



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

**THE JOURNEY CONTINUES**

The Compass Team has been actively gathering information from many sources over the last few months. 110 members responded to the congregational survey. Staff members were interviewed, as was each standing committee of the congregation. Longfellow Community leaders were solicited for input. The Confirmation class was interviewed while on a recent retreat. Data about the neighborhood's transition has been gathered.

The Compass Team has used adult forums to share bits and pieces of the results of this information gathering. The Team is now preparing to share its findings through a couple different means.

First, there will be a gathering of people in leadership positions in the congregation. On Friday and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, members of the Church Council, the Compass Team, and the Personnel Committee, as well as the chairs of each of the standing committees, will come together for a "leadership retreat." On retreat we will review the journey that Holy Trinity is on, as well as discuss drafts of some sections of the Compass Team's report.

Mary Russell, the outside facilitator for the retreat, has emphasized that we at Holy Trinity are indeed on a journey. We are in various stages of continued mourning, of maintaining our ministry and life together, of looking forward to future opportunities for ministry, and of considering the kind of leadership (pastoral, lay, other staff) that a strong future will require. These points will be the primary agenda of the retreat.

Second, an opportunity for broader congregational conversation will take place after the second service on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Compass Team will have integrated the discussions of the leadership retreat into this presentation, and will be looking for feedback on its findings and some proposals for the Council's and congregation's consideration.

The final report of the Compass Team will then be written and presented to the Church Council at its May meeting. At that time, we will be well prepared to transition into a formal phase where a call committee begins looking for someone with the pastoral qualities, characteristics, and skills that the process up to now has identified.

These next few months of journeying will go quickly; it is important that we are all traveling together. Please participate in the opportunities for discussions of the Compass Team report. Please stay in conversation with representatives of the Compass Team and the Church Council. Please be aware of those members who are on retreat, discerning the gifts and needs of the congregation.

Bob Hulteen, Council President

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Reconciliation and homecoming are themes of this Sunday's readings. The Israelites end their time in the wilderness. God's love manifest in Jesus reconciles us to God and one another, as a father receives a prodigal son.*



**LESSONS**

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32 (Ps. 32:11)
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

**9:55 am**

**Library**

**March 18**

**"Holistic Health"**

**Ann Rabie, RN**

Increasingly health professionals are recognizing the need for holistic healing. Ann Rabie, a parish nurse, will share how this happens in faith communities.

**March 25**

**"Losing Moses on the Freeway"**

**Jim Hartsoe**

If you are concerned about the moral/ethical compass of western society, then Chris Hedges' book on the Ten Commandments will enlighten you. Using people's life experiences, he reveals destructive forces at work in our society. We can build and sustain community by living the commandments.

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

**Theme: "From the Heart"**

**Wednesday, March 14**

6:15 pm Soup Supper; please make reservation

7:00 pm Evening Prayer - **Jane Kretzmann**

**Wednesday, March 21**

6:15 pm Soup Supper; please make reservation

7:00 pm Evening Prayer - **Mike Mann**

**CONCERNING PEOPLE**

Please pray for the family of **Sylvia Erdman** who died March 1 at 95 years old. Her funeral was March 8; **Teddy Tangen**, for quick recovery after cleft palate surgery; **Don Overby**, in hospice care at home; **Bud Dixen**, recovering from knee surgery at home.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## LAST CALL - THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTATION

The opening performance of Jerome Kaufmann and Moss Hart's comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* is this Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 pm. Additional performances March 16 and 17 at 7:30, and Sunday, March 18 at 4:30 pm. The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle is directed by Peter Johnson. **Also:** Spend some time getting to better know lovers of the Theatre Circle at a **pre-theater dinner** Saturday, March 17 (5:30 pm) at El Norteno Authentic Mexican, 4000 E Lake St, or **pre-theater coffee and discussion** Sunday, March 18 (before 4:30 performance) at Blue Moon Café, 3822 E Lake St.

## MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH

During March we are asked to bring nonperishable food items or donations to church for MN FoodShare. A collection basket will be in the Community Room. We will also have materials available for Bread for the World's offering of letters on world hunger and the campaign's Millennium goals.

## ANTI-WAR MARCH AND PROTEST Sunday, March 18, 1 pm

On the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. war against Iraq, people around the world will gather to call for an end to the war. In Minneapolis at 1:00 pm, walkers will gather at Lagoon and Hennepin and march to a rally at or near Loring Park. Information at [www.worldwidewamm.org](http://www.worldwidewamm.org).

