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Rev. Kristen Jeide “Good Church”

By John Estrem

I am not sure which of the many services back in the 80s it was, when I first heard Kristen say, “That was Good Church!” I do, however, remember that feeling after that service—that feeling like God was cooking in the kitchen and something really spectacular was about to pop out of the oven, like warm bread that smells so good you can almost taste it. Kristen has indeed been like that chef and had her hands and heart in so many different services and programs here at Wayzata Community Church.



Above: Rev. Kristen Jeide with faith leaders from Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faith communities at the Tri-Faith Service of Remembrance & Hope, September 11, 2016. Left: Kristen and her daughter, Anna.



Kristen leaving her role is a wonderful opportunity for us to look back through the window at the 31 years she has served here at Wayzata Community Church and remember... There have been so many worship services, Christmas, Easter, funerals, weddings, prayer services, youth confirmations, mission festivals, baptisms, worship services at family camp, and so on and so on. It was Good Church!

Then there were the big moments to remember, looking back through that window. Kristen's wedding to Bruce, Anna taking her first steps in Mithun Hall, Billy playing guitar and singing at a graduation service in the Sanctuary. Those were big things and THAT was Good Church!

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Moderator's Report

A Tradition of Relevance

By Mark Bayley

Following the recent production of *The Wizard of Oz*, I was reminded of the amazing production of *Fiddler on the Roof* from two years ago. You will recall that the story took place in a Jewish enclave in Russia in 1905. In the story, Tevye, the father of 5 daughters, was forced to face the stark reality that his daughters wanted to marry for love rather than be helpless pawns in the practice of arranged marriages. To the daughters marrying for love seemed like common sense, but to Tevye it was incomprehensible. To him, tradition was everything. To Tevye's daughters it was love that made marriage relevant, not the cultural mores of the time. Change came slowly in 1905 Russia, and Tevye was not ready for this one.

Our culture is changing today as well, not only at a much faster pace, but also in ways that affect our connections to church. Social media has changed the way we communicate, changing the dynamic of face-to-face interaction. A growing population of seniors will no doubt live longer, but in many cases will be less mobile, making attending worship more challenging. And Sundays are often just another day for kids to participate in sports, and so many of the families who ferry their kids to weekend sporting events want to find ways other than Sunday worship to connect to the spiritual life of our church. This is today's reality.

Maybe it's time to think about a new tradition, one that ensures that the church is not only viewed through the lens of our grandparent's church, but also through the lens of an ever changing culture.

As a faith community we are challenged to remain relevant in these changing times, to be aware of how different segments of our society want to be a part of a community such as ours. The challenge, of course, is that there is a little bit of Tevye in each of us. There is comfort and security in doing things the same way and it is human nature to expect the world to see things our way rather than for us to adjust to a changing world. This does not mean that we should be slaves to a faddish culture but it does mean that our methods of reaching out, and even our message, need to be relevant.

Honoring our Christian traditions will always be important, just as Tevye's daughter's honored the tradition of marriage. But while we continue to embrace our traditions, we need to embrace change as well, and we need to assure that, as a community, we are sensitive to the needs of a complex, evolving culture.

So maybe it's time to think about a new tradition, one that ensures that the church is not only viewed through the lens of our grandparents' church, but also through the lens of an ever changing culture. Maybe we need to add a tradition of relevance.



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Some of the most meaningful things were the small things. Like pastoral care in aisle 12 at the grocery store, the waiting room at the hospital, a phone call with someone who just doesn't know what to do next. One lady was telling me of a life changing moment when Kristen washed her feet on the Chancel of the Sanctuary during a prayer service. Ministry is like the cross, vertical is the prayer and horizontal is listening, and where they intersect we find God, and that is Good Church!

There were the fun times. Once at a wedding, Kristen said to the groom "you may kiss your bride". The groom took the bride in his arms and KISSED her, thousand one, thousand two, thousand three, thousand four, thousand five, thousand six, and while the groomed continued to kiss the bride Kristen said, "Okay, that's enough!" Everyone laughed.

