



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

Economic Stimulus Payment Opportunity

As we enter the month of May, many of us will begin receiving these Economic Stimulus Payments from the federal government. This will commonly mean \$600 per individual or \$1200 per couple or even more for families with qualifying children. Aside from our views about whether such payments are necessary, they are coming. Someone recently wrote to their congregation, *It may be our money but we never expected to get it back, so it is a gift of sorts, a surprise for sure, and an opportunity to steward absolutely!* What opportunity and challenge do these payments present to us in terms of practicing faithful Christian stewardship? What will we do with this money? Can we share at least some of it?

Some of our financial situations may require that we use this money to take care of our own emergency concerns (mortgage, medical bills, credit card debt). This is part of faithful stewardship.

For those of us who can share some of the rebate, how will we decide to whom to give and how much? Discuss it. Pray. This could be an opportunity for parents to talk with children about Christian stewardship and include them in the decision-making.

To whom might we give? The 65 ELCA synod bishops have unanimously decided to tith their rebates to people living in poverty. Some of their reasons: *The rebate is an unexpected windfall for us to be a blessing...By giving it to ministries among people living in poverty, it will benefit them and the economy as we place dollars into the hands of those best positioned to spend money in their communities...Jesus encourages, even expects, that we give to those in need.*

Soon a letter will be sent to Holy Trinity members about the ELCA World Hunger Appeal to which you might consider making a gift from your rebate.

How much will you give? Consider your own wants/needs vs. the needs of others. Consider giving at least a tithe (10%) and then imagine giving even more. You may even decide that you are able to give most or all of it. Remember that Christian stewardship is sharing generously and joyfully out of what we've been blessed with. God is the owner of all our resources. We are simply stewards of what we're given to manage!

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

CONCERNING PEOPLE

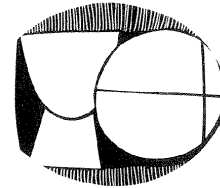
Please pray for **LaRae Dombrowski**, at Fairview Riverside Rehab recovering from heart bypass surgery; **Bob Brown**, recovering from carotid artery surgery; **Nan Madich**, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Jim Schneiders**, **Liz Blood** and **Karen Fantauzza**, as they receive chemotherapy treatment; **Pat McGee** at the Augustana Home, recovering from a fall.

Please pray for safe travel for Holy Trinity's **Eastern Europe travelers**.

Congratulations to **Kathy Nelson** whose novel "Pemberley Manor" was nominated for the Regency World Awards best fiction category. The awards dinner will be held May 15 in Bath, England.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus prayed that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity. Amid religious, social and economic divisions, we seek the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



LESSONS

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

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.

May 11 "Young People and the Relational Crisis" Andrew Root, Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary

This forum will explore how the many changes in our culture have impacted young people. We will see how these changes have made it much more difficult for young people (all people) to formulate meaningful and stable relationships, something that was a given for earlier generations. We will examine the change in the family, educational system, and overall social world.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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

ASCENSION SERVICE – THURS MAY 1, 7 PM

The children's choir and Cantate! will sing at the Evening Worship service to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. All are welcome.

SOUND OF MUSIC ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle has begun rehearsals for our production of *The Sound of Music* to be presented June 25-28, 2008. We are now beginning to assemble our orchestra. If you are an instrumentalist who would enjoy being part of this endeavor, please contact Ann Schrooten for more info. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings in May, and Monday and Thursday evenings in June. Come join the fun!

PARISH INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Holy Trinity youth confirmed on Sunday, April 27. Listed are the Bible verses they chose for their confirmation:

Emma Capman – Proverbs 23:5 (NIV)

Aaron Crawford – Psalm 37:4

Lindsey Rada – Matthew 28:19-20

Lucy Roberts – 1 Corinthians 13:8

FIVE TOP REASONS TO SUPPORT CSAs

1. Community Supported Agriculture reduces fuel consumption.
2. CSA promotes land stewardship, using organic farming practices.
3. CSA supports biodiversity of the land and agriculture.
4. CSA keeps food dollars in the local community.
5. CSA fosters healthier eating, through fresh, organic food, minimizing commercial pesticides and fertilizers.

– Sources: Birchwood newsletter and www.localharvest.org

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. 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).

PASTURES A PLENTY: WE WANT YOU TO KNOW

The following is adapted from the Pastures a Plenty April newsletter: The U.S. meat industry has been in the news these past months, having sickened and/or injured workers with its slaughter and processing practices. Pastures a Plenty has no part in such systems; its processor is a family operation that takes care to use safe and humane practices. Our CSA participants can feel good about that! Also, Minneapolis front-page headlines on April 6 were about the increased price of food. World wide, food prices were up nearly 40% in 2007. As fuel gets more expensive, bio-fuels including corn and oilseed ethanol diesel create more land use pressures. Part of the solution must be more farmers, smaller farms, more genetic and biological diversity on the agricultural landscape, and local and regionalized food systems. For our part, we [Pastures] will continue to produce this good food as economically as we can. And, we must all challenge ourselves on how to reduce transportation costs. [PaP delivers ordered meat/eggs/grain to HT's parking lot once a month. Information: 320-367-2061 or e-mail at shop@pasturesaplenty.com]

– Peace with Justice Committee

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.

PARISH EVENTS May 4-10, 2008

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School
	9:45 am	Meet and Greet Rev. Jay M. Carlson
	12:30 pm	Special Congregational Meeting
	1:00 pm	Sound of Music rehearsal
MONDAY	2:00 pm	Swahili Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee meeting
	7:00 pm	Committee meetings: Peace w/Justice, Outreach, Worship/Fine Arts
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	ESL class (W.I.N.)
	7:00 pm	Tutoring
	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	ESL class (W.I.N.)
	6:30 pm	Children's choir
	7:30 pm	Cantate! rehearsal / Adult choir
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Sound of Music Rehearsal

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Bill/Eunice Milbrath, Kathy Ohler
GIFT TO NON-VIOLENT PEACEFORCE by Bud/Sylvia Dixen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 4, 2008

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	11:00am	John Buzza
Crucifer	8:45 am	Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Korla Masters
Liturgist	8:45 am	David Kohlstedt / 11:00 am Cathryn Olson
Acolytes	8:45 am	Wyatt Rada
Communion Asst	11:00 am	Meagan Fortier, Kevin Kane
	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt, Linda Berglin
Greeters	11:00 am	Alan Libra, Kirk Jensen
	8:45 am	Carol Berg / 11:00 am Ron Peterson
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, V. Michaelson, Aaron Crawford
	11:00 am	Kathy Hollander, D/L Nordholm, Jeremy Spratt
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Carol Berg, Mary Young
	11:00 am	Carol Lane, Linda Woytasek
Nursery	8:40 am	Roxanne Ekstrand, Johnna Miller, Ian Cable
	11:00 am	David Krig
Coffee Servers	9:45 am	V/V Michaelson / 11:00 Tom/Jennifer Terwey
Counters	8:45 am	Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren
	11:00 am	Vicki Mann, John Sulzbach
Church closer		Cliff Brown

BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP

This year's BWCA trip is planned for Aug 8-11. Total cost will be approx. \$150, with a \$50 deposit to reserve your place. Sign up in Community Room or call the church office. Questions? Contact Linda McMahon or John Sulzbach.

FINANCIAL REPORT April 27, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$186,640.45
Budget Receipts	6,397.36	177,238.96
World Hunger	40.00	769.15
Capital Improvements	-	600.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	-	150.00
African AIDS Fund	44.00	326.75
African Pastors Endowment	-	295.00
Central America Fund	-	100.00