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So Many Reasons Summer Is a Great Time to Go to Church *and* Serve

By Lou Vlahos

What's your idea of an amazing summer? A beach vacation? Hey, I totally get that. After all, who doesn't like spending a summer day relaxing on the beach? But what if I told you that you could also have an amazing time this summer by attending AND serving at church?

That's right, I'm suggesting that you make attending AND volunteering at WCC a part of your summer plans. No doubt you have heard our Senior Minister, John Ross, talk a lot about how a large part of Biblical stewardship is giving of your treasure. And while that's true, stewardship also means managing your time and talents for God. After all, summer is a season of growth and can be a time of tremendous creativity and inspiration if we are willing to make the effort.

It's also easy, when you consider the lineup of outstanding summer worship and special events WCC has planned for the entire summer:

June: Common Ground Sermon Series: How Three World Religions Share A Common Story

June: Rev. Eric Elnes, Guest Speaker— "Tri-Faith Commons" & "Gifts of the Dark Woods"

June & July: Music+Message On the Lawn

June & July: Summer Organ Concerts at WCC

June, July, August 1 & 2: The Rummage Sale

August: Vacation Bible School – "Shipwrecked!"

June, July & August: Summer & All-Church Camps
...And so much more!

When you attend and volunteer for events at WCC, not only do others benefit, but you do too! Proverbs 11:25 tells us, "Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." You open doors to deeper relationships and help build stronger community.

So, though there's nothing wrong with a nice vacation, it doesn't satisfy our souls as much as when we give of ourselves. Summer is a great time to begin serving in church if you've never served before. My guess is that you'll find you love it. And you might also find that as summer winds down, you won't want to stop volunteering!

Have a safe, fun, and blessed summer.





MEMBERSHIP

What's next for YOU at Wayzata Community Church?

By Rev. Danielle Jones

As we enjoyed a short spring this year and head straight into summer we are all aware of the changing of the seasons in Minnesota and how each season offers us a new opportunity to live a little differently. With the arrival of each new season we find new rhythms and new ways of structuring our lives to make the most out of what lies ahead. The rhythms that work in the Spring need to shift as we head into Summer and what works in the Winter doesn't work in the Summer.

Life in the church is similar. Your age and stage in life matter when it comes to finding a place to connect at Wayzata Community Church. Some of you are reading this and you are brand new to the church—wondering how to get connected and get involved for the very first time. Others reading this have been here for years but a new season of life is upon you and you find yourself wondering how to engage in some new ways at WCC. No matter your situation, you are wondering what is next.

For those of you who are brand new I want to invite you to our Summer New Member Orientations. Although these sessions are one of the ways you can join the church, at the heart of each Orientation is a time to connect with staff, clergy, and lay people and a chance to learn more about what matters most right now at WCC. Even if you elect not to join WCC right now, attending one of these Orientations will help you find a place here.

New Member Orientation Dates

- Sunday, June 3, 10:15-11:30 a.m., Holmes Room
- Wednesday, July 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Holmes Room (immediately following Summer Music+Message on the Lawn).

You can sign up for either of these information dates by contacting Mandi Lee at mlee@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

For those of you who have been around WCC for a while, you may need to make a new connection with one of our staff to share your story and to explore new ways to engage and serve. If you are interested in connecting to the church in a new way, contact our Minister of Congregational Life, Rev. Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org and she will help you get connected.

No matter what season you find yourself in, there is a place for you to connect at Wayzata Community Church. We hope to see you soon!

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Summer Fun

By Mark Bayley

The more things change.....

There certainly is a lot of talk about change these days! Technology and travel continue to shrink the world. Social media has impacted everything we do and the pace of change does not let up. As Minnesotans we probably know more about change than most folks, especially this time of year. After months of hibernation we get reacquainted with neighbors and revel at the prospect of long summer days.

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And things change at church as well. As the program season winds down, our kids start anticipating summer camp, and we all look forward to summer Wednesday evenings of Music+Message on the lawn. One of my favorite changes is attending the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service and seeing the return of the snowbirds, as well as new faces from the combined services.

