



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

BEGINNING OUR INTERIM JOURNEY TOGETHER

It's a joy and privilege to have begun serving as your interim pastor. I know that saying good-bye to pastors Ron and Stacy is a huge loss and major transition for you – excellent pastors who have served you so well for so long and have shaped Holy Trinity into the congregation it is today. Another pastor asked me, "How will our Mpls. Area Synod be the same without Ron Johnson?" It won't be. His presence and the ways he challenged our Synod will be missed. The good news is that the congregation Ron invested so much of his time, energy and life in will not be missed because Holy Trinity is not retiring. The city, our Synod, even people and communities overseas need the continued presence of your strong and vital congregation to carry forward your mission. I greatly respect Ron and Stacy's faithful work and witness in serving so many people within this congregation and countless others beyond its doors. I'm no bishop, but for what it's worth from a 'regular pastor' – *Thanks on behalf of the larger Church!*

The Gospel from Mark 7 last Sunday of Jesus opening the ears of the deaf man begs the question: How are we hearing? How clearly and deeply are we listening? Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Life Together* speaks of our need to be actively and daily engaged in two kinds of listening. One kind of listening takes place when we are alone, in stillness, in the presence of God. He writes of meditation on the Word of God, prayer, specific intercession for others. The other kind of listening involves patient, attentive listening to others, including within the faith community. He writes (Chapter 4, "Ministry") "Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking when they should be listening..."

Who might be an example for you of someone who exemplifies both kinds of listening? Someone who comes to mind for me is Herb Chilstrom, former Minnesota Synod and then national ELCA Bishop, who ordained my colleagues and me at a Synod Convention 25 years ago. He has always been easy to listen to for me because he practices both kinds of listening. Some of us gathered with Herb and Corinne back in June down at Gustavus where we were ordained. He spoke about trying to discern the guidance of the Spirit in regards to pastoral calls where decisions weren't easy and how he and Corinne struggled to listen through prayer and even fasting. He also spoke about how he has come to his understanding and affirmation of gay and lesbian people largely through listening to hundreds of personal stories from individuals.

I hope in our interim journey together we will take the effort to engage in both kinds of listening. This is a time to listen to your stories from the past and your hopes for the future. It's a time to listen for the whispers of the Spirit. Through having our ears opened to hear what we need to hear during this time, I believe Holy Trinity will find the voice it needs for its next chapter. I'm honored to journey with you between chapters.

Bruce Arnevik, Interim Pastor

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The readings for this day give good if difficult advice on service. In the sufferings and brokenness of our world, those who confess Jesus as the Christ are called to a life of servanthood.



LESSONS

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-8
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

September 17

"Biblical Prophecy" Part II

Dr. Mark Throntveit, Luther

Seminary

This is the second session in which Professor of Old Testament Mark Throntveit helps us to articulate a more adequate understanding of what Biblical prophecy is all about.

September 24

Congregational Update

Church Council & Transition Team

INTERIM UPDATE

The Adult forum on September 24 will be another opportunity to learn more about the steps that will be taken during this interim time before calling a new pastor. We will discuss the duties of the new committee that is being formed and hear from Interim Pastor Bruce Arnevik about his role at Holy Trinity.

Please make an effort to greet Bruce and introduce yourself to him; he is anxious to get to know you.

DONNA PEÑA Sunday Sept 24, 4:30 pm

Donna Peña, Latino singer, composes lively and melodic hymns for multilingual worship. This will be the kickoff for Holy Trinity's Fine Arts Series. A great family concert!

FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

The Nurturing Committee has been working on the "Fellowship Project" for a bit less than a year now. It is a project that we hope will include many members of the congregation. It is simple in nature—informal dinners at a member's home to which 8-10 people are invited. The purpose of these gatherings is for fellowship alone. With these small gatherings, it will take some time to reach all members of the congregation. If you are interested and willing to serve as a host home, please let Liz Blood know.

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTOR BRUCE ARNEVIK EMAIL

You may contact Pastor Bruce Arnevik at Holy Trinity by email: arnevik at htlcmpls.

PASTURES A'PLENTY: Delivery Sept. 21, 4:00 pm

Holy Trinity has provided a site once a month for direct marketing of pork, beef, and grains by farming cooperatives in Western Minnesota as a project begun by the Social Issues Committee several years ago. You are invited to an open house at Pastures A' Plenty the week-end of September 30th. For details, visit www.artsmeaner.com. If you are interested in purchasing products from Pastures A' Plenty, contact Cynthia VanDerPol at www.bighouseontheprairie.com.

