



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

**SMALL DEEDS: WALKING BY FAITH**

While considering a worship theme for this fall, one of our worship staff thought of the saying *small deeds done with great conviction*. With the fall Adult Forum theme of *Faith*, the theme *Small Deeds: Walking by Faith* emerged. In education we are *talking* about faith. In worship we're reflecting on what it means to be *walking* by faith.

Jesus says in last Sunday's Gospel, *Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much*. (Luke 16:10) Fred Craddock comments on this passage: *The life of a disciple is one of faithful attention to the frequent and familiar tasks of each day, however small and insignificant they may seem...it is easy to be indifferent toward small obligations while quite sincerely believing oneself fully trustworthy in major matters...life consists of a series of seemingly small opportunities. Most of us will not this week christen a ship, write a book, end a war, appoint a cabinet, dine with a queen, convert a nation, or be burned at the stake. More likely the week will present no more than a chance to give a cup of water, write a note, visit a nursing home, vote for a county commissioner, teach a Sunday School class, share a meal, tell a child a story, go to choir practice, and feed a neighbor's cat.* (Luke, Interpretation Commentaries, pp. 191-192)

What *small opportunities* will be present for you this week? What *small deeds done with great conviction* will attest to your faith? With the overwhelming nature of the world's problems, it's easy to become immobilized and question the value of your small efforts to help. It's like the story of the little boy walking the beach where hundreds and hundreds of starfish had been washed ashore. To keep them alive, he was throwing them back in the ocean, one by one. A man stopped and pointed out the impossibility of the task, saying "It's not going to make any difference." The boy picked up several starfish, tossed one in and replied, "It'll make a difference to that one...and that one...and that one..." as he tossed the others in.

There is a *Small Deeds: Walking by Faith* display board in the Community Room. I encourage you to read it and do two things. First, note on the board (without names) what *small deed* you see someone else do. Second, anonymously note a *small deed* that you have done. This isn't about tooting your horn, but about encouraging the rest of us with concrete examples of walking by faith. It's about stretching yourself to do what may be no small accomplishment for you and mean so much to someone else. What will you do? Make a phone call to someone who needs to hear from you? Visit someone? Send a letter to a legislator? Add your voice or even your silent physical presence to a gathering seeking better health care coverage for others or a living wage for workers that are being taking advantage of? Plant flowers to beautify the community? Say "I'm sorry"? Say "Thank you"? *Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much*. Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor [arnevik@htlcmpls.org](mailto:arnevik@htlcmpls.org)

**CONCERNING PEOPLE :** Please pray for continued recovery for **Linda Sourbis, Pat McGee and Marcene Iverson.**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*God's people are asked to consider their relationship to wealth—it can be a powerful tool for alleviating suffering in the world but it can just as easily become a strong force that alienates us from the riches of God's love. We need to know where we place our deepest values.*



**LESSONS**  
 Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
 Psalm 146  
 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Luke 16:19-31

**SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

**9:55 am Library**

**September 30 "Film and Faith"**

**Doug Wallace**

Doug will introduce the idea that some films raise questions about faith. An example is the film "The Mission." Lots of time will be set aside for discussion.

**October 7 "New Sanctuary Movement – A Response of Faith"**

**Matt Gladue**

A year ago, religious communities joined with immigrant workers and other community leaders to call on Congress to reform immigration law. Instead, the federal government has started to enforce existing immigration law with unprecedented ruthlessness. What role can congregations play to ensure that our country respects and protects human dignity and the rights of families and workers? Matt Gladue, Director of Workers Interfaith Network (WIN) will join us to discuss these topics and what we can do.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The process for receiving names of candidates for the pastoral position through the congregation is now complete. These names will be considered within the total pool of suitable candidates.

Having discerned the extensive work of the COMPASS Team's report, completed the integration of that material into the Congregational Profile, and considered programmatic staffing options, the Call Committee now focuses on identified ministry priorities and skills as we proceed with interview preparation.

The Call Committee invites your comments, questions, or concerns: Please feel free to speak with a committee member, email to [callcommittee@htlcmpls.org](mailto:callcommittee@htlcmpls.org), or leave a voicemail message at 612.729.8358. Ask for mailbox 23 (after hours, press 23 once you hear the recording).

- Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

**WE GIVE THANKS** for the baptisms of the following and pray for their continued growth in faith: **Jackson Heichert** (5-06-07); **Samantha Azell Mitchell** (8-19-07); **Connor Christopher Kelly** (9-16-07).

## PARISH INFORMATION

**TRUMPET AND ORGAN RECITAL September 30, 4:00 pm** The first program in Holy Trinity's Fine Arts series will be a Trumpet-Organ Recital by the Martin Hodel-Bradley Lehman Duo. This fine duo will feature the works of J. S. Bach, Henry Purcell, Dietrich Buxtehude, Giuseppe Torelli, Alexandre Cellier, Bradley Lehman, Vincent Persichetti, and Leonard Bernstein, among others.

