



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

## THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**8:45 and 11:00 am**

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

### SALTY CHRISTIANS, SALTY CHURCH

Jesus says (Matthew 5:13-14) *You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.* These words are often cited by Colombian Peace Sanctuary Church members in regards to their identity and mission in a context where right-wing paramilitary groups and left-wing guerilla groups randomly murder innocent church members under false charges of 'enemy collaboration' with the resulting displacement of as many as three million 'refugees' within their own country. There are nearly two dozen Protestant congregations in Colombia which have founded the Peace Sanctuary Church movement to support the displaced and other victims of this *humanitarian* crisis. There are half a dozen *Sal y Luz (Salt and Light)* faith communities here in the Midwest that support these Colombian congregations through prayer, friendship, education and advocacy efforts about Colombia here in the U.S. Holy Trinity is one of these faith communities.

What does it mean to be 'salty Christians', to be a 'salty Church' in our context? Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.* In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?* (Mark 9:49-50) Pure salt – sodium chloride – cannot lose its saltiness. Impure salt (where sodium chloride is mixed in with another substance) can. The sodium chloride can leach out, leaving a tasteless, useless substance...an irrelevant social club?

We could say that the Colombian churches mentioned above are salted with the fire of their crisis. How about us? What does it take to salt us with fire? Is it only the church 'under fire' that develops depth of faith, strength of character, and clarity about the mission it is called to? Apart from the fires of *persecution*, what other kinds of challenges might fire us and make us salty? How else might the Spirit make us salty to our culture? (Remember that salt is not only a seasoning, but also is a preservative. In the absence of refrigeration it keeps food, especially meat, from rotting.) Has there been a certain kind of saltiness about Holy Trinity that has drawn people to become part of your congregation? How will you be salty going forward towards a new chapter in your life together?

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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The readings for this day emphasize that people are meant to live in loving relationship with one another and all of God's creation. Mark illustrates that God cherishes all human beings, including children.*



### LESSONS

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

**9:55 am**

**In the Church Library**

**October 8**

**"The Further Adventures of Estate Planning"**

**Lee Kampinen**

The saga that began at a forum in December 2005 will conclude with a discussion on wills and trusts, gifting and elder law issues. Bring your questions about these matters or Power of Attorney, Health Care Directives, and other topics covered in the previous forum.

**October 15**

**"The Church in Political Life"**

**Rev. Chris Morton**

The influence of the church in political life seems limited by the separation of church and state. Today's political climate seems to blur that distinction. What are appropriate ways for a congregation to participate in public and political life?

### SABBATH ECONOMICS - November 1

Noted biblical educator and activist Ched Myers will address the cultural context of biblical texts concerning economic structures and its meaning for Christians today at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, November 1. As we begin to discuss stewardship issues for 2007, Myers will challenge our assumptions about the nature of wealth and its place within communities of the faithful. He is author of numerous books, including *Binding the Strong Man* and *Who Will Roll Away the Stone?* In preparation for this event, congregants can read a short book about "Sabbath Economics" written by Myers; it is available through the church office for \$5.

6:00 p.m. Supper (\$5.00)

7:00 p.m. Presentation by Ched Myers

8:15 p.m. All Saints Day evening prayer service

### INTERIM UPDATE

From the Council's list of nominees, we have filled six of the eight positions on the new interim committee so far. Next week's *Community Church* will list the eight committee members.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## COLOMBIAN SPEAKER This Saturday

Luis Murillo, the former governor of Colombia's Choco province, is the Foreign Policy Advisor on Colombia for Lutheran World Relief. A survivor of a paramilitary kidnapping, he will speak at the Resource Center of the Americas Saturday Oct. 7, 10 am to noon. You are invited to hear his story. He also will meet with the Twin Cities Sally Luz group at Holy Trinity, 2:30-4:30 that day.

## CROP WALK – October 8

Over 850 million people around the world are hungry. One in five is a child. Holy Trinity youth and adults will participate in the annual CROP WALK at Lake Nokomis Lutheran, Sunday, October 8. Confirmands, their sponsors and other interested persons (anyone may walk) will have lunch at Holy Trinity after the 11:00 service and then go to the walk site.

## FILM: AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH October 12, 6:30

Don't be fooled by the chill winds this last month: global warming is a reality. A faithful response is needed to what is a world crisis. The Al Gore film *An Inconvenient Truth* has been called "the most important film to be shown in America this year." It will be shown at Holy Trinity October 12, 6:30 pm.