But, as the saying goes, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Our vision to inspire the world, and each other, continues to be the core of who we are as a church, and what we aspire to every day. Throughout the summer our incredible clergy staff continues to lead us on our mission of inclusion as our culture continues to evolve and the world continues to shrink. Lay leaders, along with staff, continue to manage the business of the church as well as lead the many ministries that not only bring us together, but also connect us to the community. Every day the staff opens the doors, and turn on the lights; it's business as usual.

So, don't be a stranger this summer. As much fun as WCC is during the rest of the year, it's even more fun in the summer!



for the moment

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

Common Ground

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." (Matthew 2:1-2)

I recently had coffee with a college student, member of WCC. When I asked him what he planned to do after college he said, "I want to work somewhere building interfaith relationships." Not certain what he meant by that, I probed, "What do you mean?" I've not forgotten his reply. He said, "If 84% of the world's population is affiliated with a religion, then if we can get all the religious people in relationship with one another, we'd have a real shot at world peace."

Naïve? Perhaps. Accurate? Mostly. True? ABSOLUTELY.

The prospect of world peace becomes even stronger when you realize that 55% of those religious folks all come out of the same family: ABRAHAM'S! Judaism (<1%), Christianity (31.5%), and Islam (23.2%) combine for more than a majority of the world's population, and we are descendants of the same family—historically, biblically, and theologically (all monotheists).

In this ever-changing world where messages of fear and division sell better than hope and unity, we have to lean into our religious heritage and proclaim the things we have in common. The religious stranger isn't someone to fear or keep at arm's length. Quite the opposite, the religious stranger is the neighbor Jesus told us to love. And this really shouldn't surprise us as followers of Jesus—who do you think the wise men were?

Matthew thought the visitors from the East were more important than Shepherds and worthy of inclusion even though they weren't Jewish. They were Zoroastrian Priests who valued knowledge, practiced ethics, and followed rules. They looked to the stars to better understand God and followed the instructions traveling for 2-3 months to honor Jesus and present him with gifts. It seems interfaith relationships have been blessed by God since the Incarnation.

I don't know what career path that college student is going to pursue. But when it comes to changing the world, I think he's on to something. Let us find renewed passion and purpose in our interfaith relationships and give ourselves a real shot at world peace.

Peace,

John F. Ross
Senior Minister

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COMMON GROUND
HOW THREE WORLD RELIGIONS
SHARE A COMMON STORY

Common Ground Sermon Series

Over three Sundays in June, we will explore the three Abrahamic religions: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Each Sunday will focus on the basic history, core tenets, and current state of each tradition. We will see how and where they intersect, what they hold in common, and with humility explore where they disagree.

Our goal for the series is twofold. First, as we better understand our religious neighbors we can better answer the call of Christ to love them. Second, as we deepen our knowledge of other traditions, we strengthen our commitment to our own.



REV. DR. ERIC ELNES
Tri-Faith Commons
Organizer Rev. Dr. Eric
Elnes will speak on
Wednesday, June 13 at
7:30 p.m. in the Chapel,

following Music+Message on the Lawn.
Read more on page 4.



Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes

TRI-FAITH COMMONS ORGANIZER TO SPEAK AT WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH ON JUNE 13



The interfaith movement is alive and well in the town of Omaha, Nebraska where Christian, Jewish, and Muslim houses of worship are working together to bring their congregations to a shared campus—the Tri-Faith Commons is the first of its kind not only in the US, but the world. “Obviously you can find churches/synagogues/mosques all in proximity to one another in many places (unintentionally), and there’s a start-up effort in Berlin called the House of One (inspired by the Tri-Faith) where the three faiths are moving in to one building. It’s a landmark step in strengthening all three faiths,” says the Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes, pastor of Countryside Community United Church of Christ, one of the three participating congregations in the interfaith initiative.

“It affirms that people of different faiths can live in harmony, finding common ground they didn’t realize they had, and learning about each other through their differences,” Elnes said. “Each faith gets stronger when they are in conversation with one another.”

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This is believed to be the first site in the United States where one congregation from each of the three Abrahamic faiths is intentionally planning

to co-locate its house of worship. Countryside Community Church will join Temple Israel and the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture (now renamed the American Muslim Institute) in the interfaith community. The fourth partner is the Tri-Faith Initiative of Omaha, a local organization that fosters mutual understanding, respect and friendship of Abrahamic faith members, which helped to co-locate a church, synagogue, and mosque.



