



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 CHURCH LIBRARY ON COMPUTER

Many of you have been checking out books from the church library display table in the Community Room. Later this year you will be able to look up books via computer by author, title or category, just like the public library system. The Christian Education committee hopes this will make our church library more accessible and user-friendly.

The work of placing our church library has been going on for some time. It started with the purchase of a computer, a computer cart, and church library software through a generous gift of monies from the Alice and Donald Cummings Memorial Fund. This gift was prompted by their daughter, Stella Townsend. All have been purchased; the new computer has the added benefit of being used by the office staff as well as a resource for the church library.

During the past few months Sandra Thornby, our church librarian, and other volunteers have been entering books from the church library into the new software system. So far over 1,700 books and materials have been entered into the system. Books have been updated to reflect the Dewey Decimal System. In the process of entering materials, some were eliminated. Physical condition, circulation, significance and timeliness of the information are used when determining whether an item should be removed or retained. Members of the Christian Education committee assist the librarian in evaluating items to be removed. The Church School Coordinator is also used as a resource person for evaluating children's resources.

The Christian Education Committee has adopted a policy statement. It covers such items as Purpose, Selection of Materials, Challenges, e.g., appropriateness of materials in the church library, Funding, Removal of Material, and Procedures.

New and used books (if current and in good condition) may be donated. If they are not found useful, the donor may choose to have them returned or give permission to the library to dispose of them as it sees fit. Donated materials will be evaluated using the same criteria as new items the library purchases.

Individuals may contribute designated gifts or gift books as memorials or in honor of special events such as birthdays or anniversaries.

A policy sheet covering the types of materials and suitability of materials can be found on the library display table. You might wish to refer to it and/or consult with Sandra Thornby, our church librarian, before donating materials. You can also e-mail her at library@htlcmpls.org.

Church library materials are a wonderful resource to support the ministry of our faith community and enrich our lives. As soon as we reach a point where most materials have been data entered, we will introduce the new system to you.

– Lyle Steinfeldt for the Christian Education Committee

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus is sometimes called the Good Shepherd. He used this image, which was familiar to the people of his day, to make a point about spiritual leadership. He teaches us to extend God's tender care to all creation.



LESSONS

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

**April 13 "Listening to the Cries of God's Creatures"
 Kevin Proescholdt**

All of God's creatures have intrinsic value but the extinction of species both in Minnesota and globally is a sign of a creation under stress. Kevin will discuss eco-justice principles and the impact of climate change on species loss.

**April 20 "Lutheran World Relief in Colombia"
 Mary Duvall**

Mary is the Midwest Grassroots Advocacy Organizer for LWR and will help us explore the situation in Colombia one week before the LWR Day of Prayer and Advocacy for Colombia, scheduled for April 27.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Here We Go ... At a special meeting of the Church Council this past Saturday, the Call Committee identified the pastoral candidate it recommends by consensus for Holy Trinity's lead pastor.

We presented an overview of the candidate's biographical and experiential background, and responded to comments and questions from Council members present.

This coming Thursday evening, the candidate will be introduced to the Council at a "meet and greet" time. That same evening, the Council will vote on the candidate's endorsement to the congregation.

The congregation will likely receive a letter next week that outlines steps in the process and introduces the candidate. Further information will come through "update" articles in *The Community Church* and at a "meet and greet" time between worship services the day of the congregational vote.

The process of calling our next pastor has stirred up the ministry of Holy Trinity in valuable ways. Together we are on a remarkable journey – one that we approach now with confidence that through the movement of the Spirit, God's desire for this community is being made known. We are tremendously excited for the time to come. Thanks be to God!

– Lynda Nordholm, on behalf of the Call Committee

PARISH INFORMATION

THIS SUNDAY – FINE ARTS EVENT

Last call for our next fine arts event. On Sunday, April 13th, Ray Makeever and Linda Breitag will present a concert at 1:00. Before the concert, there will be a potluck lunch at 12:15 – bring a dish to share. All ages welcome!

BIBLE STUDY SURVEY RESULTS

Results are in from the Bible Study survey that was distributed at the Annual Meeting. 69 surveys were returned – *thank you for taking time to respond.*

- 30 were interested in studying a particular theme or topic (war, healing, etc.)

- 19 respondents would like to study a specific book of the Bible.

- 37 would like to meet on Sunday mornings. Of those, 19 want Bible study as part of the Adult Forum and 18 would like it separate. 12 respondents would like a week day, preferring Thurs. & Wed.; 17 preferred a week night (Thurs & Tues).

