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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

CONFIRMATION

New life and energy is emanating from the Bartsch Room on Sunday mornings these days; it is now the main meeting room for Holy Trinity's Confirmation students. Many changes have taken place in the Confirmation program this fall. The changes were made because there were some consistent themes that surfaced in the four focus groups that were held this last spring and summer. The intent in holding the focus groups was to recommend some modifications to the Confirmation program to our next pastor—but since what we heard from kids, parents, teachers and interested congregation members was so clear and constant, we decided to proceed with implementation this fall. *So what's different?*

- The Confirmation program is being shortened from four years to three. The current fourth year Confirmands (Emma Capman, Aaron Crawford, Lindsey Rada, Lucy Roberts) will still be confirmed in April of 2008, but their formal coursework will be over by Christmas. The large group of third year students will be confirmed in the fall of 2008 instead of late April 2009. Future confirmations will likely take place in the fall. Since there are currently no kids in second year (one of those blips in the population), there will be no confirmation in the fall of 2009.
- A service project component has been added to our program. The fourth year Confirmands will conceive, plan and implement their projects this winter: Kelly Place will be their advisor. Prior to their confirmation, the students will present their projects to the congregation. Third year Confirmands will work on their projects during the summer and early fall of 2008.
- Monthly weekday classes with the pastor have been eliminated. Instead, Pastor Bruce is part of the Sunday teaching team. That team also includes Katy Benson, Kris Bogren, Stephanie and Scott Cole, Liz Conway, Gary Johnson, Kelly Place, Liz Rudrud, Jim Trelstad-Porter—and is supplemented by other members of the congregation (e.g., Joel Wiberg and Randy Nelson) who will come in for the main presentation in areas of their expertise.
- All Confirmands (grades 7-10) meet together in the Bartsch Room at 9:30 (an earlier start time) on the first three Sundays of each month. After an opening prayer and the large group presentation, the kids break off into small groups (divided by Confirmation year) for discussion.
- There are no classes on the 4th (and 5th, if there is one) Sunday of the month. Service, social and additional study activities will take place (as much as possible) on Friday evenings toward the end of each month.
- We've purchased an ELCA Confirmation curriculum, *Here We Stand*, so that our teachers will have ample resources from which to draw. Content this fall is focused on Lutheran doctrine and theology; beginning in December we'll follow the church year through stories of the New Testament. The curriculum will follow a three-year cycle and will include Old and New Testament, Luther's Small Catechism, and Lutheran theology. Content is similar to what has been taught at Holy Trinity in the past, but is structured differently.

So far these changes have been well-received by Confirmands, parents and teachers. We are all looking at Confirmation in a new way, and it has infused us with great energy and positive spirit! – Linda Jury

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The lessons for this week show us that the life of faith means that we might sometimes wrestle with God. We find our peace when God assures us of our identity and blesses us.



LESSONS

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

October 21 "Faith and Science: Communities in Conflict

or in Conversation?" Dennis

Ormseth

Scientific and religious communities are both clearly authoritative sources of knowledge and wisdom in contemporary life. They are often viewed as in conflict with each other and mutually exclusive of each other. How has this come to be and is it true? How could there rather be genuine conversation between them? A sorting out of facts, theories, values, beliefs and wisdom.

October 28 No adult forum. Please join us in the Community Room for a reception to honor **Janice Lehman** and **Carol Masters** for their many years of service to our congregation.

UNICEF

The Children's Choir will be collecting donations for UNICEF on Sunday, October 28. Even a small donation can help children around the world. For example, \$2.46 can buy school supplies, such as pencils, books, chalk, slate board and paper for one child for one year.

Look for the children carrying those distinctive little orange boxes!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

While the Call Committee anticipates the Synod's presentation of its amassed list of available pastoral candidates toward the end of October, it met twice this past week engaging in analysis of the essential tools for the interview process.

Mindful and deeply grateful to the congregation for its continued and sustaining prayers, we ask that you also pray for all clergy desiring to enter the call process with Holy Trinity.

– Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

CONCERNING PEOPLE : Please pray for recovery for **Betty Fredrickson, Vi Ladwig, Pat McGee, and Linda Sourbis.**

PARISH INFORMATION

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.

