



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

LIVING WITHIN THE EARTH'S MEANS

There are increasingly many voices with scientific understanding that issue warnings about the way we live on this planet. In varying ways these voices say our economic practices and lifestyle are outgrowing the capacity of the earth to support them. Our faith tradition maintains that the earth belongs to God and that humankind has the responsibility to care for it. Living in an unsustainable manner is a sign of irresponsibility and unfaithfulness.

When pondering the extent to which abuse is institutionalized and part of the fabric of our lives, it is difficult to be optimistic about sufficient change. Despair, however, is a sure recipe for disaster. The sooner the citizens of this world embrace the necessary changes, the better the chance that our grandchildren and their children will have the opportunity for quality of life.

Among the important challenges is the matter of reducing Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions. An initial target would be to make such reductions in the amount of 10% in our household life. Toward this goal, there are things we can all do. They would require only modest effort.

1. Reduce miles driven in the car. If an errand is within six blocks, consider walking or cycling. This could well occur 100 times in a year. The savings would be substantial. The exercise would probably contribute to extending one's personal life.
2. When purchasing a new car, make gas mileage a primary factor in selection.
3. Use compact fluorescent bulbs. They cost a bit more, but use less energy and last 10 times as long as conventional bulbs. We have some for sale at church.
4. When purchasing new appliances, make energy efficiency a prime consideration.
5. Insulate your home. It is possible to secure an energy audit (contact Xcel). This would provide you with information as to where energy loss is greatest in your home.
6. Purchase 'Green Power.' Green power is electricity generated from renewable, high efficiency or low pollution sources, such as wind or solar energy. Green Power replaces electricity that would ordinarily come primarily from burning coal. Less than 1% of electricity currently comes from wind. This can be changed. It is possible to contribute as little as \$1.50 per month for the purchase of green power. Every dollar spent by green power customers goes directly for the support of new wind power, much of it generated in our state. In the first two years, green power purchases by people in Minnesota resulted in over 30 new wind turbines.

Buying \$2 worth of green power each month for a year has the same environmental benefit as driving 2,400 fewer miles in your car.

Green power does not go directly to your house. However, when you purchase green power, the total amount of green electricity travels through the entire system.

For more information on how your actions can reduce CO₂, check www.10percentchallenge.org

Ronald K. Johnson, Pastor

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Passion of Our Lord – Palm Sunday

This is a day of conflicting feelings. The opening reading tells of a triumphal parade. Isaiah and Philippians contain somber notes of opposition and rejection. Mark speaks of events leading up to the crucifixion.



Church School children will carry palms in the processional.

LESSONS

Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 15:1-39

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

April 9 "Getting a Text to Talk" Part II

Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore, Luther Theological Seminary

April 16 "Children's Musical – in the church"

April 23 "Theology of the Academy Awards"

Doug Wallace

HOLY WEEK

This is often termed the central week of the Church Year. Four worship services are conducted.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 13

6:15 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Service of Holy Communion

Theme: "In Search of God's Truth"

The Gospel reading makes a strong contribution toward articulating important values in God's word: unqualified love and service to neighbor.

GOOD FRIDAY April 14

12:00 noon Greater Longfellow Service at Bethany Lutheran on Franklin

7:00 pm Worship Service

Theme: "Contemplating the Biblical story"

A careful remembering of Jesus' last days prompts us to see how crucifixion is at once ancient and contemporary. This remembering is necessary preparation for hearing the promise of resurrection.

HOLY SATURDAY April 15

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

The practice of gathering on the eve of Easter dates back to very early times. This service focuses on scripture, hymns and baptism to move from darkness to light, brokenness to new life.

PARISH INFORMATION

DIALOGUE LUNCHEON

Dr. Martin Sampson, Distinguished Professor at the University of Minnesota, Political Science Department, will speak on the theme "Making Sense of the Middle East." We have asked Dr. Sampson to speak particularly in the light of the Hamas victory and the absence of Ariel Sharon. This luncheon will be on Thursday, April 20, 11:30 am. Cost of lunch will be \$4.00.

LIBRARY ACQUISITION

"Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christians" was written by Thomas Long. He says talk can be cheap but it can also be holy. Dr. Long uses biblical sources, contemporary stories and compelling anecdotes.

