

Wayzata Community Church



WORSHIP GROW COMMUNITY ENGAGE SERVE



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• For information about Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School programs, please register to receive our Family Ministry emails— contact Kathy Handy at khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.



• Register for Fall classes and events at wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration or scan the QR code

- Sign up for our weekly email. Send a request to Mandi Lee, mlee@wayzatacommunitychurch.org
- Check our Instagram: [@wayzatacommunitychurch](https://www.instagram.com/wayzatacommunitychurch)
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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

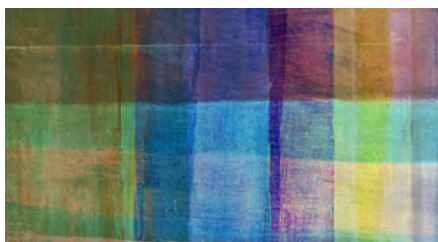
As fall begins we want to tell you that we are so glad you're here. Your presence in this community matters and Wayzata Community Church needs you! Your perspectives, your gifts, and your faith matter and when we come together in community to grow in faith we are better when you are here with us!

This fall we have so many ways for you to engage in community, explore big questions, grow in faith and serve others. Life is complicated, but choosing to be a part of WCC gives you a place to belong and a place to be real with others who are seeking to follow Jesus, together. We can't wait to see you this fall!

Grace and Peace,
Your Clergy and Staff Team

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WORSHIP

We invite you to join us each week at one of our four worship services that are designed to gather us in community to experience God together.

FALL 2023 WORSHIP

Beginning Sunday, September 10

- 8:00 a.m. Communion in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Parables Worship in the Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

8:00 a.m. Communion Service: This worship service includes traditional music, an inspiring message, and communion each week.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship: Our contemporary worship style includes a variety of music with our worship band, Celebration Singers choir, an inspiring message and milestone celebrations of our faith life together. *

10:15 a.m. Parables Worship: Parables is uniquely crafted for people with disabilities and their families. Services are designed to welcome everyone just as they are with music, an inspiring message, communion and connections in community. *

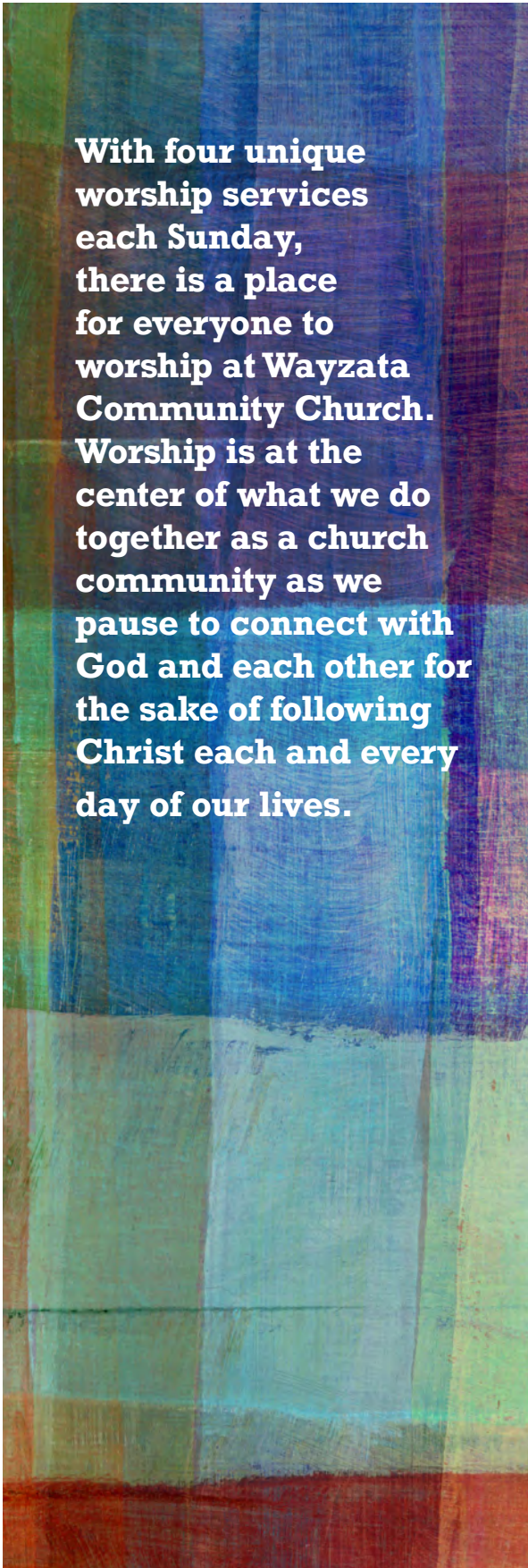
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship: Join us for organ and hymn-based worship that has a liturgical feel and includes an inspiring message each week. *

* Available on our website for livestream, on Facebook, and on-demand.

FALL KICK OFF

Sunday, September 10

This Sunday we return to our school year worship schedule with services at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for children Birth- 5th grade will happen in our Children's Ministry areas each during our 9:00 a.m. service, Middle School Sunday programs begin again this week, and we will welcome you into fellowship and faith as we look forward to a fantastic new year in the life of our church.



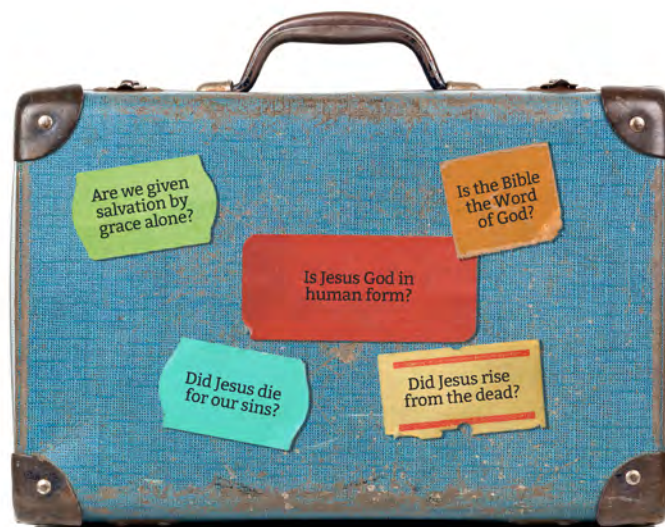
With four unique worship services each Sunday, there is a place for everyone to worship at Wayzata Community Church. Worship is at the center of what we do together as a church community as we pause to connect with God and each other for the sake of following Christ each and every day of our lives.

SERMON SERIES

THE ESSENTIALS: UNPACKING OUR CORE BELIEFS

September Sermon Series September 10, 17, 24 and October 1

Join Rev. Danielle Jones and Rev. Steve Wiens for a four-part sermon series on the essentials of our faith. With so many denominations and opinions on what it means to be a Christian, it can be difficult to determine what is fundamental to the faith. In this series, we'll look at what's essential — and what's not — when it comes to following Jesus as a community of faith.



PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE

October Sermon Series October 8, 15, 22 and 29

One of the most common images in scripture is the image of a seed or a garden being planted and in time bearing good fruit (or not so good fruit). This image is used again and again to talk about how we are to live, what we believe God cares about most, and how even we are called to bear fruit in due time. Join Rev. Steve Wiens and Rev. Danielle Jones for an exploration of what these images can tell us about how to follow God today.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. CATHERINE

Spiritual Formation is the subject of many conversations that Danielle and I have had over the past twelve months. When discussing ministries, classes, and worship services, we consistently ask, *how does doing that help people become spiritually formed as followers of Jesus?* And while group spiritual formation is an essential goal of all our ministries, we've recognized a need to prioritize a process for individual spiritual formation as well.

Wayzata Community Church received a unique opportunity for spiritual formation this summer. We are one of eight Metro churches participating in The Contemplative Practices Program, funded by a generous grant by the Lilly Foundation, in partnership with the University of St. Catherine. Our participation in this program will lead us to be able to build our own unique program of contemplation and spiritual formation.

With the support of this grant, the WCC Contemplative Practices Program cohort of members and leaders will dive deeply into their spirituality, exploring nine spiritual practices during September 2023 through May 2024. Having first gone inward grounded in God's love and mercy, the group will then explore how to go outward, learning contemplative practices that can be used in the community during the 2024-25 WCC program year. There also will be opportunities for the group to share the program with the congregation, as well as to meet with the other participating churches during each program year. Our participation in this program will be covered fully by the Lilly Foundation.

We welcome your prayers and support for the future of our growth as a congregation in contemplation and spiritual formation.
— Rev. Steve Wiens, Co-Lead Minister

TUESDAY ADULT CLASSES



Theodyyssey Spiritual Formation Journey *

**Tuesdays beginning September 19
9:00-10:15 a.m., Holmes Room
Led by Rev. Danielle Jones**

Theodyyssey is a made up word (aren't they all?) cobbled together from theos, God, and odyssey, a wandering and eventful journey. This seems to be the nature of the Christian life — a wandering and eventful journey with God. Join Danielle Jones for an in-depth Bible Study/Small Group/Spiritual Formation experience that will meet most Tuesday mornings from September 2023-April 2024.

This Journey Group is right for you if:

- You want to grow deeper in your relationships with God
- You desire to ask important questions about life and faith
- You are free most Tuesdays throughout the year.

This group will meet three Tuesdays a month. We will take a three week break in December and we will have one retreat at an agreed upon time with the group (two days, including an overnight). You can miss the group here and there but the more you are present the more you will get out of it! The cost is \$120 for materials (two big journeybooks). Scholarships are available. If you have questions or need more information, contact Danielle Jones, djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

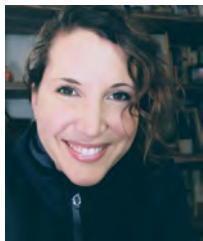


Questioning Your Faith * Tuesdays, September 12, September 26, October 10, and October 24 9:00-10:30 a.m., Colonnade Led by Rev. Steve Wiens

When people who take their faith seriously find themselves in a season of doubt and questioning, it can be confusing and disorienting. The good news is that this isn't a bad thing, it's actually healthy! Questioning what you believe is not a sign that you're losing your faith, it's a sign that you're *growing* in your faith. This four week class, facilitated by Steve Wiens, will offer space to discuss how we can move through these seasons with patience and honesty.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

Come together in community to deepen relationships, grow in faith, and to take time to intentionally nurture your spiritual life.



Expanding the Enneagram with Stephanie Spencer *

Wednesdays

September 13, 20, & 27

4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Colonnade

The Enneagram is a helpful tool not only for self discovery but also for empathy in relationships. But many of us have only experienced Enneagram content through the head, in an information-based approach. This approach is instructional, but also limited. If we aren't careful, reading too many Enneagram Type descriptions can become more like boxes of limitation than pathways of growth.

In this class, Stephanie Spencer will help you get out of those boxes. Using content from her book, *Out of the Box and Into the Wild: An Enneagram Journey Through the Triads of Nature*, as a launching point, she will lead the group through both learning and interactive practices, helping us see why we are unique, what we have in common, and how we can find more compassion and effectiveness in our interactions with one another. Registration fee of \$25 includes a copy of Stephanie's book which will be available at the first class.



Planning Your Own Funeral *

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 a.m., Colonnade

Led by Lindy Purdy

Whether you are drawn to this topic for yourself or for a loved one, this forum will get you thinking about the Celebration of a Life. This class will be focused on remembering how precious life is and acquiring tools, planning resources and ways to share vital information. Your participation will be a gift to your family and loved ones and you will be equipped to talk about this important event with them. Bring your thoughts and questions, your favorite verses, poems, clippings, and music.

* Register for Adult Faith classes at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.

W O R S H I P

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Another Round of Midrash ✨
Wednesdays, October 4 & 11
4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.,
Colonnade

Led by Rev. Steve Wiens
Midrash is an exploratory way of studying the Bible which allows for layers of meaning to emerge

through dialogue and discovery. The layers of midrash provide space to ask questions with the layers of the human experience. Together we can struggle through how an ancient text might speak into the reality of what it means to live today. We can use the layer of simple meaning to ground us, while using the seeking layer to stretch us out beyond what we might see at first glance. No Bible study experience necessary — only an open heart and a curious mind!



Bad Girls & Bad Boys of the Bible ✨
with Lindy Purdy and Dan Stark
Wednesdays, October 25,
November 1, 8, & 15
in the Colonnade

- **4:00 p.m. Bad Girls**
led by Lindy Purdy
- **6:30 p.m.— Bad Boys**
led by Dan Stark



Beginning October 25, Lindy and Dan will offer a 4-week series on Bad Girls and Bad Boys of the Bible. There will be two sessions each Wednesday in the Colonnade. Please feel free to attend either one or both whether or not you identify as a good/bad girl or a good/bad boy!

THURSDAY FAITH BIBLE STUDY

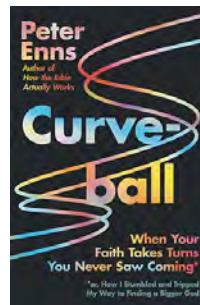
Thursdays beginning September 14
10:00 a.m. in the Colonnade

Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy and Rev. Dan Stark

Thursday Faith Bible Study resumes September 14. The fall topic will be The Parables of Jesus, led by Dan Stark and Lindy Purdy. We will be using different translations of the Bible to study these parables. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite Bible. All are welcome!

SATURDAY SEEKERS

Saturday Mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m.
beginning September 23, Holmes Room



Batter up! Strrrr-ike! Foul Ball! OUT! Did you ever wonder if God is like a baseball umpire? Does our Creator keep score? Theologian, professor of Biblical studies, and acclaimed author, Peter Enns, tackles complex issues of faith and turns them into something that feels accessible and relatable. In his books *The Bible Tells Me So*, and *How the Bible Actually*

Works he shares actual stories with humor and sarcasm in ways that make you think. His latest book is titled *Curveball*. If you have ever been scared or intimidated by questions of faith, Enns argues that God is bigger and more mysterious than anyone's expectations. The curveballs in our lives can leave us doubting. This Fall we'll be embracing these curveballs with discussions from these books. If you are not on Seekers email distribution list and want to be, contact Judy Reed at reeddj2@comcast.net. During the program year we send information almost weekly. Occasionally we have just for fun get-togethers too.