HUMAN SEXUALITY DISCUSSION October 22-23, 7-9 pm

Please consider participating in a discussion/evaluation of "Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor: Lutherans Talk about Human Sexuality." This is the most recent ELCA study guide, mandated at the 2001 Churchwide Assembly as a tool for discussion that will lead to a social statement. The hope is that 8-10 people will agree to receive a copy of the study, read it over, and come to this discussion prepared to offer feedback about its content and effectiveness, which will then be submitted to the task force writing the document. Deb Sodt and Tom Kleven, HTLC members and health care providers, have agreed to facilitate this discussion. More details, and a complete text of the study, can be found at <http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney/study/> Please indicate your interest by signing up on Sunday morning or calling the church office. Questions can be directed to Randy Nelson or Susan Masters.

MAKE YOUR MARK

The regional map in the Community Room is beginning to tell the story of where members reside and when they joined this congregation. One of the stories beginning to be revealed is that some members come from quite a distance to be part of this community – as their marks are in the white border beyond the map boundaries of the region. Our goal is to have all households represented, so be sure to make your mark.

FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING SESSIONS: Defensive driving courses are offered October 24, noon-5 pm *or* October 30 & November 1, 6-8:30 pm (must attend both evening sessions) at State Farm Insurance, 4020 Minnehaha Ave. Free of charge. You don't need to have a State Farm policy to attend. For reservations or more information: 612-728-1000.

HOUSING SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

Mary Brooks, National Director of Housing Trust Fund Project, along with legislators, developers, and realtors will be speaking about the Housing Solutions Act on Tues, Oct 23, 2007 at St. Joan of Arc, 4537 3rd Ave. S. in Mpls. Please contact Mary Engen at 612-721-7181 if you are interested in attending.

MPLS AREA SYNOD MINISTERIUM

"Eyewitness to Global Warming" featuring polar explorer Will Steger, Thurs., Nov. 8, 8:30-Noon at Brooklyn Park Luth Church. Pastors, lay staff and lay leaders are invited to attend. Come hear about the effect that global warming is having on the Arctic regions. You will leave with some ideas to bring back to your congregation on what we can do together to address global climate change. Cost is \$10 (lunch included). Questions and registration: please contact the Mpls Area Synod at www.mpls-synod.org or 612-870-3610.

PARISH EVENTS October 21-October 27	
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 am Confirmation classes
	9:45 am Sunday Church School
	9:55 am Adult Forum
	12:15 pm Cantate! lunch/rehearsal
MONDAY	2:00 pm Swahili Worship Service
	7:00 pm Human Sexuality discussion
TUESDAY	7:00 pm Youth Committee
	7:00 pm Human Sexuality discussion
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm Tutoring
	6:30 pm Children's Choir
FRIDAY	7:30 pm Adult Choir
	8:00 pm Confirmation lock-in
SATURDAY	5:30 pm Progressive Dinner

GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS by Aldora Ferrian
GIFT TO CENTRAL AMERICAN FUND by Lyle Steinfeldt
GIFTS TO NON-VIOLENT PEACE FORCE by Birgit Birkeland and Lyle Steinfeldt
SPECIAL GIFTS by Freda Miller and Tom/Kari Kleven
GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER by Bob/Helen Norheim, Tom/Kari Kleven, Viola Madson, Irene Carlson, Freda Miller, Robert Peterson, and in memory of **Mother, Myrtle Nelson** by Gloria Warner.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS October 21, 2007	
Preacher	Bruce Arnevik
Crucifer	11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Liturgist	8:45 am Jim Klobuchar / 11:00 am Susan Wootten
Communion Asst	8:45 am Linda Berglin, David Kohlstedt
	11:00 am Liz Rudrud, Cliff Brown
Acolyte	8:45 am Fiona Carson
	11:00 am Kevin Kane, Meagan Fortier
Greeters	8:45 am Deb Sodt / 11:00 am Pat Libra, Chelsea Rolfzen
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, David Kohlstedt, Aaron Crawford
	11:00 am Rod Johnson, George Madich, Alan Libra, John Kelly
Altar Guild	8:45 am Carol Berg, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am Rosemary Foley, Pat Lundquist
Nursery	8:40 am Margaret Carlson / 11:00 am Maelene Krig
Coffee Servers	9:45 am Randy/Janet Newberg
	Noon Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to teach English as a second language at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mpls. Commitment would be one hour on Tuesday mornings. For more info, contact Pastor Luisa Cabello-Hansel, 612-275-2914.

FINANCIAL REPORT	October 14	Year to date
Budget Requirement	11,244.23	461,013.43
Budget Receipts	4,561.36	406,394.93
World Hunger	61.00	6,087.14
Capital Improvements	.-	8,542.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	.-	634.00
African AIDS Fund	242.85	1,589.10
African Pastors Fund	.-	205.00
Central American Fund	.-	204.00