



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

UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Recommendation from the Building Project Working Group

In response to what was heard during Holy Trinity's listening campaign, the Church Council appointed a building project working group consisting of Randy Nelson, Liz Blood, David Krig and Lynda Nordholm (chair), in addition to Pastor Jay Carlson and Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen. The working group was charged with identifying an architectural firm for the feasibility and design of remodeling, and to bring the name of the firm to the Church Council for recommendation to the congregation in 2015.

From a list of more than 35 Minnesota architectural firms that have experience with church buildings (provided by the ELCA's church building consultant), the working group identified about 20 to contact, including two firms the group self-identified. Following phone conversations with each firm, and taking a closer look at their composition and work experience, six firms were asked to participate in a walkthrough of the building with the working group. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was subsequently sent to each of those firms. After consideration of the proposals received, four firms were invited to interview with the working group. The interviews revealed two strong contenders, and after deliberation, the group came to a consensus on one firm: Miller Dunwiddie Architecture.

After discussion at its March meeting, the Council accepted the working group's recommendation to work with Miller Dunwiddie in order to design a building remodel project.

At this point, the Council would again like to turn to the congregation for input. On Sunday, March 29, the Adult Forum will be dedicated to coming together to learn about and discuss the work that the building project working group underwent and their recommendation. There will then be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 12, after the 11:00 service for the purpose of approving this direction. Although a congregational vote is not required to hire the architect for initial design work, we want this process to be as encompassing of the whole congregation as possible. All voices and thoughts are valued and necessary in this process. During the meeting we will also discuss what the next steps of the process would be and how we would provide opportunities for congregation members to offer input for the architect's design. We would hope to have a design ready for congregational approval by fall.

Partner Parish Opportunity in El Salvador

The Council received a recommendation from the Peace with Justice Committee through its partner parish working group to seek a partner parish relationship with a congregation in El Salvador. The next step will be to write to the bishop of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church asking whether there are congregations who would like to consider a partnership with us. Then we would send a delegation next winter to meet possible partners and to develop a recommendation about our partnership for consideration and action by the Church Council.

Bylaw Revisions

At a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 22, members approved the proposed bylaw revisions. These changes generally reflect how work is currently being carried out by our various committees and also serve to make the language of the bylaws consistent with the rest of the Constitution.

PALM SUNDAY

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of Hosanna!



READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

MARCH 29 "Update on Potential Building Renovation"
Now that the Building Project Working Group has finished its work and recommended an architect to the Church Council, this forum will be an opportunity to discuss what we have learned and to consider next steps.

APRIL 5 Easter—No forum

EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to order an Easter lily for the altar area, please call the church office (612-729-8358). Lilies may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one and will be listed in the Easter bulletin. The cost is \$12.

ARTICLE STUDY

Join Jeff Olsen Biebighauser and Pastor Ingrid on Tuesdays, April 21 and 28, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates' article "The Case for Reparations." Originally published in June 2014, Coates makes the case that after 250 years of slavery, 90 years of Jim Crow, 60 years of separate but equal, 35 years of racist housing policy, we need to reckon with our compounding moral debts in order to become whole. Hosted by the 20s, 30s, 40s group; adults of all ages welcome. Sign up in the Community Room, where copies of the article can be found.

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 in need or know of someone who would benefit from short-term meal assistance, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Ingrid.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTS *ANATOMY OF GRAY!*

"Judging other people" is one of the themes that are present in HTTC's enactment of Jim Leonard, Jr.'s play *Anatomy of Gray*. There is plenty of judging going on in the fictitious town of Gray, Indiana. Leonard deftly crafts his play to show that pre-judging people can change their minds when circumstances allow them to see their problems in a new light. Vigilante justice is key to the center of the plot, when the prejudice drives them to try to hang the doctor/stranger who has come to the town. Performances are April 16, 17, 18 at 7 p.m. and April 19, 4 p.m.

"BROWN BAG" DISCUSSION WITH RANDY NELSON

Randy will host a "brown bag" discussion at noon on Thursday, April 9, on the article by Ezekiel Emanuel entitled "Why I Hope to Die at 75." The article is available in the Community Room.

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM

At noon on Thursday, May 14, join Pastor Ingrid for David Brooks' presentation at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. In his forthcoming book, *The Road to Character*; he explores the importance of character development in building a meaningful life. The Holy Trinity van will depart from church at 10:45 a.m. Sign up in the Community Room. The event is free.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY FAIR APRIL 11

You are invited to the 4th annual Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, Saturday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Faith Mennonite Church, 2720 East 22nd St., Minneapolis. Drop in for free electronics & small appliance recycling, bike tune-ups and used/broken bike donation, clothing and toy exchange, household more-with-less activities and products, activities for children, seed swap, free soup from Soup for You! Cafe, info from alternative transportation, alternative energy, urban gardening, and sustainability organizations. Sponsored by: Seward Neighborhood Group, Faith Mennonite, Mennonite Worker, Community of St. Martin.

THE JINGLE DRESS

Come to the Mill City Museum for a viewing of *The Jingle Dress* on Thursday, April 23. This movie tells a contemporary story about a Native American family that travels from their home on a northern Minnesota reservation to Minneapolis. Through their eyes we learn about their traditional culture as well as their experience staying in an urban setting. Music before the film starts at 6:00, movie shows at 7:00. Free. Sign up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS March 29-April 4, 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
	12:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
	2:00 pm Swahili Service
Monday	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
	11:00 am Text study
	3:30-5:30 pm Open gym
	6:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
Wednesday	10 am-3 pm Mosaic workshop
	6:00 pm Youth choirs
	6:30 pm Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm Adult Choir
Thursday	6:00 pm Soup supper
	7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room
Friday	7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room
Saturday	10:00 am HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
	7:00 pm Easter Vigil Evening Prayer in Bartsch Room

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 29, 2015		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Acolytes	Marianna Hefte, Sara Christians
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Scott Cole
Joyce Peterson, Andy R. K. Johnson	Communion	Linda/Phil Jury
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	DeWayne/Melanie Townsend and family
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Kathy Ohler, Deb Sodt, Joshua Combs, Rod Johnson
Weiss/Lund family	Coffee Servers	Helmel family
Joyce Peterson, Dennis Nordholm	Counters	Wayne Vetter, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Cliff Brown
Financial Report	March 22	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	167,792.31
Budget receipts	18,017.74	168,210.51
Broadway School	204.00	354.00
Exodus Appeal	136.00	1,891.00
World Hunger	229.00	802.00
Broadway School by Cori Gershon/Anne Curtin, Virginia Fosse-Oie, Kathy Ohler, Jane/Bob Aldrich, Sandy Hoverson		
Organ Renovation Fund by Bob Wetzler		
World Hunger by Sandra Thornby, Kathryn Nevers, Cori Gershon/Anne Curtin, Virginia Fosse-Oie, Kathy Ohler, Sandy Hoverson		