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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

URBAN LATINO MINISTRY

The Outreach Committee continues to look at ways for both upholding the Latino Ministry goals set by our congregation and expanding connections and relationships made in the Latino community. The recent partnership of Workers' Interfaith Network (WIN) and Centro de Derechos Laborales (CDL) is recognized as such an opportunity – and Holy Trinity's strong social justice stance and connections with the Latino community position our congregation as a valid supporter. Financial backing was widely sought to bridge this collaboration until both legal status and funding kicked in.

After hearing directly from these organizations in both a forum session and at the November meeting of the Outreach Committee, a recommendation was made to the Council to allocate \$5,000 from the Latino Ministry Fund for one-time support of this endeavor. The Council unanimously passed the recommendation.

Our hope and belief is that this action will lead to a stronger relationship with Holy Trinity and that the partnership will serve the goals and interests established by our Latino Ministry Initiative. Some of the possible points of partnership include:

- ESL classes offered to workers to be held at Holy Trinity, bringing new people from the Latino community into our building.
- Workers would seek out partnerships with allies at Holy Trinity in their efforts to pursue justice in the workplace.
- Workers who are active in the Center can present at adult forums and other venues that would benefit the congregation.
 – The Outreach Committee

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our most recent meetings have centered on shaping interview questions that reflect the essence of Holy Trinity's ministry. Later this week we will put these questions into practice as we conduct a mock interview.

Each call process is shaped by its unique time, context, and participants, but we are aware of always moving along in the process. It is apparent to those of us in the stream of this process that careful contemplation and purposeful discerning surround each meeting – and that we find pleasure and honor in working together on this endeavor for the congregation.

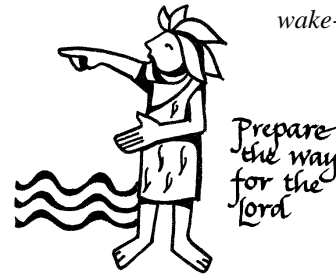
– Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

CONCERNING PEOPLE: Please pray for **Pat McGee** at Abbot NW Hospital. We also remember **Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer** and family in the challenge of the campaign trail as Jack seeks the DFL nomination for the U.S. Senate.

WE GIVE THANKS for the baptisms of the following and pray for their continued growth in faith: **Hanna Grace Griep** (10-21-07); **Oscar Desmond Nelson** (11-25-07).

First Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon!



LESSONS
 Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

**December 2 “Vinegar Hill”
 Cathryn Olson**

In *Vinegar Hill* the author, A. Manette Ansay, paints a portrait of the Midwest's dark side, of a rural culture infected with despair and ruled by an unforgiving God. In the midst of this despair, hope comes from a surprising source.

**December 9 “Poverty in Biblical Perspective”
 Randy Nelson**

The situation and circumstances of the poor are regularly addressed in both the Old and New Testaments. The challenge to understand and respond compassionately and appropriately is ongoing.

TAKE A STAND!

A Public Hearing with U.S. Representative Keith Ellison
 Saturday, December 8 – 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

312 Central Ave, Minneapolis

Co-sponsored by Workers Interfaith Network and SEIU Local 26

For the past several months, Workers' Interfaith Network (WIN) has been working with security officers in the metro area to make sure that every job in the private security industry meets basic standards for racial and economic justice. Many security officers do not earn enough to meet basic family needs and lack access to decent and affordable health care. Hannon Security stands alone in the metro area as the one major private security firm unwilling to talk with workers about improving workers' wages and benefits. Now Hannon also faces racial discrimination charges from security officers of color with years of experience who claim they were passed over for jobs or supervisory positions in favor of white applicants with no security guard experience. Hannon's behavior is morally unacceptable. It's time to take a stand.

I have been one of the local religious leaders involved with WIN on this issue. I invite you to join me on December 8 in seeking to make racial and economic justice the norm for our local security officers.

– Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor arnevik@htlcmpls.org

PARISH INFORMATION

2008 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT CARDS

Have you turned yours in? If not, you are encouraged to do so soon. You may put them in the offering basket or send them to the church office.

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES

It is an Advent tradition at Holy Trinity to have Wednesday soup suppers followed by an evening prayer service. This year the dates are Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Soup suppers are at 6:15 pm; prayer services are at 7:00 pm. Please make a reservation for supper. We need people to make soup, set up and clean up. Please sign the volunteer list in the Community Room.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Youth and Adults with music reading or bell ringing experience are invited to participate in *The Bells of December*, meeting each Saturday morning from 10 AM-12 Noon. The ensemble will play for both worship services on Sunday, December 23. Join us for the first rehearsal this Saturday, December 1. Contact Ann Schrooten to reserve your ringing position!

ADULT FORUM

The theme of Adult Education at Holy Trinity for the second quarter of the 2007-08 program year will be "Poverty" especially as it presents a challenge to the church and to individual Christians. Please join us for Adult Forum in the library at 9:55 each Sunday.

MPLS CENTRAL LIBRARY EXHIBIT

"I COULDN'T LIVE AT HOME: voices of and community responses to Young Minnesotans in Crisis." Includes a powerful exhibit of art, poetry, interactive videos – until December 29. One performance remaining in the series on Dec 13, 6:30 pm.

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Bud and Sylvia Dixen and Irene Blodgett and in memory of

- **Pastor Bruce Arnevik's father-in-law Larry Cordahl** by Paul/Lois Eid

- **Loved Ones** by Kathryn Nevers

SPECIAL GIFT by Irene Blodgett and in honor of

- **Janice Lehman and Carol Masters** by Kathryn Nevers

GIFT TO WORSHIP/FINE ARTS by Robert Peterson

GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS in honor of

- **Marion Englund, June Englund and Kathryn Nevers** for present and recent ailments by Joseph and Hazel Banasik

GIFTS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM in memory of

- **Kenny Johnson** by Wayne and Nancy Siewert, Evelyn Johnson, Bob and Dorothy Kelly, Gene and Marilyn Cotton, Dion and Leslie Lowery and Josephine Johnson

PARISH EVENTS December 2-8

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	10:00 am	Nominations committee meeting
	12:30 pm	Committee chairs meeting
	2:00 pm	Swahili worship service
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Committees – Outreach, Peace with Justice, Worship/Fine Arts, Youth
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Tutoring
	7:00 pm	Longfellow Parish Youth subcommittee
WEDNESDAY	6:15 pm	Advent Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Advent evening prayer service
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Knitting group
	8:00 pm	Basketball
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Christmas Handbell Rehearsal

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS December 2, 2007

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am David Broberg /	11:00 am John Buzza
Crucifer	11:00 am Wayne Vetter	
Liturgist	8:45 am Carol Masters /	11:00 am Mary Lindell
Communion	8:45 am Joyce Peterson, David Kohlstedt	
	11:00 am Dennis & Lynda Nordholm	
Acolyte	8:45 am Danya Werth, Wyatt Rada	
	11:00 am Signe Rudrud, Kelsey Porter	
Greeters	8:45 am Carol Berg /	11:00 am David Broberg
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend III, Jim Schneiders	
	11:00 am Rod Johnson, Lee Kampinen, Ron Peterson	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Freda Miller, Sandra Thornby	
	11:00 am Rosemary Foley, Linda Gawthrop	
Nursery	8:40 am Roxanne Ekstrand / 11:00 am Nathan Hines	
Coffee Servers	Noon	Debra Anderson, Tracey Baubie

FINANCIAL REPORT November 25 Year to date

Budget Requirement	11,244.23	517,234.58
Budget Receipts	7,303.80	460,081.83
World Hunger	120.00	6,863.14
Capital Improvements	100.00	8,792.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	.-	634.00
African AIDS Fund	16.00	1,655.52
African Pastors Fund	.-	355.00
Central American Fund	.-	254.00