

LENT & EASTER 2023 CATALOG

Wayzata Community Church



Welcome



Dear Members & Friends of Wayzata Community Church,

We begin our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday as we worship together with music, reflection, confession, and the imposition of ashes. Through Lent, we will focus the spiritual practice of seeking. Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance.

As we continue to embrace our work and mission to share God's inclusive love, we are grateful for the gifts of our faith community and the opportunities to worship together. We hope that in the pages of this catalog you will find ways that encourage you and speak to you. We confess and receive forgiveness together. We lift one another up and guide each other toward faith and growth. As we take our Spiritual walk with God to the cross and the empty tomb, we ready our hearts to find true life through His resurrection. Join us for the journey!

**Blessings,
Your Clergy and Ministry Staff**

**Register for Spring classes and events at
wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration**

For more information about our programs and events:

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

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Sunday Worship

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

8:00 a.m. Communion Service in the Chapel

Join us for this worship that includes traditional music, an inspiring message, and communion each week.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

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 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. *

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us for organ and hymn-based worship that has a liturgical feel and includes an inspiring message each week. *

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



During the season of Lent we will be serving communion at every one of our worship expressions.



Lent Sermon Series

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

February 26 – April 2

**Rev. Danielle Jones, Rev. Steve Wiens,
Rev. Dan Stark and Rev. Lindy Purdy preaching**

This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as followers of Jesus. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. We hope this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

Early Childhood Littlest Angels Sunday School 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.

Elementary

Graceland Sunday School (K-5th grade)

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

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

Middle School Sundays in the Corner

9:00-10:00 a.m.

On Sunday mornings, 6th-8th graders meet for games, Bible study, and awesome conversation. It is a relaxed morning complete with hot chocolate and breakfast treats.

Lent Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rev. Dan Stark preaching

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40 day season of fasting (not including Sundays) that is an imitation of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. Lent invites us into a prolonged time of self-reflection, fasting, service, and giving that prepares us for Easter.

We will worship together with music, reflection, confession, and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome to this service to begin your Lenten journey in community.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

April 2

Worship at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. Parables and 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, TENEBRAE WITH COMMUNION

April 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows", has been practiced by the church for hundreds of years. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's journey to the cross.

Music and Scripture Readings trace the story of Christ's final days on earth. As lights are extinguished, we remember Christ's deep and abiding love for us even as we also remember his suffering and death.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

April 7, 12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary

Join us for a mediative service of reflection to remember the death of Jesus. Readings and short meditations on the seven last words Jesus spoke on the cross will guide us through this meaningful worship service. Take time out of your day to remember Christ's love and sacrifice for us all.

LENT DEVOTIONS

If you would like to receive the Lenten devotions in your email every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent, please sign up at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 9

Join us for one of our joy-filled celebrations of the risen Christ!

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

Join us four blocks south of the church on Wayzata Beach to celebrate the resurrection together as the sun rises over the lake. Enjoy music, scripture readings, a short message and communion at this unique outdoor Easter morning gathering.

Traditional Worship with Communion 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Come celebrate Easter in the Chapel with communion, music, scripture and message. Together we will look for Christ who is risen!

Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christ is risen! Join us for a contemporary Easter celebration in the Sanctuary with music, scripture, children's message, and sermon. Join this joy-filled celebration of new life!

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

Come as you are to worship the risen Christ in community at our Parables service. This special worship celebration is focused on people with special needs and their families, but all are welcome to worship with music, message and communion.

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

This lively traditional Easter celebration will feature music from our Chancel Choir, organ and brass, Scripture readings and an inspiring message.



Adult

LENTEN CLASS

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the Colonnade

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Cost: \$15 for materials

Join Danielle Jones, Steve Wiens, Lindy Purdy and Dan Stark as we take a deeper look at the Lenten themes and topics preached on Sundays. Each participant will be given a Lenten Devotional Booklet along with Daily Prayer Cards you can use on your own or with others as we journey through Lent together.

