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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

SWALLOWING PRIDE

I love the story of the healing of Naaman in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Naaman is the commander of the army of the King of Aram, or ancient Syria. He is afflicted with 'leprosy,' which, in the Bible, is an umbrella term for any number of skin diseases. An Israelite slave girl who serves his wife mentions a prophet in Israel who could heal him. Naaman tells his king who proceeds to send a letter of recommendation and around \$200,000 of money and goods to the king of Israel in the hopes of having his top commander healed. The king of Israel is upset, thinking the Syrian king is trying to pick a fight with him. Elisha hears of it and tells the king to send Naaman to see him. Naaman arrives at the home of Elisha with all his horses and chariots. Elisha sends a messenger out to tell Naaman to go and bathe in the Jordan River seven times and his flesh will be restored. Naaman is infuriated. He feels 'disrespected.' He had expected the prophet to personally come out to him, dramatically call on God, wave his hand over the leprosy skin, and heal him. If bathing in a river is the answer, he declares that Syria's rivers are superior to Israel's. He storms away in a rage. The first miracle in the story is that Naaman's servants have the courage to follow him and challenge his thinking...and that Naaman listens to them and follows their advice! For 'big people' of power to listen to 'little people' is no small miracle. They say, *If the prophet had asked you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?* Naaman is asked to follow some simple instructions but it doesn't fit the script he'd written for himself. When he eventually follows through, he finds healing for his body.

Naaman had expectations – not only of being healed, but how and when and who would be involved. First he had to swallow his pride and let go of the healing scenario he'd imagined. As this story is told, Naaman swallows his pride rather quickly. More often, swallowing pride is a slow and difficult thing to do. None of us is eager to admit we've been wrong, made a mistake, prematurely rushed to judgment or rashly rejected words meant for our own healing or reconciliation. Yet swallowing pride is often a crucial step to healing conflict – with spouse, family, friends; with co-workers; in congregational relationships; within or between nations. I wonder...is our administration's commitment to 'staying the course' in Iraq all from the conviction that it's the right policy? Or is some simply face-saving and an inability to swallow pride?

How about me and you? Is there any pride keeping you from some kind of healing or reconciliation that's needed? Any pride keeping you from seeking a doctor, medical treatment, counseling or medication? On the other hand, doctors and medication can't fix everything. Any pride keeping you from letting the Spirit shine a light within you to reveal anger, resentment, guilt or a strained relationship that can still be mended? Any pride keeping you from the healing tools of the Church – prayer, confession or good old-fashioned reconciliation with someone? Perhaps the other person is responsible for half or most of the problem between the two of you. You simply need to take responsibility for your part of the problem. There's a time to admit where you've been wrong. There's a time to ask forgiveness of someone you've wronged. It all takes courage and the grace of God to swallow pride. Naaman had to cooperate in his own healing – in God's healing of him. Anything you need to do for your own healing or the reconciliation of a relationship? What might be the Spirit's equivalent for you of Elisha's instructions to Naaman, *Go, wash...?*

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's covenant with the people is understandable, near as our hearts, and our part in the promise, is doable. Jesus illustrates the commandment to love our neighbor in the parable of the Good Samaritan.



LESSONS

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-9

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

Library

July 15 "Experiences & Observations from Operation Enduring Freedom 2002-2007" - Kirk Jensen

July 22 "Our Calling in Education" Randy Nelson

As its biennial assembly next month, the ELCA will consider adopting a social statement entitled "Our Calling in Education." As a society, we have made the education of our citizens, beginning as early as preschool, a high priority. The statement is intended to identify the role of the church in ensuring quality education for all citizens and will be the basis for discussion.

ECLA GLOBAL MISSION EVENT July 19 - 22

In 2007, the **Global Mission Event** will take place July 19-22 in Columbus, Ohio, on the Ohio State University Campus. At Global Mission Events, a variety of people help ELCA members sing, dance, pray and articulate the current mission emphases. Participants choose the Global University Sessions that interest them, and gather twice a day for global music and a thought-provoking plenary session. Special programming helps young participants learn how they can live as faithful Christians in a global culture. For more information, go to www.elca.org/gme/

CONCERNING PEOPLE:

Your prayers are invited for **Ron Mack Murphy**, recovering at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Please keep **Virginia Lee, David Lindell, and Peggy Nevers** (Presbyterian Homes, Spring Lake Park) in your prayers as they continue their recovery.

Congratulations to **Randy Nelson** and **David Berg** on their retirement, Randy from Luther Seminary, as Director of Contextual Education, and David from Fairview University Medical Center, as Chaplain Supervisor. **Sally Kohlstedt** is on a one-year sabbatical leave from the University of Minnesota, including a Fulbright fellowship, in New Zealand.

PARISH INFORMATION

SERVE MEAL AT SIMPSON SHELTER

Holy Trinity youth and adults are responsible for serving at Simpson July 16 (Women's). Please volunteer. Meet at Holy Trinity 5 pm. Karrie 612-728-3885.

