



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

## CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

This morning's Gospel tells of Jesus sending out the twelve disciples. They are to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. They are to proclaim the good news of the coming approach of God's reign. They are to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out the demons.

In short, the followers of Jesus are sent out to continue the work that he – Jesus – has already begun. Matthew goes on to name the twelve disciples. The list is a finite one in Matthew's gospel – but it is an infinite listing in the life of God's people, the church. It is a list that includes all of us here this morning. You and I have been called, you and I have been gifted and empowered and you and I have been sent out to bring healing and good news to a hurting world.

A few years ago, I was asked to do a piece for Holy Trinity's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter. In doing some research, I came upon a listing of persons who had been baptized here in this place on Easter Sunday 1953. This was the day my three brothers and I were baptized – right here. The list included Douglas, Gary and Steven Englund. But no Robert!! Oh-oh! Well, a check of the baptismal records of our congregation indicated that – in fact – the deed was done on Easter some years ago.

Martin Luther reminds us to remember our baptism. It helps to have one. And I do. And so do you. In our baptism you and I have been called to live under the marvelous rule of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. We have been washed in the waters of our baptism and marked by the sign of the cross, in whose shadow we discover our identity and purpose.

When Jesus picks his twelve disciples, sending them out to preach and to heal, to do the very same things that he had been doing, no qualifications are mentioned by Matthew. One might think that Matthew would have mentioned that Jesus chose these twelve because of their prior experience, or their great potential or their unusual gifts. But we are told none of that.

We are told that Jesus called fishers. Then we are told that he chose a tax collector – Matthew. Not only was Matthew a disreputable tax collector, but there is Judas who we are told would be the one to betray him. It is almost as if the gospel bends over backwards to assure us that none of these people were special in any way. I do know that this morning, as I look out on the congregation, I am looking at the same group of people with the same qualifications to be disciples. There are more than a dozen of us here, but when you look at us, our backgrounds, who among us is really suited to the task before us?

Yet, we have been chosen. We may not be qualified, but by God's grace, we have been authorized to be disciples, and that is rather wonderful when you think about it.

William Willimon tells about a woman who was called to be a disciple. She had spent most of her life raising a family. One day she looked up and her family was gone. There was no longer anybody there who needed her. Did her life have any more meaning? Had she lost all of her significance as a human being? She came to church and asked to be given something to do. She said, "Unfortunately, I haven't had any real work experience. I'm afraid there is not much that I could be useful for in the church." She was wrong; as a parent of four children, she had wonderful organizational skills.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Jesus teaches us, his disciples, that our ministry in his name will meet with opposition.*

*As we take stands for the sake of justice, we need not be afraid, but be committed and trust in God.*

### LESSONS

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

June 22 "Sound of Music" Preview  
Ann Schrooten

You will have an opportunity to preview Holy Trinity's upcoming presentation of "The Sound of Music," which will be performed June 25-28 at 7 pm each evening.

June 29th - No Adult Forum – Please join us for a reception between services for Pastor Jay Carlson.

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for **Anna Butler** at Abbott Northwestern Hospital; **Bob Butler** at the Augustana Home; **Jim Schneiders**, **Liz Blood** and **Karen Fantauzza**, as they continue chemotherapy treatment.

Our prayers are with the family of **Bernice Wanberg**, longtime member of Holy Trinity, who died on June 10 at the age of 96. The funeral was held at Holy Trinity on June 14.

We pray for safe travels for **Pastor Jay Carlson** as he moves to Minneapolis. He'll begin at Holy Trinity on June 25.

**Roxanne Ekstrand** will be taking part in the Breast Cancer Ride from Bloomington to Red Wing this weekend. She's riding in honor of Holy Trinity members **Liz Blood** and **Karen Fantauzza**.

– Those skills were used to organize the church's first Habitat for Humanity work team. She was great at organizing people, getting people to make commitments, and following up on their commitments. These skills, honed as a parent, proved to be tremendously useful to the church in its business of proclaiming and acting out the gospel.

Jesus seems to delight in taking ordinary, everyday people, people who do not seem to have all of the qualifications and credentials, and choosing them to be his disciples. Jesus promises us that he will give us what we need to be faithful to him and his missions. And then he sends us out into the world, promising us that we shall be part of his mission of proclaiming a word of salvation to a dying world, of enacting healing for a broken people. Amen.

