



WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH

# 2025 FALL CATALOG





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## Register for Family Ministry programs

For information about Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Parables Disability Ministry programs, please register to receive our Family Ministry emails. Contact Kathy Handy at [khandy@wayzatacommunity-church.org](mailto:khandy@wayzatacommunity-church.org). Scan the QR code to register for 2025-2026 Family Ministry programs.



## E-News

Every Wednesday Wayzata Community Church sends out an email newsletter, This Week, offering an overview of upcoming worship and church-wide events. Our Family Ministries team also sends a weekly email, with news about programs for Children and Youth. If you would like to subscribe to either of these weekly emails, scan the QR code.





“

Welcome one another as  
Christ has welcomed you, for the  
glory of God. – *Romans 15:7*

”

# WELCOME

## **WELCOME TO A SEASON OF GROWTH AND GRACE**

As the crisp air and vibrant colors of fall surround us, we are reminded of the beauty of change and the faithfulness of God in every season. This catalog is your guide to the many opportunities WCC offers this fall—spaces to grow in faith, connect with others, and serve our community with love.

Whether you're looking for a Bible study to deepen your faith, a small group to share life's joys and challenges, or a chance to make a difference through service, you'll find a place here.

We're so glad you're here.

**Your Clergy and Staff Team**





# WORSHIP

## FALL WORSHIP BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

**9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship:** Contemporary worship with music by our worship band, Celebration Choir, an inspiring message, and celebrations of our faith life together.

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

**10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship:** Traditional hymns and a liturgical feel are the foundation of the service. An inspiring sermon each week is enhanced and supported by traditional organ and choral music, ranging from Bach and Handel to spirituals and jazz.

\* Livestream and recording for all services (except 8 a.m.) on our YouTube page.



# MUSIC MINISTRY



**WCC WORSHIP MUSIC TEAM**  
(L-R) Aaron Looney, Principal Organist; Matt Patrick, Contemporary Worship Leader; Brian Schmidt, Director of Traditional Worship and Chancel Choir; and Autumn Toussaint, Parables Worship Director, Director of Celebration Choir, Children's, and Youth Choirs.

**A**t Wayzata Community Church, music is central to our worship and community life. It unites our voices, lifts our spirits, and deepens our connection with God and one another. We celebrate a variety of musical styles, from the rich traditions of sacred hymns and choral anthems to the vibrant energy of contemporary praise. Our music ministry includes the joy of children's and youth choirs, as well as the inclusive beauty of our Parables Disability Choir. Every note we sing is an expression of the inclusive love of Jesus.

At WCC, music serves as prayer, celebration, and a shared language of faith that welcomes and inspires everyone. Whether you enjoy singing, playing an instrument, or simply listening with your heart, there's a place for you in our music ministry. Join us and add your voice to the song!



# WCC 2025-26 MUSIC SERIES



MUSIC SERIES  
FALL  
PREMIERE

## CANTUS AND KORGOSSARNA

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
7:00 P.M.**

**Come and be transformed by this incredible international collaboration between renowned Minnesota vocal ensemble Cantus and Swedish men's choir Korgossarna.**



Now entering its 31st season, the "engaging" (*New Yorker*) low-voice ensemble Cantus is widely known for its trademark warmth and blend, innovative programming, and riveting performances of music ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century. *The Washington Post* has hailed the Cantus sound as having both "exalting finesse" and "expressive power" and refers to the "spontaneous grace" of its music making.

Västgöta Nation's Male Choir Korgossarna, or VGMK for short, is an academic male choir at Västgöta Nation in Uppsala. VGMK consists of around 30 singers and performs in small and large ensembles both at its concerts and at national meetings and private parties. The choir profiles itself as a unique blend of high musical ambition, student-like humor and wit, and a strong and healthy brotherly community. Since 2013, the choir has been honored to have Prince Daniel of Sweden as its patron, and since 2015, the choir has been led by conductor Rebecka Gustafsson. VGMK is traveling to Minnesota as guests of the American Swedish Institute in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the sister city agreement between Minneapolis and Uppsala.

## TICKETS

**Tickets are \$25 per person, general seating, or \$10 for students. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets.**





# WCC 2025-26 MUSIC SERIES



## A Season of Music at Wayzata Community Church

Music has a unique way of opening our hearts, lifting our spirits, and bringing us together in shared joy. Wayzata Community Church is proud to bring back the Music Series that will fill our Sanctuary with sounds that inspire, challenge, and delight. Experience an unforgettable line-up of performances—from classical masterpieces and family-friendly concerts to the soulful jazz of Charles Lazarus and the breathtaking voices of Cantus. Join us for a season where every note inspires, and every concert brings us closer together.