Faith Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Colonnade

Led by Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

Join Lindy Purdy and Dan Stark as we take a deeper look at the Lenten themes and topics preached on Sundays. Each participant will be given a Lenten Devotional Booklet to use on your own or with others as we journey through Lent together.

Deepening Spiritual Connections in Daily Life

Mondays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

April 17 & 24, May 1 & May 8 in the Colonnade

Dana Essex, PhD, WCC Caring Community Minister

How often do you find moments of deep peace and satisfaction in your day-to-day life? How often does connection with other people, God, or nature make you feel more alive? How often are you touched by a sense of awe-inspiring beauty, compassionate love, or pure joy? Fortunately, research is suggesting that a regular practice of paying attention to experiences like these can help any of us find them more often, cultivating richer, deeper, and more satisfying lives.

Spiritual Connection in Daily Life, by Lynn Underwood, introduces sixteen simple questions that invite us to become more aware of our experiences such as peace, joy, sense of inner strength, and giving and receiving love. Our study will help us increase our awareness and find ways to deepen our spirituality through practice. We will also find a common language for sharing our differing spiritual beliefs with each other.

Saturday Seekers

Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Saturday Seekers is a lay-led discussion group sharing roles in leadership and a diversity of topics. All are welcome. We agree it's okay to respectfully disagree. We SEEK to learn and understand. We're growing our faith following in the ways of Jesus. How can we engage to develop healthy, holistic worldviews? How do we plant our gardens called life? What books, media and outside speakers might give us a boost? Throughout spring we'll continue Community Conversations on social justice and human rights. With occasional pastoral guidance we'll delve into some scriptural passages with a bit of Midrash and Readers' Theater. Watch for dates we'll share with Seekers.

Most Saturdays we meet via ZOOM. When that varies, we'll let you know in advance by email. (No meeting on April 8 and May 27.) If this sounds like you'd be interested, contact Judy Reed by email reeddj2@comcast.net.



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



Rev. Leslie Neugent

An Invitation to Living a Liberated Life

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We spend much of our life spinning on the hamster wheel of worldly demands, achieving, accruing, hoop jumping, and living by other people's agendas and expectations. Rev. Neugent challenges us to think about the existential questions of "Why the Heck am I Here? And What am I Going to do About it?" and "Have I Fulfilled My Mission Here on Earth, or is There More for me to Do?" Learn about ways to learn practical tools to set you on your unique path of growth to live into all you were created to be.

Rev. Neugent is a retired minister from Wayzata Community Church, where she founded and led WCC's beloved Parables Ministry. She speaks at conferences and works with churches to launch similar ministries of radical hospitality. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Northwestern University, and a Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary.



Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer

Director, Earl Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing

Cultivating Wellbeing in our Lives and Communities

Thursday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

According to the physician Atul Gawande, wellbeing is the very reason we want to be alive. In this presentation, Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer, the founder and director of the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota will talk about the determinants of wellbeing and ways that we can strengthen wellbeing in our lives and communities.

Mary Jo Kreitzer PhD, RN, FAAN is the founder and director of the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota where she also serves as a tenured professor in the School of Nursing. She has served as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator of numerous clinical trials focusing on mindfulness meditation with persons with chronic disease including studies focusing on solid organ transplant, cardiovascular disease, chronic insomnia, diabetes, and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease. Recent studies include the use of social technology to enhance healing and wellbeing and the impact of mindfulness on brain-computer interface performance. Dr. Kreitzer has authored over 150 publications and is the co-editor of the text Integrative Nursing 2nd Edition published in 2019 by Oxford University Press. She earned her doctoral degree in public health focused on health services research, policy and administration, and her master's and bachelor's degrees in nursing.



Ross Levin

Founder, Accredited Investors Wealth Management®

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Long an industry leader, Ross Levin, CFP, translates his expertise into meaningful conversations with clients about integrating their money and values. Levin was the first recipient of the Financial Planning Association's Heart of Financial Planning Award, and the inaugural recipient of *Financial Planning Magazine's* Lifetime Achievement Award. He currently serves as past chair of the University of Minnesota Foundation and as an ambassador for the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards in Washington, D.C. He is a regular columnist for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and *Financial Advisor* magazine as well as the author of *The Wealth Management Index*.

