

FALL 2022 CATALOG

Wayzata Community Church

WORSHIP, GROW, ENGAGE, COMMUNITY, SERVE





REGISTER

- For information about Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School programs, please register to receive our Family Ministry emails— contact Kathy Handy at khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.
- Register for Fall classes and events at wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fall registration
- Sign up for our weekly email. Send a request to Mandi Lee, mlee@wayzatacommunitychurch.org
- 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

A Letter from Danielle & Steve



Dear Friends,

We are so excited about the beginning of the next chapter at Wayzata Community Church! WCC has always been a place for grace, connection, and renewal in the midst of a chaotic and busy world. We hope you will find fresh ways to grow, serve, learn, and move more deeply into community as we begin a new church year after so much time apart. We have designed worship services to fill your soul, classes to deepen your faith, and community groups to connect you with new people this fall.

Our staff and lay leadership teams are ready to gather around tables with you at Community meal and to serve our world together by including everyone in our call to “inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus”. Don’t let your fall schedule get so busy

that you miss out on being a part of what God is doing at WCC. God is inviting us all to listen to the ways we can love our neighbors and grow in faith for the sake of reflecting the light of Christ to the world.

We can’t wait to see you soon,

Rev. Danielle Jones and Rev. Steve Wiens
Co-Lead Ministers

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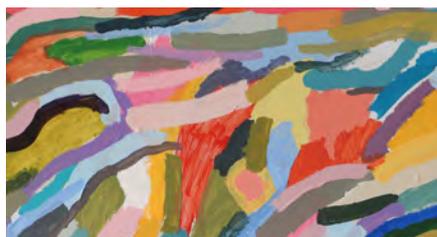
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WORSHIP

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

FALL 2022 WORSHIP

Beginning Rally Sunday, September 18

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

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

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship: Our contemporary worship style includes a variety of music, 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 special needs and their families. Services are designed to welcome everyone just as they are with music, an inspiring message, and connections in community. *

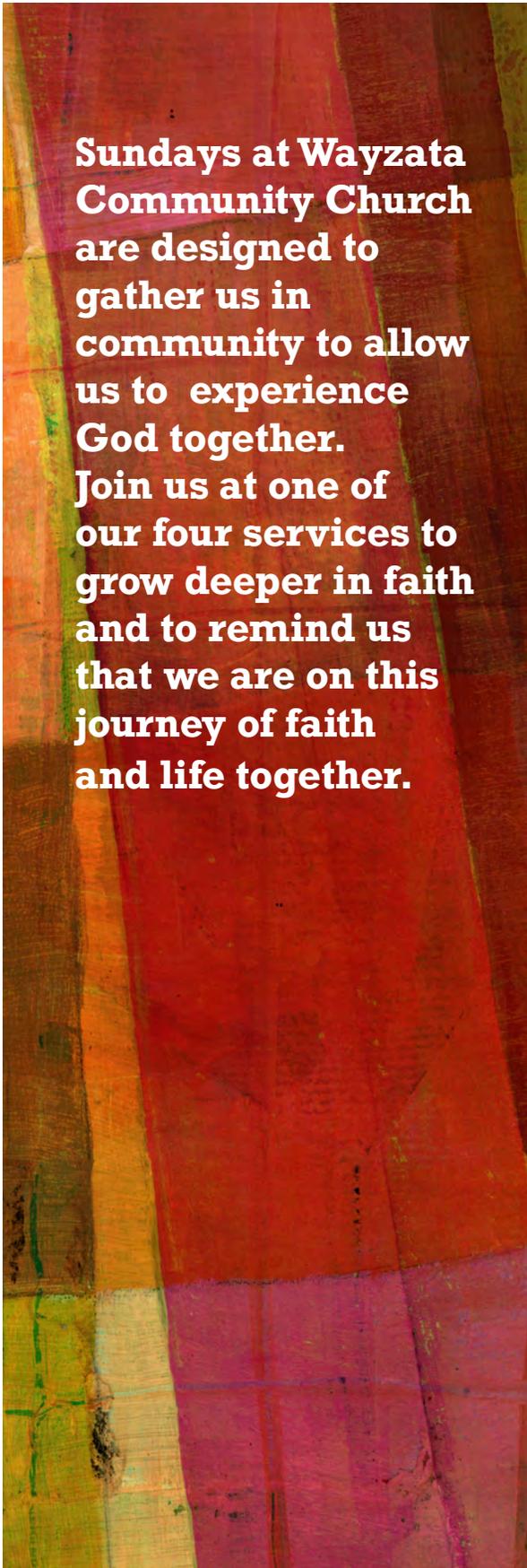
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship: Join us for organ and hymn-based worship that has a liturgical feel and includes an inspiring message each week. *

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



ALL-CHURCH CELEBRATION SUNDAY Sunday, September 11

Join us for the last Sunday of Summer worship! Following the 10:00 a.m. service, we will gather in Founders Hall and outdoors for some tasty treats. Our Community Meals executive chef, Timmy G., will be serving sample plates of his delicious fare. Be sure to stop by the Community Meal on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:30 p.m. and experience new menus being offered this year. (Read more about Community Meals on page 18.)



Sundays at Wayzata Community Church are designed to gather us in community to allow us to experience God together. Join us at one of our four services to grow deeper in faith and to remind us that we are on this journey of faith and life together.

RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 18

Fall worship starts on Rally Sunday, with services at 8:00 a.m. (Chapel), 9:00 a.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary), 10:15 a.m. Parables (Chapel), and 10:30 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary). Join us for the kick-off of fall Sunday programs for children and youth. See the Family Ministry pages of this catalog for information about Sunday programs for Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School youth.



THE NEXT CHAPTER SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

September 18 & 25 and October 2

As we cross the threshold into the next season of our life together as a congregation, it's important for us to get crystal clear on our priorities as a church. Join Danielle Jones and Steve Wiens as they share the pulpit each week to explore the three unique priorities on which we'll spend most of our time and energy in this important and exciting next chapter together.

GENEROSITY

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

October 9, 16 and 23

How might we learn to become generous with our time, our energy, and kindness and even our money in a way that authentically flows from who we are and what we value? What changes do we need to make so we have enough space and energy to give of ourselves in ways that bring goodness to the world? Join Steve Wiens and Danielle Jones as we explore what real generosity is and how to cultivate it in our lives together.



