



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**8:45 and 11:00 am**

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

In our letter of resignation, we specified July 9 as our last Sunday and July 15 as our final day of work. Since the date of this letter, the movement of time seems to have radically accelerated. Up to this point preparing for the summer program has required a substantial amount of time, particularly for Stacy. We are, however, directing considerable thought to how we can help to enable the best possible transition for the congregation. To this end we are gathering all possible information that may be useful to the Church Council and standing committees and task force groups. Much of this has been in the form of 'transition documents.'

Some of the most important transition work that we are doing is that of working with persons who will assume some of the responsibilities that we have carried or will be working to actually expand the congregation's ministry. Worship design and coordination will be assumed by Julie Lindorff. She has a wonderful liturgical sense and a thorough knowledge of the wide range of hymnody. She will do a great job. Julie and Rick Prescott will play key roles in the process of introducing the new hymnal. Rick and Ann Schrooten will, as in the past, have important suggestions and contributions to make for the planning of worship services.

In March, an agreement was made with Ann Schrooten for expanded responsibilities. In addition to the Children's Choir, she will be responsible for working musically with the Sunday Church School at all ages. She will direct the music for the Vacation Church School and Youth Musical portions of the summer program. The Bell Choir will also be her responsibility. All of this will further strengthen the work of the congregation with children and youth.

For many years Stacy has written the curriculum for the Sunday Church School and Vacation Church School. With Stacy's departure it is necessary to purchase a curriculum from a publishing company. All such materials require reworking and adaptation. We are delighted that Stephanie Sulzbach has agreed to assume this responsibility. She has over thirty years experience as a teacher in the Minneapolis Public Schools. She is a wonderful musician and gifted in the area of art. Stephanie will work one day per week on the coordination of the Church School.

Some teaching materials we have written will be passed on for future use. Stacy will provide materials for the 2007 Vacation Church School and Ron will offer materials he has written for the four year confirmation program.

At the suggestion of the Personnel Committee and with the approval of the Church Council, Ron will continue to work with Trinity Apartments and Trinity-on-Lake until a permanent pastor is called. Our commitment is to be as thorough as possible in fulfilling our responsibilities in the transition process.

Stacy K. Johnson, Pastor  
Ronald K. Johnson, Pastor

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A theme that runs through the lessons is that of faith. It is a tricky thing about which to speak. Some understandings of faith are nothing less than examples of a "theology of glory." It is important to challenge misconceptions of faith. The lessons for this Sunday offer an opportunity to do so.*



### LESSONS

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

II Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

### July 2 "Video Interview with William Sloan Coffin" Dr. Randy Nelson

For several decades, William Sloan Coffin provided one of the great prophetic voices in this country. He died recently, but prior to his death an interview with him was taped.

### July 9 Reception for Stacy and Ronald Johnson

### July 16 Biblical Study Dr. Randy Nelson

## CHILDREN'S MUSICAL DRAMA

You are invited to a performance of "Daniel, Chapter Six" on Thursday, June 29, 7:00 pm. This performance will reflect the work of children in grades 1 - 8.

## TRANSITION UPDATE

The Personnel Committee has interviewed two candidates for the position of Interim Pastor. A report was brought to the Church Council on Monday, June 26.

John Sulzbach, Council President

## SUMMER PROGRAM - First Session

The first session of the Summer Program, known as Vacation Church School had an attendance of 100 children. They were thoroughly engaged. By all appearances, they loved the "city" that was constructed in the gym. Again, there was a very large number of adults who staffed the classrooms and served as "people of the city."

# PARISH INFORMATION

## THANK YOU TO JOHN KELLY

In 1975 Holy Trinity established an Investment Fund. It was conceived as a way of strengthening the long-term financial security of the congregation. Over these 31 years, the congregation has annually used a portion of the earnings. Since the fund's inception, John Kelly has managed the fund on a pro bono basis. Despite the use of some earnings on an annual basis, the fund has grown from the initial amount of \$125,000 to \$660,000. Needless to say, John has done a remarkable job. He deserves our great thanks.

