

WINTER 2024 CATALOG

Wayzata Community Church



WELCOME



Dear Wayzata Community Church Members and Friends,

In Ecclesiastes we're told, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Now that the holiday season is behind us, winter gives us the opportunity to find a different rhythm, perhaps even a slower rhythm.

When our staff gathered to plan for winter programming, we kept using the word *exhale*. Regular Wednesday night programming will continue to provide opportunities to learn, to eat great food at Community Meal, connect with others, and grow in your faith. Coffee House will offer a cozy option to hear great music on cold nights. Our Winter Speaker Series will be a chance to expand our perspectives. We also hope that during this winter, you'll take the opportunity to rest, to reflect, and to exhale after a busy fall and holiday season. That may mean scheduling a relaxing coffee with a friend, getting outside to snowshoe by yourself, or finally reading that book you've been meaning to read. However you choose to engage at Wayzata Community Church this winter, we hope that you find connection, grow in your faith, and experience a season where you can breathe a little easier.

**In it together,
The WCC Staff and Clergy Team**

Register for Winter classes, programs and events at wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winter-2024-registration

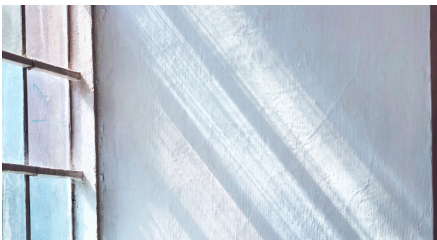
For more information about our programs and events:

- **Register for Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Needs, Middle School and High School Sunday & Wednesday programs**
 - **Read the Inspire Weekly found each week in the Sunday bulletins**
 - **Check our Instagram: [@wayzatacommunitychurch](https://www.instagram.com/wayzatacommunitychurch)**
 - **Check our Facebook page: [Wayzata Community Church](https://www.facebook.com/WayzataCommunityChurch)**
 - **Visit our website: wayzatacommunitychurch.org**
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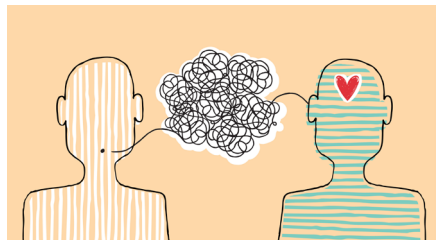
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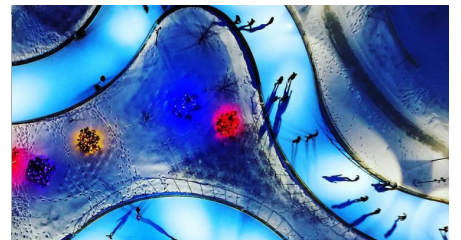
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Vivaldi's Gloria

January 21, 2024

On Sunday, January 21, in the 10:30 a.m. service, the Chancel Choir and soloists will present Antonio Vivaldi's magnificent *Gloria*, accompanied by strings, winds, and harpsichord, directed by Stephen Self. *Gloria* is one of Vivaldi's best known works, in part because of its magnificent choral writing and beautiful orchestra scoring. Invite friends to attend this presentation of sparkling music for choir and orchestra.

Sunday Worship

We invite you to join us for worship each week at one of our worship services that are designed to gather us in community to experience God together. Choose one of our four worship styles to ground you in community and encourage you to grow in faith.

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Join us for this worship that 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, 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, 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 and on-demand.**

EPIPHANY SERIES

A New Light
REVEALING JESUS***Sundays, January 7-February 11***

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6th and lasts until Ash Wednesday. Epiphany comes from the Greek word *phainein*, which means "to cause to appear" or "to bring to light." Epiphany is a time of enlightenment. During Epiphany, we focus our attention on the life of Jesus, watching him heal, listening to him teach, and coming to a greater and greater understanding of who he really is.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP **WANDERING HEART: "TUNE MY HEART"**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2024
6:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

Join us on Wednesday, February 14 as we begin the season of Lent together with an Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reverend Dan Stark will be preaching.



LENT & EASTER SERIES **WANDERING HEART: FIGURING OUT FAITH WITH PETER**

During this Lenten sermon series, we'll affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows, seeks and wanders.

Using the hymn "Come Thou Fount" as a guide, we'll affirm that wandering is exploration, not necessarily distance from God. We'll explore all the ways Peter wanders but keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people. This Lent, we'll look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We'll reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way.