THE HOLY SPIRIT: YOU ARE NOT ALONE NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

October 30, November 6, 13 and 20

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of someone who is trying to follow Jesus in a changing world? Can we learn to hear God's voice in our lives in a way that feels comforting and also in a way that gives us guidance? Join Danielle Jones and Steve Wiens as they describe how the Holy Spirit works, how to learn to pay attention to our lives, and how we can feel supported by God and feel less alone.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

TUESDAY ADULT CLASS



Deeper Faith for Everyday Living *
Tuesdays
September 27-November 7
9:00 - 10:15 a.m., Piper Library
Led by Rev. Danielle Jones

Our pursuit of our best life is a worthy endeavor but it will not satisfy the deep longings of our soul. What satisfies our soul is cultivating a deeper relationship with God and using our gifts to love and serve others. If you have been wanting to deepen your faith but you just don't know how, join Danielle Jones for a 7 week exploration of faith questions and practices.

We will meet for seven sessions during the fall using the book *Companions of Christ: Ignatian Spirituality for Everyday Living* as our guide. Sessions will be focused on building community, listening, and looking for God in daily life. Cost is \$20 for materials.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

Come together in community to deepen relationships, grow in faith, and to take time to intentionally nurture your spiritual life. **NOTE: Classes will not be held on October 19, MEA weekend.**

Things that Abide: Faith, Hope and Love *
Wednesdays September 14, 21 and 28
4:00 p.m., Colonnade
Led by Rev. Mike Halleen

The Apostle Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 13:13) that in the midst of all the choices and changes we find in life, there are three constants upon which we can rely. We need not pray for faith, hope or love. They are already with us; they "abide." We need only to practice them.

In this class we'll discuss the meaning of each, share stories of how they have strengthened us in the past, and think of ways we can find benefit today through these "abiding" gifts from God. This class will be led by Mike Halleen, longtime pastor and regular attendee at WCC.



Wrestling with the Word *
September 14, 21 and 28
6:30 p.m., Colonnade
Led by Rev. Dan Stark

People of faith have struggled for ages to deal with stories of violence in sacred scripture. Can any word of hope be found in "texts of terror"?

Join Rev. Dan Stark for an exploration of the stories we don't tend to hear on Sunday mornings. Together we will get curious about and wrestle with some of the Bible's most challenging passages.

Odd Stories from the Bible *
Wednesdays, October 26-November 9
10:00 a.m., Colonnade
Led by Rev. Mike Halleen

The Bible holds some strange and hard stories. What are we to make of them: Jael and Sisera, Jephthah and his daughter, the sufferings of Job, Jacob cheating his brother, Jonah and the great fish, and many more? We won't try to explain or defend them, but we will ask why they are there. What can we learn from them? If we were to try to make a similar point today, how would we do it? What stories would we tell? This class will be led by Mike Halleen, longtime pastor and regular attendee at WCC.



Midrash: Exploring the Bible with Curiosity and Imagination *
Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 26
and November 2, 9 & 16
4:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., Colonnade
Led by Rev. Steve Wiens

Midrash is a Jewish way of engaging with scripture that began in the ancient world and continues today. The

early rabbis felt free to ask questions about narratives of the biblical text, not only in the words written, but also in between and beyond it, in a spirit of discovery. Join Steve Wiens this fall for a conversational journey through some of the bible's most interesting passages using the layered Midrash approach, which provides space to ask questions with the layers of the human experience. Feel free to come to just one or two or all six; the content in each class will stand alone.

THURSDAY MORNING FAITH BIBLE STUDY



**Thursdays
beginning September 22
10:00 a.m. in the Colonnade
Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy**

Faith Bible Study starts up again on Thursday, September 22. 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.
via ZOOM beginning September 24**

Seekers is a discussion group. The topics are varied, social justice, faith formation and theology, current events, talk about opinion pieces we have read, challenges for us as individuals, our church, and communities in which we reside. Sometimes we have a guest speaker or listen to a video or film. Learn something new from many wise, reflective thinkers or meet a new friend. Courageous listening is encouraged.

Valerie Kaur describes some practices. “Deep listening is an act of surrender. We must risk being changed by what we hear. When we really want to hear another person’s story we need to leave our preconceptions at the door and draw close to their telling. We need to quiet our responses and not just partially listen... The most critical part of listening is asking what’s at stake for the other person. Try to understand what’s important to them, not what you think is important.”

If you are interested in learning more about this group we’d like to hear from you. Contact Judy Reed at reed-dj2@comcast.net. We’ll add you to our active members list and share the Zoom code. Usually we send a weekly email a day or so prior to Saturday and let you know the topic for that week. We hope you can fit us into your fall schedule. All are welcome!

Note: Occasionally we will meet in-person, announcing that information as plans are put in place. We do not meet over major holiday weekends— so no meeting Thanksgiving weekend.

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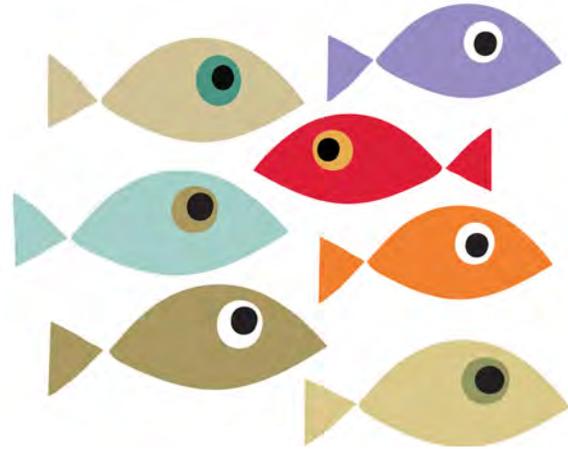
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Welcome



Welcome back! A change in season always comes with mixed emotions. Some of us are holding onto these last few warm days while others are already filling their homes with everything pumpkin spice. But along with the change in season comes our return to Parables Worship on Sundays, Wednesday programming, Friendship Group and more. We can all agree that the routine and consistency of showing up to church and being in community is the best season! I look forward to the energy of the church once again being full with all of YOU! May we come together to share our faith, love and hope!

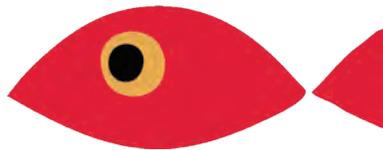
Michele Ramert
Director of Special Needs Ministry



PARABLES RESPITE AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP *
Fridays, September 16 and November 11,
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Great Hall (Gym)

Parables Respite and Friendship Group is returning and will be offered once a month, alternating Friday nights and Saturday mornings. ALL ages and stages are invited to come hang out at WCC for some time with friends. We keep it fun with open gym, arts and crafts, a movie room and lots of games! \$25 covers the cost of all activities and a meal. Scholarships are available; please contact Michele Ramert, mramert@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.



PARABLES SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

POW — PARABLES ON WEDNESDAYS *
4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Gym and Labs

Join Ms. Jodie and Michele in the Gym each week for a fun, faith filled experience! We will explore a Bible story, sing, dance and have hands-on activities.

AWE ADULT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS *
6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Holmes Room

Our first series this fall is going to focus on the Fruit of the Spirit and how we can apply these to our friendships. Together we will share ideas and skills that help us build healthy relationships with our families, friends, colleagues and God!