### **OPPORTUNITY SALE October 6, 9 am -1 pm**

Items for the Fall Sale are coming in fast! But there is still time to make your donations. Baked goods are needed, as well as a cook on Friday to prepare the café lunch. After the sale, items will be transported to St. Paul's Lutheran. Thrivent for Lutherans will provide matching funds.

### **MINNESOTA MEAL – EAT LOCALLY!**

A Holy Trinity fall tradition is a potluck meal celebrating the natural gifts of our region. It will be at the church, October 13, 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish made with Minnesota or Wisconsin grown/raised ingredients. A good source for ingredients is the Midtown Farmers Market, Saturdays 8 am-1 pm and Tuesdays 3:30-7:30 pm. There will be a speaker from the Midtown Farmers Market and a documentary about it by Steve Hansen. - Mary Engen

### **BOOK SALE**

There have been lots of books donated to the Opportunity Sale. There will be a sale of these used books in the Community Room on Sunday, Sept. 30. Come and find that book you've been meaning to read!

### **PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

Please join us on Oct. 27 for the annual Progressive Dinner, beginning at 5:30 pm. There will be 3 appetizer houses, 3 main course houses and 1 dessert house. You will be assigned to different houses. Please sign up in the Community Room or call the church office at 612-729-8358.

### **LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM**

Consider attending a morning of Advent preparation for Holy Trinity members on **Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. - Noon**. The Holy Trinity worship and music staff will host a reading and reflection on the appointed texts, particularly from the prophet Isaiah as well as the Gospel of Matthew. What word of hope will God speak to us? What challenge will God present to us? Insights shared and discussed during this gathering will help to formulate a theme for Holy Trinity's Advent season. Come, gather around the Word and you may be surprised what God may reveal!

### **KATRINA RELIEF TRIP**

Five to eight persons will be going to Waveland, Mississippi to work on housing. We will leave Saturday or Sunday, Nov 24 or 25 and return Saturday or Sunday, Dec 1 or 2. There will be an opportunity to stay longer if desired. Costs: housing is about \$5 per night in a dorm-like situation; food averages \$9-12 per day. The group will coordinate transportation, plane, train or car. Contact Susan Nixon to sign up.

PARISH EVENTS September 30 – October 6	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday Church School
	9:55 am Adult Forum
	12:15 pm CROP walkers' lunch
	1:30 pm CROP walk
	4:00 pm Fine Arts series – Trumpet and Organ Recital
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm Committees – Peace /Justice, Outreach, Worship
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 pm Children's Choir
	7:30 pm Adult Choir
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 am Opportunity Sale

**GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER** by Birgit Birkeland, Harvey Gustafson and Bob & Dorothy Kelly

**SPECIAL GIFTS** by Vernon & Vi Michaelson, Birgit Birkeland, Harvey Gustafson, Margaret Carlson and Inez Olsen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS September 30, 2007	
<b>Preacher</b>	Bruce Arnevik
<b>Celebrant</b>	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe / 11:00 am Gary Sartain
<b>Crucifer</b>	11:00 am Wayne Vetter
<b>Liturgist</b>	8:45 am Liz Rudrud / 11:00 am Zoe Martinez
<b>Communion Asst</b>	8:45 am Lois Roos, Jane Kretzmann
	11:00 am Linda Jury, Phil Jury
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:45 am Gunnar Rudrud
	11:00 am Nyssa Capman, Kevin Kane
<b>Greeters</b>	8:45 am Joyce Peterson / 11 am Helen Cotton, Maggie Kane
<b>Ushers</b>	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable Spratt, Jim Schneiders
	11:00 am Mark Hiner, George Madich, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:45 am Jeanette Brown, Carol Schneiders
	11:00 am Lynda Nordholm, Dennis Nordholm
<b>Nursery</b>	8:40 am Sean Gosiewski / 11:00 am Matt Kane, Maggie, Nora
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	9:45 am Bev/Bob Peschiutta
	Noon Ted Dooley/Kristi Holmquist

### **LONGFELLOW LUTHERAN PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

The four congregations of our new Longfellow Lutheran Parish – Bethany, Christ Church, Holy Trinity and St. Peder's – gather for a joint Bible study on Acts on two Saturdays this fall. Dates: October 13 and November 10. Time: 9-Noon. Location: Bethany at 39<sup>th</sup> St. and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. Presenter: Pastor Catherine Malotky. Theme: *Wade in the Water*. Please sign up in the Community Room now for the Oct. 13 gathering.

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<b>September 23</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Budget Requirement	11,244.23	427,280.74
Budget Receipts	8,035.75	381,195.96
World Hunger	820.00	5,076.14
Capital Improvements	--	8,390.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	434.00
African AIDS Fund	39.75	1,334.76
African Pastors Fund	--	185.00
Central American Fund	--	125.00