2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

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High School Camp

June 14—19 (6 days) \$630

Middle School Camp

Session 1: June 26—July 1 (6 days) \$630

Session 2: July 13—July 18 (6 days) \$630

Elementary Camp

Session 1: June 21—24 (4 days) \$495

Session 2: July 8—11 (4 days) \$495

WORK CREW SESSIONS

WORK CREW #1: JUNE 21—JULY 1, \$300

WORK CREW #2: JULY 8—18, \$300

CAMP SUNDAY

JANUARY 28, 2024

Let's celebrate our Camp Ministry and get ready for the best weeks of summer! Join us in 9:00 a.m. worship and hear all about Summer Camp 2024 from Camp Staff!



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday service. Through Traditional music, Prayers of Confession, and Scripture readings, we will journey through the final moments in the life of Jesus prior to his death on the cross.

Good Friday, March 29

At 12 Noon in the Sanctuary

Join us at noon on Good Friday for a reflective service featuring Contemporary music, Scripture readings, and a brief meditation as we walk with Jesus all the way to the cross.



Easter Sunday

Sunrise at 6:30 a.m. at Wayzata Beach

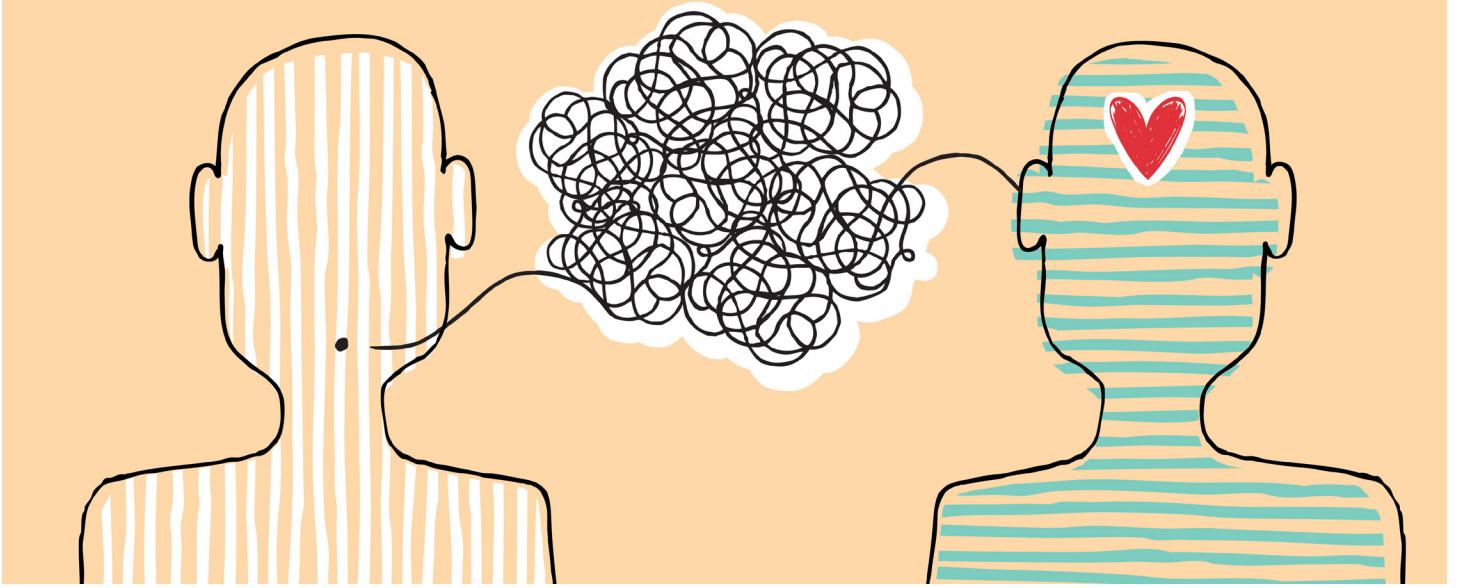
Chapel Service at 8:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service at 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Service at 10:30 a.m.

Join us at any of our four Easter Services as we celebrate the risen Christ together! All ages are welcome at each service. Childcare provided for ages birth through Pre-K at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Winter Speaker Series: **To Love is To Listen**

January 24, 31 and February 7, 2024 • 6:30 p.m in the Chapel (no 4 p.m. offering)

In John's gospel, Jesus tells his followers to "love one another as I have loved you." But how do we love one another in a culture that promotes division, fear and mistrust? By listening to each other's stories. It's not necessary to agree or to believe the same things in order to love one another. During this series, we'll hear hopeful stories that expand our perspectives and draw us together instead of apart.



JANUARY 24: Understanding the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict with Mike Bussey

Mike Bussey spent nine years as the CEO of the Jerusalem International YMCA, which was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its historic work in building peaceful coexistence in the Middle East. Mike has served on the NAYDO Council (North American YMCA Development Organization), as the National YMCA Director for World Camp '88 and as the YMCA of the USA's representative to YMCAs in the Middle East. He now lives in Woodbury so he and his wife Marcia can be close to their seven amazing grandchildren. Mike will share stories of Israelis and Palestinians who are working for peace in the Middle East.