MENTAL HEALTH CONNECT SYMPOSIUMS

LIVEMORE SCREENLESS

Monday, September 18

6:30- 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel

LiveMore ScreenLess is a Minnesota-based organization using best practices from education, public health, and positive youth development to engage with families, schools, and organizations to promote balanced, intentional, and effective use of technology. Their mission is to promote and advocate Digital Wellbeing for and with young people.

They recognize and appreciate the vast benefits that technology brings to our lives. However, evidence is mounting that misuse and overuse of technology is harmful to the health and wellbeing of young people.

Talking to youth about how digital media positively and negatively impacts their mental health can be challenging but there are strategies that work. The speaker will present what they have learned after which there will be time for discussion.

MUSIC HEALS

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:30- 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Research is learning more about the benefits of music. This Symposium will present information about this research and actual experiences. There will be five presenters all of whom have personal experiences which negatively impacted their love of music- to listen, to write and to perform.

However, each will share how music restored this joy and satisfaction. We want the audience to learn how music can make a positive and therapeutic impact in their lives for themselves, for their loved ones and for their friends.

There are a wide variety of needs — recovery from injuries, depression, anxiety, Alzheimer's and individuals with special needs. We will also discuss music styles/genres, how to listen, and where to listen.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

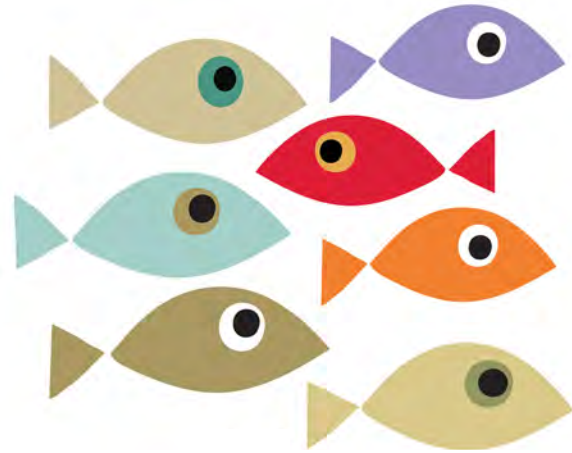
Welcome



Fall is my favorite time of year! The leaves in all their glory, the crisp air, a roaring fire and the return to regular programming here at WCC! We are all excited about resuming the routine of Wednesday evenings and worship in the Chapel on

Sundays! We return with POW, AWE, the Parent/Caregiver Support Group, Friendship Group and along with so many other amazing opportunities to connect in our faith and friendship. Parables Ministry is one of inclusion for all and may you feel a sense of BELONGING the minute you walk in.

Michele Ramert
Director of Special Needs Ministry



PARABLES RESPITE AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP *

Saturday, October 14 (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 10 (5:00-8:00 p.m.)

Great Hall (Gym)

Friendship Group is a great time to connect with your WCC friends and also to meet new friends. There is something for everyone — open gym, crafts, music, games, a movie and pizza! We do have a sensory room set-up for those who need a little quiet time. Friendship Group is for ALL ages. Registration closes the Wednesday prior. Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.



PARABLES SUNDAY WORSHIP

**10:15 a.m. Parables Worship
in the Chapel**

Parables is uniquely crafted for people with disabilities and their families. Services are designed to welcome everyone just as they are with music, an inspiring message, and connections in community. Join us in the Chapel at 10:15 a.m.! (Also available on our website for livestream, on Facebook, and on-demand.)

WEDNESDAYS

POW — PARABLES ON WEDNESDAYS *

4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Gym and Graceland

POW is a time for our Parables youth to join together for an hour of faith based fun! Each Wednesday we start with open gym then come together to hear a Bible story and end with a craft.

AWE ADULT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS *

6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Corner

A class designed for our adult friends of Parables. AWE typically runs a 4-6 week Bible study. Join us each Wednesday as we explore the Bible and how we can apply these lessons to our own lives.



PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
2nd Thursday of the month
September 14, October 12 and November 9
6:00-7:30 p.m. in Care of You
Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy

Parables Support Group offers parents/caregivers a safe space to come together to build a community based on a shared understanding. PSG goes beyond networking and sharing resources, there is emotional and spiritual support that binds this group.

SPECIAL EVENT
PARENTS NIGHT OUT!
Friday, September 22, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
at Lindy Purdy's home

Enjoy an evening of adult time! We love your kiddos but you deserve a night just for YOU! Stay tuned for further details.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Welcome



Welcome back to another fall at Wayzata Community Church. Except, it's not "just another fall" — we have some big things happening for the High School ministry this year. My name is Mike Solberg and I'm the Director of High School

Ministries here at WCC. This past year I've gotten to know a lot of you and had so many great conversations, and two things have become abundantly clear to me: Just how much this church cares for the High School ministry and its students, and some strategic changes are needed to best meet our students in the most effective way for our current era.

The biggest change for high school students on Wednesdays will be a time change to 8 p.m. We have noticed how hard it is for students to wrap up after-school activities, change, and eat dinner before making it to church at 6:30 p.m. Many students this last year would come halfway through the evening or have to miss out entirely. This will also give opportunities for students to volunteer on Wednesday nights in the Children's and Middle School ministries. For those students who will arrive early with their family anyway, we will be providing a study/hangout space up on the 3rd floor as well.

Finally, this will allow our Middle School and High School programs to be so much stronger through some new collaborations. Ann Hunhoff, our Middle School Director, and I will be taking on Wednesday nights together, along with a great team of staff and volunteers called the Student Ministry Team. This team will plan highly engaging large-group content (music, talks, games, and more) and cast a vision for both Middle School and High School ministries.

All of this is to say — this is something that you're not going to want to miss. We hope to see you Wednesdays this fall!

Mike Solberg
Director, High School Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS ✨

Beginning September 13

8:00-9:30 p.m. in the Loft

Wednesday nights at WCC are home base for all of our student ministries. Come experience the radically inclusive love of God and find a place to belong on Wednesday nights at 8pm. Our nights are full of big fun, exceptional music, relevant teaching and meaningful conversations. We have a great time up on the 3rd floor, but more than that, it's a place to encounter a caring community of spiritual growth and a heart for justice. See you up in The Loft!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 ✨



Parent-Student Orientation

Meeting for 9th graders is

Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Holmes Room.

At WCC, Confirmation focuses on three C's: Community, Conversation, and Christ. Confirmation is a year long program that is designed to help 9th graders explore their faith,

make new connections and friends, and to wrestle with big faith questions and the essentials of the Christian Faith.

The confirmation experience has been redesigned for the upcoming year. Weekly classes will be led by Rev. Danielle Jones and many special guests along the way. We will have lively discussions around meaningful faith topics while learning together and having a lot of fun too!

Confirmation requirements will include:

- Weekly Wednesday night meetings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 20th
- Attending special Wednesday night High School Gatherings at 8:00 p.m.
- Attendance at a High School Retreat
- Service experiences and more!

Please join us for the Parent-Student Orientation meeting to learn more. Confirmation is open to all students who are in 9th grade this year. Registration is required. To register for Confirmation, please visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration. For more information contact Rev. Danielle Jones or Mike Solberg.

