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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

Reflections on the Ched Myers Event

The Ched Myers Theological Dialogue Event followed by the All Saints Day evening prayer on November 1 was well attended (the Community Room was packed with people and tables) and was a very engaging evening. Ched Myers sketched out for us his concept of "Sabbath economics" as derived from the Bible. God has created abundance with enough for everyone provided all live within limits. The great gap between rich and poor and the resulting disparity in power is the result of human sin. Biblical teachings from the Old and New Testaments, including the teachings of Jesus and Paul, call the Church to be engaged in the practice of redistribution.

His primary theological-economic message to us was to challenge our practice of what we do with our 'surplus capital' as individuals, congregations and organizations, however small or large this capital may be. Traditionally we invest by placing this capital in a 'black box' with a 'don't ask, don't tell' attitude. With little clue or interest as to how the money is used, we simply hope for a maximum return. Many such investments may actually help the rich get richer and reinforce the gulf between those who have power and those who don't. Myers' message was that this capital represents power and opportunity for lower income individuals and communities left out of the game. People of faith need to look at using their surplus capital not just as a source of charitable dollars but as justice dollars to be invested in new ways to help empower the poor. He talked about socially responsible investing and CDFIs (Community Development Financial Institutions). Ched Myers expressed his opinion that what we do with our surplus capital will make more of a difference than who we vote for.

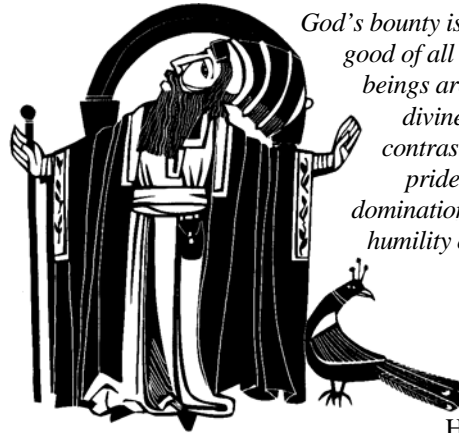
Thanks to Bob Hulteen for his leadership in organizing this event and getting Ched Myers to come. Thanks to all who prepared food, served, cleaned-up, or helped in other ways. Thanks to Julie Lindorff for the excellent worship she planned, including all the candles lit in memory of our loved ones and friends.

I met a young, new Presbyterian pastor from St. Paul sitting next to me at supper. I asked how he happened to come to the event. He responded, "You invited me!" He was referring to the invitation letters that were sent out. A woman who receives our newsletter but is not a member of Holy Trinity thanked me for my articles and for "keeping the spirit of things going at Holy Trinity". In fact, *we* are 'keeping things going' and *you* are 'keeping things going.' The Ched Myers event is a case in point. Other than re-working a rough draft of the invitation letter, giving a brief welcome to those in attendance and doing my bit in worship, as pastor here I did virtually nothing to pull this event off...and it was very successful. Good job!

Bruce Arnevik, Interim Pastor,
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's bounty is intended for the good of all creation; human beings are stewards in the divine economy. Jesus contrasts the destructive pride of leaders in the domination system with the humility of a poor widow.



LESSONS

I Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am In the Church Library

November 12 "Human Rights in the Age of Terrorism" Frank Wright, journalist

In the face of terrorist attacks, Western nations have at times adopted controversial counter measures. Can human rights and civil liberties be fully protected in an age of terrorism?

November 19 "Post Election Reflections" Brian Rusche

The election results are in. Brian Rusche, executive director of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, will reflect on what changes may be in store on state and national levels.

NOTE FROM PASTURES A' PLENTY, a sustainable farm

"We are coming to the Twin Cities Thursday November 16 [Holy Trinity is a delivery site, 4-5 pm]. Please have your order in by Monday November 13 [bighouseontheprairie@hotmail.com; (320) 367-2061]. Pigs get ready for winter, too, at least on Pastures a' Plenty. Most conventional pigs spend their lives inside in tight climate controlled quarters and so have lost their need for winter preparation.... With our pigs an increase in hair coat length is noticeable, but they mainly get ready by increasing the layer of fat under their skin. An alert farmer in an extensive production system such as ours needs to make sure they get enough feed from mid to late summer so they can lay on the fat. The sows put on a bloom from grazing the pastures during this time and are really beautiful to look at in fall." Pastures a' Plenty delivers organic, hormone-free meat monthly to several sites in the twin cities.

PARISH INFORMATION

LOOKING FOR PARTNERS IN HABITAT BRAZIL BUILD

In Porto Alegre, Brazil, 1200 families live in abject poverty, recycling and selling garbage. Most don't have access to their own latrine, and 64% of them have at least one family member suffering a chronic illness. Habitat for Humanity will build 40 houses in 40 days during a special Lent Build. Carol Pfleiderer of Habitat will lead a Thrivent Builds team of 12 from March 9-21. If you are a Thrivent member, you receive a stipend of \$800 toward expenses. Cost is approximately \$1,300 plus airfare. Team members need no construction skills, but should be willing to serve, be flexible, and be prepared to come home changed. Daily devotions are part of our schedule. Carol, a member of Bethlehem Lutheran, has led many Habitat teams to Brazil. For information, call Carol 952-929-6961.

