



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

## Thanksgiving, Part Two: Cornucopia

As you receive this issue of *The Community Church*, another Thanksgiving Day will either be just before or just behind us. It's a holiday that gets the short end of the stick in relation to retail giants like Christmas or even Halloween. In fact, is the real November holiday Thanksgiving Day or The Day after Thanksgiving? Certainly the latter is far more important to feed our national economy. Few homes are decorated externally with any Thanksgiving symbols, but then what are those symbols? Turkeys? Pumpkins? Family gathered around the table...or the TV? How about the cornucopia or horn-of-plenty?

The cornucopia is an ancient symbol dating from the 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE. It's the goat's horn overflowing with fruits, vegetables, grain and flowers symbolizing fertility and prosperity. It represents strong harvests and abundance. It means we are blessed with 'plenty' – enough and then some. It's long been a Thanksgiving image. It points us to the earth and its yield...and to the Creator who provides enough for all to share. *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof...* (Ps.24:1) Perhaps we need to re-capture this agrarian cornucopia symbol because 'plenty' is no longer enough.

Apparently airlines are now investing more and more in first class/business class seating. 'Over the top' luxury features and service are provided to those few rows of seats in the front of the plane which pay forty percent of the total fares for the flight. Such luxury costs \$11,500 for a round trip ticket between New York and Hong Kong on a Singapore airline. Whatever examples we want to use, it seems there are three different 'goat horns' in America today. One overflows with exorbitant incomes and homes, stock options (and back-dated stocks), federal tax cuts, enormous investments and properties, and all that money can buy. Another horn is nearly empty – representing the 38 million people (14 million children) who experience hunger or risk of hunger right here at home. The third horn ranges from being filled with enough to a more modest abundance that spills out with more than enough to share.

This week as we celebrate another Thanksgiving, let's remember that simpler abundance of the earth's bounty we are such rich recipients of. Whether or not we will buy the new \$600 video game system this Christmas, let's remember those in need and consider in what concrete ways we will share out of our cornucopia with them. In the face of gross inequities, let's remember the prophet's words, *What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8)

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## THE REIGN OF CHRIST Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*The readings for this Sunday:*

### LESSONS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37



### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

**9:55 am In the Church Library**

**November 26 "The Gospel of Luke"**

**Pastor Bruce Arnevik**

A new church year begins December 3<sup>rd</sup> with readings from Luke's Gospel. Bruce will introduce Luke's distinctive way of telling the Good News and its major themes.

**December 3 "Interim Committee Report"**

**Nicki Nelson Hines, Lyle Steinfeldt, and  
Committee members**

The committee has met three times. You will receive information on the interim process as well as specific activities of the committee.

### SAL Y LUZ UPDATE - a petition

Dear fellow members of the Sal y Luz community:  
Greetings from Lutheran World Relief! In conjunction with the faith-based organizations listed below, LWR recently developed the U.S.-Colombia Ecumenical Petition to President Bush: We hope that you will sign and circulate this petition. We view it as yet one more tool with which to draw attention to the unconscionable violence faced by our Colombian brothers and sisters. We call on the greater faith community - individuals, congregations, faith-based organizations, and denomination leaders - please join us in our stand with the displaced people of Colombia. Sign at:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/ewg2/petition.html>

Also, please be sure to spread the word! Our sincere thanks to all who join us in making this statement, and to the dedicated members of the Sal y Luz communities who continue to hold our Colombian friends in their thoughts and prayers! Our voices are making a difference!

Madeline Prael, Program Assistant/Intern,  
Lutheran World Relief

# PARISH INFORMATION

## HOLY TRINITY THEATER EVENT December 2, 8:00 pm

*Inspecting Carol* is a holiday comedy that addresses serious issues. A farce of the Dickens classic, the plot has an auditioning actor mistaken for a National Endowment of the Arts "inspector." The Showboat Players' first holiday show, this play is presented at the Minnesota Centennial Showboat on Harriet Island, St. Paul. Tickets are \$22: please call the office for a reservation! The theatergoers plan to have supper at a local restaurant before the event.

## STEWARDSHIP 2007

If you have not yet made a financial commitment for 2007 you are strongly encouraged to do so. Offering envelopes for 2007 have arrived. They are set out in the Community Room for you to take home. Please help us save the cost of mailing by picking up your family's envelopes.