STEP-UP SUNDAYS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 17, 10:15-11 a.m. in the Loft

Do you want to make a positive impact on your church and your community? Do you want to develop your leadership skills? Come learn about our new program specifically for high school students on Sunday mornings: Step-Up Sundays. You will get the chance to serve with your friends in a variety of places and come together to learn new leadership skills and engage with the rest of the church on Sunday morning. Please come to this informational meeting to learn more!



SPECIAL EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT *

Friday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m.-

Sunday, October 29 at 12 Noon, Camp Friendship

October is the perfect time to get away with your friends and hit the reset button! Mark your calendar for an incredible weekend of fun, relaxation, ridiculous games, small groups, community and more! Big fun awaits. Cost: \$195 per person. Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration. Scholarships are available.

TURKEY BOWL

Wednesday, November 22

3:00-8:00 p.m. on the Middle School field

Join us for the annual High School and Alumni Turkey Bowl! Show off your best football skills at this annual sporting event, as each team battles it out for the legendary Turkey Bowl trophy. The touch football games begin at 3:00 p.m. on the field directly behind the church, then dinner and trophy ceremony in Mithun Hall. We'll end the night with music and dancing in the Loft. High School Ministry students and alumni of all skill levels, plus your friends, are welcome to join us for this free event.

GROW

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY



Wednesdays *

Homework & Hang

Every Wednesday in the Corner and 3rd Floor

Wednesday nights at WCC are full of activities and excitement, and we want to make sure you're here for it all! "Homework & Hang" is an after-school and all-evening program that provides middle and high school students a place to go during their down time before, after, or between other programs. We will provide supervised spaces for a church-style study hall that include table space to do homework, power strips for device charging, cards and board games, and light snacks. Students will need to check in and wear their name tags, as they do with other programs, to participate. Please stay tuned for future communications about which locations will be utilized for Homework & Hang throughout the evening.

Please contact Ann Hunhoff or Mike Solberg if you would like to serve as an adult supervisor for Homework & Hang. We will put together a rotating schedule of volunteers, and there is opportunity for a paid position if you can commit to set hours on a weekly basis.

Middle School Youth Group beginning September 13

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Loft (3rd floor)

Wednesday nights are back and better than ever! We'll be in a new location, and all the great things about Middle School Youth Group are coming with us! We will have incredible music, upbeat games, silly skits, relevant teaching series, Biblical and engaging talks, and dedicated small group times led by our incredible adult leaders. Wednesday night Youth Group will be a high-energy experience where students can come to know God's Love and find a sense of belonging in their community.

Welcome



Hello, and welcome to Middle School Ministry at WCC! Middle School is such an important phase of life full of transition and change. Our goal is to make sure our students have all the love, support, and understanding they need to explore faith, ask questions, discover self, and embrace community. Church is so uniquely situated to facilitate levels of spiritual, emotional, and social growth that are simply unmatched. With our high-energy programming and caring adult leaders, we foster an environment that not only encourages that growth but ensures students have an absolute blast through it all. In the WCC Middle School Ministry, students will be empowered to LOVE, BELONG, GROW, and DO.

Ann Hunhoff
Director of Middle School Ministry

Sundays *

Beginning September 10

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Corner (1st Floor)

Middle School Sundays are back in a new and exciting way! Each week we will be engaging in a different activity, including but not limited to Bible study, small service projects, attending worship together, volunteering with younger children, and more! Because we'll be busy with different activities from week to week, be sure to join us in the Corner promptly at 9 a.m. to enjoy some light breakfast treats before we head to whichever location we'll be at that week!



Special Events

Ole Melonmasher's Mysterious Maritime Treasure: The Return of Ole Melonmasher *

**Sunday, October 15
4:00-8:00 p.m.**

In the Corner and offsite

The ghost of Ole Melonmasher is back, and boy is he angry! Ever since WCC Middle School-

ers discovered his hidden treasures last fall, he has been plotting his revenge... Middle schoolers and their friends are invited to join us for an epic treasure hunt around Lake Minnetonka. Students will be safely driven around the area by our trusted adult leaders to solve riddles, complete challenges, and escape the wrath of Ole Melonmasher. Registration is required, and students will have the opportunity to request friends to be in the same team/vehicle with. \$25 cost includes snacks and fun merch.



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SLEEP OUT 2023 *

**Fall Overnight Event
at WCC**

**Drop-off: Saturday,
November 11 at 12 Noon**

**Pick-up: Sunday,
November 12
immediately following
9 a.m. worship**

Join us for this incredible overnight event for middle schoolers where we learn about the realities of people experiencing homelessness. Throughout the night, there will be service, educational activities, and meaningful spiritual conversations around this topic. All the while, we will have a blast, decorate our boxes, and connect with one another. We will also be raising some money to support IOCP's work to support people experiencing poverty within our communities.



ELEMENTARY MINISTRY



JOIN US FOR FALL KICK OFF!

Children of all ages are invited to join us for the start of Fall Sundays on September 10, as we welcome in the new year of programming!

GRACELAND SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-5th grade) *

Beginning September 10

9:00 a.m. in the Gym and Labs

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in "Graceland", our Sunday program. Each week we begin in the gym with a few minutes of free play, and then move to our large group worship time. After worship, all ages meet in classrooms with parent volunteers for small group faith based activities. Parents pick up in the classrooms at 10:00 am.

KINDERGARTEN BACKPACK BLESSING MILESTONE

Sunday, September 17 in 9:00 a.m. worship

All new Kindergarteners are invited to join us on Sunday, September 17 at the 9:00 a.m. service for a Blessing of the Backpacks. Just bring your backpack to church, sit with your parents, and we will call you up for this special blessing and we pray for you in this big new adventure!!

Wednesdays

FAITH AND FUN WEDNESDAYS! *

September 13, 2023 through May 2024

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Gym and Labs

For ages K-5th grade

Join us each Wednesday evening in the gym as we laugh, learn and grow in faith. Each week we'll begin in a large group where we'll play a silly group game, sing faith-filled songs, explore our monthly Bible verse and topic, and more. After large group time we'll gather with our leaders in small groups (by age group) where program leaders make the Bible story come to life with games and activities. Parent pick up in classrooms at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY OPEN GYM

Wednesdays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. in the Gym

All kids ages K-5th grade are invited to join us for free play in the gym every Wednesday evening. Open gym runs from 5:15-6:30 p.m. weekly. Please monitor your children during open gym time.

Welcome



Welcome to Children's Ministries of Wayzata Community Church! I am excited to be partnering with you as we walk the journey of faith together this new program year. Elementary Ministry offers programs for K-5th graders on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings with many special events woven in throughout the year. Every month we also offer a "Kids Night Out" which provides a way to make new "church family" friendships in a relaxing and fun way. Faith Milestones are also offered at specific ages (1st grade, 4th grade and 5th grade) and are a way for parents and kids to join together with us as we build a bridge from church to home. Look for details in our weekly e-newsletter and make sure you register for programming to get the latest news each week. Please email if you have questions: jnyberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org. Can't wait to see you!