My friends and family give me a hard time because I collect a lot of things— coffee cups, tee shirts, David Bowie records, and Kristen Jeide sermons. Yes, it's true! I have early Jeide (the Rouner years), the mid-Jeide (the toddler years), and Jeide, the Later Years. I have printed sermons from the 80s, before CDs. I also have the rare cassette tapes. I even have the lost tapes!

This morning, I went through my collection and listened to a December 7, 2003 sermon called "Making The Rough Places Smooth". The message was great. Not only did it touch my heart and make me think— there was her voice. Kristen could read the phone book and it would be transformational.

Kristen you have been with us, you have shared your life with us... AND IT HAS BEEN GOOD CHURCH!



for the moment

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

New Wineskins

"No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved." —Jesus of Nazareth

Containers matter. When we have stores that sell nothing but containers, containers must really matter to people. Closet containers, bathroom containers, storage containers, sport containers, office containers, kitchen containers...on and on. You get the idea.

Containers mattered in the days of Jesus as well—most especially when it came to wine. The ancients used stretched animal skins to contain wine—their primary ingestible liquid. But just as we do in contemporary times, they had a system. If they put new wine into old wineskins, fermentation would cause the skin to burst. Instead, new wine must be put into new wineskins. In this way, both the old and the new wine are preserved.

Jesus was trying to help them understand that new times call for new ideas, new practices... new containers.

As was typical, Jesus was drawing on an everyday reality to help people understand matters of eternal importance. The container of a wineskin was a metaphor for the container within which his disciples would live according to His call. New ideas demanded new containers. New people demanded new containers. New ways to love God and neighbor demanded new containers.

Containers matter. Metaphorically speaking, this past year has been a time of creating new wineskins for WCC. Literally speaking, it has been a time of creating new containers within which we can live according to Jesus' call. In our 2017 Annual Report you can read about all the new wineskins that have been created, as well as the old wineskins that continue to serve us well. Both are preserved.

The days to come will demand even more new wineskins...more new containers within which to live according to Jesus' call. Just as Jesus was trying to help a group of disciples understand the dynamics of change, so it shall be my great privilege and challenge to help ALL of us here at WCC.

Let's raise a glass to the past and to all the glorious days to come!

John F. Ross
Senior Minister

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Reverend Kristen Rouser Jeide Retirement Celebration Sunday, June 3

Please join us to celebrate Rev. Kristen Rouser Jeide and her 31 years of ministry among us.

Special worship experiences are planned at both 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., including remarks from Kristen, and a sermon from the Rev. Dr. Arthur Rouser.

Following the 10:45 a.m. service, we will gather in Mithun Hall. Brunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. A short program will follow.

Brunch and festivities are \$20 per person. Childcare will be provided for children ages 5 and under. Some scholarships are available. Please contact Kris Sanford at kristinrsanford@gmail.com to inquire.

To register, please go to www.wayzata-communitychurch.org/kristenjeidebreakfast or call Katie Kraus at the church, 952-473-8877. All registrations must be received no later than May 29th.

If you wish to honor Kristen with a financial gift, you may bring your gift to the Wayzata Community Church Reception Desk between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will also be a basket at the party. Please make checks payable to Rev. Kristen Jeide. Gifts may be presented to Kristen directly.



Summer Camp

by Hilary Flynn

We are eager to help every potential camper join us at Camp 2018! Right now, we have availability in the following sessions:

CC #1: Saturday, June 23 through Tuesday, June 26

CC #2: Wednesday, July 11 through Saturday, July 14

MS #1: Sunday, June 17 through Friday, June 22

MS #2: Thursday, July 5 through Tuesday, July 10

HS #2: Wednesday, June 27 through Tuesday, July 3

HS #3: Saturday, July 21 through Friday, July 27

Are you on a wait list for a full session?

Campers currently on wait lists (for either HS #1 or MS #3) need to move ASAP into open sessions. The Board of Camp Ministry has decided to dissolve wait lists on May 1st in order to firmly encourage everyone to find an open session to attend.