High School



Hello! In the spiritual life of the church, the season of Lent is such a great time for self-reflection and preparation to try and grasp the magnitude of God’s love for us. This is probably not a new practice for most of us, but we have the opportunity to look with fresh eyes each time. In the spirit of that practice, our High School ministry will be examining the life and teachings of Jesus in his ministry on earth — hopefully through a new lens.

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.

It’s a great time to reengage with the High School ministry. 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



**YOUTH GROUP
BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT ***
Sunday, March 5
5:15-7:30 p.m.
Recreation Outdoor Center
in St. Louis Park

Team up with the High School ministry students and leaders to take on some other churches from the metro in a one-night only broomball tournament at the ROC outdoor ice rink in St. Louis Park. No cost, just show up with warm outdoor clothes. Watch for details in upcoming emails.

WEDNESDAYS

Community Meal on Wednesdays

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

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

High School Wednesdays

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 gather in the Loft! Students experience hanging out with friends, games and skits that are fun (and maybe a little competitive), a talk that connects to faith and daily life, and small groups.

High School Band

Wednesdays

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



SPRING RETREAT *

April 28-30 at Camp Friendship, Annandale, MN

April 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 \$185. Scholarships are available. Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration.

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FAST FOOD FORMAL *

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 p.m.

We’re ending the year in style with our Fast Food Formal! Much like the middle school event, come, eat, dance,

celebrate the year we’ve had, but with special twist: we’re taking it on the road!



Summer Camp 2023!



Register today for the Best Week of your Summer!

2023 SUMMER CAMP DATES

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

Tuesday, June 13 - Sunday, June 18

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Session 1: Saturday, June 24 - Thursday, June 29

Session 2: Monday, July 10 - Saturday, July 15

ELEMENTARY CAMP

Session 1: Tuesday, June 20 - Friday, June 23

Session 2: Thursday, July 6 - Sunday, July 9 (wait list only)

TO REGISTER, visit our website and go to the Summer Camp pages!



Hello! As we enter this Lenten and soon spring season, I find myself in awe of how quickly this program year has gone by! Middle school has had such a great year thus far, full of learning, fun activities, and most importantly, growing relationships.

We've got some great things planned for this spring season, ranging from our weekly topics and gatherings to our spring weekend retreat. We will continue living into our values of fun, belonging, and connection as we finish this program year with great enthusiasm and lots in store. It's never too late or too soon to get connected, so we hope all middle schoolers feel welcome to join in the fun at any time.

Ann Hunhoff
 Director of Middle School Ministry

Middle School

SUNDAYS

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

On Sunday mornings, 6th-8th graders meet for games, Bible study, and awesome conversation. It is a relaxed morning complete with hot chocolate and breakfast treats.

WEDNESDAYS

Community Meal on Wednesdays

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

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

CROSSROADS

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. in The Corner

Each Wednesday, we invite 6th-8th grade students together for middle school youth group. Our programming includes games, music, Bible-based messages, and small groups led by incredible adult leaders. This is a time when we laugh, learn, and grow together.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT *

March 17-19

Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN

Join us for a fun weekend getaway with your friends and leaders! It will be an incredible time full of great talks, conversation, games, community, and more! The cost for the weekend is \$185, and scholarships are available. Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration.



GRAMPY AND MEEMAW'S BINGO BONANZA *

Sunday, April 23

5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Corner and Gym

All middle schoolers and their friends are invited to join Grampy, Meemaw, and the rest of the Jolly Elders at the Social Senior Society (The Corner) for a hilarious evening of BINGO fun! Pasta dinner will be served, and there are fantastic prizes to be won! This wacky event will take place on Sunday, April 23 — so get it on your calendars! Cost is \$25.

Special Needs



Hello! Minnesota winters are no joke! We endure so many long, cold and dreary days. As we eagerly anticipate the seasonal transition to Spring, what do you most look forward to? Maybe it's hitting the tennis courts, preparing your garden, dreaming of being back on the lake or simply spending more time outside.

