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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

LENT 2007

We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 21. Following a Soup Supper at 6:15, Holy Trinity will again gather for worship which will include the Imposition of Ashes. While not a tradition I grew up with in the Lutheran Church, I'm glad it has become common among Lutherans. In a culture that seems to try so hard to deny death despite being surrounded by it from causes both natural and violent, I find this rite especially meaningful and refreshingly honest. After being out of the ministry for a couple of years, I was surprised at the flood of emotion I felt as I again marked a cross of ashes on the foreheads of both young and old and uttered the words, *Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return*. It can be a powerful thing to remember our mortality together as community in Christ. We are reminded of the gift of life and the Psalmist's words, *Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom* (Ps.90:12).

There is movement in Lent from a stark reminder of our own mortality and all things temporal on Ash Wednesday to Easter's joyful celebration of new life and the hope of resurrection. Perhaps this movement will have special application to Holy Trinity's journey at this juncture. On the one hand the congregation continues to grieve, in different ways, the presence and leadership of former pastors Ron and Stacy. On the other hand, the congregation is discovering new levels of leadership within as it moves forward, guided by the Spirit, into the new life of its next chapter.

The congregation will gather for Wednesday Evening Prayer at 7:00, following Soup Suppers at 6:15, throughout Lent from February 28 through March 28. The theme this year will be *From the Heart*. During these five Wednesdays, Holy Trinity members Ann Schrooten, Mike Mann, Jane Kretzmann, Cliff Brown and Liz Rudrud will share a personal word about their own faith along with a word about what the community of Holy Trinity means to them.

Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor

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Tanzania Travel Report and Book Appeal

In January a group of 16—including 7 members of Holy Trinity—spent 11 days visiting our partner churches in Tanzania. We visited the Karagwe and North Western Dioceses of the Lutheran Church with whom we have had good contacts and friendship over many years. Sunday, Feb 25, we will share with the congregation some of our experiences and observations from these truly remarkable days together in Tanzania. Included will be some photos and video of this time as well. As you know, Holy Trinity has made a significant contribution over some years to Bunazi Secondary School, which started in 1988, initially at the request of the late Pastor Hezekial Balira. That first year there were only 40 students and now there are over 600. We visited Bunazi again and can report significant progress in the growth of students and facilities. There are still needs of course, one of

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

God guides us in understanding and gives us the good things of life. In the gospel reading, Jesus refuses to use God's gifts to dominate others.



LESSONS

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

Feb. 25 Report on Tanzania Trip - Joel Wiberg

Holy Trinity has a long history with the church in Tanzania. Joel and members of the travel group will share stories from the trip.

March 4 "Healing, Pt I: Experience of Distress and Healing" Fred Gaiser, Professor of Old Testament

All have occasion, no doubt, to cry with this psalmist, "I am weary with my moaning"(Psalm 6:6); but will all be able to say that "the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping" (v. 8)? How does faith matter in our experiences of illness and healing?

THE SEASON OF LENT

The theme for this Lenten season will be "From the Heart."

Wednesday, February 28

- 6:15 pm Supper - Homemade soup; please make reservation
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Tanzania Report (continued)

which is a need for more textbooks for classroom and library use. The principal, Mr. Jasson Bashaka, told us that some books have to be shared by as many as 15 students. We met with all the students assembled and later had a fine meal prepared by the staff on our behalf.

In response to this visit, I told the faculty that I would return to Holy Trinity and make an appeal for "Books for Bunazi." I see this as a very appropriate contribution from us for this growing school. These text books are written and printed in Tanzania for their own curriculum to prepare students for the exams they will take for each subject. The books are available in Tanzania and will be in the classrooms soon after they receive our gift to purchase them. An average text book costs \$5.00 and will be used for years to come. We ask for your generous support for this one time appeal. Bring your check on Sunday or mail it to the office made to Holy Trinity with the memo marked "Books for Bunazi."

We look forward to seeing you at the Adult Forum and thank you for your gift of books for current and future Bunazi students.

– Joel Wiberg and the Tanzania Travelers

PARISH INFORMATION

FINE ARTS SERIES EVENT February 25, 4:30 pm

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

HOW SHALL WE BE KNOWN?

