



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

MANNA IN THE WILDERNESS

The Old Testament lesson for this past Sunday describes an incident that took place shortly after the slaves that were to become the people of Israel had escaped from Egypt. In response to complaints that Moses had led them into the wilderness to die of hunger, God promised that food would be provided: meat in the form of quails in the evening and bread in the form of manna in the morning. There was only one stipulation related to the gift and that was that they were to gather only enough for the needs of each day except for the day before the Sabbath when they were to gather two days' supply in order not to have to collect food on the Sabbath.

That sounds simple enough; but not all of the people were content to live within the parameters that God had provided. When they gathered more than was necessary, the excess manna bred worms and became rotten.

This incident reflects a rather common human propensity: when our normal routines are disturbed, when our usual patterns are interrupted, when our well-being and security are compromised, then a typical response is to think not only that we can but that we should replace what was lost through our own efforts at control. The Israelites who gathered more than was necessary were trying to secure their own future by not trusting that God would provide as God had promised.

What the Israelites needed to learn was that the people of God are expected to live, not on the basis of a false security that they try to create for themselves, but by acknowledging that God will provide what is necessary for each day. It is a lesson not easily learned nor always remembered but once the Israelites had given up the effort to secure their own future they could get on with the business of being a light to the nations.

As a congregation in transition it can be helpful for us at Holy Trinity to remember what the Israelites needed to learn. There are some things that we need to do, but worrying about securing our own future is not one of them. Our future has been secured for us by the creating, redeeming, sustaining God who has called us into being. By acknowledging our dependence on the sustaining presence of God whose care is sufficient for each day, then we can get about the business for which we do have responsibility: caring for each other, serving our neighbor, and speaking out for justice.

Dr. Randy A. Nelson

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Elijah despairs of his life, yet God gives him sustenance. Jesus invites his followers to be nourished and sustained by his very presence. Paul challenges, "Be imitators of God," and in so doing, sustain a weary world.



I Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

August 13 "Fiddler on the Roof" preview scenes
Peter Johnson and Ann Schrooten
"Fiddler on the Roof: A preview" – by members of the intergenerational cast. This delightful musical will be performed 7 pm on Wednesday, August 16 and Thursday, August 17.

August 20 "Congregational Update"
Council and Transition Team

August 27 "Book Review: Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian"
Lyle Steinfeldt

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF AT HOLY TRINITY

Teyve and Golde have given their blessing! Zeitel and the tailor, Motel, are to be married! Please join us for the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, to be presented by a fantastic Holy Trinity cast of youth and adults on Wednesday and Thursday evening, August 16-17, in the church gymnasium. The only charge for this presentation is your enthusiastic applause! Call the church office this week at 612-729-8358 to reserve your seats.

INTERIM UPDATE

At its August meeting, the Church Council will begin discussing the parameters of a call committee as outlined in the Church Constitution.

John Sulzbach, Council President

PARISH INFORMATION

LWR LEADS IN FAITH-BASED FAIR TRADE MOVEMENT

Lutheran World Relief has worked with Equal Exchange, pioneers in the Fair Trade movement, for almost a decade to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and sugar available to U.S. Lutherans through the LWR Coffee Project. Since 1986, Equal Exchange has led the country in Fair Trade, supporting small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia. By purchasing 100% of their products according to Fair Trade standards, Equal Exchange helps impoverished farmers build a better future for their communities. Organized as a worker-owned cooperative, Equal Exchange is a for-profit company with a non-profit mission, proving that Fair Trade is a viable, self-sustaining business model. – *TOTO, LWR magazine 2006*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Outreach Committee

The HT Outreach Committee invites you to an afternoon of fellowship and refreshment on Sunday, August 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Norholms', 3137 37th Ave S. We are serving up ice cream and talking up the Outreach Committee. This is an informal way for us to share what the Outreach Committee is all about and what we do – and hopefully entice you to join our ranks. RSVP to Lynda Nordholm.