BOOK CLUB FOR FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**Wednesdays, September 28, October 12, 19 & 26
6:30-7:30 p.m., Onan Room**

Lindy Purdy will be leading a book club based on the book "Sharing Love Abundantly In Special Needs Families." You will spend 4 weeks exploring the 5 Love Languages that you and your family members identify with. This book inspires and equips you to live out your faith as you interact with those you love.

**SPECIAL EVENT
MOM'S FALL RETREAT**

**Friday, September 30 to Saturday, October 1
Episcopal House of Prayer**

This retreat is just a quick drive from the Twin Cities, yet you will be transported to a peaceful and spiritual location. The retreat is led by Lindy Purdy, Autumn Toussaint and Michele Ramert. Our time together will include prayer, meditation, thoughtful conversation, music/singing, games and outdoor time. This retreat will offer space for you to be cared for. Cost: \$130 per person.

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HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Welcome



Hi, my name is Mike, and I'm the new Director of High School Ministry here at WCC! I have a passion for music, comedy, games, and of course, youth ministry. My wife's name is Sarah, and we live in Robbinsdale with our

daughter Sadie, and brand new son, Elliot.

The core of our ministry happens on Wednesday nights. At our gatherings, we'll meet up for games, music, great conversations, and plenty of surprises along the way. Our leaders are committed to making a fun, engaging and safe space for students to be who they are and grow deeper in faith and friendship.

We have some great retreats and even more events on the horizon as well, so stay tuned! If you don't already receive the FMT weekly newsletter, please email khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org to be added to the list.

Mike Solberg
Director of High School Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS ✨

Beginning September 14

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Loft

Wednesday nights are the center of High School programming at WCC. Each week we will gather in the Loft! We have a new format this year that we know high schoolers are going to love! Each week students will 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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2023 ✨

Confirmation Orientation is Sunday, October 2 at 10:15 a.m. in the Loft at WCC

At WCC, confirmation focuses on three C's: Community, Conversation, and Christ. Confirmation is a year long program that is designed to help students explore their faith, make new connections and friends, and to wrestle with big questions in this transitional time of life. The fee for the confirmation class is \$100.

The confirmation experience has been redesigned and will include the following pieces:

- Wednesday night High School Gatherings. Confirmation students will be encouraged to attend High School Ministry gatherings on Wednesday nights.
- Every other Sunday we will gather at 10:15 a.m. for Confo Sundays. This will be a time for just 9th graders to come together and dig deeper into topics like: why faith? Who was Jesus? Is the Bible still relevant? and more.
- Confirmation students are encouraged to attend the Fall Retreat at Camp Friendship, November 4-6th.
- Confirmation is open to all students who are Freshman in High School. Registration is required. To register for Confirmation, please visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration.



SPECIAL EVENTS
HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT *
Friday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m.-
Sunday, November 6 at Noon
Camp Friendship

November is the perfect time to get away with your friends and hit the reset button! Mark your calendar for an incredible weekend of fun, relaxation, ridiculous games, small groups, community and more! The cost for this weekend of awesomeness is \$160. Scholarships are available. Register at www.wayzata-communitychurch.org/fallregistration.

TURKEY BOWL
Wednesday, November 23
3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Middle School field

Join us for the annual High School 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 game begins at 3:00 p.m. on the field directly behind the church and ends with pizza and the trophy ceremony in Mit-hun Hall. 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



Wednesdays *

**Crossroads, beginning September 14
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Corner**

Each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. we invite 6-8th grade students to gather in the Middle School Corner for youth group. Our mid-week program includes music, skits, games, small groups, and a message. With amazing adult leaders, our small groups are designed as a place for students to explore God's amazing love while learning more about who they are called to be.

Wednesday Opening Series: How To Be Awesome

**Crossroads, beginning September 14,
6:30-8:00pm, The Corner**

Our opening series for youth group is "How to be Awesome," a study of the book of James. Not long after Jesus left Earth, James wrote this practical letter to the believers who were working out what their new lives as Christ-followers should look like, making James an excellent book for those new to faith or for mature believers to get back to basics. The music and messages of the first 5 weeks of youth group will be centered on this beautiful book verse by verse in a way that is fun and engaging for Middle Schoolers!

Welcome



Brian Jones is serving as our Interim Middle School Director. He is familiar to WCC, as he led the successful launch of our first DOUGH grants in 2020/2021 and has helped with our Middle School program during its recent staff transition. Brian holds a Master of Arts in Youth and Family Ministry and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Asbury Theological Seminary. He has a long history in Youth Ministry, serving in Newnan, GA and Edina, MN, as well as deep experience in a variety of mission trip and camp settings.



Sundays *

Beginning September 18

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

Led by Steven Olan

Join us in the Middle School Corner every Sunday for a light breakfast and some gathering games before we dive into the Bible through games, discussion, crafts, and more! All 6th, 7th & 8th graders gather together for this more relaxed time to get to know one another! Throughout the year, when something special is happening in worship, we will attend church with our families.

SPECIAL FUN EVENT!

Ole Melonmasher's Mysterious Maritime Treasure Hunt *

Sunday, October 16, 4-8:30 p.m.

It's a wild scramble to be the first team to find the treasure hidden in Wayzata! Teams of Middle Schoolers will be assigned a trusted and responsible adult leader who will safely drive the students around Lake Minnetonka to solve riddles, gather GPS treasure caches, and photograph themselves in super silly scenarios. But the comical ghost of Ole Melonmasher won't let his treasure be discovered so easily! Oh no, he'll haunt the teams the entire way... Registration is required. Cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt and snack. Middle schoolers are encouraged to invite friends!