THE REV. DR. ELNES, WILL SPEAK ON JUNE 13, AFTER MUSIC & MESSAGE AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL. He is the Senior Pastor of Countryside Community Church (UCC) in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Elnes received his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary and served as Senior Pastor of Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ in Scottsdale, Arizona from 1995 to 2008, when Countryside welcomed him as their Senior Minister. Eric Elnes is also the author of *Gifts of the Dark Wood*, which WCC studied during Lent in 2017.



MUSIC+ MESSAGE ON THE LAWN

BEGINNING JUNE 13



Beginning **JUNE 13** join us on the front lawn for food, fellowship, music and message! Christian singer/songwriter **JASON GRAY** will be our music guest for the kick-off and we'll enjoy a BBQ and yard games. All are welcome, bring your dogs!

5:30 p.m. Gathering+Food
6:30 p.m. Music+Message
7:30 p.m. Fellowship+Learning



JUNE 20
Music from Charles Lazarus and Power Tap, and a Classic Car Show in the parking lot.



JUNE 27
Sound of Blackness will be our music guests. We'll celebrate our Parables Ministry and decorate the sidewalks and parking lot with our original chalk art!



JULY 11
Music by Ipso Facto and a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your beloved creatures for a blessing! Boy Scouts will be grilling hot dogs.



JULY 18
Jack Brass Band and Kids Night! Fun and games on the lawn especially for kids.



JULY 25
Music by Billy McLaughlin & the Band for New Members and Mission Night. We'll welcome our newest members and make sandwiches for those who need to be fed through the Sandwich Project MN.



SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy free 30-minute concerts by world-class organists performing on the landmark magnum opus Charles Hendrickson tracker organ in our beautiful Sanctuary, 12:15 p.m. every Wednesday! Refreshments served in Founders Hall following each recital.

JUNE 20: KRAIG WINDSCHITL

Kraig Windschitl is Principal Organist/ Director of Handbells at Wayzata Community Church.

JUNE 27: STACIE LIGHTNER

Stacie Lightner is Cantor at Lutheran Church of the Reformation in St Paul, MN

JULY 11: KATIE MOSS

Katie Moss is currently organist and handbell director at Messiah United Methodist Church in Plymouth, MN.

JULY 18: SAM BACKMAN

Sam Backman is a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK

JULY 25: DIANA LEE LUCKER

Dr. Lucker is Organist Emeritus at Wayzata Community Church.

June

2 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.

3 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
Celebrations Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditions Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary
New Member Breakfast Orientation, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Kristen Jeide Retirement Celebration, 11:45 a.m.

4 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

5 TUESDAY

Planned Giving Committee, 4 p.m.
Planning Committee, 6 p.m.
High School Board, 6:30 p.m.
Board of Deacons, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

6 WEDNESDAY

Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

7 THURSDAY

AA, 10 a.m.

8 FRIDAY

Parables Respite/Friendship Group, 5 p.m.

9 SATURDAY

RUMMAGE COLLECTION BEGINS

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.

10 SUNDAY

NEW MEMBER JOINING SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
Celebrations Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditions Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary
High School Camp Session #1 Check-in, 1 p.m.
Camp Work Crew Orientation, 11:30 a.m.

11 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

12 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Executive Team, 5:30 p.m.
Building and Grounds Board, 7 p.m.
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

13 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Middle School Mission Trip Prep, 4 p.m.
Music+Message on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m.
Membership Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

14 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Library Committee, 2 p.m.

16 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
High School Camp Session #1 returns, 1 p.m.

17 SUNDAY

BAPTISMS

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
Celebrations Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditions Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary
Middle School Camp Session #1 Check-in, 1 p.m.

18 MONDAY

Rummage Sale Volunteers begin, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Moms Group, 7:30 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

19 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Church Council, 7 p.m.
Unique Family Ministry Meeting, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

20 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Summer Organ Series, 12:15 p.m.
Music+Message on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

21 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m.

22 FRIDAY

Middle School Camp Session #1 returns, 1 p.m.

