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

SO YOU'RE A GODPARENT...

I frequently have conversations with parents about choosing a baptismal sponsor (godparent) for their infant. Should it be a friend or family member? Should we choose one or two or three people? Must a godparent be a Lutheran or even a Christian? What if they live far away? There is no one right answer to these questions, but I enjoy talking through the issues with parents. However, I do not often get much opportunity to talk with godparents about their roles.

Being asked to serve as a child's godparent is an honor, but there might also be some confusion about what it means. Taking part in the baptismal service is a clear expectation, but then what? How can godparents best follow through on promises to "nurture children in the Christian faith and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? You could offer to take the child to church, but that is not possible if the child lives in another city. Further, many godparents feel inadequate to nurture someone else in the life of faith because of their own doubts or lack of information. Still, there are many ways that godparents—whoever they are—can be an important and nurturing presence to accompany young people along their journeys of faith.

Some practical tips are printed below, with thanks to Vibrant Faith Ministries. The first step, though, is to sit down and ask the parent(s) what he/she/they expect or want from you as a godparent. Either Pastor Ingrid or I would be more than happy to take part in this conversation, too. Then make a commitment to some these activities:

- Remember your godchild with a card, a phone call, tweet, and/or gift on baptismal anniversaries and other special occasions.
- Take advantage of the seasons of the church year for natural occasions to connect with the faith journey of the child. For example, at Advent and Christmas, teach the child a favorite Christian song, give a faith-focused Christmas tree decoration, or tell the child what is so special to you about the Advent and Christmas season. Attend special services together (e.g. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week).
- Do an annual service project together. It could be something simple, but use it also as an opportunity to talk about ways you try to live out your faith in service.
- When sending a "thinking of you" card or a birthday or holiday card, write down a faith story from your life or a favorite Bible passage or hymn verse.
- Ask the child about Sunday School and Summer Camp programs. Go see them when they lead worship as an acolyte, choir member, or reader.
- Don't forget to include the child's parent(s) in your godparent activities. Parents, too, can use the support and help to discuss and live the faith in the home. Parents are usually the most important faith influence in a child's life, even though most parents don't know it.
- Create your own tradition that makes the godparent/godchild relationship special to you both. Remember, laughter and having fun are important to a child's development, including their spiritual development. Be creative, and have fun.

Small things can make a big difference for children's lives of faith. Even if you're not a godparent, there are probably children in your life. Any time is a good time to start a faith-nurturing tradition.

— Jay Carlson, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.



ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

LESSONS

- Genesis 22: 1-14
- Psalms 13
- Romans 6: 12-23
- Matthew 10:40-42

JUNE 29 IMAGES OF GOD - A CIRCLE CONVERSATION" Randy A. Nelson

All of us carry around in our mind one or more images of God, often grounded in our earliest experiences in Sunday School or our favorite hymns. But our lived experience does not always seem to confirm such images. Are we willing to reimagine who God is and how God acts? Come and join the conversation.

THANK YOU

For almost 40 years Joy and I have experienced Holy Trinity as a vibrant, creative, supportive, and compassionate community. Never has that support and compassion been more evident in my experience than in the last six months during which I have been cared for and held in prayer through five surgeries and fifteen weeks of antibiotic treatment necessitated by a staph infection that turned a routine medical procedure into a marathon of recovery and healing. Through all this time I have been aware that I have not made this journey alone, because the Holy Trinity community has been with me. Thus, for your accompaniment, well wishes, prayers, many expressions of kindness, and tangible acts of support, you have my deep and humble gratitude.
-- Randy A. Nelson

SUMMER CAMP

Thank you to Stephanie Sulzbach, Ann Schrooten, and all of the teachers who led our Holy Trinity summer camp this year. We had a wonderful week of learning new songs, making new friends, and hearing stories of God's love.

PARISH INFORMATION

RACIAL JUSTICE

Seven months ago a representative group of Holy Trinity members, led by a trained facilitator from the YWCA, took a survey known as the Intercultural Development Inventory. The tool provided us with important information, including the fact that the majority of us tend to minimize difference.

Since receiving those results, a sub-group of the Outreach Committee (Allison Johnson, Mike Mann, Harry Mueller, Sara Jensen, Korla Masters, Lynda Nordholm, Jim Trelstad-Porter, Eleni Wolking, Alyssa Erickson, and Pastor Ingrid) has met five times to discuss why intercultural development and racial justice matter to the church and to talk about avenues for personal and communal growth at Holy Trinity.

This working group would like to engage the wider community in a viewing of a three-part series entitled *Race: The Power of an Illusion*. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton says she “[yearns], not for a color-blind world, but for a color amazed world where distinctiveness and diversity aren’t washed out but are noticed and treasured as God’s gracious gift.” You’re invited on Wednesday, July 9 from 7-9 p.m., as we watch the first video segment and engage in discussion.

FALL RETREAT

The Holy Trinity fall retreat offers adults a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and a chance to practice “mono-tasking.” Sound appealing? All are welcome, please join us! Friday October 17 to Saturday October 18, at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Frontenac, MN. Contact Liz Blood or Meagan McLaughlin with questions!

CREATION CARE TEAM MEETING

There is a creation care team meeting scheduled for July 9, 5:30 p.m. All who are interested in Holy Trinity’s initiative are welcome. Need more information? Call Dennis Ormseth (651) 646-4096.

ENCORE!

Update: Music at Minnehaha Falls Park **this Thursday June 25th** 7:00-8:00. Storebought Hair will be playing New Orleans Jazz. Bring a lawn chair and join us.

LOAVES AND FISHES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Holy Trinity is responsible for cooking and serving a meal at the Loaves and Fishes site at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 18th Ave. and 24th St. There is a need for cooks, servers and a clean-up crew. The schedule is: 2:00 p.m. Cooking, 5:00 p.m. Serving, 6:00 p.m. Clean-Up. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

PARISH EVENTS June 29-July 5, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Broadway Longfellow Planning Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Council Meeting with Kairos
Thursday	7:00 pm	Encore! Music at Minnehaha Falls
Friday		BUILDING CLOSED

African Pastors Fund by Karen Batdorf. **Boiler Fund** by Lois/Paul Eid, Jim Hartsoe. **Music program** in honor of Ann & Dawn’s marriage by Roberta Shaw.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS June 29, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Joel Wiberg	Presiding Minister	Harry Mueller	
Danya/Anton Werth	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Ethan Townsend	
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Bob Hulteen	
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter	
David Berg, Anne Beschnett	Communion	Sean Gosiewski Kari Kleven	
Bev Peschiutta, Shelley Grimes	Altar Guild	Meagan/Karen McLaughlin	
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Mike Mann, Deb Sodt, M. Olsen-Biebighauser	
	Nursery	Christine Brand	
Shawn/Susan Barry	Coffee Servers	Melanie/DeWayne Townsend, Marlene Peterson	
Ron/Margaret Peterson	Counters	Scott Cole, John Sulzbach	
	Closer	John Kelly	

Financial Report	June 22	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	339,783.65
Budget Receipts	17,612.36	336,478.87
World Hunger	31.00	10,660.57
Boiler Donations	577.00	24,800.50
ELCA Malaria Campaign	-	1,000.00
African Pastor’s endowment	-	835.00
Exodus Appeal	200.00	7,118.00
Food Shelf	-	160.00

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