- 24 indicated an interest in short-term Bible study (e.g., 4-6 weeks); 19 surveys indicated a desire for an ongoing Bible (weekly or monthly); 13 surveys liked a seasonal Bible study (e.g., during Lent, or the fall).

- 14 surveys indicated that they were not interested in Bible study at this time.

The Christian Ed. Comm. will consider your responses as we plan ahead. Bible study is also part of an initiative by the ELCA titled “The Book of Faith.” We will consider the materials being developed by this initiative for possible use in our faith community.

Again, on behalf of the committee, thank you for responding. – Lyle Steinfeldt, Chair, Christian Education Committee

LIVING GREEN EXPO

Minnesota’s biggest environmental event will be held Sat & Sun, May 3-4, 10 am-5 pm at the MN State Fairgrounds, Grandstand Bldg. Admission is free. Features art displays, activities for kids, music, local and organic food, and over 200 exhibitors and 50 workshops. Free parking, secure bike storage and accessible by bus. For more info, www.livinggreen.org.

KEEPING LAND AND PEOPLE TOGETHER

What is Community Supported Agriculture? At its roots (so to speak), a CSA farm brings sustainably grown produce to customers/members during the growing season. The members pay a fee (join) and share the risks and rewards of that season’s bounty. Membership arrangements vary; some farmers deliver food to neighborhoods, some have members help make deliveries. For more info and a list of CSAs in our area, see the Land Stewardship Project brochure in the Community Room. MN Grown 2008 directories are also available.– Peace with Justice Comm.

WORKSHOP: ROOTS OF MIGRATION

Workers Interfaith Network and Witness for Peace are presenting a workshop called, Roots of Migration. They will also be discussing the New Sanctuary Worker Movement in MN. The workshop will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls. on April 17 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Holy Trinity has agreed to be a Solidarity Congregation for the New Sanctuary Worker Movement. All those interested please sign a list in the Community Room or call the church office.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for Jim Schneiders, Liz Blood and Karen Fantauzza, in chemotherapy treatment; and Jim Hartsoe, recovering at home from foot surgery. We pray for the family of **Cheryl Burce**, whose father Charles died in Eau Claire, WI.

PARISH EVENTS April 13-19, 2008

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School/11:00 Ad. Forum
	12:00 pm	Cantate! rehearsal
	12:15 pm	Potluck / 1:00 pm Fine Arts concert
MONDAY	2:00 pm	Sound of Music rehearsal
	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Committee meetings: Stew/Finance, Property, Nurturing
	10:30 am	Healthy Seniors
	11:00 am	AARP tax assistance
	6:00 pm	ESL class (W.I.N.)
	7:00 pm	Tutoring
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	ESL class (W.I.N.)
	6:30 pm	Children’s choir / 7:30 pm Adult choir
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Knit/crochet group
FRIDAY		Synod Assembly
SATURDAY		Synod Assembly

AFRICAN PASTORS’ RETIREMENT FUND by Rosemary Foley, Kristin Bogren, Dorothy Krumrei, Dale/Carol Bosch, Bud/Sylvia Dixen

WORLD HUNGER by Paul Krumrei

WORLD HUNGER in memory of **Cheryl Burce’s** father, **Charles**, by Sharon Andersen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 13, 2008

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am	Jim Hartsoe / 11:00am Joel Wiberg
Crucifer	11:00 am	Korla Masters
Cantor	8:45 am	Peter Aldrich/ 11:00 am Emma Capman
Liturgist	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am Mary Lindell
Acolytes	8:45 am	Danya Werth, Wyatt Rada
Communion Asst	11:00 am	Kelsey Porter, Signe Rudrud
	8:45 am	Mary Young, Pam Blomgren
Greeters	11:00 am	Deb Sodt, Joe Bates
	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am David Broberg
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, K.Cable-Spratt, Aaron Crawford
	11:00 am	L. Kampinen, Alan Libra, Kathy Ohler, Ron Peterson
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Karrie Cable-Spratt, Sandra Thornby
	11:00 am	Lynda/Dennis Nordholm
Nursery	8:40 am	Margaret Carlson/11 am Kane family
Coffee Servers	9:45 am	Ann White / 11:00 Roxanne/Phillip Ekstrand
Counters	8:45 am	V/V Michaelson/11 am Wayne Vetter, V Mann
Church closer		John Sulzbach

FINANCIAL REPORT April 6, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$153,703.90
Budget Receipts	15,063.54	138,431.64
World Hunger	10.00	548.00
Capital Improvements	100.00	500.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	-	100.00
African AIDS Fund	.50	263.30
African Pastors Endowment	-	295.00
Central America Fund	-	100.00