

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

CARING FOR CREATION

Worship services during the summer months often provide opportunity to reflect on the beauty of God's creation. The liturgical color for this season is green, making it especially appropriate to consider God's majesty found in the natural world as well as God's ongoing work of creating and sustaining. This week our worship space was decorated with living plants as a symbol that God is present and active in creation, and they also reminded us of our Christian responsibility to act as stewards in service to all that God has made. It was wonderful to see individuals and families take home plants—tomato, asparagus, and others—to plant and care for at home.

Caring for God's creation should be part of what it means to follow Christ. The ELCA social statement adopted in 1993 states:

Christian concern for the environment is shaped by the Word of God spoken in creation, the Love of God hanging on the cross, the Breath of God daily renewing the face of the earth.

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment, locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society. Even as we join the political, economic, and scientific discussion, we know care for the earth to be a profoundly spiritual matter.

Unfortunately, we have not always lived up to that commitment, and our planet has suffered. We know even better now than we did in 1993 the harmful effects that our lifestyles and policies have had on the environment. Scientists have demonstrated the serious concerns connected with climate change, ozone depletion, loss of bio-diversity, and the depletion of forests. We also are learning more about how issues of human justice are interconnected with ecological issues.

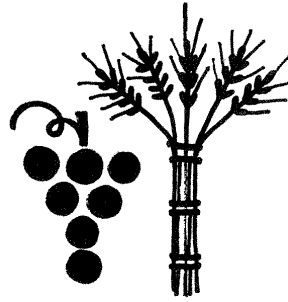
I am looking forward to continued conversations at Holy Trinity about how we should respond in Christian faith to the call to care for creation. Last week, five members of the congregation and I attended a workshop led by the Lutheran Earthkeeping Network of the Synods (LENS) and considered what it means to be a "green congregation." While the ministry of Holy Trinity has consistently shown concern for environmental issues in the past, I hope that we can always explore new ways to serve as good stewards of the earth. Good stewardship may mean becoming better informed about environmental issues, making choices about the products we buy, using new technology for energy use, engaging in service projects, and lending our voices in support of environmental policy issues.

Perhaps summer is a good time for you to think about how you can better care for creation in your own household. Visit the websites webofcreation.org and mnenergychallenge.org for some good ideas. – Jay Carlson, Pastor

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus uses images from everyday life to reveal to us the reign of God.

Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!



LESSONS

I Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

July 27 "Connecting Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors regarding Urban Water Quality in the Longfellow and Seward Neighborhoods"
Robby Schreiber

In 2005 a survey was conducted in the Longfellow and Seward neighborhoods to evaluate connections between knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors with respect to storm water management in the urban area. Whether residents were willing and able to change their behavior to be more environmentally pro-active was one of the questions considered. Robby Schreiber was the Survey Project Leader.

August 3 "Waters of Creation and Destruction"
 a biblical perspective on water
Randy Nelson

August 10 "Waters of Cleansing and Restoration"
 a biblical perspective on water
Randy Nelson

Water is essential to life. But for the biblical writers it serves other purposes as well. It is both an agent of creation and destruction. It brings refreshment and cleansing. The two adult forums will explore the profound importance of water in the lives of the people of God.

SUNDAY'S GUEST MUSICIAN is Mark Seerup, oboe. Feel free to come a bit early and enjoy an extended prelude by this favorite musician of Holy Trinity!

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Congratulations to **Subi and Beth Ambrose** who celebrated their marriage at Holy Trinity on July 19. Please pray for **Caroline Garman**, scheduled for another back surgery; **Vi Ladwig, Jim Schneiders, Karen Fantauzza** and **Liz Blood** as they continue treatment for cancer.

PARISH INFORMATION

LONGFELLOW CHURCHES INVITE YOUTH TO A DAY AT VALLEY FAIR

Youth and friends are invited to a day at Valley Fair, Wednesday, August 6, 10 am to 4 pm. We will carpool or bus from St. Peder's at 9 am. Cost: \$23 each for a group of 15. Fifth grade students and younger should bring a parent or guardian. Registration forms are in the Community Room; deadline is Wed., July 30. Contact Linda Jury for more information.