Just like the anticipation of the seasonal transition, we as Christians will prepare for Easter during the Lenten season. This is a holy season to pray and reflect on the anticipation of Jesus' death and resurrection. We hope you will join us in worship, faith formation classes and in community during this time.

Michele Ramert
Director of Special Needs Ministry



MOM'S SPRING RETREAT

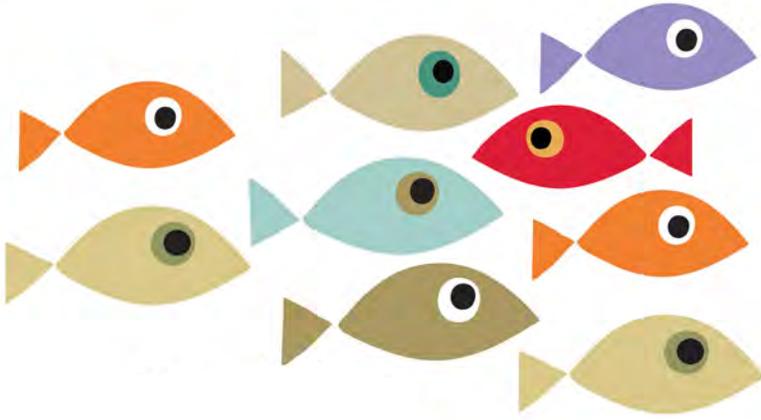
Episcopal House of Prayer, Collegetown, MN
Friday, April 14, Check-in at 3:00 PM to Saturday,
April 15, Check-out at 2:00 PM

Double Occupancy Room - \$125 per person

Single Occupancy Room - \$140 per person

Please join us for a Mom's Spring Retreat at this serene and beautiful location just a short drive from the Twin Cities. Our time together will include prayer, meditation, thoughtful conversation, music/singing, games and outdoor time. This is a time for you to be cared for.





PARABLES SUNDAYS

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.)

FRIENDSHIP GROUP (RESPIRE) *

Fridays, March 10 & May 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come hang out with friends at WCC. There are all kinds of activities from Pickleball to crafts! We listen to music, dance, and share a meal. If you want some quiet time, there is always a movie playing. \$25 covers the cost of all activities and a meal. Friendship group is for ALL ages!

PARABLES CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

March 16, April 20, May 25

6:00 p.m. in Care of You (off Gym)

This group is designed to strengthen a community with similar lives. A safe place where you can laugh and cry about the same things. A place you can ask where to find the right dentist or advice on Transition programs. A place to celebrate and lift up your beautiful children. This group is intended for moms, dads and caregivers. Come as you are! Lindy Purdy will facilitate each session based on your needs. Please contact Michele Ramert for childcare.

WEDNESDAYS

POW YOUTH BIBLE STUDY *

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Gym & Lab Rooms

A fun faith filled hour. Join us as we use song, dance, art and games to explore stories from the bible. We start with open gym to release some of the days energy and then we move into the days lesson.

AWE ADULT BIBLE STUDY *

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Holmes Room

AWE is for our adults of Parables to come together and explore the bible and their relationship with God. A safe and unique space to grow in your faith. Come just as you are!



UPSTREAM ARTS *

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5 and 12 (No class on March 29)

4:30-5:30 p.m. (POW) and 6:30-7:30 p.m. (AWE)

Places in the Heart and Gym

This program replaces AWE and POW. Sign up for your usual class on Wednesdays.

Upstream Arts is returning to WCC for a 6 weeks art residency. Upstream Arts invite individuals with disabilities into a multidisciplinary arts curriculum designed to strengthen social emotional learning. The Teaching Artists will work with and alongside participants and staff once a week in creative activities that seamlessly mix theatre, dance, painting, poetry, and music. Participants will learning new ways to tell their own stories – and new ways to listen to the stories of others.