JANUARY 31: Healing Minnesota Stories with Jim Bear Jacobs

Born in St. Paul, Jim Bear Jacobs is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, an American Indian tribe located in central Wisconsin. He serves as parish associate at Church of All Nations Presbyterian Church and is the Director of Racial Justice

for the Minnesota Council of Churches. He is founder/convener of "Healing Minnesota Stories," an initiative dedicated to creating events of dialogue, education, and healing, particularly within faith communities. Jim Bear will tell inspiring stories that help create understanding and healing between Native American and non-Native people.



FEBRUARY 7: Empowering People Experiencing Homelessness with Edith Perlin

Edith Perlin is the Director of Edith's House, a five bedroom home in North Minneapolis that not only houses people experiencing homelessness. Edith's House was one of our Dough winners in 2022. Once

this basic need is addressed, a comprehensive plan to address employment, connection to required social services, and emotional support for continued success is created in order to set a clear path to self-reliance. Edith will share stories of people who have walked all the way through their five step empowerment plan, and are currently investing back into their communities.



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



**GUEST SPEAKER:
MARIANN JOHNSON**
*Aging with Resilience,
Mindfully*
**Thursday, January 11
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

This presentation will focus on mindfulness as an evidence-based

tool for increasing our innate capacity to be mindful, allowing us to be with life's inevitable challenges more resourcefully. Research has demonstrated that practicing mindfulness can help to broaden perspective and down-regulate the stress response, and as we age, support, and strengthen our everyday resilience. Participants will be provided with everyday tips and practices for enhancing their mindfulness and resilience and be guided through a short experiential mindfulness exercise.

Mariann Johnson is a wellbeing and mindfulness instructor for the University of Minnesota's Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing. She has studied and practiced mindfulness meditation for over 25 years and is a certified Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction instructor through Brown University's Mindfulness Center. Before dedicating her professional life to teaching mindfulness, Mariann served as an organization development consultant and mediator, working with leaders of Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Her writings on mindful leadership have appeared in the *Huffington Post* and *Mindful Magazine*.



MUSIC HEALS SYMPOSIUM
Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Music undeniably holds a powerful psychological influence, as evidenced by research revealing its impact on various brain regions. Engaging in activities such as writing, performing, and listening to music can yield significant benefits. Presenters each have their own personal experience about how music helped their journey in processing, managing, and rediscovering meaning and

joy in life. Personal stories will be shared by Rick Graft, host of Music Heals symposium, and singer/songwriters Annie Fitzgerald, Adam Levy, Katy Vernon, and Katy Tessman. The evening will conclude with singing "Leave a Little Love" by Matthew French, with Doyle Turner and Ted Hajnasiewicz. Our hope is that these shared experiences will strike a chord with others, providing valuable insights that can be applied to personal development and shared with loved ones.

MAKING FRANKIN-SENSE OF EPIPHANY *
with Rev. Dan Stark

Wednesdays, January 10 and 17
4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the Colonnade

The biblical Magi are regular figures in traditional accounts of the nativity celebrations of Christmas in Christian tradition. Epiphany or Three Kings Sunday is celebrated after Christmas when churches remember the foreigners who came to Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What lessons can we learn from this story? Come and explore this curious account of Herod the King, three distinguished foreigners, and the holy family.

FAITH BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Colonnade
Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy

Faith Bible Study resumes on January 10. All are welcome to come, put on your "theologian hat" and dig into scripture and theology with Lindy. All you need is curiosity and a loving spirit. If you like maps, words, stories, or fellowship, please join us! Led by Minister Emerita, Lindy Purdy.

SATURDAY SEEKERS
Saturday Mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Holmes Room
(No meeting March 30)

The winter months from January through March sometimes feel the longest and coldest, but we're going to watch for the light. We live in an interconnected world. Regardless of our differences, we are all impacted by birth, illness, aging, death, and a desire for happiness. We'll begin this new year focusing on our stories and how we may each may approach challenges with an attitude of service. There may be some videos we'll discuss also. We'll be using the book *The Last Week* by Borg and Crossan to help us unpack the story. Seekers are a self-led discussion group with weekly leadership usually from our group. No signups required. Show up when you can. On Wednesdays we email to those on our distribution list the topic for the coming Saturday and any thought starters for that week. If you would like to be on the email list, contact Judy Reed at reeddj2@comcast.net.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Walking Through the Season of Lent Together with the WCC Clergy Team *

Wednesdays, February 21 - March 20

4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Colonnade

This five week class will be based on Ruth Haley Barton's Lenten Study Guide entitled, *Lent: A Season of Returning: Reflections for Walking Through the Lenten Season Together*, which will be provided to participants free of charge. Using the Lectionary Readings for the season of Lent, each class will focus on a contemplative practice based on the season of Lent. In addition to the class content, participants will be able to read and reflect on their own during the week if they choose, following the reflections and prompts provided in the booklet. This class will be led by WCC Clergy.

