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

A MIGHTY, RUSHING WIND

The following is a summary of last Sunday's adult forum presentation as compiled by Briana Baker and Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.

While Holy Trinity has long been a congregation engaged in care for creation, the conversations around climate change rose to a new level following the 2013 Johnson Symposium featuring Larry Rasmussen. Since then, many individual, small group, and congregation-wide discussions have been digging into ways for Holy Trinity to address climate change in an organized and concrete way.

In October, the Peace with Justice Committee commissioned a team of leaders, the Creation Care Leadership Team, to develop proposals for congregation-wide efforts. This team, through research, brainstorming, and conversations with congregants, put together three proposals for the committee to consider.

We have now chosen to pursue a campaign to maximize participation in Xcel Energy's Windsource program. Xcel states: "Windsource is a voluntary program whereby residential and business customers can purchase (for a monthly fee added to their electric bill) electricity generated by renewable sources such as wind and solar power." Our campaign would include subscribing to wind power for our church building as well as for our members' households. Participants can subscribe to different amounts up to 100% of their electricity. For an average-sized home, the increase in a month's electricity bill with 100% subscription is only around \$4.

This is an exciting action for us to take together as a congregation for many reasons:

- It's an accessible, safe and fairly straightforward way to get acquainted with renewable energy options, particularly for those of us who may feel overwhelmed by the options and the mechanics of it all.
- There is potential to make an impact on policy—both legislative and with Xcel. We'll be able to say "x% of our congregation is subscribed to Windsource." Decision-makers will be apt to listen to what we have to say, and we can build power to make alternative energy sources more reliable, trustworthy, and affordable.

We are a part of creation, and creation is a gift to us. As a gift, we're entrusted to use our natural resources respectfully and responsibly. By harvesting the gifts of wind and sun responsibly and with care, we can send a powerful message to those around us that this is directly connected to our values and to our faith.

The details of this effort are still being finalized, and there will be plenty of opportunities for further discussion, but we hope that you will take some time to consider your own household's use of renewable energy.

In the same way that a single wind turbine does not produce much power, but many turbines standing together can generate a great amount of energy, we are not called to stand alone, but together.

ANNUAL MEETING

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to.



ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

LESSONS

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51

JANUARY 18 "Action on Climate Change: Reports from the front line and on the church's engagement Peace with Justice Committee

Legislators are moving on energy and climate change issues both locally and nationally. Get up to date on what's happening at the Minnesota Legislature and how people of faith are responding. Comments by Kathy Hollander of MN350.org, Sean Gosiewski of the Alliance for Sustainability, and Dennis Ormseth, Lutherans Restoring Creation (all three are Holy Trinity members).

JANUARY 25 "Preview of the Annual Meeting"

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.

"GOD GIRL," A NEW PLAY BY KRISTINE HOLMGREN

The war in Vietnam is over, the women's liberation movement is in full swing, and a spirited 1975 Macalester graduate is determined to change the world. See what happens when she joins the first large group of audacious women seeking the Master of Divinity degree from an elite Ivy League seminary. Minnesota playwright Kristine Holmgren is a Presbyterian pastor and former Star Tribune columnist. Her new play explores the hard work, humor, and heartbreak experienced by the first brave women who dared smash the stained glass ceiling of protestantism. Join Pastor Ingrid on **March 1** at 2 p.m. at the MN History Center. The van will leave from HT after the 11:00 service. Sign up by 1/25. Tickets are approximately \$30.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of Feb. 2-6. Volunteers are needed to drive a route for 1-5 days. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen. Delivery takes about 1 hour.

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 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting on January 25 as well as at the door. Contact Kari Kleven or sign up in the Community Room if you'd like to contribute baked goods for the bake sale.

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. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

BOOK STUDY

Join Nicki Hines and Pastor Ingrid for a book study on Elizabeth Johnson's *Quest for the Living God*. With Johnson's book as a guide, we'll discuss the images of God we carry and explore images that might expand our understanding. Tuesdays, February 10, 17, 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

ANNOUNCING THE 2015 HTTC PRODUCTION

The HT Theatre Circle announces its 2015 production, "**Anatomy of Gray**" by award-winning playwright Jim Leonard. Performances are scheduled for **April 16-19**; auditions will be held in late January or early February. Contact Peter Johnson for more information.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on Thursdays, February 12 and 19, from 6-8 p.m. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome.

ENCORE! MOVIE NIGHT

Encore! is inviting all interested in seeing the movie *Selma* to join us Saturday January 24th. The exact location and time will be determined closer to the date, but plan on a time close to 4:00 p.m.. We'll go out for food and conversation after the movie. Please email Nancy Moe (bnanc@aol.com) so we can contact you with the theater information. If you would like to carpool, please indicate this, too.

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PARISH EVENTS January 18-24, 2015	
Sunday	Confirmation winter retreat
	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	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	MLK Day (building is open)
	Confirmation winter retreat
Tuesday	6:00 pm Executive Committee
	7:00 pm Council
Wednesday	11:00 am Text Study
	10 am-3pm Mosaic workshop
	5:30 pm Choir families supper
Thursday	6-7 pm Youth choirs
	7:30 pm Adult choir
	7:00 pm Intercultural event w/ Carrie Carroll

CLEAN ENERGY AND JOBS LOBBY DAY FEB. 2, 9AM-4PM

The Peace w/ Justice Committee invites HT members to attend the Clean Energy and Jobs Day at the Capitol. The event will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Paul, 105 University Ave. W. Those attending will meet with legislators to advocate for increasing the Renewable Energy Standard in MN. Sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 18, 2015		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Acolytes	Oskar Jensen
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Paul Ramsour
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Kevin Proescholdt, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Anna Brelje, Mike Mann
Linda/Gerry Berglin	Altar Guild	Carol Lane
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Kathy Ohler, Deb Sodt, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser
Rosemary Foley	Coffee Servers	Sara/Kirk Jensen
Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Vicki Mann, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Deb Sodt

	January 11	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget receipts	33,587.62	41,544.62
African Pastors' endowment	50.00	50.00
Disaster Relief/Ebola	20.00	20.00
Boiler donations	25.00	40.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	10.00

Exodus Lending by Stella Townsend; World Hunger by Nancy/Joel Wiberg
ELCA disaster relief by Karen Batdorf; African Pastors' endowment by Bud Dixen
Boiler fund in memory of Vi Madson by Lee/Judi Kampinen