Elementary



Hello! The word “lent” means spring season, and is used to represent the 6 weeks leading up to Easter. It is meant to be a season of pondering and preparation leading up to Easter when we celebrate the

resurrection. Lent is an incredible opportunity to bring your family together and bond as you focus your hearts on what is most important. Consider both things you can “give up” and things to add on to make Lent more meaningful. Here are some ideas:

Give Up:

- A type of food (junk food, sugar)
- Negativity (complaining, arguing, gossiping)
- Stuff (donate items – 40 items in 40 days)
- Screen time (practice restraint from media)

Add On:

- Family worship (coming to church, praying at home)
- Service or Mission Project (doinggoodtogether.org)
- Do a Family Seder Meal (look online for details)
- Random Acts of Kindness (do one each day of Lent)

Hope to see your family in church during the Lenten season!

Jodie Nyberg

Director of Early Childhood and

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Open Gym Time

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

Each week, join us in the gym before our Wednesday Faith and Fun to burn off a little energy! A high school gym monitor will be in attendance to keep kids safe and to play and set up games.

Wednesday Faith and Fun!

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

Join Jodie and the small group leaders each Wednesday evening as we dive into faith together! We'll begin in the Gym with high energy music and worship, followed by games, celebrations and a Bible story. Afterward, kids will head to their classrooms with small group leaders to follow up the message with hands-on, engaging activities. Class ends at 7:30 p.m., but kids are invited to stay and play in open Gym until 8:00 p.m.

KIDS NIGHT OUT ✨

March 17, April 21, May 12

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

Ages 3 through 5th grade (Middle School helpers welcome). Join us for fun and fellowship as we play games in the gym, eat a yummy pizza dinner, create cool crafts and watch a kid friendly movie!! All kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per child. Registration is required. Sign up early, spaces fill quickly!



VBS 2023 ✨

Monday - Friday, July 31 - August 4

9:00 a.m. to Noon Daily

For ages 3 through 5th Grade

Join us for VBS 2023 where we'll be learning how to follow Jesus and how to live the way Jesus taught us to live. Each day we'll sing awesome songs, discover meaningful Bible stories, play high energy games, eat yummy snacks, create cool art and so much more as we discover what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

SUNDAYS

Graceland Sunday School (K-5th grade)

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

Each week kids (kindergarten through 5th grade) are invited to join us in the Gym. Come early for some free play. At 9 a.m. we begin with worship which includes music, games, celebrations, mission and a Bible story. Kids will follow up this time in classrooms (by grade level) with a hands-on activity and discussion where they'll make the Bible story come alive. Parents pick kids up in grade level classrooms each week.



PARENTING IN FAITH

Wednesdays, March 8, April 12, May 10

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Planet Hollywood

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.

SUNDAYS

LITTLEST ANGELS SUNDAY SCHOOL

For ages Birth-PreK • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Every week at 9:00 a.m. our youngest children have their own space to grow in faith and friendships. A mix of volunteers and staff will bring the programs to life with hands-on activities, music, movement, a message and free play. Parent volunteers are encouraged!

LITTLEST ANGELS SUNDAY CHILD CARE

For ages Birth-PreK • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Our staff will provide a kid-friendly environment for all little ones in this second hour of Sunday morning programming.

Early Childhood

WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir (Ages 3-PreK)

Wednesday Rehearsals

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

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.

Open Gym for Tiny Tots

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.

Community & Care



St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concerts

Ethereal Voices with Abel Selaocoe

April 21 • 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

After making one of the most memorable debuts in SPCO history, Abel Selaocoe returns to lead his first concerts as Artistic Partner. Selaocoe brings such infectious energy to his performances that he had the SPCO musicians and audience dancing on their feet and, in his encore, singing along to his arrangement of a Johann Sebastian Bach sarabande. The sense of community and transcendence evoked by that encore inform the spirit of this program, a journey through the ethereal sonorities of his own original compositions and an orchestral arrangement of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Heiliger Dankgesang" from String Quartet No. 15.

