



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

**CHANGE & OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING**

And Jesus was transfigured before them...writes Matthew (17:2) in his account of Jesus' leading Peter, James and John up a high mountain. Matthew's Greek word translated "transfigured" means "to change one's external form" or "spiritual transformation/change". (We get our word "metamorphosis" directly from this word.) It's the same word Paul uses in Romans 12:2 – *be transformed (changed) by the renewing of your minds*; and in 2 Corinthians 3:18 – *All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord...are being transformed (changed) into the same image...* Transfiguration is about change – temporary or permanent, external or internal. Christ's call to live out our baptism involves change. But what does this mean?

We may balk at the notion of change when we associate it with becoming someone completely different than who we are. For some, following Christ means precisely that. We may balk for good reason. Some Christians want to see gay and lesbian people "changed" into persons they never were and never will be.

Isn't change becoming more truly and fully who we've always been (deep down)...who we've always been meant to be...who we've been uniquely fashioned by our loving Creator to be? Isn't our baptismal call to follow Jesus a call to become more fully human? Perhaps who we are is more evident when we are children. But as the expectations of others define us more and more, we change in ways that do not reflect who we really are.

Our baptism means trusting the Christ who calls us to gradually work change within us...which will mean becoming who we really are. But we are also called to be agents of change in the world. Sr. Joan Chittester makes the point that Jesus appeared with Moses and Elijah in the Transfiguration. Moses led the people out of oppression. Elijah was called "that troublemaker of Israel" by King Ahab. Both were agents of change. Jesus is all about change. As Christ's followers, we trust that God knows what changes are needed within us, among us and within the world...and how these are all related. Somehow becoming more fully who we are means we can live out our baptism by *being* the change needed in our world.

- Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor, [arnevik@htlcmpls.org](mailto:arnevik@htlcmpls.org)

**CONCERNING PEOPLE**

Please pray for recovery for **Betty Fredrickson** at the Edina Care Center.

Congratulations to **Tom Kleven**, named as one of Mpls St Paul Magazine's Top Doctors for 2008!

Congratulations to **Pastor Ron Johnson** who will receive the Distinguished Service in Parish Ministry Award from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Our prayers are with former longtime member **Mary Berger**, hospitalized in Arizona with cancer.

**First Sunday in Lent**

*The gospel lesson tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*



**LESSONS**  
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

**SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

9:55 am Library

**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.

**February 17 "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down"  
 Deb Sodt**

Deb Sodt will lead a discussion of this book which describes the clash of cultures in relation to health care issues.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We have now completed initial interviews with all seven candidates that were under consideration within the first round of interviews. Following each conversation, we identified and sorted through the ways in which each candidate suited Holy Trinity's ministry and how the congregation might value from each pastor's leadership. To a person, each offered particular pastoral gifts from which the congregation would benefit – and yet also ways in which their particular situation might present challenges. So when deliberating as to which candidates would continue on for further consideration, some decisions were more clear-cut than others. On the one hand we are extremely grateful for extraordinarily qualified pastors who have entered this process with Holy Trinity. On the other hand, we deeply regret that we eventually must exclude candidates with rich experiences and deep passion for ministry. Continuing on, we will now make arrangements to hear the final candidates preach and to interview each for a second time in February. - Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

## PARISH INFORMATION

### ***From the Heart, Too – Lent 2008***

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 6 with a soup supper at 6:15 followed by worship at 7:00 with the Imposition of Ashes. Yes, it was *really* early this year! Apparently Lent and Easter (March 23) haven't been this early since 1913. Since Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full moon which follows the spring equinox, it's about as early as it can ever be. Supposedly it won't be this early again until 2035.

The congregation will continue to gather on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent from February 13 through March 12 with soup at 6:15 and evening prayer services at 7:00. The theme of these services will be *From the Heart, Too*. Each Wednesday a member of the congregation will share a personal word about their own faith along with a word about what Holy Trinity means to them.

**FRIENDS AT HTLC:** This week I accepted a four-month, half-time interim pastorate to Epiphany Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis. Because this is not a permanent call, I will not be ordained but will be licensed as a sacramental minister. I welcome your prayers and good wishes as I do ministry with this wonderful congregation. (My family will continue to worship at HTLC.) **Susan Masters**

### **SOUP MAKERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of people to make soup for the Wed. evening soup suppers. Also needed are volunteers to bring bread and to assist with setup and cleanup. You may volunteer by calling the church office (612-729-8358) or sign up in the community room.

### **TAX AID FOR SENIORS, LOW INCOME TAXPAYERS**

Holy Trinity will again host AARP Tax Aide income tax services for seniors and low income taxpayers. Assistance is available Mondays and Tuesdays through April 15, 11 am-3 pm.

### **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.

PARISH EVENTS February 10-16, 2008		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
<b>MONDAY</b>	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
	7:00 pm	Committee meetings: Chris Ed, Nurturing Call Committee
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
	7:00 pm	Tutoring
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Children's choir
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service
	7:45 pm	Adult choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:15 pm	Adult basketball
<b>FRIDAY</b>		Call Committee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 10, 2008		
Preacher		Bruce Arnevik
Celebrant	8:45 am	Jim Hartsoe / 11:00 am Dennis Ormseth
Crucifer	8:45 am	Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Korla Masters
Cantor	8:45 am	Peter Aldrich / 11:00 am Peter Johnson
Acolytes	8:45 am	Fiona Carson / 11:00 Kevin Kane, Thomas Aldrich
Liturgist	8:45 am	Jim Klobuchar / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am	John Sulzbach, Kirk Jensen
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson
	11:00 am	Liz Blood
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, David Kohlstedt, Aaron Crawford
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Alan Libra, Ron Peterson
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer
	11:00 am	Carol Lane, Linda Woytasek
Nursery	8:40 am	Roxanne Ekstrand / 11:00 am Nathan Hines
Coffee Servers	9:45 am	Joel & Nancy Wiberg
	Noon	Pat & Alan Libra
Church closer		Vicki Mann

### **FINANCIAL REPORT Feb 3, 2008 Year to Date**

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$54,894.25
Budget Receipts	8,452.25	37,343.02
World Hunger	20.00	196.00
Capital Improvements	-	200.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	50.00	50.00
African AIDS Fund	15.50	52.65
African Pastors Endowment	-	50.00

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