



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

## MIDYEAR UPDATE

It has been about six months since our last annual meeting, so it is a good time to check in on some of the goals we set for our congregation this year. The Church Council and committees have been busy with a wide range of activities, but listed below are a few of the significant projects introduced at the annual meeting and their current status.

*Johnson Symposium:* By now you have hopefully seen the brochure for the inaugural Johnson Symposium with Dr. Marcus Borg to be held at Holy Trinity in November. We expect to welcome many guests to our church that weekend when Marcus Borg will lead us through a discussion of what he calls "an emerging form of Christianity." Please note that registration forms must be filled out to reserve a space, and the registration fee is \$35 for both days. Financial assistance is available.

*Youth Opportunity Fund:* This year we created a fund that is to be used by youth of our congregation to assist them in attending events within and beyond our congregation. Some of the money was used this year to help a student attend a theological conference at Augsburg College, and some will help to lower the cost for students participating in the Wilderness Canoe Base trip this summer.

*Rain Garden:* After approving the rain garden project at the annual meeting, plans were begun for the groundbreaking celebration in May. The Outreach and Nurturing Fellowship Committees hosted a fun event on a beautiful Sunday. Work on the rain garden began quickly afterward, as a few trees were removed and holes were dug. However, construction was put on hold the next week as our contractor was notified of a new permit process required by the City of Minneapolis. We took the opportunity then to also formalize easement agreements with Trinity Apartments and to review the rainwater overflow system. We expect that work will begin again by the end of the month.

*Internship:* Holy Trinity reinstated an internship program in partnership with Luther Seminary and welcomed Javen Swanson as our first pastoral intern. Javen will be involved with education, pastoral care, preaching, and worship leadership throughout the school year.

*Staffing:* The congregation has set a goal of adding at least one program staff person in the near future. The Personnel Committee has been exploring possibilities, including a new position in community outreach. We hope to be able to present a proposal for such a position in the fall. Also, we have hired a new part-time office employee, Dana Hiller, to work with the bulletins and *Community Church* newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these areas or other topics that came up at the annual meeting. And thank you for all of the ways you help carry out the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

—Pastor Jay M. Carlson

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Jesus reminds his disciples to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to have child-like trust and persistence in prayer.*



### LESSONS

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]  
Luke 11: 1-13

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am — In the library

**July 25 "Issues of Church and State—Part IV"**  
—Randy Nelson, Holy Trinity Member

The fourth forum will inquire if the government's decision to grant tax-exempt status to the church protects the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the first amendment to the Constitution or does it lead to a compromise of its prophetic witness?

**August 1 "Lament for a Son"**  
—David Berg, Holy Trinity Member

A congregational book reading project, David Berg leads the discussion of the book in which Nicholas Wolterstorff recounts his struggle to deal both with God and with the soul-searching pain of grief after the accidental death of his son.

### WAYS TO SERVE

Call the church office at 612-729-8358  
to volunteer or for more information.

\*Holy Trinity members prepare and serve dinner once a month at the Trinity Apartments. If you would like to volunteer 1-2 times per year, please call the church office.

\*Volunteers are needed to bake communion bread. Please call the church office if you can help either occasionally or regularly. Recipe will be provided.

**SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC-** Please come early to worship services this summer to enjoy special music. July-25, Organ Music by American Composers; Aug. 1- Gospel Hymns and Songs-Ann Schrooten; Aug. 8- Shakuhachi (Japanese) Flute-Leo Hansen; Aug 15- 22, 29-Holy Trinity Musicians.

### RAIN GARDEN FACT

*Did you know...* that rain gardens are a pretty new idea – they started in the late 1980s, when the Maryland Environmental Protective Department decided to set up a rain garden to capture the overflow of rain water that came off a parking lot?

## DIALOG BREAKFASTS

A light breakfast will be served at each event, and registration is \$5. Please call 612-729-8358 or email [office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org) to register.

### → BUILDING SCHOOLS IN AFGHANISTAN: HELPING WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, July 27, 8-9:30 am. Santwana Dasgupta, Director of the Partnership for the Education of Children of Afghanistan (P.E.C.A.), has been living in Kabul for the past two years and is coming to share how building schools is making a difference for human rights, women's issues and our own national security.

### → NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS POSSIBLE (WITHOUT UNMASKING THE LIES AND TELLING THE TRUTH)

Wednesday, Aug 18, 8-9:30 am. Rev. Philip Wheaton, an Episcopal priest in Washington D.C., has served as a missionary in Latin America and as the director of the Ecumenical Program for Interamerican Communication and Action America (EPICA) with the Latin American Department of the National Council of Churches. He is also a theologian of liberation and author of many books, including *Flowering of the Prophetic Word in the Americas*. Born and raised in Minneapolis and a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Wheaton is an ecumenist and interfaith Christian and presently co-pastor of an ecumenical congregation in Washington, D.C. He is a good friend of Naim Stifan Ateek, head of the Sabeel Center in Jerusalem.

## CONGREGATIONAL READING PROJECT

"Lament for a Son," by Nicholas Wolterstorff is our next congregational reading book. Written to honor a 25 year-old-son who died tragically in a mountain-climbing accident, the author recounts his struggle to deal both with God and with the soul-searching pain of grief. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the Community Room for \$8.50.

## SUMMER MUSICAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Register at church

- August 2-5, we predict a *100% Chance of Rain* – a jazz musical about Noah and the flood. It will help children and youth highlight the construction of our new rain garden in a unique way. We'll rehearse each day from 9:30 AM to noon and present our performance on Thurs, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. Open to singers/actors in grades 1-8. Scripts will be available at the end of July for those who are interested in a major singing or speaking role.

## SYMPOSIUM ON FAITH AND SOCIETY

Dr. Marcus Borg will visit Holy Trinity the weekend of November 12-14, leading the inaugural *Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society*. Registration forms were enclosed with last week's newsletter. Fill out and return the form to the church office soon in order to receive a discount and to ensure a space for Dr. Borg's presentations.

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## PARISH EVENTS July 25- July 31

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili worship service
	7:00 pm	Committee Chairs Meeting
Tuesday	8:00- 9:30 am	Dialog Event-Afghanistan
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee Meeting @Glaciers
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	7:00 pm	El Salvador Meeting @ Pastor Jay's
Thursday	9:00-11:00 am	Opportunity sale pricing
	7:00 pm	Longfellow Lutheran Parish Mtg. @ St. Peder's
Saturday	11:00 am	David Lindell funeral

**World Hunger**-by Jerry Olson, and in memory of **David Lindell** by Carol Johnson

**Boiler Fund**- in memory of **Jim Schneiders** and **Harold Wilson** by Carole Schneiders.

**Special Gift**-in honor of **June Englund's** 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Jim and Carolyn Bjelland.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 25, 2010

	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
	Jay Carlson	Preacher Jay Carlson
	Jim Hartsoe	Celebrant Randy Nelson
	Jeff Weiss	Crucifer Bob Hulteen
	Acolytes	
	Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor Stephanie Sulzbach
	Mary Young	Liturgist Paul Ramsour
Liz Rudrud, Kevin Proescholdt	Communion	Kathy Hollander, Gary Johnson
DeWayne Townsend, Paul Krumrei, Karrie Cable	Ushers	Kathy Ohler, George Madich Rod/Holly Johnson
Sandra Thornby, Mary Young	Altar Guild	JoAnn/Larry Nemec
Kerry Bosu	Nursery	Troy/Judy Davison, Kerry Bosu
Pam Blomgren	Coffee Servers	Paul/Kris Christians
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Nicholas Ellison
	Closer	John Sulzbach

## FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

Classes will be held at the Dan Cheung Agency of State Farm Ins., 4020 Minnehaha Ave, on Wed, Aug. 11 from 12-5 pm or Tues., Aug. 17 from 5:30-9:30 pm. Please call Lily at 612-728-1000 to sign up.

Financial Report	July 18	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	11,076.92	321,230.77
Budget Receipts	14,654.50	304,709.41
World Hunger	66.00	1,265.02
Haiti Relief	--	6,569.70
Capital Improvements	--	40.00
African Pastors Endowment	--	375.00
Central America Fund	--	60.00
Youth Opportunity Fund	--	952.00
Rain Garden	--	27,935.37
Total donations to Rain Garden		37,480.46

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