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 • 12:15 p.m.**

### Midday Music with the Lux String Quartet

We're excited to invite you to a delightful lunchtime concert in Founders Hall. Don't forget your brown bag lunch!



**Sunday, January 25, 2026 • 3:00 p.m.**

### St. Olaf Choir

This influential a cappella choir from Northfield, Minnesota, was founded in 1912 and is known for its sacred music. It has been directed by Dr. Anton Armstrong since 1990.

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 • 3:00 p.m.**

### American Nomad and the Modern Hymn Project

Acclaimed Minnesota Orchestra trumpeter **Charles Lazarus** and organist **David Cherwien** perform a genre-blending concert featuring the classical/jazz hybrid concerto "American Nomad" by Steve Heitzeg, alongside modern hymns and originals.



**Sunday, May 31, 2026 • 3:00 p.m.**

### Lazarus Brass

Led by Charles Lazarus, this all-star brass and percussion ensemble will perform classics and feature works by Leonard Bernstein, Paquito D'Rivera, and original compositions.

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026 • 7:30 pm**

### Choral Music from the Holocaust

In collaboration with **Violins of Hope** the **WCC Chamber Choir** presents music by composers from the Holocaust era, including Marcel Tyberg's *Mass in F Major* and Zoltan Kodaly's *Missa Brevis*, highlighting resilience amidst tragedy.



**Thursday, June 25, 2026 • 7:30 p.m.**

### Minnesota Sinfonia

Conducted by **Jay Fishman** in conjunction with **Violins of Hope** international touring exhibit, features compositions that could have been performed by the owners of these instruments before they were killed in the Holocaust. This concert places an emphasis on Jewish music and its universal emotional impact.





## CHILDREN'S + YOUTH CHOIRS

**All Choirs rehearse on Wednesdays.**

### **Cherub Choir (Ages 2-PreK)**

**5:00-5:30 p.m.**

#### **Community Room**

This choir emphasizes early musical experiences through play and movement in a more relaxed environment. Come and sing songs of joy! Led by Jodie Nyberg.

### **Hosanna Choir (K-2nd Grade)**

**5:00-5:30 p.m.**

#### **Gracenotes Choir Room**

We emphasize early musical experiences such as rhythm, matching pitch, and basic musical rhythms. We sing in worship often. Led by Autumn Toussaint.

### **Alleluia Choir (3rd-5th Grade)**

**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. All are welcome! This choir builds confidence in leading and will sing in worship often. Directed by Autumn Toussaint.

### **Disciples Plus Youth Ensemble (6th-12th Grades)**

**5:45-6:15 p.m.**

#### **Gracenotes Choir Room**

A dynamic group of teenagers who lead musically 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.



**Scan the QR code to register for Children's and Youth Choirs.**

## ADULT CHOIRS

### **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 May, in our Traditional service. The choir is directed by Brian Schmidt.

### **Celebration Choir**

**6:30-7:15 p.m.**

#### **Gracenotes Choir Room**

Do you love music, worship, and being part of something joyful? The Celebration Choir is a no-audition, all-are-welcome contemporary choir that leads in worship twice a month. Whether you're a lifelong singer or just someone who loves to sing along in the car, there's a place for you here. Directed by Autumn Toussaint and Lynda Sleeper, the Celebration Choir is a great way to build community, grow in faith, and make a joyful noise together. Come as you are—let's sing!

Rehearsal Dates are 9/3, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/29, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17.

# WCC DOES MISSION

OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 15

## October Speaker Series

We'll host a four-week Wednesday evening speaker series in the Chapel focused on topics relevant to our mission partners: youth homelessness, youth development, disability justice, and more.

**"WCC Does Mission" is a church-wide initiative where every member has the opportunity to serve, love, and give in practical and meaningful ways.** Over the course of these six weeks, we'll connect with local mission partners and step outside the walls of our church to make a difference through service.

Whether it's doing a hands on project, building relationships, or providing resources for those in need, there's a place for everyone to get involved in WCC Does Mission. The Mission and Outreach Board is curating a wide variety of service projects for all ages and abilities. Some projects will be onsite at WCC and some will take us into the city to serve. In September, we will publish a brochure with a full list of mission projects and events for you to experience.



**DO JUSTICE  
LOVE KINDNESS  
WALK HUMBLY**

**WHAT:** WCC Does Mission is a church-wide mission initiative to put our faith into action and impact our community for good.

**WHEN:** October 1-November 15, 2025

**WHERE:** Onsite at WCC, and all over the Twin Cities

**WHY:** So many of you have asked "what can we do to make a difference in the world today?" WCC Does Mission is a time when we can come together as a community of faith and do good in the world for the sake of making a difference right here, right now.

