



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

Annual Meeting

Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 12:30 in the church gym. All members of the congregation are asked to be present. The meeting will conclude between 2:00 and 2:30.

Lunch will be served from 12:00 – 12:30 for those attending the Annual Meeting. There will be child care available during the meeting.

During the meeting, five people will be elected to the Church Council: four to three year terms and one to a one year term. Candidates for three year terms are:

Kathy Hollander	Kathy Ohler
Nicholas Ellison	Karrie Cable-Spratt
Randy Nelson	Sandra Thornby

(At the time of this writing two additional candidates are being sought.)

Candidates for the one year term are:

Andrea Hansen	Lee Kampinen
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The five new Council members will join seven who continue on Council with unexpired terms. This new Council will then appoint four additional persons to serve one year terms.

The meeting will include adoption of a budget for 2007. The Council's proposed 2007 budget of \$584,700 will be presented. The Council will also propose the following special funds for the coming year:

World Hunger	Capital Improvements
Dialogue Series	African AIDS Project
Nonviolent Peaceforce	Hymnal Fund
Central America Fund	

During the past year a total of \$47,874 was contributed to the special funds designated for 2006.

"An Agenda for 2007" will be presented, representing the goals of the committees of the congregation. An outline of the Summer Program for 2007 will also be presented.

Certainly a major part of the agenda for the year ahead will be to complete the work of the COMPASS Team, assemble a Call Committee and proceed with the call process as Holy Trinity seeks a new pastor. Therefore significant time will be allotted to a presentation by the COMPASS Team during this Annual Meeting, followed by time for questions and answers. They will share their plans for their remaining work and a timetable to go with it. This will include a tentative timetable for the Council to adopt the COMPASS Team Report and begin assembling the Call Committee. They will mention the upcoming discussion group opportunities for further congregational input as well as the Leadership Retreat being planned for the latter part of March. Please make every effort to be present for this Annual Meeting!

Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

How hard it is to hear the truth! At first amazed, Jesus' hearers are perturbed by his revelations and seek to silence him. Paul makes clear the difficulties of sharing the gift of love.



LESSONS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

Library

January 28 Annual Meeting Topics
John Sulzbach

Topics of special interest for the annual meeting will be shared. The Compass Team will share some of their findings from interviews with church committees.

February 4 Biblical Study
Dr. Randy A. Nelson

NEW DIRECTIONS?

Holy Trinity is a very active congregation. However, this is the time to evaluate our ministry programs and see if we need greater emphasis in some, improvements, and/or additions. Responses on the initial survey to this question drew the widest variety. Three areas were mentioned most frequently: providing programs for youth in the congregation, especially confirmation age and older; improving outreach to the community; and providing nurturing for the congregation. Other areas mentioned were worship and music, organizational structure, social justice, ecumenism, and education. Detailed comments under each of these areas are available at the Compass Corner table in the community room.

100 responses to the initial survey have been received. This indicates you are very involved in the process. The team is also very involved. They have been interviewing the committees of the congregation and will be interviewing staff members. We will give you an update report at the annual meeting. Until then, engage the team members in conversation, write out your comments and put them in the suggestion box on the compass corner table, and write us at compass@htlcmpls.org.

-Lyle Steinfeldt and Nicki Nelson Hines for the Compass Team

CONCERNING PEOPLE: Prayers for **Grace Wedell**, recovering at home after hospitalization; **Mary Ellen Olson**, at Fairview Riverside rehab; **Kirk Jensen** in Afghanistan. Congratulations to **Ken & Carol Masters** on the birth of granddaughter Avery Morgaine Chillman.

PARISH INFORMATION

ADULT RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN February 2 & 3

Adults of the congregation have an opportunity for informal fellowship in a camp-like setting. Take some time to slow down and talk with others, walk, contemplate. The grounds of Eden Wood Center have an 'up north' feel but are located nearby in Eden Prairie. Longtime member Susan Masters, 3rd year theological student at Luther Seminary, will facilitate discussion on the theme "Why Faith?" Learn about labyrinths, create a finger labyrinth (optional). We'll begin with supper on Friday, but you may come earlier if your schedule permits. We will close Saturday afternoon. Main dish will be provided for meals; please bring additional food items. Information about what to bring will be available to those who sign up. Cost: \$50. Information, contact Liz Blood 612-722-4172.