MINNESOTA MEAL Saturday, September 23, 6:00 pm

Why a Minnesota Meal? *Gather* with Holy Trinity friends and neighbors. *Break bread* and share in a potluck of the wonderful variety of locally grown foods. *Hear stories* of Minnesota women as Gina Johnson of Land Stewardship Project leads discussion of the film "Voices of Minnesota Farm Women." *Practice the faith* as we conserve and protect God's creation, by using local produce, saving fuel and energy, and helping family farmers.

JUL BORD THANKS

Carol Kelly has coordinated the myriad tasks involved in Holy Trinity's successful Jul Bord for many years. She has done a wonderful job and we can't thank her enough. She will be stepping down this year. There is the likelihood that Holy Trinity will discontinue this yearly event, unless a lead coordinator(s) will assume the responsibility of directing a great group of volunteers. Please call the office if you are interested.

FALL OPPORTUNITY SALE October 14

Another tradition at Holy Trinity, an opportunity to conserve, re-use, and re-cycle household goods, will take place October 14, 9-1 pm. Items may be dropped off inside the cul-de-sac door, *until* October 11. We again will have a 'café lunch.' There is a need for bakery items, workers for the day of the sale, and people to price items. A sign up sheet is in the Community Room. Please do not drop off items after the sale, as the decision about whether or not to hold a sale next year has not yet been made.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON TRIP TO CENTRAL EUROPE

People interested in the trip to Central Europe will meet Sunday, Sept. 24, 12:15 pm in the library. Janet Tollund from Group Travel Directors will meet with us to go through the itinerary. A deposit of \$50 is due. Call or email Margaret Peterson with questions.

NEW EARTH PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP Sept 30, 9 am -3 pm

Holy Trinity is a sponsor of the New Earth Partnership, which presents the workshop "Greening Your Congregation's Worship," September 30 at Our Savior's Lutheran. Ben Stewart, Mary Preus and Tom Witt will lead us in learning liturgical forms that bring us closer to God, the Earth and each other. Lunch from St. Martin's Table. Please register by calling the church office 612-729-8358.

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PARISH EVENTS -September 17-23, 2006

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday Church School 9:55 am Adult Forum
	2:00 pm Swahili Service and Fellowship
MONDAY	6:30 pm Executive Committee 7:00 pm Church Council
TUESDAY	9:00 am Healthy seniors meeting
	5:30 pm 3 rd year confirmation
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm Children's / Youth Choir
	7:30 pm Adult Choir s
SATURDAY	6:00 pm Minnesota Meal

GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND in memory of

- **Louise Barry** by Shawn/Susan Barry

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Ingrid Phillips, Jerry Olson
and in memory of

- **Louise Barry** by Shawn/Susan Barry

GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by Dennis e. Larsen, Aldora Ferrian, and in memory of

- **Jean Englund** by Steven Englund and Kathryn Nevers

- **Louise Barry** by Shawn/Susan Barry

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS September 17, 2006

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am Joel Wiberg	/ 11:00 am Randy Nelson
Liturgist	8:45 am Richard Liedholm	/ 11:00 am Stella Townsend
Communion Asst	8:45 am Deb Kohlhase, Lyle Steinfeldt	
	11:00 am Dawn Wiczorek, John Sulzbach	
Greeters	8:45 am Carol Berg	/11:00 am Pat Libra
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend III, Chris Engen	
	11:00 am Lee Kampinen, Lynda /Dennis Nordholm, Susan Masters	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Jeanette Brown, Carole Schneiders	
	11:00 am Lynda Nordholm, Dennis Nordholm	
Nursery	8:40 am Amy Neal / 10:30 am Kari Kleven	

CONCERNING PEOPLE: David Kohlstedt is new head of the Newton Horace Winchell School of Earth Sciences and Department of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Minnesota. David is a renowned researcher in rock deformation processes.... The church office was notified that member Violet Carpenter has died. Our prayers and sympathies are with her family.

FINANCIAL REPORT September 10 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	392,607.69
Budget receipts	5,667.42	380,482.49
World Hunger	141.00	5,749.90
Capital Improvements	550.00	16,521.50
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	684.00
African AIDS Fund	--	1,828.12
African Pastors Endowment	--	1,656.34
Urban Latino Ministry	--	1,585.00
Hymnals	52.50	3,010.00
Central American Fund	--	5.00

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