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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Holy Trinity held its 104th Annual Meeting last Sunday. After three ballots, four people were elected to the Church Council for three year terms: David Berg, Kathy Hollander, Tom Kleven and Nancy Moe. These four join eight Council members with unexpired terms: Cliff Brown, Carrie Cable-Spratt, Nicholas Ellison, Linda Jury, Randy Nelson, Sandra Thornby, Jeff Weiss, and Dawn Wiczorek. The new Council met immediately after the Annual Meeting and elected the following officers:

President – Randy Nelson; Vice-President – Linda Jury; and Treasurer – Vicki Mann. The office of Secretary remains open. The Council will also appoint four additional persons to serve one-year terms for a total Council of 18 including the treasurer and pastor.

A budget of \$570,900 was adopted for 2008, along with an “Agenda for 2008.” World Hunger, African AIDS Project, Nonviolent Peaceforce and Central America Fund were authorized as special funds for 2008.

This year’s Annual Meeting included table discussions where those at the meeting discussed questions relating to: 1) the Call Committee’s discernment process as they prepare for second interviews with pastoral candidates; 2) the congregation’s need and priorities for additional program staff; 3) which peace and justice issues members of the congregation would most like Holy Trinity to address and what level of personal interest and willingness people have to get involved with those issues; and 4) modifications to Holy Trinity’s by laws.

The following persons are stepping down from the Council: Bob Hulteen (President), Deb Kohlhasse, and Mary Young (Co-Secretary) who have completed three-year terms; and Harvey Gustafson, Kathy Hollander, Lee Kampinen, Kathy Ohler and Joyce Peterson who have completed one-year terms. We thank them and the entire Council for their faithfulness, work, and leadership through the joys and challenges of the past year. Special thanks to the officers/Executive Committee for their extra time and work.

I personally want to thank Holy Trinity’s fine staff who have done so much for the congregation and were such a great team for me to work with this past year. My thanks also to all the committee chairs, committee members, Personnel Committee, COMPASS Team, Call Committee and the countless volunteers who have served so faithfully to keep Holy Trinity moving forward.

One Council member made the comment at the January Council meeting that she thought Bob Hulteen was the perfect fit for president to lead the Council through the past year. I couldn’t agree more. Thank you, Bob, on behalf of the congregation and myself, for your fine leadership and hard work during 2007.

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

Transfiguration of Our Lord

On the mount of transfiguration, Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. Today’s festival is a bridge between Epiphany and Lent, which begins in a few days.



LESSONS

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

**February 3 “Effects of Poverty on Public Education”
 Bill Green**

The superintendent of the Minneapolis Public School System will discuss the impact of poverty on public education and the ability of children to learn.

**February 10 “Housing Solutions”
 Renee Lundgren (MICAH)**

Poverty affects what possibilities and choices are available to persons seeking housing. Some of the realities involved will be reviewed.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Congratulations! Ella Sophia Barbosa was born on 1/15/08 to **Beth Wiberg Barbosa and Francis Barbosa**, and two excited and affectionate brothers Noah, 6 and Isaiah, 4. Following her delivery, Beth was hospitalized with heart complications and is now continuing her recovery at home.

Our prayers are with the family of **Robert Peterson** as they mourn the death of Robert’s sister, Lucille Guss. Please pray for recovery for **Betty Fredrickson** at Edina Care Center, and **Liz Blood, Pam Blomgren, and Nan Madich** who are at home after surgery.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

During this last week of January we will meet with the final two candidates (of seven) in the first round of interviews. As we conclude this round, we realize what a rare opportunity and privilege it has been to be in conversation with such exceptional pastors whose energies and passions align with Holy Trinity’s ministry. Now we move forward with the task of determining which of these pastors will remain in consideration for the second and more in-depth round of interviews. Every effort will be made to hear each pastor preach before proceeding with second interviews in February.

– Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

PARISH INFORMATION

TEACHERS NEEDED!