**HOW:** We plan the experiences, you serve at least once during these six weeks. A Missions brochure will be published in September, highlighting the October speaker series and mission projects/events. For more information contact Rev. Danielle Jones or Rev. Dustin Moretz.





# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## NEW TIME!

### Thursday Bible Study

**10:30 a.m. in the Colonnade**

Beginning September 11, join us for Thursday Bible Study led by our clergy team. Bring your curiosity and questions. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite Bible. All are welcome!



## Beyond the Surface: Reading the Bible with Fresh Eyes

**September 10, 17 & 24**

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

As we kick off a new program year this September, delve deeper into scripture with "Beyond the Surface: Reading the Bible with New Eyes." Join the clergy team Wednesdays in September in the Colonnade for a one-month class exploring how different theological lenses can transform your understanding of the Bible. We'll introduce diverse approaches like Liberation, Eco-, and Process Theology, offering new tools to unpack scriptures and uncover fresh insights. Discover a more nuanced and dynamic way of "doing theology" and see the Bible in a vibrant new light.





## **Unearthing the Call: Mission in the Biblical Story**

**Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 22, and 29**

**4:00 p.m. in the Colonnade (No class MEA week)**

This October, as Wayzata Community Church delves into the profound meaning of mission, we invite you to explore its biblical foundations. Join Rev. Dan Stark for an engaging class that unearths stories of calling and mission throughout scripture. Discover how God's transformative work has unfolded through individuals and communities from ancient times to the early church. This class is designed to enrich your understanding and prepare your heart as we then welcome our mission partners each week to share their inspiring work with us. Come explore the timeless call to participate in God's mission!

## **Estate Planning Starts Early: Protecting Your Young Family's Future**

**Thursday, September 25**

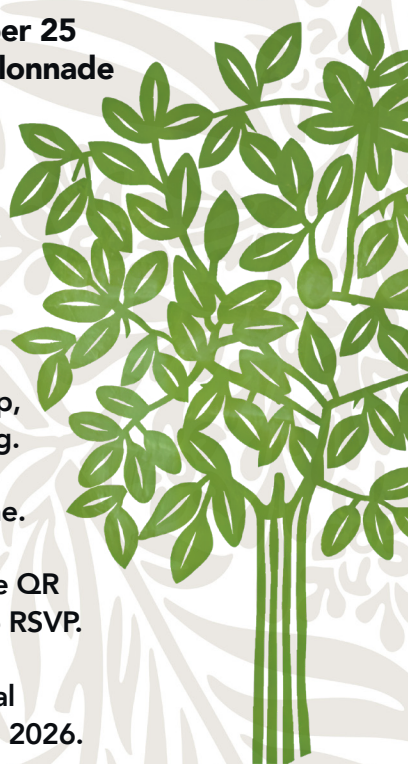
**6:00 p.m. in the Colonnade**

Please join WCC members Jim Rice, John Hallberg, and Jeff Colyer who will present helpful information on protecting what matters: Guardianship, Education, and Giving.



All are welcome. Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

Watch for 3 additional workshops coming in 2026.



## **Beyond Belief: How Religion Shapes Public Health**

**Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19**

**4:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., Colonnade**

This November, explore the fascinating and complex relationship between religion and public health. Join Rev. Dan Stark for a deep dive into how faith, particularly the Christian tradition, has shaped health outcomes throughout American history.

From the founding of early hospitals and mental health institutions by religious groups to the modern debates around vaccine hesitancy, masking, and reproductive health, religion has profoundly impacted individual and community well-being. We'll examine both the positive contributions (like healthy lifestyle promotion and robust social support networks) and the negative challenges this relationship has posed. We'll explore case studies and current research, offering a nuanced look at the surprising connections between religion and public health.



# FAMILY MINISTRIES SPECIAL EVENTS



On September 10, Family Ministries is hosting a **BLOCK PARTY** to kick off our Wednesday programs! Enjoy bounce houses and inflatables, crafts, Fair Food and Carnival Games! Start a new season with us out in the Lower Parking Lot.

- **Elementary and Parables Open House Block Party** from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.
- No Parables Choir, after the

Block Party head straight to POW and AWE! Come with a friend, parent, or PCA.

- **Middle School Block Party** from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **High School Block Party** from 7:30-9:00 p.m.



## Parenting with Vision Nurturing Growth & Well-being

**Taught by Counselors from  
RELATE Counseling Center  
Wednesdays,  
September 10, 17 and 24  
6:30-7:30 p.m. in the  
Community Room**

Join Relate Counseling professionals on three Wednesday evenings in September for a series designed to support you in raising children. We'll explore vital topics such as:

- Transitioning to Elementary School — offering insights for new beginnings.
- Learn Effective Communication and Positive Discipline Techniques to build stronger family relationships.
- Navigating Your Child's Anxiety and Depression, equipping you to support their mental well-being.

