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

PASTORAL TRANSITION TIMELINE

January 4, 2017

Pastor Jay, Pastor Ingrid, the Executive Committee (Sara Jensen, Theresa Rian, Laura Bolstad, Melanie Townsend, Pastor Jay, and Pastor Ingrid), and the Personnel Committee (Deb Sodt, Sara Jensen, Carol Berg, Liz Conway, and Phil Jury) met with Rev. John Hulden, Assistant to the Bishop for the Minneapolis Area Synod to discuss next steps. These steps are outlined below.

January 4-17, 2017

The Executive Committee was tasked with the creation of a Transition Team. At Rev. John Hulden's suggestion, the Transition Team will be comprised of one 2017 Council member and five members of the congregation. After receiving nominations from the pastors, Executive Committee, and Personnel Committee, the Executive Committee recommended that Cathy Alpizar, Josh Becker, Tom Kleven, Theresa Rian (Council Member), Sara Jensen, and Deb Sodt serve as the Transition Team members. The Council approved this slate of candidates at its January meeting, and candidates were approached soon thereafter.

The Transition Team's primary task is the creation of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a document intended for use by congregations and church-related organizations that are seeking to call an ordained or lay rostered minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a First Call candidate for rostered ministry. The Ministry Site Profile offers a snapshot of the congregation's life, hopes, and needs.

January 18-29, 2017

Before we call Holy Trinity's next Lead Pastor, we will be served by an Interim Lead Pastor for approximately 9-18 months. This person is trained to assist congregations in transition and to prepare congregations for the calling of a pastor. At the suggestion of Rev. John Hulden, the Council has tasked the Personnel Committee and Pastor Ingrid with interviewing 2-3 candidates for the position of Interim Lead Pastor. Candidate names will be provided by the synod office and will remain confidential. We expect to announce the Interim Lead Pastor by early March, if not before. The Interim Lead Pastor's start date will depend on her or his current work obligations and availability.

DAY ON THE HILL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

JRLC's Day on the Hill is the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's annual policy briefing and lobby day. Participants are briefed on the JRLC issues that are being debated and voted on at our State Capitol. Clergy and lay people from across the state attend Day on the Hill to show an interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process. The event includes a meal, inspiration, issue briefings, and opportunities to take action. Registration is required. Talk with Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information.

NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE WORKSHOP

Presented by Holy Trinity member Sara Jensen and staff at YWCA

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (tea and cookies provided)

Sunday, March 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (bring a bag lunch, beverages provided)

Race, politics, religion...these can be difficult subjects to hold a meaningful dialogue around, but it is important that we do. In this workshop we will explore five techniques for engaging in difficult conversations. We'll talk about when, where and with whom each technique is most effective and have a little time to practice some techniques with each other. Sign up in the Community Room for one of these dates (workshop content will be the same both days) and indicate if child care is needed. Free will offering will go to the YWCA Minneapolis Racial Justice Department.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

FEBRUARY 5 "Youth Recital"

We celebrate the musical gifts of several Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 12 "Legislative Initiatives on Energy"

Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader

Melissa Hortman, the newly-named minority leader in the Minnesota House will be with us to discuss legislative initiatives on energy and other issues to which this faith community has committed time and energy.

"THE HIGHWAYMEN" AT THE HISTORY THEATRE SUNDAY, FEB. 19, 2 P.M.

1956. The construction of Interstate 94 destroyed the thriving, tight-knit Rondo neighborhood where homes, stores, and businesses once stood. The new freeway tore through the heart of St. Paul's largest African-American community. This powerful new drama explores the dynamics surrounding the decision-making process that shattered the lives of thousands of middle-class residents and changed the face of St. Paul forever. Sign up in the Community Room and pay \$40 to the church office by February 5 to save your ticket. We have 4 remaining tickets for the 2:00 p.m. performance.

MINISTRY TO AND WITH THE AGING BROWN BAG LUNCH FEBRUARY 16

The Adult Education and Nurturing Relationships Committees are teaming up to hold a "brown bag" lunch Thursday, February 16, from 12-1:30 p.m. The session will focus on ministry to and with the aging. Deb Sodt will moderate.

FAMILY RETREAT AT ST. ANDREW VILLAGE FEBRUARY 17-19

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal with church members of all ages. Due to the popularity of this annual event we have outgrown our usual location, so this year we will travel to St. Andrew Village in new London, Minnesota. Meals, activities, and accommodations are included for the retreat fee of \$100/adult and \$50/child (5-18 years old).

PARISH INFORMATION

DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Thrivent's Cafe at 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 5, so organizers know how many seats to save.

FAITH AND FAMILY MATTERS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:55 A.M.

How to raise successful kids without over-parenting

TED Talk video presentation in the Bartsch Room, featuring Julie Lythcott-Haims, the former Dean of Freshmen at Stanford, who makes the case for parents to stop defining their children's success via grades and test scores. Instead, she says, they should focus on providing the oldest idea of all: unconditional love.

FAREWELL FOR PASTOR JAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 12:00 P.M.

Please plan to join us in the church gymnasium on Sunday, February 12, at noon. Over lunch, we'll celebrate his ministry at Holy Trinity. We'll have the opportunity to revisit some of Pastor Jay's finer moments and joke about some of the moments he'd rather forget during his tenure here. Members and friends are welcome. Sign up in the Community Room or email office@htlcmpls.org by February 5, so we know how many to expect.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

BOOK STUDY ON NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE FEBRUARY 8, 15, 22

Join a group hosted by Parish Organizer Meghan Olsen Biebighauser that will read and discuss the book "This Is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt Is Shaping the Twenty-First Century". We'll meet for three sessions, time TBD. Join us for one, two, or three, as you're able.

MN SWAHILI WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER FEB. 25, 5:00 P.M.

The MN Swahili Women's Ministry presents the Swahili Winter Ball on Saturday, February 25, 5:00 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center, 4600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka. Tickets are \$30. Call Ashiseta or Jessica with questions.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS FEBRUARY 5, 12:15 P.M.

Head to Himalayan at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS February 5-11, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Recital in the Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	6:30 pm	Adult Christian Ed., Youth Committee
	7:00 pm	Peace with Justice
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Enneagram Workshop in Library
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	12:00 pm	Downtown Lunch Group
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:30 pm	Book Study: <i>This Is an Uprising</i>
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	6:00 pm	Middle School Progressive Dinner
	6:00 pm	High School Progressive Dinner

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 5, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister
Soren Kung, Linden Kung	Acolytes
Shelley Grimes	Crucifer
David Berg, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt	Communion
Linda/Gerry Berglin	Altar Guild
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny/Chuck Jordan	Ushers
Pam/Dean Blomgren	Coffee Servers
Dennis Nordholm, Bob Peschiutta	Counters
Closer	Dennis Nordholm

Financial Report	January 29	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	73,625.00
Budget Receipts	12,625.50	65,428.30
African Pastors' Endowment	25.00	25.00
Opening Doors	350.00	16,007.61
World Hunger	20.00	122.00

African Pastors' Fund in honor of Samson Mushemba by Linda McMahon