



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

SOME FINAL WORDS

It was just in the last few days that we were able to find an opportunity to read the many cards and letters that came to us by mail and as part of the memory book presented at the "Celebration of Partnership" program on July 9. We are deeply moved by your expressions of friendship, solidarity and appreciation. Often the cards and letters recalled specific experiences we shared with many of you. Some of the situations recalled were in difficult times, as for example when a loved one died. Some were in the midst of days utterly routine when we worked on something together. Still others were at events filled with unabashed joy.

In the midst of a very cleverly conceived take-off on "A Prairie Home Companion" in which there was a remembering of our life together (and some pastoral idiosyncrasies), gifts were given to us. They were very generous. We feel greatly honored since we fully understand that the gifts were expressions of love. These gifts, along with written and verbal expressions of love and appreciation, confirm our longstanding conviction that we are among the most privileged pastors in the ELCA.

We discussed at some length the most appropriate ways in which to use the financial gifts. We have decided to direct the gifts in three ways. First, we shall each purchase something or do something that is of special interest to us. It will be a tangible reminder of your generosity and our long life together with you. Second, we shall direct some of the gift to a special fund established by the ELCA designed to subsidize the retirement income of pastors who have extremely low pensions. A particularly painful inequity in the ELCA is that some pastors retire with very good resources and others struggle to survive. This is usually a reflection of having served a congregation that provided extremely low remuneration. Third, we wish to establish a fund (perhaps an endowment) for the theological dialogue work of this congregation. Fostering such dialogue comprised an important and thoroughly fulfilling part of our work. We have shared our ideas with the Church Council.

Your generosity greatly exceeded our expectation. No words are adequate to convey our thanks. We have been immensely blessed through our time in the life of this congregation.

Until Pastor Bruce Arnevik (interim pastor) arrives, you will be well served by persons who are within the congregation. Perhaps it is well for you to know that there are 20 persons who have theological education and have held ordination. Several of these persons will be preaching in the weeks between now and September. Still others are part of a cadre that will be ready to provide pastoral care upon request. Should you desire such care or know of someone who does, please call the church office. Janice Lehman will coordinate this service. We leave knowing that worship leadership and pastoral care are in good hands.

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Shepherd" is one of the great images used in scripture. According to Old Testament writers, those in authority were to be as "shepherds." In the gospel reading, Mark uses the image of "shepherd" in speaking of Jesus.



LESSONS
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-22
Mark 6:30-34

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

July 23 **Biblical Study Part II**

Dr. Randy Nelson

The biblical stories of the Exodus from Egypt and the return from Exile have symbolic importance for people of faith. We explore the meaning of these stories as historical events and as symbol. We discussed the Exodus July 16; Part II is Return from the Exile.

July 30 **"When a Pastor Leaves"**

Led by John Sulzbach and Jane Kretzmann

It has been over thirty years since this congregation has called a pastor. This forum will give an overview of the call process. The process is not just the work of a call committee. We are all invited to be part of this search for our next pastor.

INTERIM PASTOR

The Church has selected Bruce Arnevik as the interim pastor of Holy Trinity. He served many years as the pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. Most recently he has served as interim of Faith Lutheran (Waconia) and Norwegian Lutheran (Minneapolis). He will assume responsibilities at Holy Trinity on September 1. Pastor Arnevik is expected to serve until a permanent pastor is called and arrives.

In the next few months a "call committee" will be selected. There will be opportunities for the people to Holy Trinity to provide input to the call committee.

The Church Council, standing committees and Pastors Stacy and Ronald Johnson have spent a great deal of time working together to make the seamless as possible. The Council and committees are well equipped to carry on their work as envisioned in the "Agenda for 2006." There is good reason to be hopeful concerning the future.

PARISH INFORMATION

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Youth in grades 8-12 are asked to help with preparing and serving a meal at the Simpson Shelter on Wednesday, July 26. Youth are to meet at Holy Trinity at 5:30 pm. There are 70 residents at this shelter. Persons are allowed to stay in the shelter for several months as they are engaged in finding employment or saving money for securing an apartment. It is striking how appreciative the residents in the shelter are for the meal that is provided.

NEW LUTHERAN HYMNAL

A good start has been made in gathering funds for the new hymnal. When the hymnal is delivered in October, the invoice will be \$6,500. At present \$1,700 has been received. Most people are contributing money as a memorial or honor for people. A notice of the gift will be printed on the inside cover. A table is set up in the Community Room with materials for indicating your gift.