A MEETING WITH PHILIP CRYAN

A meeting with Philip, Lutheran World Relief Midwest Coordinator responsible for the Colombian Sal y Luz project, will be held at Holy Trinity, Sunday, August 13 at 2:00 pm. He will be introducing his replacement, Rebecca Phares. All interested persons invited.

DONNA PENA, Latino Singer & Composer

Sunday afternoon, Sept 24, 4:30 pm – Fine Arts Series Kickoff.

A WORKSHOP ON LITURGY AND CARE OF THE EARTH

“Greening Your Congregation’s Worship” is the title and focus of a workshop sponsored by the New Earth Partnership, in which Holy Trinity participates. Sept 30, 9:00-3:00 at Our Savior’s Lutheran, 24th St and Chicago Ave. Presentations by Ben Stewart on an ecological approach to worship and Mary Preus and Tom Witt on Worship Music that Turns Us to God, the Earth and Each Other. Donation \$20 includes lunch from St. Martin’s Table. To register call the office (729-8358).

TRIP TO CENTRAL EUROPE

The Central Europe trip will be April 23-May 7, 2007. The itinerary is being finalized and an informational meeting will be held in September. Cost will be \$2,500 to \$3,000, a \$50.00 deposit will be required in September. Approximately 15 people are signed up for the trip at this time. There will be space for 20-24 people. If you have an interest, please sign the list in the Community Room and/or call or email Margaret Peterson.

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PARISH EVENTS August 13-19, 2006	
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion 9:55 am Adult Forum 1:00 pm Fiddler rehearsal
MONDAY	7:00 pm Stewardship/Finance 7:00 pm Fiddler Rehearsal 7:00 pm Every Church a Peace Church
TUESDAY	9:00 am Healthy Seniors 7:00 pm Fiddler Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm Fiddler on the Roof Performance
THURSDAY	7:00 pm Fiddler on the Roof Performance
FRIDAY	Canoe trip to Boundary Waters (Aug 18-21)

GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND by family of **Earl Fredell** & in honor of - **Grayson Henry Schrooten Wiczorek, The Holy Trinity Children’s Choir, Pastors Ron & Stacy Johnson, & Julie Lindorff** & in memory of - **Nora Buckman, David Sperber, John Henry Schrooten, Mary Margaret Schrooten, Barbara Zietz** by Ann Schrooten/Dawn Wiczorek - **Clifford and Elizabeth Englund** by Kathleen Tomperi
GIFTS TO DIALOGUE FUND in honor of
 - **Pastor Ron Johnson** by George/Barbara Holmquist
GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Arthur Olson, Ingrid Phillips
GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by Joyce Peterson & in honor of
 - **Pastors Ronald K. Johnson and Stacy K. Johnson** by Chris/Mary Engen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 13, 2006	
Preacher	David Broberg
Celebrant	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe / 11:00 am Gary Sartain
Crucifer	11:00 am Bob Hulteen
Cantor	Andrea Hansen
Liturgist	8:45 am David Kohlstedt / 11:00 am Linda Jury
Communion Asst	8:45 am Richard Liedholm, Carol Masters 11:00 am Liz Rudrud, Cliff Brown
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 Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer 11:00 am Kathy Ohler, Stella Townsend
Nursery	8:40 am Margaret Carlson 10:30 am Matt Kane, Maggie, & Nora

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Youth and Adults

Volunteers are needed to service at the Simpson Men’s Shelter August 23 and at the Women’s Shelter August 31. Please call Linda Jury.

FINANCIAL REPORT	August 6	Year to date
Budget requirement	10,905.77	348,984.62
Budget receipts	8,051.81.	344,599.21
World Hunger	30.17	5,337.90
Capital Improvements	150.00	15,381.50
Nonviolent Peaceforce	-.	609.00
African AIDS Fund	-.	1,793.12
African Pastors Endowment	40.00	1,611.34
Urban Latino Ministry	-.	1,380.00

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