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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

## 2007 FARM BILL - A FAIR HARVEST?

As the fruits of the earth are gathered from fields this fall, the U.S. Senate grapples with a new Farm Bill that will soon be voted on. Five mainline Protestant denominations (ELCA, Episcopal, Presbyterian USA, United Methodist, UCC) are sponsoring *A Fair Harvest* campaign in seeking a more just Farm Bill. Inspired by Jesus' command to care for poor and hungry people, Christians are organizing throughout the country to advocate for changes in U.S. agricultural policy that would benefit family farmers, hungry neighbors, God's creation and people living in poverty around the world.

The Farm Bill governs U.S. agricultural, food and farmland policies. Our current system of cash commodity payments primarily benefits large-scale producers who receive over 75% of these subsidies and leaves behind small and medium-sized family farmers. The current system also hurts farmers in poor countries. For example, subsidies to large U.S. cotton growers enable them to sell cotton so cheap that it undercuts the ability of poor farmers in other countries to sell their cotton on the global market.

Over the summer the House of Representatives passed a Farm Bill that largely continues the current system. The ball is now in the Senate's court for a more just bill. Senators are saying they need to hear more from their constituents on this issue. That means *our voices are needed* to change the debate!

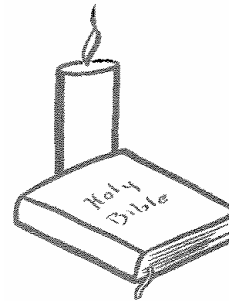
Please join other people of faith in advocating for a Farm Bill that: 1) ensures that commodity payments (crop subsidies) go to those who need them rather than large-scale, wealthy farmers who don't; 2) reduces the harm current U.S. agricultural policy does to poor farmers around the world; 3) strengthens nutrition, conservation, rural development programs and food aid. How? Call our Minnesota Senators' Washington offices. At this point, calling is probably most effective since mail to congressional offices can be quite delayed. Senator Coleman's office: 1-202-224-5641. Senator Klobuchar's office: 1-202-224-3244. Identify yourself, including where you're from and your church. Say you're looking for the Senator's leadership in creating a more just Farm Bill which includes concerns (1), (2), and (3) above. Remember, you don't have to be an expert on this issue! The friendly person who takes your call will not engage you in debate on the issue, but will simply note your opinion and pass on your concern to the Senator.

In the spirit of fall stewardship, we remember that God is the owner of all. How are we managing all that is entrusted to our care... including through the farm and food policies we adopt? Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor [arnevik@htlcmpls.org](mailto:arnevik@htlcmpls.org)

**CONCERNING PEOPLE :** Please pray for continued recovery for **Betty Fredrickson, Vi Ladwig, Linda Sourbis** and **Pat McGee**. Please pray for the family of **Ken Johnson**, former longtime member of Holy Trinity, who lived in Franklin, Tennessee and passed away on October 7.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

*This is the day we remember with thanksgiving the events of the Reformation. We also know that the Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.*



## LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

**9:55 am Library**

### October 28 Reception for Janice Lehman and Carol Masters

Please join us in the Community Room for a reception to honor Janice and Carol for their many years of service to our congregation. There will be no adult forum.

### November 4 "Faith and Community" Susan Masters

As a congregation that professes faith in Jesus Christ, we are called to a life of both proclamation and service. What is it about this call that compels us toward community together? Is the life we share as a community of faith different than the one we share with the other people in our lives? This adult forum will primarily be a conversation together about the gift of faith community – with all its inherent joys and struggles.

## 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 can provide 66 children with vitamin A capsules for a year. Vitamin A protects children from permanent blindness, helps them grow strong and protects against certain types of infections. Look for the children carrying those distinctive little orange boxes!

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In considering the call process by which Holy Trinity is currently working with the Minneapolis Area Synod, it is good to realize that the Synod – in which Holy Trinity is one of 167 congregations – is the largest of the ELCA's Synods and home to some of the largest Lutheran congregations in the world. The synod (meaning "meeting together") will next meet with the Call Committee on October 29<sup>th</sup>, at which time Bishop Johnson and Bishop's Associate David Wangaard will present a list of suitable candidates. Independent of this cooperative effort with the Synod, the Call Committee continues to move forward with designing effective tools for the interview process.

– Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

## PARISH INFORMATION

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CANTATE!

