

Benedictine Bridge

connecting with the communities at Holy Wisdom Monastery
weaving prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into a shared way of life

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What they're saying

"Thank you so much for the book Wisdom Distilled from the Daily. It's a pleasure to read and I am pleased to learn more about the Rule of St. Benedict. It is a privilege to stay at Holy Wisdom Monastery. We love being there. Thank you, Joanne, and all for making it what it is."

-Photo card and text sent by Pat Smith, photo by Carol & Mike Buller, September 2018.

Sisters & Sojourners

Holy Wisdom receives a \$1 million grant to create an Ecumenical Center for Clergy Spiritual Renewal

by Pamela Johnson, Sunday Assembly member and Oblate class of 2013 and Rachel Olson, foundation project manager

We have exciting news to share with you!

The sisters were awarded a \$1 million grant over five years to support the creation of an Ecumenical Center for Clergy Spiritual Renewal (ECCSR) at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The grant is part of Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s Thriving in Ministry Initiative.

The purpose of the ECCSR is to offer spiritual renewal to pastors from a wide range of Christian denominations through two immersion experiences. Focusing on the spiritual practices of silence, listening with the ear of the heart, Liturgy of the Hours, study (Lectio Divina), Sunday ecumenical worship, centering prayer and work, each immersion aims to support clergy in renewing their spiritual practice and their sense of call to pastoral ministry. In addition the ECCSR will create a monastery without walls that will strengthen relationships among clergy, sustain clergy spiritual vitality, and offer support for the cultivation of spiritual depth and renewal within their congregations. [Learn more.](#)



"Congratulations to our team, headed by Pamela Johnson (center) and Rachel Olson (right) who co-chaired the grant writing team. At least 30 people were involved in visioning, writing, and supporting this project thus far. The sisters are grateful for the women and men volunteers and our committed coworkers for helping to make this possible." -Sister Mary David Walgenbach (left).

Sister Mary David Walgenbach speaks for the whole community when she says: "Since opening our retreat and guest house more than 50 years ago, many individuals and groups from a variety of faith backgrounds have come here for spiritual renewal. Our mission weaves prayer, hospitality, justice, and care for the earth into a shared way of life. Giving back what we've been given, our intent is to help clergy thrive in their ministry by nourishing the 'monk within.' The receipt of this grant to establish an Ecumenical Center for Clergy Spiritual Renewal is a great blessing to us and to those who will arrive. We are deeply grateful."

Holy Wisdom Monastery is one of 78 organizations located in 29 states that is taking part in the initiative. The organizations reflect diverse Christian traditions: mainline and evangelical Protestant, Roman Catholic

and Orthodox.

Thriving in Ministry is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen pastoral leadership in Christian congregations in the United States. This has been a grantmaking priority at Lilly Endowment for nearly 25 years.

Holy Wisdom is currently searching for two part time co-directors for the ECCSR who will start shaping the program in January 2019. [Click here to read job description.](#) Please share this with anyone who you think would fit, or please apply if you are interested. The application deadline is November 18, 2018.

As time unfolds, we hope that many, many people from our community of communities will be involved in the ministry of the new Ecumenical Center for Clergy Spiritual Renewal. You are invited to tell us how you'd like to be part of what needs doing!

Madison Interfaith Dialogue celebrates its history

by Jody Crowley Beers, Sunday Assembly member, Oblate class of 1999 and former coworker



The Madison Interfaith Dialogue group, started in 1988 by George Hinger, seated in center, celebrated its 30th anniversary on July 11, 2018.

For more than 30 years Madison Interfaith Dialogue (MID) has been meeting at Holy Wisdom monastery, to share faith, celebrate diversity, and deepen understanding of the Divine Mystery that is at work in us. Because George Hinger, founder and long time leader of the group, is now a resident at *The Waterford* in Fitchburg, the group gathered there in July 2018 to remember and to celebrate this history.

Those present told something of their own faith stories, and of what MID had meant to them. Letters were read from some who were unable to attend. George read a passage from Thomas Merton, as he often did at meetings. Bob Hanson brought a poem to honor George. Delicious food and overflowing memories contributed to a grateful, joyful atmosphere. Floral bouquets were presented to: George, for his creative and sustaining leadership; to Sister Mary David Walgenbach for Holy Wisdom's generosity in fostering and providing meeting space for the group; and to Ellie Jacobi for the communication she has enabled for many years.