– Excerpts from June 15 sermon by Pastor Robert Englund

## PARISH INFORMATION

### COMING SOON! "SOUND OF MUSIC" 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 is directed by Peter Johnson, with musical direction by Ann Schrooten. All of the Von Trapp children are played by Holy Trinity youth. 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. **Please arrive by 6:45 pm on the day of the performance to pick up your tickets.**

### LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

A survey will be taken asking for the congregation's thoughts about a constitutional change regarding our call process. Copies of the surveys will be available in the Community Room beginning on Sun., June 22. More info to follow.

**PEDAL POWER** Bike2Benefits is Metro Transit's initiative to encourage bike commuting. Once a week for eight weeks, ride a bike to work or to a transit stop and you will be eligible for the year-end prize drawing. Deadline to complete 8 weeks is December 31st. Sign up at [bike2benefits.org](http://bike2benefits.org). Once you join, Metro Transit will send you a packet of information to get you started.

### WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF CIVILIAN PEACEMAKERS

The Nonviolent Peaceforce is raising awareness about trained, unarmed civilians as peacemakers. The Canadian Mission is hosting a briefing at the UN on June 24 on the subject of civilian protection. One of the presenters is Liam Mahoney, author of "Unarmed Bodyguards." Another is Atif Hameed, Director of NP's project in the Philippines and experienced peacemaker. Arif will visit the Twin Cities following the briefing. NP welcomes contributions to its ongoing efforts for peace on the ground where people's lives are at stake. Donations up to a total of \$60,000 will be doubled through a matching grant. For info, see [www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org).

– Peace with Justice Committee

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD** The Peace with Justice Committee has planned an Offering of Letters for Bread for the World during the month of June. This year's focus is on global poverty as a part of international Millennium goals. A display in the Community Room includes information about the letter writing, addresses of representatives and senators, and letter writing materials. Please stop and write a letter!

### ADDED THANKS FROM PASTOR BRUCE

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Cliff Brown and Dennis Nordholm for all their hours of dedicated volunteer work in the building; Kathy Hollander, gardener; and Dale Bosch, member of the Personnel Committee. – Bruce Arnevik

### PARISH EVENTS June 22-28, 2008

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:45, 11am</b>	<b>Worship Service of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9:55 am</b>	<b>Adult forum</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>SOM rehearsal</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>SOM rehearsal</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>SOM rehearsal</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>"The Sound of Music" Performance</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>"The Sound of Music" Performance</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>"The Sound of Music" Performance</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>"The Sound of Music" Performance</b>

**GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS** BY Aldora Ferrian  
**NON-VIOLENT PEACE FORCE** by Kathy Hollander/Rod Johnson  
**WORLD HUNGER** by Ken/Carol Masters, Freda Miller, Ellen Fredell-Shawbold, John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Carol Saunders, Kathryn Nevers,  
 – and in honor of **Bruce Arnevik** by Nan Madich  
 – and in thanksgiving for **Bruce Arnevik, COMPASS and Call Committees** for their efforts to guide HT to the present day, and the expected arrival of a new pastor, by Paul/Lois Eid

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS June 22, 2008

<b>Preacher</b>		<b>Randy Nelson</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Jim Hartsoe / 11:00am Randy Nelson</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Korla Masters</b>
<b>Cantor</b>		<b>Pamela Kildahl</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Danya&amp;Anton Werth</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Christine Nilsen, Signe Rudrud</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Richard Liedholm / 11:00 am Linda Jury</b>
<b>Communion Asst</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Lyle Steinfeldt, Jim Klobuchar</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Linda McMahon, Bob Hulteen</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Nan Madich / 11 am Pat Libra, Chelsea Rolfzen</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Bob Peschiutta, D.Townsend III, Ron Mack Murphy</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Rod Johnson, George Madich, Jeremy Spratt, Ron Peterson</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Carol Berg, Sandra Thornby</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Jody Cameron, Pat Lundquist</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>8:40 am</b>	<b>Sean Gosiewski, Henning Peterson</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Kari Kleven, Haley Benson</b>
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Linda Gawthrop / 11:00 am Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>John Sulzbach, Gary Johnson</b>
<b>Closer</b>		<b>Cliff Brown</b>

### FINANCIAL REPORT June 15, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$263,492.40
Budget Receipts	14,026.87	249,576.06
World Hunger	586.00	5,127.40
Capital Improvements	10.00	735.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	225.00
African AIDS Fund	--	361.01
African Pastors Endowment	--	440.00
Central America Fund	25.00	255.00