23 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Children's Camp Session #1 Check-In, 1 p.m.
Camp Work Crew Orientation, 11:30 a.m.

24 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel Celebrations Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Traditions Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Colorado Trip Meeting, 10 a.m.

25 MONDAY

AA, 10 a.m.
Loaves and Fishes, 5:15 p.m., offsite
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

26 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Children's Camp Session #1 returns, 1 p.m.
Generosity Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

27 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Summer Stretch, 8:30 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
High School Camp Session #2 Check-in, 1 p.m.
Summer Organ Series, 12:15 p.m.
Music+Message on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

28 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Bridge, 12 noon

30 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.

July

1 SUNDAY**SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS**

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

2 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

3 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
High School Camp Session #2 returns, 1 p.m.
Planning Committee, 6 p.m.
High School Board, 6:30 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

4 WEDNESDAY**FOURTH OF JULY, BUILDING CLOSED****5 THURSDAY**

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Middle School Camp Session #2 Check-In, 1 p.m.
Camp Work Crew Orientation, 11:30 a.m.

7 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.

8 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

9 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

10 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Middle School Session #2 Camp returns, 1 p.m.
Executive Team, 5:30 p.m.
Building and Ground Board, 7 p.m.
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Summer Stretch, 8:30 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Summer Organ Series, 12:15 p.m.
Children's Camp Session #2 Check-in, 1 p.m.
Music+Message on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.
Membership Committee, 7 p.m.
Middle School Mission Trip Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Middle School Mission Trip Prep, 12 noon
Library Committee, 2 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Children's Camp Session #2 returns, 1 p.m.

15 SUNDAY**BAPTISM SUNDAY**

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.
Middle School Camp Session #3 Check-In, 1 p.m.
Camp Work Crew Orientation, 11:30 a.m.

16 MONDAY**LAST DAY TO DROP OFF RUMMAGE**

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Mom's Group, 7:30 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
Church Council, 7 p.m.
Unique Family Ministry, 7 p.m.
OA, 7 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Summer Organ Series, 12:15 p.m.
Music+Message on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m.

20 FRIDAY

Middle School Mission Trip Prep, 12 noon
Middle School Camp Session #3 returns, 1 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
AA, 10 a.m.
High School Camp Session #3 Check-In, 1 p.m.

22 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

23 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 Generosity Committee, 7 p.m.
 OA, 7 p.m.

25 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 AA, 10 a.m.
 Summer Organ Series, 12:15 p.m.
 Music+Message on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.
 Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.

26 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 Bridge, 12 noon

27 FRIDAY

High School Camp Session #3 returns, 1 p.m.
 All Church Camp begins

28 SATURDAY

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.
 AA, 10 a.m.

29 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
 Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

30 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
 Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

31 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 OA, 7 p.m.

August

1 WEDNESDAY**THE RUMMAGE SALE
9 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 Women's AA, 10 a.m.

2 THURSDAY**THE RUMMAGE SALE
9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.

3 FRIDAY

Rummage Sale Clean-Up

4 SATURDAY

Rummage Sale Clean-Up

5 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
 Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

6 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
 Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

7 TUESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 Planning Committee, 6 p.m.
 High School Board, 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Deacons, 7 p.m.
 OA, 7 p.m.

8 WEDNESDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 Summer Stretch, 8:30 a.m.
 AA, 10 a.m.

9 THURSDAY

WCCNS Summer Camp, 9 a.m.
 Library Committee, 2 p.m.

12 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
 Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.
 Middle School Mission Trip Reunion, 11 a.m.

13 MONDAY

VBS
 Parables Vacation Bible School, 8 a.m.
 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Women's AA, 10 a.m.
 Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

14 TUESDAY

VBS
 Parables Vacation Bible School, 8 a.m.
 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Executive Team, 5:30 p.m.
 Building and Grounds Board, 7 p.m.
 Personnel Committee, 7 p.m.
 OA, 7 p.m.

15 WEDNESDAY

VBS
 Parables Vacation Bible School, 8 a.m.
 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 AA, 10 a.m.

16 THURSDAY

VBS
 Parables Vacation Bible School, 8 a.m.
 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

VBS
 Parables Vacation Bible School, 8 a.m.
 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.