HUNGER FACTS: The World

More than 850 million people around the world, most in developing countries, do not get enough calories. Widespread hunger persists even though the world's farmers produce enough food for everyone.

One-third of the population of sub-Saharan Africa is chronically malnourished. Nearly half live on less than \$1 a day. In Central Africa, 55 percent of the population is hungry.

Access to modest resources can make a big difference in the lives of the world's hungry and poor people. For example:

- 15 cents will vaccinate a child against polio to prevent paralysis and death;
- \$3 will pay for a mosquito bed net to help prevent malaria;
- \$25 will cover the cost of fees and materials for a child to attend a full year of elementary school;
- \$500 funds training to improve agricultural yields for a farmer's cooperative.

The United States government contributes less than half of one cent of our federal budget to poverty-focused development assistance overseas.

SUMMER PROGRAM: "Exploring the City"

This annual series in the Summer Program will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 18-20, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. It is open to children in grades 6-9. Participants will visit places and people important in city life. They include:

- Bell Museum
- New Minneapolis Public Library
- New Guthrie Theatre
- Dr. Tom Kleven and clinic
- Attorney Bob Torgerson
- Children's Theatre
- Mayor R. T. Rybak

Lunches will be at the new Mid-town Market, Orchestra Hall Plaza and an ethnic restaurant.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

There is need for more volunteers. The goal is to have a morning and afternoon volunteer, Monday through Friday. Please call Janice Lehman in the church office to volunteer or for more information.

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PARISH EVENTS July 23-29, 2006

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum 2:00 pm Swahili Worship
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Rehearsal for <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm	Youth serve at Simpson shelter
	7:00 pm	Rehearsal for <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Rehearsal for <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>

GIFT TO HYMNALS FUND in memory of

- **parents Ruth and Alfred Heitkamp** by Liz/Bill Blood
- **Kris Olsen** by Inez Olsen and in honor of
- **Pastors Ron and Stacy Johnson and their families for their ministry to Holy Trinity** by Harold/Betty Fredrickson family
- **Pastors Ron and Stacy** By Judy/Lauri Isaacson
- GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS** by Aldora Ferrian, Rich/Jody Liedholm, James Hartsoe, Viola Madson, Bob/Helen Norheim, Nicholas Ellison, Bill/Eunice Milbrath, Matt Kane/Liz Conway and in honor of
- **my son Todd** by Lyle Steinfeldt
- **Pastor Ron Johnson** by Jim/Carole Schneiders
- **Johnson family** by Paul/Lois Eid, Gary Ogren/Ann Neuendorf, Nathan Ogren
- GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER** by Ingrid Phillips, Jerry Olson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 23, 2006

Preacher	Dennis Ormseth		
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg / 11:00 am	John Buzza
Crucifer	11:00 am	Will Roberts	
Cantor	Andrea Hansen		
Liturgist	8:45 am	Lyle Steinfeldt / 11:00 am	Don Lang
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Deb Kohlhase, Joyce Peterson	
	11:00 am	Bob Hulteen, Andrea Hansen	
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt / 11:00 am Megan Libra, Wyatt Rada	
Greeters	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt / 11am David Broberg, Liz Blood	
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Vernon Michaelson, Ron Mack Murphy, David Kohlstedt	
	11:00 am	Kathy Hollander, Tim Mann, Ben Wootten, Ron Peterson	
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer	
	11:00 am	Pat Lundquist, Kathy Ohler	
Nursery	8:40 am	Sean Gosiewski / 10:30 am Dave Krig	

CONCERNING PEOPLE: The mother of Shawn Barry died last week... Sandra Quigley died on Friday. Burial for both persons was on Monday of this week.... Britny Blomgren is in Alaska again taking a 30 day course on wilderness survival... Sandra Peterson is seeking a second term in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

FINANCIAL REPORT July 16 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	316,267.31
Budget receipts	8,962.42	314,965.15
World Hunger	-.-	5,231.73
Capital Improvements	150.00	12,290.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	50.00	609.00
African AIDS Fund	-.-	1,738.12
African Pastors Endowment	83.00	438.00
Urban Latino Ministry	-.-	1,380.00

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