Lenten Mini-Retreat *

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$30 for materials and lunch

Take a morning this Lent to pause and reflect on this tender time of the church year as we move toward Easter. We will meet together in the Chapel for a meditation and reflection from Rev. Danielle Jones. Then we will engage in an active way of reflecting on God's work in our lives called Soul Collage. We will close our time together with a shared lunch and fellowship. For more information contact Danielle Jones, djones@wayzatacommunity-church.org



HIGH SCHOOL

Community Meal on Wednesdays

Served from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in Mithun Hall

Join us for Community Meal — a great time to connect with old friends and build relationships with new friends. Only \$6 for a home-cooked meal!

High School Wednesdays

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

Wednesday nights are the center of High School programming at WCC. Each week we gather in the Loft! Students experience hanging out with friends, games and skits that are fun (and maybe a little competitive), a talk that connects to faith and daily life, and small groups.

High School Band

Wednesdays

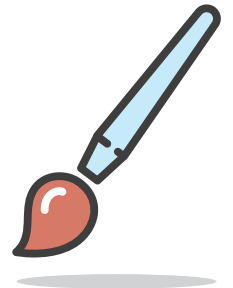
Do you sing or play a musical instrument? We're looking for high school youth to sing and play in our band. You don't have to be the best musician you know, you just need a passion for learning and playing new music and working with a great group of youth and adults to bring that music to our Wednesday night gatherings. If you're interested, please let Mike know (651) 377-2285 or msolberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

Student Ministries Paint & Sip

Sunday, January 14

1:00-3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor

High schoolers and middle schoolers are invited to join us for a Paint & Sip event the afternoon of Sunday, January 14th. From Bob Ross & hot cocoa to boujee & bubbly (water of course), we will be painting and sipping in our small group rooms which will each have its own distinct vibe. Materials such as canvas, paper, paints, and brushes will all be provided. There will also be drinks and fun snacks.



Slopes Day at Wild Mountain

Saturday, March 2 — All Day

The high school group is taking the slopes! Come join us for an entire day of skiing or snowboarding at Wild Mountain. \$50 covers transportation and lift ticket with an additional \$25 for rentals. Bring a friend or come alone. No experience necessary: we have leaders that would love to teach you! Watch for a registration form in the weekly emails.



Welcome! While the new year gives us the chance for a fresh start in many areas of our lives, the winter months full of snow storms, early sunsets, and subzero temperatures also serve as a helpful reminder to take a break, get cozy, and reflect.

Our weekly schedules can be so demanding, especially in the high school years, and it's easy to plow ahead with whatever the usual routine. One resolution we can make in the new year might be to look at everything we do with more intention; in other words, why do we do all of the things we do?

With that in mind, we're coming back on January 10 to give everyone a chance to regroup and breathe after the holidays. We also have some great special events lined up early in the year that will be a low-key, but fun way to build community. We wish you a restorative, and relatively short winter.

Mike Solberg

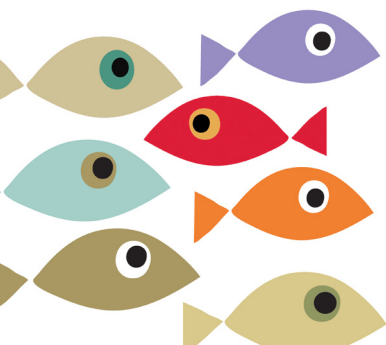
Director of High School Ministry

High School and Parables Friendship Group

Saturday, February 10

10 a.m. -1p.m., Care of You

Come hang out with our friends in the Parables disability ministry for the morning here at WCC! There is something for everyone: open gym, crafts, music, lots of games, and we'll share lunch together. Bring a friend and come be a friend!



MIDDLE SCHOOL



Welcome! At the end of November, I started taking stock of my life and reflecting in the form of what I've seen called a "life audit." I journaled about the different areas of wellness in my life, being really honest with myself about where I am, and then I also cast a vision of a "level ten life." It didn't take long for

me to realize the significant gap between my current life and my level ten life. It was evident to me that no lofty New Year's resolutions were going to help me bridge the gap, but that I need to patiently (oof) build sustained habits in my life that will move me toward my goals in wellness and wholeness. I love having the turn of the new year to spur me on, if not toward "new" resolutions then at least to a renewed energy toward my growth.