LONGFELLOW PARISH INITIATIVE GATHERING

It is time to gather again as the Longfellow Parish Initiative: the fourth gathering will be February 11, at St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran, 4600 E. 42nd Street. We begin with supper at 5:00 pm (freewill offering \$5). We'll continue a conversation on future possibilities for mission and ministry as Longfellow neighborhood churches; where do we go from here? We'll conclude the evening with worship at 6:30 pm. Call 722-8000 to reserve a space.

RAISING KIDS IN THE INTERNET AGE - Dr. David Walsh

Psychologist Dr. David Walsh, founder of the National Institute on Media and the Family, speaks at St. Albert the Great, 29th St and 32nd Ave., Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 pm. Using the latest discoveries in brain science, Dr. Walsh breaks new ground on the impact of TV, video games and the Internet on children. He will include tips on Internet safety, video game addiction, cell phone use and more. He'll conclude with steps that parents can take to become MediaWise®. There is no cost for the event. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 612-724-3643

DEFENSIVE DRIVING SEMINAR

State Farm Insurance offers free refresher courses for seniors (55+) on defensive driving. You may receive a discount on insurance rates by completing the course—your provider need not be State Farm. Dates are Wednesday, February 7, 12 – 5 pm, or February 20 and 22, 6-8:30 pm (must attend both evening sessions). Call 612-728-1000 to register. Location: 4020 Minnehaha Ave South.

COOPERATIVE ADULT MINISTRY CLASSES

CoAM's Life Enrichment classes this February include a 4-session series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Paul Rogers, MDiv, and a 4-session series on Stories of Saints Great and Small by Dan Burow, MDiv. Other classes include travelogues, music and the arts, mental health, and national issues. Classes are held at Bethel Lutheran Church, East 42nd Street and 17th Avenue South, from 9:30 to 11:45 each Monday morning. Registration fee for the entire 4-week series (two classes each Monday) is \$22. Call 612-721-5786 for more information.

PARISH EVENTS January 28-February 3

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	9:45 am	Sunday Church School	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	12:00 noon	Lunch	12:30	Annual Meeting		
	3:00 pm	Drama Rehearsals				
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Tutoring; Drama Rehearsals	7:30 pm	Soccer		
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Children's choir	7:30 pm	Choir		
THURSDAY	6:30, 8:15	Men's Basketball				
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Drama Rehearsals				

Metro Works Inc. is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GIFT TO CENTRAL AMERICA FUND (Interchange Institute)

by Susan Nixon/Wally Lenz

GIFT TO NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE by Bud/Sylvia Dixen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS January 28, 2007

Preacher		George Johnson
Celebrant	8:45 am	Randy Nelson / 11:00 am John Buzza
Liturgist	8:45 am	Jane Kretzmann / 11:00 am Mary Lindell
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt, Joyce Peterson
	11:00 am	Jeff Weiss
Acolytes	8:45 am	Kevin Kane
	11:00 am	Madeline Block, Kelsey Porter
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 Pat Libra, Chelsea Rolfzen
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Jim Schneiders,
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm, Lee Kampinen
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer
	11:00 am	Pat Lundquist, Carol Lane
Nursery	8:40 am	Roxanne Ekstrand / 11:00 am Tom Kleven
Coffee servers	8:45 am	Lynda McMahon / 11:00 am Annual Meeting

FROM COLOMBIA TO A SAL Y LUZ PARTNER

Greetings Twin Cities Sal y Luz friends, ... A message from Ricardo Esquivia [to John, at Luther Seminary] "...may God continue to bless you. Thank you for the messages of life, solidarity and encouragement. I send a hug for the brothers and sisters that are so concerned for the situation of the Remanso de Paz people. They are the presence and voice of encouragement from God to us. With appreciation and gratitude, your brother and friend, Ricardo Esquivia"

FINANCIAL REPORT January 21 Year to date

	January 21	Year to date
Budget Receipts	11,508.65	30,280.77
World Hunger	--	41.00
Capital Improvements	--	100.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	50.00	50.00
African AIDS Fund	18.50	33.00
African Pastors Endowment	10.00	10.00
Hymnals	--	--
Central America Fund	100.00	100.00