Beach, Dvořák and Strauss

May 12 • 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Fans of chamber music will delight in this concert featuring three quintets of winds and strings alike. Franz Hasenöhr's arrangement of Richard Strauss' immensely popular tone poem *Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks* cleverly distills the large-scale orchestral work to its essence. The work is based on medieval German folk tales about a practical joker whose exploits range from pranks in the marketplace to revenge on upper-class society. A paragon of the American Romantic style, Amy Beach's *Theme and Variations* uses the melody of her earlier written song *An Indian Lullaby*. Closing out the program is Antonín Dvořák's *American Quintet*, written during his summer in Spillville, Iowa.

Purchase tickets at

www.thespco.org/concerts-tickets/purchasing-tickets



ICONIC ART EXHIBIT

March 8 - April 9

In the Long Hall outside the Chapel

Artist's Reception: Sunday, March 12

The Art & Design Committee will host a Lenten Art Exhibit featuring Iconic Art—beautiful and intricate pictorial representations of Biblical scenes from the life of Jesus Christ, historical events in the life of the Church, and portraits of saints. Icons are usually two-dimensional images and may be made of paint, mosaic, embroidery, weaving, carving, engraving, or other methods. Featured artists in the exhibit are Lyudmila Pavlova, Marilyn Johnson, Kathy Eich, Roman Stepchuk & John Ratjar.

The example show above is titled "Guardian Angel" — an angel that protects a particular person. Since the Early Church, Christians have prayed for guardian angels for all Christians; for instance, in the petition in the litanies: "An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord."



CARE FOR CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

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 off the WCC Gym. All are welcome whenever you can attend.

Register at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration to receive our monthly informative and supportive email. Topics include caregiver self-care, caregiver resources, spiritual care, and more.

For further information contact Dana Essex, WCC Caring Community minister, at Dana@DanaEssex.com



WISH... WIDOWED INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIAL HAPPINESS

Are you looking for a group to join for in-person activities and social support after losing a spouse or significant other? Not a grief group, but a group of women and men who understand the complex process

you have been through and are going through?

WISH, or Widowed Individuals in Social Happiness, is a faith-based social group just starting at WCC! The group meets monthly (or more often, as ideas arise!), and members will enjoy taking turns hosting anything from a movie night, eating out, service projects, concerts, museums, or just chatting over coffee – the sky’s the limit. The group is open to all ages and stages of loss of a significant other.

Visit WC-Connect and look for the WISH group, or contact Laura Lagenaur (lclag@comcast.net) or Rev. Dan Stark (dstark@wayzatacommunitychurch.org) to find out more.



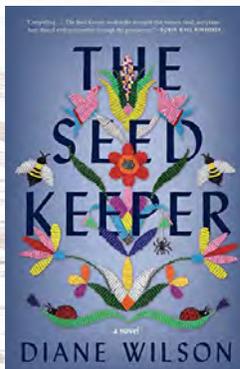
SOUP, SALAD AND SONG LUNCHEON

Thursdays, March 16, April 20 & May 18

Social Hour at 11:30 a.m. and Lunch at 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Mithun Hall

Soup, Salad and Song! These fun and filling lunches take place on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month, hosted by Lindy Purdy. This event is free and open to all. Invite a friend and come for lunch! Our team of incredible hosts prepare a delicious variety of soups. Please feel free to bring something to share— an appetizer, salad, or dessert! There will be music, games, and story from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon.



THIRD THURSDAY READERS

Thursdays, March 16, April 20, May 18

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:

- **March 16:** *The Seed Keeper*, by Diane Wilson
- **April 20:** *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks
- **May 18:** *If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now: Why We Traded the Commuting Life for a Little House on the Prairie*, by Christopher Ingraham

COMMUNITY MEAL ON WEDNESDAYS**5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in Mithun Hall**

Join us for a Community Meal, dinner without the dishes! Wednesday nights are a great time to connect with old friends and build relationships with new ones. Families, singles, couples, children and adults — everyone is invited. Our Executive Chef Timmy G. puts a fresh spin on our Community Meal tradition, with delicious menus, and the cost is only \$6.00 per person, or \$5 for kids 12 and under! Dinner is served every Wednesday.