Have a friend on a wait list?

We are extending a \$25.00 incentive for any camper moving to an open session. This applies to campers on a wait list OR campers who move to an open session with a friend who is not currently registered.

Bring a friend to Camp!

There are still 8 weeks until the summer sessions begin! It is a great time to invite a friend, and help bring the ministry of Camp to others who would benefit from encountering God in this setting! If you invite a friend who decides to register, both of you will receive \$25.00 credit to your fees (or to the camp store if your balance is paid).



Parables

Known By Name

And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and know you by name.'
—Exodus 33:17

Names are powerful. They set the stage for how we will be addressed by the world for the rest of our lives. And in Biblical times, names took on even more profound importance—names were used to express the essence, the identity, and the character of a person. In ancient times, a person's name pointed to their destiny in the world. Being "known by name" matters.

In the world of disabilities, it's easy for people to lose sight of our names... to use shorthand to identify us by our diagnosis and not by our name. The "Autistic boy", the "Down's girl", the blind man, the handicapped woman. And when this happens people with disabilities lose more than their name—they lose their personhood, their humanity. In psychological circles these are known as "totalizing descriptors" ...naming a person by their diagnosis, rather than by who they are in totality. The girl with down's syndrome is not just a "Down's girl"... she is Mary, she is a pianist, an athlete, a daughter and a student. The "Autistic boy" doesn't just have autism... he is John, he is an artist, a comic and a chef. It may surprise you to learn how often this kind of language is used to describe people like those in the Parables community. It is rampant and most of us don't even realize we are doing it. But when we do it, we do harm...

Because when we shorthand the identity of others by defining them by only one aspect of themselves, we do an injustice—we cut them off from being known for all that God created them to be. Being known by name matters.

So during the entire month of May, I'd like to invite you to come and view our Faces of Parables Photo Gallery in the hall right outside the Chapel. This Photo Collection was inspired by the experience that 20 of our campers had during our 2017 Parables Summer Camp. Come learn who we are as people, learn about our gifts and passions and most importantly come to "know us by name." It matters.

Hope to see you there!

Blessings,
Rev. Leslie Neugent

Generosity

What do The Wizard of Oz, dogs on the beach, and laughing kids have in common? They are all examples of how the ministries of Wayzata Community Church reach beyond our building. And they are ministries made possible through your generous gifts.

In March, the Good Works Community Theater staged six performances of The Wizard of Oz at WCC. This cast of 150 players, led by Autumn Toussaint, delighted people from around our greater community, who waited in long lines in Founders Hall before each performance. Inspired by the show's message of "home", the attendees also donated over \$11,000 to benefit our mission partner Families Moving Forward.

On Easter Sunday, 400 people and about 50 dogs braved temperatures in the 30s at our annual community Easter Sunrise Service. The warmth of the welcome and the service overcame a cold April morning as they proclaimed the risen Christ.

Starting in June, waves of laughing children of all ages will gather at Church Island at Bay Lake for our summer camp. Kids from both inside and outside of the church will describe it as "the best week of their summer!"

A Wizard, a dog, a happy child— all examples of how our church's ministries are changing lives through the inclusive love of Jesus. None of these ministries would happen without your financial support. If you've already made a gift or a pledge for 2018, thank you. If you've been inspired by something you've been a part of inside or outside of church, you can make a gift or increase your pledge at wccgive.org

And there are many ways to give to WCC. If you'd like to learn more about our new Legacy Society, please contact Laura Janckila, Director of Operations (952-473-8877) or Jim Rice, Legacy Fund Chairperson (jim_rice@ajg.com). It's not too early to start thinking about your own legacy at WCC.



New Legacy Planned Giving Fund

We are excited to inform you of a new way of Planned Giving to support our faith community and our many ministries. We invite you to join the WCC Legacy Society, which honors those individuals who have remembered Wayzata Community Church in their wills and financial plans.

