



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

EPIPHANY SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises. Little did I expect to finish off a wonderful weekend of downhill skiing with two of my sons three weeks ago the way I did. We had already taken our 'last run' at Giant's Ridge (Biwabik, MN) and were literally heading back to the chalet to go home when I found myself unexpectedly airborne off an eight foot icy ridge. Crashing on flat ground, I did a rather splendid job of busting my left collarbone in a couple of places. I'm trying to practice patience. My current condition manifests much that I take for granted - like being able to use two hands to dress myself. As I struggle to get shirts on and off, I have more empathy for an elderly family member who struggles with this daily, without hope of recovery. I miss physical activity - there will be no basketball or running for quite awhile. (Unfortunately, my appetite is not diminished in the least.) However, this incident has already been an opportunity for a little more reflection, a little more reading (and a little more napping) when I recline in a comfortable and supportive position in a certain chair at home.

Little did we expect to arrive at church last Sunday only to find the sanctuary registering a chilly 35 degrees! When does the boiler malfunction? On a *really* cold, *Sunday* morning when it can wreak the most havoc! Murphy's Law prevailed. Yet here was a fresh manifestation of this congregation's identity and vitality as everyone came together to create a makeshift worship space in the gym. With a few adjustments, all the trademark elements of Holy Trinity's strong worship traditions were present. There was even a baptism at the 11:00 service featuring Holy Trinity's old wooden baptismal font which was brought down from the 4th floor. Many people commented how much they enjoyed the feel and flavor of these services. Someone sent an



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email referring to Sunday's services and how they spoke "...to the wonderful spirit we are all experiencing these days as everyone pitches in to share whatever abilities they have - in the cold and bundled in wool, sometimes - to ensure that the life of our faith community continues on."

This person went on to suggest an annual 'in-the-basement-worship' as a reminder that worship is, first of all, coming together as a community to worship God.

Epiphany is the liturgical season of light - where the surprise of God's presence in Christ here on earth is manifested to the world across all divisions of family, class, religion, gender, neighborhood or nation. Perhaps surprises are sometimes Epiphany manifestations - God's way of drawing back a curtain or re-positioning us to allow a little more of this Christ light to shine on us and within us so we can see ourselves, each other and our world just a little more clearly.

- Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

God's blessings involve us in making choices about the way we will live our lives. Jesus turns conventional wisdom on its head when he teaches that those who seem on the margins of the social order are in the center of God's care.



LESSONS

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

I Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

Library

February 11 "Ending Homelessness in Minneapolis"

Cathy tenBroeke, Heading Home Hennepin

Cathy tenBroeke directs Heading Home Hennepin, a community plan to end homelessness. She will describe the plan and Project Homeless Connect, an event that brings agencies, services, and volunteers together with people experiencing homelessness.

February 18 "Longfellow's Future"

A panel of Longfellow neighborhood leaders offers insight into Longfellow's future. They will help us predict opportunities for ministry in this neighborhood. Bring your questions.

COMPASS TEAM NEXT STEPS

The Compass Team has a very ambitious agenda, including:

- Reach an additional 20 -30 members who did not complete the initial survey focusing on the 18-30 year olds.
- Interview Holy Trinity staff individually in early February.
- Obtain feedback from youth about opportunities for growth.
- Interview community representatives about issues facing the community around Holy Trinity. This will also include an adult forum on Feb. 18 on issues facing the Longfellow neighborhood.
- Hold a series of Discussion Groups. These will be small group gatherings of our members to delve deeper into areas of growth identified in the initial survey.
- Begin drafting a report that will give a profile of the congregation, the community, and our mission as a church. It will describe strengths, opportunities for growth and what qualities we desire in the next pastor.
- Obtain feedback from leaders of the congregation at a leadership retreat, tentatively scheduled from March 23 and 24. They will respond to drafts sections of our report.
- Final processing of information and writing the final document.
- Present a final, complete report to the Church Council at their May 21 meeting.

As always we covet your prayers and support as we move through this discernment process.

- Lyle Steinfeldt and Nicki Nelson Hines for the Compass Team.

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

The Spring term of Sunday School begins on Sunday, February 25. We are in need of some additional teachers for this session. The Spring term runs from February 25 through May 20. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office or contact Stephanie Sulzbach at 612-722-5912. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Community Room.

SEASON OF LENT – EVENING PRAYER, 7:00 pm

Lent begins February 21, Ash Wednesday. As is our tradition at Holy Trinity, Evening Prayer will be preceded by a light supper of soup and bread, at 6:15 pm. We will need soup makers for the Wednesdays of Lent, as well as volunteers for set-up and clean-up. A sign-up list is in the Community Room.

LONGFELLOW PARISH INITIATIVE GATHERING Feb. 11

The fourth gathering of the Initiative is February 11, at St. Peder's Lutheran, 4600 E. 42nd St. Supper at 5:00 pm (freewill offering \$5). We will have a conversation on possibilities for mission and ministry as Longfellow churches; where do we go from here? We'll conclude with worship at 6:30 pm. Call 722-8000 to reserve a space. Note that the adult forum on February 11 will address this important issue.

