



# 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 IN DEEP GRATITUDE

There is a plot of land in Lakewood Cemetery that is, for me, a community. Each Christmas Eve, our family would light candles on our relatives' graves. The visits continue; just last week I celebrated what would have been my father's birthday with flowers on his headstone. Among the graves in that wedge-shaped lot are my parents, my grandparents, cousins and uncles, and, most recent, my sister and my daughter.

The words community and gratitude have been heard in recent weeks from Holy Trinity's pulpit. The contribution that individuals make every Sunday and in the days between is vital to the health of Holy Trinity. Someone said that we go to church not only for ourselves but also for others. Of course, we are moved to worship and to give thanks to God, but we also show up to be a community, to provide support for our neighbor, to gain sustenance for the days ahead. Not to be seen but to see that our life together remains strong, to see what needs to be done, who looks for a connection. When we gather at the table, we are surrounded by friends and family as well as the cloud of witnesses that have gone on before us. By showing up, we affirm our faith, we attest to the importance of this service and this place in our lives. In gratitude for God's abundance, we share ourselves with others.

It is summer, an unusually hot one. Two familiar faces are no longer leading us in worship. Our community sometimes resembles a remnant when important roles in our public face—acolytes, ushers, coffee servers, greeters, communion assistants—go unfilled. As a result, their contributions to the church life are missing: the post-service fellowship time, new people in the pews, smooth flow in the service—all suffer and congregational life as we know it almost imperceptibly ratchets down.

We have been blessed for many years with ministers whose servant souls have been both magnet and inspiration for all of us. We now must step up, deeply grateful for those years of service and determined to keep Holy Trinity a vital family. Let us show up—to hear new voices and points of view, to meet old friends and greet unfamiliar faces, to fulfill our obligations—large or small—to the ongoing life of our church; in short, to show our deep gratitude to God for this community's past blessings, present grace, and future gifts.

Cathryn Olson

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*"I am the living bread," Jesus says, broken for the sake of a broken world. The invitation to the table is an invitation to abide in God forever.*



Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

**9:55 am**

**In the Church Library**

**August 20 "Looking Back, Looking Ahead — Our Continuing Congregational Conversation"  
Council and Transition Team**

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

Talking about the faith within us seems a challenge for many Christians. Thomas Long's practical book teaches us how to bring faith to speech in everyday occurrences of life.

## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES SOON

Our long, leisurely days of summer are coming to an end, soon to be replaced by the crisp, cool days of autumn. These seasonal changes also signal the beginning of another year of Sunday Church School for all Holy Trinity members, both young and old. The children ages three to eleven will be using a new curriculum, *Seasons of the Spirit*. As of this date, our teaching staff for the fall term is complete and we are looking forward to another year of learning and growing with our students. In the upcoming weeks, there will be additional information sent to your homes in regard to room assignments, important dates, and registration. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 10, at 9:45 am.

## INTERIM UPDATE

The Adult Forum on Sunday, August 20, 2006, entitled "Looking Back, Looking Forward" will be an informal conversation reflecting on our past and pointing to our future. Bring your thoughts and ideas. We will also try to answer questions brought up at the forum on July 30.

John Sulzbach, Council President

# PARISH INFORMATION

## MIDTOWN PUBLIC MARKET

Holy Trinity is a proud sponsor of this market, featuring Minnesota and Wisconsin products including fresh produce, flowers, sustainably raised meat, fresh baked bread, local honey, ready to eat food, the handmade goods of local artisans, cooking demonstrations. Saturdays, 8 am-1 pm., Tuesdays, 3:30-7:30 pm. Location: 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South & East Lake Street.

## ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE IN LEBANON

ELCA International Disaster Response sent \$30,000 on August 1<sup>st</sup> to support the work of the Contact and Resource Center, an institution designed to enhance the future of people living with disabilities in Lebanon. Located in Beirut, the CRC office has moved its services north of the city owing to military confrontations between Israel and Hezbollah, a Lebanese militant group.

## NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITION

In *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, Jared Diamond examines five factors (environmental damage, rapid population growth, unstable trade partners, and pressure from enemies) that led to the demise of some societies. He also examines societies that found solutions to the same problems and survived.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS – MINNESOTA MEAL

Please join us for the Minnesota Meal, Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 9 at Holy Trinity. We encourage everyone to make a dish to share using locally grown food. We will show the film "Voices of Minnesota Farm Women" and have invited Dana Jackson of the Land Stewardship Project to lead the discussion.

## DONNA PENA, Latino Singer & Composer

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

## 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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (612-729-8358).

## 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.

PARISH EVENTS August 20-26, 2006	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:45, 11am</b> <b>Worship Service of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9:55 am</b> <b>Adult Forum 2:00 pm</b> <b>Swahili Service</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Return from Boundary Waters</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Executive Committee</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Church Council</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> <b>Take Action MN meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Simpson Shelter, youth and adults serve</b>

**GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND** by Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, David/Carol Berg, Carol Lane and in honor of

- **Pastors Ron & Stacy Johnson** by Susan/Michael Wootten & in memory of
- **Ivah Wilson, mother, on occasion of her birthday** by Jim/Carole Schneiders
- **Myrtle Nelson, mother,** by Gloria Warner and in honor of
- **Pastor Ronald K. Johnson** by Gloria Warner

**GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** by Aldora Ferrian, Liz Blood, and Ray Sanders and in honor of

- **Johnson Family** by Birgit Birkeland

**GIFT TO LATINO MINISTRY** by Matt Kane/Liz Conway

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 20, 2006	
Preacher	Jim Hartsoe
Celebrant	8:45 am David Broberg / 11:00 am Randy Nelson
Crucifer	11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Liturgist	8:45 am Carol Masters / 11:00 am Susan Wootten
Communion Asst	8:45 am Mary Young, Pam Blomgren
	11:00 am Deb Sodt, Brian Lenz
Greeters	8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt / 11:00 am Ron/Margaret Peterson
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Vernon Michaelson
	11:00 am Lee Kampinen, Tim Mann, Ben Wootten, Bob Norheim
Altar Guild	8:45 am Freda Miller, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am Linda Gawthrop, Carol Lane
Nursery	8:40 am Roxanne Ekstrand
	10:30 am Sara Jensen

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Youth and Adults

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

## FAREWELL VIDEO AVAILABLE

A DVD is available containing the July 9 afternoon farewell to Pastors Ron and Stacy, along with the "parting conversation" from the previous Sunday. Copies are \$10 each. Call the Church Office or sign up for one in the Community Room.

## FINANCIAL REPORT August 13 Year to date

	August 13	Year to date
Budget requirement	10,905.77	359,890.38
Budget receipts	5,098.18	349,697.39
World Hunger	-.	5,337.90
Capital Improvements	415.00	15,796.50
Nonviolent Peaceforce	-.	609.00
African AIDS Fund	-.	1,793.12
African Pastors Endowment	-.	1,611.34
Urban Latino Ministry	80.00	1,460.00