We believe that by having a planned giving and endowment program, our church will signal that it is doing a good job of long-range planning. At the same time, the church is affording its members an opportunity to practice life-long giving by including the church in their present and future plans.

You don't have to be wealthy to include WCC in your will, trust, or long range giving plans. Planned giving is for anyone with a generous spirit for whom WCC has been meaningful.

A planned gift can be either a deferred gift, that occurs through naming WCC as a beneficiary of a will, trust, IRA, insurance policy or annuity, OR a current gift, such as cash, appreciated securities, real or personal property. A planned gift is one way to wisely use some of the personal resources God has entrusted to us.

To learn more, contact Laura Janckila, Director of Operations, at (952) 473-8877 or Jim Rice, our Legacy Fund Chairperson at jim_rice@ajg.com.

Ways to Give to WCC



Mail in or drop off at the church office



wccgive.org



Text to 952-800-9300

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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Join Rev. Lindy Purdy for our last **Soup, Salad & Song** of the program year on Wednesday, May 16 at 12 noon in Mithun Hall for delicious homemade soups, salads, bread and dessert! Anyone "55 or Better" is invited to share in this! The lunch is free, and made possible by the committee and by those who wish to share their culinary skills with the group. Each lunch is a unique and wonderful experience of great food and fun.

1 Planning Committee, 6 p.m.
High School Board, 6:30 p.m.
Art & Design Board, 7 p.m.
Children's CE Board, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

6 **Rev. Dr. John F. Ross**
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.
Music Association of Minnetonka Concert, 3 p.m.

7 Archives, 9:30 a.m.
Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Rummage Committee, 4 p.m.
Parables Women's Book Group, 6:15 p.m.
Middle School Board, 7 p.m.
Board of Fellowship, 7 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

8 Thimble Bees, 9 a.m.
Executive Team, 5:30 p.m.
WCCNS Board, 7 p.m.
Building & Grounds, 7 p.m.
Orono High School Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Parables Moms Night, 7 p.m.
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

13 **MOTHER'S DAY**
Rev. Danielle Jones 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.

14 Archives, 9:30 a.m.
Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Camp/Retreat Board, 6:30 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

15 Unique Family Ministry Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

20 **Celebration Sunday**
Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.
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.
WSO Concerto Competition, 1 p.m.
New Member Reception, 4:30 p.m. (offsite)
High School Senior Night, 6 p.m.

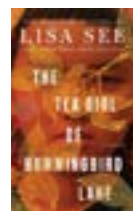
21 Archives, 9:30 a.m.
Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Rummage Committee, 4 p.m.
Soul Sisters Steering Committee, 6 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.
Orono High School Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.

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

27 **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**
Dr. Ronald Troxel 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.

