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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Once we have heard the story of the compassionate Samaritan, we know the answer to the question posed by Jesus: "Which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?" before the lawyer gives it – "the one who showed mercy." Nor are we surprised by Jesus' conclusion: "Go and do likewise."

Jesus sets his face to Jerusalem because it is there that he will confront the religious and political leaders of his day with the message of what the rule of God is all about. Eternal life is not in the first instance about some glorious reality beyond this life. It is about showing mercy and being a neighbor. Political life is not in the last instance about kings and presidents and legislatures and laws and armies waging war or engaging in ethnic cleansing. It is about showing mercy and being a neighbor. And religious truth and value are not in either the first or the last instance about ritual practice, moral purity, or orthodox belief. It is about showing mercy and being a neighbor.

At the center of life as Jesus understood it, lived it, and revealed it is an inclusive love that embraces all people and is exemplified in a Samaritan reaching out across religious, cultural, and ethnic divides to help restore a wounded person to health. We are all invited, even encouraged, to be good neighbors. That is what makes for community in all its forms. And that is what is at the heart of God's rule.

Behind that invitation is a God who has demonstrated and revealed what it means to be a neighbor by welcoming us in all our need into a relationship that can overcome our fear, our resistance, our distrust, our sin. It is God's intention that we live abundant lives, full of promise and hope. God knows our need and offers the compassion that was evident in Jesus. God has shown mercy; God continues to show mercy; and each Sunday as we gather at the table prepared for us, God again invites us into that relationship in which we are set free to love and serve the neighbor and to be the neighbor that each of us needs the other to be. "Go and do likewise."

Randy A. Nelson rmnelson1941@yahoo.com

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please keep **Peggy Nevers** and **Marion Englund** in your prayers as they continue their recovery from surgery. Please pray for the family and friends of **Dr. Richard Iver Knudsen**, who died July 10. Dick was a Lutheran pastor, peace worker and missionary to Belize for many years. He had been attending Holy Trinity in the last two years after he moved back to Minneapolis.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The presence of God in our lives is not always understood or appreciated. The patriarch Abraham, the Apostle Paul, and Martha's sister Mary opened their homes and hearts to the Spirit, and their lives changed in ways they could never have imagined.



LESSONS
 Genesis 18:1-10a
 Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

Library

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.

July 29 "Confirmation – Expectations and Hopes"

Linda Jury and Bruce Arnevik

This forum will focus on the confirmation program in our congregation. What are your expectations and hopes for the Holy Trinity confirmation program?

NEW MEMBER CLASS Wednesday, August 8

There will be a class on Wednesday, August 8, 6 – 9 p.m. at the church for persons considering becoming members of Holy Trinity. A light supper will be served. New members will be received on Sunday, September 16. Please call the church office at 612-729-8358 and let Vicki know if you are planning to attend and if you will need childcare.

ADVOCATE FOR A JUST FARM BILL

In mid July the full House Agriculture Committee considers the 2007 Farm Bill. This bill will have significant consequences for farmers, consumers, and people living in poverty and suffering from hunger in the United States and around the world. This is a critical opportunity to urge members of the Committee and the leadership of the House of Representatives to write a bill that reforms U.S. farm policy by eliminating commodity payments that hurt people living in poverty around the world, while providing a more equitable system of support for U.S. farmers. The bill should also increase funding for programs that need it most: nutrition, rural development, conservation and the research and development of renewable energy sources.
www.elca.org/advocacy/issues/farmbill

PARISH INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION DISCUSSION (AND PIZZA) July 26

On Thursday, July 26, 6:00 pm, for all confirmation youth (completed grades 7-9) there will be a confirmation discussion, pizza and movie. The event will take place at Katy Benson's house.

HOLY TRINITY SYMPHONIA Wednesdays, 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 at annlarayne@aol.com to sign up. Remaining rehearsals July 18, 25, August 1, 8, and 15. Ensembles featured at worship on August 19.

FARM WORKERS FUNDRAISER July 26, 6 pm Bethany Lutheran

Coalition of Immokalee Workers will hold a spaghetti dinner to and send people to the annual Student-Farmworker Alliance Encuentro in Florida. Tickets are \$15; contact Korla Masters.

