



HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

OPENING DOORS

With a strong vote of support at Sunday's meeting, we have officially launched the "Opening Doors" campaign to remodel the east entrance of the church building. The Holy Trinity Design Team worked with our architect and contractor to create a renovation plan that will significantly improve our building's accessibility, hospitality, and safety, with a project cost of \$850,000. The Council is also excited to move forward with this project.

The renovation plan includes:

- A partially covered walkway designed to draw people from 31st Street and the parking lot
- Replacing the heavy wood door with an automatic door and additional glass
- Moving the offices to the first floor near the east entrance
- Additional meeting spaces on the first floor
- Improvements to the emergency exit stairs from the Bartsch Room
- Adjusting the grade of the entryway, both inside and outside the door
- Replacing the new office windows with clear glass
- Additional bicycle parking
- Additional exterior lighting, signage, and benches

We have made a few changes since our first set of drawings that many of you viewed in the Community Room. In order to keep the project cost below the maximum set by the Church Council, we have decided to forego the all-gender, accessible bathrooms. The restrooms we currently have on the first floor will remain unchanged, and we trust this congregation will make bathroom modifications in the future, as funds become available. Also, we will need to keep six inches of slope inside the building. This will be done gracefully in the lobby and will be completed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessibility continues to be a primary consideration for this renovation.

We know that whenever Holy Trinity takes on a big project, it depends on all of us taking part. That's why we are inviting every member of Holy Trinity to sign up for a brief small group meeting on one of the next few Sundays or Wednesdays. You may sign up for one in the Community Room or by calling the church office. We are excited to announce that 45 Holy Trinity households have already given us a terrific start to our campaign by pledging a total of \$538,000. Still, our goal is 100% participation by the congregation and to reach the total project cost of \$850,000. Please sign up for a small group conversation and consider making a pledge that is meaningful to you. With each Holy Trinity member's generous participation, we will have a successful campaign and will be able to open a new door to ministry that is much more welcoming to all people, without exception.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the Community Room.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.



READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

NOVEMBER 29 "Hope upon the Birth of a New Baby"

Join Holy Trinity members Heather Mitchell and Bryan Kuzel, newly-minted parents of Josef, as they explore what hope means in light of the birth of their first child.

DECEMBER 6 "Hope in Reentry"

Join Mark Groves, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Volunteers of America, as he shares what hope looks like for men reentering society after time spent in prison. Mark works closely with the reentry facility on Lake Street (located across the Holy Trinity parking lot) that houses more than 50 adult men serving the last six months of their sentences.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

On Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, we will be having soup suppers from 5:30-6:45 p.m. followed by a Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. **If you would like to help make soup or clean up, please sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.**

SHARE YOUR PRAYERS DURING ADVENT

During the Sundays of Advent this year (November 29-December 20), we would like to invite you all to share your own special prayers of intercession. We realize that not everyone is comfortable praying out loud during worship, so there will be cards available at the rear of the worship space so that you can write a petition to be read by a pastor. Take some time each week to consider a prayer you would like to offer on behalf of yourself, a loved one, a situation, or any part of God's creation. We especially encourage you to write a prayer together with friends or with family members in your home. It is a gift to share this holy season together, trusting that God has come near to us and hears all our prayers.

PARISH INFORMATION

MEN'S CHOIR

Men of Holy Trinity (guests welcome, too) are invited to join a men's choir to sing for occasional worship services. Our first opportunity will be the first Advent Evening Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 2. The group will meet in the Bartsch Room and rehearse from 6:15-7:00 p.m. Our Cantor David will guide the group. Please come and enjoy making joyful music together.

PRAYER OF EXAMEN, MONDAYS, NOV. 30, DEC. 7 AND 14

The Prayer of Examen is a spiritual exercise typically credited to St. Ignatius of Loyola [1491-1556]. At the heart of the practice is increasingly becoming aware of God's presence and the Holy Spirit's movement throughout your day. If you were able to attend the fall retreat at Villa Maria and want to continue your practice, join us. Those unfamiliar with the practice are welcome, too! We'll meet in the Bartsch Room from 12:00-12:40 p.m.

BLACK NATIVITY AT PENUMBRA THEATRE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Join Pastor Ingrid and other members for Penumbra Theatre's Black Nativity on Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32; scholarships are available. Sign up in the Community Room and pay the church office by November 29.

GATHER AT THE RIVER: A GATHERING OF COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT OF ECOFAITH

Tuesday, December 1, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, 2522 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis. Come learn about environmental justice through the lens of water stewardship, and participate in worship among the water, grasses, and gardens at the MWMO. We'll start by touring the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization's beautiful facility, seeing ways that a physical place can steward and care for the water. Following the tour, we'll gather at the river bank for a water-centered liturgy of song, prayer, and a reflection from Bishop Ann Svennungsen. For more information, contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.

WALK FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Join a global day of action to walk for Climate Justice as world leaders and thousands of activists meet in Paris, Saturday, November 28, 4-6 p.m. Meet at First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Ave., for hot cider and instructions. March to Spoonbridge and Cherry, and Loring Park singing Climate Change carols. Dress warmly and bring a light. Contact Kathy Hollander for more information.

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PARISH EVENTS November 29-December 5, 2015

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
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All
	5 - 8 pm	Labyrinth in the Gym
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:00 pm	Youth Committee Meets
	7:00 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	7:00 pm	Encore! at Augsburg Vespers

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 29, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Emily Davison, Molly Davison	
Andy R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf	
Rick Liedholm, Lisa Martens	Communion	Mark Hiner, Sara Jensen	
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow	
Bob Peschiutta, Sally/David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Mark Hiner, Kathy Ohler, Riley Conway	
Nancy Madich	Coffee Servers	Judi/Lee Kampinen	
Pam Blomgren, Chris Engen	Counters	Scott Cole, Chuck Jordan	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	

Gifts to Exodus, World Hunger, and Disaster Relief by Lois/Paul Eid.

Financial Report	November 22	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	657,186.54
Budget receipts	15,889.83	603,468.93
Disaster Relief	50.00	1,865.00
World Hunger	81.00	2,996.50
Opening Doors	3,210.00	45,975.00