Milestones

6th Grade Milestone: A Time of Change *

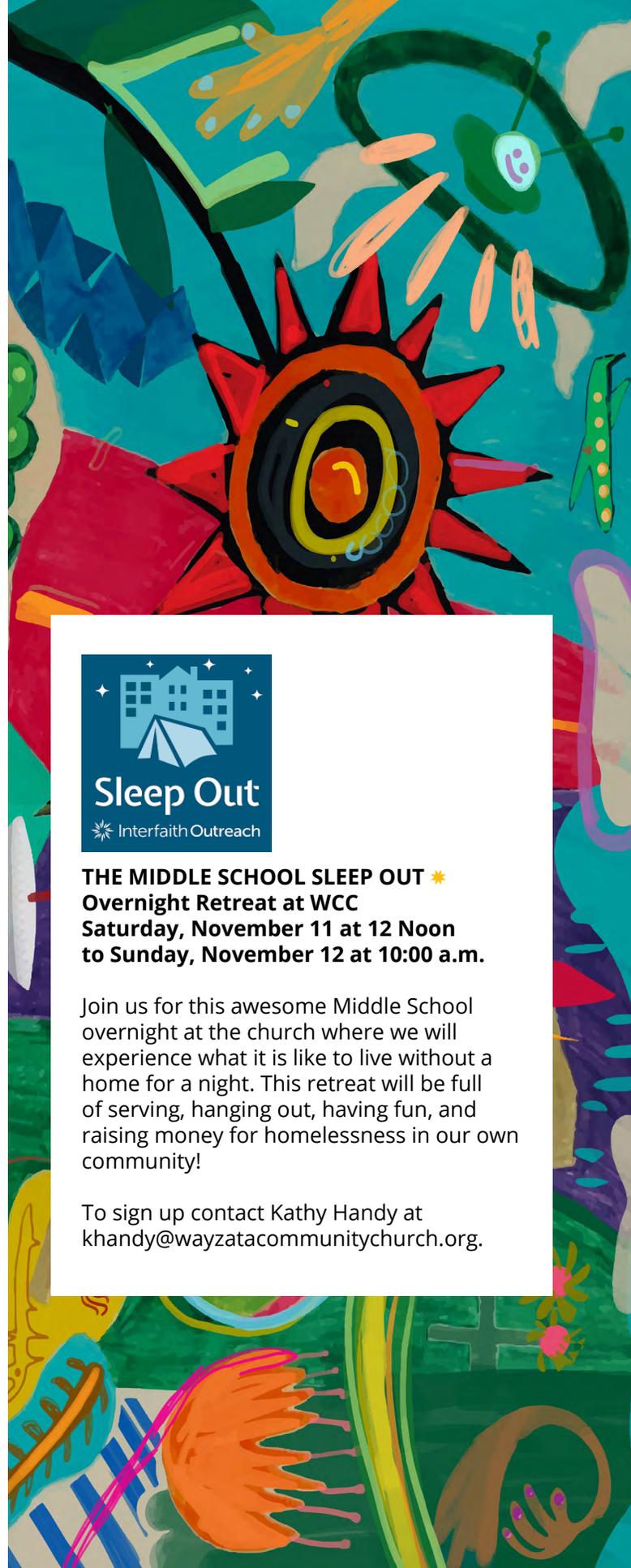
Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m.

Community Room

"Squirrels, Dragons, and Cuddle Bears:

Helping Parents Understanding Middle School Brain Development"

We will explore some of the mental, emotional, and physical transitions occurring in the life of a 6th grader.



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SLEEP OUT *
Overnight Retreat at WCC
Saturday, November 11 at 12 Noon
to Sunday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for this awesome Middle School overnight at the church where we will experience what it is like to live without a home for a night. This retreat will be full of serving, hanging out, having fun, and raising money for homelessness in our own community!

To sign up contact Kathy Handy at khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINISTRY



Welcome



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

Jodie Nyberg, Director of Elementary Ministry and Early Childhood Ministry

JOIN US ON RALLY SUNDAY!

Children of all ages are invited to join us for Rally Sunday on September 18, as we welcome in the new year of programming!

KINDERGARTEN BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 18 in 9:00 a.m. worship

All new Kindergarteners are invited to join us on Rally Sunday, September 18 at the 9:00 a.m. service for a Blessing of the Backpacks. Just bring your backpack to church, sit with your parents, and we will call you up for this special blessing. All kids will also receive a blessing bag and cross keychain to wear on your backpack to remind you that your church family and God loves you and are praying for you in this big new adventure!!

GRACELAND SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-5th grade) *

Beginning September 18

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

FAITH AND FUN WEDNESDAYS! *

September 14, 2022 through May 2023

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

For ages K-5th grade

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

WEDNESDAY OPEN GYM

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

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

Special Events

4TH GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE *

**Thursdays, October 20 & 27 and November 3 & 10
6:30-7:45 p.m. in Mithun Hall**

All 4th graders receive their very own beautiful Spark Bible in a celebration in the sanctuary on November 13 at 9:00 a.m. To prepare for this big day, 4th graders and parents are invited to attend our 4th grade Milestone classes. Each week we'll explore the Bible and our faith in an interactive and fun way. You won't want to miss these classes. Mark your calendar today! Thursdays in the gym on October 20 & 27, and November 3 & 10. Registration links will be sent out to families.