19 SUNDAY**BAPTISMS**

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
 Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

20 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
 Mom's Group, 7:30 p.m.
 Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

21 TUESDAY

Church Council, 7 p.m.
 Unique Family Ministry Committee, 7 p.m.
 OA, 7 p.m.

22 WEDNESDAY

AA, 10 a.m.

23 THURSDAY

Bridge, 12 noon

26 SUNDAY

Chapel Communion, 8 a.m. Chapel
 Sanctuary Worship, 10 a.m.

27 MONDAY

Women's AA, 10 a.m.
 Loaves and Fishes, 5:15 p.m. (offsite)
 Al Anon, 7:30 p.m.

28 TUESDAY

Generosity Committee, 7 p.m.
 OA, 7 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

AA, 10 a.m.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER**RALLY SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 16!**

Worship at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. Celebrations,
 10:30 a.m. Parables, and 10:45 a.m. Traditions



Summer Camp

by Hilary Flynn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bring a friend to Camp!

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

Questions? Want to register?

Contact Kjerstee at kmiller@wayzatacommunitychurch.org. Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp for details!



Who needs a friend?

You may have heard about the study from University of Kansas' Professor Jeffrey Hall, who found that it takes 200 hours of time for people to become a close friend. If we take that 1 hour at a time, that could represent 5-6 years of Sunday worship (if you attend every week... and linger in Founders Hall over pumpkin bread).

I thought of this recently, as I walked into Graceland to pick up my children and greeted 2 other parents, each picking up their kids. We know each other's names, and the names of our children. There is a familiarity and comfort in our greetings, we speak with ease and authenticity. Yet, just 1 year ago I hadn't known either of their families, kids or adults. One family had just recently joined WCC, but as new members, our paths hadn't crossed yet. The other family hadn't even visited a service yet. What changed in a year? Both families decided to come to Church Camp last summer. I know it was a "leap of faith" for both families... but they knew that some investment of time was needed in establishing relationships.

In the quantitative (and qualitative) way that relationships are built, Church Camp is a uniquely valuable ministry for everyone. It is a Sabbath experience, intergenerational and worshipful, which gives us time to play and enjoy family and friends... and to work toward those 200 hours with people who share our church family.

If you've attended Church Camp in the past, please register now to hold your space, and request your preferred lodging. You can plan on the fun, intergenerational program of our summer camp ministry... and you can count on the joy that refreshes us when we engage God in God's own creation.

Never attended Church Camp? Want to share it with others? Please do that too! Consider family or friends who would be blessed by a weekend of worship and fun-filled community in a beautiful setting. All expressions of family are welcome. Summer cabins and Lodge rooms (with individual bathrooms) are offered, based on availability. Payment plans are available, as well as limited scholarships.

Come to Bay Lake, and be part of a truly special experience of faith-formation, in community, at Church Camp 2018! For more information and to register for Church Camp, July 27-30 visit our website at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp

—Hilary Flynn, Director of Camp Ministries



Middle School Summer Mission

Our Middle Schoolers at Wayzata Community Church have a Summer full of mission ahead of them. They will strengthen their relationships with each other and with God by serving our neighbors locally and then heading north for the Middle School Mission Trip.

SUMMER STRETCH

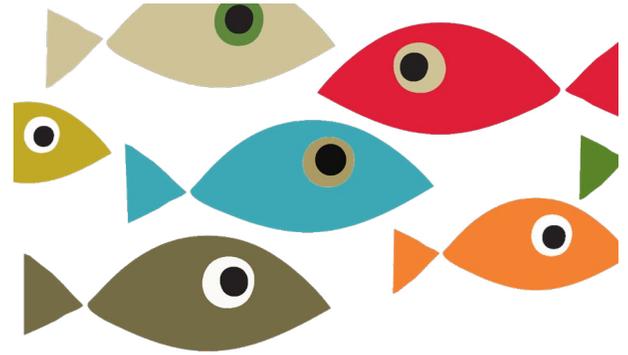
Middle Schoolers will stretch their faith through Summer Stretch on June 27, July 11, and August 8 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We start each day with a devotional that leads us into our service project. This year we will help prep some food for the IOCP Food Shelf, visit our friends at Folkestone (a favorite with our Middle Schoolers!), make sandwiches for people who are homeless and help sort food with Second Harvest Heartland.

