



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

PLANTED FOR GOOD

Almost a year ago, I received in the mail a packet of information about a congregation in Minneapolis looking for a new pastor. On the cover of this congregational profile was a nice drawing of a large oak tree and a city skyline in the background. Below these images were the words:

Arise, O Righteous Oaks, arise, our God has planted you for good,

A living sign of Christ alive and active in this neighborhood.

Over the next several months I learned just how well that profile cover described the identity and mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The people of this church have a solid and long-standing commitment to the urban neighborhood in which we are located. We are called to give witness to God's creative and redeeming works here in this place. And like an oak tree always extending its branches, Holy Trinity continues to grow in its ministries and outreach, while remained rooted in and nourished by the grace of Christ.

Last week, the outreach committee spent some time discussing various ways in which the oak tree is an especially appropriate symbol for Holy Trinity, and they decided to explore new possibilities of incorporating it into our church's publications. For example, our informational brochure could feature an image on its cover. That's where we need your help.

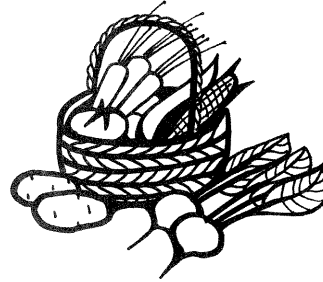
We would like to invite each of you to submit an oak tree logo design. The outreach committee will sponsor a contest to select one of them to possibly be used in congregational materials. There are no cash prizes for the winner, but it could be a fun way to reflect on the mission that God has called us to in our neighborhood. Entries must be received by Monday, September 15, so you will want to get to work on it right away. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

By the way, the drawing on the congregational profile was created by a very talented Holy Trinity member, Dawn Wiczorek. The quoted lines are from the hymn written by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen for Holy Trinity's 100th anniversary. I am looking forward to singing it with all of you again during my installation service on Sunday, September 14.

– Jay Carlson, Pastor

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God tells us to maintain justice and do what is right. The church is a house of prayer for all people. We should extend our mission to all, including those on the margins of society.



LESSONS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

August 17 "Troubled Waters – The Fight for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness" Kevin Proescholdt

The conservation of this wilderness area has been an on-going struggle since 1926 when 10,000 square miles of the Superior National Forest was designated as part of the National Wilderness Protection System. Kevin will trace the conservation history of this area along with present day threats that would damage the area's wilderness character.

August 24 "Buying Locally at the Midtown Market" Laura Wolff

The market began in 2003 and has evolved into a unique place where one can shop for regionally grown and produced products and also celebrate the diversity of our urban and rural communities.

INSTALLATION SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 14

Rev. Jay Carlson will be installed as pastor of Holy Trinity on Sept 14 during both worship services. Bishop Craig Johnson of the Minneapolis Area Synod will preach the sermon and preside at the installation. He will also host a "Conversation with the Bishop" during the adult forum. Please plan to attend this important worship service!

SUMMER INTO HARVEST: CARING FOR WATER

As August mellows into sparkling fall days, we continue our focus on water, looking into ways to help our regional watershed. One simple action to reduce cleanser chemicals in the environment is to make your own spray cleaner. Alice's Wonder Spray: 1 cup white vinegar / 2 tsp. borax / 32 oz. hot water / essential oil (optional) 20 drops / liquid dish soap (add last) 1/4 cup. Mix in a 32 oz. spray bottle. www.doitgreen.org

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

It's that time again! We are planning for the 2008-09 church school year – the fall term begins Sunday, Sept. 7 – and Sunday School teachers are needed. The year is divided into three terms. Please consider volunteering for one or more terms. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office and leave a message for Stephanie Sulzbach.

DEADLINE FOR CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY IS AUGUST 22

All Holy Trinity members are encouraged to complete the Constitutional Change Survey that was mailed in July to each household. Please mail your survey to the church office or leave it in the box in the Community Room so it is received by Friday, August 22. We'd like your opinion!

VOLUNTEER/MINISTRY FAIR

There will be a Volunteer/Ministry Fair on Sept 7 & 14, with information about many volunteer opportunities available at HT. There's something for everyone – there are opportunities for one-time events, occasional volunteer needs, and on-going responsibilities. Check it out!