Whether you're a parent or simply interested in nurturing the next generation, all are welcome. Hosted by Wayzata Community Church's Mental Health Ministry.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday, October 25  
2:00-4:00 p.m. in the  
WCC parking lots**

Kids of all ages! Join us on October 25th for an afternoon of safe, fun trick or treating! Each decorated trunk host will offer your child a treat and a fun decorated trunk to see. We always accommodate kids with allergies, too. No cost for this fun event, but please consider donating a bag or two of candy ahead of time. We also need trunk hosts! Look for those details in the weekly e-newsletters.

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



## A New Season, A Fresh Start

Hi, I'm **Mike Solberg**, High School Director at Wayzata Community Church. Fall might not be known for new beginnings, but it sure feels like one—school is back, routines return, and our High School Ministry kicks off a new program year.

At WCC, our ministry is built around four core values: **Love, Belong, Grow & Do**. The heart of it all? **Wednesday night Youth Group**—a space where we laugh, worship, build friendships, and grow in faith together. We also go on retreats, host events, and serve our community in meaningful ways.

This fall, we're leaning into local service, starting with IOCP and growing from there—living out our mission to bring justice and love into the world, one step at a time. We'd love for you to join us!

### Want to stay in the loop?

Email [khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org) for weekly email updates.

**Questions?** Contact me at [msolberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:msolberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)



## High School Youth Group

**Wednesdays 7:30 - 9 p.m. starting September 17th**

Wednesday nights in The Loft are the heart of High School Ministry at WCC. Come for big fun, bold music, goofy skits, and real conversations. Stay for the radically inclusive love of God, a caring community, and a space to grow in faith and justice.

**See you on the 3rd floor!**

## 9th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation is a year-long journey for 9th graders to explore and deepen their faith. Led by Rev. Danielle Jones and guest speakers, weekly Wednesday night classes cover the basics of the Christian faith in fun, engaging ways. The program also includes a fall retreat, service opportunities, and more!

**Parent-Student Orientation:** Join us Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to learn about the Confirmation program, schedule, and ask questions.



- Scan the QR code to register for the Confirmation program.
- Questions? Contact Rev. Danielle Jones at [djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).



## Volunteer at IOCP Resale

**Saturday, September 20th**

**10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Great news: we're volunteering at Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP)'s Resale store helping them sort clothes and other goods for them to give to people in need or sell in their store. All proceeds from this store go to fund the great work that IOCP does in and around the community. We'll volunteer until 1:30 or so and grab some lunch on-site as we wrap



up. If you're interested, scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer.

## Volunteer at Middle School Melonmasher Event

**Sunday, October 12th**

**3 - 7:30 p.m.**

Join us in making Melonmasher (a haunted photo-scamenger hunt) a fun and spooky night for middle schoolers! We are looking for volunteers to co-lead a team with an adult driver, be a stationed "ghost" for teams to come and find to complete a task, and a panel of judges to help Ann rate the "best" submissions and give out bonus



points. Ann will purchase supper for volunteers. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



## The Fall Retreat

**October 24-26, 2025**

We're getting away this fall for a weekend of fun, relaxation, big games, small groups and lots of surprises. Once again, we'll be retreating to nearby Camp Ihduhapi and offering regular retreat



and Work Crew options. Retreats are an excellent time to take a pause from the busyness of life and be reminded of who we are and what we were made for. Scan the QR code to register on Campsite.

## Turkey Bowl

**Wednesday, November 26th, 3 - 8 p.m**

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.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY



## Middle School Ministry is Back!

Hi! I'm Ann Hunhoff, Director of Middle School Ministry. We've had an awesome summer, and I'm so excited for another great year ahead! **Wednesdays** are our big night! Students can come after school for **Homework & Hang**, a community meal, choir, and **Youth Group**—a weekly slice of camp with music, skits, games, messages, and small group time. **Sundays at 9 AM**, join me during the Contemporary Service for games, Bible study, and of course, breakfast treats!

This year, we're diving into what it means to **"do justice"** (Micah 6:8) as we grow in our core values: **Love, Belong, Grow & Do**. Can't wait to see you!



## Sundays

**9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Corner**

Sundays are a great way to connect at WCC. On Sunday mornings, Middle Schoolers can come hang out with me during the Contemporary service (9 a.m.) for games, Bible study, and good conversation. We'll occasionally attend worship together as well, and don't you worry, there will always be some delicious breakfast treats to help perk us up!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

4:00-6:15 p.m. Homework & Hang  
5:15-6:15 p.m. Community Meal  
5:45-6:15 p.m. Disciples Plus Choir  
6:30-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays are our big, weekly program night. Middle Schoolers can come anytime after school to attend Homework & Hang, our community meal, choir, and youth group! Middle School Youth Group is like a slice of camp every single week complete with music, skits, games, messages, and small group conversations with our amazing adult small group leaders.

