

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Advent CORE Class

Sent from God, Swaddled in a Manger
Wednesdays,
November 29 - December 13
Taught by Rev. Rustin Comer
10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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.

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 Lunch Bunch

Join the Soul Sisters for Lunch Bunch the first Wednesday of each month. No RSVP required. Grab a lunch when you arrive, and meet old and new friends for lunch at Lund's in Wayzata at Colonial Square in the Community Room. All are welcome!

TRAVEL MINISTRY



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

September 24 - October 4, 2018

Limited spots available and going fast!

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.

BAND OF BROTHERS



Band of Brothers
Pheasant Hunting Event
Friday, November 24 (the day after Thanksgiving)
1:00 p.m. Starting Time

We will meet at Traxler's Hunting Preserve, 37699 Hunting Preserve Lane, Le Center, MN, 507-357-6940 (www.traxlers.com). Four fields have

been reserved for 20 participants. Cost will be \$24 per bird which includes cleaning. If you have any questions, please contact Jake Beard at 612-940-9764. Visit our website for more information about this event and to register: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/education/adult-faith-formation/band-of-brothers/

Karibu, Jane Wanja!



As part of her 6-week visit to the United States, we get to enjoy Light of Hope (LoH) Ambassador, Jane Wanja. Jane was one of the first girls to arrive at LoH in 2007 just as our first group of missionaries (John Ross, Becky Pierson, Rob Robertson, and Nan Peterson)

visited the school. At that time, there were 14 girls residing in a single building, attending school in temporary classrooms, and eating all their meals from an outdoor kitchen.

By God's grace, and through the faith of Founders Boniface and Sandy Karanja, today more than 80 girls reside at LoH full-time, 25+ Day Scholars attend school there daily, and more than 20 students return home to LoH on their breaks from residential high schools around Kenya.

These are just some of the many ways God has worked through WCC over the past 10 years:

- 2008: Provided funds to bring electricity to the campus
- 2008: Partnering with the Carlson Family Foundation a well was bored providing a permanent source of water
- 2009: WCC's first group trip funded and built a playground and computer lab
- 2010: "Run for Hope" raised money privately to purchase 7 additional acres of land
- 2011: WCC Easter offering funded the building of 8 permanent classrooms
- 2011: The first medical team traveled to begin annual health check-ups
- 2012: Mission Festival raised funds to build a bathroom to create a temporary dorm in the medical site
- 2013: Easter Offering raised money for modern kitchen, as part of dining hall/worship space
- 2014: Easter Offering raised money for new dormitory for 80 girls.
- 2015: Leadership Initiative designed and implemented annually (Funded by C. Charles Jackson Foundation)



This Morning in Worship Mission Sunday

Rev. Dr. John Ross preaching

8 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Celebrations, 10:30 a.m. Parables, 10:45 a.m. Traditions



"PURPLE CHURCH" Collaborative Sermon Series

A recent study reveals that Americans identify with political party more than any other social identifier—including religion. WCC is filled with many different political identities—red, blue, and others combining to make us a PURPLE CHURCH. With Election Day 2017 behind us, we are going to spend three Sundays in November celebrating the beauty of our "purleness." Here are the goals for this collaborative series from our full-time clergy team:

- To embrace our difference as a strength
- To share our difference in love and service
- To practice our difference as a spiritual discipline
- To celebrate our difference with joy



Generosity: Celebrating Our Stories

On Thursday, we will gather together with our loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving. This fourth Thursday of November was declared a national holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1864, who proclaimed a day to offer "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens". It is a day we all give thanks for our many blessings.

We would like to offer our thanks for all of you that have made a pledge to support our 2018 ministries. Your generous gifts will help create inspiring worship, deliver faith-forming education, and provide life-changing mission ministries. As of November 15, we've already heard from over 278 families.

We would love to add your name to that list, so please return your pledge card, or go to **WCCpledge.org to pledge online** (new this year!). To be included in our THANK YOU LIST in the January issue of *inspire!*, please reply by December 15. Thank you for what God is doing in and through you and through Wayzata Community Church.

wccpledge.org



Thanksgiving Worship on Wednesday

This Wednesday, November 22, is Thanksgiving Eve, and we invite you to a very special evening of celebration & worship. We'll start with yummy Suppers, offering a Taco Bar beginning at 5:00 p.m. Worship begins at 6:15 p.m. featuring the House Blend Band, our adorable kids' choir, Rev. Rustin Comer will bring a great Word, and we'll have special appearances by some of our

"home from college" friends. Don't miss this wonderful evening with your church family. All are welcome!

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus

November 19-25, 2017

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

Planned Giving Advisor Breakfast with Heritage Council

If you have experience and interest in planned giving spheres like bequest planning or CPA perspectives, please join the Heritage Council for an informal breakfast on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the Colonnade.** The Heritage Council is seeking your feedback on a rekindled approach for the Heritage Fund planned giving initiative to be launched in 2018. Please contact Laura Janckila at ljanckila@wayzatacommunitychurch.org to RSVP or call the church at 952-473-8877.



Cranberry Ridge: 47 Homes for working families

This is IMPORTANT NEWS for all of us! Cranberry Ridge, our affordable housing project with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and Interfaith Outreach, is going before the Plymouth City Council at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd, Plymouth, MN 55447 on:

- **Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please plan on attending and show your support at this City Council Meeting. **NOTE: You don't have to live in Plymouth to attend!**

Advent Decorating

Advent begins Sunday, December 3. We will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday, December 2 and would love to have you & your family join us to help decorate the church! We will gather in Founders Hall at 9 a.m. for this festive event. We have projects for all ages! Call Tammis McMillan, Art & Design Committee, if you have questions, at 612-961-0317.

