



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

NEW INTERIM COMMITTEE FORMING

Holy Trinity's Council is in the process of forming a new Interim Committee (actual name to be determined). A slate of names was put together at the Council meeting on September 18. The committee of nine (which includes me as interim pastor) will include two Council members, two from Personnel, and four from the congregation at large. This group will orchestrate an extensive look at Holy Trinity's history, current identity, larger community context, the vision and direction Holy Trinity is seeking for its next chapter, and the particular kinds of leadership strengths and skills to look for in the next pastor. This Committee will decide on the specific kinds of information that will be sought and how best to gather it. The Committee will be charged with some very careful and intentional listening to those within the congregation as well as those beyond the congregation.

Loren Mead in *Critical Moment of Ministry: A Change of Pastors* writes, "...congregations rarely reflect upon their own life very much. So much is just taken for granted..." Especially for a congregation that has such a strong (and wonderful) focus outward on service and justice-seeking, this interim time is the perfect opportunity to reflect on your own internal life. It's also critically important. You are undergoing a *huge* pastoral leadership loss. Not only are Ron and Stacy personally missed with the kind of pastoral care and ministry they gave you, but all the hands-on tasks they did is now a significant adjustment for the congregation. This interim will be a time to not only look at what goes on at Holy Trinity (programs, groups, mission activities) but how things are done (how decisions are made, how communication occurs, who has what authority, etc.). This is very important work for you to do as a congregation and to do it as well as you can for the future health and continued vitality of your life and mission.

Someone asked me if it's appropriate for your Call Committee to eventually ask a prospective pastoral candidate if they are willing to stay for a certain minimum number of years. It certainly is a fair question.

Of course, there is never a guarantee. Your best hedge against having your next pastor for only two or three years is to take whatever time is needed to travel through this interim well. There is no rush. You will be fine. God is with you. The Spirit will guide and sustain you in your work and worship together.

And you might even find that I'm not so bad to work with as long as you have to put up with me. (Of course, that's not a guarantee.)

Bruce Arnevik, Interim Pastor

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The reign of God is served in many and diverse ways.
The people of God are called to restore and heal one another, to service and sacrifice.*



LESSONS
Numbers 11:4-6,
10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am In the Church Library

**October 1 "Saturday, by Ian McEwan
Susan Wootten**

Our last congregational book reading for the year is *Saturday*. While tracing a day in the life of a neurosurgeon in England, the author explores ideas of fate and purpose, life's fragility, revelation and terror at all levels of society.

**October 8 Stewardship of Life
Lee Kampinen**

PRAYING FOR PEACE

On Sunday, October 1, congregations across the country will pray for the many Colombian churches and peace communities that have endured suffering and persecution because they have refused to relinquish the dream of a peaceful and just future for their country. We will remember and pray for the victims of over four decades of armed conflict, and for all those who suffer from hunger, exclusion, fear, abuse and hopelessness. We will pray for the dawning of a new day of peace for all people in Colombia.

PARISH INFORMATION

YOUTH CALENDAR

Confirmation sponsors are invited to meet at the home of Kris Bogren, 4519 43rd Avenue South, on Friday, September 29, 7:00 pm.

Holy Trinity youth will participate in the 2006 Crop Walk, October 8.

CROP WALK – October 8

There is food enough for all, yet hunger persists. People either do not have access to food or cannot afford to buy the food that is available. Over 850 million people around the world receive insufficient nutrition. One in five is a child. Most live in the “developing world,” but hunger haunts us at home too, and the number of poor and hungry among our fellow citizens continues to rise. Church World Service sponsors a people-to-people network of local and global caring through CROP WALKS each spring and fall. Please see the display in the Community Room for more information. (More, location, etc)

CENTRAL EUROPE TRIP MEETING – Change of Date

The informational meeting for the Central Europe Trip was changed to Sunday, Oct. 1st, 12:15 in the library. Janet Tollund from Group Travel Directors will meet with us. A deposit of \$50 is due. Call or email Margaret Peterson with questions.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR CD AVAILABLE

The Holy Trinity Children's Choir CD is being made available once again for a limited time this fall. All proceeds will go toward purchasing stoles for the newly-acquired youth ensemble robes. Suggested donation is \$10 per CD. Please contact Ann Schrooten or a member of the Children's Choir.

FALL OPPORTUNITY SALE

Please note your intent to bake, mark items or help at the Opportunity Sale: a list is in the Community Room. The fall sale is October 14, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm—an opportunity to re-cycle household items in good repair.” Items may be left inside the cul-de-sac door *until October 11*. A ‘café lunch’ will be offered for the shoppers.

LAST CALL - NEW EARTH PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

September 30, 9 am -3 pm

The workshop “Greening Your Congregation’s Worship” will be 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 office (729-8358). Payment of \$20 at the door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALTAR GUILD:

The task of setting up for (and cleaning up after) Holy Communion is essential work. It is done in teams, usually once a month. The amount of time required is about 20 minutes. Please call Janice (612-729-8358).

PARISH EVENTS –October 1- 7, 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 Worship and Fellowship
MONDAY	4:30 pm	Family Services 6:00 pm SOA Watch
	7:00 pm	Social Issues 7:00 pm Outreach; Worship/Music
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Children’s / Youth Choir
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir s

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS October 1, 2006

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik		
Celebrant	8:45 am	/ 11:00 am	
Liturgist	8:45 am	Peggy Nevers / 11:00 am Deb Anderson	
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Lois Roos, Jane Kretzmann	
	11:00 am	Shedrack Balira, Meshack Balira	
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am David Broberg, Liz Blood	
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Shawn Bary, Ron Mack Murphy, Karrie Cable-Spratt	
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, Liz Blood, Don Lang, Carole Lang	
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Freda Miller, Linda Berglin	
	11:00 am	Linda Gawthrop, Carol Lane	
Nursery	8:40 am	Joy Nelson / 10:30 am Kirk Jensen	

CONCERNING PEOPLE: Composer-in-Residence **Robert Wetzler** received notice from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) that he received a Composer Award again this year. That makes the 40th consecutive year!... **All of us:** Please send items for the newsletter (committees, events

FINANCIAL REPORT September 17 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	403,513.46
Budget receipts	10,272.50	390,542.99
World Hunger	--	5,749.90
Capital Improvements	--	16,521.50
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	684.00
African AIDS Fund	50.00	1,878.12
African Pastors Endowment	10.00	1,666.34
Urban Latino Ministry	--	1,585.00
Hymnals	175.00	3,185.00
Central American Fund	--	5.00