



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

**REFLECTIONS ON OUR CALL PROCESS**

Within the relatively near future the Call Committee will present to the church council its recommendation as to who should be called as the next pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Council will then call a special meeting of the congregation at which that recommendation will be presented for approval. Once the congregation has acted and the pastor has received and accepted the congregation's call a new phase in the life of Holy Trinity will begin and the Call Committee will have completed its work on our behalf. The members of the Call Committee have worked long and hard on our behalf and deserve our deepest gratitude.

A successful call process is a combination of dedicated diligent work and the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is about matching the gifts of a servant of God with the needs and opportunities presented by a congregation. The result is a call. A call is above all an invitation and a commitment to a relationship. It is not finally a job although there is work that will be done. It is not finally about a contract although there is obligation and accountability on the part of both congregation and pastor. It is not about finding the perfect person—there is no perfect person for this or any call just as there is no perfect congregation, not even Holy Trinity. No, it is a call—a venture in faith that reflects discernment, judgment, and the conviction that God is at work in the process through prayer, hard work, and the Holy Spirit.

The Call Committee is the agent of the congregation in this process. It has worked for us and has done so with passion and purpose, good humor, prayer, and deliberation. The results of that work will become evident when its recommendation is brought before the council and then the congregation. Prior to the congregational vote to extend the call to the candidate, the congregation will have opportunity to meet and greet the pastor being recommended, but the format for that gathering has not yet been determined.

As we anticipate and look forward to the final stage of the process, we also continue the Lenten walk through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and the Easter celebration of the risen Christ. In both journeys we are finally walking by faith, trusting in the God who has been with us from the beginning and accompanies us into the future.

To God be the glory!

– Randy Nelson, Church Council President

**CONCERNING PEOPLE**

Please pray for **Jim Schneiders** and **Liz Blood**, in chemotherapy treatment; and **Karen Fantauzza**, recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Our prayers are with the family of **Carol Kelly's** brother, **Norm Larson**, who died on March 13.

**Resurrection of Our Lord**

*Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

*With great joy we celebrate this most important day in the Christian church. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the good news.*



**LESSONS**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

**SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

9:55 am Library

**March 23 No adult forum**

Please join us in the Bartsch Room for our Sunday School Easter program.

**March 30 "The Ministry of Accompaniment"**

**David Berg**

To suffer often means to feel as if we are alone. How can we be present to one another in our suffering? How can we learn to reach out when we are in need?

**HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday, March 20**

6:15 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

**Good Friday, March 21**

12 noon Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

7:00 pm Holy Trinity Service: *Holy Readings, Holy Songs*

The story of Jesus' passion is read from the gospel of John.

**Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 22**

7:00 pm The practice of gathering on the eve of Easter dates to the early times in Christian history. This holy hour of story and song moves from darkness to light, using the oral tradition of storytelling to trace the hand of God in leading the people out of exile.

**Easter Sunday**

8:45 & 11:00 am Festival Worship Services

10:00 am Sunday School Easter program

2:00 pm Swahili Worship Service

## PARISH INFORMATION

### FINE ARTS EVENT

On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Ray Makeever and Linda Breitag will lead a community singing and dancing event in the gym. Potluck at 12:15 –bring a dish to share. Concert at 1 p.m. All ages welcome!

### NEW LAY COMMUNION VISITATION PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to visit and bring communion to persons unable to attend church services. Volunteers will generally be paired with two homebound persons and asked to make a monthly visit of 30-60 minutes to each person. A visit can be very meaningful to the person visited and to the visitor! Information and training will be provided on Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 pm. Volunteers and homebound persons will be paired that day. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Nan Madich or speak with Vicki or Pastor Bruce in the church office (612-729-8358).

### BOTTLED WATER FINALLY

You may have seen this in the fine email ELCA Lenten series “Living Earth”: Eighty-six percent of plastic water bottles used in the U.S. become garbage or litter. Incinerated bottles produce chemicals such as chlorine and contaminated ash. In a landfill, a plastic bottle will last 1,000 years. Bottled water produces up to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year (ELCA). And according to Food and Water Watch, the plastic requires up to 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce. Although the plastic used is of high quality and in demand by recyclers, over 80 percent of plastic bottles are simply thrown away  
([www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/bottled](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/bottled)).

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Our next assigned week for delivering Meals on Wheels is March 31-April 4. Please sign up in the Community Room or call the church office if you are able to help. Pick-up of meals is at 11:10 am and delivery takes about one hour. See Mary Engen with questions.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next new member class will be held on Wed., April 16, 6-9 pm. It will include supper. New members will be received on Sunday, April 20. If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Trinity, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Bruce Arnevik.

### SIMPSON SHELTER MEALS

Adult volunteers are needed to help confirmands prepare and serve meals at the Simpson Women's Shelter April 3, April 30 and May 29. For more info, call Jean Swanson.

### Note:

For member privacy, the Internet version of the newsletter does not contain personal phone numbers and email addresses. Please refer to the print version, your Member Directory, or call the office for further information.

### PARISH EVENTS March 23-29, 2008

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am	Festival Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School Easter Program
	2:00 pm	Swahili Worship Service
<b>MONDAY</b>		Office closed
	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
	7:00 pm	Call Committee meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
	7:00 pm	Tutoring
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 pm	Basketball
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:30 am	Handbell rehearsal

### SPECIAL GIFTS given in memory of

– **Betty Fredrickson** by Beverly Medvec, James /Roberta Wiggins, Ellen Fredell-Shawbold

– **Dorothy Trahms** by Linda Heil

**GIFTS TO MN FOODSHARE** by Rachel Trelstad Porter, Mary Engen, Gary Johnson, Freda Miller

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS March 23, 2008

<b>Preacher</b>		Bruce Arnevik
<b>Celebrant</b>	8:45 am	Randy Nelson / 11:00am John Buzza
<b>Crucifer</b>	8:45 am	Wayne Vetter / 11:00 am Korla Masters
<b>Cantor</b>		Stephanie Sulzbach
<b>Liturgist</b>	8:45 am	Rick Liedholm / 11:00 am Sandra Peterson
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:45 am	Fiona Carson, Danya Werth
	11:00 am	Meagan Fortier, Eliza Roberts
<b>Communion Asst</b>	8:45 am	Carol Masters, Mary Young
	11:00 am	Linda McMahon, David Berg
<b>Greeters</b>	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt
	11:00 am	Liz Blood
<b>Ushers</b>	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Ron Mack Murphy
	11:00 am	Rod Johnson, George Madich, Lee Kampinen, Ron Peterson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:45 am	Jeanette Brown, Carole Schneiders
	11:00 am	Rosemary Foley, Linda Gawthrop
<b>Nursery</b>	8:40 am	Sean Gosiewski, Johnna Miller, Ian Cable
	11:00 am	Kirk Jensen, Ella Masters
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	9:45 am	Gerry/Linda Berglin
	Noon	Sheldon/Margery Torgerson
<b>Counters</b>	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines
	11:00 am	Gary Johnson, Vicki Mann
<b>Church closer</b>		Cliff Brown

### FINANCIAL REPORT Mar 16, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$120,767.35
Budget Receipts	11,759.82	109,407.55
World Hunger	31.00	353.00
Capital Improvements	-	400.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	50.00	100.00
African AIDS Fund	10.45	239.30
African Pastors Endowment	10.00	130.00