



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING

Jesus' baptism, among other things, marked the beginning of his public ministry and therefore had to do with his vocation or calling. The First Reading for the Baptism of our Lord was from Isaiah 42: *Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights, upon whom I have put my spirit, to bring forth justice to the nations...my servant...will faithfully bring forth justice. My chosen one will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth...*(vss.1-4) Christians have connected these words with Jesus and understood him as One who fulfills the prophet's words. Therefore it seems that *bringing forth justice*, however broadly understood, was central to Jesus' calling.

Carol Mork writes, *Jesus' baptism, his entry into public ministry, reminds all believers that baptism marks our entry not into private Christianity, but into public witness, into the public mission of Jesus to the world.* So how about your baptism and mine? When does our baptism slide into just a private Christianity? How do we live it out in public witness as we share Jesus' mission to the world? What does this look like in your life? What might it look like? To the extent *bringing forth justice* is part of this public witness, what does this mean? What can we do on our own? When do we need our common voice as a faith community?

Jesus' baptism reminds us that our baptism has to do with our calling. In our day we miss the real meaning of vocation/calling when we secularize it into another word for an occupation that we choose or when we narrow it to a religious definition of those called to live in cloistered communities or called to serve as pastors. A call is what comes to us, what happens to us, what is a part of us through that call which God places on each of our lives through our baptism. *You did not choose me, but I chose you.*

(John 15:16)

At the same time Holy Trinity's Call Committee is interviewing pastoral candidates and moving towards identifying your next pastor, *Our Baptismal Calling* will be our worship theme now through Easter.

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

Financial Good News for 2007

We finished our financial year with a flourish! In 2007, Holy Trinity received offerings and other receipts to cover our expenses. Although we didn't receive the offerings budgeted for the year, our expenses were also less than anticipated.

The final figures for 2007, subject to our annual audit, are:

Receipts	\$557,391.64
Expenses	\$557,346.41
World Hunger	9,414.76
Capital Improvements	9,112.00
Non-violent Peaceforce	634.00
African AIDS fund	1,862.41
African Pastor's Endowment	680.00
Hymnal Fund	877.00
Central American Fund	434.00

Thank you to everyone whose generosity and faithfulness was expressed in their financial giving to Christ's work through Holy Trinity in 2007, through regular offerings and special gifts.

- Vicki Mann, Treasurer

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah identifies Israel as God's servant, to be light for all people. In John's gospel, the disciples begin to share the light revealed in Jesus the Christ.



LESSONS

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

January 20 Twin Cities Storyfest Preview

Mike Mann

The members of Cygnus Storytelling will be here to give us a preview of the Storyfest (Fine Arts event, Jan 20 at 4:30 pm) and the workshop scheduled for 2 pm the same afternoon.

January 27 Annual Meeting Issues

Bob Hulteen

The forum will preview questions and concerns that will come before the members of Holy Trinity at its annual meeting following the day's second worship service.

ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 27

Holy Trinity's annual meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12:15 pm. A meal will precede the business session. We will elect four members to the Church Council and adopt goals, operating budgets and special funds. All members are encouraged to be present at this meeting. There will be child care during the business session.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for **Nan Madich**, facing surgery on her collarbone, and **Pat McGee** and **Vi Christiansen** at Abbott NW Hospital.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

This past Saturday we met in conversation with the fourth candidate in the initial stage of interviews, finding for the most part increasing confidence in the pool of candidates from which we will choose our next lead pastor. We also reviewed additional mobility papers and made decisions about what we believe to be the final candidates for the first round of interviews. At this time we know of three more candidates we plan to interview during January, which will complete the first round of interviews. Candidates we have selected to interview are inclusive of gender and age, and cover a wide range of experiences.

Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

PARISH INFORMATION

FINE ARTS SERIES EVENT THIS SUNDAY

The next event in the Holy Trinity Fine Arts Series is the Twin Cities Storyfest, *Joining Voices Under the Winter Moon*, Sunday, January 20 at 4:30 pm. Some of the Midwest's finest storytellers will regale us with a delightful afternoon of stories that will warm the coldest Minnesota winter's day. Please come early for refreshments (popcorn & lemonade). It will be preceded by a personal story workshop at 2 pm. For more information, contact Mike Mann.

