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

## LIGHT ONE ADVENT CANDLE

Lighting the Advent wreath at home is the strongest of all my childhood memories of Advent. More than blue paraments, Christmas programs, or baking cookies, I remember the four candles that would get brought up from the basement storage and placed on the kitchen table this time of year. Each night after dinner, for four weeks, my brothers and I took turns lighting the appropriate number of candles, before another of us would read the day's devotion.

Our Holy Trinity devotional booklet has been printed and assembled now, which will hopefully serve as a helpful resource for your own personal prayer time. If you have children at home, consider using the devotion below sometime during the first week. Such ritual and prayer together at home is an important part of faith formation and creating good memories as a family. The time together does not need to be perfect. I can speak from my own experience with a three-year-old and a one-year-old at home that family prayer time is usually interrupted by little surprises. The important thing, though, is being with each other and with God just as you are.

There are many opportunities at church to make this a prayerful Advent, too. See the schedule for Advent and Christmas in this newsletter. Throughout the season, four candles will stand in our worship space as a sign of our shared intention to keep watch for the coming of Christ.

—Pastor Jay Carlson

*Advent, Week One*—Read Luke 1: 26-35

1. Questions: What are your favorite words in the reading—circle or highlight them and share them outloud.
2. How is Mary feeling? Do you think she is surprised?
3. How would you feel if you saw an angel?
4. What do you think angels look like?
5. What did the angel say Jesus would be like?
6. What did the angel say Mary was like?
7. Do you think God picked Mary purposely?

Prayer: Ask each member of your family what their prayer needs are. Appoint one person to pray, or take turns praying for each other.

## BUILDING PROJECT WORKING GROUP UPDATE

As the Building Project Working Group begins the process of investigating architectural firms interested in and capable of doing the work proposed, we have regularly heard that the success of the project depends a great deal on choosing an architectural firm that is a "good fit" for the congregation and the project. What makes a firm a "good fit" involves a number of factors, some of which are not easily definable but relate to the climate of trust and the working relationship developed between a firm and congregation.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Stir up your power; and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*



### LESSONS

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

### NOVEMBER 30

#### "ADVENT HYMN SING"

Ann Schrooten and David Sims

Exploring the truth about God as we come together in the sanctuary to sing Advent Hymns.

### DECEMBER 7

#### "INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT"

Jay Carlson, Ann Schrooten, Stephanie Sulzbach

The adult forum will join Sunday School and Confirmation students this week to celebrate the Advent season together. Everyone is invited to come to the Bartsch Room during the education hour for music and learning and some preparation for the program that will be held in worship on the 21st. This is a great opportunity for adults to get to know some of the Holy Trinity young people and vice-versa!

There are, at the same time however, some criteria that can be identified and which can be used in deciding what to look for in this search. Such factors include: reputation of the firm within the architectural community, previous work with local churches and references available from such work, previous work on projects similar to the work we envision, clarity in understanding what the congregation hopes to accomplish, and willingness and ability to work within the congregation's time line and resources.

We have also received counsel that indicates the importance of avoiding potential conflicts of interest that can emerge from such projects and which might complicate the work of pastoral care.

Accordingly, the above criteria will be employed when identifying architectural firms to invite for an initial walk through of the building and to develop proposals for our consideration.

The Building Project Working Group invites your prayers as we move into this stage of the process.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

#### Sundays, November 30, December 7

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17

Labyrinth Open from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Caterpillar Room  
Soup Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room  
Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

#### Sunday, December 14

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Sunday, December 21

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Worship led by Holy Trinity Children and Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals the week of Dec. 8-12. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days of that week. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square delivery area, 35th Ave. and 50th St., at 11:10 a.m. Delivery takes about 1 hour. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen.

### OUTREACH CONVERSATION

Please join the Outreach Committee for its annual meeting, where we review the past year, set goals for the upcoming year, and talk budget. If you've been involved (or would like to be involved) in Fare for All, Music in the Garden, Racial Justice Work, Broadway High School, Midtown Farmers' Market, Theatre Circle, or Longfellow Corn Feed, we'd especially appreciate your voice at the table Monday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m.

### JULBORD TICKETS

Get your tickets now for Holy Trinity's Julbord. The event is Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2-6 p.m. The cost is \$18 and can be purchased in the church office or Sundays in the Community Room. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

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### PARISH EVENTS November 30-December 6, 2014

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10:00 am	Worship/Fine Arts
	7:00 pm	Peace w/Justice, Outreach meetings
Tuesday	11:00 am	Text Study
Wednesday	5 - 8 pm	Labyrinth
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:00-7:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service
Saturday	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
	2-6 pm	Julbord

African Pastors' Fund by Karen Batdorf; Food Shelf by Karen Batdorf  
World Hunger by Bob/Helen Norheim and in memory of father, Harold, by Lyle Steinfeldt  
Exodus Lending by Alyssa Erickson/Kwame Owusu-Acheampong, Thrivent Choice Dollars

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 30, 2014

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Soren Kung	Acolytes Linnea Krig, Oskar Jensen
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister Sharon Englund
Troy Davison	Crucifer David Krig
Bruce Johnson, Mary Engen	Communion Lynda/Dennis Nordholm
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild Cory Bryan, Rosemary Foley
Bob Peschiutta, Neil Anderson, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers Lee Kampinen, Mark Hiner, Bob/Helen Norheim,
Nancy/Joel Wiberg	Coffee Servers Kathy Ohler
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters Vicki Mann, Bruce Johnson
	Closer Rod Johnson

Financial Report	November 23	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,591.35	638,793.27
Budget receipts	12,964.26	593,168.54
African Pastor's Endowment	50.00	1,660.00
Exodus Appeal	464.00	8,777.00
World Hunger	75.00	11,735.57
Food Shelf	40.00	200.00