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

KEEP COMING BACK TO THE TABLE

Worship at St. Lydia's in Brooklyn, New York, takes place around a meal. The founding pastor of this dinner church, Rev. Emily Scott, spoke to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit's Ford Field stadium last week. Emily said that the congregation of St. Lydia's has been engaging questions of justice making, asking questions about how to bridge the various gaps that divide our communities from one another. In her neighborhood in New York City, race, class and economic differences create gulfs between neighbors. As you can read in the excerpt from her speech below, she is passionate about finding ways that the church help reconnect neighborhoods, creating justice and strength.

All my life, I think I've been asking one question: Why aren't we all around one table? Why is the world broken into pieces the way it is, with a few on the inside and the rest on the outside looking in?

A few years ago, I felt this nudge to start a church, and maybe it's no surprise but that church, St. Lydia's, is all about tables. Every week we bless a loaf of bread and break it and share it. And then we sit down to this big, beautiful meal that we've made together. We call it "dinner church."

We're finding that sitting around that table isn't always so comfortable. Sometimes you're seated next to someone who seems so different from you that you don't even know how to start a conversation.

But there's something that happens at the table, in that moment when the bread cracks and breaks, and we catch a glimpse of the face of Jesus in someone we assumed all along was a stranger. In that moment, heaven and earth overlap, and God builds a bridge between the world as it is and the world as it should be.

You're going to have these moments in life—in fact, I know that you've already had them—when you come face to face with a problem you can't solve, when you see that just as the bread is broken, the world is broken, too. The easiest thing would be to look away, to say, "Well, the world works fine for me." But standing at God's table, it's hard to keep your eyes closed... Seeing all this, it will break your heart. It will break your heart. It will break your faith and make it impossible to go back to life as usual. Maybe that's not such a bad thing...

We are not all around one table. There are problems in front of me that are too big for me to solve, at least on my own. The only thing that I've been able to figure out is just to refuse to look away. And that practice of looking, of seeing, is showing me what it is that I need to do, how our church needs to act to create change. And I'm starting to catch these glimpses of God's world breaking into ours...

Every week I come back to those tables at St. Lydia's, and the bread cracks and breaks. And just as my eyes have been opened to the truth of our brokenness, they are opening to God's promise of liberation. Though the world may tell us otherwise, every one of us—every one of us—belongs to God, and that change and justice will not emerge from a series of good deeds strung together from one side of the block to the other by God turning the whole world upside-down so that the powerful are brought low and the powerless rise up. How that happens I'm not exactly sure, but I am going to work until the day I see it.

Keep coming back to the table. It's not a comfortable place, but it's holy. That question that God's placed on your heart—keep asking it. Don't keep your eyes closed. Let God reveal the world as it really is: broken and brimming with possibility. Come with your hands held open, reaching out for God's world as it breaks into ours and heaven and earth overlap.

—Learn more about St. Lydia's Dinner Church at stlydias.org

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.



READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

AUGUST 2 "Promoting Positive Race and Ethnic Relations in a Multicultural Setting"

Richard Andersen, Lutheran Social Service

The leadership and staff of Lutheran Social Service (LSS) recognize that race does matter and that living in a racialized society has implications on multiple levels: individual, cultural, institutional, church, and society. This adult education opportunity explores what we understand about race and what we may need to know to create a fully inclusive multicultural organization. We will explore what it has meant for LSS to take the stand to be an anti-racism organization and how that has affected staff, clients, and supporters.

AUGUST 9 "Report on ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit"

Holy Trinity Youth Gathering Participants

Twelve youth and four adults attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit in July. Come hear from the youth themselves about their learning and service work during this trip and how their perceptions of the City of Detroit were changed.

OPEN STREETS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

Lake Street will be closed to cars for Open Streets Sunday, August 2. Plan to walk or bike to church, or find alternative routes that morning.

CALLING ALL PRODUCE!

Attention all gardeners: The Nurturing Committee invites you to bring your extra fruits and vegetables to a table in the Community Room each Sunday where others can take it and leave a small donation. The money we collect will support ELCA World Hunger. This sharing of Minnesota grown foods is in anticipation of our annual Minnesota Meal, which will be held on Saturday, October 3.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council approved the disbursement of \$10,000 of the previously allocated \$20,000 to Exodus Lending. The remaining amount will be given upon approval of 501(c)(3) tax status.

Holy Trinity received a contract revision from Miller Dunwiddie Architects, as our original request did not include exterior or bathroom work. The proposal to update the design drawings was \$4,000, which members of the Design Team believe is reasonable. Council approved the additional services contract with Miller Dunwiddie.

PARISH INFORMATION

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM RETIRED AFRICAN PASTORS

We wish to express our gratitude for the continued support of our basic needs since 1988, when you expressed your intention to help. For the years 2013 and 2014, the funds [you sent] were distributed to 15 retired pastors and 17 widows of retired pastors. We owe much to you and before God for the offer that you extended to us. Sincerely, Retired Pastors and Widows of Retired Pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania/NW Diocese, Bukoba

ANY DREAM WILL (STILL) DO

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Musical Camp is still ON the for the week of August 3-6 but our schedule has been revised slightly due to a smaller-than-anticipated cast. We will meet from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. for a workshop week learning about the life and story of Joseph, as well as singing and moving to this timeless music. Children in grades 2 and up are welcome to join in. Please email Ann Schrooten to sign up!

SUMMER CHOIR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

All are welcome to sing in the choir on August 23 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

HYMN FESTIVAL AUGUST 10, 7:30 P.M.

Augsburg Fortress is hosting a hymn festival at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2015, at Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota, that is free and open to the public. "Let the Whole Creation Cry: A Hymn Festival" includes hymn introductions and accompaniments, readings, reflections, and prayers prepared by John Ferguson, organist. Congregational hymns and choral anthems will be led by Anton Armstrong, professor of music at St. Olaf College. For more information and to register, visit AugsburgMusic.org/music-clinics.

PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7 PM

Holy Trinity, St. James A.M.E. Church, and the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation will lead a prayer vigil at Holy Trinity to remember those killed at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. in Charleston. Please plan to join us for worship.

BACKYARD BBQ FOR 20s, 30s, and 40s

Allison Johnson will be hosting a backyard BBQ on the evening of August 28 at her new home on Milwaukee Avenue. Sign up in the Community Room or email Allison.

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PARISH EVENTS August 2-8, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	11 am-5 pm	Open Streets
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-1 pm	"Joseph" workshop
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Christian Education
	7:00 pm	Peace w/Justice
	9 am-1 pm	"Joseph" workshop
Wednesday	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	9 am-1 pm	"Joseph" workshop
Thursday	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
	9 am-1 pm	"Joseph" workshop

Special gift in memory of John Pittelkow by Jim/Carolyn Bjelland
World Hunger by Vi/Vern Michaelson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 2, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Josh Becker	Crucifer	
Grayson Wiczorek	Acolytes	
Assisting Minister		
Anne Beschnett, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Cori Gershon
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Bob Norheim, Joshua Combs
Roberta Shaw	Coffee Servers	
Pam Blomgren	Counters	
Closer		

Whenever there is a blank spot in the volunteer schedule that you are able to fill, please call the church office.