



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

Vacation Church School: *Listening For God*

Last Sunday we baptized a child. The child's parents and sponsors made some very important commitments regarding their intentions for raising this child. They promised to "provide for the most complete possible instruction in the Christian faith..." It is a tremendously huge promise. It is not one that they will be able to fulfill apart from active, intentional participation in the life of the community of faith. Implicit in their promise is the understanding that the congregation will assist in the educational process.

Vacation Church School is one of Holy Trinity's primary vehicles of education for the youngest among us. Consecutive days and extended time with the children are critically important for being able to develop themes, adequately discuss issues, and reflect upon experiential learning opportunities. VCS is also a critically important outreach tool into the wider community. We have long said that Holy Trinity is the "community church." The summer program gives that commitment concrete expression.

This week the theme is "Listening For God." The children are considering questions of *how* God participates in the world. *How* can people recognize God's voice amid the competing voices of the world?

The children's work will primarily locate God's voice in Jesus, the Word made flesh, and in the life of the community. Jesus, as the Word, was present from the beginning of creation and is God's most complete expression of truth. When we follow the way of Jesus, we are listening for God. Beginning at the time of Sarah and Abraham it is possible to trace God's concern for community life. From these earliest of days, God called people to live together, following God's way. The character of this shared life includes loving one another, forgiving sins as God has forgiven sin, and responding to the reality that God's truth frees us from all that inhibits a full life.

In order to help the children consider how God is part of community life, we have created a city in our gym. We have a cathedral, library, a city park, the Boundary Waters, an art museum and a theater. The experiences in this city form the basis for conversation and learning in the classroom sessions. While in the city, the children are working with a variety of media: paint, clay, wire, beads, needles and thread.

There are a few other projects that deserve special attention. Dan Schmidt is working with the children to create a stained glass window that will reside next to the first floor display cabinet. The design of the window combines the image of a cross with the theme of ascension. Ann Neuendorf is helping the children create self-portraits on tiles. The tiles will be fired and grouted to a wall in the Art Gallery. The self-portraits will give visual expression to Jesus' command to "love one another." In the felter's workshop the children are making a stylized map/banner of the community.

As is our tradition, music occupies an important part of the VCS program. I feel as if the finest moments of the day occur when music wafts from the third floor, permeating the building with the sound of children's voices.

Stacy K. Johnson, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

An overarching theme is that of God acting to overcome the forces of injustice and chaos. The sea, for example, symbolizes the confusion within which we live. God brings peace to this chaos.



LESSONS

I Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

II Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-40

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

June 25 "A Departure Conversation"

Pastors Stacy Johnson and Ronald Johnson

In the ending of a long-term partnership, there is a certain amount of information that needs to be transferred. More important, there is value in reflecting on what has worked well and what has not worked well. There are implications in this for the future. It is very important that the period of transition go smoothly. A conversation involving a substantial portion of the congregation can make a contribution to this process.

July 2 "Video Interview with William Sloan Coffin"

Dr. Randy Nelson to lead discussion

William Sloan Coffin was a powerful prophetic voice for several decades. It is the kind of voice that many believe is lacking at a very critical juncture in history.

TRANSITION UPDATE

The Personnel Committee met recently with a representative from the Minneapolis Synod, David Wangaard, who offered his assistance throughout the transition period. Last week, the committee interviewed a candidate for the position of interim pastor and is arranging a meeting with another candidate soon.

We promise to make reports to the congregation on a regular basis during this time of great change. It is our intent to be as open and transparent about the process as is possible. We appreciate and encourage everyone to come to us with any questions and concerns. Please contact anyone on the Church Council or the Personnel Committee.

John Sulzbach, Council President

Jane Kretzmann, Personnel Committee, Chair.

PARISH INFORMATION

SUMMER PROGRAM: THE MUSICAL DRAMA WORKSHOP

The second week in the Summer Program is a Musical-Drama Workshop for children in grades 1-8 (completed grades). It runs from June 26 to June 29 in the mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. The performance will be on Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm. A supper will precede the performance. The drama will be "Daniel," the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. The children prepare spoken and sung lines as well as learn the art of preparing stage sets. Please consider coming to the performance.