After George became Director of Worship and Spirituality at Holy Wisdom, he reached out to other faith leaders, inviting them to open dialogue. Daniel Gomez Ibanez encouraged him to attend the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1993, where he met other Madison area people interested in broader faith sharing. One of them, Reverend Selena Fox from Circle Sanctuary, expressed gratitude "...for George Hinger's interfaith communications and collaborations facilitation over the years, and for Holy Wisdom's support of dialogue endeavors and the greater goal of working for a healthier, more sustainable and more peaceful and loving world." Several MID members have been active in the Parliament of the World's Religions in subsequent years. In 2005, MID joined the newly formed North American Interfaith Network, and it has been a member ever since.

For George, interfaith dialogue "... seemed like such a natural thing to do." He was convinced that "... when you go as deeply into another's faith as you do into your own, you find unity." Personal stories were valued, because while we may disagree with another's opinion, we cannot disagree with their experience. Members *listened* to each other, not arguing nor debating. George insisted that "everyone can say whatever they wish and the rest of us are obliged to listen without judgment or condemnation."

Emphasis was on keeping remarks as short as possible without making speeches, and on inclusion, so that all could be heard. Occasionally a member or a guest would be invited to offer a deeper exploration into their own religious teachings.

MID has contributed significantly to interfaith awareness and sharing in the Madison area for more than 30 years. The generosity and ecumenical environment of Holy Wisdom monastery made this possible, and the many who have participated in the dialogue group continue to carry its open, inclusive, listening spirit into a world that deeply needs dialogue.

Friends & Supporters

Iceland's vanishing beauty

By [Greg Armstrong](#), Director of Land Management and Environmental Education

Join the Friends of Wisdom Prairie for their Annual Meeting and Dinner Lecture led by Michael Kienitz on November 7, 2018 from 5:30-8:00 pm.

Michael Kienitz, an award winning photojournalist, has been visiting Iceland for several years, recording, through photographs, the rapidly disappearing glaciers. The images are haunting and amazing and clear physical evidence of climate change.



[Click here to register by October 24](#)

Holiday Fair and Angel Tea

by [Rachel Olson](#), foundation project manager



There are a couple of changes for our annual holiday events! This year's **Holiday Fair** will open a day earlier—on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12:00-3:00 pm—and will continue on Sunday, November 4, from 10:30-3:00 pm. The **Angel Tea** will be held on Sunday only (November 4), at the seating times listed below. Both events are sponsored by members of Sunday Assembly and proceeds are given to the monastery.

Holiday Fair shoppers will find a variety of treasures including artwork, home décor, jewelry, collectibles, Christmas decorations, handmade crafts and many other one-of-a-kind items! Find a unique gift that will bring a smile to the recipient—or to you as you find that unusual item you have been searching for. Take home some delicious cookies, bars, breads, and candies already prepared for you and skip your Christmas baking. The **Holiday Fair** will be held in the monastery building on November 3 and 4. Everyone is welcome.

The **Angel Tea** is a relaxing way to spend an hour with family and friends and enjoy the English High Tea tradition that has been around for centuries. In addition to tea, hot chocolate, and warm apple cider, try a smoked salmon, cucumber, olive pecan, or apricot ham sandwich. Finish the tea with a variety of

delicious pastries and cookies. Everyone from children to older adults are invited to enjoy this holiday event. Participants are welcome to take home a teapot or angel as a souvenir.

Tickets are \$15/adult and \$6/child, ages 10 and under. Seating times for the tea are 10:30-11:30 am, 12:00-1:00 pm and 1:30-2:30 pm.

Reservations are required. [Make your reservation today before the seatings are full!](#)

Most of us are not Bill Gates

by [Janet Neurauter](#), director of mission advancement

According to **Giving USA**, the annual report on philanthropy in the United States, charitable giving exceeded \$410 billion in 2017. 70% of those gifts (\$286.65 billion) came from individuals which is a 5.2% increase over 2016. Foundations like those run by Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg accounted for \$67 billion of the gifts made or 16% of the total.

Big gifts made to universities, hospitals and other institutions by foundations are headline news and that's worth celebrating. But most of us are not Bill Gates.

Donors of more modest means may feel that their support doesn't matter. But look again at the numbers. **70% of charitable gifts are made by individuals.** People like you; people like me. 70% is a significant number.