## FALL OPPORTUNITY SALE October 14, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please note your intent to bake, price items or help at the Opportunity Sale: a list is in the Community Room. The sale is an opportunity to recycle household items in good repair. They may be left inside the cul-de-sac door *until October 11*. A 'café lunch' will be offered. Hold off on bringing items after the sale until a decision is made about next year's sale.

## FINE ARTS EVENT: PIANO DUO October 15, 4:30 pm

The husband and wife Gerard Piano Duo is French, but their repertoire and reputation is international. Jean-Claude and Lucette Gérard perform classical works on two pianos, or four-handed on one piano. They will play works by Mozart, Bizet, Saint-Saens, and Rachmaninov. Holy Trinity is honored to be part of their American tour. Not to be missed.

## EQUIPPING FOR PEACEMAKING: A WORKSHOP

Glen Gersmehl, Lutheran Peace Fellowship director, will lead an intensive training for educating about and acting for peace and justice. Sponsored by the Peace with Justice Committee of the Minneapolis and St Paul synods, the workshop will be Oct 13, 5-9 pm and 14 at St Michael's Lutheran, 1660 Co. Rd B, Roseville. Call Donna Neste, 612-827-5919.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR CD AVAILABLE

All proceeds toward stoles for the youth ensemble robes. Cost: \$10. Please contact Ann Schrooten.

## AN INVITATION: INCLUSIVE, INTERFAITH SERVICE

During the past year, the glbt community has experienced continued attacks politically and from many religious groups. Reconciling in Christ congregations from Minnesota invite all to a healing service called "Honoring Our Spirit - Inviting All to the Table" Sunday, October 8, 4 pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6th Ave E. and 3rd St., Duluth

## PARISH EVENTS –October 8- 14, 2006

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School 9:55 am Adult Forum
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Chris Ed, Stewardship, Nurturing, Property cmtes
	7:00 pm	Every Church a Peace Church meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Tutoring
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> year conf 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> year confirmation 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
	6:30 pm	Film: <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Speaker: Jeff Halper, Middle East crisis
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 am – 1 pm	Opportunity Sale

## GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND in memory of

- Parents, Paul, Rose, Viola by Pat Lundquist
  - Mary Towley Swanson by her family
  - Parents, Hazel/Helmer Everson, Nell/Art Engen by Mary/Chris Engen
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** by Marion Lutsey, Aldora Ferrian

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS October 8, 2006

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik
Celebrant	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe / 11:00 am Joel Wiberg
Liturgist	8:45 am David Kohlstedt / 11:00 am Andrew Johnson
Communion Asst	8:45 am Richard Liedholm, Carol Masters
	11:00 am Linda Jury, Kirk Jensen
Greeters	8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt / 11:00 am Ron/Margaret Peterson
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, David Kohlstedt, Vernon Michaelson
	11:00 am Lee Kampinen, Tim Mann, Ben Wootten, Alan Libra
Altar Guild	8:45 am Carol Berg, Sandra Thornby
	11:00 am Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek
Nursery	8:40 am Sean Gosiewski / 10:30 am Dave Krig
Coffee servers	8:45 am Bev/Bob Peschiutta / 11:00 am Kay/John Buzza

**CONCERNING PEOPLE:** Longtime Holy Trinity member Harold Fredrickson died Sept.27 at the age of 86. His funeral was held at the church on Oct.2. Our prayers are with his wife, Betty, and the family.

**News:** Please send news for newsletter by Monday morning before the Sunday issue in which the piece should appear.

## ISRAELI PEACE ACTIVIST SPEAKS

In a region torn apart by conflict, Israeli and Palestinian peace activists work to advance nonviolent solutions to humanitarian crises. Jeff Halper, Israeli citizen and professor of anthropology, in 1997 co-founded Israeli Committee Against House Demolition, among the first Israeli peace groups to work inside the Occupied Territories. He will speak at Holy Trinity Friday, Oct. 13, 6 pm.

## FINANCIAL REPORT October 1 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	436,230.77
Budget receipts	11,499.00	406,010.94
World Hunger	--	5,855.90
Capital Improvements	185.00	16,706.50
African AIDS Fund	15.05	1,911.68
Urban Latino Ministry	--	1,585.00
Hymnals	262.50	3,617.50