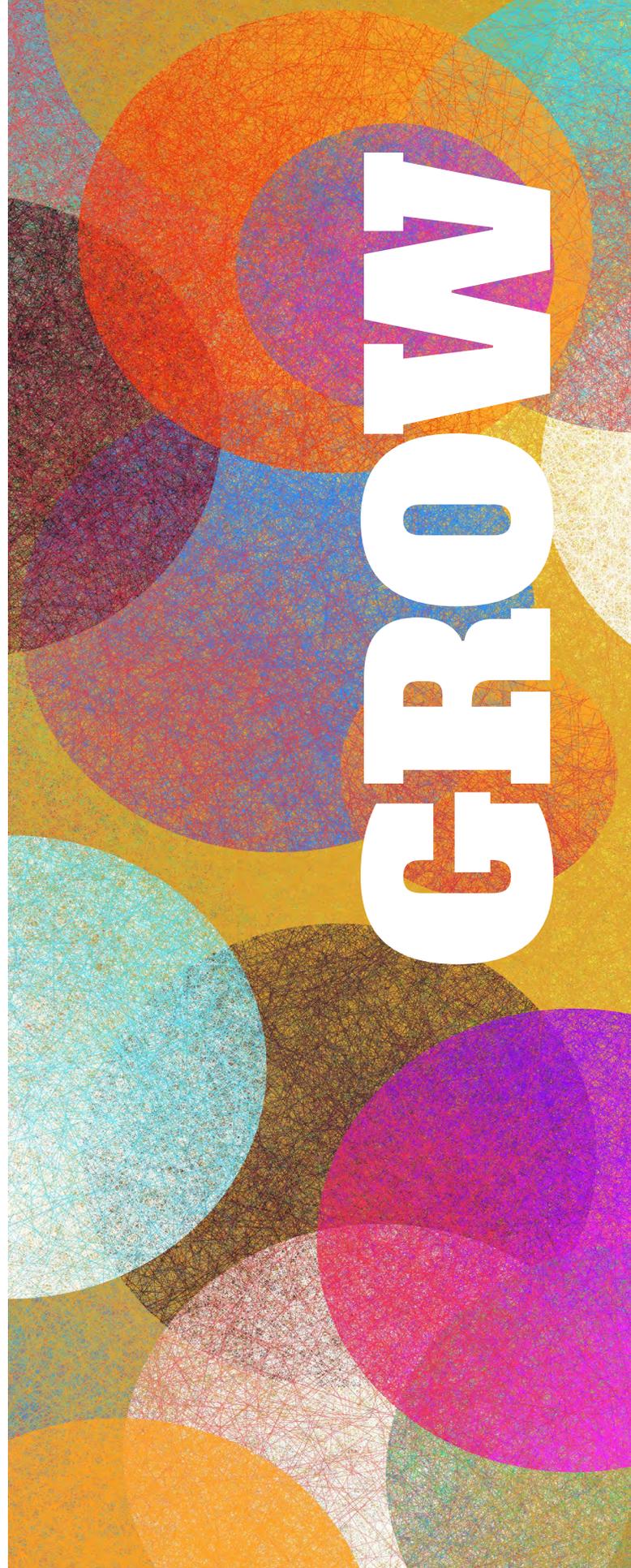


KIDS NIGHT OUT *

For kids ages 3 through 5th grade

**Fridays, September 23, October 14, November 18
5:30-9:30 p.m. in the Gym**

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





EARLY CHILDHOOD

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

For ages Birth-PreK

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

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

LITTLEST ANGELS WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir (Ages 2-PreK) *

Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 14 5:00-5:30 p.m., Community Room

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

Parenting In Faith

September 28, October 26, November 16 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Planet Hollywood (off the Community Room)

Once a month Early Childhood parents are invited to gather in Planet Hollywood for our new "Parenting in Faith" program. Each month we'll provide time to share and grow as we explore the high and holy calling of parenting in the early years. Throughout the year we'll dive into many topics and will provide time to share our parenting experiences. Parenting in Faith will meet monthly through May 2023.

OPEN GYM FOR TINY TOTS

Wednesdays

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

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

TRUNK OR TREAT ALL-CHURCH EVENT

Saturday, October 29

For Early Childhood through Adults

1:00-3:00 p.m. in the WCC parking lot

All families are invited to attend our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wear a costume, bring a treat bag, and safely trick or treat throughout the parking lot!

Volunteers are also needed to host trunks on this day! Decorate your trunk, pass out treats and celebrate the fall season together! Look for registration for both trunk decorators and trunk or treating in the weeks ahead. (There is a \$5 participation Trunk or Treater fee for this event.)

WCC NURSERY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN BALL *

Friday, October 28

5:30-7:00 p.m., East Entrance/Mithun Hall

Dress up your little ones and celebrate Halloween with your friends! Join us for DJ entertainment, Halloween snacks, spooky crafts and a fabulous raffle to benefit WCCNS. Tickets: \$10 per child in advance, \$30 max per family or \$15 per child at the door. The Halloween Ball is sponsored by the Wayzata Community Church Nursery School, and all are welcome!



FALL CONCERT SERIES

Please join us for a series of Sunday afternoon concerts this Fall. The concerts are free. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 23

3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Stephen Self will present a piano recital of works by American composers, ending with George Gershwin's famous *Rhapsody in Blue* accompanied by a small group of instrumentalists.

Sunday, November 6

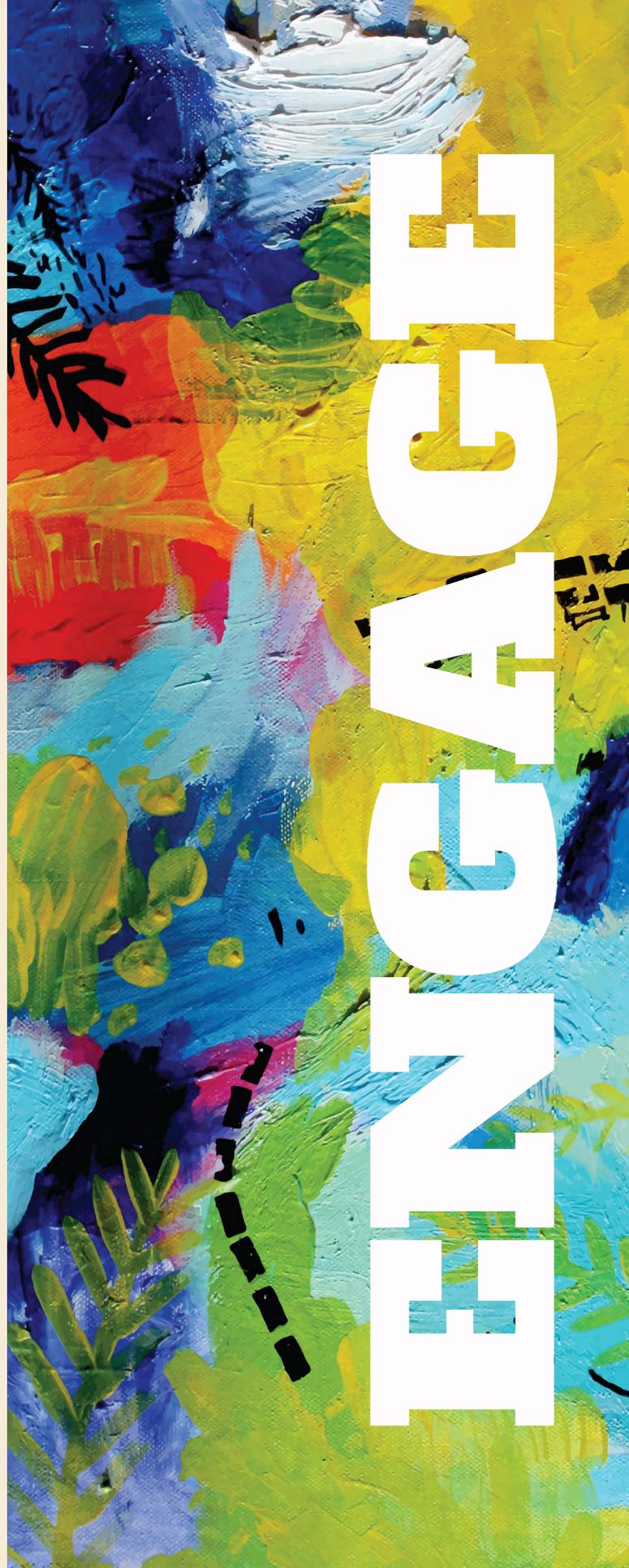
3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir will present Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem* on All Saints' Sunday, accompanied by a small orchestra. Fauré intended this beautiful work to reflect "a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

Sunday, November 13

3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Stephen Self will present an organ recital of works that demonstrates the majesty and various colors of the magnificent Hendrickson organ.



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 June, in our Traditional service. The choir is led by Stephen Self.

Celebration Choir *

**Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 14
6:30-7:15 p.m.**

Gracenotes Choir Room

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

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

**Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 14
5:45-6:15 p.m.**

Gracenotes Choir Room

Disciples Plus is a dynamic group of teenagers, regardless of previous school choir experience, who lead musically at WCC in many different ways. Our mission is to teach youth to use their talents for Christ, instill a heart of worship, and have fun. They learn about singing, harmony, and rhythm, as well as vocal technique. We sing a variety of songs including Contemporary Christian, Traditional, Pop, and everything in between - training the next generation of Worship Leaders. Directed by Patrick Morgan & Autumn Toussaint.

