# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On 28th Avenue between Lake and 31st Streets Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

## WORLD HUNGER LEADERSHIP GATHERING

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of attending the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Chicago. This biennial event brings together clergy, staff, and lay leaders from a variety of the ELCA's ministries and congregations to worship and learn together, share strategies, and develop networks for continued leadership on World Hunger issues.

I'll admit that the ELCA World Hunger ministry is not something I have paid a lot of attention to, particularly recently, as my work here at Holy Trinity focuses specifically on issues impacting our neighborhood. But I was thrilled to learn about the reach that our denomination has, and that the commitment to eradicating hunger extends beyond relief work, to encompass organizing, advocacy, and sustainable development. I felt globally connected, and proud of our denomination, as Liberian Bishop Jensen Sevenkulo shared that the support from the ELCA is what kept the doors to Phebe Hospital open to expectant and new mothers and their babies, even through the devastation of the Ebola crisis, and again as Rev. Carrie Smith, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, shared that Augusta Victoria Hospital, a program of the Lutheran World Federation, is currently the only hospital providing critical services to Palestinians on the West Bank, and we can help keep their doors open, too.

ELCA World Hunger also works domestically – CTUL (Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha), Metro Meals on Wheels, Loaves & Fishes, Exodus Lending, and many more organizations working every day in our neighborhood are also funded by ELCA Domestic Hunger grants, and showcase the ELCA's commitment to addressing hunger both through direct service and through organizing to change the systems that perpetuate poverty. This is good and holy work.

You've all received our annual appeal letter and giving envelope for ELCA World Hunger in your mailbox this month. I hope you'll join me in supporting this work that is transforming lives not only in our neighborhood, but throughout the world.

#### In peace,

-Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Parish Organizing Leader

SAVE THE DATE: JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 4-5, 2016 Join us for the seventh annual Johnson Symposium on Faith & Society as we welcome Rev. Wil Gafney, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas, Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 5, 8:30 a.m. More details and registration information will be available soon.

#### **BWCA TRIP**

There are openings for 2 people on the BWCA canoe trip, Aug 12-15. We'd love to have you join us. If you are interested or want more details, contact John Sulzbach or Tom/Julie Cahoy.

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.



#### **READINGS**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

#### **ADULT FORUM**

10:00 am—in the Library

JULY 31 "Uprooting Racism: Challenges and Opportunities"

For some time now Holy Trinity has been exploring ways to address the realities of racism. This adult forum will offer a review of the various initiatives that are currently being coordinated by the Racial Justice Working Group and preview what else is being considered, including the October 7-8 conference.

# AUGUST 7 "Palliative Care" Dr. Jacob Strand, Palliative Care Specialist

The forum is pleased to welcome Dr. Jacob Strand, a palliative care specialist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Born the child of a Lutheran pastor, Jacob's studies have led him to the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, the Palliative Medicine Program at Harvard, and now to the internal medicine program at Mayo. With a focus on improving quality of life for patients, Jacob will discuss the changing role of modern palliative care, address common misconceptions, and present a case for early integration of palliative care in the treatment of patients dealing with serious illness. He'll also field questions. This is a forum you won't want to miss!

#### PRIVILEGE AND RACE CONFERENCE AT HOLY TRINITY

"Journey Toward Justice: Privilege and Race in the Church" is a conference spearheaded by Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Working Group and sponsored by many other Lutheran congregations and organizations in the Twin Cities. It will be held October 7-8, 2016 at Holy Trinity. For details on the goals of the conference, speakers and resources, and details about workshops please check our website (https://htlcmpls.org/justice/privilege-and-race/). If, after reviewing the schedule and participation requirements, you would like to participate, please talk to Libby Olstad or Meghan Olsen Biebighauser. If you are willing to help with the practicalities of the conference (e.g. registration, hosting with food, guiding attendees to rooms), please indicate your availability. Volunteers will also be able to participate in the weekend's events.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

#### TO DU OR NOT TO DU FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 6:00 P.M.

Jeff and Meghan Olsen Biebighauser invite the 20s, 30s, and 40s group to join them for the First Fridays with Friends outing at Du Nord Distillery & Cocktail Room. Come at 6 p.m. to relax on the patio. From 7-8 p.m. we'll take a distillery tour and wrap up the event around 8:30 p.m. Need childcare? This event coincides with Parents Night Out. Sign up in the Community Room or on Facebook by July 31.

#### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your child(ren) in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

#### LET'S GO CAMPING!

Children and Family Ministry is planning a group camping trip for anyone who would like to have a somewhat rustic experience without going too far from home. We'll camp at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park. Dates are August 19-21. Contact Theresa Rian with questions. Sign up in the Community Room.

#### GRATITUDE RETREAT FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPT. 30-0CT.1, 2016

Sign up to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming on gratitude by Minneapolis author Mark Scannell and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine Community at St. John's. We'll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer Chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Breznahan, and the illustrated St. John's Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 people. Cost is \$100. Scholarships are available. Talk with Pastor Ingrid. Sign up and pay by Monday, September 12.

#### SUMMER CHOIR OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Everyone is welcome to sing as a choir in worship on Sunday, August 21, at the 11:00 service. No advance preparation is required; simply show up at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse.

#### **ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED**

As a nonprofit whose space is used as a polling place, Holy Trinity is eligible for additional reimbursement from the City of Minneapolis if we can recruit at least 10 people to work (for pay) during the general election on Tuesday, November 8. Call Vicki in the church office if you are interested or have questions.

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PARISH EVENTS July 31-August 6, 2016				
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion		
	10:00 am	Adult Forum		
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion		
		Swahili Service		
Monday	6:30 pm	Adult Christian Education		
Tuesday		Mosaic Workshop on 4th floor		
		Worship Readings Discussion		
Friday		Parents' Night Out		
	6:00 pm	First Fridays with Friends		

World Hunger by Vern/Vi Michaelson, Stanley Fosse, Arlene Mirelez, Rodney Erickson, Arlene Helvig, Joel Wiberg, Ray Sanders Refugee Resettlement by Joel Wiberg, Marika/Lydia Belusa, Stanley Fosse, Vern/Vi Michaelson

Special Gifts in memory of Peggy Nevers:

Opening Doors by Carol Johnson, Roberta Shaw
World Hunger by John/Carol Kelly
and by Mary Ellen Olson, John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Lee/Judi Kampinen,
Jim/Carolyn Bjelland, Sally Parks, Kristi Holmquist

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JULY 31, 2016				
8:45 AM		11:00 AM		
Jade Masiee	Acolytes	Molly Davison		
	Crucifer	Cliff Brown		
Rick Liedholm	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sharon Englund		
Jeff Weiss, Nicole Hines	Communion	Judy Davison		
Shelley Grimes, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Libby/Keith Olstad		
Bob Peschiutta, Sally/David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Alan Libra, George Christians, Kathy Ohler		
Gretchen Lund/Jeff Weiss	Coffee Servers	Carol/John Kelly		
Chuck Jordan, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Deb Helmel		
	Closer	Cliff Brown		
Financial Report Budget requirement	July 24 14,432			
Budget Receipts	6,966	·		
Opening Doors	708			
World Hunger	210			
Refugee Resettlement	135	.00 570.00		