Check out the upcoming menus at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/community-meal/

**MOTHER'S DAY INTERGENERATIONAL POP-UP CHOIR****Sunday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. Worship**

Join our 10th Annual special Mother's Day Intergenerational Pop-Up Choir! Simply meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 14 at 7:55 a.m. and learn two easy songs. No choir experience is needed, and everyone is welcome. This is for Singles, Moms & Daughters, Friends, Sisters, Goddaughters & Godmothers, Grandmothers & Granddaughters, Aunts, Cousins, Siblings, Brothers, Moms & Sons, ALL ARE WELCOME. All ages and all stages. Come and make some new friends, or bring family and friends along with you!

Contact Autumn Toussaint and she'll send you a link to begin listening even now — atoussaint@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

**SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASSES** ✨

- **Sunday, April 30**
10:15 a.m. in the Piper Library
- **Wednesday, May 3**
6:00 p.m. in the Colonnade

We invite you to our Spring New Member Classes. Although these sessions are one of the ways you can join the church, at the heart is a time to connect with staff, clergy, and lay people and a chance to learn more about what matters most at WCC. Even if you elect not to join WCC right now, attending one of these sessions will help you find a place here.

To register, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration



Serve

Mission Sunday

March 12

8:45 a.m. to 12 noon in Founders Hall

Putting our faith into action by loving and serving our neighbors

The season of Lent began on February 22. Lent is a 40 day journey of fasting, prayer, and alms giving as we make the journey toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Alms giving is the intentional practice of giving to those in need. As we focus on alms giving during Lent we hope to raise awareness about our mission partners and to engage as many members as possible in mission in 2023.

A committee of the Board of Mission and Outreach is planning a Mission Sunday on March 12 in Founders Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The goal of Mission Sunday is to inform our church about our mission engagement and to present the congregation with a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. This will be a festive and engaging way to highlight our mission partners while giving you a chance to partner with them and other WCC members in doing their good work in the world.

Mark your calendar and join us for Mission Sunday as we seek to put our faith into action by loving and serving our neighbors.

THIMBLE BEES**March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23****Handicrafter's (extra meetings for hand crafters):****March 21 & April 18****9:00 a.m.-12 noon, Mithun Hall**

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

WELCOME TEAM VOLUNTEERS

We are adding to our team and looking for welcoming ushers and greeters who are able to serve at our 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services. It would be ideal to have enough volunteers so that we could rotate teams week to week. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Jeff Johnson (jjjohnson55@msn.com) or send an email to welcome@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

SERVE ON A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

WCC boards and committees are actively recruiting WCC members for the upcoming year! You can sign up to learn more using our online registration form link below. A board or committee member will get in touch with you to answer any questions you may have and to discuss how your gifts can be utilized and engaged in the church. There are several other ways to volunteer and get involved if you are not ready to serve on a board.

Paul tells us that we are the body of Christ. Each of us is unique and gifted and each of us is called to live out our role using our gifts in community as a part of the church. The strength of Wayzata Community Church depends on making space for everyone to use their gifts. Where is your heart calling you? You are invited to prayerfully consider how you might be able to use your time and talents to strengthen the ministries of Wayzata Community Church.

Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/lent-spring-registration to fill out an interest form.

CRANBERRY RIDGE**COMMUNITY MEAL TEAM**

Once a month on Thursdays, a group from WCC goes to Cranberry Ridge to provide a meal and activities to help build community and relationships at Cranberry Ridge. Volunteers are needed to help bring food for the meal (you may choose to stay and serve but you are welcome to just drop off part of the meal). The next two dates for these meals are March 23 and May 11. Please contact Mary Coleman, colemanmary211@gmail.com or Judy Reed, reeddj2@comcast.net to help.

KIMBERLY MEADOWS**COMMUNITY MEAL TEAM**

Once a month on Tuesdays, a group from WCC goes to Kimberly Meadows to provide a meal and activities to help build community and relationships among the residents. Volunteers are needed to help bring food and serve at these gatherings. Contact Peter and Vicki Thompson, Peterthompson9@comcast.net, for more information and to volunteer.

**EVERY MEAL****FOOD PACKING AT EVERY MEAL**

Visit volunteer.everymeal.org to choose a time that works for you! The Every Meal Warehouse is in Roseville, MN.

