-8877.)

If you are over 70 ½ years of age, you may transfer money from your IRA account through a required minimum distribution. (Call the office at 952/473-8877)

Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries!

SUNDAY EDUCATION

This Morning

Ages birth-4: before the 9 a.m. worship service, check your children into the rooms below, and pick them up in the same room following the service.

- Birth-1 year: 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.

At 10:45 a.m., Borth-PreK, please check your child 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 begin with their families in worship. Middle Schoolers will be called out by Christa Workmon towards the beginning of the service and will walk down together and meet in The Corner.
- High School: Programs will not meet during the service this morning because they are on the High School Retreat.

FAMILY MINISTRY: EARLY CHILDHOOD



Sundays: Drop-off and pick-up from the child's age-appropriate room before and after the service.

- Dandelion Room: 0- under 2
- Sunshine Room: 2 year olds
- Treehouse Room: 3 year olds
- Garden Room: 4 year olds

Early Childhood on Wednesdays

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 and Hannah Cruzen.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN'S



Sunday GraceLand (9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

K-5th graders begin in the Sanctuary for the first 15 minutes, then head down with Jodie to the GraceLand classrooms for learning and fun! Pick up is in the GraceLand Gym at the end of the service.

Wednesday Classes

(Register for these classes online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/childrensclasses)

Bible, Books and Games • Through May 16, 2018

K-5th grade (Graceland Care of You Room), 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Moment for Mission • Through May 16, 2018

- **K-2nd grade: 5:00-5:35p.m. (Graceland Care of You, Art Room)**
- **3rd-5th grade: 5:35-6:05 p.m. (Graceland Care of You, Art Room)**

FAMILY MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS CROSSROADS-ROLLERSKATING! Wednesday, December 13 (5:45-8:30 p.m.)

We will be offsite for the night spreading Christmas Cheer as we play skate, play arcades and enjoy making a few Christmas crafts! Please eat dinner before you arrive. Wearing Tacky Christmas Sweaters is encouraged! Friends are always welcome! Check in starts at 5:45 p.m. Buses leave at 6 p.m. To register, go to www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ms-specialevents



Middle School Volunteer Opportunities

We have the pleasure of doing ministry with a lot of awesome Middle Schoolers at Wayzata Community Church and we need YOU to help make this another successful year! Please sign up to help provide snacks, donuts, fruit or juice or volunteer to be a part of our time together on Sunday to learn a little about Jesus' miracles and get to know our awesome kids! No prep work is necessary! Thank you!!! If you have a question, please don't hesitate to email Christa at cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

FAMILY MINISTRY: HIGH SCHOOL



IOCP's Holiday Gift Program

There is no better way to embrace the real spirit of Christmas than to share it with others. On Wednesday, December 6 starting at 6:30 p.m. and during our normal Acts time, we will go shopping for our Holiday Gift Program. We are currently raising money through class bake sales and then purchasing gifts for families in our community who could use a little help during the holiday season.



Pathways will not meet this morning but will resume on December 10 for all High School students, grades 9-12. We meet from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in The Loft, beginning with full group announcements before we break off into our individual classes (including Confirmation).

Wednesday Programs

Wednesdays in High School Ministry students are involved in choirs, dinner in Mithun Hall, and the Worship on Wednesday service. Following the service, for 9th-12th grade students we have Acts, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in The Loft. Acts takes all the elements that we know you love: MUSIC, time together with the high school community, a chance to DO FAITH, time to talk, words that INSPIRE and a chance to SHARE your own thoughts about Bible and faith with each other.

USHERS/CPR

Christmas Usher Volunteers

Once again we are seeking volunteers to usher at the many Christmas holiday services at WCC. Ushers help welcome visitors, distribute bulletins, take the daily offering, and prepare the Sanctuary or Chapel for the next service. Stop at the table in Founders Hall today to sign up!

CPR/AED Training

With large crowds expected for Christmas, additional life saving CPR and AED Training will be offered on December 7 from 7-8:15 p.m. in Mithun Hall for WCC Ushers, Deacons, and any adults and teenagers 15 years and older wishing to be trained. Anyone who was previously trained should also consider this refresher opportunity every 2 years. Please register on wc-connect: <https://wayzatacommunitychurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/623/responses/new>

BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL!

Be An Angel to Staff and Volunteers This Christmas!

Be an angel and bring our WCC staff and volunteers food for Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th all day. We need people to volunteer to bring assorted food during various times on Christmas Eve. With eleven services, it gets to be a long day without food. YOU CAN HELP! Please visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/christmasfood to sign up.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mission Festival Parties

Take a look at all the fun you can have at these great Mission Festival Events! We still have space at these events that you can purchase and support a wonderful cause as we complete building the Community Center in the Kimberly Meadows Community in Plymouth. Choose from Christmas In Kenya, Cooking Experiences, Valentines, Wine & Chocolate, Casinoo Royale, Polish Peasant Dinner, Splash Bash Poolside BBQ, or Bocce Ball and Dinner. Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/mission-outreach/2017-mission-festival-wine-tasting/



Annual IOCP Prayer Breakfast with Anne Harbison & Stephen Ruedisili

Attend a morning of reflection and inspiration with featured speakers Anne Harbison and Stephen Ruedisili as they share how their faith and community helped them rebuild their lives after tragically losing their nine-year-old son. The Community Prayer Breakfast, supporting Interfaith Outreach, will be held on Thursday, December 7 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at Wayzata Country Club. The event includes breakfast, music from Autumn Toussaint and Patrick Morgan, and liturgy by local clergy. Tickets are \$20 and all are welcome! For more information and



to register, visit the website at iocpejoinme.org/PrayerBreakfast.

THIMBLE BEES

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All women, both members and friends, are invited to enjoy fun, fellowship, and mission. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month; the next meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 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.



THIS WEEK AT WCC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Archives, 9:30 a.m., Archives Room
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
Rummage Committee, 4 p.m., Onan Room
Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
Middle School Board, 7 p.m., The Corner
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m., Piper Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Planning Committee, 6 p.m., Parlor
High School Board, 6:30 p.m., The Loft
Art & Design Committee, 7 p.m., McCutcheon Conference Room
Board of Deacons, 7 p.m., Holmes Room
Children's Board, 7 p.m., Care of You
WCCNS Board, 7 p.m., Onan Room
OA, 7 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
CORE Advent Class, 10 a.m., Colonnade
Soul Sisters Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m., Lunds in Wayzata
Child Care, 4:15 to 7:15 p.m., Garden Room
Middle School InterChange, 4 p.m., The Corner
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m., Piper Library
Children's and Youth Choirs, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Parables Families, 5 p.m., Room 301
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

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

High School Holiday Gift Program, 6:30 p.m., The Loft
CORE Advent Class, 7:15 p.m., Colonnade
Children's Bible, Books and Games (Gr. K-5), 7:15 p.m., Care of You
Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m., The Corner
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room
Celebration Singers, 7:15 p.m., Grace Notes
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m., Onan Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m., Plymouth Fieldhouse,
14800 34th Ave., Plymouth
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
CPR/AED Training, 6:30 p.m., Mithun Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Parables Respite/Friendship Group, 5 p.m., Great Hall (Gym)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m., Holmes Room
Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m., Gym
AA, 10 a.m., Onan Room