3rd-5th Grade Choir *

**Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 14
5:30-6:00 p.m., Gracenotes Choir Room**

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

K-2nd Grade Choir *

**Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 14
5:00-5:30 p.m., Gracenotes Choir Room
Led by Autumn Toussaint**

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

Cherub Choir (Ages 2-PreK) *

**Wednesday Rehearsals beginning September 14
5:00-5:30 p.m., Community Room
Led by Jodie Nyberg**

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

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



HELLO NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS

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

Our next New Member Classes will be held on:

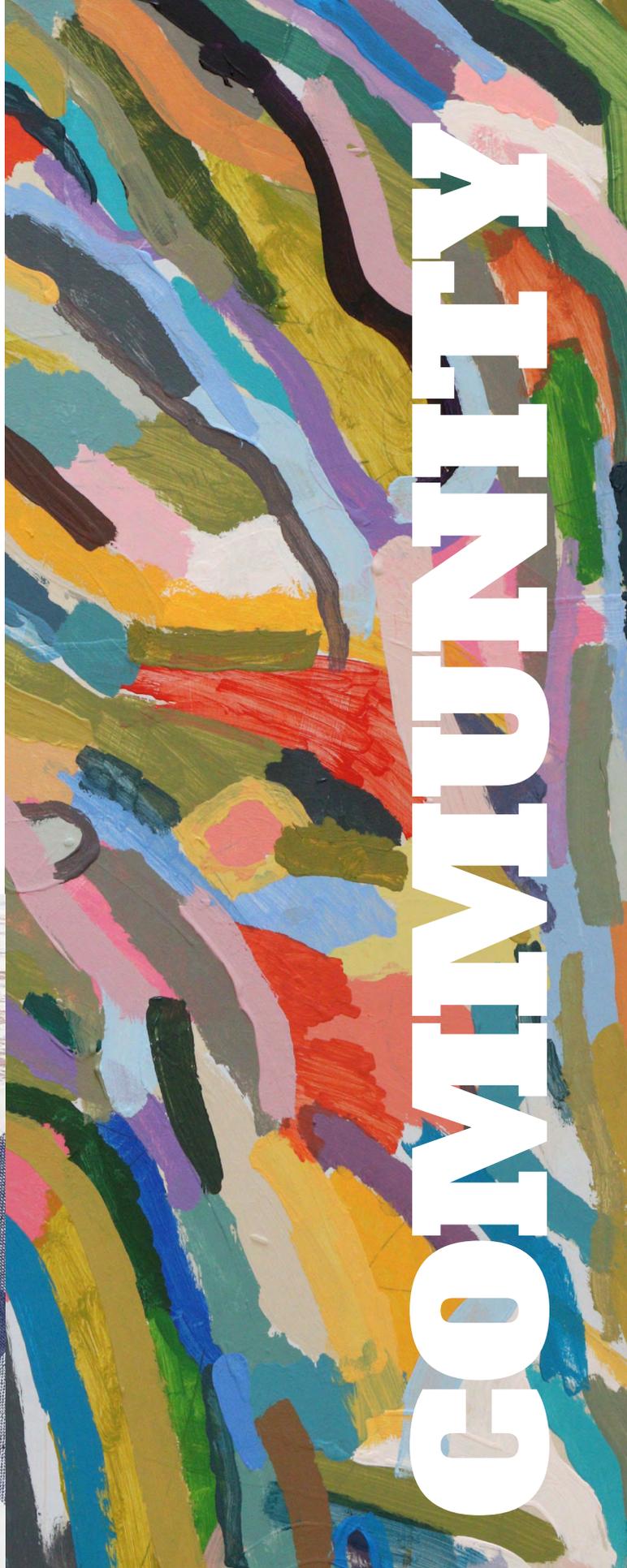
- **Sunday, October 2, 2022** at 10:15 a.m. in the Piper Library
- **Wednesday, October 5, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. in the Piper Library
- **Sunday, November 13, 2022** at 10:15 a.m. in the Piper Library
- **Wednesday, November 16, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. in the Piper Library

To register, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/fallregistration

COMMUNITY MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:15-6:30 P.M.
MITHUN HALL
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14

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



COMMUNITY



SOUP, SALAD, AND SONG **THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 20 AND NOVEMBER 17** **11:30 A.M. IN MITHUN HALL**

We are excited to announce that our monthly SOUP, SALAD AND SONG lunches will be returning this fall! Take note of the new time and day. Our eager crew of volunteers make this event so very special by setting the space, providing a variety of soups and salads, and serving all who come to share this special time. There will always be some music and fun to start our time together. No registration is needed. If you are able, bring a dessert, salad, bread, appetizers, or any favorite of yours. Your additions make our meal so very festive. We love it when you bring a guest or 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 sandyfreyseibert@gmail.com. For transportation options, please contact Vicki Thompson at 612-270-4458 or peterthompson9@comcast.net

THIRD THURSDAY READERS

**Thursdays, September 15,
October 20, and November 17
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. Upcoming books:

September 15: *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel*, by Amor Towles
October 20: *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann
November 17: *Jayber Crow*, by Wendell Berry