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Holy Trinity drivers are needed the week of March 19-23. Please sign up or call the office to volunteer.

## CHILDREN'S THEATRE PERFORMANCE March 27, 8:00 pm

We have reserved a block of tickets for this preview of *Lost Boys of the Sudan*. Three Sudanese boys team up as they flee the horrors of war. We will want to arrive early - either meet at church at 7:00 or come to the theater to gather in the lobby at 7:25. Cost is \$10. Event is open to confirmands and interested adults. Sign up sheet in the Community Room. More information contact Linda Jury.

## NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITION

In her book, *Pontius Pilate*, Ann Wroe works from classical sources to plunge us into the world of biblical Judaea under the reign of the erratic and licentious emperor Tiberius. She lets us see the trial of Jesus, in all its confusion, from the point of view of his executioner.

## "A WAY OF LIFE" ACTION FAIR March 24, 2:00-5:30 pm

Interactive workshops, presentations, and exhibits teach respect and care for all people and the earth, at Plymouth Center, 1900 Nicollet. Keynote by Jack Nelson Pallmeyer. Information at [www.plymouthcenter.org](http://www.plymouthcenter.org).

## EYES WIDE OPEN Minnesota Monday, March 19 Noon-4:30 pm

As the Iraq War begins its fifth year, take time to honor those who have died, and to contemplate the human cost of war. Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda. [www.mppeace.org/march19](http://www.mppeace.org/march19)

**EASTER LILIES:** If you would like to order lilies for the chancel area on Easter, please have your order in by April 2. Lilies are \$12 each.

## PARISH EVENTS March 18 - March 24

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	9:45 am	Sunday School	9:55 Forum 2 pm Swahili Service
	3:45 pm	Tanzanian travelers	4:30 pm Performance
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mon-Fri	Meals on Wheels	11:00 am Tax-Aides
	6:00 pm	Exec Committee	7:00 pm Church Council
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:00 am	Tax-Aides	5:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr Conf 7:00 pm Tutoring
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 pm	Lent Soup Supper	6:30 pm Children's choir
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer	8:00 pm Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30, 8:30	Men's Basketball	FRI-SAT Leadership mtgs

**SPECIAL GIFT** in memory of

**-mother, Evelyn Cone, on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** by Roger Cone

**TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS** by Bill Milbrath, Aldora Ferrian  
**TO WORLD HUNGER** by Irene Blodgett, Jerry Olson; & in memory of

**- Leona Walstrom** by Irene Pederson and in honor of  
**- Dennis Nordholm's birthday** by Bud/Sylvia Dixen, Chris/Mary Engen, John/Kay Buzza, Liz/Bill Blood, Carol Johnson, John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Gerry/Linda Berglin, Mary Ellen Olson, Adam/Amy Schwarz-Lane, Ray Sanders, Rhonda/Ed Corazalla, Tim/Jane Kretzmann. To be continued

**GIFT TO HYMNALS FUND** in memory of

**- Bob Lay, wonderful pastor, loving friend, generous soul** by Andrea Patterson Hansen

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS March 18, 2007

Preacher		Bruce Arnevik
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg / 11:00 am Randy Nelson
Crucifer	8:45 am	Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Bob Hulteen
Liturgist	8:45 am	Sally Kohlstedt / 11:00 am Linda Jury
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt, Lyle Steinfeldt
	11:00 am	Wayne Vetter, Korla Masters
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt / 11 am Nayef Albinali, Thomas Aldrich
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11 am Pat Libra, Chelsea Rolfzen
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Jim Schneiders, Maggie Kane
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, George Madich, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Freda Miller, Carol Berg
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm
Nursery	8:40 am	Sean Gosiewski / 10:30 am Dave Krig
Coffee Servers	8:45 am	Joel/Nancy Wiberg
	11:00 am	Josef Fortier/Carol Lane

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Congregations Caring for Creation,** spring networking event, **March 15,** 6:30-8:45pm at Christ Lutheran-105 University Ave. St Paul

**ROMERO SERVICE March 25:** The annual commemoration of Archbishop Oscar Romero will be March 25, 6:30 pm at Faith Mennonite, 2720 E 22nd St.

## FINANCIAL REPORT March 11 Year to date

Budget Requirement	11,244.23	112,442.30
Budget Receipts	7,500.00	102,733.05
World Hunger	566.00	1,184.14
Capital Improvements	100.00	2,360.00
African AIDS Fund	9.65	167.72