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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

## 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in Chicago earlier this month overwhelming re-elected Mark Hanson to a second term as our national Bishop with an 86% vote on the second ballot. David Swartling of Seattle was newly elected as Secretary. Mpls. Synod Bishop Craig Johnson said of voting members... "we committed ourselves to a far-reaching emphasis on deepening our church's immersion in Scripture; we deliberated Iraq and the Middle East; we adopted a social statement on education; and we took new resolve in fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic. We celebrated rapid growth in responding to world hunger and disasters and pledged to do even more."

On the issue of sexuality, while no change in the current policy regarding the rostering of gay and lesbian clergy in committed relationships was adopted, the following resolution was adopted by a 538-431 vote (55.52%) "RESOLVED, that in an effort to continue as a church in moral deliberation without further strife and pain to its members, the Churchwide Assembly prays, urges and encourages synods, synodical bishops, and the presiding bishop to refrain from or demonstrate restraint in disciplining those congregations and persons who call into the rostered ministry otherwise-qualified candidates who are in a mutual, chaste, and faithful committed same-gender relationship; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Church Assembly prays, urges and encourages synods, synodical bishops, and the presiding bishop to refrain from or demonstrate restraint in disciplining those rostered leaders in a mutual, chaste and faithful committed same-gender relationship who have been called and rostered in the church."

Emily Eastwood, Executive Director of Lutherans Concerned/North America, said of the adoption of the above resolution, "Today this church moved one giant step from the punitive rejection of partnered LGBT ministers to the willing tolerance of them. We see this decision as interim. Full inclusion and acceptance is still down the road, but the dam of discrimination has been broken. This is a great day for LGBT clergy who will walk into their pulpits tomorrow knowing perhaps for the first time that this church values their gifts for ministry more than the policy that would exclude them. The church is on the road to acceptance. The end of exclusion is in sight. With this decision the voting members signaled a desire for policy change, but the need for two more years to bring more of the church along."

- Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor

## CONCERNING PEOPLE

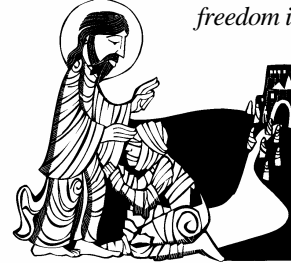
Please pray for the family and friends of long time member **Lorraine Pafko**, who died at 83 August 18; her funeral is at Holy Trinity Wednesday, August 22, 11 am; and **Donna Schwartz**, who died at 80 August 14; her funeral was at Wooddale Church on August 17. She taught Sunday School at Holy Trinity for many years. **George Gustafson** of Trinity Apartments died last week; his funeral was at Bradshaw on August 17. Please pray for **Linda Sourbis**, who received a kidney transplant at University Hospital on August 19; for **Betty Fredrickson** as she prepares for upcoming surgery; and for continued recovery for **Carol Kelly**.

Congratulations to **Erik Nelson and Lisa Ledwidge**, who had a baby boy on August 1, **Oscar Desmond**.

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*God's love extends to all generations – but understandings*

*about the gift of the Sabbath change with Jesus. Our freedom in Christ makes all things new.*



## LESSONS

Isaiah 58:96-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

### August 26 "Resource Center of the Americas"

The Resource Center of the Americas was forced to suspend all programs on August 16, owing to insufficient funding. All staff were let go. The interim director and/or a long-time board member will address that reality but also the Board's commitment to evaluating the Center as an organization, to find alternative and sustainable ways to advance its core mission. We need your input! - Joy Nelson

### September 2 "Seasons of Faith"

**Bob Hulteen**

Kicking off the fall theme of "Faithfulness," this forum will include viewing and discussing a Bill Moyers' facilitated video on Abraham, a symbol of faithful behavior. Five activists and scholars of the Hebrew Scriptures discuss a variety of perspectives on Abraham. Part of the PBS series "Genesis," this video mines deep insights into faith as the foundation for religious communities.

## Call Committee Update

At its most recent meeting, a further distilling of the COMPASS Team's report was presented that specifically hones in on congregational and pastoral priorities, and possible models for future staffing. This extensive effort will more clearly inform the Call Committee's formulation for interviewing pastoral candidates.

Completion of the ELCA's Congregational Profile is underway. The profile serves to describe the congregation's history, ministry, membership, community, and leadership needs—and provides pastoral candidates a defined foretaste of the life and mission of this congregation.

The Call Committee's email address has been implemented: [callcommittee@htlcmpls.org](mailto:callcommittee@htlcmpls.org)

- Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – TEACHERS NEEDED

A new year for Church School is upon us as summer wanes. Sunday Church School classes begin September 9. Teachers are needed! The year is divided into three terms; you are invited to volunteer for one or more terms. We will again use the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum. Sign up in the Community Room, or call the office to leave a message for Stephanie Sulzbach.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The first program in Holy Trinity's Fine Arts series will be a Trumpet-Organ Recital by The Hodel-Lehman Duo, Sunday, Sept 30, 2007, 4:00 p.m. The duo, Martin Hodel, trumpet and Bradley Lehman, organ, began performing together 25 years ago.