MILL CITY FARMERS MARKET

A new market has opened at Chicago Avenue and 2nd Street South. It is open every Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This new market sells fresh locally grown food, raised by farmers who grow food following methods consistent with organic and sustainable agriculture.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The fence installation is largely complete and on the last work night a planting bed was prepared in front of the west portion of the gate... A contract has been signed for the repair of the evacuator tank. Work will be done the week of July 10... A contract for painting the bell tower, large north stained glass window, east facies, and east roof vents will be signed this week. The work is proceeding. Contributions to the Capital Improvements Appeal are needed to pay for this essential work.

15,000 30,000

GRADUATIONS

We are in the season of graduations. Persons at a variety of educational levels are being graduated from institutions of learning.

High School: Kerry Fantauzza, Korla Masters, Jaime Jordet, Paul Engen, Jennifer Oie

College: Alex Jury (Brown University)

Graduate School: Nathan Hines (Hamline Law School), Lindsey Lane (School of Public Health, University of Minnesota)

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

The following persons were received as new members of this community on Sunday, June 18: Kris and Paul Christians (George and Sarah); Melanie, Ana and Scott McRae; Nicholas Ellison; Christine Hengschs.

CANOE TRIP IN BOUNDARY WATERS

If you will participate in the canoe trip, please so indicate by July 1. The trip will be August 18-21; cost is \$125. There will be a meeting Sunday, July 16, 10 am in the Mary-Martha Room. An inventory of equipment needs will be taken. Please make payment to Holy Trinity.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to Evening Prayer on Thursday, July 13, 7:00 pm. You will be the guest of the Johnson family for dessert following the worship service. Please sign the reservation list to help provide an estimate as to the number of people who plan to be present for the dessert.

| PARISH EVENTS June 25-July 1 | |
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| SUNDAY | 8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion 9:55 am Adult Forum |
| MONDAY | 9:30 am Vacation Church School, Musical |
| TUESDAY | 9:30 am Vacation Church School, Musical |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:30 am VCS 5:30 pm Youth to Simpson Shelter |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 am VCS 6:00 pm Meal & 7:00 pm Performance |

SPECIAL GIFT in memory of

- **Millie Moberg** by Sheldon/Margery Torgerson

GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND in memory of

- **Harold Steinfeldt and Anna Steinfeldt** by Lyle Steinfeldt

- **Floyd E. Flaata** by his wife, Dorothy, Dale Flaata and family, Sandy (Flaata) Meyers and family, Bonnie (Flaata) Abeyta and family

- **Swede Walstrom & Michelle Walstrom** by Lois Roos & in honor of

- **Bernetta E. Thornby** by Sandra Thornby

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Viola Madson, Barbara/Ronald Johnson and in honor of

- **Our anniversary** by John/Stephanie Sulzbach

GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by Matt Kane/Liz Conway, Deb Kohlase

| WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS June 25, 2006 | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Preacher | Ronald K. Johnson |
| Celebrant | Stacy K. Johnson |
| Crucifer | 8:45 am Ron Johnson / 11:00 am Andrew Johnson |
| Liturgist | 8:45 am Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am Bob Hulteen |
| Cantor | Peter Johnson |
| Communion Asst | 8:45 am Mary Young, Pam Blomgren 11:00 am Deb Sodd, Brian Lenz |
| Acolytes | 8:45 am Kevin Kane / 11:00 am Meagan Fortier, Andy Myers |
| Greeters | 8:45 am Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am Liz Blood, David Broberg |
| Ushers | 8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Ron Mack Murphy, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Shawn Barry |
| | 11:00 am Mark Hiner, Liz Blood, Don Lang, Carole Lang |
| Altar Guild | 8:45 am Jeanette Brown, Carole Schneiders 11:00 am Lynda Nordholm, Dennis Nordholm |
| Nursery | 8:40 am Gretchen Lund / 10:30 am Sara Jensen |

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Please make reservations by June 26 for the farewell luncheon honoring the ministry of Pastors Ronald and Stacy Johnson and the Johnson family. Cost is \$10. Lunch reservations may be made through the mail and through the church office. Lunch will be served in the gym from 12:30 to 1:30. A celebration program will follow in the sanctuary.

| FINANCIAL REPORT | June 18 | Year to date |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Budget requirement | 10,905.77 | 272,644.23 |
| Budget receipts | 10,544.20 | 276,495.76 |
| World Hunger | 100.00 | 4,724.00 |
| Capital Improvements | 100.00 | 10,979.00 |
| Nonviolent Peaceforce | -- | 506.00 |
| African AIDS Fund | -- | 1,565.00 |
| African Pastors Endowment | -- | 255.00 |
| Urban Latino Ministry | -- | 1,345.00 |