



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

**WIN CAMPAIGN FOR SECURITY OFFICERS, PART ONE**

*(The Peace with Justice Committee is highlighting the work of Workers' Interfaith Network during May. I'm writing a two-part article about WIN's work on behalf of local security officers and my recent involvement as a religious leader.)*

I first met Matt Gladue, Director of WIN, in August at a prayer service rally following a march related to the new sanctuary movement. They needed clergy to help with the prayer service, so I showed up to pray. A few weeks later Matt called me and asked if I'd be willing to participate in an action relating to security officers working for Hannon Security at Normandale Lakes office building in Bloomington. The building is owned by TIAA CREF and managed by United Properties who hires Hannon to provide security. "You don't need to speak," Matt said, "you can just observe."

The private security industry has been growing nationwide, with large security companies realizing even larger profits. Unfortunately, the security officers at the bottom have received low wages coupled with little to nothing in the way of benefits. While the majority of local security officers have organized, those working for Hannon in the suburbs have faced intimidation and retaliation in their attempts to do so.

On September 18, 2007, a group of about 20 religious leaders, labor leaders and security officers sought to meet with United Properties management officials at their corporate headquarters in Bloomington. Unsuccessful in our attempt, after leaving a letter and pausing for prayer in the lobby, we proceeded to the TIAA CREF office at Normandale Lakes. Again unsuccessful, after leaving a letter we went to the United Properties management office at Normandale Lakes to meet with the person in charge there. This time Hannon officers were summoned and we were threatened with arrest unless we left the premises. In each of these encounters, yours truly became the spokesman for the group in requesting the meetings. (Just an "observer"? Yeah, right. Watch out for organizer types like Matt, they're slick!)

Following these events I eventually had brief phone conversations with the two United Properties vice presidents we'd attempted to meet with. The person in charge of property management promised to get back to me regarding whether or not a small group of clergy could meet with her. She never did, despite numerous follow-up phone calls on my part.

WIN hosted a public hearing on December 8 regarding the situation with Hannon. By this time Hannon was also facing allegations of racial discrimination in their hiring and promotional practices. Part of a panel of presenters including U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, I read a letter from Bishop Craig Johnson of our Mpls. Area Synod in support of security officers.

The week before Christmas a small group of us from WIN went back to United Properties corporate headquarters to try to meet with the same vice president. Although we were told she was not around, she happened to appear as we were leaving. We were able to exchange a few words and leave her the large petition signed at the December 8 hearing.

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Just as nursing children, we depend on God's care. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that we are to place our trust in God rather than in material things.*



**LESSONS**

Isaiah 49:8-16  
 Psalm 131  
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Matthew 6:24-34

**SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

9:55 am Library  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> "Afghan Stories" – DVD presentation  
 Lyle Steinfeldt

This is a documentary designed to put faces on the pain of a people that has undergone two consecutive decades of war and struggle. Interviews focus on some of the proud people of the ravaged nation of Afghanistan that is determined to prosper again.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> "Lutheran Life in Hungary, Poland and Slovakia"**

From April 25-May 6, 2008, 21 people traveled to these countries. Slide presentation of the tour highlights: Worship and visits with Lutheran congregations in Budapest and Bratislava, visit with a Lutheran community in Poland, stay at Agape Lutheran Retreat Center in a wine producing village near Bratislava and enter the gates and world of Auschwitz concentration camp.

**CONCERNING PEOPLE**

Please pray for the family of **Pat Libra**, whose father died last week; **Caroline Garman**, recovering from back surgery; **Vi Michaelson**, recovering at home following a fall; **Doris Neuendorf**, at Providence Place, recovering from hip surgery; **Jim Schneiders**, **Liz Blood** and **Karen Fantauzza**, as they receive chemotherapy treatment; **Jeremy Sartain**, recovering from injuries from a motorcycle accident.

On January 21, the MLK holiday, two busloads of security officers and religious, labor and community leaders went back to Normandale Lakes for a silent protest march through the building, underscoring our concerns about Hannon's alleged racial discrimination.