At John's suggestion, the Church Council adopted a resolution that places the Investment Fund under the management of the same professional money managers that invest ELCA Pension funds. The congregation will continue to use a portion of the earnings on an annual basis. Any withdrawal of \$50,000 or more will require the approval of 2/3 of members present at a duly called meeting of the congregation. The Investment Committee will continue to monitor the performance of the fund.

## LOAVES AND FISHES

It is our responsibility to prepare and serve a meal in the Loaves and Fishes program on Wednesday, July 12. As usual, three work crews will be needed:

2:00 pm	Cooking
5:00 pm	Serving
6:00 pm	Clean-up

We normally serve about 300 persons in this program and so a substantial crew is required. Please sign the volunteer list.

## FINE ARTS SERIES

The Worship and Music Committee has largely completed a schedule of events in the 2006-2007 Fine Arts Series. As it now stands, there will be the following events:

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| September 24 | Latino Sacred Music                             |
| October 15   | A French Piano Duo                              |
| November 19  | Hymn Festival – Introduction of New Hymnal      |
| January 21   | Storytelling                                    |
| February     | Instrumental Ensemble – Friends of Holy Trinity |
| March        | Production of Theatre Circle                    |
| April 22     | Sacred Voice Choral                             |
| May          | North Shore Brass                               |

## HYMNAL PURCHASE

Now is the time to purchase a hymnal for the church in memory or honor of someone. The cost is \$17.50. Materials for placing the order are in the Community Room on Sunday.

## 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. It would be helpful if you'd sign the reservation list for dessert.

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### PARISH EVENTS July 2-8

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:45, 11am</b> Worship Service of Holy Communion
	<b>9:55 am</b> Adult Forum <b>2:00 pm</b> Swahili Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Holiday, office closed</b>

### SPECIAL GIFT in memory of

- **Bob Lay** by Andrea Hanson
- GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND** by Sally/David Kohlstedt & in memory of
- **Otto Madson** by Viola Madson
- **Loved ones** by Gary Johnson
- **Helen Madich** by George Madich and in honor of
- **Pastor Ron Johnson** by George Madich
- **Ron & Barb Johnson and Stacy Johnson** by Randy/Joy Nelson
- GIFTS TO AFRICAN PASTORS' FUND** by Beverly/David Mooney
- GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** by Gerry/Linda Berglin

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 2, 2006

Preacher	Stacy K. Johnson			
Celebrant	Ronald K. Johnson			
Crucifer	8:45 am	Ron Johnson	/ 11:00 am	Wayne Vetter
Liturgist	8:45 am	Carol Masters	/ 11:00 am	Mary Lindell
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Mary Engen, Chris Engen		
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm		
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt / 11:00 am		
Greeters	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt / 11:00 am		
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Vernon Michaelson		
	11:00 am	Lee Kampinen, Ben Wootten, Bob Norheim, Tim Mann		
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer		
	11:00 am	Kathy Ohler, Stella Townsend		
Nursery	8:40 am	Amy Neal	/ 10:30 am	Kari Kleven

## CEDAR LAKE FARM

There will be a trip for seniors to Cedar Lake Farm Wednesday, July 12. The day features the following:

- Country BBQ Cookout
- Pontoon Cruise on Cedar Lake
- Ride on Hay wagon through woods and fields
- Opportunity to visit farm

Departure will be at 10:30 am and return by 3:00 pm. Cost is \$15.50. Please make reservation.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Drivers are needed for Meals on Wheels the week of July 10-14. Please sign up in the Community Room.

### FINANCIAL REPORT **June 25** Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	283,550.00
Budget receipts	4,453.61	280
World Hunger	--	4,724.00
Capital Improvements	100.00	11,079.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	506.00
African AIDS Fund	--	1,565.00
African Pastors Endowment	--	255.00
Urban Latino Ministry	--	1,345.00