MINNESOTA MEAL, SUN. SEPT 7, 12:15 PM

Please join us after church on Sunday, Sept. 7 for the Minnesota Meal, a potluck that has become a Holy Trinity tradition. Please bring a dish to share using locally grown ingredients – it promises to be delicious as well as fun (and easy on the environment).

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL SUPPLIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

One way in which Holy Trinity is reaching out into the community is by strengthening the relationship with neighboring Longfellow Community School's children and staff. Having learned that many of the school's children come from families who do not have resources to supply the most essential needs of the children, we might respond by: 1) donating \$25 for a backpack and school supplies for one child, 2) contributing scholarship funds to be used for such items as field trips and classroom supplies, and 3) volunteer in the school -- contact the school's volunteer coordinator at 612-668-4700 or visit the school's website: <http://longfellow.mpls.k12.mn.us/home.html> to learn more about this community school. Donations should be received by August 22nd.

WILDERNESS CANOE BASE invites women to an Autumn Adventure on the Gunflint Trail near Grand Marais, August 28-31. Pastor Jane McBride will lead a dialogue on the theme "Widening the Welcome." For more information call Linda at: 763-569-9804 or <http://www.campwapo.net/wcb/>

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for Susan Barry, recovering from foot surgery; Ron Mack Murphy, scheduled for surgery; Troy Cook as he prepares to leave for Iraq; Vi Ladwig, Karen Fantauzza, Jim Schneiders and Liz Blood as they continue treatment for cancer.

Congratulations to Pastor Jay Carlson who has just purchased a home in the Longfellow neighborhood.

Congratulations to Rick Prescott, Victoria Wilgocki, and big brother Noah, on the birth of Truman Evon Prescott Wilgocki, born August 10.

PARISH EVENTS August 17-23, 2008

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Worship Service
MONDAY	6:00 pm	Executive Committee meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm	Confirmation teachers meeting
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Volunteer Fair planning meeting
SATURDAY	8:00 am	Holy Trinity sponsors Midtown Market

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Ingrid Phillips, Jerry Olson, and in memory of

– **Alma Ostergaard** by Bud/Sylvia Dixen.

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL SUPPLIES/SCHOLARSHIPS by Andrea Hansen, Jay Carlson, Bob Wetzler, Bud/Sylvia Dixen, Randy/Joy Nelson, Wayne Vetter, Kathryn Nevers, Mary/Chris Engen, Dennis Hauck, Dave/Nancy Moe, Marion Englund, Cathryn Olson, Linda Gawthrop

NON-VIOLENT PEACEFORCE by Ron/Margaret Peterson

SPECIAL GIFT in memory of **Christine Olson** by Kathryn Nevers

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 17, 2008

Preacher		Jay Carlson
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg/ 11:00 am Randy Nelson
Crucifer	8:45 am	Brian Lenz / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter
Cantor	11:00 am	Pamela Kildahl
Acolytes	8:45 am	Wyatt Rada / 11:00 am Volunteers needed
Liturgist	8:45 am	Richard Liedholm / 11:00 am Lynda Nordholm
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Kevin Proescholdt, Lyle Steinfeldt
	11:00 am	Wayne Vetter, Kathy Hollander
Greeters	8:45 am	Deb Sotd / 11:00 am David Broberg
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, David Kohlstedt, Chris Engen
	11:00 am	Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, Lee Kampinen, John Kelly
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Carol Berg, Linda Berglin
	11:00 am	Jody Cameron, Pat Lundquist
Nursery	8:40 am	Roxanne Ekstrand
	11:00 am	Nicki Hines, Alex Benson
Coffee Servers	8:45 am	Tom/Kari Kleven
	11:00 am	Gerald Werth
Counters	8:45 am	Chris Engen, Dennis Nordholm
	11:00 am	Brian Lenz, Wayne Vetter
Closer		John Sulzbach

FINANCIAL REPORT August 10, 2008 Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$10,978.85	\$351,323.20
Budget Receipts	7,110.00	322,166.08
World Hunger	30.00	8,341.40
Capital Improvements	--	835.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	5.00	430.00
African AIDS Fund	--	411.01
African Pastors Endowment	20.00	460.00
Central America Fund	--	255.00