



HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Volume 100, Issue 49 • December 4, 2016

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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016

Wednesday, November 30

Soup Supper from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room
Member Heather Olson speaking
Immanuel Davis on the flute

Sunday, December 4

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 7

Soup Supper from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room
Member Karen Batdorf speaking
Immanuel Davis on the flute and Kathe Jarka on the cello

Sunday, December 11

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 14

Soup Supper from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room
Member Rachel Trelstad-Porter speaking
Immanuel Davis on the flute and Kathe Jarka on the cello

Sunday, December 18

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Worship led by Holy Trinity Children and Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21

Soup Supper from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room
Emilie Bouvier, Minneapolis Area Synod Congregational Organizer for Environmental Justice, speaking

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

PLEDGE CARDS

If you haven't yet filled out your pledge card for 2017, we would like to invite you to make a written commitment of financial giving to God's work through Holy Trinity in 2017. These pledges are important for us in making responsible plans for the coming year, so we ask you to take a moment and consider how you will support this congregation through your offerings. Pledge forms are available on the table in the Community Room.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

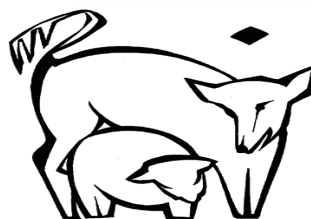
Thank you to all the Holy Trinity members who contributed to the Advent Devotional Booklet this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 18, 11:00 A.M.

Children age 4 through grade 5 will help lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the fourth and final Sunday of the Advent season. Join us for songs and stories on the journey to Bethlehem.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction.



READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

DECEMBER 4 "Hymn Sing—All Earth Is Hopeful:
Creation in Advent"
David Sims, Cantor

In each of the four readings this morning, creation plays a central role in proclaiming the Advent messages of hope and expectation. Rather than simply being a subject of our care, creation itself takes an active role in the Advent imagination of the lectionary. Join Cantor David Sims in the Sanctuary for a time of singing and discussing hymns, some very old and some very new, that help unpack the Advent season through the lens of the lament, healing, and hope of creation.

DECEMBER 11 "How Can the Bible Help Us in an Age of
Climate Change?"
Tyler Sit

This class will begin to explore how the Bible combines faith, social justice, and creation care in important and life-saving ways. No background knowledge of the Bible is required. This class is taught by Tyler Sit, pastor of a local church that focuses on environmental justice (New City Church). Learn more at www.GrowNewCity.church.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you'd like to buy a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please call the church office. \$14 each.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. Holiday packages, which include a ham, will be available for \$30.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Chili, snacks, and games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of comfort food, laughter, and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come, eat, and play between 5-8 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by January 1.

PARISH INFORMATION

MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of December 5-9. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square delivery area (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.) at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes 1½ hours. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen.

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING SERVICES

All are invited to partake in the Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays, December 7, 14, and 21, from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Soup and bread are provided; free-will donations are accepted. The community moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. This year's Advent theme is "For the Healing of Creation."

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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. Call the office if you wish to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a simple background check through Holy Trinity.

THE ENNEAGRAM: CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

This series of three classes held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on January 24, 31, and February 7, will deepen your knowledge of the Enneagram, an ancient and powerful map that sheds light on the motivation behind your behavior. Back by popular demand, Kate Ostrem of 9 Open doors will guide us as we explore how the Enneagram can be applied to our daily lives and increase the compassion we have for ourselves and those we love. If it's not possible for you to attend the first class, come to the others anyway. The church office has a handout that can help you start to identify your type and we can catch you up at the next class. Cost for the series is \$20; scholarships are available. Sign up in the Community Room by December 18. ****Please note: we need 20 participants to go ahead with this class.**

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for **Cayden Vaillancourt, Noela Day, Jolee Day, and Willow Day**, baptized yesterday.

Office phone: 612-729-8358
Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

U.S. Postage Paid
Periodical

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH (USPS 777-060)
Published weekly by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E 31 St.
Mpls MN 55406. Periodicals postage paid at St. Paul, Minnesota
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Community Church, c/o Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31 Street, Mpls, MN 55406.

PARISH EVENTS December 4-10, 2016

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum in the Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	Peace w/Justice
	6:30 pm	Adult Education
	7:00 pm	Youth Committee
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All
	5:30-6:15 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service/Bartsch Room
Thursday	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Teachers

World Hunger by Paul Krumrei, Stephanie/John Sulzbach
Refugee Resettlement Fund in memory of Gerry Werth by Gary Johnson
Special Gift in memory of Cory Bryan by Liz Blood
Fine Arts in memory of Bev McGee by Carol Johnson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 4, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Grayson Wiczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Sara Christians	
Anne Beschnett	Crucifer	Cliff Brown	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Youth	
Carol Berg, Chris Engen	Communion	Laura Bolstad, Scott Cole	
Shelley Grimes, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend family	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, John Goring	Ushers	Camilo Rudolph, George Christians, M. Olsen Biebighauser	
Liz/David Rudrud	Coffee Servers	Ashley/Sean Day	
Joyce Peterson, Pam Blomgren	Counters	John Kelly, Vicki Mann	
Closer		Cliff Brown	

Financial Report	November 27	Year to date
Budget requirement	14,432.69	692,769.23
Budget Receipts	8,092.78	635,821.27
Opening Doors	1,108.71	326,670.05
Refugee Resettlement	250.00	1,821.00
World Hunger	60.00	6,529.68