28 **MEMORIAL DAY**
Building Closed

29 Staff Appreciation Lunch, 12 noon
Leadership Night, 6 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.



The Third Thursday Readers

The Third Thursday Readers meet in the Piper Library at 1:00 p.m. on the Third Thursday of each month. On May 17 we will read *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>2 Women's AA, 10 a.m. CORE Class, Dr. Ron Troxel, 10 a.m. Soul Sisters Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m. CORE Class, Dr. Ron Troxel, 4 p.m. Children's/Youth Choirs /Classes, 4:30 p.m. Suppers, etc., 5:15 p.m. Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. CORE Class, Rev. Kristen Jeide, 7:15 p.m. CORE Class, Rev. Danielle Jones, 7:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Classes, 7:15 p.m. Adult Choirs, 7:15 p.m. Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m. High School Acts, 7:15 p.m. AI Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. CORE Class with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy, 6 p.m. Organ Concert with Kraig Windschitl and Carolyn Diamond, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4 High School Retreat Check-in, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m.</p>
<p>9 Women's AA, 10 a.m. CORE Class, Dr. Ron Troxel, 10 a.m. CORE Class, Dr. Ron Troxel, 4 p.m. Children's/Youth Choirs /Classes, 4:30 p.m. Parables Young Adult Book Study, 5 p.m. Suppers, etc., 5:15 p.m. Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. 8th Grade Milestone Celebration, 7 p.m. Membership Committee, 7 p.m. CORE Class, Rev. Kristen Jeide, 7:15 p.m. CORE Class, Rev. Danielle Jones, 7:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Classes, 7:15 p.m. Adult Choirs, 7:15 p.m. Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m. High School Acts, 7:15 p.m. AI Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Finance Committee, 6:45 a.m. Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Folkestone Bible Study, 11 a.m. Library Committee, 2 p.m. CORE Class with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Nifty Nineties Lunch, 12 noon</p>	<p>12 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Parables Respite & Friendship Group, 10 a.m.</p>
<p>16 Women's AA, 10 a.m. CORE Class, Dr. Ron Troxel, 10 a.m. Soup, Salad and Song Lunch, 12 noon CORE Class, Dr. Ron Troxel, 4 p.m. Children's/Youth Choirs /Classes, 4:30 p.m. Parables Young Adult Book Study, 5 p.m. Suppers, etc., 5:15 p.m. Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. CORE Class, Rev. Kristen Jeide, 7:15 p.m. CORE Class, Rev. Danielle Jones, 7:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Classes, 7:15 p.m. Adult Choirs, 7:15 p.m. Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m. High School Acts, 7:15 p.m. AI Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m. CORE Class with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Kids' Night Out, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. Old Timer's Basketball, 8:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m.</p>
<p>23 Women's AA, 10 a.m. Adult Choirs, 7:15 p.m. AI Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p>24 Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. Folkestone Bible Study, 11 a.m. Bridge, 12 noon</p>	<p>25 WCCNS Staff Luncheon, 12 noon</p>	<p>26 Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m. Old Timer's Basketball, 8:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m.</p>
<p>30 Women's AA, 10 a.m. Adult Choirs, 7:15 p.m. AI Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p>31 Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m. Women's AA, 10 a.m. WCCNS End of Year Celebration, 4 p.m.</p>		



Coming Up in June

Summer WOW - Where Music and Message Meet on the Lawn, begins Wednesday, June 13! Gathering and picnics begin at 5:30 p.m., and from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. we'll hear Music and a Message. Adele's Custard will be served at every WOW this summer, and we'll offer a variety of food options from food trucks to hot dogs on the grill to picnic-style meals. As always, dogs are welcome!

Spirit Awards



JOHN HALLBERG

John Hallberg is a humble guy, but he needn't be. He's done so much for this church, sharing his many gifts in ways that are invaluable. He has shared his musical gifts in both Celebration Singers and the Good Works Community Theater musicals (most notably, *Godspell!*), but perhaps his greatest gift to WCC has been his expertise in fundraising and organizational development. We are most grateful.

John is the CEO of Children's Cancer Research Fund, and he graciously shared his expertise as a fundraiser to serve on the Generosity Committee for several years. Having John's help each month has been invaluable, and his ideas and perspective are fantastic. The GenComm group is energized and motivated, and I'm certain that John being there has been a part of what's elevated the entire group to great success.

John's been an active and engaged WCC member for a long time. He served on the Board of Deacons, eventually leading them as Head Deacon. He was a gracious chair of the Mission and Outreach board. He's volunteered for a variety of initiatives, including serving as the head of the Governance Task Force when our council and board structure was being reinvented, and is a key "Bro" in the Band of Brothers men's group that is seeing great success in engaging men of all ages at the church. That initiative alone will have a lasting

impact for many years.

As John Ross noted, "John Hallberg is a true 'difference-maker'. In every regard and in every pursuit he's 'all-in' and doesn't just show up to check a box in his life. If he takes on an assignment, you can count on it being done with excellence. Our world... our community... our church... and my life personally... are enriched by John's presence and his gifts!"

ERIKA KRINGEN

This month's Aegis Award goes to Erika Kringsen, in recognition of her dedicated efforts on the Community Housing Committee, which recently culminated in the approval by the Plymouth City Council of Cranberry Ridge, an affordable housing development for working families.