Jodie Nyberg, Director of Elementary Ministry and Early Childhood Ministry



**FREE
ALL-CHURCH
EVENT!
TRUNK OR TREAT**
Saturday, October 28
2:00-4:00 p.m.
WCC parking lots
All ages and stages are

invited to attend our fourth annual Trunk or Treat event sponsored by WCC's Children's Ministry and Parables Disability Ministry. Wear a costume, bring your trick or treat bag, and join us in the front parking lot of WCC for a one of a kind safe outdoor experience. You'll trick or treat along the blocked-off parking lot where volunteers will have their car trunks decorated and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters! We also need volunteers of all ages to host a trunk! Use your imagination and decorate your trunk (and yourself). This event is free and open to our community! Sign up to host a trunk at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.

Special Events

4TH GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE *

October 12, 26, November 2, November 9
6:30-7:45 p.m. in Mithun Hall

Bible Sunday is on November 12

All 4th graders and parents are invited to attend this four-session Milestone to learn about the Bible together. On Sunday, November 12, 4th graders will be presented with their very own Bible in the Sanctuary. Registration links will be sent out to families.



KIDS NIGHT OUT *

For kids ages 3 through 5th grade
Fridays, September 22, October 13, November 17
and December 15

5:30-9:30 p.m. in the Gym

Calling all kids ages 3 through 5th grade. Join us for our favorite Friday of the month! We'll play games in the gym, make cool crafts, eat a yummy pizza dinner and watch a kid-friendly movie. Cost is \$15 per person for an evening of fun! Registration is required at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.





EARLY CHILDHOOD

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

For ages Birth-PreK

9:00-10:00 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday School is offered at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service times. Each week we welcome your little ones into our safe, faith based classrooms with our mature and trained staff. We work hard to provide a warm and loving environment where your kids will experience God's love through hands-on activities and play. We also welcome and encourage parents to volunteer a few hours throughout the program year.

LITTEST ANGELS WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir (Ages 2-PreK) *

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 13

5:00-5:30 p.m., Community Room

Cherub Choir (ages 2-5) meets each week in the Community Room. Your child will love this interactive experience where we use rhythm instruments, scarves, parachutes and more to explore music and faith. Join us as we learn about our faith while singing and dancing to the spirit.

OPEN GYM FOR TINY TOTS

Wednesdays

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Stay and play after Cherub Choir each week in our kid-friendly Community Room. We'll ride trikes, climb on jungle gyms, and enjoy the friendship of our WCC church friends. Parent supervision is required.

WCC NURSERY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN BALL *

Friday, October 27

5:00-6:30 p.m.

East Entrance/Mithun Hall

Dress up your little ones and celebrate Halloween with your friends! Join us for DJ entertainment, Halloween snacks, spooky crafts and a fabulous raffle to benefit WCCNS.

Tickets: \$10 per child in advance, \$30 max per family or \$15 per child at the door. The Halloween Ball is sponsored by the Wayzata Community Church Nursery School, and all are welcome!



FALL CONCERT SERIES

This fall, the WCC Sunday afternoon music series will include four events. All programs begin at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in Founders Hall.

Sunday, September 24

Stephen Self will present a recital of organ music on the magnificent Jackson organ. The program will include masterworks by Bach and more recent music by French and American composers.

Sunday, October 22

Stephen Self will present a recital of piano music by great composers such as Bach, Chopin, Brahms, and Schumann. The program will conclude with several virtuosic jazz works by Nikolai Kapustin.

Sunday, November 5

On this All Saints' Sunday, the Chancel Choir will present John Rutter's stirring *Requiem* in a service of remembrance. Prayers and hymns will help to create a meditative time of remembrance and thankfulness.

Sunday, November 19

The four section leaders of the Chancel Choir will present an entertaining afternoon of solo and ensemble music that spans genres from classical and sacred to Broadway.



CHOIRS

Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Choir Room

To participate in the handbell choir, the only requirement is that you are able to read music! Bell ringing techniques are a learn-as-you-go process — like “on the job training”. The choir rings about once a month during the 10:30 a.m. Traditional service. Adult and high school-age music lovers are invited to join us in ringing praise! The choir is directed by Stephen Self.

Chancel Choir *

6:30-8:00 p.m., Choir Room

All are welcome to sing with the Chancel Choir, a welcoming community of adult singers, who lead at the 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service. We invite people who have the desire, interest and time for learning, rehearsing and singing everything from the simple and beautiful, to challenging pieces of choral literature. We sing almost every Sunday, September through June, in our Traditional service. The choir is led by Stephen Self.

Celebration Choir *

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 7

6:30-7:15 p.m.

Gracenotes Choir Room

ALL are welcome! We are worship leaders and family. Our door is open to anyone who is interested in singing with a heart for God. We lead primarily at the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. No audition (or experience) is necessary, just a heart for praising God through song, and a smile. We sing contemporary and modern worship songs, hymns and so much more! Directed by Autumn Toussaint and Lynda Sleeper.

Disciples Plus Youth Ensemble *

(6th-12th Grades)

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 13

5:45-6:15 p.m.

Gracenotes Choir Room

Disciples Plus is a dynamic group of teenagers, regardless of previous school choir experience, who lead musically at WCC in many different ways. Our

mission is to teach youth to use their talents for Christ, instill a heart of worship, and have fun. They learn about singing, harmony, and rhythm, as well as vocal technique. We sing a variety of songs including Contemporary Christian, Traditional, Pop, and everything in between - training the next generation of Worship Leaders. Directed by Patrick Morgan & Autumn Toussaint.

3rd-5th Grade Choir *

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 13

5:30-6:00 p.m., Gracenotes Choir Room

This choir works on more advanced musical experiences such as solo singing, musical terms, and even the basics of reading music. No previous experience is required, and all are welcome! This choir builds confidence leading, and will sing in worship often. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Gracenotes. Directed by Autumn Toussaint.

K-2nd Grade Choir *

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 13

5:00-5:30 p.m., Gracenotes Choir Room

Led by Autumn Toussaint

We emphasize early musical experiences such as rhythm, matching pitch, and basic musical terms. We sing in worship frequently. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in Gracenotes. Led by Autumn Toussaint. *Children entering Kindergarten may choose this more structured choir experience, or they may choose Cherub Choir.

Cherub Choir (Ages 2-PreK) *

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 13

5:00-5:30 p.m., Community Room

Led by Jodie Nyberg

Cherub Choir (Preschool) emphasizes early musical experiences through play and movement in a more relaxed environment. Come and sing songs of joy! Rehearsals are held Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, led by Jodie Nyberg. *Children entering Kindergarten may choose this less structured choir experience, or they may choose Hosanna Choir.

*** Register for any of the choirs at
[www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/
fallregistration](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration)**



HELLO NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS

Interested in learning more about WCC? Have questions about how to get involved and connected? Hoping to become a new member? Join us! Meet some of our clergy and deacons, hear more about the faith and strategic plan of WCC, and explore membership. New Member joining date is Sunday, October 8.

Our next New Member Classes will be held on:

- **Thursday, September 21, 2023**
6:30-7:30 p.m., The Loft (3rd floor)
- **Monday, October 2, 2023**
6:30-7:30 p.m., Holmes Room

To register, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration

COMMUNITY MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

5:15-6:30 P.M. IN MITHUN HALL
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13

Join us on Wednesdays for dinner without the dishes! Our Community Meal is a special time to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal and connect with old and new friends. Our amazing Executive Chef Timmy G. puts a fresh spin on our Community Meal tradition with tasty crowd-pleasing menus, freshly prepared in our own kitchen. Everyone is invited! Families, individuals, couples, children and adults. You can't beat the price — only \$6 per person, or \$5 for kids ages 12 and under (and you can pay with cash or Venmo!) Bring a neighbor or a friend!



