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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

WHAT IS YOUR FOUNDATION?

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. (Matthew 7:24-25) Certainly Jesus' words here have a personal application. What is the house of your life built on when life's rain, floods and winds bear down?

But in Matthew there may especially be a community application. At the recent Festival of Homiletics conference I attended in downtown Mpls., Will Willimon said that Matthew is the most communitarian of the Gospels. So what is Holy Trinity built on?

Perhaps the interim time has been somewhat like an archaeological dig – lots of good, hard, faithful work on the part of many to uncover and examine the foundation of this congregation – what it is and what it isn't. One thing should be clear: the rock foundation can never be the pastor, no matter how gifted.

During my interim at Faith Lutheran in Waconia, the Call Committee enthusiastically described their new pastor, Dale Peterson, in a way that made him sound like Jesus himself. I know him. He is a good man and a good pastor. But when I met him for lunch at a restaurant in Chanhassen shortly before he began at Faith, I couldn't resist dropping to one knee by our booth and saying (with our waitress looking on), "So good to see you again, Dale Jesus Christ Peterson!"

On June 29 you will welcome your new pastor, Jay M. Carlson. I am excited for you. I am excited for him. I believe the Holy Spirit has been at work in your call process. But take a pause for the cause and examine your expectations. You are calling him to be your pastor, not your foundation. You are calling him to love and care about you, walk with you and build with you. He has gifts, but not all of them. No pastor ever has or ever will. He has strengths and weaknesses like each one of us. He will grow with you and you will grow with him. Cut him plenty of slack. He will make mistakes. We all do. Give him plenty of time to grow into the leader at Holy Trinity that he can become by God's grace and with your encouragement. Though his initials are J.C., don't expect him to be Jay Jesus Christ Carlson.

He already shares your core values as a congregation or you wouldn't have called him. But he will take these core values and lead you in some new directions over time. Will you and he together be like the wise man in Jesus' parable and prepare for the future by continuing to build on rock? Thanks be to God for the past and for the solid foundation which Pastor Ron Johnson helped to lay down over the course of his 32 year ministry. But unlike physical buildings, faith communities are always under construction. Will you and Pastor Jay Carlson expand the solid foundation that is here? Will you build in preparation for the rain and floods and winds that will bear down upon the community and world into which Holy Trinity is sent? Will you build in order to face similar forces that will bear down on your congregation simply because of the challenges of being the Church, especially in the city?

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners. He reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. We are sent forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



LESSONS

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

June 8th No Adult Forum

June 8 will be Pastor Bruce Arnevik's last Sunday at Holy Trinity. There will be a farewell reception between worship services. See back page for more details.

June 15th "God and Human Suffering" David Lindell

Douglas John Hall, one of the leading North American theologians of our day and a repeat visitor and presenter at Holy Trinity, has written the book noted above. David will lead the discussion on Hall's perspective.

LONGFELLOW PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Bethany Lutheran Church (36th Ave S), who recently celebrated their 100th anniversary!

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Congratulations to **Gretchen Lund**, **Jeff Weiss** and big sister **Maggie** on the birth of **Peter**. Please pray for **Carrie Sue Hiner**, recovering after being hit by a car while jogging; **Troy Cook**, deployed to Iraq on June 5; **Anna and Bob Butler** at the Augustana Home; **Bernice Wanberg** in hospice care at Augustana Healthcare Center in Apple Valley; **Caroline Garman**, recovering from back surgery; **Doris Neuendorf**, at Providence Place, recovering from hip surgery; **Jim Schneiders**, **Liz Blood** and **Karen Fantauzza**, as they receive chemotherapy treatment.

Will you together build by becoming more firmly grounded in the Scriptures (perhaps through the new ELCA *Book of Faith* initiative)...by becoming more rooted in prayer...by exploring what a new kind of emphasis on evangelism might mean at the same time you maintain your commitment to social justice? – Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor
(My personal farewell article will be in next week's newsletter.)

PARISH INFORMATION

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR BRUCE ARNEVIK

Please join us on June 8 as we gather to say thank you and good-bye to Pastor Bruce Arnevik, who has led our congregation since September, 2006. There will be a reception and program between worship services. There will also be an opportunity to greet Pastor Bruce after the second worship service.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

Our annual Progressive Dinner will be held 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. It's a lot of fun—you'll get to talk with other Holy Trinity members and perhaps meet some new ones. Please join us!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our first session of the summer program, "Communities of Peace," begins Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19. There remains an urgent need for teachers and workers. Please volunteer! There will be two training sessions on Monday, June 9 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Mini-gym (directly across from the library). Please call the church office and indicate which of the meetings you will be attending.