In the same way, there's no time like the new year to get involved with the Middle School Ministry. Maybe you haven't been in a while, and want to start a new commitment to Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings. Maybe you have already made it a part of your routine to be here every week. Maybe you've never been here before and want to give things a try. Whatever your situation is, and whenever you begin, you may very well be sowing and cultivating seeds that will develop into lifelong faith and forever friendships. And we very much want that for you, which is why we have committed ourselves to living out the Student Ministry values that will help you LOVE, BELONG, GROW, and DO.

As always, there is much to look forward to in Middle School Ministry. Between new series in our regular programming, super fun special events (including our inaugural Lock In), and opportunities to serve others, there is an abundance of ways to get involved. Keep your eyes open for updates in the Family Ministry Newsletter, Ann's emails, and the BAND app. Join us! I cannot wait to see what 2024 brings.

Ann Hunhoff
Director of Middle School Ministry



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAYS

Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., The Corner

Join us in the Corner for breakfast treats, good conversations, and loads of fun. Every Sunday looks a little different: sometimes we go to part of the worship service, sometimes we do Bible study, sometimes we have discussions, and we always have fun and games as well. We will be continuing to explore the Bible and how it impacts our faith, and we will also begin a new Lent series together in February.

HOMEWORK & HANG

Wednesdays, 4:00-9:30 p.m., multiple locations

Homework & Hang is available every week that we have programming: after school and throughout the night, in the Corner from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and in the room across from the Loft from 6:00-9:30pm. Be sure to check-in when you arrive, and don't forget you can attend Community Meal (\$6) and Disciples Plus Choir during the after-school time as well!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, The Loft

Join us in the Loft for an energetic and meaningful evening that includes incredible music, upbeat games, silly skits, relevant teaching series, Biblical and engaging talks, and dedicated small group times led by our wonderful adult leaders. Over the course of the winter months, we will engage in a few different series. First, we will be doing an overview of the Bible, what it is, and how it can help us grow in our faith. Another series will focus on justice and how faith in Jesus calls us to serve others. Then in March, we will learn about the Holy Trinity! (Middle School Youth Group will be working concessions for Annie on Wednesday, March 6th and will take off Wednesday, April 3 for Spring Break.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

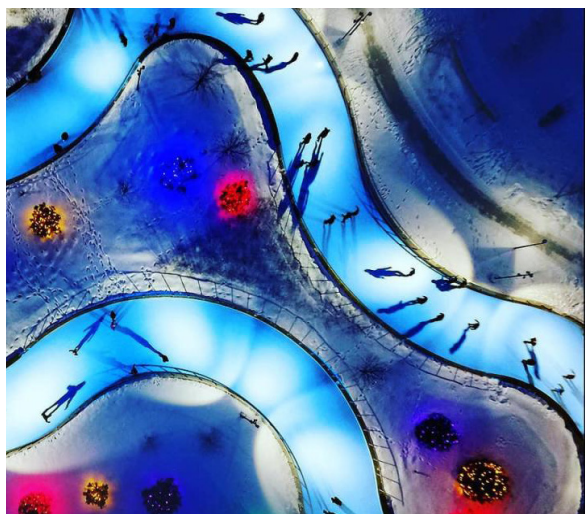


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ICE SKATING AT CENTRAL PARK ICE SKATING LOOP

Sunday, February 18, 2024

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Middle School Ministry is having a fun day out at Central Park Ice Skating Loop in Maple Grove! Registration here requires no payment, but you will be responsible for either bringing your own skates or renting skates (\$7.50/pair) at the park. Ann will be providing treats for all who register, and there is a snack bar at the park should you want to purchase more snacks. Carpool meets at WCC, or you can indicate in the registration form that you will meet us at Central Park.



LOCK IN!

March 16-17, 2024

In the Corner, the Loft, and Mithun Hall

Drop-off 6:00 p.m., pick-up following 9:00 a.m. worship

Join us for what will hopefully become a new spring tradition for WCC Middle Schoolers... an overnight Lock In! There will be food, there will be Just Dance tournaments, there will be all-church night games, there will be... just about anything you can think of for the ULTIMATE church sleepover.

PARABLES DISABILITY MINISTRY



PARABLES SUNDAYS

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.)



Welcome

Pause, Rest and Reflect

Life brings many seasons, we just walked through the waiting season of the birth of Christ. Living in Minnesota we understand the significant change in seasons. As we are in the midst of winter, the earth falls still and the days are dark. This season encourages us to rest and reflect. Give yourself permission to slow down and prioritize yourself. Take naps, watch a movie, go for a walk, pray, and listen to what you need. We will meet you where you are! We hope this time includes nurturing your spiritual life. Join us on Sundays and Wednesdays for Worship and Bible Study.