COMING TO YOU

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



SOUP, SALAD, AND SONG

Thursdays, October 19
and November 16
in Mithun Hall

11:30 a.m. Community time
12:00 p.m. Lunch

Our monthly Soup, Salad and Song lunches begin in October! Our crew of amazing volunteers make this a special time by providing a variety of soups and salads, and serving all who come to share this special time. We'll start our time together

with music and fun. If you'd like, bring a dessert, salad, bread, appetizers, or any favorite of yours. And invite someone who might enjoy this time of fellowship! If you NEED a ride or are able to PROVIDE a ride for someone else, be sure to let us know. CONTACTS: Sandy Seibert for more information at 952-334-2840 or sandyfreyseibert@gmail.com. For transportation options, please contact Vicki Thompson at 612-270-4458 or peterthompson9@comcast.net

THIRD THURSDAY READERS

Thursdays, September 21,
October 19, November 16
1:00-3:00 p.m., Onan Room

All are welcome to join this group of women and men for a lively discussion of a wide variety of fiction (historical, literary), and non-fiction books. Participate each month or whenever you are able. Contact Margaret Green with any questions, margyg63@gmail.com. Books we will discuss this fall are:

- September 21: *Love and Ruin, A Novel*, by Paula McLain
- October 19: *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, by Ernest Hemingway
- November 16: *River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*, by Candice Millard



The WISH group recently volunteered with Bricks to Bread, one of our Dough grant recipients and mission partners.

WISH: WIDOWED IN SOCIAL HARMONY

It has been nearly one year since WISH: Widowed in Social Harmony was launched at Wayzata Community Church.

This is not a grief group but a group for women and men who have lost their spouse or significant other and want to

share in social/service activities with those that understand all that one goes through in the process of healing.

We meet monthly and members share in the planning of the monthly outings. Over this first year we have gathered at homes for dinner, volunteered at Interfaith Outreach, an evening at Bachman's for wine, demonstrations and discounts, a trip to the Arboretum to tour the spring tulips, and volunteered at Bricks to Bread to make some wonderful pretzels in support of this WCC mission partner. Still coming in 2023 is an outdoor concert by Costa del Soul, a visit to the Russian Museum, "It's Fall Y'all" — we'll be taking in the best of the season, monthly morning coffees, and most importantly, enjoying new friends. You can find the WISH group on WC-Connect— or contact Laura Lagenaur (lclag@comcast.net) to learn more on joining WISH and any upcoming events.

THIMBLE BEES

All are welcome! Join WCC members and friends to craft lovely, hand-made items for charity. No experience necessary! Whether you sew, knit, crochet, or have no craft skills at all, you can enjoy the fellowship of working together to help people in need of encouragement, love, and support in their everyday lives. All meetings are held from 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon in Mithun Hall.



Fall Dates

September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 and 22

Handcrafters (extra meetings for hand crafters): October 18, November 15

Contact: Kathy Smith at ksmith3600@aol.com



FALL ART EXHIBIT

“FLOWING ABUNDANCE” WITH ARTIST RITA KIRSCH DUNGEY
September 19-October 29, 2023
Artists Reception: Sunday, October 1
from 10 a.m.-12 noon in the Gallery Hall
Sponsored by the WCC Art & Design Committee

Rita is a visual artist from Bloomington, MN. For the past 9 years her studio practice has been in the NE Minneapolis Arts District. At the heart of Rita’s work is a need to explore and discover. She starts a painting with complete openness and trusts the moment-to-moment unfolding of the creative process. Her multi-stage processes result in a combination of bold forms, colors, and textures that are intuitively and expressively combined to create lush, free, and energetic images that represent a journey through layers of time, colors, and space.

Before devoting herself full-time to creating art 16 years ago, Rita worked in medical research, clinical social work in health care settings, yoga teaching, and energetic healing. Her background in helping others remains the foundation of her artistic practice. Rita sees art as a life-giving force and conduit for health and healing. Having courage, responding to what occurs, trusting nature and following one’s rhythms all work to breathe life in to her work.



Next Chapter Transitions provides resources and support for those facing the challenges of moving to the Next Chapter in their lives, to help achieve successful transitions.



KATE SCHAEFERS
Learning for Life: Why a Growth Mindset is So Important as We Age
Thursday, September 21
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

An advantage of being in the later stages of your life/career: You no longer need to prove yourself. It’s an ideal time to cultivate a “growth mindset”: To stretch yourself, try new things, and even fail. It can be liberating to let go of the need to succeed and embrace the pure joy of learning. Kate Schaefer will explore how a growth mindset is important as we age, promoting cognitive, emotional, and even physical health. We will highlight ways to cultivate a growth mindset at 50 and beyond. Kate Schaefer, Ph.D. is Director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at University of Minnesota, a learning community for people 50+, offering noncredit, enrichment short courses on everything from the classics, history, science, music, and skill building.



JUSTICE ALAN PAGE
Thursday, October 12
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join Justice Alan Page and Pastor Steve Wiens for an inspiring conversation as they discuss Justice Page’s remarkable life. Even though he had a Hall of Fame Football career in the NFL, that’s not how he defines his life. You’ll hear how Justice Page has spent his life working for the betterment of others through his time on the bench of the Minnesota Supreme Court and also by creating a better future for children in Minnesota through the Page Education Foundation.

- All American on Notre Dame national championship team, 1966
- First round draft pick, Minnesota Vikings
- First Defensive Player to be named NFL MVP
- Associate Justice Minnesota Supreme Court, 1993-2015
- Co-wrote two children’s books with his daughter, Kamie Page
- Presidential Medal of Freedom, 2018

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MEET, GREET, & EAT *

Monday, September 18

6:30 p.m. at Autumn Toussaint's home
4965 Suburban Drive, Excelsior, MN

Open to all women of every age and stage! Let's gather for some dedicated time of connection and friendship in community. We'll share dinner as we deepen relationships, and form new ones. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you'd like— but not required. This event will be held at the home of Autumn Toussaint, Director of Engagement. To RSVP (for food planning purposes) visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.



COFFEE & MUFFINS

Saturday, October 7

9:00-11:00 a.m. at Lindy Purdy's home
230 Inland Lane N., Plymouth (Kingswood)

Gather at Rev. Lindy Purdy's home in Wayzata for some intergenerational connection and fellowship to begin your Saturday with a full heart. Drop in any time between 9:00-11:00 a.m. whether you can stay for 10 minutes or stay the whole time! This is a great opportunity to develop new relationships with other women and strengthen existing ones. ALL ages and stages encouraged (including children & youth), and no RSVP is needed.

"RETREAT YOURSELF" WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT *

Episcopal House of Prayer

Sunday, November 12- Monday, November 13

4:00-5:00 p.m. arrival, 1:00 p.m. departure

Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.

In our triumphs, struggles, searching, standing still, hopefulness and brokenness, we are altogether beautiful. Join us in retreat, just as you are, for a time of searching the Bible and our lives through the lens of sacred possibility, together. Meaningful connection, worship, scripture, prayer, and conversation will make up this peaceful overnight at the Episcopal House of Prayer, nestled in maple woods on the campus of Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, MN.

