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

AN UPDATE ON EXODUS LENDING

For nearly four years, Holy Trinity has been leading the development of Exodus Lending, a payday loan refinancing option for borrowers in financial crisis. On April 2, Exodus Lending opened for business. Standing outside of the payday lending storefront on Lake & Minnehaha, we invited our neighbors to bring their payday debt to us – we'd buy their loans from their lenders and refinance them at no interest. They could then pay their loans back to us with dignity, supported by volunteer coaches, LSS financial counselors and incentivized savings.

Since that April launch date, Exodus Lending has refinanced \$4,800 of payday loan debt for seven clients. Without this refinancing, those seven borrowers were on track to pay more than \$19,000 in fees and interest over the next 12 months. This past Friday was the first payment due date for Exodus' earliest borrowers, and I'm pleased and proud to share that all payments came in on time and in full! Borrowers have connected with both their volunteer coaches and with LSS financial counselors and report that they're excited to have these meetings and excited to have a plan and to feel hopeful about their financial future.

Exodus Lending is also excited to share they have been awarded the 2015 Financial Advocacy Award from Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. It's been a big month and Exodus Lending's leadership wants to thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. To stay up to date on Exodus Lending's development, visit www.exoduslending.org and sign up for email updates.

—Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Parish Organizing Leader

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND—PENTECOST

This Sunday, May 24, is the Day of Pentecost. There will be only one worship service that day, beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will be celebrating our congregation's commitment to renewable energy and wrapping up our Windsource campaign. Please plan to join us!

TACO TOUR JUNE 27

Join Holy Trinity members of all ages for the 2nd Annual Taco Tour on Lake Street, Saturday, June 27, 11:30-2:30! Discover the spicy flavors of the Latino food district on Lake Street by touring 9 authentic restaurants offering their own taco specialty. We'll bike from stop to stop. (There is a shuttle for those who don't wish to bike.) Sign up in the Community Room to secure your free ticket.

FAMILY CAMP AT OX LAKE

All are welcome to participate in our summer intergenerational camping trip at Ox Lake Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, Wisconsin. The weekend is July 31-August 2. Four meals are included along with programming led by the staff and an afternoon activity using the on-site ropes course. The cost is \$80/person, and children under 3 are free. Family maximum is \$325. Sign up in the Community Room or talk to Pastor Jay for more information.

DAY OF PENTECOST

On the 50th day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. The Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.



READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

MAY 24

Memorial Day Weekend—No Adult Forum

MAY 31

"Discipleship/To Love God Is to Love What God Loves"
Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

Before he died last year, Dr. Marcus Borg, the presenter at our first Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society in 2010, wrote a book called *Convictions* with the subtitle "How I Learned What Matters Most." During Adult Forums in May we will have opportunities to reflect on what matters most to us with stimulation provided by comments from Borg on what mattered most to him.

"MENTAL HEALTH CONNECT" NEW MINISTRY OPEN TO ALL

Nationally, one in four adults experiences mental illness in a given year. Recognizing the prevalence, Bethlehem Lutheran (4100 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis) has launched a new ministry focused on addressing the barriers people face when accessing mental health services. Kristina Swanberg has been hired as a Mental Health Navigator. She assists individuals and families with finding mental health services and resources. Kristina can be reached by phone (612-312-3377) or email (kswanberg@bethlehem-church.org).

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will celebrate high school graduates in our congregation and pray for God's continued blessing for them on Sunday, May 31, at the 11:00 service. During the service we will also present new Bibles to this year's 6th graders who will begin confirmation in the fall. Join us in celebrating these significant milestones in the lives of Holy Trinity members.

PARISH INFORMATION

ENCORE! EVENT: DELIGHTFUL BIRDING

Join Keith Olstad for a few hours of early morning birding on Wednesday, June 3, at Wood Lake Nature Center, Richfield, and Friday, June 12, at the Old Cedar Ave. Bridge parking lot in Bloomington. To carpool, meet at Holy Trinity in time for a 7:10 a.m. departure, OR drive/bike directly to the site by 7:30 a.m. We'll finish at 10:00 a.m. No previous experience necessary; bring binoculars and/or field guides. Contact Keith for directions or concerns about weather.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Our next scheduled week for delivering Meals on Wheels will be May 26-29. We do not deliver on Memorial Day. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-4 days that week. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square delivery area (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.) at 11:10 a.m.

"BROWN BAG" LUNCH

Following up on David Brooks' recent appearance at the Westminster Town Hall forum, the next "brown bag" discussion will take place at noon on Thursday, June 4, using three of his recent op ed articles to explore some of what he has written about in his book *The Road to Character* and discussed at the Forum. Sign up in the Community Room, where copies of the articles are available.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S ART CAMP

Children age 5-9 are invited to participate in this summer's camp. Reflecting on Psalm 1 and the theme "Like a Tree," we will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 8-11. Join us for singing, dance, art projects, stories, and fun! Registration forms are available online and in the Community Room. There will also be a day camp for all ages (adults and accompanied children) on Saturday, June 12, during which we will serve God's creation by planting trees. Please sign up for either or both of these opportunities by June 1.

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PARISH EVENTS May 24-30, 2015

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Worship Service
Monday		Office closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
	11:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop

Gifts to Broadway School by Liz Blood; Disaster Relief/Nepal by Joel/Nancy Wiberg, Judy/Troy Davison

BOOK STUDY WITH ELENI WOLKING AND PASTOR INGRID

Join Eleni Wolking and Pastor Ingrid on Tuesdays, June 23 and 30, 7-8:30 p.m., to discuss Walter Brueggemann's book, *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*. Participants are asked to acquire their own book. Sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 24, 2015

	10:00 AM
Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Acolytes	Ethan Townsend, Kristen Townsend
Assisting Minister	Bob Hulteen
Communion	Lynda/Dennis Nordholm
Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend and family
Ushers	J. Olsen Biebighauser, Bev/Bob Peschiutta
Coffee Servers	Jane/Bob Aldrich
Counters	Deb Helmel, John Kelly
Closer	Dennis Nordholm

	May 17	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget requirement	13,982.69	279,653.85
Budget receipts	18,784.28	292,604.08
Broadway School	20.00	1,419.00
Disaster Relief	140.00	960.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	1,951.00