### EASTERN EUROPE TRIP

At this point, at least four openings are available for the Eastern Europe trip. Dates are April 25-May 6, 2008; some highlights are Budapest, Krakow, Bratislava, Vienna, and Lutheran communities. Brochures are in the Community Room. To make the trip "a go" we need 20 travelers, with an initial fee of \$50. Cost of the trip is \$2,959 per person. Contact Margaret Peterson

### OPPORTUNITY SALE IS OCTOBER 6

Please remember the fall sale as you clean out your gently used tools, small furniture, games, books, and collectibles. You may drop off items inside the cul-de-sac door Mon-Fri, 8-4, or on Sunday before services.

### RIDE, WALK, CARPOOL TO CHURCH 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAYS – AUG 26!

The Peace with Justice Committee encourages us to arrange conservation transport on the last Sunday of each month. Are there Holy Trinity people– or other friends! – in your area that you could call and pick up?

### NEW LIGHT LOOK

Has anyone noticed a new brightness in the Community Room? What do you think? Watch for other possible changes as the fall season begins.

### RESOURCE CENTER CLOSES

We regret the recent closing of the Resource Center of the Americas. It has long been a regional resource for Central and Latin America and an anchor for our neighborhood. Established by volunteers near the campus of the University of Minnesota in 1982, the Center focused on human rights, globalization and development issues in the Americas while providing support for immigrant rights in Minnesota. Its award-winning programs and services have included the Centro de Derechos Laborales, Penny Lernoux library and the Bookstore of the Americas (information from 9<sup>th</sup> ward enews). Read the full press release, [www.americas.org/item\\_34478](http://www.americas.org/item_34478).

### ELCA BISHOP HANSON'S VISION OF FARM BILL

Speaking at the ELCA biennial General Assembly August 8, Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson said he envisioned a Farm Bill "that bridges the needs of U.S. farmers, as well as farmers in other countries, the needs of rural communities as well as those that are hungry, and the stewardship of creation." To hear Bishop Hansen's remarks: [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy)

### PARISH EVENTS August 26 – September 1, 2007

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum 2:00 pm Swahili Service

**GIFTS TO LONGFELLOW SCHOOL SUPPLIES** by Judy Davison, Susan/Mike Wootten, Cliff Brown/Marianne Wargelin

**GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER** by Jerry Olson and in celebration of - **Parents Bob and Ethel Franzen's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** by Gerry/Linda Berglin

**SPECIAL GIFT** in honor of

- **Peggy Nevers' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** by Burt/Sandy Hoverson

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 26, 2007

<b>Preacher</b>	Randy Nelson	
<b>Celebrant</b>	8:45 am David Broberg	11:00 am Dennis Ormseth
<b>Crucifer</b>	8:45 am Paul Ramsour	11:00 am Bob Hulteen
<b>Liturgist</b>	8:45 am Sally Kohlstedt	11:00 am Lynda Nordholm
<b>Communion Asst</b>	8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt, Joyce Peterson	
	11:00 am John Sulzbach, Kirk Jensen	
<b>Greeters</b>	8:45 am Joyce Peterson	11 am Helen Cotton, Maggie Kane
<b>Ushers</b>	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Jim Schneiders	
	11:00 am Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, Lee Kampinen, Ron Peterson	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:45 am Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer	
	11:00 am Pat Lundquist, Carol Lane	
<b>Nursery</b>	8:40 am Roxanne Ekstrand	11:00 am Mary Engen
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	9:45 am Karen Fantauzza	Noon Linda Gawthrop

### HOLY TRINITY AT MIDTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

As a sponsor of the Midtown Farmer's Market, Holy Trinity will be "Guest Host" Tues, August 28. Hosting gives us the opportunity to keep the ministry visible in the community, hand out flyers with information on programming and services, and get to know our neighbors. Hours of the Tuesday market are 3:30 to 7:30 pm. Make a point of joining us for greater representation of our congregation. – Lynda Nordholm

### C3 AT THE FAIR: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Congregations

Caring for Creation (Holy Trinity is a member) is partnering with the Center for Energy and Environment to demonstrate energy efficiency and moral and religious reasons for caring for the earth. Volunteers are needed at the Eco Experience building 9-9 daily; 4-hour shifts are preferred and bring a friend or two! Contact Marcy Leussler to sign up at [mleussler@hotmail.com](mailto:mleussler@hotmail.com) or 612-824-3240. The State Fair runs Aug. 23-Sept. 3; read more at: [www.pca.state.mn.us/ecoexperience](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ecoexperience).

### FINANCIAL REPORT August 19 Year to date

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Budget Requirement	11,244.23	359,815.36
Budget Receipts	18,498.87	342,240.48
World Hunger	31.00	3,635.14
Capital Improvements	-.-	8,290.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	-.-	334.00
African AIDS Fund	100.00	1,082.48
African Pastors Fund	-.-	135.00
Hymnals	-.-	877.00
Central American Fund	-.-	125.00