HOLY TRINITY SYMPHONIA July 18, 7 pm

For 6 weeks this summer, youth and adult instrumentalists join Nicholas Ellison and Ann Schrooten Wednesday evenings for our own *Sommerfest* of music! Please contact Ann Schrooten to sign up. Remaining rehearsals July 18, 25, August 1, 8, and 15. Ensembles featured at worship on August 19.

EASTERN EUROPE TRIP – DATES SET

The dates for the Eastern Europe Trip are April 25th to May 6th, 2008 (Lutheran Life in Hungary, Poland and Slovakia). Janet Tollund from Group Travel Directors has confirmed air reservations for these dates with the cost of the trip for 20 travelers at \$2,959.00 per person. To make this trip “a go” we need 20 travelers with an initial Tour Initiation Fee of \$50.00. If you are interested in the trip please contact Margaret Peterson for Trip Itinerary, 612-823-7066.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE July 21

The Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration, 8:30 am-4:00 pm, takes place at Holy Trinity. The keynote is by Dr. Pandu Hailonga Van Dijk, “Education for Decolonization.” Conference panelists share their own work/life reflecting the Center's mission, including Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, associate professor, Justice and Peace Studies, University of St. Thomas. More information at www.augsburg.edu/global.

FARM WORKERS FUNDRAISER July 26, 6 pm Bethany Lutheran

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (members are largely Hispanic immigrants working in low-wage jobs) will hold a spaghetti dinner to raise money and send people to the annual Student-Farmworker Alliance Encuentro in Immokalee, Florida. Tickets are \$15; contact Korla Masters 612-251-1430.

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITION

Afghan-American novelist Khaled Hosseini follows up his bestselling book, *The Kite Runner*, with another searing epic of Afghanistan in turmoil. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is the story of two women born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family who are brought jarringly together by war, by loss, and by fate. With heart-wrenching power and suspense, Hosseini shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self-sacrifice, and that in the end it is love, or even the memory of love, that is the key to survival. –Sandra Thornby

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS BY EMAIL

Through the ELCA web site, you can subscribe (for free) to receive Bible readings via email on a daily basis. Readings are chosen from the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings. To subscribe, go to <http://www.elca.org/scriptLib/CO/bible/tbrBibleView.asp> and click on the link at the bottom of the page. – submitted by Deb Sodt

PARISH EVENTS July 15 – July 21

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum 2:00 pm Swahili Service
MONDAY	5:00 pm	Women's Shelter meal
TUESDAY	9:30 am	Healthy Seniors
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Symphonia rehearsal
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Center for Global Education conference

SPECIAL GIFTS in memory of

- **Florence Goodmanson** by Ann Finsveen

SPECIAL GIFTS TO ENDOWMENT FUND in memory of

- **Florence Goodmanson** by Marge/Sheldon Torgerson, Kathryn Nevers, Vi/Vernon Michaelson, Verlyn Goodmanson, David/Theresa Youngblom, John/Elaine Painter, Lois Drury, Karen/Richard Peterson, continued

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Ingrid Phillips & in memory of

- **Florence Goodmanson** by Donna Schwartz & in honor of

- **John/Carol Kelly's 50th wedding anniversary** by Janice Lehman

GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Sandra Hoverson, Lorraine Pafko, Birgit Birkeland

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 15, 2007

Preacher	Randy Nelson	
Celebrant	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe /	11:00 am David Broberg
Crucifer	8:45 am Paul Ramsour/	11:00 am Bob Hulteen
Liturgist	8:45 am Mary Young /	11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Communion Asst	8:45 am Richard Liedholm, Carol Masters	
	11:00 am Linda McMahon, Mary Lindell	
Greeters	8:45 am Deb Sodt /	11:00 am Margaret/Ron Peterson
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Sally Kohlstedt, Aaron Crawford	
	11:00 am Rod Johnson, George Madich, Alan Libra, John Kelly	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer	
	11:00 am Pat Lundquist, Carol Lane	
Nursery	8:40 am Sean Gosiewski /	11 am Ann White, Alisa
Coffee Servers	9:45 am David/Mary Lindell /	Noon Peter/Amy Johnson

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING-Purina Site Plan July 26

At 6:30-8:30 pm, at Hiawatha School Park, 4305 E. 42nd St, the community is invited to review and comment on the developer's most recent site plans for the Purina Site (E. 38th St & Hiawatha Ave) and the Community Benefits Agreement between LCC and the developer, which helps define this project. Dale Joel from Capital Growth will present the site plans and answer questions.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FALL OPENINGS

Bright Prospects Cooperative Preschool, housed at Holy Trinity, has Monday through Friday morning openings for this fall. Children must be at least 33 months of age and potty trained before beginning school. FFI: www.ppcns.org or Karen at 612-722-2554.

FINANCIAL REPORT July 15 Year to date

	July 15	Year to date
Budget Requirement	11,244.23	303,594.21
Budget Receipts	13,010.61	284,341.91
World Hunger	10.00	2,778.14
Capital Improvements	310.00	7,820.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	334.00
African AIDS Fund	.53	932.48
African Pastors Fund		85.00
Hymnals	--	827.00
Central American Fund	--	125.00