Erika took over as co-chair of the committee with Chris Pierson in 2014. Following an aborted attempt to develop a site in Long Lake, the committee redoubled its commitment and began searching for another site in the West Metro in 2015. During this time the West Metro Housing Initiative was formed. Erika represented WCC, and along with 6 other area congregations, it was this group that worked with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative to identify a site and eventually gain the approval for Cranberry Ridge.

This work has always been very personal for Erika. When she was growing up in Michigan, Erika's family found itself without a home, and it was this experience that inspired her to persevere in the difficult process of convincing the community of the need for this type of housing development. She told her story many times to members of the community as well as public officials, and it had a profound impact.

Families in need of an affordable home typically lack the resources or political power to undertake this type of development. When 47 working families eventually move into Cranberry Ridge, they can thank people like Erika for making it happen.





Grind Out Hunger Initiative

WCC's Outreach Board's mission is to *relentlessly share our extraordinary gifts with those in need in our local community, the nation and the world through financial support and life-changing personal service.* In this spirit, WCC funded a hunger and poverty eradication project at Compatible Technology International (CTI), based in Minnesota.

Thanks in part to our support of the Grind Out Hunger initiative, CTI sent 20 specially-designed multi-crop Grinders to Malawi the last week of March. They will be distributed, along with business training, to farmers of small plots of land throughout the country.

Throughout Africa, women are responsible for the majority of labor associated with food production and processing. Without access to mechanized tools, women and girls spend hours beating a mortar and pestle every day just to produce a few kilos for their family's meals. The process is time consuming, grueling, and it limits the amount of edible food families are able to produce and sell.

As CTI notes, "Women are vital to farming and income generation in their communities, and we know that when they have access to new technologies and business support, these opportunities unlock the potential of women farmers to thrive as business leaders and role models in their communities."

In 1994, CTI introduced its flagship technology: the Ewing Grinder. This grinder is a hand-operated mill designed to reduce women's drudgery, improve the quantity and quality of the final produce, and help families generate income. Today, CTI's grinder is being used in more than 40 countries to make peanut butter, cocoa butter, and flour from a number of grains. Thousands of women have used the Ewing Grinder to start a business. Some provide grinding services to their neighbors for a small fee, and others sell value-added food products like peanut butter at the market.

Each grinder supported by WCC's gift to CTI will impact 125 people, all of whom will be more nourished and have higher incomes as a result.

CTI concluded, "It is thanks to your vision for a better world that together we can empower Malawian farmers, and fight against poverty and malnutrition throughout Sub-Saharan Africa."

For more information, visit www.compatibletechnology.org.





VBS: Shipwrecked!

This summer Children's Ministries is going to be bigger and better than ever, as we team up with the Parables community for Vacation Bible School from August 14-18. This year's theme is Shipwrecked! Kids ages 3 through 5th grade and the entire Parables community are invited to Sail off on a week of adventures and fun. Kelly Pederson, Jodie Nyberg and Hannah Cruzen are working together to provide the right space and place of learning for all participants.

Parables hours will be 8 a.m.-noon, and age 3 -5th grade campers will meet from 9 a.m. -noon, with an extended day option. As always there will be loads of middle school junior counselors, high school and college age counselors, and adult volunteers.

We'll begin each morning with worship in the Sanctuary with the leadership of Autumn Toussaint and a live band leading us in inspiring faith filled island style music! Afterward we'll learn a Bible focus for the morning along with a mission opportunity. All groups will then head off with their Castaway Crew for a morning of learning and fun. Stations include Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Ship Wreck Games, Tropical Treats and Kid Vid Cinema. At the end of the morning all campers will return to the Sanctuary for our Sail Away Sendoff, where we'll recap our learning and sing and dance together. Look for details and register online for this fun adventure: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/education/childrens-education-ministry/vacation-bible-school/

We'll be interviewing and hiring high school/college counselors beginning in May! Contact Jodie Nyberg for more information at jnyberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.