After a meaningful morning, we go have some fun in the afternoon and grow our relationships with each other by going to Valleyfair, the Twins Game and Bunker Beach Water Park. Incoming 6th-9th graders are invited to be a part of this experience! We need adult volunteers as well! To learn more go to: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summerstretch

MISSION TRIP

A group of Middle Schoolers along with adult leaders will travel to the Moorhead/Fargo area and Fergus Falls for the week of July 22-27 to share God's love through serving others on the Middle School Mission Trip. The Mission Trip is a great way for middle schoolers to get away and get to know each other better, meet new people and grow in our relationship with God. It's a fun way to travel and experience different parts of our beautiful state and do something bigger than ourselves. We also enjoy some good laughs, have great conversations, and make fun memories. We spend 4 days serving in many different ways at food banks, thrift stores, other churches, seniors' homes, homeless shelters, parks and even by serving one another through making meals together. This experience has been one that youth always say is a favorite through friendships made, experiences of serving others and growing in their own faith. Incoming 7th-9th graders are invited to be a part of this incredible week! To learn more go to: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/msmissiontrip

Please pray for the safety of our Middle Schoolers this Summer as they travel near and far to share God's inclusive love.



Parables Summer Camp

You are invited to our third annual Parables Summer Camp! Parables and VBS will be teaming up to offer a more inclusive summer camp experience where people of all ages come together to learn, worship, laugh and just have fun together.

Parables Summer Camp will be August 13 – 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon each day. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kelly Pederson at kpederson1@msn.com. **Register online at** www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/parables-summer-camp/



Summer Camp Golf Fundraiser

Friday, August 24 • Start time: 2 p.m.

Join us for golf, spend time with friends, and support a good cause all at the same time! The Camp & Retreat Ministry Board of Wayzata Community Church invites you to participate in the 3rd Annual Summer Camp Fundraiser!

WHEN: Friday, August 24, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Pioneer Creek Golf Course in Maple Plain
COST: \$125 per person or \$450 for a set foursome that includes 18 holes and a cart, and a picnic dinner.

Be a Sponsor! You can donate in these ways:

- Hole Sponsors (\$300)
- Raffle Prizes
- Prizes for men and women winners
- Skill prizes (longest drives, closest to pin, etc.)

To donate, contact Carl Challgren at (612) 916-1847 or email carlchallgren@yahoo.com.



This summer Children's Ministries is going to be bigger and better than ever, as we team up with the Parables community for Vacation Bible School from August 13-17. This year's theme is Shipwrecked! Kids ages 3 through 5th grade and the entire Parables community are invited to sail off on a week of adventures and fun. Kelly Pederson, Jodie Nyberg and Hannah Cruzen will provide the right space and place of learning for all participants.

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

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

Be a VBS Counselor!

Join the fun and work as a counselor for VBS 2018 (August 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). You'll work with a small group or run a station as we guide kids (ages 3-11) during a week of fun and faith at WCC. Most churches only use volunteers but we believe in paying you for your time. If you are interested in applying visit: <https://wayzatacommunitychurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/712/responses/new>. Call Jodie Nyberg for more details: 952-270-3745.



The 97th Rummage Sale!

Traditions are the fabric of most organizations, and one of the longest at Wayzata Community Church is the gathering of a merry group of volunteers for the annual Rummage Sale. The 97th Sale will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, August 1 and 2. Our community continues to support this ministry with gifts of gently used merchandise. Drop-off begins on June 9th and continues daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. through July 16th. Weekend (Friday – Sunday) Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



This much-anticipated ministry would not be possible without the efforts of an amazing group of dedicated and greatly appreciated volunteers. Starting about June 18th, our volunteers gather for great fellowship and service in one of our various departments. Opportunities to serve are available, even if you only have an hour to help. Pre-Sale shopping privileges are earned with only 10 hours of service, which must include one shift for each Sale Day and the clean-up days following The Sale. Light to more robust tasks are available and we also encourage our youth to participate with age appropriate jobs. We even have one family group who is represented by 5 generations.

