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MARCHING FOR CREATION

Along with over 310,000 people, I attended the People's Climate March in New York City on Sunday September 21. Minnesotans arrived via planes, trains, automobiles, a van, and six overflowing buses, thanks to groups like MN350, MNIPL (Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light), Citizen's Climate Lobby, Lutheran Churches, and Seward School.

The day of the march was humid but blissfully overcast, as heat was predicted. In the early morning, we prepared for the historical march by carrying beautifully prepared artwork and puppets onto pre-assigned blocks on Central Park West. As the morning progressed, hundreds of thousands joined in. Police were everywhere, and helicopters buzzed overhead, but everything I saw and heard reported was non-violent.

On my block, caribou, butterflies, banners, and the black carbon ghostly mask representing tar sands oil rose to life as activists arrived. For 35 blocks, other colorful displays were appearing.

By late morning, crowds of young and old were in place, and joy at the solidarity and turnout overflowed into chants. We waited, standing in place for 4-1/2 hours. Our voices were strongest when many activists against oil extraction—tar sands and fracking—combined chants.

The front of the march began at 11:30. The moment of silence at noon for those who have already experienced the impacts of climate change was breathtaking. So many packed side streets funneled into the main flow that 80th Street, where the tar sands "bloc" stood, did not begin to move until 3:30 p.m. Feet sore, vocal cords aching, we cheered as we finally moved into history. In street theater, resistance could defeat the tar sands monster, allowing the butterflies to again fly freely. We marched past my former NYC congregation (also called Holy Trinity Lutheran), Fox News studios, and Times Square. We exceeded the march permit time, the physical limits of our voices and stamina, as well as all estimates of our numbers.

Among scientists, the debate about whether climate change exists is over. For each month of the past 28 years we have exceeded the average temperature record for that month. We are stealing our children's future, and the 50,000 youth who attended the march are painfully aware of this dilemma. Although we don't know exactly how soon we must take huge reductions in carbon emissions, we all must cut our carbon fuel use (coal, oil, and natural gas) as quickly as possible now, in our lifetime.

The Creation Care Team is initiating climate conversations within the congregation. What do you value most? How will you feel when that is impacted by climate change? What steps do you think we should take within the congregation? Maybe it's time to talk about it with one another.

— Kathy Hollander, Holy Trinity member

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.



LESSONS

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

OCTOBER 5 "LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS—ITS WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY"

Lutheran Volunteer Corps members will share reflections on what it means to be an LVC volunteer and on their experiences in their community placements.

OCTOBER 12 "NEW MEMBER WELCOME"

Please join us as we welcome new members into this community of faith. New members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves, and treats will be served. Come and celebrate the Holy Spirit's work in this community!

COUNCIL CORNER

The Holy Trinity Church Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 22. Members reviewed the September 14 Adult Forum about the Kairos study and the September 18 discussion about building priorities. We appreciated the thoughts and ideas shared at both. Council then approved the formation of a building task force to explore next steps regarding the relocation of the offices to the first floor. The Executive Committee will identify members for this group.

The Council is also continuing its work to revise and update committee bylaws and hopes to finalize this work by the October meeting. One proposed change will be the creation of a Children and Family Ministry Committee. All bylaw changes will be on the agenda for approval at the annual meeting in January.

EBOLA OUTBREAK RESPONSE

The tragic outbreak of Ebola in West Africa is now the largest such outbreak in human history. Please consider supporting the ELCA's efforts in delivering medical supplies to the Lutheran Church of Liberia's Phebe Hospital. The needs are great—and so is the opportunity to make a difference for all God's people. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity with "Ebola Response" in the memo line.

PARISH INFORMATION

ALL SAINTS' SERVICE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On Saturday, November 1, we will gather in the Bartsch Room at 4:00 p.m. to remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. This service will attend to the full range of emotions that accompany the loss of beloved friends and family members. Please join us as we grieve together, sing together, pray together, and celebrate love together. Worshipers are invited to bring a picture of their loved one(s); these saints will surround us in worship.

KINSHIP DINNERS

Kinship Dinners will be held on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. Sign up to be welcomed into a member's home, served a marvelous meal, and invited into good conversation. This is a fun way to connect more deeply with other Holy Trinity members and friends. Sign up before October 19.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND RUNNERS

There will be a special service on Saturday, October 4, for a blessing of the animals and runners of the Twin Cities Marathon. The service begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Rain Garden.

PARTNER PARISH

Are you interested in Holy Trinity developing a partner parish relationship with a congregation in either Nicaragua or El Salvador? What could we learn from such a partnership? What could such a relationship mean for our teens and adults who visit there? How could this inform our vision for mission in God's world? Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:00p.m., for an exploratory conversation with Elizabeth Moreira, Director of Project Minnesota/León and Deborah Allan, leader in First UU's Youth Cultural Exchange that has had over a decade of relationship-building in León, Nicaragua. Sponsored by Holy Trinity's Peace With Justice Committee.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

NEEDED: Adults and Youth to work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" Friday, Oct 24, 6:00-9:00p.m., and (generally) the 4th Friday of each month at church. It's called PARENTS' NIGHT OUT. It's a blast! Great chance to build connections with those cute kids that you see on Sunday mornings. Great gift in support of their parents! Sign up in the Community Room as you are available. Or call Meghan at 612-729-8358.

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PARISH EVENTS October 5-11, 2014

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation 9:45 Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Sunday Musings at Mosaic
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	10:00 am	Worship/Fine Arts
	7:00 pm	Peace w/Justice
Tuesday	11:00 am	Text Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00-7:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday-Saturday		Adult Retreat at Villa Maria

Financial Report	September 22	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	530,062.50
Budget Receipts	5,569.68	497,026.12
Boiler Donations	150.00	25,316.50
World Hunger		11,098.57
Disaster Relief		50.00
Exodus Appeal		7,758.00
African Pastor's Endowment		1,260.00

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 5, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Broberg	Presiding Minister	Rob Englund
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Ethan Townsend, Kristen Townsend
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Linda Jury
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen
Lisa Martens, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Scott/Stephanie Cole
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Kristen Townsend
Chris Engen, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Alan Libra, Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, George Madich
Jeff Weiss/Gretchen Lund	Coffee Servers	Peter/Amy Johnson
Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Vicki Mann, Mary Ellen Olson
	Closer	Vicki Mann

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