



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

“GO IN PEACE; SERVE THE LORD”

In an attempt to make the “serve” part of that familiar exhortation a more intentional part of our kids’ lives, we have introduced an additional service project component into Holy Trinity’s Confirmation training. Those Confirmands being confirmed this Sunday participated in a day-long experience of homelessness. On a cold and blustery day in early April they, along with advisor Kelly Place and a staffer at St. Stephen’s Human Services, walked the streets of Minneapolis and learned from the homeless themselves what life is like on a daily basis. While the kids were equipped with sandwiches and warm socks to hand out in appropriate situations, the focus of their day was to enhance their understanding by interaction and listening. – Linda Jury

Their reflections:

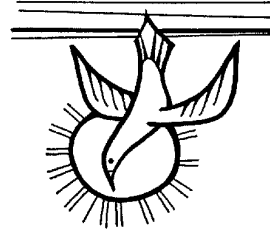
Homelessness is something I never really knew existed only a few blocks away from my house and my school. My day with Richard [the St. Stephen’s staffer] made me aware of all the different ways people can become homeless: getting kicked out of the house, not being able to pay rent/house payment because of a medical emergency, losing a job, having to choose between paying for housing or food. I realized that homeless people can look just like anybody else; there is one girl in one of my classes at South High that I found out was homeless only because she was at Loaves and Fishes for a meal I was helping with—she doesn’t want to be stereotyped in any way. Giving socks and sandwiches to a homeless person and her child who asked for our bus transfers made me feel very proud of myself; even though I had done a very small thing, it’s helping people one by one that will someday make a big difference. – Aaron Crawford

Imagine standing out in the cold for hours. Every breath you take fills your lungs with icy cold air, sending shivers up and down your spine. Now imagine living in the cold for days, weeks, or even months. It’s tough to imagine doing it alone. When we arrived at the Basilica, there was a group of homeless people who came over and talked to us. Even though it was cold outside, they were full of warmth inside; we saw a glimpse of the community that exists among the homeless. They had a new guy join their group and were looking out for him, trying to get him some blankets to help him make it through the long, cold night. One lady even commented on what a nice day it was because the sun had come out. It seemed to me that the fact that they had nothing only gave them that much more integrity and appreciation for living. – Lucy Roberts

A highlight for me was visiting Gail’s house. Gail used to be homeless, and was very welcoming to us all. She helped us see another side of being homeless—that there is hope. When we were there we played a game that helped us see some of the hard choices that people have to make on a day-to-day basis with a limited amount of money. I really liked the game because it let me actually stand in the shoes of someone who had to make these choices. This was a great experience and I would definitely do it again!! – Lindsey Rada

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit, which we receive in baptism. As we gather around the Lord’s table, we pray that we will be the body of the risen Christ in the world.



LESSONS

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

April 27

“The Hard Work of Atonement”

**Theological Reflections on 2007 Academy Films
 Doug Wallace**

Doug Wallace will make his annual visit to Holy Trinity using the films, “Atonement,” “Juno,” and “The Kite Runner” as resources for reflections on contemporary interpretations of atonement.

May 4th

No Adult Forum

Take this opportunity to meet pastoral candidate Jay M. Carlson. The forum scheduled for this day, “God and Human Suffering.” will be rescheduled.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

The Holy Trinity congregation will meet in special session on Sunday, May 4 immediately following the second worship service (approximately 12:30 p.m.) to act on the recommendation of the Call Committee as unanimously endorsed by the Church Council that the Rev. Jay M. Carlson be called as pastor of the congregation. Pastor Carlson is currently pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vincennes, Indiana where he has been since his ordination in 2004. Pastor Carlson is a native of Minnesota and a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. In addition to his ministry in the congregation, Pastor Carlson has been involved in the ministry of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the ELCA especially in the area of social ministry.

Members of the congregation are invited to meet Pastor Carlson on the weekend of May 3 and 4. There will be an “open house” on Saturday afternoon, May 3 from 2-4 p.m. in the Community Room at church. He will also be present during the fellowship hour between services on Sunday, May 4. You are welcome either or both times.

– Randy Nelson, Council President

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for **LaRae Dombrowski** at U of M Medical Center following heart bypass surgery; **Jim Schneiders**, **Liz Blood** and **Karen Fantauzza**, in chemotherapy treatment.

Welcome to new members **Subi Ambrose** and **Beth Holger**, **Christine, Jamie** and **Eleanor Brand**, **Elizabeth O’Brien**, **Ellen Fredell-Shawbold**, **Roberta Shaw** and **Laurie Sugiarto**. They were received into the congregation on Sunday, April 20.