THIMBLE BEES

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



Fall Dates

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

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

Contact: Kathy Smith at ksmith3600@aol.com



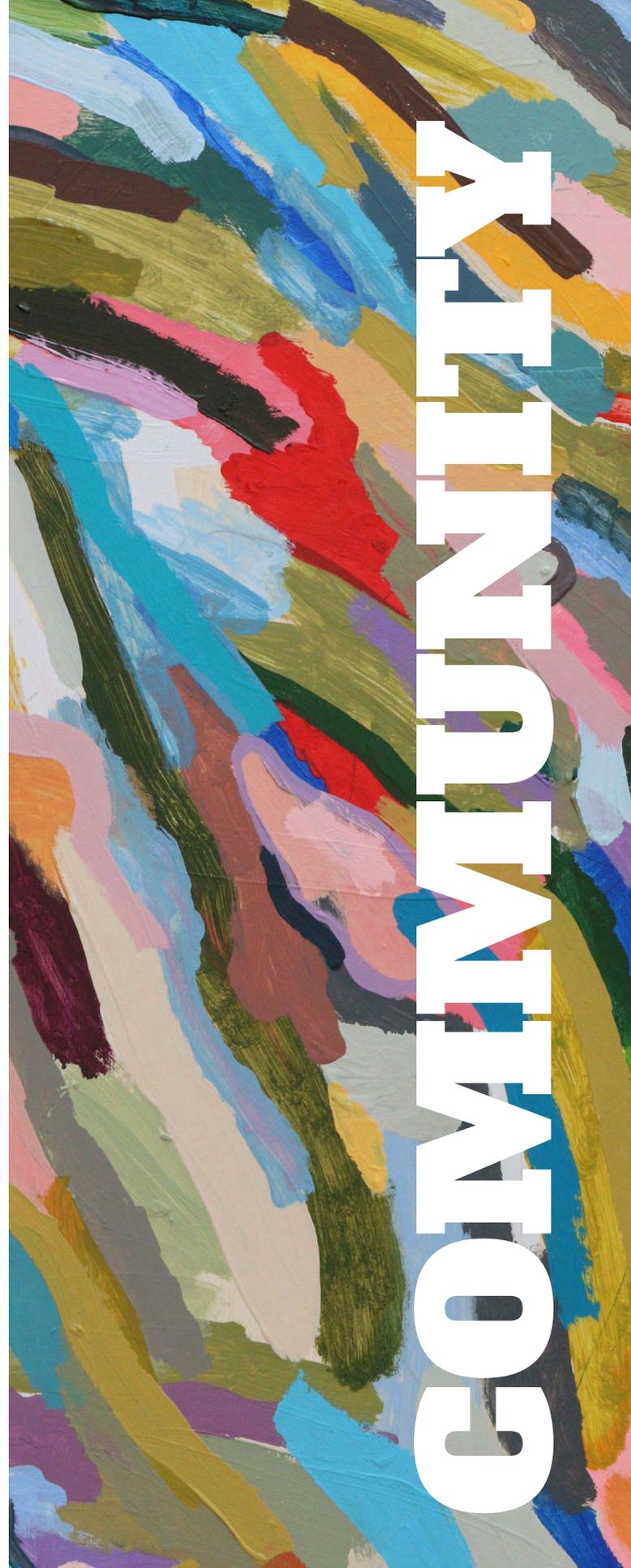
**FALL ART EXHIBIT
ARTIST JEAN HAEFELE**

**September 28 - November 6
in the Gallery Hall (outside the Chapel)
Artist's Reception - Sunday, October 2,
9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Gallery Hall**

The art, whether collage, mixed media, watercolor or acrylic, emphasizes color, texture and composition.... is sometimes abstract, other times loosely representational. The viewer should have fun! The artist, Jean Haeefele, likes variety and continually experiments with new materials and techniques. Rules are seldom followed. Much of the art portrays a visual story and incorporates an expressive, playful perspective.

Jean has a B.S. degree in art from Iowa State University, has taught art on the secondary level and has done work for many organizations over the years. She continues to exhibit widely and is an active member of the Hopkins Center for the Arts and Manamore.

Join the Art & Design Committee for an Artist's Reception on Sunday, October 2 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Gallery Hall.





COMMUNITY GROUPS

Have you ever wanted to be in a small group but you didn't know how to get started? Have you ever wished you could find good materials for a small group? Do you like to not only talk about your faith but actually grow in faith, service and relationships with others?

Community Groups are a new set of small groups to help you get connected with other people at WCC while learning more about God, one another, and serving the world together.

WHEN DO COMMUNITY GROUPS MEET?

You will choose the time and dates that work for you and your group.

Small groups will gather and get organized 2-3 times per year. Fall Session groups will meet from October-January (once per month).

HOW DO I JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP?

Those who want to be in a community group can:

- Gather people together that they would like to be in a group with.

GO NIGHT: GET STARTED IN A COMMUNITY GROUP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 4:00 P.M., COLONNADE

On Go Night your whole group comes to church for our kick-off event. While at Go Night you will have time to meet your group, decide on your dates for the next four months, and choose from several small group material options. These groups do not require one leader — members take turns facilitating the time using the materials we will provide.

We encourage you to find your own group. If you choose the people you want to be with, you are more likely to stay committed to meet together. BUT we hope you will also invite others you don't know to join you too!

If you are open to having people join you, let us know when you sign up online.

- If you don't know anyone who you would like to be in a group with, sign up online and we will find a group for you.

- The ideal size for a group is 8-12 participants. Your group chooses the day and time that works best to meet. Groups are welcome to meet in spaces provided at church. Young parents with children are encouraged to meet during a time when we offer regular kid's programming, so you can take advantage of your kids being cared for while you meet. Groups can also meet in homes or other spaces.

WHAT WILL OUR GROUP USE FOR MATERIALS?

We will provide three different learning tracks for your group to choose from on Go Night. Folders will include group meeting outline, discussion questions for your meetings and a list of mission opportunities for you to choose from.

TO REGISTER

Sign up online at www.wayzata-communitychurch.org/fallregistration to get started in a Community Group. Contact Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org for more information.

CARE

PASTORAL CARE TEAM AND CARING COMMUNITY MINISTERS

We would love to visit you or your loved one. If you would like a phone call or visit please let us know by calling 952-473-8877, or email Rev. Dan Stark at dstark@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

In Spring 2020, 15 Caring Community Ministers (CCMs) were called to serve the Wayzata Community Church congregation in pastoral care needs, serving alongside our Pastoral Care clergy team. They each received more than 30 hours of pastoral training and are equipped to serve all who are in need of a listening ear and spiritual guidance. If you would like to connect with a Caring Community Minister, please send an email to dstark@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

We encourage you to contact us in matters such as:

- Hospitalization of a member or close family member
- Upcoming surgery or therapeutic engagement
- Death of a family member
- Extended illness of self or family member
- Personal or family emergency or crisis
- Need for referral to counselor or support group
- Requests to be included on the Prayer Chain

CARE FOR CAREGIVERS

**Fourth Thursday of each month
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Care of You Coffee

Led by Dana Essex, PhD

Are you providing supportive care to someone you love — an aging parent, a family member, or a friend? Whether you are giving in-person care, long-distance support, or something in between, Care for Caregivers brings us together to share our caregiving experience with others. Join us for confidential conversation and encouragement on the fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Care of You Coffee in the WCC gym. All are welcome whenever you can attend. Our first Fall meeting is September 22.

Register to receive our monthly informative and supportive email. Topics include caregiver self-care, caregiver resources, spiritual care, and more. Contact Dana Essex, WCC Caring Community minister, at Dana@DanaEssex.com or 612-716-8357.



CARE



Our Mental Health Ministry will host a series of three Mental Health Forums again this year with mental health experts in our community. Please join us for the first of these forums on Thursday, September 29 in the Chapel.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY FORUM



“Awakening Faith Communities to Address Addiction”

Guest Speaker Pastor Ed Treat, Executive Director and Founder at the Center of Addiction and Faith Thursday, September 29

Wakefield Chapel, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The WCC Mental Health Ministry continues to provide resources to create community knowledge about and compassion for all people living with Mental Illness and/or Substance Use — they can often be related.

