



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

**AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE COMMUNITY**

I thought it would be appropriate in my first *Community Church* article to introduce myself to all of you. You have, however, already received my biographical information about my hometown, schooling, etc. in previous issues. So while eating pizza with some friends Sunday night, I asked them to name some things about me they thought would be important for the people of Holy Trinity to know. Here is their list, in no particular order.

1. *Drums.* I started playing percussion in the school band in fifth grade and have enjoyed playing when I can ever since. One of my favorite activities in college was participating in the school's percussion ensemble and marimba choir. If you visit me in my office, you can bang on one of the *djembe* drums I usually keep there.
2. *Green olives.* I didn't realize this was well known among my friends, but I really like green olives—especially on pizza.
3. *Trivial Pursuit...* and other board games. Cranium is another favorite.
4. *Greece.* I spent a semester of college on the island of Crete. We studied Greek culture and history, read books by Nikos Kazantzakis, and ate a lot of gyros.
5. *Minnesota Twins.* I'm thrilled to be just a light rail train ride away from the Metrodome. However, I think our council president is an even bigger fan than I.
6. *Landscaping.* Two friends and I owned and operated a landscaping business during the summers of high school and college. The name of our company wasn't very original—3 Guys Landscaping.
7. *Sophie.* My loyal dog who has been with me for about three years. I wish I could tell you her breed. All I know is she looks like a small golden retriever.
8. *Running.* I have completed two marathons and three half marathons. I'm planning to run the "Goofy Challenge" in Disney World next January, which is a half marathon followed by a full one the next day. My friends believe I am in fact goofy for attempting it.
9. *I don't own a TV.* It wasn't an intentional moral choice. My television broke, and I never got around to finding a new one. I haven't missed it much.
10. *I'm a good friend.* So they say.
11. *Humor.* Tell me your favorite joke sometime.
12. *Family.* My relationships with my parents, brothers, and extended family are important to me. You may see some of them at Holy Trinity from time to time.

It is an assorted list and perhaps trivial, but I think sharing these unique parts of our lives is important for building Christian community. God loves not just "the world" but became incarnate to know us and love us in all our human particularity. What a gift it is then to love one another in our uniqueness.

I hope to have the chance soon to get know each of you better. What twelve things (or three) would your friends say about you? Or if you were Maria in *The Sound of Music*, how would your "My Favorite Things" song go? Feel free to call or send a note to me at church. My email address is [jaymcarlson@htlcmpls.org](mailto:jaymcarlson@htlcmpls.org).

– Jay Carlson, Pastor

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*We are refreshed by Christ's invitation:  
 "Come to me, all you that are weary and  
 are carrying heavy burdens, and I will  
 give you rest." In the Christian  
 community gathered around word, water  
 and  
 meal, we find rest for our souls.*



**LESSONS**

Jeremiah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

9:55 am Library

July 6th "Thirst"

Dawn Wiczorek

Is water part of a shared "commons," a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded in a global marketplace? The DVD, "Thirst," tells the stories of communities in Bolivia, India, and the U.S. that are asking these fundamental questions.

July 13<sup>th</sup> "Water Supply and Sanitation Projects in Uganda"

Richard Blonigen

Richard Blonigen works with the local chapter of Engineers Without Borders at the University of Minnesota. The chapter is currently working on water supply and sanitation projects in Uganda, Africa. Learn how this team becomes very creative in carrying out its mission.

**CONCERNING PEOPLE**

Please pray for **Troy Cook**, hospitalized at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, recovering from the effects of heat stroke; **Anna Butler** at Abbott Northwestern Hospital; **Bob Butler** at the Augustana Home; **Jim Schneiders** and **Karen Fantauzza**, as they continue chemotherapy treatment.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### BWCA CANOE TRIP MEETING

All who are interested in going on the BWCA canoe trip on August 8-11 are asked to attend a planning meeting on July 20 immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. We still have some openings on our permit. Total cost will be approx. \$150, with a \$50 deposit to reserve your place. The deadline for signing up is July 10. Sign up in Community Room or call the church office. For more information, please contact Linda McMahon or John Sulzbach.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A survey of congregational members is being taken regarding a constitutional change in our call process. Copies of the survey are available in the Community Room. Please take one per member. Surveys may be returned in person or by mail to the church. We appreciate your input!

### WORLD HUNGER ENVELOPES

are available in the Community Room. Your donations will be used to help strengthen families and communities, encourage environmental sustainability, and fund projects that break the chronic cycle of hunger and poverty. Your gifts change lives.

### NEW BIBLES IN THE PEWS

Thank you to the family of Vi Christiansen for the Bibles that were purchased with memorial donations. The Bibles will be placed in the pews for use during worship services.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The cast and crew of *The Sound of Music* wish to thank all who helped make our presentation an enjoyable experience for our audiences each night. There are certainly *many* people to thank, but we especially want to recognize Vicki Mann and our office volunteers for helping to coordinate ticket reservations and Nolan Gusdal, Cliff Brown, and Dennis Nordholm for providing custodial assistance "above and beyond the call of duty" these past several weeks. In addition, members of the Youth Committee and several young people served as great "ambassadors" each evening of the performance in distributing reserved tickets and welcoming guests to the show. Finally, we wish to thank the entire Holy Trinity community for supporting our last fine arts event of the 2007-2008 season in such an enthusiastic way, both by attending the performances and helping to contribute financially to this endeavor.

### PARISH EVENTS July 6-12, 2008

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:45, 11am</b>	<b>Worship Service of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Swahili Worship Service</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Committee meetings: Peace with Justice, Outreach, Worship/Fine Arts</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Youth Committee meeting</b>

### GIFT TO WORLD HUNGER

in gratitude to the **Holy Trinity Theatre Circle** by Terra Widdifield (Maria); and to honor/thank **Bruce Arnevik** for his service to Holy Trinity as Interim Pastor by Bill/Eunice Milbrath and by Doris Neuendorf, Mike/Vicki Mann and Ingrid Phillips

### GIFT TO NON-VIOLENT PEACE FORCE

by Mike/Vicki Mann

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 6, 2008

<b>Preacher</b>		<b>Jay Carlson</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>		<b>Jay Carlson</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Pam Kildahl</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Tyler Spratt</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Meagan Fortier, Eliza Roberts</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Jim Klobuchar / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter</b>
<b>Communion Asst</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Mary and Chris Engen</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>David Berg</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Deb Sodt / 11 am David Broberg</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Bob Peschiutta, Jim Schneiders, Vern Michaelson</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mark Hiner, Bob Norheim, Lee Kampinen, Kathy Hollander</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Karrie Cable-Spratt, Sandra Thornby</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Lynda and Dennis Nordholm</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>8:40 am</b>	<b>Sara Jensen, Alexis Miller</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Nicki Hines, Haley Benson</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Vicki Mann, Brian Lenz</b>
<b>Closer</b>		<b>Rod Johnson</b>

### FINANCIAL REPORT June 29, 2008 Year to Date

	<b>June 29, 2008</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$285,450.10
Budget Receipts	7,597.50	261,471.56
World Hunger	300.00	5,457.40
Capital Improvements	--	735.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	75.00	300.00
African AIDS Fund	--	361.01
African Pastors Endowment	--	440.00
Central America Fund	--	255.00