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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANNUAL MEETING

With both a sense of celebration of the past year and eager anticipation for where the Spirit will lead in 2015, Holy Trinity members gathered for the congregation's annual meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Following lunch, the Gloria Ringers kicked off the meeting with a delightful rendition of the song, "Let It Go" from the Disney movie, *Frozen*. Then Council President Jeff Olsen Biebighauser shared brief reports from each of the committees regarding exciting plans for 2015. Fuller reports are printed in the annual meeting booklet, which is available in the church office or Community Room.

Gerry Berglin gave a positive treasurer's report, noting the generous giving by the congregation that enabled us to cover the year's expenses of \$690,908.51. Though we had budgeted the use of \$35,000 from the "Future Staffing" fund that was set aside several years ago, we did not need it this year. Next year's budget of \$727,100 was approved.

Special appeals are another way we support God's work in the world. Last year we donated \$16,511 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, \$1,856 to the African Pastors' Endowment, and \$11,838 to Exodus Lending. This year's appeals will be to support our new and exciting partnership with Broadway High School (formerly Longfellow) and ELCA World Hunger. Watch for more information about both of these appeals coming soon.

Four members were elected to serve three-year terms on the Church Council: Cliff Brown, Theresa Rian, Melanie Townsend, and Gerry Werth. Linda McMahon was elected to serve the remaining year for former Council member Korla Masters, who recently moved out of state to begin her seminary education.

The final item on the agenda was to approve the renaming of a Latino Ministry Fund established in 2004 to the Intercultural Development Fund. The money available in this fund will now be used for the continuation of intercultural development and racial justice at Holy Trinity and in the surrounding community. This is important work that has already begun at Holy Trinity. The Outreach Committee believes that though it is a departure from the plan set out in 2004, it is in keeping with the spirit in which the funds were first collected.

Following the congregational meeting, the new Church Council met for the first time to elect officers. Those chosen to serve on the Executive Committee are

- Sara Jensen, President
- Josh Becker, Vice President
- Kari Kleven, Secretary
- Laura Bolstad, Treasurer

Thank you to all of the people of Holy Trinity for the countless ways you live out your faith through the ministries of this congregation. With Christ leading our way, we will continue to seek opportunities to bear witness to God's creative and redeeming actions within the life of this community and world.

AARP TAX AIDE

Holy Trinity hosts AARP income tax assistance for seniors and low income taxpayers Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., February 2 through April 14. No appointment necessary.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather; the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.



LESSONS

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

FEBRUARY 1 Youth Committee

The Adult Forum will take place in the gym, in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast.

FEBRUARY 8 Annual Youth Recital

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

TWO SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18)

We will have two services on Ash Wednesday: one at 12:00 noon and one at 7:00 p.m. Both services will offer communion and imposition of ashes, and both will be in the sanctuary. There will be a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

FEEDING THE SPIRIT

A program called Feeding the Spirit has recently been initiated by the Nurturing Relationships committee with the goal of responding to those in our community who would benefit from the delivery of nutritious meals to their homes in the event of illness, surgery, birth, or other life transitions. If you are interested in being called upon to provide an occasional meal please contact the office. If you are in need or know of someone who would benefit from short-term meal assistance, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Ingrid.

AUDITIONS FOR HTTC PRODUCTION "ANATOMY OF GRAY"

The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle will hold auditions for our spring production, "Anatomy of Gray," on Sunday, February 8, starting at 12:30 p.m., and Monday evening, February 9, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the Bartsch Room. There are parts available for persons aged 15 and up (there are not opportunities for younger children this time). In particular, we are looking for a mid-teen girl and an older teen/young man for principal parts. Along with the major speaking parts, there will be opportunities for "townspeople" with lines of dialogue assigned. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script—NO PREPARATION OR PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Rehearsals will begin mid-February. Performances are April 16-19. Contact Peter Johnson for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE

Confirmation students will host the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale fundraiser (for youth mission and learning trips) on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 8:00 to 1:00. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:00 P.M.

Chili-snacks-games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of comfort food, laughter, and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games.

LONGFELLOW ENERGY FAIR

Come learn about all things energy: cost-saving tips for your home, actions you can take, affordable solar, Minnesota's energy future, and transit tips. Saturday, February 7, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. here at Holy Trinity, hosted by the Longfellow Community Council Environment and Transportation Committee. \$10 includes lunch. Volunteers needed to help host the event here. Register at longfellow.org/energy.

OPEN GYM

Every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. the gym will be available for families with children 0-5 yrs old. A parent must accompany children.

FRENCH COOKING CLASS

Sarah Wieben will be leading a French cooking class on the evening of Thursday, March 19. Adults of all ages welcome. Sign up in the Community Room by March 5. Cost will be approximately \$15; scholarships available.

KINSHIP WITH CREATION

The Community Church is beginning a new creation care practice called "Kinship with Creation" which involves a weekly snippet that highlights some dimension of the beauty and complexity of God's creation and our place within it as kin to all living things. 1) *Taking it all to heart*: Our human heart is about the size of a small grapefruit and pulses at 60-100 beats per minute, while our cousin, the blue whale, has a heart the size of a Volkswagen Bug and manages about 6 beats per minute. Another of our relations, the blue-throated hummingbird, has a heart the size of a #2 pencil eraser and, when really active, its little heart can pulse 1260 beats per minute.

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PARISH EVENTS February 1-7, 2015		
Sunday	8:00 am-1:00 pm	Pancake Breakfast
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings at Le Town Talk
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	11:00 am	Text Study
Wednesday	3:30 -5:30 pm	Open Gym
	10 am-3pm	Mosaic workshop
	5:30 pm	Choir families supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Committee meets
	6-7 pm	Youth choirs
Saturday	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	8:30 am-3:00 pm	Longfellow Energy Fair

Exodus by Connie Adams

World Hunger by Doris Neuendorf

Special gift in memory of Marion Englund by Liz Blood

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 1, 2015			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Emily & Molly Davison	
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	John Sulzbach	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Troy Davison	
Andy R. K. Johnson, Lisa Martens	Communion	Libby/Keith Olstad	
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Libby/Keith Olstad	
Bob Peschiutta, Neil Anderson, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Kathy Ohler, Deb Sodt, Joshua Combs, Rod Johnson	
Pancake Breakfast	Coffee Servers	Pancake Breakfast	
Joyce Peterson, Vicki Mann	Counters	Scott Cole, Bruce Johnson	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	January 25	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	55,930.77
Budget receipts	5,795.03	70,660.23
African Pastors' endowment		65.00
Boiler donations		67.00
Exodus Appeal		620.00
World Hunger	25.00	116.00