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Phil Hefner will present three lectures at Holy Trinity May 11 & 12. This will be Dr. Hefner's third visit to this congregation. He is an excellent teacher who pushes our imagination and thinking. Presentations will be as follows:

- Thursday, May 11
 6:00 pm Supper
 7:00 pm "Religion and Science as It Is Lived in Everyday Life"
 Friday, May 12
 9:00 am "Creation, Evolution, and Intelligent Design"
 10:30 am "The Physicist and the Poet: Two Perspectives on How to Understand the World"

Registration information will be available on Sunday. .

ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENING April 22

The evening will consist of dinner at the new Town Talk restaurant on Lake Street and viewing a performance of "Cabaret" at 8 pm at the University of Minnesota Theatre (Rarig). Theatre tickets cost \$12. Please make reservation by signing list in the Community Room.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPEAL

A 'Capital Improvements Appeal' has been formally started. It will fund two projects. First, repairing the tank of the 'evacuator.' This is a piece of machinery that you have almost certainly never seen but it is critically important. It evacuates (moves) all water used in the basement areas (restrooms, kitchen, etc.). The tank is the age of the building and is judged to be close to the point of leaking. This would spill contaminated water into the subsoil. Assuming the tank still has integrity, it will be drained and coated with a material that should extend its life indefinitely. If the tank has already been badly compromised, the problem is more serious and will require a new tank.

Second, a wrought iron-like fence will be installed to replace the present quite unattractive and compromised chain-link fence. Along the fence will be plantings that will help to 'green up' especially the west and northwest side of the property. The cost for these two projects will be \$30,000. Contributions are now being accepted. Work will proceed within the next sixty days.

PARISH EVENTS April 9 - April 15, 2006

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School; New Member class
MONDAY	11:00 am	Tax help for seniors/low income
	7:00 pm	Chris. Ed., Stewardship, Nurturing, Property
TUESDAY	11:00 am	Tax help 7:00 pm Tutoring
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Children's choir 7:30 pm Choir
THURSDAY	6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday supper; 7:00 pm Service
FRIDAY	12:00 noon	Longfellow churches service at Bethany
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
SATURDAY	7:15 pm	Easter Vigil Service

GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER by Patricia Morgan

GIFT TO LATINO MINISTRY by Matt Kane/Elizabeth Conway

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 9, 2006

Preacher	Ronald K. Johnson
Celebrant	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe / 11:00 am Joel Wiberg
Crucifer	8:45 am Ronald Johnson / 11:00 am Bob Hulteen
Liturgist	8:45 am Mary Young / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Communion Asst	8:45 am Mary Engen, Ryan Willemssen
	11:00 am Cliff Brown, Linda McMahon
Cantor	8:45 am Ann Schrooten / 11:00 am Children's choir
	Thursday Ann Friday Peter
Acolytes	8:45 am Sarah Anderson / 11 am Meagan Fortier, Lucy
Roberts	
Greeters	8:45 am Joyce Peterson / 11 am Stella Townsend, Pat Libra
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable Spratt, Jim Schneiders, Shawn Barry
	11:00 am Mark Hiner, George Madich, Lee Kampinen, Liz Blood
Altar Guild	8:45 am Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer
	11:00 am Kathy Ohler, Stella Townsend
Nursery	8:40 am Margaret Carlson 10:30 Ann White & Alisa

CONGREGATIONAL READING: Our next book is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. It is a work of profound beauty and wonder and delves into morality, racial justice, religion in America, and the sacred bonds of fathers and sons. Copies are available in the community room for \$8.50.

SPECIAL GIFTS

If you wish to provide a special gift to the church at the time of Easter, please consider: African Pastors' Endowment

- World Hunger Appeal Urban Latino Ministry
 Capital Improvements Appeal Nonviolent Peaceforce

If you wish to place an Easter lily in the chancel at Easter, please order by April 10. Cost is \$12.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT April 2 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	152,681.00.
Budget receipts	14,571.33.	144,690.93
World Hunger	5.00	2,038.00
Capital Improvements	.-	480.00
Urban Latino Ministry	80.00	1,025.00
African Endowment	.-	95.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	.-	300.00