

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

HIV TRAVEL DISCRIMINATION

For the past several decades, people who are HIV positive have faced strict travel limitations in many countries throughout the world. This has meant restrictions on both short-term trips and travel for longer stays, such as seeking asylum, refugee resettlement, employment, or study opportunities. A United Nations task force has recognized these restrictions as discriminatory, especially since there is no public health justification for them. HIV, though infectious, cannot be spread by casual contact. UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot said at a UN meeting, "Stigma and discrimination around AIDS remain as strong as ever...and I call on all countries to drop restrictions on entry to people simply because they are living with HIV."

One of the speakers at the ELCA Global Mission Event in La Crosse, Wisconsin last week experienced first-hand the difficulties of traveling as a person with HIV. Azur Riki, a member of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, was denied a visa three times before being allowed to visit the United States. According to the ELCA news service, it was only through the intervention of the U.S. State Department that Riki's visa was finally granted.

Stories such as Riki's can serve as a reminder to people of faith of the continued needs presented by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. With more than 6,000 people being infected each day, we are called to support programs that provide treatment and education. We are also called to help end the discrimination that people with HIV face on a daily basis, so that they may live with rights and dignity.

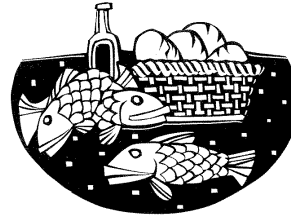
Thankfully, there are encouraging signs that attitudes toward men and women living with HIV are changing. Earlier this month, 17 church organizations (including the ELCA) signed a letter supporting the repeal of the travel ban against people with HIV. This was passed first in the House and now in the Senate as part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

Of course, the need continues to be great among those suffering from HIV and AIDS—around the world and in the United States. The ELCA website provides information about ways our church organizations are caring for people with HIV in many countries. Also, I have been especially impressed with a local organization, Open Arms of Minnesota, in the work they do to provide meals for individuals with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses (openarmsmn.org). Their work is about more than just food. As their website says, "There's also a portion of dignity, comfort and care in each meal that gets delivered to our clients." Hopefully, as people of faith, we can encourage attitudes and policies that demonstrate those same values.

– Jay Carlson, Pastor

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's abundance is revealed when he invites all who are hungry and thirsty to receive food and drink at no cost. In the gospel reading, Jesus feeds the hungry multitude.



LESSONS

Isaiah 55:1-5
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

- 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.

HOLY TRINITY AT LONGFELLOW PARK CORN FEED

Come and meet neighbors, enjoy kids' activities, delicious corn, neighborhood resource fair, and more! Thursday, August 7, 5:30-8 p.m., Longfellow Park, 34th Street and 36th Avenue South. Volunteers needed to help with Holy Trinity's information table. Please call the church office for more info or to volunteer (612-729-8358).

HOLY TRINITY HANDBELL CAMP – AUG 4-8

Youth and adults who read music are invited be part of our Holy Trinity Handbell Camp August 4-8, from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon. The week will be full of learning how to do handbell techniques and discovering how much fun playing handbells can be. If you can read notes on a musical staff, you can learn to play handbells...It's that easy! If you have a friend from the neighborhood or from school who reads music and would like to join us, we'd love to have them come too! Call the church office as soon as possible to sign up (612-729-8358).

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY TRINITY TO SPONSOR MIDTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Trinity will be a sponsor of the Midtown Farmers' Market on August 23, 8 am-1 pm. Please join us at the Holy Trinity booth as we keep our congregation visible in the community, hand out flyers on programming and services, and get to know our neighbors. The Midtown Farmers' Market is a great place to find local produce, breads, cheese, meats, local art, live music and more. See you there!

WELCOMING CHURCH PROGRAM TRAINING

Lutherans Concerned/North America is sponsoring an RIC Training in Milwaukee WI August 21-24. All Reconciling in Christ congregations are encouraged to attend. Participants will develop skills that can be used with any discussion on any subject, and receive lots of info on the subject of sexual orientation and gender identity. Register online: www.lcna.org/ric. Registration deadline is August 4. Please call the church office to receive more information. 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 school's website: <http://longfellow.mpls.k12.mn.us/home.html> to gain greater understanding of this vibrant learning community in our neighborhood.

LIBRARY NEWS

Many thanks to Chris and Mary Engen for the rolling library book shelves that are in the Community Room. On the first Sunday the cart was available, 20% of the books were checked out! Be sure to look over the books on the cart to see what you might find for summer reading.

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!

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Congratulations and safe travels to the Krig family. **David, Maelene and Linnea Krig** will travel to Guangzhou, China this week to meet their new daughter, Alyssa Chunhui. Maelene's parents, Del and Betty Anderson, will accompany them on the trip, and they plan to return to Minnesota on August 14. More information can be found on their blog (mae12.wordpress.com).

Liz Blood wrote an article that was published in the Minnesota Women's Press. Go to womenspress.com and scroll down to *Friends in Peace*.

Please pray for **Caroline Garman**, scheduled for another back surgery; **Anna Butler**, hospitalized at Abbott NW Hospital; **Vi Ladwig, Jim Schneiders, Karen Fantauzza** and **Liz Blood** as they continue treatment for cancer.

PARISH EVENTS August 3-9, 2008		
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Youth event, grades 6-12 – games, snacks, get to know Pastor Jay Carlson
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee meeting at church Peace with Justice corn roast and potluck @ Carol Masters'
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Valley Fair with Longfellow Parish youth
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee meeting
THURSDAY	5:30 pm	Longfellow Park Corn Feed
FRIDAY	7:00 am	BWCA trip (through Mon, Aug 11)

GIFT TO NON-VIOLENT PEACE FORCE in honor of **Stephanie Sulzbach, VCS teachers, support staff and students of 2008 VCS** by Lyle Steinfeldt.

WORLD HUNGER by Dorothy Krumrei, Ray Sanders, Cathryn Olson

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL SUPPLIES FUND by Terra Widdifield, Jane/Bob Aldrich

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 3, 2008		
Preacher		Jay Carlson
Celebrant		Jay Carlson
Crucifer	8:45 am	Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Korla Masters
Cantor		Ann Schrooten
Acolytes	8:45 am	Fiona Carson
	11:00am	Sam Kelley, Gunnar Rudrud
Liturgist	8:45 am	David Kohlstedt / 11:00 am Jeff Hoch
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Lois Roos, Jane Kretzmann
	11:00 am	Linda Jury, 2 volunteers needed
Greeters	8:45 am	Nan Madich /
	11:00 am	Chelsea Rolfzen, Helen Cotton
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Vern Michaelson, Aaron Crawford
	11:00 am	K. Hollander, John Kelly, Rod Johnson, Jeremy Spratt
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Karrie Cable Spratt, Sandra Thornby
	11:00 am	Lynda/Dennis Nordholm
Nursery	8:40 am	Sean Gosiewski
	11:00 am	Kirk Jensen, Megan Libra
Coffee Servers	8:45 am	Kathy Ohler
	11:00 am	Randy/Joy Nelson
Counters	8:45 am	Ron/Margaret Peterson
	11:00 am	John Sulzbach, Cathryn Olson
Closer		Deb Sadt

FINANCIAL REPORT July 27, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$329,365.50
Budget Receipts	11,691.92	302,377.79
World Hunger	389.00	8,116.40
Capital Improvements	--	835.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	100.00	425.00
African AIDS Fund	--	361.01
African Pastors Endowment	--	440.00
Central America Fund	--	255.00