One of our volunteers observed several years ago that the parking lot at WCC is always full in the summer, while most churches' lots are empty. There must be something very worthwhile and fun happening!

Over the two days of The Sale we will welcome nearly 2000+ guests who come to find just the right item at a very affordable price. Many have come for years, and one family schedules its family reunion to correspond with The Sale dates. The proceeds of The Sale are administered by the WCC Mission and Outreach Board in grants donated to local, national and international organizations. There are a number of "gift in kind" donations as well to various individuals in need and 501(c)(3) charitable groups. The total value of The Sale is difficult to determine, but it is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars making it WCC's single largest mission effort. Additionally, it is the largest non-worship ministry as measured by the number of volunteers— nearly 500.

Please consider donating or volunteering (or both) and experience the joy of service and fellowship that is Rummage at WCC. For information, or to join us, contact Bill Boulware, Director at bboulware@wayzatacommunitychurch.org or 952-473-8877, ext. 276.

Nifty Nineties Luncheon



"Be Our Guest," was the theme of an amazing Nifty Nineties & Friends luncheon gathering on Friday, May 11. The only qualification for attendance at this Disney-Themed Gala was 87 years of life experience.

Minnie Mouse was the Mistress of ceremonies. Our honored guests were treated to punch and appetizers served by Cinderella, lunch served by Woody and his buddy from Toy Story, Eeyore, one of the Three Bears, Bambi, Ariel, a Norwegian Elf and a Hawaiian Princess, plus several handsome young adults from our Parables community. Disney music was performed by Princess Leia, Pinocchio, the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. A foursome led "I'm a Little Teapot" with audience participation while a shark and a Honeybee buzzed around spreading greetings. The event was highly acclaimed by all who attended!





Soup, Salad and Song
55 or better...
"The Best Lunch in Town"

For more than a decade, the 55 or better Lunch-Bunch has been gathering in Mithun Hall on the third Wednesday of the month for Soup, Salad and Song. With a dedicated group of hosts and hostesses, a variety of soups and salads and a whole table of desserts, it truly is the "Best Lunch in Town." Part of the experience is always music, and throughout the years the music offerings have been diverse and participatory.



Our final Soup, Salad and Song Luncheon of the program year was held on Wednesday, May 16. It was a truly inter-generational and inter-congregational event. The music was provided by the children of Redeemer Lutheran Church school—our neighbors right across Ferndale Road. Stay tuned for S3, coming again this fall!





In photo above (L-R), Jane Nibbe, Rev. Frank Bennett, Rev. Susan Finn, Rev. Lindy Purdy, Reid Shaw, Mary Jane Hochstein, and Mark Bayley.

Rev. Susan Finn Receives Aegis Award

Rev. Susan Finn is our May, 2018 recipient of the AEGIS award. We thank Susan for faithfully serving the Meridian Manor Community and Hillcrest Golden Living. In 2011, Susan served alongside Rev. Frank Bennett bringing years of critical care nursing experience and chaplaincy to this care ministry. In 2015, she took over as Sunday Worship leader coordinating and preaching at weekly services throughout the school year.

Susan thoughtfully connects with residents, prepares meaningful worship services, and coordinates lay leadership teams to care for this wonderful community each Sunday afternoon. Under Susan's care, the program doubled in size and a training program for lay leaders was set in motion. One lay leader shared that one of her Sunday highlights is being with Susan at Meridian Manor. Susan is loved by staff and residents in these close communities. Residents feel a part of WCC and appreciate her thoughtful touches like an order of worship program that includes the words to the songs in large print, eliminating the need for juggling a hymnal. Another lay leader shared that residents anticipate and enjoy being in this service every week. This is no 'worship duty' on the residents' part, but rather pure 'worship joy'.

Wayzata Community Church is grateful to Susan for her pastoral presence and leadership at Meridian Manor and Hillcrest Golden Living. We recognize her special gifts and thank her for her service by awarding her the Wayzata Community Church Aegis Award.

Finance Update

Throughout the spring our congregation's generosity fueled some amazing ministries like Easter Sunday and the Wizard of Oz.

Through April, we are flat to last year and \$32,109 below budget. We know this is a faithful and generous community and count on your continued financial support throughout the whole year.

