



# 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

## UPDATE FROM BUILDING PROJECT WORKING GROUP

Holy Trinity's physical facilities are a significant asset for carrying out our ministry. Not only does our building allow the members of this congregation to gather for worship, education, and forming relationships, but it also serves the neighborhood by providing space for various community groups to meet. Our building is used well, almost every day of the week.

Observing the building use, the elected church leadership has also recognized the building's significant shortcomings in serving our mission, specifically in terms of security, accessibility, providing a clear welcome for visitors, and offering flexible meeting space for groups of varying sizes. Therefore, in the fall of 2009 the Holy Trinity Church Council began a process of developing a long-range building plan for large projects and remodels. An initial plan, developed a year later, has been a crucial guide for us as we have undertaken such projects as relocating the nursery, installing a lift in the Bartsch Room to make it accessible for everyone, replacing windows and floor tiles in the Sky Room, building a storage room for new tables and chairs, and installing our new boilers.

During the past year, the Church Council has been considering next steps for our building improvements. We engaged in a "season of listening" last winter and spring, working with the consulting group Kairos and Associates. As Council President Jeff Olsen Biebighauser explained in his annual report last January, one significant item we sought to ask the congregation about was the possibility of a building remodeling project. With the help of two congregation-wide surveys, interviews, and discussion forums, we found that members of Holy Trinity are very supportive of moving ahead with building improvements, especially the relocation of the offices to the main floor and the re-designation of the current office and library space to more useable meeting and education space.

In response to what was heard during the listening campaign, the Church Council appointed a small building task force to begin work on the next phase of our building remodeling work, including developing a design and budget which the Council could present to the whole congregation sometime in 2015. The Council sought representation from Property and Nurturing Committees on this task force, as well as recent experience on Council and with other ELCA congregations. The task force members, along with the pastors, are Lynda Nordholm (chair), Randy Nelson, David Krig, and Liz Blood.

As the task force begins its work, we continue to seek your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. While a lot of work has been done in identifying the problems and possible solutions, we are only in the early stages of putting together a detailed remodel plan. In the coming months we will engage a professional architect, who will help us determine the feasibility of the improvement ideas outlined above. As we do our work, we will keep the congregation informed through newsletter announcements. We will also hang a bulletin board in the Community Room with weekly updates on our progress.

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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*



### LESSONS

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Psalms 90:1-12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Matthew 25:14-30

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

### NOVEMBER 16 "STEWARDSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY"

Plan to attend the stewardship breakfast in the gym at 9:45 a.m.

### STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Financial Stewardship Committee invites all members of the congregation to join them for a light breakfast on November 16 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the church gymnasium. We will celebrate the completion of the boiler project, engage in conversation about the stewardship of our lives, hear about new opportunities for participation at Holy Trinity, and offer financial pledges for 2015.

The Stewardship breakfast this Sunday, to which you are all invited, will be an opportunity to reflect on all the ways that we can serve God through what has been entrusted to us. Our building is one such gift. It is an important resource for our shared mission as followers of Christ. There will be time for discussion about the building remodel on Sunday and in the next several months. Again, we encourage you to visit the Community Room bulletin board frequently.

We thank you for the ways you have engaged our time of listening about the Holy Trinity's ministry and for all the ways that you serve God through this congregation.

—Holy Trinity Building Task Force

## PARISH INFORMATION

### REQUEST FROM BROADWAY SCHOOL

Broadway School would like snack foods for the school store, including Powerade; water; granola bars; fruit snacks; fruit roll-ups; rice crispy treats; ramen noodles; pretzels; and popped popcorn. Proceeds will be used for special expenses. Donations can be left in boxes under the sign-up table in the Community Room.

### JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM

Thank you to the many people who made the fifth annual Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society such a great event. Our sanctuary was nearly full on Friday evening and Saturday morning with members and visitors who came to hear Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber. Several participants commented on the warm welcome and kind assistance they received from Holy Trinity volunteers. Thanks especially to the Adult Education Committee for their leadership.

### URBAN AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS

Dylan Bradford-Kesti, Program Organizer to Community Based Food Systems with Land Stewardship Project will speak at Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 23, at 12:15 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

### FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE FOR SENIORS 55+

Dan Cheung from State Farm Insurance is offering a Defensive Driving course on Tuesday, November 18, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 19, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. One class is necessary for completion. Call Tony Gao at 612-728-1000 to sign up.

### LED LIGHT BULBS AVAILABLE

Take advantage of this great opportunity to reduce your carbon footprint by using LED light bulbs. The Peace with Justice Committee will be offering these bulbs at a greatly reduced price thanks to a utility rebate from Xcel Energy. They are bright, instant on, dimmable and a great improvement over CFLs. See Dave Moe at the display table on Stewardship Sunday to make your purchase.

### JULBORD TICKETS

Get your tickets now for Holy Trinity's Julbord. The event is Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2-6 p.m. The cost is \$18 for all-you-can-eat lutefisk, meatballs, sausage, fruit soup, lefse, rice pudding, pickled herring, cole slaw, beets, and homemade cookies. Tickets can be purchased in the church office or Sundays in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS November 16-22, 2014		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Stewardship Breakfast in the Gym
Monday	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Executive Council meets
	7:00 pm	Church Council meets
Tuesday	11:00 am	Text Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00-7:00 pm	Youth Choirs
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 am	Encore at Turtle Bread
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth Lock-in
Saturday	1:30 pm	Handbell rehearsal

Special Gift in memory of Birgit Birkeland by Ray Sanders.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 16, 2014			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Marianne Hefte, Eliza Roberts	
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Bob Aldrich	
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Cliff Brown	
Joyce Peterson, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Laura Bolstad, Randy Nelson	
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Keith/Libby Olstad	
Bob/Bev Peschitta, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Mike Mann, Deb Sodt, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser	
Stewardship Cmte	Coffee Servers	Paul Rasmussen	
Chris Engen, Dennis Nordholm	Counters	Scott Cole, Gary Johnson	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	

Financial Report	November 9	Year to Date
Budget requirement	13,591.35	611,610.58
Budget receipts	11,315.90	574,153.65
Disaster Relief/Ebola		520.00
Boiler Donations	20.00	25,540.50