PARISH INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – APRIL 27

Four of Holy Trinity's youth will be confirmed during the 11:00 service this coming Sunday, April 27: Emma Capman, Aaron Crawford, Lindsey Rada and Lucy Roberts.

ASCENSION SERVICE

There will be an evening prayer service on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm to mark the Ascension of our Lord. All are welcome.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers are needed to provide rides to church on Sunday mornings for those unable to drive themselves. Contact the church office for additional info.

LAY COMMUNION VISITATION TRAINING MAY 18

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 18 at 12:30 pm. (**note change in date**). 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).

DAYS OF ACTION AND PRAYERS FOR COLOMBIA

Our participation continues this week by contacting Sen. Coleman (651-645-0323) or opinion@coleman.senate.gov and Sen. Klobuchar (202-224-3244) (e-mail at www.klobuchar.senate.gov). LWR asks us to request a reduction in military aid, an increase in social and economic aid, and an end to aerial fumigation. Also please ask for protection for Ingrid Vergara, of Sincelejo, Sucre who was in Minnesota at a Sal y Luz retreat in Sept 2007. Her 12 year old daughter was threatened at school because of her mother's work as a human rights activist. – Peace with Justice Committee

LA CONEXION KITCHEN CONNECTION

Small groups (1-6 people) are invited to prepare and share a meal with La Conexión participants from 12-2 pm on Saturdays in the summer. Latino participants come to plan events, practice English and socialize. Events take place at El Milagro Lutheran Church, 3751 17th Ave S, Mpls. You may sponsor one week or several. Recipes and ingredients are provided; a donation of \$40 is requested to cover costs. For more info or to sign up: Jeanette, 612-728-9221 or volunteer@cscluster.org. Come and share your culture, make friends and have fun!

MIDTOWN FARMERS' MARKET kicks off its 6th season on Sat, May 3 with sheep shearing demonstrations at 10 am & noon, a wool craft and a seasonal mix of sustainable and organic produce, meat, cheese, bread, bedding plants, and artisan crafts all locally produced in MN or WI. The community-supported farmer's market is located at the corner of E. Lake Street and 22nd Ave S. The market is open from 8 am-1pm every Sat. Info:www.midtownfarmersmarket.org

PARISH EVENTS April 27-May 3, 2008		
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School 9:55 Ad. Forum
	1:00 pm	Sound of Music rehearsal
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	ESL class (W.I.N.)
	7:00 pm	Tutoring
	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Women's Shelter Meal
	6:00 pm	ESL class (W.I.N.)
	6:30 pm	Children's choir
	7:30 pm	Cantate! rehearsal / Adult choir
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Ascension evening prayer service
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Sound of Music Rehearsal
	2:00 pm	"Open house" for Rev. Jay M. Carlson

GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER by Ingrid Phillips, Karen Batdorf

SPECIAL GIFTS in memory of

– **Betty Fredrickson** by Sharon Ledin, Donna Herrick, Fred/Peggy Cotey, Gail/Steve Buysse, Jean/Mark Van Oosbrees, Joan Holmes/Joey Lindblad, Joan Odonnell, Karen Bush, Kathryn Kelly, Laskow family, Lori Manecke, Margaret/Gene Ammerman, Shelley Tenquist

– **Vi Christiansen** Bible fund by Sandy Ledin

GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS by Birgit Birkeland

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 27, 2008		
Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am Joel Wiberg / 11:00am	Randy Nelson
Crucifer	11:00 am	Wayne Vetter
Cantor	8:45 am Dawn Wiczorek/ 11:00 am	Ella Masters
Liturgist	8:45 am	Mary Young / 11:00 am Stephanie Cole
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt
	11:00 am	Meagan Fortier, Eliza Roberts
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Matt Kane, Jim Klobuchar
	11:00 am	Brian Lenz, Bob Hulteen
Greeters	11:00 am	Pat Libra, Chelsea Rolffen
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, D. Townsend, Jim Schneiders
	11:00 am	M. Hiner, George Madich, Alan Libra, Kathy Ohler
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am	Jody Cameron, Pat Lundquist
Nursery	8:40 am	Sean Gosiewski, Henning Peterson
	11:00 am	Kirk Jensen, Haley Benson
Coffee Servers	9:45 am	Bob/Jeanette Brown / 11:00 Confirmands
Counters	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines
	11:00 am	Joe Bates, Gary Johnson
Church closer	Deb Sadt	

FINANCIAL REPORT April 20, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$175,661.60
Budget Receipts	25,252.61	170,841.60
World Hunger	110.00	729.15
Capital Improvements	-	600.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	50.00	150.00
African AIDS Fund	15.45	282.75
African Pastors Endowment	-	295.00
Central America Fund	-	100.00