



HOLY TRINITY

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THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

## COUNCIL CORNER

Your Council meets each month to pray together, to wonder together, and to discuss ministry matters together. These are open door meetings; we can be found in the church library at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. (Check the church calendar online or refer to the bulletin for any scheduling changes.) If you'd like to see congregational discernment and decision-making in action, please come and observe one of these gatherings.

One of our commitments as a representative body of this congregation is ensuring that we communicate our work to the wider community. To this end, we will begin sharing the highlights of our monthly conversations in the Community Church in what we're calling the "Council Corner." Newsletter space is limited; thus, the reflections offered will be brief. Should you want to learn more about any discussion or action items, the Council minutes are available on the Community Room table, the church website, and the bulletin board by the Bartsch Room.

Additionally, Council members are always willing to hear from you and to share what they're thinking. Current Council members are Jeff Olsen Biebighauser (President), Sara Jensen (Vice President), Laura Bolstad (Secretary), Gerry Berglin (Treasurer), Josh Becker, Anna Brelje, Kari Klevens, Randy Nelson, Drew Lindorfer, Zoe Martinez, Eleni Wolking, Lisa Martens, Kathy Ohler, Alyssa Erickson, Sean Gosiewski, Pastor Jay Carlson, and Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen.

At this month's meeting we spent time reflecting on our work with Kairos and Associates, the consultative partners the Council contracted earlier this year to help us think about the relationship between our facilities and our ministry. We are nearing the end of the Listening Phase, which has included two congregation-wide surveys and over sixty interviews. The reports generated by this work are available in the Library. (I promise they are interesting!) The adult forum on September 14 will be an opportunity to review what we have learned.

These tools have given us a clearer sense of direction. We've heard from you a want and a willingness to move ahead with conversations about building modifications as they relate to our core commitments of accessibility for all people and radical welcome for members and community people alike.

We'd like to hear your reactions to some preliminary building priorities we have identified over the past few years. Please plan to join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 18. We'd like your voice represented at the table as we discern what building changes may contribute to our shared ministry.

Peace,  
Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Pastor

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering,  
Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives  
in losing them. Such sacrificial love is decreed by  
Paul when he urges us to associate with  
the lowly and not repay evil with evil.  
In worship we gather as a community  
that we might offer ourselves for  
the sake of our suffering world.*



LESSONS  
Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

AUGUST 31

NO ADULT FORUM

SEPTEMBER 7 "OPEN CONVERSATION"

Randy Nelson

Adult Forum participants will participate in the celebration of lifelong learning in the sanctuary at 9:45 for an opening of music and prayer followed by an introduction to what will ground our conversations this year: a broad understanding of Lutheranism, discussing the features of our faith that are most important to us now. Opportunity will also be provided to suggest other questions and topics to address during the year ahead.

### END OF SUMMER GATHERING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

We will gather in the Rain Garden to celebrate the end of summer at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 12. There will be ice cream and special music, including Longfellow's bluegrass band, Ivory Bridge. That evening, we will also unveil the latest boiler video, which celebrates the completion of the project.

There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.  
on Sunday, August 31. It will be held outdoors,  
weather permitting.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### TEXT STUDY RESUMES

Pastors Jay and Ingrid look forward to resuming weekly text study. Beginning on **Tuesday**, September 9, we will meet in the library from 11 a.m. - noon and study the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome to join us on **Tuesdays**. (Please note the day and time change.)

### CALLING ALL SINGERS

The first adult choir rehearsals will be Wednesday, September 10. Veteran and new singers are welcome to join in the music-making! All those who plan to sing this year are invited to a meet-and-greet with Cantor David Sims at Pastor Ingrid's house on Tuesday evening, September 9 at 6:30 pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Sign up in the Community Room if you plan to attend.

### CONVERSATION ABOUT BUILDING CHANGES

All are encouraged to join the Church Council at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, as we discuss future building modifications and how they could enhance the ministry of Holy Trinity.

### RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION, PART III

The Outreach Committee is thankful for the continuing conversation about race, difference, faith, and justice. The third session will be held on Tuesday, September 30 from 7-9 p.m. in the library. Please join us, even if you were unable to attend the first and second sessions. We'd like your voice and your experiences represented at the conversation table.

### YOUTH GATHERING 2015

With the theme "Rise Up Together," the ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Detroit next summer, July 15-19. All youth who have completed grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. An informational meeting for youth and parents will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 12:15 in the church library.

### HOLY TRINITY CAMPING TRIP

We're making plans for an intergenerational camping weekend, Sept. 19-21 at Nerstrand Big Woods group camp. All are welcome! Talk to Pastor Jay or Theresa Rian for more information about this event.

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PARISH EVENTS August 31-September 6, 2014		
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion (in the Rain Garden) No Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
<b>Monday</b>		Building closed for Labor Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Sunday School teachers' orientation
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee

Financial Report	August 24	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	462,105.77
Budget Receipts	10,759.13	448,334.66
Boiler Donations	150.00	25,316.50
World Hunger	75.00	11,067.57
ELCA Malaria Campaign	-	1,020.00
Exodus Appeal	20.00	7,758.00
African Pastors Endowment	-	1,060.00
Food Shelf	-	160.00

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 31, 2014	
	10:00 AM
<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Jay Carlson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Oskar Jensen, Emily Davison
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Stella Townsend
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bob Hulteen
<b>Communion</b>	Andrea Hansen, Josh Becker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bev Peschiutta, Nancy Madich
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Peschiutta, Lee Kampinen, Joshua Combs
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Lyle Steinfeldt, Jim Hartsoe
<b>Counters</b>	Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren
<b>Closer</b>	Vicki Mann

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 World Hunger by John/Kay Buzza, Lyle Steinfeldt  
 Music Fund by Jim/Carolyn Bjelland  
 Youth Fund by Bruce Johnson/Chris Amundson  
 Boiler Fund by Carol/John Kelly  
 Special Gifts by Susan/Mike Wootten, Bob/Helen Norheim  
 Exodus Lending by Roberta Shaw

Boiler Fund in memory of Rev. Paul Tidemann by John/Carol Kelly