A RENEWED OPPORTUNITY

The Opportunity Sale will be held again in the fall of 2007, as we are fortunate to have the major organizing volunteers participating. Items may be dropped off inside the cul de sac doors during office hours (8:00-4:00 Monday-Friday) or Sunday mornings. Remember that the items you bring should be clean and in good condition. We do not accept clothing, computers or parts, or hazardous materials. If you have any questions about what is accepted or not accepted please call the church office.

AN INVITATION - FINE ARTS SERIES EVENT February 25

Join vocalist Ann Schrooten and the "Steamed Cranberry Pudding Trio" (Bob Aldrich, Guitar; Rick Prescott, Bass; Mark Seerup, Oboe) for jazz and contemporary music, a warm way to celebrate the winter season. The event will be held in the choir room, and includes a treasured dessert (guess what) and coffee. Call the office to reserve your table! Free will offering.

THANKS TO IRENE AND RON MACK MURPHY

Many thanks to faithful volunteers Irene and Ron for helping in the church office for 4 ½ years! Each week they have prepared the Community Church newsletter for mailing— a wonderful way to spread the Good News.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING SEMINAR

State Farm offers free courses for seniors (55+) on defensive driving. You may receive a discount on insurance rates by completing the course— provider need not be State Farm. Dates remaining: February 20 and 22, 6-8:30 pm (must attend both evening sessions). At 4020 Minnehaha Ave S. Call 612-728-1000 to register.

CONCERNING PEOPLE: Prayers for **Peter Johnson** and family in the death of his mother, whose funeral was held in Iowa on Feb. 6.; **Linda Sourbis**, who has been in and out of the hospital in recent weeks with complications from diabetes, now at Crestview Lutheran Home in Columbia Heights; **Virginia Lee**, recovering from a broken shoulder at Presbyterian Homes Care Center in Bloomington; **Susan Barry**, recovering from cataract surgery; **Kirk Jensen** in Afghanistan; **Mary Ellen Olson**, recovering at home.

PARISH EVENTS February 11-17	
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday Church School 9:55 am Adult Forum
	1:00 pm Drama Rehearsals
MONDAY	11:00 am Tax-Aides 6:00 pm MN SOA
	6:30 pm Every Church a Peace Church 7:00 pm Chris Ed,
	7:00 pm Stewardship/Finance, Property, Nurturing
TUESDAY	11:00 am Tax-Aides 7:00 pm Tutoring; Drama Rehearsals
	7:30 pm La Conexion Soccer
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm 2 nd year Confirmation
	6:30 pm Children's choir 7:30 pm Senior Choir
THURSDAY	5:30 pm 4 th year confirmation 6:30, 8:15 pm Basketball
SATURDAY	10, 11 am Drama Rehearsals

GIFT TO FINE ARTS FUND with thanks to

- **Twin Cities Story Fest and Mike Mann** and in anticipation of
- **Theatre Circle "Man Who Came to Dinner,"** director **Peter Johnson**
by Bill and Eunice Milbrath

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER in memory of

- **Loved ones** by Irene Blodgett

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 11, 2007	
Preacher	Bruce Arnevik
Celebrant	8:45 am David Broberg / 11:00 am Dennis Ormseth
Liturgist	8:45 am Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am Cliff Brown
Crucifer	8:45 am Andrew R K. Johnson / 11:00 am Will Roberts
Communion Asst	8:45 am Linda Berglin, Sally Kohlstedt
	11:00 am Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm
Acolytes	8:45 am Wyatt Rada/ 11 am Fiona Carson, Gunnar Rudrud
Greeters	8:45 am Carol Berg /11:00 am Helen Cotton, Maggie Kane
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Jim Schneiders, Chris Engen
	11:00 am Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm, Lee Kampinen
Altar Guild	8:45 am Freda Miller, Sandra Thornby
	11:00 am Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek
Nursery	8:40 am Sean Gosiewski /11:00 am Ann White & Alisa
Coffee Servers	8:45 am /11:00 am Annie Hines, Nathan/Nicki Hines

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAILINGS

The Holy Trinity office is looking for volunteers to come in on Tuesday mornings to help with Community Church newsletter mailing. Duties include labeling, sorting and counting the pieces of mail. Please call church office at 612-729-8358 if you're interested.

TAX-AIDE SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Holy Trinity again hosts tax services for seniors through AARP. Help in filing taxes is offered Mondays, Tuesdays, 11 am- 3:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT February 4 Year to date

Budget Requirement	11,244.23	56,221.15
Budget Receipts	26,293.36	63,338.00
World Hunger	145.00	306.00
Capital Improvements	1,910.00	2,010.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	-.	50.00
African AIDS Fund	19.51	58.01
African Pastors Endowment	-.	10.00