YOUTH SERVE AT SIMPSON WOMEN'S SHELTER

The next date for the youth to prepare and serve a meal is Thursday, Tuesday, Nov. 14. Meet at Holy Trinity at 5:00 pm.

AN INVITATION

We are invited to rejoice with Christ Church Lutheran of Longfellow Parish as they install new pastor, Kristine Carlson, Sunday, Nov. 12. Installation service is at 9:30 am, 3244 34th Ave S.

EVENING POSITION AVAILABLE

We are in need of a part-time evening person; approximate hours are 5:00-9:00 pm Monday through Thursday and possible weekend hours. Call the office for a job description.

RESOURCE CENTER of the AMERICAS Open House/ Fundraiser

Friday, November 10, 6-9pm, 3019 Minnehaha Avenue, with sneak preview of Fair Trade Craft Sale. Suggested donation is \$10, no one turned away for lack of funds. More information www.americas.org

DEFENSIVE DRIVING SEMINAR

State Farm offers a Defensive Driving Class for seniors, through which one receives a reduction on insurance premiums. The next offering is December 6, 12:00 noon to 5:30; or December 12 and 14, 6:00-8:30 pm (you need to attend both evening sessions). The location is 4020 Minnehaha; call 612-728-1000 to reserve a space.

FALL C3 CONGREGATIONAL NETWORKING EVENT

Congregations Caring for Creation (Holy Trinity is a member) will have a Networking Supper November 19, 4pm to 7pm, for people to meet and share ideas, successes, challenges and next steps. Over 200 Minnesota congregations hosted global warming movie events this fall and want to discuss ways to help the environmental crisis. The event will be at Como Presbyterian Church, 965 Larpentour Ave. West, Roseville, MN. Map available www.northcomochurch.org. A soup and sandwich supper will be provided by St. Martin's Table (\$5 donation.) Bring treats to share. We are encouraged to bring family members. Children are welcome, and child care will be provided.

PARISH EVENTS - November 12-18, 2006

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School 9:55 am Adult Forum
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Christian Education, Nurturing, Property cmtes
TUESDAY	5:30 pm	2nd year confirmation
	7:00 pm	Tutoring 7:30 pm Soccer
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Baptism class; Children's Choir
	7:30 pm	Senior Choir
THURSDAY	6:30 pm	Men's Basketball
SATURDAY	5:00 pm	Trinity Singers rehearsal

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Eleanor Ostrom and in memory of

- **Jacob, Patsy, and Larry Wootten** by Susan/Mike Wootten
- **Grandparents, mother, aunt and uncle** by Deb Sodt and in honor of
- **Randy and Joy Nelson** by John/Stephanie Sulzbach

GIFTS TO HYMNALS FUND by Jim/Carole Schneiders and in honor of

- **Pastors Stacy and Ron Johnson and Pastor Robert Englund** by Kathryn Nevers

GIFT TO AFRICAN AIDS PROJECT by Robert/Rosemary Nailon

GIFT TO FINE ARTS by Joyce Peterson

SPECIAL GIFTS in memory of

- **Dorothy Antil** by Doris Neuendorf, Pat/Beverly McGee, Imo Lofthus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS November 12, 2006

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am Dennis Ormseth /	11:00 am Joel Wiberg
Liturgist	8:45 am Sally Kohlstedt /	11:00 am Stephanie Cole
Communion Asst	8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt, Joyce Peterson	
	11:00 am	Jeff Weiss, Kirk Jensen
Greeters	8:45 am	Deb Sodt / 11:00 am Ron & Margaret Peterson
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Sally Kohlstedt, Karrie Cable Spratt, Al Mohr
	11:00 am	Rod Johnson, George Madich, Alan Libra, John Kelly
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Carol Berg, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm
Nursery	8:40 am	Roxanne Ekstrand / 10:30 am Tom Kleven

MEALS ON WHEELS: Drivers from Holy Trinity are needed Monday through Friday the week of November 13-17. Hot meals are delivered over the noon hour. Your help is appreciated!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Cedar-Riverside Adult ESL Program is seeking volunteers to help students and teachers in the classroom. For more information, contact Vadim at 612-338-5282 ext 217 or rubi0059@umn.edu.

FINANCIAL REPORT November 5 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	490,759.62
Budget receipts	7,461.50	450,202.29
World Hunger	325.00	6,561.90
Capital Improvements	-.-	16,946.50
African AIDS Fund	109.46	2,083.48
Urban Latino Ministry		1,835.00
Hymnals	100.00	4,625.00

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