Our retreat will begin around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday with Happy Hour fellowship, and end at 1:00 p.m. Monday following lunch and worship. A no overnight option IS available that does include meals. You'll receive a packing list upon completed registration.

Leading us on this journey will be Stephanie Spencer, a former pastor and seminary grad who is passionate about helping others learn to trust their wisdom, and risk listening to the desires of their hearts. As a gifted teacher with 40 Orchards, Stephanie will create a safe space for us to wrestle through Biblical texts using the ancient Jewish concepts of midrash. Stephanie is also an author, Enneagram Coach, artist, wife, mother, and coffee-lover. (She is also teaching an adult faith class on the Enneagram this Fall at WCC.)

Space is limited. Registration closes October 1, or when we reach full capacity. Questions? Contact Autumn Toussaint, atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org



MERRY MIXER & CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT *

Friday, December 1

6:00-9:00p.m. at Jenny Short's home

Wear your festive Christmas PJ's and connect with other women ages 18-101 over Christmas treats & cocoa. After a time of connection and fellowship, we'll watch a Christmas movie together. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you'd like, and don't forget to wear your PJ's! Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.

MEN'S MINISTRY

RISE & DINE FALL BREAKFASTS *

Thursday, September 28, Mithun Hall

Thursday, November 30, Mithun Hall

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Gather for a hearty breakfast, intergenerational connection, and a brief devotion and morning prayer from Steve Wiens and Dan Stark to send you into your day. This is a great opportunity to develop new relationships with other guys, and strengthen existing ones. ALL ages and stages encouraged, so please invite someone to join you! RSVP (for food planning purposes) at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fall-registration.

EVERYONE



BREW NIGHT OUT

Monday, October 30

7:00 p.m.

**Bear Cave Brewing,
Hopkins**

Everyone is invited! Join us in a welcoming and comfortable space for new WCC folks AND long-time

attenders alike — make some new connections, and deepen current ones. Who doesn't like good conversation mixed with delicious local beverages (including non-alcoholic options) and yummy food? Couples, singles, friend groups, maybe you're in your 20's, or you're in your 90's! All are welcome — just show up! This Brew Night is hosted by WCC members Dick and Lee Minors, Dan and Sonia Stark, and Tyler Sanford and Hannah Cruzen. Questions? Contact Autumn Toussaint at atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org



BURGER NIGHT! *

Friday, November 17

6:30 p.m.

**The Lion's Tap
16180 Flying Cloud Dr.,
Eden Prairie**

Burger Night Out is exactly what it sounds like! ALL are welcome as we gather for burgers, conversation, and con-

nection. Come with someone, or come alone — all are welcome! Burger Night is hosted by Jeff McMillan and Gina Unger, Sven and Jodie Nyberg, and Jeff and Anne Johnson. Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.

COMING TO



Annie

ANNIE AUDITIONS! **GOOD WORKS COMMUNITY** **THEATER 2024 PRODUCTION**



AUDITION DATES

October 23, 24, 26 & 27
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Selected callbacks on
Saturday, October 28 —
9:00 a.m.

Scan the QR code to sign up for
an audition, or sign up for an
audition time at:

[www.theaterforms.com/
audition/notice/goodworks
communitytheater/Annie/](http://www.theaterforms.com/audition/notice/goodworkscommunitytheater/Annie/)

LEAPIN' LIZARDS!

Coming to the Good Works Community Theater
Stage March 6-10, 2024

Good Works Community Theater is proud to
present our 14th full scale musical, ANNIE!

- A universal quest for Community & Belonging
- A story of holding on to Hope & Optimism throughout life's journey.

Needed now are people to help with set design
and construction, costumes, marketing, and much
more. All ages and stages are welcome as we bring
life and love to this beautiful story.

Contact Autumn Toussaint to volunteer at
atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org
We sure hope you'll join us! "We know you're gonna
like it here."



WISHES FOR THE WORLD

Do you have a "Wish for the World"? We invite to
you to share them with our church community!

The idea

Several years ago, two artists from Hallmark Creative
Studio asked "elders" around the country this question.
Their responses were thoughtful, revealing and full of
wisdom. The wishes they shared were made into an art
exhibit which included both their printed wishes along
with a special piece of art that had been created espe-
cially to accompany their wish.

Our vision

When we envision ourselves as God's faithful bridge-
builders, healers, connectors and peacemakers, we are
empowered to share God's love with the world. *We invite
you to share your wishes, your dreams, your wisdom, and
your faith stories!*

Storytelling Art Exhibit

Eventually, your wishes will become part of a WISH
Storytelling Exhibit during Lent 2024 at Wayzata Com-
munity Church. Artists, photographers, visionaries and
other creative folks in our church will develop art to
accompany the wishes in our storytelling exhibit.

Sharing and learning about and hearing our wishes and
dreams is a wonderful way to get to know each other!
We can not wait to hear yours! (Note: If you would like
your wish to remain anonymous, just make note of it
and we will honor that!)

Make a wish!

Everyone is invited to share their wishes! There is no age
limit, and there are no barriers. All wishes are welcome.

To submit a wish, visit <https://bit.ly/wccwish>.

If you have questions about this project, please send an
email to wishes@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.



**BRICKS TO BREAD
OKTOBERFIESTA FUNDRAISER ***

Friday, September 29, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Bricks to Bread fall event. Bricks to Bread partners with local organizations to support female entrepreneurs with dreams of owning their own bakery and pizza businesses to provide fresh baked goods and bring communities together. We focus on single household women seeking a sustainable source of income to combat poverty.

Oktoberfiesta is a fall fundraiser event featuring fresh baked pretzels (made in an outdoor brick oven), beer, music and lots of fun! All proceeds go toward funding female entrepreneurship in Costa Rica. We also need volunteers for the event! To volunteer or purchase event tickets, contact Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

**SERVE SATURDAY: EDITH'S HOUSE
FALL CLEANUP ***

Saturday September 30, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Make a difference in the lives of our WCC Mission Partners by serving. Join in as an individual, or as an entire family— all are welcome. Come and make some new connections while being the hands and feet of Christ. We'll gather at WCC in the west parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to Edith's House in Minneapolis for a "Fall Yard Cleanup". Bring work gloves, rakes, and any yard essential tools you think would be needed. We'll also have specific projects for our younger ones (when they tire of raking) making cards and essential goodie bags for the residents.

Edith's House provides a path to self-sufficiency through stable housing, employment guidance, connections to social services, as well as encouragement.

Optional: Following our time together we'll head to the Muni in Wayzata for food, fellowship, and to take in the MN Gopher game. Please register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration so we know how many to expect.



annual **The Rummage Sale** Wayzata Community Church

The 101st Rummage Sale is now history was a success in many ways! A large number of visitors cheerfully found quality affordable things, enjoyed the great weather and John Estrem's food at Dick's Grill. Thanks to all the volunteers who lovingly prepared each of the 22 departments, worked tirelessly during the two days of the sale and the days of clean-up. Always amazing to see the transformation from Sale to back to normal in a short time frame.

