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

MY LIFE STORY, MY FAITH STORY

We have held an occasional series during our Sunday morning adult forum in which we invite Holy Trinity members to share reflections on their journeys of faith. Printed here is a portion of Allison Johnson's presentation from Sunday.

My serious awakening that jumpstarted my faith journey and professional track was a semester in Central America ten years ago. I have always been immensely curious about the larger world. I wanted to study abroad, and I picked a small program through Augsburg that brought me to Central America to study development and social change. That semester exploded open my worldview. I was confronted by my immense privilege as a United States citizen in pursuit of a college degree in the face of serious poverty and day-to-day struggle. I was stunned by how little I knew about the foreign policy and atrocities that the US had instigated in El Salvador and Nicaragua. And I was humbled by the strength and faith of my fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, whose faith had been through many trials and whose reading of the gospels was so real and vital, it was truly their bread and their sustenance.

After Central America, I was ruined for life. I established my college track in justice and peace studies, Spanish and theology. I led student immersion experiences to the Texas/Mexico border, migrant farm communities in Colorado, and to Venezuela during the Hugo Chavez era. My deep love for the spirit and the struggle of Latin America led me to seek justice for immigrants in the US. I have a unique role to play as a citizen of the United States to shed light on global injustice. But I also realize that the US is one of the most unequal places in the world, and our struggles at home are urgent and pressing. I had the privilege of interning and later working in Washington, DC at Sojourners. It was there I learned I cannot do social justice work without being grounded in a community that renews me and shares my worldview. I also identified my own lens as a protestant Christian and learned from others whose faith traditions enrich the body of Christ but are expressed differently than mine.

After three years in DC, I decided it was time for me to ground myself in a place where I could make a difference at the local level. I joined the staff of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative where I have been for the past four years, leading congregations in the community to end homelessness. I'll start a new job this week, at the Headwaters Foundation for Justice, a community-based foundation that funds social justice organizations.

The question that drives and motivates me is "What are you going to do with what you know now?" The past ten years have been full of incredible experiences, meaningful relationships, and hard work. God has given me the eyes to see the world in a unique way. I hope to show others where God is already working in the world, and to bridge painful divides across race, class and other barriers that prevent us from being the beloved community that I long to be part of here on earth.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25, 2015, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Lunch will be provided. Business will include approving the 2015 budget and amending constitutional bylaws.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.



LESSONS
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

JANUARY 11 "Climate Change"
Peace with Justice Committee

Do you find climate change too overwhelmingly huge and complicated an issue to tackle? Holy Trinity's Peace with Justice Committee is developing concrete steps the congregation can take. Join us to learn about what is proposed and how to participate.

JANUARY 18 The Adult Forum will be led by the
Peace with Justice Committee

Please join us in the library at 10:00 a.m.

RACIAL JUSTICE PLANNING

The Racial Justice Working Group is hosting a conversation with Carrie Carroll, the Dean of Students at Luther Seminary. Prior to her employment at Luther, Carrie led the admissions team at Augsburg through a period of significant and faithful intercultural development. She has wisdom to share with congregations engaging in this work. Join us on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

PARISH INFORMATION

THANK YOU FROM ROB/SHARON ENGLUND

Thank you for all the help received at the funeral services of Aunties Marion and June Englund. We know that it is no small task to do everything that makes the gathering easy for our family. Special thanks to Sandy Hoverson for her caring, unselfish, unending and able organization.

BUILDING PROJECT WORKING GROUP UPDATE

We await proposals from the six architectural firms to which we sent Requests For Proposals. Why it is necessary to hire an architect? I posed this question to the ELCA's Church Bldg Consultant, Anne Gerriets, who replied, "A church is much larger than a home and there are many other options for ways your problem could be solved. If you try to do it yourself you might be missing out on a better solution. Plus, depending on what you do, there needs to be someone licensed to sign off on the plans because you are dealing with a public building. My personal argument is that when churches do remodeling themselves, that's often how you get the "odd" looking buildings because again, the untrained person does not see the bigger picture of the flow of the entire building."

ANNOUNCING THE 2015 HTTC PRODUCTION

The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle is excited to announce its 2015 production, "**Anatomy of Gray**" by award-winning playwright Jim Leonard. "Anatomy of Gray" is described as "a children's story for adults." When June's father dies she prays for a healer to come to the small town of Gray, IN, so that no one will ever suffer again. Almost as the words leave her lips, a stranger who claims to be a doctor blows into town in a balloon! At first he is able to cure any ailment and wins the hearts of the townspeople, but things take a dark turn when a plague sets in and the town turns against the doctor, blaming him for bringing the sickness. The play deals with death, loss, love, and healing in a unique coming-of-age story. Performances are scheduled for **April 16-19**; auditions will be held in late January or early February. Contact Peter Johnson for more information.

RAIN GARDEN MOSAIC PROJECT

Work has begun on the mosaic project for the rain garden. Sharon Englund is designing the panels and will start assembling them soon. To learn more about the project, read Sharon's blog at holyltrinitymosaic.blogspot.com.

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PARISH EVENTS January 11-17, 2015		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Stewardship, Chris Ed, Nurturing meet
Tuesday	11:00 am	Text Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All Express
	5:30 pm	Choir families supper
	6:00 pm	Child/family committee meets
	6-7 pm	Youth choirs
	7:30 pm	Adult choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Saturday	9:30 am	Confirmation winter retreat

Boiler Fund by Joel/Nancy Wiberg

Exodus Lending by Cliff Brown/Marianne Wargelin

Special gift in memory of husband Jack, by Clairann Hanson

World Hunger by Ray Sanders and in memory of loved ones by Paul Krumrei

Worship/Fine Arts in memory of Merlin Olson by Mary Ellen Olson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 11, 2015			
	8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Maggie Weiss, Grayson Wieczorek	Acolytes	Marianna Hefte, Mason Helmel
	Gretchen Lund	Assisting Minister	Susan Wootten
	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
	Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Communion	Mark Hiner, Katy Benson
	Shelley Grimes, Ann Neuendorf	Altar Guild	Dick/Betty Pittelkow
	Bob Peschiutta, Neil Anderson, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Kathy Hollander, Mike Mann, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
	Bev/Bob Peschiutta	Coffee Servers	Christine/Jamie Brand
	Chris Engen, Dennis Nordholm	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Mary Ellen Olson
		Closer	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	January 4
Budget receipts	7,957.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00
Boiler donations	15.00

Thank you for your financial generosity in 2014. The response at year-end was very strong. Final numbers will be available at the Annual Meeting.