PHOTO EXHIBIT OF ECUADOR AND PERU

The walls of the Community Room are adorned with photos from Ecuador and Peru, which members and friends of Holy Trinity toured in 2005. The photo exhibit is by Dale Peterson, and will be in the Community Room for a limited time. Please be sure to stop by and see the beautiful photos!

MEALS ON WHEELS Aug 4-8

Holy Trinity is scheduled to deliver meals the week of August 4-8. Please volunteer; the time commitment is about an hour at mid-day. You can volunteer from one day to five days. Consider inviting someone to ride along with you. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office at 612-729-8358.

BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBOR: LONGFELLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Please consider these simple ways to help the children and staff of neighboring Longfellow Community School as a new school year begins: 1) Provide backpacks and essential supplies. \$25 provides a backpack and supplies for one child. Funds collected now will allow us to shop while school sales are on – and provide for more children. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity (memo: LCS Supplies). 2) Contribute Scholarship Funds to be used for such items as field trips and classroom supplies for children who do not have resources. Any amount is helpful. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity (memo: LCS scholarships). 3) Consider volunteering in the school. Contact the school's volunteer coordinator at 612-668-4700. Visit the Longfellow Community School's website: <http://longfellow.mpls.k12.mn.us/home.html> to gain greater understanding of this vibrant learning community in our neighborhood.

HEART OF THE BEAST CELEBRATION

Help dedicate HOTB's newly restored lobby drinking fountain on Sat, July 26 at 1 pm. It's a free family festival with live music, an outdoor street carnival, puppet shows and art-making activities. The emphasis will be on FUN for all as they consider local and global issues surrounding water and how our individual actions can make a difference. Lake Street from Bloomington to 15th Ave. will be closed for the day. For more info: www.HOTB.org.

PARISH EVENTS July 27-August 2, 2008

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Breakfast at Denny's – confirmation youth, teachers, sponsors
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Longfellow Lutheran Parish meeting at HT

GIFT TO NON-VIOLENT PEACE FORCE in honor of graduates **Audrey Nelson-Pallmeyer** and **Pamela Rediger** by Dennis/Lynda Nordholm

WORLD HUNGER by Ron/Margaret Peterson, Judy/Troy Davison, Virginia Jury and in honor of **Gerry and Linda Berglin's** special anniversary by Dennis/Lynda Nordholm

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 27, 2008

Preacher		Jay Carlson
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg / 11:00 am John Buzza
Crucifer	11:00 am	Wayne Vetter
Cantor		Peter Johnson
Acolytes	8:45 am	Wyatt Rada, Tyler Spratt
	11:00am	Adam Sartain, Thomas Aldrich
Liturgist	8:45 am	Mary Young / 11:00 am Stephanie Cole
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Jeff Weiss
	11:00 am	Susan Wootten, Andrew Johnson
Greeters	8:45 am	Janice Lehman / 11 am Pat Libra
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, David Kohlstedt, Jim Schneiders
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, Lee Kampinen
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Mary Young
	11:00 am	Carol Lane, Nan Madich
Nursery	8:40 am	Sara Jensen
	11:00 am	Matt Kane, Maggie, Nora, Kevin
Coffee Servers	8:45 am	Kelly Place
	11:00 am	Karen Fantauzza
Counters	8:45 am	Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren
	11:00 am	Ray Sanders, John Kelly
Closer		Dennis Nordholm

OPPORTUNITY SALE – SEPTEMBER 27

Holy Trinity's annual fall Opportunity Sale will be held on Sat, Sept. 27 with extended hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm. There will be a half-price sale from 1-2 pm and a bag sale from 2-3 pm. We will serve cinnamon rolls, sweets and coffee, but this year we will not be serving lunch. We have received many generous donations so far (thank you!) and we will need the lunchroom for additional display space. Please plan to attend!

FINANCIAL REPORT July 20, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$318,386.65
Budget Receipts	5,962.78	290,685.87
World Hunger	25.00	7,727.40
Capital Improvements	--	835.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	--	325.00
African AIDS Fund	--	361.01
African Pastors Endowment	--	440.00
Central America Fund	--	255.00