Sign up for a two-hour shift to help feed hungry kids! Visit Every Meal's warehouse with your family, your small group from WCC, or a group of friends. Volunteers form assembly lines to pack bags of food that contain approximately four meals of non-perishable food, including a variety of fruits, vegetables, proteins, grains, and soups/entrees.

These food bags are distributed into children's backpacks on Thursdays/Fridays to help their families over the weekends. Packing food is a great way to spend time with friends and family while helping to feed hungry kids! For more information contact Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

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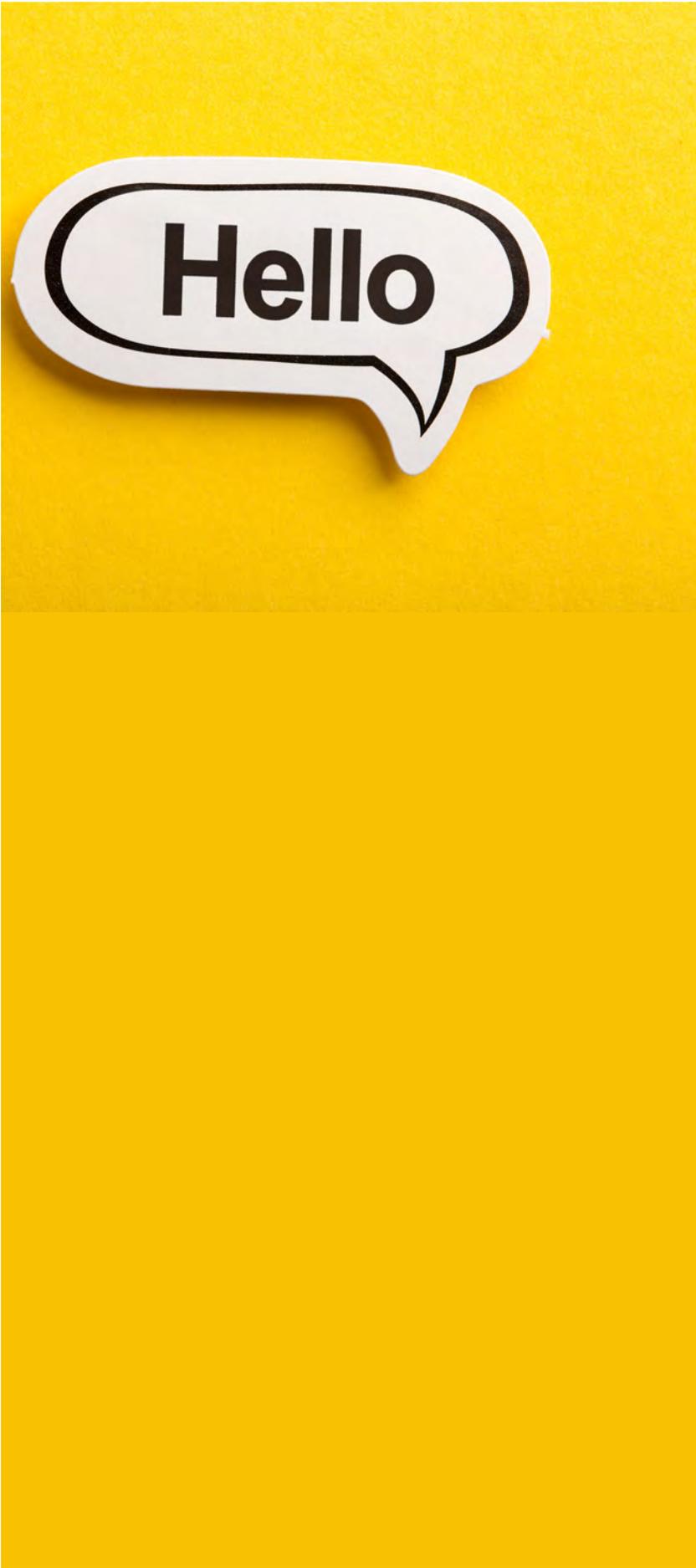
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