## 6th Grade Milestone

**Thursday, September 25**

**6:30-7:45 p.m. in The Corner**

**Please scan the QR code to register (no fee)**

Join us as we gather the families of our 2025-2026 6th graders to learn more about the development of 6th graders and how to make the middle school years count. Parents and guardians will participate in a "class" that's part information, and part collaboration with other parents of 6th graders. Each family will be gifted a book that will help guide our discussions about 6th graders, what they need, important conversations to have at this stage, and how to provide them with tools for a life of faith and purpose. Meanwhile, your 6th graders will head to the gym for some ice-breaker activities, games, and open gym time. At the end of the Milestone, we will gather families back together to be able to connect and take an intentional, spiritual moment together. Scan the QR code to register.







## Mario Kart (& Beyond!) Party

Saturday, September 13th

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Meet @ the Jakubowski Home

Scan the QR code to register.



Outdoor movie night + Mario Kart tournament (WITH PRIZES) + so many snacks = an epic back-to-school hang out for WCC Middle Schoolers & Friends!



## Melonmasher 2025: Middle School on a Mission!

Sunday, October 12th

3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

\$25 per person

Scan the QR code to register.



You can only scare off the ghost of Ole Melonmasher for so long before he makes his return! WCC Middle Schoolers will travel around the Lake Minnetonka area to complete a scavenger hunt of his crafting. Students will be safely driven around the area by our trusted adult leaders and other adult chaperones to solve riddles, complete challenges, and even participate in some mission projects along the way. Registration is required by October 9; late registrations may not be accepted depending on remaining vehicle availability. Students can request friends to be in the same team/vehicle with them.



## Sleep Out 2025

Saturday, November 8 beginning at 12 noon  
to Sunday, November 9 ending after 9 a.m. worship

\$39 per person

Scan the QR code to register.



Join us for this incredible overnight experience for middle schoolers where we learn about the realities of people experiencing homelessness. Throughout the night, there will be service projects, educational activities, and meaningful spiritual conversations around this topic. We will have a blast decorating our boxes and connecting with one another. We will also raise money for IOCP's work to support people experiencing poverty in our communities.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY MINISTRY



**Welcome Families!**

**I'm Jodie Nyberg,  
Director of**

**Children's Ministries** for children from Birth to 5th grade. I am excited for fall and the energy it brings as we come back together again. We have some exciting events planned, including Trunk or Treat, the 4th Grade Bible Milestone, Parenting in Faith, and Kids Night Out!

Fall programming will kick off on **September 7th** with ice cream sundaes after church, and on our first Wednesday evening back together, we'll have a Block Party featuring bounce houses, slides, and carnival games! I look forward to growing in faith with you and your children this year.



## SUNDAYS

### **Littlest Angels Sunday School**

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

#### **Birth through Pre-K**

Our exciting fall program kicks off on September 7. Join us as we explore our faith through hands-on activities and lots of fun! Each week Lilli O'Brien and team will create exciting lessons and fun crafts to make faith come alive!

### **Sunday School for K-5th graders**

**9:00-10:00 a.m. (Graceland Gym)**

#### **Starting September 7th**

Join us Sunday, September 7th as we celebrate our first day back for a new program year and celebrate with Ice Cream Sundaes! Parent partners are a big part of our Sunday program. Parents are encouraged to choose a few Sundays to help throughout the year. Look for more details in our weekly e-newsletter!



## KINDERGARTEN

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**Kindergartners are invited to join us on Sunday, September 7th at the 9:00 a.m. service for a Blessing of the Backpacks.**

Bring your backpack to church, sit with your family, and we will call you up for this special blessing and a prayer for your big new adventure! All elementary kids will start in the Sanctuary on this special Sunday, and after the blessing we will walk down to Sunday School together.

Big prizes from the Fall Trunk or Treat will be given away. Come start a new season with us out in the Lower Park.





## WEDNESDAYS

### Faith and Fun Wednesdays

(Preschool through 5th Grade)

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

Starting Wednesday, September 10th

Join us each week starting for games, activities and fun as we explore our faith together. Our Wednesday leaders are volunteers dedicated to leading kids and building relationships all year long. We ALWAYS need new leaders who feel called to this ministry. Reach out to Jodie if interested: [jnyberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:jnyberg@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

### Open Gym

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

Kids age K-5th grade are invited for free play in the Gym every Wednesday evening. We have a hired high schooler watching over kids to make sure they play safe, but we rely on parents to keep track of their own kids.



