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

SIGNS OF THE SPIRIT

At our annual meeting on January 19, Council President Jeff Olsen Biebighauser asked us to reflect on highlights of the past year and especially where we saw God at work through our congregation. Some of the responses I have heard since then are as follows:

- Pastor Ingrid's ordination,
- the child's "again" on Christmas Eve,
- two weddings during worship and celebrations afterward,
- welcoming children through baptism,
- the introduction of Godly Play in Sunday School,
- the opening of the sky room for youth events and classes,
- Las Posadas Christmas program,
- Advent/Christmas/Epiphany devotional book,
- payday lending work and successes,
- music, especially the leadership of our kids,
- Music in the Garden,
- the return of the Julbord,
- Fare for All,
- meals brought to a family who had a new baby,
- worship services and sermons.

There is a lot for which to be grateful, and we can expect that God will be at work in these and even more new ways in 2014.

By the time you read this article, I will be visiting the Lutheran Church in Tanzania with a group from Holy Trinity. Through this trip we intend to renew and strengthen a longstanding partnership between Holy Trinity and the Northwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Above all, I plan to keep my eyes and ears open to observe what God is doing in the church of that place. We will visit people and projects and ask a lot of questions, and I hope to come back with a list similar to the one above of signs of God's active presence in the church of Tanzania. I'm sure I can speak for the rest of the group, too, in saying that we are excited to share with you what we learn.

At Luther Seminary last week, Presiding Bishop Eaton reminded us that most Lutherans do not live in the United States. She expressed frustration about the number of reporters who seem to base their understanding of Lutheranism in Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion." Northern European worship and traditions describe only one small subculture of the Lutheran Church. The center of global Lutheranism is, in fact, in Africa. So not only will our group learn more about what God is doing through the global church, we will also learn more about what it means to be a Lutheran in the 21st Century.

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel. Pray for our safety and personal experience, but also pray for a deepening of our shared life together as Christ's Church.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

TANZANIAN TRAVELERS' BLOG

Follow the adventures of the Holy Trinity group by reading their blog holyltrinityintanzania.blogspot.com

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Who are blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.



LESSONS

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

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.

FEBRUARY 9

YOUTH RECITAL

We will feature the children and youth of Holy Trinity in our Annual Youth Recital in the Sanctuary.

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.

PASTRIX STUDY

All are welcome for food, drink and conversation about Nadia Bolz-Weber's New York Times bestseller, *Pastrix*. Bolz-Weber shares her life-journey of learning in such a way that we become gracious recipients of her strength, insight and wisdom. Paul Thorson will lead the discussion at Sonora Grill, 3300 E. Lake St, at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, February 11 (chapters 1-6), 18 and 25. Bolz-Weber is the Johnson Symposium speaker for 2014.

LVC WORK DAY FEBRUARY 22

The Lutheran Volunteer Corps volunteers we support would like some help fixing up the basement in their house. More details to come.

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. 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 Ingrid if you're in need of scholarship funds or if you'd like to sponsor a family to attend!

RECEPTION CELEBRATING LGBTQ-LED MINISTRY

Celebrate the advances for LGBTQ Lutherans called to ministry, meet ministry leaders serving locally, and learn how you can support Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) as it assists these leaders and their ministries. You are invited to a reception on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church (3901 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis). ELM Executive Director, Amalia Vagts, and Program Director, Rev. Jen Rude, will join local leaders to share the story of ELM. Come, and be inspired!

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.

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. 23 from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. 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!

GUEST PREACHER

This Sunday, we welcome Justin Lind-Ayres, one of the college pastors at Augsburg. Pastor Justin recently completed his D.Min. at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, where he studied the power of biblical metaphor in worship and preaching. In addition to being a fine pastor, Justin is a good friend of both Pastor Jay and Pastor Ingrid.

PARISH EVENTS February 2 - 8, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation, 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	12:00 pm	First Sunday Musings at Mosaic Cafe
	12:30 pm	HTTC
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
	7:00 pm	Peace with Justice Committee
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Wednesday	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Open Gym
	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
Friday	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:40 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
		HTTC

Boiler Fund in memory of **Arvid Mann** by Maddy Mann, in memory of **June Englund** by Carol Johnson, and by Paul/Lois Eid, Nicholas Ellison, Liz Blood, & Wayne Vetter. **Special gifts** in memory of **June Englund** by Jim/Carolyn Bjelland, Cathy Commers.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 2, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Justin Lind-Ayres	Preacher	Justin Lind-Ayres
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Soren Kung	Acolytes	Emily Davison, Sara Christians
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Bob Hulteen
Andy R.K. Johnson, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Bruce Johnson, Katy Benson
Gerry/Linda Berglin	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Joe Fortier
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Riley Conway, Bob/Helen Norheim
	Nursery	David/Maelene Krig
Ann Neuendorf	Coffee Servers	Kris/Paul Christians
	Counters	Scott Cole, Deb Helmelt
	Closer	John Sulzbach

Financial Report	January 26	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	54,365.38
Budget Receipts	4,792.85	63,015.41
World Hunger	25.00	111.00
Boiler Donations	5,135.00	8,035.50

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