At the Benedictine Life Foundation we get excited for each gift that arrives. We'd love to throw a parade in your honor and put your name in a headline. Why? Because every gift counts. Every gift is appreciated.

Want to join the majority and help the Benedictine Women of Madison continue the work they began here 65 years ago? [Click here](#). You may not be a Bill Gates; but we'll appreciate your gift as if you were!

Sunday Assembly

New member blessing

[Lynn Lemberger](#), director of worship and music



Sunday Assembly has been richly blessed by the varied gifts, so generously shared by its members. Twice a year we acknowledge the new members of the community. On September 30, we officially welcomed and extended a special blessing to the new members who have registered and joined the Sunday Assembly community since April 2018. We are grateful for their life stories and their faith journeys that have brought them here, to Holy Wisdom Monastery. May we always be a welcoming community, nurturing the diversity of the gifts of all.

"Holy Wisdom Monastery is a one of a kind place. So many of us are a part of a spiritual-theological

diaspora from mainline Christianity and beyond. I felt drawn to Holy Wisdom due to the courageous witness of the sisters to create a different kind of space than was previously available. I resonate with the sisters' and their collaborators' courage, determination and vision. I have only been here in Madison for a few months and I am already leaving just as I become a member of Sunday Assembly. And at the same time there is no other place in the world that liturgically holds me as I feel held when I am at worship at Holy Wisdom. My story makes sense at Holy Wisdom! I fully expect to be affiliated with Holy Wisdom for the rest of my life." -Joe

"I have been keeping an eye on Holy Wisdom Monastery for a long time. My parents' church means a lot to them, and though I don't agree with everything their church represents, it seemed considerate to them to attend their church. At the Sunday Assembly at Holy Wisdom, I can whole-heartedly endorse the intention of inclusion and compassion for all people. The service is uplifting for me because I don't have to edit what I am hearing and struggle with reservations. I'm very thankful to have found Holy Wisdom." -Colleen

"With my Sunday Assembly commitment to Holy Wisdom Monastery, I have come back to my spiritual Catholic roots, and I am so happy with that. And I am truly blessed. Holy Wisdom is a Benedictine spiritual oasis that the sisters have created and that nurtures peace, community, and ecumenical love. May it last for ever and ever." -Frank

Family separation at the US-Mexican border

Trisha Day, Sacred Citizenship committee

On October 9, 2018 Holy Wisdom Monastery hosted the third in a series of four programs for the year to explore the interface between politics and the spiritual convictions that undergird our commitment to peace, justice and equality. The evening's focus was on Family Separation at the U.S. Border in Texas and featured Immigration lawyer Erin Barbato who teaches Humanitarian immigration Law at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Erin was joined by law student, Charis Zimmick.

The two women, together with a group of nine other UW law students recently returned from a trip to the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas where at any given time 2,000 immigrant women and their children are being detained. Many of them are in desperate need of legal representation in order to avoid deportation and seek asylum.

Having fled their homes because of the unspeakable violence to which they had been subjected, these women must undergo what's called a "credible fear" interview to prove to an asylum officer that their fear of violence and persecution is valid. Erin and the students who accompanied her were there to provide what little support they could and ensure access to justice for these women.



Erin Barbato (right) and some of the UW-Madison law students who traveled to the US-Mexican border to represent women and children detained in Texas.

As they shared their impressions and experiences, Erin and Charis emphasized that while the facility at Dilley, Texas is officially called a "family residential center", it's actually a jail. Volunteers and visitors must go through security each time they enter the facility and they are prohibited from bringing in phones or taking pictures. They are denied access to where the women and children are housed and fed, and are prohibited from touching or embracing them when they meet to assist with the credible fear interviews. The prohibition against physical contact seemed particularly inhumane in view of the

emotional trauma the women are suffering and both Erin and Charis emphasized how terribly difficult it was to avoid reaching out to comfort a grieving woman or soothe a crying child.

Visitors are cautioned not to drink the water at the facility, a restriction which raises interesting concerns given the fact that the women who are detained there have no other option. And yet, Core Civic, the private detention company that runs the facility is paid \$900 per person per day. The evening's presentation made it quite clear that the women being detained at the border are being treated like prisoners when their only crime is having fled from violence in order to protect themselves and their children.