We do this through offering educational opportunities, advocating for support, and links to community support groups, classes, webinars, etc. as posted on our website and through announcements.

Join us for our first Forum on Thursday, September 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel with Pastor Ed Treat. No registration is required.

SERVE



BAKING WITH BRICKS TO BREAD *

Tuesdays during the fall

Two baking shifts: 9-11 a.m. and 11a.m.-3 p.m.

Dough winner and mission partner Bricks to Bread (B2B) is baking bread every Tuesday this fall to donate to families in need. B2B is working with SEEDS FEEDS to provide fresh bread and veggies from the garden to families in need through a free CSA food box program. If you would like to help bake bread, Nancy Alvarado will be baking bread each week at her outdoor oven. This is a great way to help our neighbors and to learn more about the work B2B is doing to empower women in Costa Rica through the Brick Oven program. If you would like to bake, contact Nancy Alvarado at nalvarado@brickstobread.org or Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

BRICKS TO BREAD OKTOBERFIESTA FUNDRAISER

Friday, September 30, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday October 2, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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

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



HELP RESETTLE A REFUGEE FAMILY

This fall we will be joining the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee program as a co-sponsor of a refugee family. Our job will be to serve as a welcome team to a family that has refugee status and is eligible to work and receive services in Minnesota. We will partner with this family for six months to help them get settled in a new home, to provide transportation to important appointments, to practice English and to help Minnesota feel like home. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Ann Shaw at ann.c.shaw1@gmail.com or Peter and Vicki Thompson at pthompson@hamline.edu.



EDITH'S HOUSE OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS



We have a wonderful opportunity to serve alongside Edith Perlin, founder of Edith's House. The mission of Edith's House is to help people who are struggling with addiction, homelessness, and job loss.

Edith's House reaches out to people who are struggling by making a connection through neighborhood ministry.

On the fourth Thursday of every month Edith sets up a table for one hour at either a street location where homeless people congregate, or at a day shelter where the homeless can rest and get a meal during the day. Edith uses this opportunity to reach out to the homeless community to talk about the shelter services she provides as well as to offer snack food, and hygiene items. Come and be part of her outreach team! If you are interested, please contact Jeff Johnson at (612) 310-5209.



FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

October 16-22

WCC providing food and meals

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Families Moving Forward continues to house homeless families in hotels instead of host churches. This October WCC will be providing food and meals for a week, for families who are staying in hotels with FMF. About a week before our hosting dates, we will receive of a list of the families and their needs and then we will email out a list of food items that are needed to take care of the families that will be staying with FMF. Food will be dropped off at WCC and some of our volunteers will bring the food to the hotel. If you would like to help provide food for our hosting week, please contact Dean Johnson at deanromness@gmail.com.

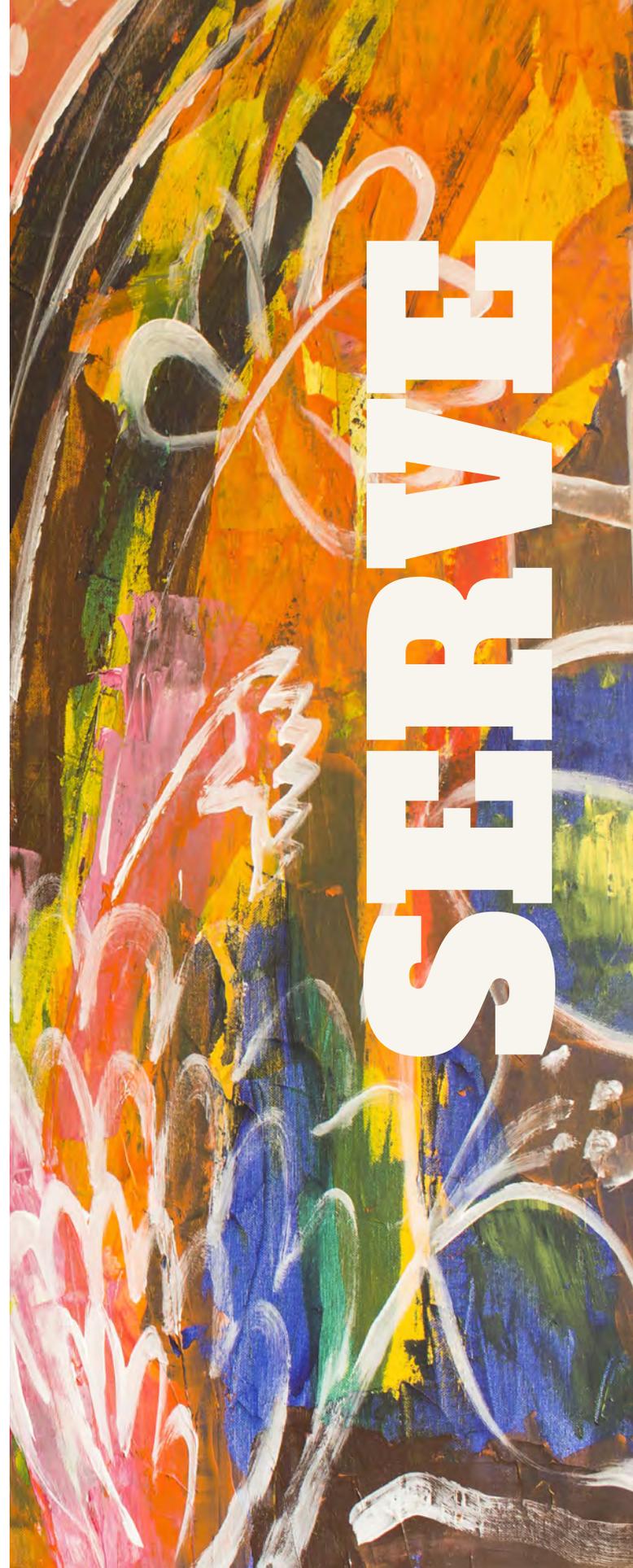


A VISION FOR HOME
A Conversation with Minnesota Gubernatorial
Candidates

Tuesday, September 13
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Minnesota is in a housing crisis that needs immediate and impactful action. In collaboration with the sponsor organizations, Wayzata Community Church will host a conversation with candidates for Governor about homelessness, housing instability, and home ownership. **Register for the event at <https://tinyurl.com/AVisionForHome>.**

This event is sponsored by ACER, Aeon, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Catholic Charities of St. Paul & Minneapolis, Equity in Place, Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota, HOME Line, Housing Justice Center, Lutheran Social Service of MN, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Minnesota Housing Partnership, Model Cities, New American Development Center NADC, Outreach Development Corporation, People Serving People, Project for Pride in Living, Inc., Simpson Housing, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, and Urban Homeworks.



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