"SOUND OF MUSIC" PRODUCTION JUNE 25-28

The hills will be alive with "The Sound of Music," to be presented at Holy Trinity on June 25-28 at 7 pm. The full-length musical will be directed by Peter Johnson, with musical direction by Ann Schrooten. All of the Von Trapp children are played by Holy Trinity youth, and several of the parts are double-cast to allow for more opportunities for young people. Please call the church office at 612-729-8358 to make a reservation. No charge; free will offering will be taken to cover costs and provide funding for future events.

NORTH SHORE HIKING: An intergenerational hiking trip Aug. 12-15 will be a lodge-to-lodge adventure on the North Shore. One day will be spent on trail work serving the Lake Superior Hiking Assn. Cost approx. \$350: 3 nights lodging, meals, & shuttles. We will car pool; drivers will get gas money. Youth will have a subsidy (approx. \$50) and opportunity for fund raising. Register with \$100 deposit. More info Kris Bogren.

CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The following Holy Trinity youth are graduating from High School this spring:

Geoffrey Gillmor, Allison Kohlhase, Katherine McQuarter, Audrey Pallmeyer, Carlye Proescholdt, Alisa Santa Ana White. Way to go!

PARKING AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY LOT

Holy Trinity has an agreement with the East Lake Library for our church members to use their parking lot on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings during church services. Be assured that your car will not be towed at those times.

PARISH EVENTS June 8 - 14, 2008		
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Farewell reception for Pastor Bruce Arnevik
	1:00 pm	Sound of Music rehearsal
MONDAY	1:00 pm	VCS training session
	7:00 pm	Cmte mtgs: Stewardship, Nurturing, Chris Ed
	7:00 pm	VCS training session
	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Orchestra rehearsal
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Rehearsal
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Sound of Music Orchestra Rehearsal
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Sound of Music Rehearsal
	6:15 pm	Progressive Dinner

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Christine Hensgens, Russell/Audrey Johnson, Matt Kane/Liz Conway, LaVerne Chapman, Linda Sourbis, Cliff Brown/Marianne Wargelin, Doris Jewett, Virginia Smith, Robert/Anna Butler, Bud/Sylvia Dixen, Sheldon/Margery Torgerson, Kathy Ohler, John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Margaret Carlson, Edina Steen, Birgit Birkeland, Bob/Helen Norheim, Andrea Hansen, Ken/Carol Masters, and in honor of
 – **Bruce Arnevik** by Lyle Steinfeldt and in memory of
 – **Evelyn Olson** and **safe travels in Eastern Europe** by Ron/Margaret Peterson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS June 8, 2008		
Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am Jim Hartsoe	11:00am Randy Nelson
Crucifer	8:45 am Brian Lenz/	11:00 am Bob Hulteen
Cantor	8:45 am Karen Batdorf /	11:00 am Stephanie Sulzbach
Acolytes	8:45 am Wyatt Rada	
	11:00 am Kevin Kane, Gunnar Rudrud	
Liturgist	8:45 am David Kohlstedt /	11:00 am Bob Hulteen
Communion Asst	8:45 am Linda Berglin, Pam Blomgren	
	11:00 am Joe Bates, Cliff Brown	
Greeters	8:45 am Joyce Peterson /	11:00 am David Broberg
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Jim Schneiders	
	11:00 am Mark Hiner, George Madich, Alan Libra, Kathy Ohler	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Mary Young, Sandra Thornby	
	11:00 am Lynda/Dennis Nordholm	
Nursery	8:40 am Roxanne Ekstrand	
Coffee Servers	11:00 am Matt Kane, Maggie, Nora, Kevin	
	8:45 am John & Carol Kelly	
Counters	11:00 am John & Stephanie Sulzbach	
	8:45 am Vi/Vernon Michaelson	
Closer	11:00 am Brian Lenz, John Kelly	
	Rod Johnson	

FINANCIAL REPORT June 1, 2008	Year to Date	
Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$241,534.70
Budget Receipts	10,689.00	228,371.44
World Hunger	400.00	4,461.40
Capital Improvements	--	625.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	150.00
African AIDS Fund	2.50	361.01
African Pastors Endowment	--	440.00
Central America Fund	100.00	230.00