DIALOGUE BREAKFAST

You are invited to a dialogue breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 24, 8-9:30 am. Rev. Patrick Cabello Hansel will speak on the subject of *The Immigrant Challenge Today*. Patrick and his wife, Luisa Cabello Hansel, serve as co-pastors of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. As they reach out to the local Latino community, they daily encounter situations related in some way to immigration. Rev. Cabello Hansel will address the major challenges facing immigrants and those who minister to them. There will be a \$4 charge for breakfast. Please come!

ADULT WINTER RETREAT February 1-2

Rev. David F. Berg leads the retreat in discussing "A Spiritual Journey: Stages of Spiritual Development" at Hospitality House, Circle Pines, MN. We will reflect on and explore spiritual development, and build stronger relationships with other attendees as we share our spiritual stories. The work of James Fowler on stages of spiritual development and Howard Stone's work on "thinking theologically" will give a framework. The retreat begins Friday, February 1 with a potluck dinner and ends Saturday afternoon. A limited number of spaces are available so please sign up early. Cost is \$60/person. Contact Kathy Ohler to register or if you have any questions.

BRUSH UP YOUR DO-RE-MI

Auditions for the June 25-28, 2008 Holy Trinity Theater Circle's production of *The Sound of Music* will be held Saturday, February 2 from 10 am-12 noon and Sunday, February 3, from 1-3 pm in the Choir Room. Many parts for all ages! Music rehearsals with children, chorus, and principals begin February 10 on Sunday afternoons. Blocking and staging rehearsals begin after Easter (March 23) on Tuesday evenings, Saturday mornings, and Sunday afternoons. Music for auditions is available outside the Choir Office on 3rd floor. Email Ann Schrooten or Peter Johnson for more information.

COAM LIFE ENRICHMENT SERIES

COAM's first Series of 2008 will be held Mondays in February at Bethel Lutheran, 4120 17th Av S, 9:30-11:45 am. Info 612-721-5786.

PARISH EVENTS January 20-January 26, 2008		
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	2:00 pm	Storytelling workshop
MONDAY	4:30 pm	Fine Arts – Storytelling Concert
	6:00 pm	Exec. Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council
TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Longfellow Luth. Parish steering committee
	7:00 pm	Tutoring
	6:30 pm	Progressive Caucus
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Children's choir 7:30 pm Adult choir
	5:30 pm	Longfellow Community Council general mtg.
THURSDAY	8:00 am	Dialogue Breakfast 8:15 pm Adult basketball
FRIDAY		Simpson Shelter meal
SATURDAY	9:00 am	Resource Center / Americas annual meeting

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Bruce Arnevik, Birgit Birkeland, Jerry Olson, Ingrid Phillips

GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS by Aldora Ferrian

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS January 20, 2008		
Preacher	Caroline Garman	
Celebrant	8:45 am Joel Wiberg / 11:00 am Randy Nelson	
Crucifer	11:00 am Wayne Vetter	
Cantor	Ann Schrooten	
Liturgist	8:45 am Rick Liedholm / 11:00 am Stella Townsend	
Communion Asst	8:45 am Mary Young, Pam Blomgren	
	11:00 am Deb Sodt, Susan Wootten	
Greeters	8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt	
	11:00 am Ron/Margaret Peterson	
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Jim Schneiders	
	11:00 am Mark Hiner, George Madich, Alan Libra, Kathy Ohler	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Jeanette Brown, Carol Schneiders	
	11:00 am Dennis/Lynda Nordholm	
Nursery	8:40 am Sean Gosiewski / 11:00 am David Krig	
Coffee Servers	9:45 am Dave/Nancy Moe / 11:00 am Liz Kelley	
Church closer	Deb Sodt	

MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity is scheduled to deliver meals the week of January 28. Please volunteer; the time commitment is about an hour at mid-day. You can volunteer from one day to five days. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office at 612-729-8358.

FINANCIAL REPORT Jan. 13, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Receipts	\$4,644.50	\$13,782.00
World Hunger	31.00	161.00
Capital Improvements	--	100.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	--
African AIDS Fund	--	--