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

MUSICIAN SEARCH UPDATE

Worship is at the heart of the Holy Trinity community. We value our time together for celebration, renewal, reflection, and strength. Music plays a dynamic role in those experiences. It can unify, challenge, or comfort. We have been blessed to have talented and sensitive musicians, and our congregation is in the midst of a search for new leadership.

From the pews we experience the end product of our staff's creative work. Staff members meet months in advance to choose hymns and anthems that highlight themes in the selected scriptures of the day. They spend hours each week rehearsing with the adult choir, Trinity Singers, and guest musicians. They organize and coordinate information for the bulletin. They even maintain the sheet music library, instruments, and choir robes. This work is informed by years of training. We are privileged to bear witness to their art, but rarely witness their careful preparation.

Our congregation began a time of discernment and transition last summer when Julie Lindorff left her position as organist, and when Rick Prescott resigned as choir director last spring, creating an additional need. Tim Buendorf has served as interim organist since last fall, and Ann Schrooten has taken on temporary responsibilities in addition to her usual duties with children's choirs and handbells. Presently, there are two primary roles to be filled: organist and adult choir director.

With input from those involved with music at Holy Trinity, the church council, personnel committee, and the pastoral staff have been discussing how to best fill those vacancies. A search committee was formed to recruit and select a new church musician or musicians. The committee consists of Peter Johnson, Sue Roberts, Deb Sodt, Rachel Trelstad-Porter, Nicholas Ellison, Pastor Ingrid, and Pastor Jay. This group is a blend of musical expertise and church experiences. The search committee has been given two options for how to fill the vacancies:

1. Combined organist and choir director. A position called Cantor that would be a 3/4 time position.
2. Hire one person to direct the adult choirs (3/8 time) and one person to play organ (1/2 time).

The search committee will consider the skills of the candidates and decide which option maximizes the gifts of the candidates and fits the needs of the congregation. There are advantages and disadvantages to both routes, and the search committee has carefully and thoughtfully weighed the merits of each.

The search committee posted the job in early June, and received over 30 applications. The job descriptions were crafted to reflect the music and spiritual personality of the church and the collaborative and creative nature of the current staff. The interview and audition process has begun, and we have been pleased with the candidates. We have spoken to them about their knowledge of liturgy and hymnody, and we have witnessed their musicianship through hymns, solos, and psalms. Later this month we will hear them lead the choir in rehearsal.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.



LESSONS

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

JULY 20 "RELIGION, VIOLENCE, AND RE-IMAGINED FAITH" Benjamin Peters

Reflections on the nature of faith, violence, and justice in a complex world from a former United States Marine and two time veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Peters is currently a doctoral student in Religious Studies at the University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology. He has authored a book entitled *Through all the Plain* describing a life being formed by the oppositional forces of violence and reconciling love.

JULY 27 "MY LIFE STORY, MY FAITH STORY" Allison Johnson and Theresa Rian

Allison and Theresa will reflect on the intersections between their lives and their faith as part of the continuing series of such forums.

(cont'd) While there is no set timeline for this process, our goal is to have the new permanent music staff in place this fall. We will continue to keep the congregation updated as best as possible while respecting the privacy of each candidate. Thank you for your support and input throughout the process.

Nicholas Ellison,
Chair of the Musician Search Committee

PARISH INFORMATION

WANTED: PET LOVER

Holy Trinity will once again host a table at the Longfellow Corn Feed, the event that brings the neighborhood together at Longfellow Park, 34th Street & 36th Avenue, on Thursday, August 14. This year, we are going to use our table at the Corn Feed to extend invitations to our Blessing of the Animals and Marathon Runners service on Saturday, October 4. If you would be willing to hand out invitations and pet treats at our table from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 on August 14, please contact Pastor Ingrid or Mike Mann.

FALL RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE

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, Lisa Martens, or Meagan McLaughlin with questions.

TWINS GAME ON JULY 22

Twins tickets will be available for pick-up on Sunday for those who have signed up to attend. Those wishing to ride the light rail to the game should plan to meet near the cul-de-sac entrance at Holy Trinity at 6 p.m. the night of the game.

KIDS DAY CAMP - AUGUST 4 - 7

Bethany Lutheran Church (3901 36th Ave S) invites all kids from Kindergarten to 6th grade to its Day Camp, Monday - Thursday, August 4 - 7, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Enjoy music, crafts, games and Bible stories under the theme “Living in God’s Time.” \$25 includes all materials, snacks and lunch. Scholarships available. Please register by July 28th by calling 651-556-2108 or 612-729-9376 or e-mail office@bethanyon36th.com

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT!

The next parents’ night out will be on Friday, June 25, 6-9 p.m. Drop kids fifth grade and younger off between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. and pick up before 9:00. Sign up in the Community Room or contact the church office for more details. We also need adult and youth volunteers to sign up in the Community Room.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE FILM SERIES

All are invited to the showing of the documentary *Sea Change* on Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room at Holy Trinity. The film describes the changing oceans due to human-caused carbon emissions, through the story of a grandfather and his grandson, and steps we can take to reduce the severity of climate change. There will be a discussion after the film. Free of charge.

PARISH EVENTS July 20-26, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	6:00 pm	Handbell camp
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Handbell camp
	6:00 pm	Depart for Twins game from HT
	7:30 pm	Creation Care
Wednesday	4-6:00 pm	Fare for All Express
	6:00 pm	Handbell camp
	7:00 pm	Viewing of the film “Sea Change”
Friday	6-9:00 pm	Parents’ night out
Saturday		Youth return from trip to Heifer Project

Special Gift in memory of **June Englund** by Sandy Hoverson.

African Pastors Fund by Cathryn Olson, Bud Diken.

World Hunger by Doris Neuendorf.

Lutheran World Relief by Eunice Libberg Milbrath.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 20, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen	
David Berg	Presiding Minister	Harry Mueller	
Anton Werth	Acolytes	Oskar Jensen, Emily Davison	
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Susan Wootten	
Meghan Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	Troy Davison	
Linda/David Berglin	Communion	Dennis/Lynda Nordholm	
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow	
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Deb Sodt, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Kohlstedts	Coffee Servers	Helmels	
Dennis Nordholm, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Vick Mann, Gary Johnson	
	Closer	Cliff Brown	

Financial Report	July 13	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	380,557.69
Budget Receipts	6,195.26	374,269.19
World Hunger	51.00	10,711.57
Disaster Relief	50.00	50.00
Boiler Donations	-	24,940.50
ELCA Malaria Campaign	-	1,000.00
African Pastor’s endowment	100.00	935.00
Exodus Appeal	-	7,418.00
Food Shelf	-	160.00

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