### Cherub Choir (Ages 2-5)

5:00-5:30 p.m.

Join Jodie Nyberg for another great year of singing, dancing and moving to the spirit! Each week we'll explore our faith through music and movement while playing rhythm instruments and more. All preschoolers are welcome— and invite your friends!

### Open Gym for Tiny Tots

**Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Stay and play after Cherub Choir each week in our kid-friendly Community Room.

Ride trikes, climb on jungle gyms, run and jump, and enjoy friendships. Parent supervision is required.



## 4TH GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE

October 23, 30, and November 6

6:30-7:45 p.m., Mithun Hall

Bible Sunday is on November 9

All 4th graders and parents are invited to attend this three-session Milestone to learn about the Bible together. On Sunday, November 9, 4th graders will be presented with their very own Bible in the Sanctuary. Registration links will be sent out to families.

## EVENTS

### Kids Night Out

5:30-9:00 p.m.

October 10, November 21,  
December 12

For ages 3 through 5th grade

Join us each month (starting in October) for a night of games, pizza, a movie and more! We start in the gym where we'll play with old and new friends. Afterward we'll make some one of a kind crafts, eat a yummy pizza dinner and watch a kid-friendly movie on



the big screen! Cost: \$20 per child. Reservations are required. Scan the QR code to register.

### Erin Walsh, Early Childhood Speaker

*From Apps to Laps: Screen Time in Early Childhood*

Tuesday, September 23  
6:30 p.m.



Erin Walsh, co-founder of Spark & Stitch Institute and author of *It's Their World: Teens, Screens and the Science of Adolescence*, helps families and educators navigate parent-

ing, adolescence, and technology. In this engaging talk, she uses science, stories, and humor to cut through the confusion around screen time in early childhood. Leave screen time shame behind and gain practical strategies to support healthy development—online and offline.

Hosted  
by the  
WCC  
Nursery  
School

# PARABLES DISABILITY MINISTRY

## EVERY PERSON BELONGS, EVERY STORY MATTERS



### Welcome Back to Parables!

We are thrilled to return to community with the Parables Disability Ministry this season! I am **Michelle Ramert**, the Director, and I have the privilege of witnessing the

joyful voices of the Parables Choir, seeing connections develop in POW/AWE, supporting caregivers, and participating in meaningful Sunday worship. I'd love for you to join us.

At Parables, everyone belongs, every story matters, and God's love shines through us all. We can't wait to embark on this journey with you!





## PARABLES SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Parables is a worship experience crafted for and led by people with disabilities and their families. Everyone is welcome — just as they are — to a service filled with joyful music, marching, an inspiring message and meaningful community connections. Stay after for fellowship, coffee, and sweet treats in the Colonnade! Can't join in person? Parables Worship is also available via livestream on our website and on-demand on our YouTube channel.

### Parables Friendship Group

**Saturday, October 18th**

**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in The Corner**

A welcoming space to connect with WCC friends and make new ones! Friendship Group is for all ages and offers something for everyone—crafts, gym-time, games, music and lunch. A sensory room is also available for those



who need a quiet break. Registration is required and closes the Wednesday prior to each gathering. Come for the fun, stay for the friendships! Scan the QR code to register.



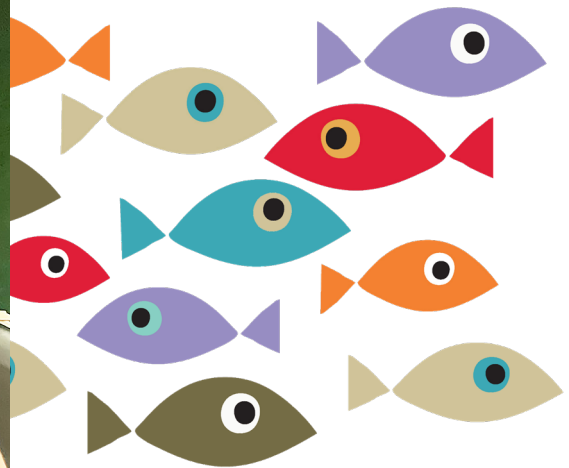
### Pizza and Movie Night

**Friday, November 7th**

**5:00-8:00 p.m. in The Corner**

A casual gathering to just hang-out with friends. Watch a movie, enjoy some pizza and snacks. Spend your Friday night at WCC connecting with others. Registration is required and closes the Wednesday prior to each gathering. Come as you are and bring a friend! Scan the QR code to register.





