



HOLY TRINITY

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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

JOINING THE RESISTANCE — SHOWING UP TO BE THE CHURCH

"We must learn that passively to accept an unjust system is to cooperate with that system, and thereby to become a participant in its evil."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last Sunday, I had lunch with a leadership team of about 20 high school youth from ELCA congregations around the Twin Cities, including Holy Trinity, and their assorted adult leaders. Our task was to plan the Do Justice retreat, an annual retreat sponsored by Luther Seminary and the Minneapolis Area Synod where youth set the agenda and explore the issues that matter to them and the role of the church as a public witness. As the students brainstormed several topics to discuss at the March retreat, many were predictable: race, LGBTQIA issues, environmental justice. One request that the students made, and has stuck with me this week, is that we offer a session dedicated to "coping with the current political climate." I'll be co-leading this session along with students, and while we'll spend much of our time focusing on self-care and caring for those in our communities, we also want to point students to the places where the church is showing up, disrupting oppression and dehumanization, and standing between those in power and those who are vulnerable.

There are several upcoming opportunities for us to do just that:

On Friday, January 20, our partners at CTUL (Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha) will launch a strike at 5:30 a.m. at the Quarry in NE Mpls. Janitors who clean Home Depot are paid poverty wages by their subcontractor and have been organizing for years to win fair wages and the right to form a union without retaliation. Holy Trinity has long supported CTUL's incredible work and the janitors who will strike on Friday are asking that we stand with them. Learn more at ctul.net

On Saturday, January 28th, Holy Trinity members will join with ISIAH (statewide network of congregations organizing for justice) and attend *For Such A Time As This: Building Our Prophetic Resistance* at Shiloh Temple in North Minneapolis from 1-4 p.m. This will be a large and powerful event with lawmakers present as we call on them to help us create and keep safe and healthy communities in our state. ISIAH will also announce developments to the sanctuary church movement in MN; a team of leaders at Holy Trinity has been discerning our participation in this movement and we'll have developments of our own to share by this event.

Finally, there are spaces available in an upcoming book study in February. On the evenings of February 8, 15 and 22, I'll be leading a discussion of the new book, *This Is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt Is Shaping the Twenty-first Century*. The book will walk us through some of the most inspiring social change movements in history, and explore the strategies that built and sustained them. We'll read and discuss with an eye toward the role of the church and its leaders. Please join us!

—Meghan Olsen Biebighauser

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY FEBRUARY 6-10

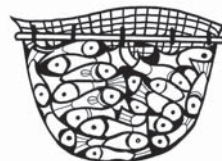
Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for Meals on Wheels Feb. 6-10. We will be delivering 5 routes instead of 4, so extra volunteers are needed. To volunteer, sign up in the Community Room or talk to Mary Engen.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 12:00 P.M.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 113th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2017 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus, the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.



READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

JANUARY 22 "Organic and Conventional Farming"

David Legvold

David Legvold is a retired educator who operates an 800-acre farm. While not an organic farmer, David employs and advocates practices that further soil and water conservation. For several years, Dave and his organic CSA neighbor, Ben, have attracted crowds at the Minnesota State Fair with their presentation, "Organic and Conventional Farming: the Real Dirt," which includes valuable information about organic and conventional farming practices that preserve and enhance the environment. Dave was named a Minnesota Water Hero by Governor Mark Dayton in the spring of 2016. He also opens up his farm to Carleton and St. Olaf students to research the effects of faith-based restorative agriculture. Whether you are a backyard gardener, have agricultural roots, or care about environment, you will benefit from this presentation.

JANUARY 29 "Preview of Annual Meeting"

Pastors and Members of Church Council

There is a lot of business to cover during today's annual meeting, which will be held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Jay, Pastor Ingrid, and council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

"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 only 10 tickets for the 2:00 p.m. performance available.

SHINING A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS:

A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE TO SEX TRAFFICKING

During Epiphany, we are illuminating the topic of sex trafficking in the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood. Join us to listen to the voices of survivors and organizations (from Breaking Free, Family Partnership PRIDE, MN Indian Women's Resource Center and Minneapolis Police Department) working to end the demand and lift up survivors of sex trafficking. Explore ways in which we, as a faith community, can collaborate in our response. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis, Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Community meal at 12 p.m. Event is free; all are welcome.

PARISH INFORMATION

DIALOGUE BREAKFAST EXPLORING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 8:00 A.M.

Holy Trinity feels called to speak out about social injustice. For many years, we have had a group attend Join Religious Legislative Coalition's "Day on the Hill." This year the Peace with Justice Committee will offer an opportunity to learn about issues in advance so that we can be better prepared, encourage more people to attend Day on the Hill, and learn more about the impact we can make as individuals if we can't attend an all-day event. Come January 26 from 8:00-9:45 a.m. for a preview of the issues that JRLC has chosen for 2017, presented by Ann Krisnik, Executive Director. Breakfast will be served. Free will offering for the breakfast. Register online or sign up in the Community Room.

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.

20s, 30s, 40s BRUNCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Nicholas Ellison invites the 20s, 30s, 40s group to join him for brunch after the 11 a.m. service at Gandhi Mahal on Sunday, January 22. Sign up in the Community Room or email office@htlcmpls.org.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS ADULT LOCK-IN, FEBRUARY 3

Adults of all ages are invited to the church for pizza, junk food, sardines, and community. If you were in Luther League as a teenager, the evening will feel familiar to you. If you're new to the church, come and experience your first lock-in. Fun will begin at 6:15 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. so we can go home, watch the news, and sleep.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

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

COUNCIL NOMINEES FOR 2017

John Sulzbach, Juliann Breting Rohn, Michael Douglas, and Bryan Kuzel have agreed to serve 3-year terms on the Holy Trinity Church Council. **Andrea Martin** has agreed to serve a one-year term. Brief bios are available in the church bulletin and will be at the annual meeting.

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PARISH EVENTS January 22-28, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Gloria Ringers
	12:00 pm	20s, 30s, 40s brunch at Gandhi Mahal
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Enneagram Workshop in Library
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Dialogue Breakfast

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 22, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Julie Cahoy	Assisting Minister	Roberta Shaw
Amelia Waddick, Johnny Waddick	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer	Troy Davison
Theresa Rian, Andrew R. K. Johnson	Communion	Tom Kleven, Mike Mann
Nancy Madich, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Linda Woytasek
Bob Peschiutta, David Kohlstedt, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt	Ushers	Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Sam Kleven
Rosemary Foley, Shelley Grimes	Coffee Servers	Arlene Helvig, Margaret Peterson
Chuck Jordan, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Scott Cole
Closer		Rod Johnson

Financial Report	January 15	Year to date
Budget Receipts	3,769.78	38,059.92
Longfellow Alternative H.S.	-	40.00
Opening Doors	242.87	4,230.24
World Hunger	-	40.00