Well...we’re invited to wear name tags (available in the narthex), starting this coming Sunday. Throughout this interim period we’ll be using name tags to help us learn (or remind us of!) each other’s names. After this period we can evaluate and decide if we want to keep them or go back to no name tags. See Feb. 18 *Community Church* for a reflection on this practice. – Outreach Cmte

CONCERNING PEOPLE: **Kristin Bogren** welcomed granddaughter Amara Leone into this world Feb. 13. **Amara** and mom **Katie** are doing well. Congratulations to grandparents **Linda/Gerry Berglin** on the birth of **Kiya Berglin**. **Dennis Hauck** will take part in a concert Sunday at Ordway called “Witness,” which examines the power of music to bring about positive change. Please pray for the family of member **Helen Hecceg**, who died on February 16. Her funeral was on February 20 at Lakewood cemetery.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOLY TRINITY

On many occasions I have talked to people about what I value about Holy Trinity’s ministry and congregational life. Of the responses we received on the COMPASS survey, most often mentioned was the openness, friendliness and inclusiveness of the congregation. That was followed by the congregation’s emphasis on social justice, the educational programs for children and adults and the ministry to the community. Many of you mentioned the worship and music program, thoughtful preaching, and fine arts emphasis. While these are not all the responses, they do include those mentioned most often.

Keep on talking about Holy Trinity and what you value here. Conversations about this dimension of our lives is one of the most significant ways others have come to join us at Holy Trinity. These responses also keep focusing our compass on the congregation’s direction. Strengths in congregational life don’t just happen. They are the result of intentional efforts on the part of many people. They also impact the kind of leadership we will need.- Lyle Steinfeldt and Nicki Nelson Hines for the COMPASS Team Compass@htlcmpls.org

NEW LIBRARY AQUISITION

In *The Audacity of Hope; thoughts on reclaiming the American dream*, Barack Obama engages themes raised in his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, shares personal views on faith and values, and offers a vision of the future that involves repairing a “political process that is broken” and restoring a government that has fallen out of favor with the people. Look for this book on the library table in the Community Room.

LENT BOOK READING PROJECT: *Losing Moses on the Freeway: Ten Commandments in America* by Chris Hedges sets the commandments within contemporary society. Copies in the Community Room for \$11.

PARISH EVENTS February 25- March 3

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	9:45 am	Sunday Church School	9:55 am	Adult Forum	12 noon	Sal y Luz	1 pm	Rehearsals	4:30 pm	Fine Arts
MONDAY	11:00 am	Tax-Aides	7:00 pm	Youth Committee								
TUESDAY	11:00 am	Tax-Aides	7:00 pm	Tutoring; Drama Rehearsals								
	7:30 pm	La Conexion Soccer										
WEDNESDAY	6:15 pm	Lent Soup Supper	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer								
	6:30 pm	Children’s choir	8:00 pm	Senior Choir								
THURSDAY	6:30, 8:15	Men’s Basketball										
SATURDAY	10, 11 am	Drama Rehearsal	1 pm	Retreat planning group								

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Ingrid Phillips and in celebration of - **birth of Kiya Berglin** by Linda/Gerry Berglin
TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS by Aldora Ferrian and in memory of - **Edith and Elmer Benson** by daughter, Bev Peschiutta
GIFT TO AFRICAN AIDS PROJECT by Nicholas Ellison
GIFT TO HYMNALS FUND in honor of, and in memory of - **Our parents and grandparents** by Peter, Amy, Andy, & Emily Johnson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 25, 2007

Preacher		Bruce Arnevik
Celebrant	8:45 am	Joel Wiberg / 11:00 am Randy Nelson
Liturgist	8:45 am	Jim Klobuchar / 11:00 am Lynda Nordholm
Crucifer	8:45 am	Paul Ramsour / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Jeff Weiss, Joyce Peterson
	11:00 am	Susan Wootten, Cliff Brown
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt / 11 am Christine Nilsen, Megan Libra
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am David Broberg
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Ron Mack Murphy, Shawn Barry, Karrie Cable Spratt
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Sandra Thornby, Karrie Cable Spratt
	11:00 am	Rosemary Foley, Linda Gawthrop
Nursery	8:40 am	Amy Neal / 10:30 am Kari Kleven
Coffee Servers	8:45 am	David Broberg / 11:00 am Dave/Nancy Moe

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Coming soon to a stage near you—*The Man Who Came to Dinner!* The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle production by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart will be presented March 15-17, 7:30 pm and March 18, 1:30 pm.

REBUILD AFTER KATRINA: Lutheran Disaster Response seeks congregational teams for clean-up and build projects on the Gulf Coast. LDR has more information at www.ldr.org. An interest sign-up sheet is in the Community Room. Susan Nixon/Wally Lenz have been involved in a Gulf rebuilding project through Habitat for Humanity and would be willing to provide information.

FINANCIAL REPORT February 18 Year to date

Budget Requirement	11,244.23	78,709.61
Budget Receipts	3,455.75	72,383.25
World Hunger	156.14	562.14
Capital Improvements	150.00	2,160.00
African AIDS Fund	38.06	96.07
Hymnals	35.00	87.50