## WEDNESDAYS

### **POW — Parables on Wednesdays**

**6:20 p.m., Places in the Heart Room**

POW is a weekly gathering for our Parables youth (ages 25 and under) to come together for an hour of faith-based fun! Through a hands-on and engaging approach, we explore what it means to grow in faith and community. Come ready to learn, laugh, and connect!

### **AWE — Adults on Wednesday Evenings**

**6:20–7:30 p.m. in The Corner**

AWE is a weekly class created for our adult friends of Parables. Each Wednesday, we gather to explore the Bible and reflect on how its teachings can shape our everyday lives. Join us for meaningful conversation, connection, and spiritual growth.

### **Parables Choir**

**5:50-6:20 p.m. in the Chapel**

**Begins September 17th**

All ages and stages are welcome to join this lively and joy-filled choir! It's a space where a love of music, song, and even a little dance is celebrated. No experience needed — just bring your voice and your spirit!

### **Parent/Caregiver Support Group**

**2nd Thursday of the month  
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

#### **The Corner**

Parables Support Group offers parents and caregivers a safe, welcoming space to connect and build community through shared understanding. More than just a place to network or exchange resources, PSG provides meaningful emotional and spiritual support that uplifts and unites us on the journey.



# ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY

## YOUNG ADULTS



### **Pick & Sip: Fall Apple Orchard Visit Saturday, September 27 3:00 p.m.**

Join other WCC young adults for a cozy and fun afternoon at Everly Farms (formerly Minnetonka Orchards) as we pick apples, sip cider,

eat donuts and soak up the best of autumn together. Whether you're new to WCC or a familiar face, this is a great chance to connect, relax, and make some sweet memories. Oh — and the orchard is dog-friendly, too! (Dogs optional, cozy flannel shirt recommended!) Everly Farms is located at 6480 CR 26, Minnetrista, MN 55364. Scan the QR code to register.



### **Putt and Play at Can Can Wonderland Thursday, November 6 6:00 p.m.**

Where in the world can you find neon lights, quirky mini golf, arcade magic, and ridiculously good food? Can Can Wonderland of course! Whether you're a pinball wizard, a mini golf master, or just in it for the great vibes

and good company, join other WCC young adults for an evening of fun and games. Bring your weirdest socks and your best mini golf swagger. Can Can Wonderland is located at 755 Prior Ave N., Suite #004, St Paul, MN 55104. Scan the QR code to register.



### **GOOD GRIEF: A RETREAT OF HEALING AND HOPE at Wayzata Community Church November 14, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. & November 15, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$45, scholarships available**

Grief is a journey no one wants to take, yet it touches every life in a multitude of ways. Good Grief is a grace-filled retreat designed to help us all explore the challenges that grief presents while uncovering the unique gifts that reside within it.

Join us for this two-day retreat onsite at Wayzata Community Church. Together we will explore the promise of God's presence in our sorrow, share stories in community, and find hope in scripture and prayer. Whether you have experienced the loss of a loved one, a relationship, or you feel grief for the state of our world today, you are welcome here. Led by Danielle Jones and Autumn Toussaint.



**Scan the QR code  
to register.**



## Women's Ministry Meet, Eat, and Greet

**Monday, September 22**

**6:30-8:30 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 make new friends. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you'd like—but *not required*.



To RSVP (for food planning purposes) please scan the QR code to register.



## Men's Arise & Dine Breakfast

**Thursday, October 23**

**7:30-8:30 a.m., Mithun Hall**

Men of all ages are invited to gather for a hearty breakfast, intergenerational connection, and hear guest speaker, Mark Mueller, a talented musician and WCC member. Come experience Mark's incredible music and hear a bit about what has inspired his journey. Following a brief devotion from our clergy, you'll leave with your heart and soul full, ready to take on the day. This is a great opportunity to build and strengthen relationships with other men in the community. \$15 per person. Walk-ins



are welcome, but we encourage you to RSVP for food planning purposes. Scan the QR code to register.



## 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 Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon in Mithun Hall.**

Contact: Kathy Smith at [ksmith3600@aol.com](mailto:ksmith3600@aol.com).

**Fall 2025 Dates: September 9 and 23, October 14 and 28, November 11 and 25, and December 9.**

This year marked the 25th year that Thimble Bees has been serving our community. Meetings were held twice monthly from September through May with an average of 28 members attending. The hours spent at these meetings as well as the many hours worked at home made it possible to distribute a total of 3,659 gifts this program year. Over its 25 year history, Thimble Bees has distributed a total of 50,680 gifts throughout the community.





"Come Rain Come Shine, We Are There for Each Other..." The WISH group at the MN Arboretum (above) and the Twin Cities Polo Classic (below).