We want to make a strong appeal to our younger members to consider joining the ranks of Rummage volunteers. The dedicated long-time volunteers need your help and involvement if this single largest mission effort of WCC is to continue. Your volunteer time need not be a burden but a gift to WCC and the community. The Sale dates are posted on the Church calendar well in advance; we hope that it allows planning to spend 4 hours on either day of the Sale. Of course, we welcome those with more flexibility to jump in any time. Fellowship and Service are two of the key Mission Statements of Rummage. We think you would truly enjoy this volunteer opportunity.

Thanks to all of you who did share a part of your summer with us, especially the Department Heads, Committee Members, the "A" team and the volunteers who regularly spent time before, during and after the Sale. The Rummage Ministry would simply not happen without every one of you.

Why do I and the many volunteers who continue to serve do so. The answer is simply that we have the pleasure of serving our many guests find what they need from donations contributed by our loyal donors. We are fortunate to share with our Mission and Outreach Board in their efforts to financially assist local, national and international missions (nearly 35% of their budget). We invite you to ensure the future of Rummage and the privilege of living out our church's middle name: community.

Bill Boulware
Director, Rummage Sale Ministries



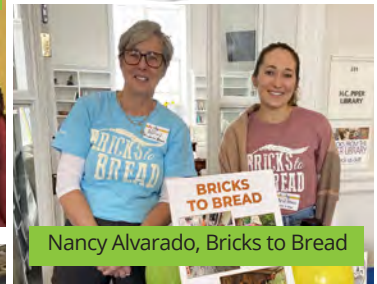
Melanie Leehy, Mocha Momma's



Edith Perlin, Edith's House



Grace Berbig, Letters of Love



Nancy Alvarado, Bricks to Bread

2021 recipients of WCC Dough grants: Carley Kammerer, Grace Berbig, Melanie Leehy, Nancy Alvarado, and Edith Perlin.

DOUGH

This fall we are excited to launch another season of "Dough". Dough is a social entrepreneurship initiative of Wayzata Community Church created to help people and ideas rise. Dough is an incubator for entrepreneurs with innovative ideas to address social and economic challenges in the Twin Cities and beyond. Our goal is to transform how we participate in God's mission for the world by serving others in fresh and innovative new ways.

Wayzata Community Church invites proposals from idea-makers residing in the greater Twin Cities metro area to submit proposals for projects that help "people and ideas rise" for the sake of community betterment and human flourishing in accordance with gospel values of faith, service, grace, justice, love, redemption and reconciliation. Dough will offer \$225,000 toward project grants or investments, along with prayer, expertise, time, networking, creative insight, community support, mentoring, encouragement, incubation, and acceleration toward successful project launches and acceleration. For more information contact Rev. Danielle Jones, djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org. **To learn more about this exciting new mission, please visit www.doughgrants.org.**

DOUGH: HELPING PEOPLE AND IDEAS RISE

by Brian Jones

I live a quarter mile from Methodist Hospital, an ever-present reminder that what John Wesley called the “social mission” of Christians has been featured prominently in the history of the church. The history of the church has seen churches build hospitals, banks and vibrant universities all in response to the needs of the community. Sunday School began as a social mission. When church members realized that kids didn’t know how to read, they set out to do something about it, using the Bible as the textbook in their reading school that met after worship on Sundays, now known as “Sunday School”.

In 2020, Wayzata Community Church reached back into that vital Christian tradition of responding to the needs of the community by launching a brand new mission initiative called “Dough” to help people and ideas rise.

The Dough process gave WCC the opportunity to help people start new initiatives that impact a variety of community needs in the Twin Cities including hunger, homelessness, job creation, financial inclusion, and more. Social entrepreneurs will be invited to apply for start-up investment grants from the church. Applicants will not only receive consideration for funding, they will receive training, technical assistance, and encouragement from church members like you who have great skills and ideas to share in helping mission and good ideas rise.

Helping People and Ideas Rise

The purpose of the Dough initiative at WCC, is to use the giftedness of the congregation and financial resources from the Board of Mission and Outreach, as yeast for new social ventures that will bring measurable good far outside our church walls.

Dough will help social entrepreneurs rise by connecting good ideas with

skills, experience, and resources in our congregation and our community, that will help their social ventures succeed.

Dough will help our community rise by investing in sustainable and innovative ideas that are sharpened via coaching from our congregation, accelerating the successful launch of creative and faithful ideas that address major challenges in our city and world.

Dough will also help our congregation rise by exciting and involving the Monday through Friday vocational giftedness of WCC members and connecting those vocational gifts to our faith as we together serve the world. WCC members will serve as coaches, incubators, innovators, accelerators and partners in God’s creative work in the world, using all the gifts we have been blessed with to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

But why dough?

Last year, the Board of Mission and Outreach refined their focus by exploring new options to infuse the grant process with new focus and intention. It was the goal of the Board to both be wise stewards of the funds at WCC and to get as many members as possible to engage in mission. We believe engaging in the process of Dough will help us use our funds to activate mission that will do good in the world while inspiring our members to serve using their time and talents. Dough unleashes those resources for the sake of Christ’s work in the world, engaging all of us in the vital Christian tradition of social mission.

We’ve long been challenged to heed a personal and collective calling to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our Lord and now we have a plan to put our calling into action. The dough is ready, it’s time to add you— the yeast.



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We’ve long been challenged to heed a personal and collective calling to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Now is the time to put our calling into action.

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STEPS OF DOUGH

WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

DOUGH

SUBMIT

Social innovators submit their ideas.



GROW

Congregations apply their coaching and mentoring expertise.



LAUNCH

The best ideas are launched and scaled.



SERVE

New social ventures do good in the world.

WITHIN THE CHURCH

1

THE BEGINNING

WCC members coach, resource and launch social innovation ideas in the Twin Cities.

SCREENERS

Only the most compelling ideas that best fit the church are invited to the next steps.

IMMERSION EVENTS

Applicants join together for training and network events.

JUDGING

Through reviewing the business plan and pitch, thoughtful deliberators choose the final winners.

2

PUBLICITY

The congregation spreads the word, inviting social entrepreneurs to apply for coaching and a chance at funding.

NAVIGATORS

The best submissions are paired with a mentor from WCC who guides the applicant through a social entrepreneurial bootcamp.

SKILLS COACHES

Church members provide intensive, practical coaching, honing each project toward a successful pitch.

INCUBATION

A dedicated team of coaches from WCC continue to help the winners launch and scale.



SERVE

The talent in the WCC pews is staggering. The results of this will be as well.

WEST SUBURBAN GRIEF COALITION

Meeting at WCC on Thursdays from
September 7, 2023 – November 30, 2023
4:00-6:30 p.m.

The West Suburban Grief Coalition provides a safe, non-threatening environment where people may share and understand feelings of grief and move forward with their lives. Everyone is welcome to attend a meeting at any time or to contact one of our area coordinators. We are non-denominational, there are no fees and church affiliation is not necessary.


4:00- 4:30 p.m. – Optional Time Open for Socializing, Refreshments, Browsing Our Library and 1st-Time Attendees' Registration

4:30-5:00 p.m. – Meeting Begins – Devotion & Speaker

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Break-Out Group Sessions

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

We would love to pray for you! Your prayer requests will always remain confidential. If you would like a minister to reach out to you, please make note of that when you send your prayer to prayer@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.



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