Michele Ramert

Director of Parables Disability Ministry

PARABLES CHOIR

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

All ages and stages are invited to join voices in the Parables Choir. The Choir will be performing in The Chapel and Sanctuary, solo and with the other choirs! Come be a part of a truly magical ensemble.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP (RESPITE) *

The Corner and Gym

Friday, January 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

High School Collaboration — Friday, March 15, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our monthly Friendship Group! There is something for everyone, open gym, music, dancing, crafts and sharing a meal together. Fridays are Movie Night with pizza and popcorn!! Open to ALL ages.

WEDNESDAYS

POW — PARABLES ON WEDNESDAY

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

Wednesday afternoons we invite youth from Kindergarten to High School to come together as we explore the Bible. We start with open gym from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m., then dive into our Bible story and finish with a craft.

AWE ADULTS ON WEDNESDAYS

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

AWE is Bible study geared towards those who have finished High School and up. This class is devoted to growing our faith and relationship with God. The night starts with a couple songs and then we dive into scripture and encourage lots of conversations. A very interactive class.

THURSDAYS

PARABLES/CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Corner

2nd Thursday of each month, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Parables Support Group offers parents/caregivers a safe space where they can share in similar journeys. A community that supports one another from seeking referrals to lending an empathetic ear. Rev. Lindy Purdy facilitates the group the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact Michele Ramert mramert@wayzatacommunitychurch.org for childcare.

SPECIAL EVENT

DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Birches, Long Lake

DATE TBD

A night for the Dad's to connect/reconnect! Dan Stark will be joining you for an evening of pizza and conversation.

ELEMENTARY



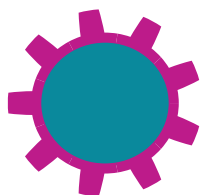
SPECIAL EVENT: MISSION IN MOTION

Sunday, February 11

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Graceland Gym

Free-will donations will be taken at the door.

Join us on Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. church service as we become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Kids and adults of all ages will have the opportunity to learn about 10 non-profits in our community and will work on projects to help those in need. We'll make 200 sandwiches for the homeless, dog and cat toys for Secondhand Hounds, art kits for kids staying at Crescent Cove, and more! We'll also serve snacks to keep your energy up while helping others! Plan ahead and join in as we become the hands and feet of Jesus in the season of Lent.



SUNDAYS

Graceland Sunday School (K-5th grade)

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 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Open Gym Time

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.

Faith and Fun Wednesdays!

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

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.



EASTER EGG HUNT 2024

Saturday, March 23

9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, for kids ages 2-10

\$10 per child

Join us at church a week before Easter (Saturday) for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! In addition to hunting for eggs, kids will have fun playing on inflatables, decorating an Easter cookie, face painting and making a fun Easter craft. Don't forget to take a picture with the Easter bunny! Pre-registration is preferred— please register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration.



Hello! Happy New Year everyone! It's hard to believe that we are already walking into a new year. Sometimes we move so fast from one thing to the next we never take the time to reflect on the things we are grateful for in the year we have just stepped out of. Here is an idea I read about and I just love it!

At the end of the year, our family gathers in the living room to recall blessings from the previous 12 months. We turn on exactly 12 lights around the house, and we place 12 unlit tea lights across the mantel. Then we reflect on each month (use the calendar from the year to spark ideas): January, something new we tried; February, a special valentine we gave or received; March, our favorite thing about spring; and so on. It's interesting and fun to hear each family member share memories. Some memories make us cry, and some make us laugh.

After each month's reflections, we turn off an electric light and light a candle. The kids love that part. By the end, the room is lit only by tiny candles. We pray and give thanks for a great year together, and we look forward to a new year. May the year ahead be filled with laughter and love for your family!!

Jodie Nyberg
Director of Early Childhood & Elementary Ministry

SUNDAYS

LITTLEST ANGELS SUNDAY SCHOOL & 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.

KIDS NIGHT OUT *

January 19, February 16, March 22

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

\$20 per child; \$50 max per family

All kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend this favorite Friday of the month! We'll eat a pizza dinner, play games, make cool crafts and watch a movie on the big screen! Just \$20 per child. Pre-registration required.



EASTER EGG HUNT 2024

Saturday, March 23

9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, for kids ages 2-10

\$10 per child

Join us at church a week before Easter (Saturday) for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! In addition to hunting for eggs, kids will have fun playing on inflatables, decorating an Easter cookie, face painting and making a fun Easter craft. Don't forget to take a picture with the Easter bunny! Pre-registration is preferred—please register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir (Ages 3-PreK)

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

Cherub Choir (ages 2-5) meets each week in the Community Room, led by Jodie Nyberg. 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 more about our faith while singing and dancing to the spirit.

Open Gym for Tiny Tots

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

Stay and play after Cherub Choir 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.

