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

## THE RESULTS ARE IN

This past week, we hosted a leadership summit where Council members and committee chairs got a first look at the results of the congregational survey that we completed in April. Chick Lane, one of our ministry consultants from Kairos and Associates, and Peter Geisendorfer-Lindgren, pastor and trained survey interpreter, came to review the data that this tool provided for Holy Trinity.

Geisendorfer-Lindgren began by reminding us that the tool was developed by Russ Crabtree, who believes that churches ought to be transparent in their decision making processes. In order for this to be achieved, faith communities need to move away from anecdotal-driven, authority-driven, and expert-driven processes and toward evidence-based decision making processes. This requires the inclusion of many more voices and the empowerment of all members, which is why a survey like the one we took is so important. Approximately 150 confirmed members, or 75% of our regular worship attendance, responded to the survey. Geisendorfer-Lindgren explained that we should feel very encouraged by the participation rate alone.

The ministry consultants said that our results tell us about the three week period of time in which we completed the survey. "This is a CAT scan," Geisendorfer-Lindgren explained, "that tells us where we are as a congregation in a particular point in time. We need to know where we are and then figure out how to move to where we want to go." In other words, the CAT offers meaningful data about the current impact that Holy Trinity is making in the lives of individuals and communities. While it offers helpful suggestions about areas of our shared life that could use additional conversation or attention, it's up to us to determine how we'll use what the tool teaches us as we follow the Spirit and respond to God's call for our continued ministry together.

OK, results! There is a lot of good news to be shared; I won't be able to mention all of it here. Instead, I'll focus on what we learned about the energy and satisfaction levels in this congregation. As a community, we scored very high in both categories. This suggests that individuals feel like they have a lot of energy to share with this faith community. Likewise, the overwhelming majority of respondents are very satisfied with Holy Trinity's mission and their participation in it. Geisendorfer-Lindgren stressed the fact that we should feel buoyed by these results. We are all part of Holy Trinity in an extremely vital period of this congregation's life. That is worth celebrating.

The Council has been asked to come prepared to discuss the following questions at our meeting this week:

- (1) What surprised you about our report?
- (2) What made you want to turn to your neighbor and give them a high five?
- (3) What gave you cause for concern?
- (4) What did you hear that you think might be a building block on which we can strengthen the ministry of Holy Trinity?

I encourage all of you to review our results, which can be found on our website. There you will also find a video recording of last week's interpretation. These materials can also be found in the Holy Trinity library.

It's an exciting time to be a pastor here. I value Holy Trinity's rich history, current vitality, and burgeoning hopes for the future. Thanks for the gifts you share.

Peace,  
—Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*



ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00 AM

### LESSONS

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalms 66:8-20
- I Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

MAY 25

ONE SERVICE at 10:00  
NO ADULT FORUM

JUNE 1

**CENTRO DE TRABAJADORES UNIDOS EN LUCHA  
(CENTER OF WORKERS UNITED IN STRUGGLE - CTUL)**

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (Center of Workers United in Struggle) is a low-wage worker-led organization fighting for wages, better working conditions, and a voice in the workplace within the Twin Cities. Their three-year campaign for justice in Retail Cleaning has had some successes, but workers still face inhumane working conditions and less than a living wage for their families. Come learn from a worker, an ally, and a staff person what can be done to support their struggle for justice.

### STORE TO DOOR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

May is Older Americans Month, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the values that elders contribute to our communities. Store To Door, a non-profit grocery shopping and delivery service, serves more than 1700 seniors throughout the Twin Cities Metro area who need just a little help to maintain their independence at home. We would not be able to carry out our mission without our dedicated volunteer shoppers and volunteer order takers, many of whom are older adults themselves. To learn more about volunteering or receiving services, please contact 651-642-1892, email volunteers@storetodoor.org or visit www.storetodoor.org

### SPRING CLEAN-UP SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to clean last Saturday morning. We were very pleased with what we accomplished and the fellowship we shared.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - THIS SUNDAY

Please note that Holy Trinity will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on May 25th.

## IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

This year's theme is "Under the Acacia Tree: A Celebration of Friendship and God's Love." Children age 3 through Grade 6 are invited for five days, June 16-20, of learning, crafts, snacks, and music. The morning session, from 9:00-11:30 a.m., is free of charge. An afternoon option will be offered from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for a registration fee of \$20 (Monday through Thursday only). Each child will need to bring a lunch if staying for the afternoon session. For more information or to register, call the church office at 612-729-8358 or visit [htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org).

## MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Despite what the temperature would have us believe, summer is upon us. This means Music in the Garden will soon return to Holy Trinity. Join us on June 8 and 22, July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24, and September 7, as we enjoy coffee, creation, and music in the Rain Garden from noon to 1 pm. Feel free to invite a friend.

## SEWARD MONTESSORI HAS A CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS TEAM!

Seward defended its title against 32 other teams and placed first in the 2014 SCA Statewide Primary/Elementary Championship (K-6). Congratulations to Soren Kung and the entire Seward Montessori Chess Team.

## MIDTOWN MARKET

Holy Trinity will be featured at Midtown Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 7, 8 am - 1 pm. Come one and all to the best farmers' market and be seen wearing your Holy Trinity t-shirt.

## LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for Lutheran Night at the Twins on Tuesday, July 22 at 7:10 pm. A group from Holy Trinity will meet at the church and travel by light rail to the stadium. Tickets are \$25. Sign up in the Community Room to reserve your seat. Talk to Pam Kildahl or Pastor Ingrid for more information.

## YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Join Pastor Jay on Friday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a movie in the Skyroom.

## PARISH EVENTS May 25-June 1, 2014

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
<b>Monday</b>		Building Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 pm	Youth Night - Dinner and Movie

**Special gifts in memory of Bob Kelly** by Joel/Nancy Wiberg, Sally Parks, Deb Sodt, Vern/Vi Michaelson, Kathy Hollander/Rod Johnson, Liz Blood, Linda Fredrickson, George Madich, Dick/Betty Pittelkow, Marge/Sheldon Torgerson, David Broberg, Jim Hagen, John Jahraus, John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Janet Dyste, Rita Lehnert, Donald Dencker, Randy/Linda Berg, Joyce Jorgenson, Harold/Flo Westerberg, Marvin/Donna Krafve, Robert/Marian Fronk, Carol Earl, Sue Kroll, Kathleen Briggs, Kim/Martin Rathjen, Janet Heaberlin, Olive Homstad, Earl/Bunny Anderson, Curt/Betty Provo  
**Boiler Fund in memory of Bob Kelly** by John/Carol Kelly, Judi/Lee Kampinen  
**Exodus Lending in memory of Bob Kelly** by Chris/Mary Engen

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 25, 2014

	10:00 AM
<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Jay Carlson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Eliza Roberts, Marianna Hefte
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lynda Nordholm
<b>Crucifer</b>	Jeff Olsen-Biebighauser
<b>Communion</b>	Linda McMahon, Anna Brelje
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bev Peschiutta, Lynda/Dennis Nordholm
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Peschiutta, Lee Kampinen, Joshua Combs
<b>Nursery</b>	Sandra Nelson
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Katy Benson
<b>Counters</b>	Joyce Peterson, Vicki Mann
<b>Closer</b>	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	May 18	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	271,826.92
Budget Receipts	18,215.60	276,036.92
World Hunger	-	10,579.57
Boiler Donations	277.00	21,953.50
ELCA Malaria Campaign	1,000.00	1,030.00
African Pastors' endowment	-	765.00
Exodus Appeal	180.00	5,767.00
Food Shelf	-	160.00

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