## CARING FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

On November 26, at 2:00 p.m., at University Lutheran Church of Hope (601 13th Ave SE), Rev. Jenny Mason speaks on "Do Ask, I'll tell: One Pastor's Journey." Caring Family and Friends is a ministry of the Joint Synod Committee for Inclusivity. More information, Tim Fisher at 612-824-8447.

## ENERGY CHALLENGE

Make a pledge online to conserve energy: [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org). Holy Trinity is a registered team. The site helps calculate CO2 emissions (members have found it simplest to select "average" on current energy usage, miles driven, etc. before selecting their own energy-saving actions). Try it! A display will be in the Community Room on Sunday.

## STAY WARMER THIS WINTER: THIS WEEK'S "GREEN TIP"

To save energy and money, you can seal up windows, gaps around air conditioners, and other leaks with some inexpensive products found at most hardware stores. Unroll "rope" caulk (made of putty and sold in a long coil) and press it into the gaps, or apply heat-shrinkable plastic sheeting to your gaps with double-sided tape and shrink it to fit with a hair dryer.

## COLLEGE VISITS

High School juniors (or other high schoolers) interested in visiting colleges this fall can sign up in the Community Room. Indicate which school you might like to visit. For information or questions, contact Andrea Hansen at 612-728-0843.

## "LA NATIVIDAD" AT HEART OF THE BEAST

Heart of the Beast Theatre, Mercado Central and St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church are collaborating on this special bilingual presentation of The Nativity Story, combining La Posada traditions with street theatre & puppetry. "La Natividad" will be performed one weekend only on December 15-17. There are opportunities to participate more actively by volunteering! There are a number of needs, from performing as Shepherds, singing in the Angel choir, to 'donkey puppet wrangling'.

For more information, please visit [http://www.hobt.org/mainstage/La\\_Natividad/volunteer.html](http://www.hobt.org/mainstage/La_Natividad/volunteer.html) or call 612 770 4488.

## PARISH EVENTS - November 26-December 2, 2006

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	9:45 am	Sunday School	9:55 am Adult Forum
	12:15 pm	Hand bell ensemble	
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Tutoring	7:30 pm Soccer
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Children's Choir	7:30 pm Senior Choir
	6:00 pm	Longfellow Community Council	
THURSDAY	7:30 pm	Basketball	
FRIDAY	5:00 pm	Trinity Singers rehearse	
SATURDAY	6:00 pm	Theatre event, meet for dinner 8:00 Showboat	

## SOUP MAKERS NEEDED FOR ADVENT SUPPERS

Evening Prayer will be held at Holy Trinity the Wednesdays of Advent. Our custom is to share a simple supper of soup and bread at 6:15 pm, before the service at 7:00 pm. Soup makers are needed for December 6, 13 and 20. A clean-up crew for dishes (using dishwasher) is also needed. Please sign up in the Community Room.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS November 26 2006

Preacher	Randy Nelson		
Celebrant	Bruce Arnevik		
Liturgist	8:45 am	David Kohlstedt / 11:00 am	Jeff Hoch
	8:45 am	Mary Young, Jim Klobuchar	
Communion Asst	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm	
	8:45 am	Alexis Miller	
Acolytes	11:00 am	Meagan Fortier, Nyssa Chapman	
	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt	
Greeters	11:00 am	Margaret Peterson, Ron Peterson	
	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Dewayne Townsend, David Kohlstedt, Vernon Michaelson	
Ushers	11:00 am	Lee Kampinen, Tim Mann, Helen Norheim, Bob Norheim	
	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer	
Altar Guild	11:00 am	Pat Lundquist, Kathy Ohler	
	8:40 am	Sean Gosiewski / 10:30 am Tom Kleven	
Coffee servers	8:45 am	Sandra Thornby / 11:00 am Evelyn Kindley	

## SAVE ENERGY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Holy Trinity has LED holiday lights for sale in the Community Room, made available by Alliance for Sustainability. LED lights use 1/100<sup>th</sup> the energy of a standard holiday light, and are safer and less fragile. Strings of lights are \$5 each; checks may be made out to Alliance for Sustainability. More information, Sean Gosiewski 612-729-3828.

## FINANCIAL REPORT November 19 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	512,571.15
Budget receipts	11,699.65	473,203.94
World Hunger	646.00	7,217.90
Capital Improvements	100.00	17,230.50
Nonviolent PeaceForce	-.	884.00
African AIDS Fund	13.74	2,115.32
Urban Latino Ministry	35.00	1,870.00
Hymnals		4,317.50
Central America Fund		108.44