Parenting in Faith (Early Childhood)

Wednesdays, January 10, February 7, March 6

5:00-5:30 p.m. (during Cherub Choir)

Planet Hollywood

Join facilitator Kris Sanford once a month as we share the joys and concerns of raising kids in the early years. Each month Kris will highlight a faith practice to weave into your everyday life at home. Jump in at any time.



COFFEE HOUSE

Experience 4 evenings of great music in the Sanctuary, and enjoy steamy coffee drinks, along with delicious desserts (included in the price of your ticket)! We have an amazing line-up of musical guests again this year. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and music begins at 7:15 p.m. Tickets (\$15) available at the door.

JANUARY 12

MICHAEL MONROE WITH CHRIS JANTZEN

We welcome Michael and Chris back to Coffeehouse! Michael's unique creation of music blends rich vocals, guitar, bamboo and glass flutes, combining musical styles of acoustic folk and jazzy reggae. Michael teams up with Chris, a self-taught marvel on viola.

JANUARY 19

LVDY

LVDY (pronounced LADY) is a Colorado-based duo comprised of Kathleen Hooper and Aubrey Mable. Their uplifting sound and intimate storytelling is a delightful recipe of singer-songwriter, indie-folk, with powerful melodies and harmonies that speak to the senses. Love anthems weave in and out of their messages, with simple yet important reminders that we're not alone.

JANUARY 26

BELFAST COWBOYS

The Belfast Cowboys is a nine-piece, horn-driven band from Minneapolis that specializes in the music of Van Morrison, mixing rock, blues, roots and soul sounds. Led by veteran songwriter and guitarist Terry Walsh and powered by a four-piece horn section, the Cowboys have flourished in the renowned Minnesota music scene, and have consistently packed houses and wowed crowds since 2002.

FEBRUARY 2

DAN RODRIGUEZ

"I'm a whiskey & beer drinking, fishing & hunting loving, motorcycle riding, quality food eating, hippie sympathizing, people loving, husband & father sharing life with my amazing wife and two adorable sons. When I'm not in my studio writing songs and cutting records, or on the road playing shows, I'm usually tending to our backyard chickens, eating fresh veggies from my wife's huge garden, or doing one of my many outdoor hobbies."



ENGAGEMENT

Come & experience Good Works Community Theater's 14th full-scale Musical Production — Annie!

Open-seating, no tickets required! Performances are:

- Wednesday, March 6: 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 7: 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 8: 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9: 2:00 p.m. Disability-friendly Matinee
- Saturday, March 9: 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10: 2:00 p.m. Matinee

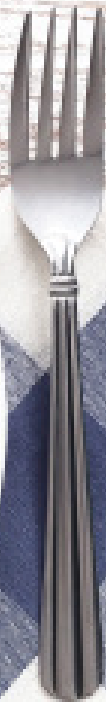


We will be transported to Depression-era New York City and meet the spunky and optimistic Annie! Despite her difficult circumstances, she believes anything is possible with faith and hard work. Annie faces numerous challenges, from the strict and cruel Miss Hannigan to the conniving Rooster and Lily — but through it all, Annie continues to believe that her dreams can come true and that good will triumph over evil. The message of hope is not just about the characters in Annie, but about all of us — a reminder that even in the darkest times, we can hold on to hope and, like Annie, have faith that things really will get better.... and the sun will always come out tomorrow!

COMMUNITY MEAL ON WEDNESDAYS

5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in Mithun Hall

Join us for a Community Meal! Wednesday nights are a great time to connect with old friends and build new relationships. Families, singles, couples, children and adults — everyone is invited. Our Executive Chef Timmy G. puts a fresh spin on our Community Meal tradition, with crowd-pleasing menus, all for only \$6 per person, \$5 for kids ages 12 and younger! You can pay using Venmo. Dinner is served every Wednesday. For current menus, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/community-meal/



WISHES *for the* WORLD

We invited WCC members to share your wishes hopes, dreams and prayers, and we heard wishes and dreams from all ages of people! When we envision ourselves as God's faithful bridgebuilders, healers, connectors and peacemakers, we are called to share God's love with the world, and your wishes, hopes, dreams and prayers serve as the foundation for a WISH Storytelling Exhibit at Wayzata Community Church. People in our church community — artists, photographers, visionaries and other creative folks, have created very special art to accompany your wishes.

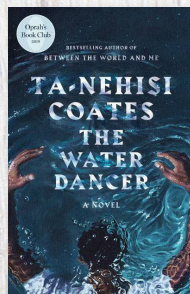
The "Wishes, Hopes, Dreams and Prayers Exhibit" will be on display in the Long Hall during Lent, beginning February 14, 2024. We invite you to stop by and read the amazing dreams people have shared with us, and see the beautiful art created by WCC members of all ages!