Mexico Mission Trip

By Lilli O'Brien, student participant

From March 29-April 3, High School students and adult leaders traveled to Tecate, Mexico with the mission of building houses for Mexican families living in poverty. These missionaries were eager to experience the personal enrichment of serving others. The trip offered a unique environment for spiritual growth and a time to reflect on our role in this world. Each participant had the opportunity to be a servant to people who can only repay such efforts with their gratitude.

"It was an exciting first day on the worksite. We were able to meet the families that we have the opportunity to serve. Early in the morning we headed to our worksites and jumped right into building the houses. First we sorted wood, and started sawing it into the correct measurements. The first task I worked on was sawing. This was a new experience for me but with the patience and support from leaders, I somewhat learned how.

Today we also worked on building the walls for our house using just a hammer and nails. Along with the hard work, we had many laughs with the young kids living in the area, further motivating us to build a great home.

The family provided us with fresh mangos to show how grateful they were for our hard work. It was inspiring to see our theme of resilience being lived out through the family.

Our devotion for today was about finding strength and being present. We were challenged to not only recognize what the family does not have, but what they do have to give. They may have less materials than we do but they live out their love and compassion to the world. Seeing our church community lifting each other up in the heat and hard work gives me the strength for tomorrow's work."





Rummage Child Care Positions

Come and work on the child care staff for the Rummage Sale this summer! Interviews will take place soon and applications can be found [on our website](#).

Three Great Ways to Connect with Wayzata Community Church



NEW! FACEBOOK LIVE!

Can't come to church for services, but still want to attend? At 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday services, watch us on Facebook for live streaming of our two Sanctuary services. Just go to the WCC Facebook page and our live stream will

be at the top of the posts. You can listen, watch and even get engaged through the comments section of the post. After the service, the live stream turns into a Facebook post so you can watch the services when the time is right for you.

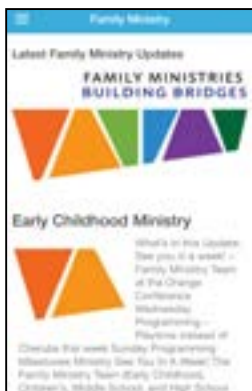
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BIRTHS

- Hazel Nancy Hoehn, daughter of Maija & Jeremy Hoehn, granddaughter of Susan Freivalds, niece of Jill Freivalds

BAPTISMS

- Lydia Joan Wocken, daughter of Matt & Jenny Wocken
- Jacqueline Rose Sarenpa, daughter of Anthony & Nicole Sarenpa
- Jacob Oliver Gunderson, son of Scott & Leana Gunderson
- William Bradley Hammer, son of Bradley & Allyson Hammer
- James Donald Hammer, son of Bradley & Allyson Hammer
- Oscar Maxwell Duner, son of Gunnar Duner & Anna Renier
- Tyler Steven Loeffler, son of Kevin & Jennifer Loeffler

CARES

If we can be helpful before or during your hospital stay, please call our Pastoral staff at the church, 952-473-8877.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Jim Ogland Roger Johnson

CONDOLENCES

- Marilyn Anderson and family on the death of her brother, Darrell Waidelech, on February 10, 2018.
- Paul McCoy on the death of his mother, Louise McCoy, on March 20, 2018.
- Donna Hoel, Beth Velner, Josh Velner and their family on the death of Jim Harms, on March 29, 2018.
- Family and friends on the death of Earl Sween, on April 1, 2018.
- Heidi Engen and family on the death of her aunt, June Johnson, on April 2, 2018.
- Carol Olson and family on the death of her husband, Roger Olson, April 8, 2018.
- Mike Litch on the death of his father, James Litch, on April 9, 2018.
- Family and friends on the death of Elsie Turnquist, on April 11, 2018.
- Steve Ruedisili and family on the death of his grandfather, Donald Anderson, on April 12, 2018.
- Family and friends on the death of Mabeth Neslund, on April 13, 2018.
- Betsy Massie and family on the death of her mother, Frances Atwood, on April 17, 2018.
- Julie Jorgensen and Kai Brewster on the death of Carol Jorgensen, on April 20, 2018.

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