In the wake of the October 9 presentation, the social justice committee of Holy Wisdom Monastery's Sunday Assembly has decided to take action by hosting a letter writing campaign on November 11, 2018 at the monastery.

The next program in the Sacred Citizenship series is scheduled for October 30. Stephanie Rearick, founder and former co-director of the Dane County TimeBank, will be joined by students from Dane County Youth Court staff to talk about the Time Bank and the Youth Court process, which sends kids in trouble to a jury of their peers rather than through the court system.

[Learn more and register by October 23](#)

Oblates

Sharing leadership

An Oblate Conference at St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana

September 30-October 2, 2018

by Heidi Haverkamp, Oblate class of 2014



St. Meinrad Archabbey. Photo by Chris Light at en.wikipedia.

St. Meinrad Archabbey looks like a medieval castle, out in the rolling hills of southwest Indiana, and is home to more than 80 monks. Three of us from Holy Wisdom attended a conference of Midwestern oblates there in early October to talk about "Shared Leadership."

We talked about our relationship to our monastic communities. Are we groupies? Friends? Extended family? Lay partners? Co-leaders? A lot is in flux for Benedictines as the numbers of vowed religious shrink and oblate communities grow. At Holy Wisdom, we have sisters and about 180 oblates. Globally, there are about 21,000 oblates among 25,000 vowed religious. The charism of St. Benedict is far from dead! Still, oblate

programs are being forced to change. At Holy Wisdom, we are ahead of the curve: rather than a single paid director, we oblates already administer our own program, retreats, fundraising, and formation of new oblates with teams of volunteers. Many at the conference looked on us with great admiration for our strong sense of shared ownership.

We were inspired by other oblate programs, too. Several Midwest oblate communities do outreach at local prisons and have members who are incarcerated and yet devoted members of their communities. Many programs choose a single book or a Benedictine theme for shared study each year.

We came home feeling inspired to bring more of the Rule back into our retreats and formation, as well as essential parts of Benedictine charism like the psalms, lectio, and our personal rule. "To be an oblate is to follow a vocation," one of the St. Meinrad brothers said. We hope to continue to grow and make the oblate program a place where we can deepen our lives as lay Benedictines, support our monastery as a whole, and spread this charism and call out in the world.

-Heidi Haverkamp, Marcia Krater, and Karen Lohmeyer

Reflections on the Compassion and Hospitality Retreat

by Heather Lee Schmidt, Oblate class of 2015

As I look to translate 35 pages of retreat notes into something meaningful in 500 words or less for this newsletter, I find myself amused. Can words ever really capture experience? The Buddhist compassion retreat provided a breadth and depth of contemplative practices in finding access points to dwelling more fully in our Buddha nature, which, for me, was not so different than the Christian wisdom practices of meditation/centering prayer, contemplative work, and chanting to access our identity in God, in love, in that which we live and move and have our being. The retreat was wisdom work through the Buddhist stream instead of the Christian stream, with the same end of bringing us, leading us, converting us to the truth—to reveal and, thereby, allow us to more deeply dwell in what we are already in, together.



I loved the connections we made between the caring moment meditations and practicing an inward Benedictine hospitality to all parts of ourselves and to all parts of the whole body of Christ. There was an undoubted connection between loving all parts of oneself and loving our enemies. I found the entire experience one that expressed the idea of Benedictine conversion through the disciplines and practices of listening, stability, and obedience. Disciplined practices convert us into the likeness of God or into our true Buddha nature, which is love, characterized by openness, clarity, and warmth.

The caring moments practice along with the sound meditations were particularly compelling for me, and I was graced by being called outside the monastery guest house building at sunrise on Sunday. I followed (in pajamas with blanket) and was drawn to witness and listen to the love calls between two great horned owls at the tops of the trees on the monastery grounds. Their litany with one another gifted me an integration of the teachings of the retreat with my own experiences and with the owls themselves and drew poetry from my being. Poetry tends to be the only words that ever seem to come close to capturing experience. I offer it to you.

You are Beautiful

With feet and wings
from the tops of trees
my call sounds
whole and hollow
drawing on the space
that follows
a magnetic wait
that hangs with the dew
and the golden light of dawn
something that resembles
but rests deeper than
invitation
a gentle certainty
that borders

a must
in your response.

You notice and take flight
revealing yourself
out under the vast open sky
the vibration
still whispering truth
kept alive by your surrender
to what we are in
together
and with feet and wings
from the tops of trees
our eyes meet
and see
really see one another.

