



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

THE WISDOM OF COMMUNITY

On Saturday morning, I headed to Danbury, WI with eleven Confirmation students, John Buzza, and Carlye Proescholdt. The roads cleared as we drove north; we arrived at Luther Park Retreat Center in good time. After having a bite to eat, we let everyone loose and the students quickly found their way to the broomball court. John, Carlye, and I followed behind. We played hard for a couple of hours—getting walloped by the kids from Diamond Lake Lutheran—and then headed inside to learn.

Because the Confirmation class has been focusing on the Old Testament, the retreat zeroed in on the prophets. Our first session looked at Moses, Miriam, Martin, and Malala. The students told the Exodus story in their own words, we listened to a portion of MLK’s “I Have a Dream” speech, and watched Malala Yousafzai’s interview with political satirist John Stewart. The students identified characteristics prophets throughout history share, including the want to be reassigned by God to another task and some significant self-doubt around their prophetic abilities.

The students brought up that prophets, despite their fears, make an impact on the world because they speak out of their own experience and have a strong connection to a particular community. Moses and Miriam were born into and later returned to the Hebrew people. Martin Luther King, Jr. grew out of the Black experience in the American South. Malala Yousafzai found her voice with other women living under the Taliban’s rule.

At our annual meeting yesterday, I was struck by the prophetic voices that find their home at Holy Trinity. Some are heard loud and clear. Many more are quiet and require our attentive, listening ears. I heard that this community is welcoming refugees, learning with our children, meeting our neighbors, caring for creation, fighting usurious practices, providing affordable housing, comforting the grief-stricken, pausing to pray, and giving rather than consuming. This community knows something about being prophetic.

I must admit that I was surprised by the Confirmation students’ deep understanding of the prophets. Yesterday reminded me that their wisdom grows out of their experiences at Holy Trinity. They’ve witnessed a whole host of prophets in action here. They’ve been shaped by this community’s commitments to justice and mercy. They’ve been given good glimpses of God’s vision for the world. Because of this, they are more prepared to speak truth to power when God and their communities call them to action. And that’s a gift this church gives to the world.

— Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

CONCERNING PEOPLE

RECONCILING IN CHRIST FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Start 2014 by joining the Twin Cities RIC community in the 9th annual RIC festival worship service. The Rev. Jen Nagel will be preaching. Join us for a light supper after worship. Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 31st Ave S., Saturday, Jan. 25, at 4:30 p.m.

OPEN GYM

Every Tuesday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. the gym will be available for families with children 0-5 yrs old. A parent must accompany children.

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. We see this light most profoundly in the cross — as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the world, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy



LESSONS

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- Psalm 27 4-9
- I Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 4:12-23

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

- January 26 “Meditations on Creativity and the Anatomy of Inspiration” Sarah Wieben

My work as an artist and as an art educator has led me to ponder the question of just what it means to be creative and to reflect on the nature of imagination. In my presentation I will share my thoughts and the conclusions that my musings have led me to.

- February 2 “Music, melody, and creativity” Rachel Trelstad-Porter, Ann Schrooten, and young musicians

A reflection on how we make music and the importance of imagination, inspiration, and creativity.

GAME NIGHT — SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 5:30 PM

Chili - snacks - games galore! Everyone is invited to a pre-Lenten evening of comfort food and laughter while playing any number of games. There will be games for children, as well as an opportunity to make new friends who enjoy your favorite games. Please sign up in the Community Room.

REFUGEE FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Once again we will be co-sponsoring a refugee family with the Minnesota Council of Churches. This has been a very rewarding and successful program for us and a good way to do God’s work in the world. We need volunteers to do a variety of tasks to help our family adjust to life in the USA. You can volunteer for as little or as much as you are able. Please sign up in the Community Room. We will have an organizational meeting in mid-February. Dave Moe will be available to answer questions after Feb. 11th.

AARP TAX AIDE

Holy Trinity hosts AARP income tax assistance for seniors and low income taxpayers. Mondays and Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., February 3 through April 15. No appointment necessary.

PARISH INFORMATION

FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 14-16

All are welcome to a retreat at the Chi Rho Center in Annandale, MN. Our group will leave on Friday night and families can return at their leisure on Sunday. Chi Rho offers broomball supplies, foosball, ping pong and pool and families can bring gear for sledding, snow-shoeing, cross country skiing, or ice fishing. A schedule for the weekend is forthcoming, but there will be quiet times and loud times, a time for worship and a time for a dance party! Meals on Saturday and breakfast Sunday included. Cost is \$60 for adults, \$45 for children 4-10. Children under 4 are free. Talk to Pastor Jay if you're in need of scholarship funds or if you'd like to sponsor a family to attend!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on February 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Jay or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE - FEBRUARY 23

Confirmation students will host the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale fundraiser (for youth mission and learning trips) on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5. We are accepting donations of baked goods for the bake sale. We also need someone to coordinate the bake sale. Please call the church office if you'd like to contribute your time or delicious baked goods!

FEBRUARY 9 — YOUTH RECITAL

We will feature the children and youth of Holy Trinity in our Annual Youth Recital on Sunday, February 9, at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. Any child or young person who plays an instrument or who likes to sing is welcome to participate. Piece should be 3-5 minutes in length and appropriate to share in a family setting. Please contact Ann Schrooten at annlarayne@aol.com to sign up or see the sign-up sheet in the Choir Room office. Let your musical light shine!

SYNOD CONFERENCE ASSEMBLIES - FEBRUARY 9

All Holy Trinity members are invited to attend the assembly of the South Conference of the Minneapolis Area Synod on Sunday, February 9, 2-5 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine (641 89th Ave NE). We will gather together with all other conferences for a keynote speaker, and then break into individual conferences to complete conference business. Contact the church office for more information.

PARISH EVENTS January 26 - February 2, 2014		
Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
Tuesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Open Gym
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:40 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors

Boiler Fund by Bruce Johnson, Chris Amundson, Tom/Kari Kleven, Doris Jewett, Deb Sodt.

World Hunger in memory of **Lauri Isaacson** by Carol Johnson.

Special Gifts in memory of **Lauri Isaacson** by Mary Lindell, Deb Sodt, Sharon West, Mary Ellen Olson, and Judy Isaacson.

African Pastors fund by Bud Dixen.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS January 26, 2013		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Jim Hartsoe	Presiding Minister	John Buzza
Anne Beschnett	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
Grayson Wiczorek	Acolytes	Linnea Krig Emily Davison
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Korla Masters
Jane Kretzmann Rick Liedholm	Communion	Mark Hiner
Nancy Madich Ann Neuendorf	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend Rosemary Foley
BobPeschiutta, Chris Engen Neil Anderson	Ushers	Lee Kampinen Mark Hiner, Mike Mann George Madich
	Nursery	Mary Engen
Kevin Proescholdt Jean Swanson	Coffee Servers	Maelene/David Krig
Ron/Margaret Peterson	Counters	Vicki Mann Mary Ellen Olsen
	Closer	Deb Sodt

Financial Report	January 19	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	40,774.04
Budget Receipts	15,554.50	58,222.56
World Hunger	61.00	86.00
Disaster Relief	-	-
Boiler Donations	818.50	900.50
African Pastors Endowment	50.00	115.00

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