### WISH Group — Widowed In Social Harmony

WISH started at WCC in 2023. This is not a grief group, but a social group for those that understand all you go through in the healing process of losing your spouse or partner. We understand, we get it. We meet twice a month: once at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Monday for coffee and conversation (in the WCC Holmes Room); and another time for an outing hosted by one of the members. We're in the process of putting together our 2026 social calendar; but still coming in 2025 is volunteering at Bricks to Bread and IOCP, Miniature Golf at Big Stone in Minnetrista, Fall Color Lake Minnetonka Cruise, and a Christmas luncheon. You can find WISH on WC-Connect, or contact Laura Lagenaur (lclag@comcast.net) to learn more about joining WISH and upcoming events.



### Soup, Salad and Song

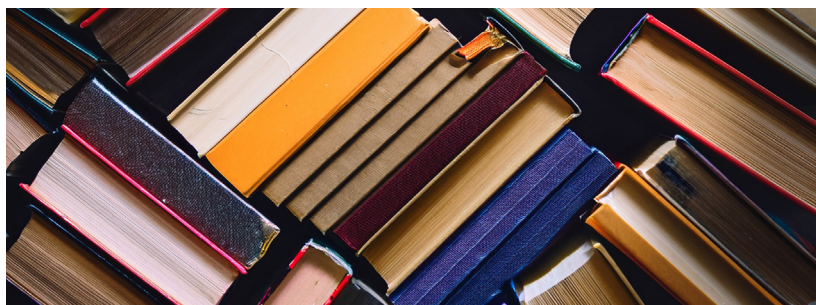
Thursdays, October 9  
and November 13  
in Mithun Hall

11:30 a.m. Fun, Music,  
& Special Guests

12:00 p.m. Lunch

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. We start our time together with music and fun. If you'd like, bring a dessert, salad, bread, appetizers, or any favorite of yours. If you need a ride or are able to provide a ride for someone, let us know. CONTACTS: Sandy Seibert for more information at 952-334-2840. For transportation options, please contact Vicki Thompson at 612-270-4458.



### Third Thursday Readers

Thursdays

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. Upcoming books we will discuss are:

- **September 18**— *The Wager*, by David Grann
- **October 16**— *Chasing Hope: A Reporter's Life*, by Nicholas Kristof
- **November 20**— *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon
- **December**— No meeting
- **January 15, 2026**— *Mao's Last Dancer*, by Li Cunxin



## WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY MEAL

**5:15-6:30 p.m. in Mithun Hall  
Beginning September 10**

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 \$7 per person, or \$6 for kids ages 12 and under (and you can pay with cash or Venmo!) Visit our website or read WCC's weekly email for upcoming Community Meal menus.



## NEW MEMBER FALL SESSIONS

### New Member Info Classes

*Interested in learning more about WCC? Have questions about how to get involved and connected? Hoping to become a new member?* Join us! Meet Rev. Dan Stark & Autumn Toussaint as they seek to help you find your place, ask all the questions on your heart, and feel free to participate at your own pace and in your own way, just as you are and explore membership. New Member joining date is Sunday, November 23. **Choose to attend one of these upcoming classes:**

- **Class #1:** Thursday, November 13,  
5:30 p.m. in the Colonnade
- **Class #2:** Sunday, November 16  
11:30 a.m. in the Piper Library



New Members will join on Sunday, November 23rd in the Worship Service of your choosing. For more information and to register, scan the QR code.





## GOOD WORKS COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS MARY POPPINS!

### Audition Dates

**October 26, 27, 28 & 30, 2025**

- Selected callbacks Saturday morning, November 1, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

### Performance Dates

**March 11-15, 2026 (6 shows)**



Scan the QR code to register for an audition.

### In March 2026, Good Works Community Theater will present the full scale musical, *Mary Poppins*!

Set in England in 1910, Bert — a jack-of-all-trades — introduces us to the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many nannies packing before Mary Poppins mysteriously arrives at their doorstep. She must teach the family members how to value each other once again by reminding them what love is, and what community really means.

Experience the spectacle of this chimney- sweeping epic as we traverse the rooftops of London, meeting colorful characters in a fantastical and magical world. Believe in the magic of Mary Poppins and discover a world where anything can happen if you open your heart to it. This beloved classic is a “jolly holiday” for the entire family!

### Mary Poppins Performances

*All performances are held in the Sanctuary at Wayzata Community Church.*

- Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14 @ 2:00 p.m. (Disability-friendly & ASL Interpreted)
- Saturday, March 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 15 @ 2:00 p.m.

### Tickets

All GWCT performances are free. However, a ticket reservation is required. A ticket link will be available in January 2026.

### Volunteers

There are many ways you can volunteer with Good Works Community Theater! Contact GWCT Director, Autumn Toussaint 612-251-3396 or [atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

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