You are beautiful.

And your call sounds
whole and hollow
filling again the space
that follows
with a depth
and magnificence
of the love song
and the gong rings
the water bird sings
and I drink in
the fullness of it all
and joined with you
I reach again
into the morning
with my call.

-Heather Lee, 9/23/18, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Compassion and Hospitality Retreat

Volunteers & Coworkers

Why does our garden grow?

by [Susan Pearson](#), hospitality assistant

"Genesis is very clear on the subject [of manual labor]. 'Then God took Adam,' Scripture says, 'and put him in the garden to cultivate and to care for it' (Gen 2:15). Adam was put in the garden to till it and to keep it, not to contemplate it; not to live off of it; not to lounge. Even in an ideal world, God expected us to participate in the co-creation of the world." — Joan Chittister, *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily* (p.84)

Recently Sister Joanne Kollasch and I discussed the garden and orchard at Holy Wisdom Monastery. It became clear during our conversation that this would not be a **how** does our garden grow story, but a **why** does our garden grow story, as she touched on its origins rooted in Benedictine spiritual values.

"It's easy for Benedictines to talk about planting a garden, to plan having a garden, because gardening is part of building community, working together," she says. "It's Benedict's way of saying we do not only take away from society, but we also give. We produce some of the food that we eat and, of course, not only for ourselves, but for others, too."

Sister Joanne turns to Chapter 48 of the Rule in which Benedict extols the value of manual labor and *lectio divina* (divine reading). While listening to Sister Joanne, my mind turned to Sister Joan Chittister's observation: "The Rule of Benedict treats work and lectio interchangeably. One focuses the skills of the body on the task of co-creation. The other focuses the gifts of the mind on the lessons of the heart. One without the other is not Benedictine spirituality. To get the wheat of life we need to work at planting as well as reaping, at reaping as well as planting. And everyone in the community is expected to do both" (*The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century*, p. 217).

So it is only natural, Sister Joanne observes, that "it has been a tradition in our community to have a garden here from the very beginning.... When the sisters came to County Road M, this was pasture land. One of the first things the sisters laid out was a place for a fruit orchard, a garden and planted trees in 1953-1954."



Sister Mary David Walgenbach, master gardener and prioress at the monastery pulls weeds in the vegetable garden.

Today, the sisters—Mary David Walgenbach, Lynne Smith, Paz Vital and Denise West—tend the garden by working with nature, not controlling it, a true lesson in humility and obedience. Sister Mary David, who became a Master Gardener through the University of Wisconsin Extension, lives this. She believes the gardener must be sensitive to the natural and follow Nature's lead. Her education and experience also taught her to appreciate the timing of planting the seeds.

Sister Denise recently became a Master Gardener through the UW-Extension program also. She loves putting into practice what she's learned about natural techniques of managing pests in the garden by planting certain vegetables next to each other.

This right relationship with the earth and nature has guided the sisters to grow almost all of their own plants from seeds. When they have an abundance of seedlings, they donate these as well. The sisters also grow potatoes, cabbage, squash, onions, eggplant, asparagus, cantaloupe and, of course, apples. Thanks to Sister Paz's presence, there are more hot peppers in the garden now.

Herbs are grown at the monastery and used by Chef Robert Kauper to prepare fresh seasonal dishes for our guests. Sister Joanne adds, "We try to use produce in season, so if it's tomato time, tomatoes are served daily. And when we have extra produce, we process it in-house (jams, jellies, sauces etc.) or donate it to Luke House, a community meal program in Madison, Second Harvest Food Bank and Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)."

Paul Boutwell, the monastery groundskeeper, oversees the orchard which has 13 apple trees and one pear tree. 2015 was a record breaking year, with 140 bushels harvested. The 2018 crop is still being harvested, but it looks to be another bumper crop. Most of the apples are used for making cider. Lapcek's Orchard processes the cider for Holy Wisdom and makes nearly 90 gallons of cider each year which is frozen for guest use. "Our goal is to donate 15% of the crop each year, explained Paul. "Last year I donated 500 pounds of apples to Second Harvest Food Bank and a few bushels of the late season apples to MOM."



Groundskeeper Paul Boutwell loads crates of apples grown at the monastery to take to Middleton Outreach Ministry and Second Harvest Food Bank.