**SOUP, SALAD AND SONG**

**Thursdays, January 18, February 15,
March 21, April 18, and May 16
11:30 a.m. in the Mithun Hall**

Our crew of amazing volunteers provide a variety of delicious soups and salads to share! We start with music and fun, followed by the luncheon. If

you would like, please bring a dessert, salad, bread, appetizers, or any favorite of yours, and invite someone who might enjoy a time of fun and 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 sandy-freyseibert@gmail.com. For transportation options, please contact Vicki Thompson at 612-270-4458 or peterthompson9@comcast.net

**THIRD THURSDAY READERS**

**Thursdays, January 18 and February 15
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, mar-

gyg63@gmail.com. Upcoming books:

- **January 18:** *The Water Dancer*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.
- **February 15:** *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders.

**WISH: WIDOWED IN
SOCIAL HARMONY**

Over a year ago a new group, WISH, 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—gathering for dinner, volunteering at Interfaith Outreach and Bricks for Bread, an evening at Bachman's for wine, demonstrations and discounts, and trips to the Arboretum. We take in the best of the season, monthly morning coffees, and 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.

**Happy Hour Before Coffeehouse!**

Join us for a "WCC Happy Hour" before the Friday, January 19 Coffeehouse Concert. Whether you are a longtime WCC member, just dipping your toe in, or bringing someone interested in WCC — join in! We'll meet at the Wayzata Bar and Grill (The Muni) at 5:00 p.m. for connection, lively conversation, and yummy food, and then depart at 6:45 p.m. for the Coffeehouse Concert (see details on page 17!) No RSVP required, and ALL are welcome! Questions? Contact Autumn Toussaint, atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SESSIONS *

- **Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Library OR**
 - **Thursday, February 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library-**
- At WCC, we strive to make our large congregation feel like a family, and an important part of that process is for us to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. We want to help you be in tune with the rhythm of the church while connecting with one another. Come learn about all the ways you can become engaged in the life of the church, ask questions about membership, and engage in meaningful conversation. To register, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration.

**THIMBLE BEES**

**January 9 & 23,
February 13 & 27, March 12 & 26
9:00 a.m.-12 noon, Mithun Hall**

Whether you are experienced at sewing, knitting, or crocheting or could help cut fabric, stuff toys, or tie quilts, etc., Thimble Bees has a place for you. Enjoy the fellowship of women who work to provide prayer shawls, baby layettes, warm hats and scarves, lap robes, chemo hats, and many more items for people in need. Thimble Bees meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in Mithun Hall. Contact: Kathy Smith at ksmith3600@aol.com.



EASTER OFFERING: BRICKS TO BREAD

This year's Easter Offering recipient is WCC Mission Partner, Bricks to Bread. Bricks to Bread is a nonprofit organization that helps build brick ovens for Costa Rican families seeking a sustainable source of income. Oven recipients receive business training and coaching to help them provide for their family while also bringing their community together.

Our Easter Offering will support 6 oven builds in 2024 and an exploratory oven project in El Salvador. Each oven build will provide a sustainable source of income for a family while enlivening their village with new foods. We are so blessed to partner with Bricks to Bread in the good work they are doing in Costa Rica and beyond. Thank you for helping to support this important mission through your generous giving on Easter Sunday.

Contact Rev. Danielle Jones for more information, djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

SERVE ON A BOARD OR COMMITTEE!

The strength of Wayzata Community Church depends on making space for everyone to use their gifts. One of the ways you can use your gifts is to serve on a Board or Committee. Via the link below, you will find a list of Boards and Committees that are currently looking for people to serve in the coming year. You are invited to prayerfully consider how you might be able to use your time and talents to strengthen the ministries of Wayzata Community Church.

Most Boards and Committees meet monthly for a time of devotion, conversation, idea generating and service in their area of ministry. Serving helps you build relationships at WCC while using your gifts in meaningful ways. View the interests form on WC-Connect to express your interest in hearing more about how to serve in the area you select— visit <https://bit.ly/wccinterest>

DOUGH

HELPING PEOPLE AND IDEAS RISE

JOIN THE WORK OF DOUGH BY SIGNING UP TO BE A SKILLS COACH

What are your business skills and talents? HR? Marketing? Strategic Planning? We are looking for anyone and everyone to sign up as a Skills Coach for Dough.

The role of the Skills Coach is to help with a specific need that a semi-finalist has to further their mission. We are looking to build a database of the skills of our congregation in hopes that we can call on you for help if needed!

Take a few minutes to fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/doughcoach>

Thank you for being willing to use your Monday through Friday gifts to further the missions of DOUGH. If you have questions, please contact Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

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