SUNDAY EDUCATION

This Morning

Ages birth-4: 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-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.
- 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 meet during the service this morning at 10:15 a.m. in The Loft.

FAMILY MINISTRY: EARLY CHILDHOOD

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

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.



Save the Date for the Santa Breakfast!
Saturday, December 2
8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

Santa Claus is coming to WCCNS! Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Santa will be available for pictures and to hear Christmas wishes. The Breakfast with Santa will include a Bake Sale and Holiday Raffle.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN'S

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

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.



Advent Workshop for All! Sunday, December 3, 2:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Ring in the Advent season with your family and faith friends at this annual Craft Extravaganza 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 and take 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). Register online to attend at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/adventworkshop.

If you would like to help run a craft station, please contact Jodie Nyberg at jnyberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

FAMILY MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

ALL 7th GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS are invited to join us Wednesday, November 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. as we discuss "How to Thrive in Adolescence" or how we handle the pressures that come with growing up and how we form a support system for our kids as they navigate becoming more independent. This is an incredibly important opportunity for parents and 7th Graders. This is what one 7th Grade Parent said after attending this Milestone:

"My daughter and I recently attended the 7th grade (Milestone) stone. The content we discussed was spot on and exactly what my 7th grader needed a chance to talk about and reflect on. The speaker was amazing and had a great rapport with the kids. The best part of the evening was my 20-minute car ride home, where my daughter and I continued to talk at length about issues she is facing as a 7th grader. The discussion that evolved from the class was one of the best I've ever had with my daughter. I am looking forward to the next two classes and continuing to guide my 7th grader through the trials of being a middle schooler."

FAMILY MINISTRY: HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Turkey Bowl is on Wednesday, November 22!

Come on out for the annual High School Turkey Bowl on Wednesday, November 22 at 3 p.m.! Show off your best football skills at this annual touch football game as each team battles it out for the legendary Turkey Bowl trophy. The fun begins on the field directly behind the church, and ends with dinner and a trophy ceremony in Mithun Hall.

Fall Retreat!

Our Fall (winter) Retreat is almost upon us on— December 1st through the 3rd! Register today! Retreats are a great place for students to build faith and community with one another in a fun-filled weekend at Camp Friendship! This year's retreat is CHRISTMAS themed, so get in the spirit early and join us! If you have any questions about our weekend retreats please feel free to email Jordan or Gabe.

FELLOWSHIP



Women's Christmas Tea Thursday, November 30 in Mithun Hall

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.,
Tea begins at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the Annual Women's Christmas Tea, a magical night of fellowship, special holiday music, and an inspiring Christmas story. This is a special time to celebrate

the Christmas season with the women close to you and in your church family. To host a table or attend this special event, contact Lisette Chapman (612) 723-2646 or email chapman.lisette@gmail.com. The Christmas Tea is hosted by the Board of Fellowship and many generous table hosts.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



2017 Mission Festival Wine Tasting is TODAY! 4:00-6:30 p.m. at 6Smith in Wayzata

How can you enrich the lives of 39 families, be an education mentor to children, help build a safe space for a community, AND eat out-of-this-world cuisine and taste outstanding wines? Come to the Mission Festival Wine Tasting at 6Smith (Boat Works Building, 294 East Grove Lane, Wayzata MN 55391). This is the third year for our wine tasting, and thanks to your attendance and generosity, it's back this year to help complete funding and build a new community room at Kimberly Meadows that will allow more children to receive educational assistance and mentoring, and provide a safe meeting place for those who live in this affordable housing development.

Interfaith Outreach and WCC have been working as a team on this program for over 10 years, and at Kimberly Meadows for 6 years, providing monthly community meals and educational mentoring to the children of this community in Plymouth. An expanded community room will provide more space to teach children and open program opportunities for the adults in this development.

Buy tickets online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallwinetasting or at the door for \$50.00 each. Ticket price includes wine tasting, a beautiful buffet provided by 6Smith, music, and a host of parties, food and fun. Call or email Lou Vlahos (lvlahos@wayzatacommunitychurch.org or 612.850.5178) for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Wayzata Symphony Orchestra: Water Music TODAY at 3:00 p.m.

Ann Bancroft, Arctic Explorer, will be our guest as we play music inspired by water, featuring Handel: *Water Music Suite No. 2*, Mussorgsky: *Dawn on Moscow River*, Beethoven: *Symphony No. 6 Op. 68 in F Major*, and Eric Whitacre: *Water Night*. This concert is free; donations gratefully accepted. Join us for a reception after the concert to meet Ann Bancroft and all of the musicians.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Offering Counters Needed

Our team of volunteers that counts the Sunday offering is looking for some new volunteers to join them on Monday mornings. The team meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor and is usually here for about an hour. If you are interested in volunteering your time or would like more information, please contact Ashleigh Kreider in the church office: 952-473-8877 ext. 211.

THIS WEEK AT WCC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Archives, 9:30 a.m., Archives Room
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
Soul Sisters Steering Committee, 6 p.m., Holmes Room
Camp & Retreat Board, 6:30 p.m., Holmes Room
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m., Piper Library

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

WCCNS Book Fair, 8 a.m., East Oval
Thimble Bees Handicrafters, 9 a.m., Mithun Hall
Mission & Outreach Board, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
Church Council, 7 p.m., Holmes Room
Unique Family Ministry, 7 p.m., Piper Library
OA, 7 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

WCCNS Book Fair, 8 a.m., East Oval
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
High School Turkey Bowl, 3 p.m., Middle School Field
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m., Piper Library
Suppers, Etc., 5 p.m., Mithun Hall

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

Al Anon, 7:45 p.m., Onan Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING, Building Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Building Closed for Holiday
Band of Brothers Pheasant Shoot, 1 p.m. (offsite)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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