The sisters also share their bounty by baking vegetarian lasagna featuring seasonal ingredients from the garden for meals at Luke House. They join Sunday Assembly members and the Zen House on the second

Tuesday evening each month to serve dinner at Luke House. For more information, contact Mary Hoddy at mary.hoddy@wisc.edu

Sister Joanne speaks fondly of the volunteers and how the garden offers common ground for the sisters when working with them here. "This manual labor breaks down divisions of people who think, 'They're in the monastery and I'm not.' ... much like the dynamic we have with those who volunteer to work on the prairie."

Sister Joanne sums it up best by citing from Chapter 48 of The Rule of Benedict: "When they live by the labor of their hands, as our ancestors and the apostles did, then they are really monastics."

If you would like to volunteer with the sisters in the garden or help work on the land, please contact Rachel Olson at 608-831-1631, x120; or rolson@benedictinewomen.org.

We remember



Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the families and friends of the following:

Richard A. Pearson, father of Holy Wisdom Monastery coworker and Oblate Susan Pearson. Richard passed away September 29, 2018.

We celebrate the gifts he shared and rejoice in the promise of eternal life.

New on our website

Follow the links below to see what's new on our website.

[Sojourner diary](#) by Rachel Olson

[Stories shape us](#) by Sister Lynne Smith

[October phenology \(monthly nature happenings\)](#) by Sylvia Marek

[October new books in the library](#), by Nancy Sandleback

Recent homilies:

- [Colleen Hartung's homily, October 14, 2018](#)
- [Joseph Wiesenfarth's homily, October 7, 2018](#)
- [Sister Lynne Smith's homily, September 30, 2018](#)

Calendar

[Sunday Worship](#), 9:00 am
Monastery Assembly Room

[Daily Prayer](#)

Monastery Oratory

Morning Prayer, Sunday-Saturday, 8:00 am

Midday Prayer, Tuesday-Friday, 11:45 am

Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Sunday, 4:30 pm

[Centering Prayer](#)

Monastery Oratory

Morning Centering Prayer, Tuesday-Saturday, 7:35 am

Evening Centering Prayer, Tuesday-Friday, 4:55 pm

Retreat & Guest House Room 10

Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Follow the links below to learn more or register for upcoming events at Holy Wisdom Monastery

For the complete calendar visit holywisdommonastery.org/events

October 28

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00-10:00 am

Hospitality and Car Pool Sunday

October 30

Sacred Citizenship: Restorative Justice & Youth Court/Dane County Time Bank

Stephanie Rearick is founder and former co-director of the Dane County TimeBank, founder and steward of Mutual Aid Networks. Stephanie, along with Alexis Gardner and Aaron Blake from the Dane County Time Bank Youth Court staff will give a history of the Time Bank and the Youth Court process, which sends kids in trouble to a jury of their peers rather than through the court system. [Today is the last day to register.](#)

October 31

Wisdom Prairie Workday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

[Register by Oct. 30, 2018.](#)

November 3

Prairie Planting Workday, 9:00-12:00 pm

[Learn more and register by Nov. 2, 2018.](#)

November 3

Holiday Fair, 12:00-3:00 pm

November 4

Sunday Assembly Childcare Ministry, 9:00-10:00 am

Holiday Fair and Angel Tea, 10:30 am-3:00 pm

Reserve your Angel Tea spot before the seatings fill.

November 7

Friends of Wisdom Annual Meeting and Dinner Lecture, 5:30-8:00 pm

[Tomorrow is the last day to register.](#)

November 9-11

Oblate Retreat (open to the public)

Benedict for Baby Boomers: Aging Gracefully in the Footsteps of St. Benedict

led by Trisha Day

[Learn more and register by October 26, 2018.](#)

November 11

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00-10:00 am

Social Justice Group, 10:30-11:30 am

November 13

Luke House

November 14

Wisdom Prairie Workday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

November 18

Sunday Assembly Childcare Ministry, 9:00-10:00 am

Kids in the Prairie, 10:30-11:30 am

To help children gain an appreciation for the natural world and a desire to care for it, we offer a monthly hike and exploration called Kids On the Prairie for Sunday Assembly members, their children, grandchildren, guests and friends.

November 25

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00-10:00 am

Hospitality and Car Pool Sunday

Complete calendar at holywisdommonastery.org/events

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