The Winter term of Sunday School is rapidly coming to an end. The Spring term begins on Sunday, February 10 and runs through Sunday, May 18. We are in need of one teacher in 2nd grade and two teachers in Pre-Kgn-1st grade. The curriculum is very user-friendly and all materials for projects are provided weekly. Please volunteer. There will be a meeting of all Spring term teaching staff on **Thursday, February 7** at 7 pm in the church library. Please contact Stephanie Sulzbach for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL READING PROJECT

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down is our next congregational reading book. The book explores the clash between a small country hospital in California and a refugee family from Laos over the care of Lia Lee, a Hmong child diagnosed with severe epilepsy. Lia's parents and her doctors represent vastly different world-views. Both wanted what was best for Lia, but the lack of understanding between them led to tragedy. Anne Fadiman's compassionate account provides some insight into how to negotiate cultural differences in a shrinking world. Books are available for purchase in the Community Room for \$10.

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. Contact Ann Schrooten or Peter Johnson for more information.

EASTERN EUROPE TRIP

There are 21 travelers for our trip to Eastern Europe (Lutheran Life in Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) April 25-May 6, 2008, \$2,959 per person. There are 4 openings; if you are interested, contact Margaret Peterson for Trip Itinerary.

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION, FEB. 9, 6:30 pm

A Minnesota Without Poverty is a vision for Minnesota where all children thrive by the year 2020. Rezek House, an LSS transitional housing program where homeless youth, ages 16-21, can stay up to 24 months, is part of that vision. To benefit Rezek House, a dinner and silent auction will be held on Sat, Feb 9, 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 Snelling Ave, St. Paul. Dinner by California chef Lisa Retamoza. Entertainment by Texas singer Lisa Davis and our own Susan (Madson) Schoon and the Mark Ertl Ensemble. Suggested ticket donations start at \$25; sponsorships to reserve an entire table for a group begin at \$200. Contact Nancy Johnson at the Saint Paul Area Synod office at 651-224-4313 for reservation.

PARISH EVENTS February 3-9, 2008		
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili worship service
MONDAY	1:00 pm	Sound of Music auditions
	7:00 pm	AARP tax assistance
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Committee meetings: Peace/Justice, Youth, Worship/Fine Arts, Outreach
	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Tutoring
	7:30 pm	Children's choir
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Adult choir
	8:15 pm	Knitting
		Adult basketball

GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER in honor of

- Christine Olson's birthday by Marion and June Englund

GIFT TO AFRICAN PASTORS' FUND by Bud/Sylvia Dixen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 3, 2008		
Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am David Broberg /	11:00 am Joel Wiberg
Crucifer	11:00 am Wayne Vetter	
Cantor	8:45 am Karen Batdorf /	11:00 am Stephanie Sulzbach
Liturgist	8:45 am Joyce Peterson /	11:00 am Margaret Peterson
Communion Asst	8:45 am Matt Kane, Jim Kloubuchar	
	11:00 am Brian Lenz, Bob Hulteen	
Greeters	8:45 am Deb Sodd	
	11:00 am Pat Libra, Chelsea Rolfzen	
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Jim Schneiders	
	11:00 am Rod Johnson, George Madich, Lee Kampinen, Ron Peterson	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Carol Berg, Linda Berglin	
	11:00 am Jody Cameron, Pat Lundquist	
Nursery	8:40 am Rachel Hefte /	11:00 am Tom Kleven
Coffee Servers	9:45 am Kevin Proescholdt, Jean Swanson	
	Noon Matt Kane, Liz Conway	
Church closer	John Sulzbach	

FINANCIAL REPORT Jan. 27, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$43,915.40
Budget Receipts	\$5,553.45	\$28,890.77
World Hunger	15.00	176.00
Capital Improvements	--	200.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	--
African AIDS Fund	--	37.15
African Pastors Endowment	--	50.00

TAX AID FOR SENIORS

Holy Trinity hosts income tax services for seniors and low income people. Assistance available Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 am-3 pm.