The Children's Choir and *Cantate!* will sing at both worship services on Sunday, October 28. Come and enjoy the music!

### FALL CLEANUP DAY – Saturday, November 3

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 am-noon will be Fall Cleanup Day, followed by a light lunch. We will be raking and putting the gardens to 'bed' for the winter. In case of rain, there will be indoor jobs. Bring your own rake!

### RUTTER REQUIEM

The adult choir and orchestra will perform John Rutter's Requiem at both services on Sunday, November 4. Mark your calendar – you won't want to miss it!

### OPPORTUNITY SALE

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this year's Opportunity Sale a big success! We raised over \$4,600, including a grant of \$1,600 from Thrivent for Lutherans.

### LOAVES & FISHES – November 14

Holy Trinity is responsible for cooking and serving a meal at the Loaves and Fishes site at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 24<sup>th</sup> St. There is a need for cooks, servers and a clean-up crew. The schedule is: 2:00 pm Cooking 5:00 pm Serving 6:00 pm Clean-up

### LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TWIN CITIES

Join us on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran (2511 East Franklin Ave) to watch the video "In a Time of Trial" – a story about Pastor Bradley Schmeling. This event will be followed by elections of the LC/TC Board 2008, a debrief of the Churchwide Assembly 2007, and an enjoyable light snack with friends. Save January 4-6 for the Sacred Relationships LC/TC Retreat with Pastor Bradley Schmeling.

### NEW TECHNOLOGY

We have recently purchased a projector that can be used with a laptop computer to show digital photos, movies or PowerPoint presentations. It has already been used for a Confirmation class. Thanks to Stella Townsend who designated a portion of a gift from the estate of her mother, Alice Cummings.

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - November 11

Stewardship Sunday will be on November 11. You are invited to a Stewardship Breakfast from 9:45-10:45 a.m. between services in the gym that day. It will also be the day during worship services when you will be asked to make a financial commitment to Holy Trinity for 2008. As part of our fall stewardship emphasis, members of Holy Trinity will be sharing brief talks during worship on the Sundays of October 28, November 4 and November 11. They will be sharing why they give what they give financially to Holy Trinity and how they approach the whole subject of deciding what they will give.

PARISH EVENTS October 28 – November 3	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday Church School
	10:00 am Reception for Janice Lehman and Carol Masters
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm Tutoring
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:30 pm Adult Choir
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 am Fall Clean-up Day

**GIFT TO AFRICAN AIDS FUND** by Robert and Rosemary Nailon  
**GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER** by Jerry Olson and Judy/Troy Davison  
**SPECIAL GIFT** in memory of  
 - **Ken Johnson** by his wife Evelyn and children.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS October 28, 2007	
Preacher	Bruce Arnevik
Celebrant	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe / 11:00 am Randy Nelson
Crucifer	11:00 am Brian Lenz
Liturgist	8:45 am Mary Young / 11:00 am Stephanie Cole
Communion Asst	8:45 am Mary Young, Pam Blomgren
	11:00 am Deb Sodt, Susan Wootten
Acolyte	8:45 am Nathan Parshall
	11:00 am Madeline Block, Christine Nilsen
Greeters	8:45 am Joyce Peterson / 11 am Liz Blood
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Shawn Barry, Ron Mack Murphy
	11:00 am Mark Hiner, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen, Kathy Hollander
Altar Guild	8:45 am Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer
	11:00 am Pat Lundquist, Jody Cameron
Nursery	8:40 am Joy Nelson / 11:00 am Kirk Jensen
Coffee Servers	9:45 am Reception for Janice Lehman and Carol Masters
	Noon Bob & Dorothy Kelly

### MAKE YOUR MARK

Another story beginning to develop from the regional map in the Community Room is that there appears to be a fairly even representation of all eras (1950 to the present). This is both an encouraging and healthy story – as the ministry of Holy Trinity continues to speak to those who joined years ago, as well as to new people in the community. If you have not yet made your mark on the map, please be sure to do so next time you are in church.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Budget Requirement	11,244.23	472,257.66
Budget Receipts	12,138.51	418,533.44
World Hunger	55.00	6,142.14
Capital Improvements	.-	8,542.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	.-	634.00
African AIDS Fund	.-	1,589.10
African Pastors Fund	.-	205.00
Central American Fund	.-	204.00