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ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Powerful, hopeful, logical, comprehensive, timely, and well-researched, Pope Francis' Encyclical was lightning-bolt reading for me. The Pope joins many leaders, such as Lutheran theologian Larry Rasmussen, in raising themes of the common good, rights of future generations (of all creatures), and cultural importance. He also links climate change to our moral responsibility to the poor and challenges our thinking on our for-profit maximization and economic growth systems.

The Encyclical is addressed to "all people of good will" and is divided into six chapters: 1) What is happening to our home? 2) The Gospel of Creation; 3) The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis; 4) Integral Ecology; 5) Lines of Approach and Action; and 6) Ecological Education and Spirituality. He makes the case for the urgency of climate change and the dire situation we are in despite our human tendency to look away. He calls us at all societal levels to clearly see the impact of our throwaway, marketing-driven lifestyle and change our ways.

Climate and earth's resources—especially water—are to be shared by every precious God-created creature, and we, in the first world, have consumed and polluted more than our share. Species and biodiversity are in peril, while the quality of our life, at one with our environment, degrades. Millions are left without basic human needs like meaningful work, shelter, clean water, and nourishing food. The Pope does not mince words: "A minority believes that it has the right to consume in such a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption."

The Pope's Encyclical says the creation story suggests human life is grounded in three relationships: with God, with our neighbor, and with Earth itself. Sin ruptured these relationships and changed the mandate to tilling and keeping the earth, a gift from God, just as all the people and creatures of the earth are gifts of God to be universally shared. "None are superfluous," he writes.

For all of its amazing accomplishments, technoscience has given humans tremendous power of mastery and transformation without the corresponding leap in "human responsibility, values, and conscience." Unlimited growth has met a finite supply of materials, has polluted almost beyond repair, and has outpaced renewability. Like Rasmussen, the Pope and others note, "[Human] sets himself [or herself] up in place of God" as the Earth and the poor are increasingly harmed. Politics and regulatory agencies have failed to address the issue.

So where are the hopeful signs? The Pope rests his faith on ordinary people and on the power of love, and he calls upon us to be engaged at all levels of power (local, state, and nation politics, and international forums) and to rethink our ecologically unsustainable lifestyles.

There is so much in this Encyclical (found at papalencyclicals.net) that we will post a summary and index on the Holy Trinity website.

—Kathy Hollander, member of the Peace with Justice Committee

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.



READINGS

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

JULY 5 "On Being the Church"

Recent events—the terrorist attack at an AME congregation in Charleston, SC and the resignation of Archbishop John Nienstedt in St. Paul—have made the church front page news. At the same time, the latest report from the Pew Research Center documents that "the Christian share of the U.S. population is declining." Meanwhile, countless congregational members gather regularly to give expression to their faith and to seek justice in their communities. Come and join the conversation on what it means to be the church today.

JULY 12 "Advent in July"

The worship staff and Worship and Fine Arts Committee at Holy Trinity are thinking ahead to Advent, which this year begins on Sunday, November 29. They hope to incorporate the congregation into the planning process, which is why they invite y'all to join them on Sundays, July 12 and 26, to discuss the season's texts and to imagine visual, musical, and liturgical elements that might bring them to life. No prior worship planning experience necessary!

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS — TUESDAY, JULY 28

Cost is \$25 (\$10 for middle- or high-school students). Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office by July 7. If you are interested in joining the choir to sing the National Anthem, please indicate on the sign-up sheet. Those wishing to ride the light rail to the stadium should plan to meet at Holy Trinity at 5:30 p.m. For further information, contact Pam Kildahl or Pastor Ingrid.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of July 20-24. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals and may sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen. Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square, 35th Ave. S. and 50th St., at the delivery area. Delivery time will take about an hour.

PARISH INFORMATION

DESIGN TEAM UPDATE

The Building Design Team hosted the Adult Forum on June 28. Deb Sodt, Design Team Chair, gave an update on the (very) preliminary design work being done on the church's east entrance and walked participants through the building, pointing out what the Design Team has learned thus far (e.g., accessibility, ADA requirements, waterproofing, ventilation, sloping, fire walls, traffic patterns). If you were unable to be at the Adult Forum, the Design Team invites you to join them for a make-up information session and tour at 7:00 p.m. on July 8. We will meet in the Caterpillar Room near the east entrance.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM STEPHANIE SULZBACH

The June 14 issue of the *Community Church* contained an article by Pastor Jay entitled "How Big is Your Family?" I certainly got an answer to that question that Sunday! It has been two weeks since that wonderful day and I am still both amazed and humbled by your words of appreciation and gratitude, the lovely lunch in the garden, the music provided by the Capman family and "my kids," and the beautiful gifts. The blue pottery bowl has a (continued)

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prominent place on the dining room table, the basket from Ghana holds all the lovely cards given to me by many of you and the prayer shawl is draped over the back of the sofa waiting for that first crisp fall evening. And that cameo appearance by *The Cat in the Hat*—WELL! What an honor!

It has been my great privilege and delight to work with the children of Holy Trinity these past nine years in my capacity as Church School Coordinator. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful and dedicated teachers with whom I have worked. It is their belief in the importance of this work that has enabled Holy Trinity's Christian education program to thrive and grow. Parents, thank you for so generously sharing your children with me—what a gift they are to all of us! Pastors Jay and Ingrid and, indeed, the entire staff at Holy Trinity—thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me. It has been most deeply appreciated. I shall miss being a part of this talented and caring group of people. The good news is that John and I will still be members of this Holy Trinity family and, for that, we say, "Thanks be to God!"

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PARISH EVENTS July 5-11, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings at Le Town Talk
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Christian Education Committee
	7:00 pm	Peace w/Justice Committee
Tuesday	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	7:00 pm	"Can the Earth Survive Endless War?"
Wednesday	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
	7:00 pm	Design Team Information Session

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

The next Music in the Garden will be July 12 from 12-1 p.m. in the Rain Garden. A light lunch will be provided; suggested donation is \$5.

SUMMER CHOIR-SUNDAY, JULY 12

All are welcome to sing in the choir on July 12 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JULY 5, 2015

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Acolytes	
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister Scott Cole
Mary/Chris Engen	Communion Cori Gershon
Bev Peschiutta, Shelley Grimes	Altar Guild Cori Gershon
Bev/Bob Peschiutta	Ushers Deb Sodt, Donna Scott
Julie/Tom Cahoy	Coffee Servers Myrna/Dodd Lamberton
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Counters Pamela Kildahl
Closer	Deb Sodt

Financial Report	June 28	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	363,550.00
Budget receipts	12,427.28	352,965.53
Broadway School	-	1,659.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	3,572.84
World Hunger		1,985.00
Disaster Relief		1,305.00