This summer there is more inspiring ministry planned with Summer Camp, Summer Music+Message on the Lawn, and Vacation Bible School. As ministries continue throughout the summer, so do our church expenses. As you enjoy summer, please remember to keep your giving current.



Planned Giving

We are excited to inform you of the new Planned Giving initiative to support our faith community and our many ministries. We invite you to join the WCC Legacy Society, which honors those individuals who have remembered Wayzata Community Church in their wills and financial plans. This will include those who previously named the Heritage Foundation in their wills or estate plans.

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

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

A planned gift can be either a deferred gift, that occurs through naming WCC as a beneficiary of a will, trust, IRA, insurance policy or annuity, OR a gift such as cash, appreciated securities, real or personal property. A planned gift is one way to wisely use some of the personal resources God has entrusted to us. To learn more, please fill out the card in the Planned Giving brochure available in the pews, or contact Laura Janckila, Director of Operations, at (952) 473-8877 or Jim Rice, our Planned Giving Chairperson at jim_rice@ajg.com.

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Seminary has the power to shape and mold future leaders in profound ways. Four years ago Wayzata Community Church embarked on a new way of doing seminary. In direct partnerships with Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Kai Brewster and Hilary Flynn set off on a new paradigm in seminary learning. The new model allows seminarians to work embedded part-time with us while doing seminary remotely for four years. This approach allowed the learning to be fully contextualized to the church setting. We are very proud of our opportunity to learn alongside these students and test a new approach to learning.

We are very excited to announce that our first seminary student in this program is graduating this month. Kai Brewster is graduating with a master's degree in preaching. He just finished his master's thesis through a worship project called Holy Spirits. Within this thesis he explored what could happen if you took powerful music and story to where the people are, versus asking them to come within the church walls. Holy Spirits went live Sunday, May 6th at the Excelsior Brewing Company. We had an evening with incredible music and story focused around the idea of "Experiencing the Unexpected." Not only was this evening very well attended by the community, but it was full of life, joy, and beauty.

We would like to thank you as a community for your continued investment and support of our seminarians and our seminary program. We will be acknowledging Kai in an upcoming service and we encourage you to congratulate him on his profound accomplishment.



BAPTISMS

- Zachary James Ruedisili, son of Steve Ruedisili and Anne Harbison
- Louisa Gracy Winscher, daughter of Nicholas and Melodie Winscher
- Wyatt Scott Arvold, son of Andy and Nikki Arvold
- Noell Katherine Moore, daughter of Brandon and Katherine Moore
- Chloe Louise Moore, daughter of Brandon and Katherine Moore
- Evelyn Parrish Drill, daughter of Adam and Ashley Drill, granddaughter of Paul and Kathy Parrish
- Barrett Adam Drill, son of Adam and Ashley Drill, grandson of Paul and Kathy Parrish
- Walter John Hendel, son of Grant and Allison Hendel
- James Daniel Cathcart, son of Ryan and Kellie Cathcart

CARES

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

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Vicki Eriksson	Betsy Myers
Jim Oglund	Jack Webert

CONDOLENCES

- Betsy Houser and family on the death of her father, Peter Houser, on April 9, 2018.
- Mike Litch and family on the death of his father, James "Jim" Litch, on April 9, 2018.
- Julie Jorgensen and Kai Brewster and their family on the death of their mom and grandmother, Carol Jorgenson, on April 20, 2018.
- Susan and Jim Lees on the death of their aunt, Betty Roberts, on April 22, 2018.
- Friends and family of Debby MacRae on May 6, 2018.
- Jodi Foss and Trevon Foss and their family on the death of her grandmother and his great-grandmother, Margaret "Peg" Ward, on May 7, 2018.

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5:30 P.M. GATHERING+FOOD
6:30 P.M. MUSIC+MESSAGE
7:30 P.M. FELLOWSHIP+LEARNING



JUNE SERMON SERIES
COMMON GROUND: HOW
THREE WORLD RELIGIONS
SHARE A COMMON STORY



SUMMER CAMP AT BAY LAKE!
SESSIONS STARTING JUNE 10!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
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AUGUST 13-17
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annual **The Rummage Sale**

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