RIVER GORGE ICE CREAM SOCIAL July 31, 6:30 pm

Have you ever visited the Giggly Hills? Want to learn more about the River Gorge? The River Gorge committee hosts its 3rd annual ice cream social July 31, 6:30-8:30 pm, 36th St and West River Pkwy. Enjoy a sundae and receive a map and tour of the rare oak savanna and prairie.

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITION

In *The Assault on Reason*, Al Gore's concern is the political environment. In an account that balances theoretical discussion of the foundations of democracy with a lacerating critique of the Bush administration, Gore argues that the market place of reasoned debate our country was founded on is being endangered by a variety of forces: the use of fear and the misuse of faith, the distractions of our entertainment culture, and the concentrations of power in the national media and the executive branch. —Sandra Thornby

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.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS BY EMAIL

Through the ELCA site, you can subscribe to receive daily Bible readings via email: <http://www.elca.org/scriptLib/CO/bible/tbrBibleView.asp> – Deb Sotd

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL SUPPLIES: The Outreach Committee has "adopted" Longfellow Elementary School this fall. The students will need school supplies, and donations are welcome. See the display in the Community Room.

FROM YOUR GARDEN? Ann Schrooten suggests that flowers from summer gardens would add color to the chancel area. If you plan to bring flowers on a Sunday, please let the office know 2-3 days ahead of time.

PARISH EVENTS July 22 – July 28

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Symphonia rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:00 pm	Confirmation Discussion, Katy Benson's

SPECIAL GIFTS TO ENDOWMENT FUND in memory of

- **Florence Goodmanson** by Marilyn Odefey, Cynthia/William Derendal, Susan Harmon, Richard/Darlene Dierke, John/Cheryl Buranen, Trudy Hughes, Joanne Bednar, C.L. DeVore, Donald/Sharon Peterson, Harold/Mary Roed, Kevin/Jody Lovdal, Florence Onslow, H.K./D. Peterson, Mary Reiter, Lisa/Timothy Herr, Ann/Kent Dougherty, Patricia Moleno, Lois Lovdal, Katherine Gast-Garland/Keith Garland, Bruce/Ann Geister, Robert/Judy Cowan, Marion Duffy, Virginia Goodmanson, Darrell/Lynne Christensen, Mary/Keith Swanson, Marilee Maxwell, Brad/Kathleen Nelson

GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER by Jerry Olson

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by Scott/Melanie McRae, James/Carole Schneiders, Elsie Heyer, Aldora Ferrian, Paul/Lois Eid & in honor of

- **John/Carol Kelly's 50th anniversary** by Ron/Margaret Peterson

- **the Johnson family's ministry at Holy Trinity** by Deb Sotd/Brian Lenz

GIFT TO BOOKS FOR BUNAZI by Birgit Birkeland

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 22, 2007

Preacher	Susan Masters		
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg /	11:00 am Randy Nelson
Crucifer	11:00 am	Will Roberts	
Liturgist	8:45 am	Mary Young /	11:00 am Abela Kibira
Cantor	Ann Schrooten		
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt, Lyle Steinfeldt	
	11:00 am	Wayne Vetter, Korla Masters	
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am David Broberg	
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Shawn Barry	
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen	
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Freda Miller, Carol Berg	
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm	
Nursery	8:40 am	Sara Jensen / 11:00 am Troy Davison	
Coffee Servers	9:45 am	David/Mary Lindell / Noon Bob/Helen Norheim	

MIDTOWN FARMERS' MARKET: FOOD, FUN, & EBT

Located at Lake St and 22nd Ave, between the YWCA and the Light Rail Station, the market hosts a bounty of fruits, vegetables, cheese, meat, bread, and other delicious food. All products are locally grown or made, sold directly by farmers, food producers, and artists from Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is a vibrant community gathering space, with live music throughout the day, story time with the East Lake Library at 11am every Saturday, and a variety of special events and cooking demonstrations. The Market is now open Saturdays 8 am-1 pm and Tuesdays, 3:30-7:30 pm through October 23. The market now accepts EBT/Foodstamps. – Lindsey Briggs, market intern

FINANCIAL REPORT July 15 Year to date

	July 15	Year to date
Budget Requirement	11,244.23	314,838.44
Budget Receipts	11,422.32	295,764.23
World Hunger	46.00	2,824.14
Capital Improvements	130.00	7,950.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	334.00
African AIDS Fund	--	932.48
African Pastors Fund	25.00	110.00
Hymnals	--	827.00
Central American Fund	--	125.00