Are the concerns of security officers seeking living wages and healthcare benefits the concern of the faith community? To me it's clearly a matter of justice. WIN is not pressuring small businesses to increase wages or cover healthcare for a few employees. We are addressing large, very profitable companies who can afford to do the right thing. It seems the Bible is also concerned about worker justice, *Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.* (James 5:4)

– Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor

## PARISH INFORMATION

### LATINO MINISTRY CONVERSATION & BREAKFAST

In the effort to strengthen existing relationships and forge new partnerships with Latino people and organizations, Holy Trinity's Latino Ministry initiative will meet quarterly. If you have interest in contributing to the plan and vision for ministry with our Latino neighbors over the next few years, come for an initial conversation—and breakfast—Saturday, May 31, 8:30-10:00 am. Please sign up in the Community Room if you plan to participate.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us for a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 14, beginning at 6:15 pm at various homes. You may sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

### SUMMER PROGRAM

This year's VCS program, "Communities of Peace," for Age 3-Grade 6 will be June 16-19, 9:30-11:30 am. Through a variety of stories and activities, children will experience and begin to understand what a peaceful community feels like. Volunteers needed: please sign the list in the Community Room or contact Stephanie Sulzbach, church office or home: 612-722-5912. Registration materials will be sent to families.

**SPRING CLEANING?** We are in need of Cool Whip containers with lids. Please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

### LA CONEXION KITCHEN CONNECTION

You (1-6 people) are invited to prepare and share a meal with La Conexión from 12-2 pm Saturdays at El Milagro Lutheran Church, 3751 17th Ave S. Ingredients provided; a donation of \$40 is requested to cover costs. More info call Jeanette, 612-728-9221. Come, make friends, have fun!

### MEDIAWISE SUMMER KICKOFF

National Institute on Media and the Family program at Holy Trinity and East Lake Library 1 - 4:30 pm Saturday May 31; Dr David Walsh speaks 1 pm, storytelling in Spanish at Holy Trinity; activities for kids, more stories, snacks, materials at East Lake Library 2:30 - 4:30. [www.mediawise.org](http://www.mediawise.org)

### AN INVITATION TO RIC CONGREGATIONS

One goal of the *Hearts on Fire* conference July 3-6, San Francisco, CA is to equip Reconciling in Christ congregations to work for continued welcome within the ELCA. Speakers, workshops, and worship at *Hearts on Fire* will help you witness to the Gospel's call for full inclusion. <http://www.lcna.org/assembly>.

### TORTURE IS A MORAL ISSUE

The Center for Victims of Torture invites you to join in a celebration of hope and healing to mark June 26, the UN Day in Support of Victims of Torture, at Minneapolis Healing Center, 717 River Parkway, 6 pm. Music, play. Many congregations are working with the National Religious Campaign against Torture to stop our government from using torture. More info at [www.cvt.org](http://www.cvt.org).

PARISH EVENTS May 25-31, 2008		
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	1:00 pm	Sound of Music rehearsal
MONDAY		Memorial day, office closed
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY	5:00 pm	Women's Shelter Meal
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Sound of Music Rehearsal
	1:00 pm	National Institute on Media & the Family

**NORTH SHORE HIKING:** An intergenerational trip August 12-15 (midweek) will be a lodge-to-lodge hiking adventure on the North Shore near Lutsen. One day will be spent in service to the Lake Superior Hiking Assn. on trail work. Cost approx. \$350 for 3 nights lodging, breakfast, trail lunch, shuttles & dinner allowance. We will car pool up there and drivers will get gas money. Youth will get a subsidy (\$50 probably) and opportunity for fund raising. We welcome all to join us! Deadline mid-June with \$100 Deposit. For info Kris Bogren 612-722-9418. Sign up at church. - Youth cmte

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 25, 2008		
Preacher		Randy Nelson
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg 11:00am Gary Sartain
Crucifer	11:00 am	Korla Masters
Liturgist	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson / 11:00 am Sandra Peterson
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Deb Kohlase, Pam Blomgren
	11:00 am	Dawn Wiczorek, John Sulzbach
Greeters	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt / 11:00 am Stella Townsend
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Jim Schneiders
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen, Kathy Hollander
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Jeanette Brown, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am	Jody Cameron, Pat Lundquist
Nursery	8:40 am	Joy Nelson, Henning Peterson
	11:00 am	Maelene Krig, Megan Libra
Counters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson, Dennis Nordholm
	11:00 am	Brian Lenz, Ray Sanders
Church closer		John Kelly

### SIMPLY GIVING

It may ease your mind: Members may sign up for the automated giving program called "Simply Giving" coordinated through Thrivent. You may call the office for more information and enrollment forms or go to [www.thrivent.com/fraternal](http://www.thrivent.com/fraternal) and click on Simply Giving.

### 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 May 18, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$219,577.00
Budget Receipts	16,690.75	211,920.92
World Hunger	1,019.00	3,696.40
Capital Improvements	--	625.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	150.00
African AIDS Fund	6.75	358.51
African Pastors Endowment	--	420.00
Central America Fund	--	105.00