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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON BUILDING RENOVATIONS

At yesterday's congregational meeting, the Church Council was pleased to welcome architects, Paul May and Kelly Mastin, from Miller Dunwiddie Architects, the firm chosen to assist with the design phase of a building project that would relocate the church offices to the first floor and renovate the east entrance. Paul and Kelly highlighted their commitment to sustainable and creative renovation of existing structures. They also expressed excitement about engaging committees and congregation members during the design development process. "In the end," Paul said, "our hope is this looks not like Miller Dunwiddie's project, but, rather, like something created by you, the members of Holy Trinity."

Last spring, you'll remember that with the help of Kairos and Associates, the Church Council conducted a Listening Phase, which conveyed strong support for a building project that would strengthen our ministry. One year later, the Council deemed it important to pause and listen again through a poll administered at yesterday's meeting. The Council asked, "In order to explore ways of strengthening our ministry through improved accessibility, security, and hospitality for members and the community, I am in favor of contracting with Miller Dunwiddie Architects to design a project that would relocate the church offices to the first floor and renovate the east entrance."

The following was heard:

- Strongly Agree: 35
- Agree: 13
- Tend to Agree: 14
- Tend to Disagree: 2
- Disagree: 1
- Strongly Disagree: 0

The majority of respondents expressed excitement about the project. Some had reservations about the financing of such an undertaking. I'm glad for that; as your pastor, I'd be worried if no one asked questions about the cost! Moving forward, Pastor Jay will be working closely with the Financial Stewardship Committee to discern our financial capacity at the present time. Additionally, the Church Council will soon appoint a Building Renovation Fund Team to explore alongside them.

In the next few months, members of a Council-appointed Design Team will work closely with Miller Dunwiddie in the design development process. While there will be formal opportunities for each of you to share your ideas with the architects, please know that members of the Design Team are eager to hear from you, too. Please consider sharing your thoughts with Deb Sodt, Randy Newberg, Rob Englund, Christine Brand, Dawn Wiczorek, Randy Nelson, Dennis Nordholm, or Sara Jensen. This group will work to ensure this project is in keeping with Holy Trinity's longstanding commitments to mission with the wider community and transparency within the congregation.

I'm glad we're exploring, creating, questioning, and building together.
—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.



READINGS
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

APRIL 19 "The Bible and a Life of Faith" Pastor Jay Carlson

Before he died last year, Dr. Marcus Borg, the presenter at our first Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society in 2010, wrote a book called *Convictions* with the subtitle "How I Learned What Matters Most." During Adult Forums in April and May we will have the opportunity to reflect on what matters most to us with stimulation provided by comments from Borg on what mattered most to him. Conversations will be centered on themes central to the Christian life and faith facilitated by Holy Trinity members and pastors.

APRIL 26 "God" Shelley Grimes

The second in our series, this will be another opportunity to reflect on what matters most to us.

NEW ENCORE! EVENT: BIRDING

The spring migration of millions of birds is underway, and we're going to pay attention. Join enthusiastic birder Keith Olstad for a few hours of early morning birding by sight and ear. On Friday morning, April 24, we'll be at Woodlake Nature Center, Richfield, and Saturday morning, May 2, at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge parking lot in Bloomington. Either meet at the Holy Trinity parking lot, departing at 7:10 a.m., to carpool to the birding site OR drive/bike directly to the site by 7:30 a.m. We'll finish at 10:00 a.m. No previous experience necessary; bring binoculars and/or field guides if you have them. Contact Keith Olstad for directions or concerns.

TWO GREAT EVENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE COMING UP!

1) Larry Rasmussen will be at Luther Seminary Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham Street. His talk is on "Creation and Sin in this Era of Climate Change." 2) On Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, there will be legislators, professors, and other noted speakers outside on the State Capitol Mall, 12:30-3. Bring a lawn chair. Rain date: April 23. Sign up for these events in the Community Room!

PARISH INFORMATION

JOIN THE FAITHFUL ENERGY MOVEMENT

As part of our commitment to God's creation, Holy Trinity's building is now 100% subscribed to Windsource through Xcel Energy. The Faithful Energy Team is asking all Holy Trinity members to subscribe to wind energy at home. Visit htlcmpls.org/faithfulenergy for more information or to let us know that you subscribe already.

2015 GRADUATES

Is there a graduation from high school, college, or graduate school taking place in your family this spring? Please let the church office know so that your church can celebrate with you.

GAME NIGHT FOR 20s, 30s, AND 40s GROUP

Laura Bolstad will be hosting a game night at her house for the 20s, 30s, and 40s group on Friday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game(s) and/or a dessert/snack to share, and get ready to have some fun. Space is limited. Sign up in the Community Room or talk to Laura for more information.

HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTS *ANATOMY OF GRAY!*

Performances are Thursday-Saturday, April 16-18, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 19, at 4:00 p.m. All shows are free; donations will be accepted at the door.

JOINT SERVICE WITH SWAHILI CONGREGATION ON MAY 17

Holy Trinity and Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation (our building partner) will worship together at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17. Immediately following the service, we'll share a meal. Members of the Swahili Congregation have generously offered to cook! If you plan to stay and eat, please sign up in the Community Room, so we can plan accordingly. (Please note: There will also be an 8:45 a.m. service on May 17.)

JANE ERICKSON MEMORIAL GIFT

Thank you to Rodney Erickson for his generous donation to help improve our sanctuary sound system, given in memory of his wife, Jane Erickson, who died in December of 2013.

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PARISH EVENTS April 19-25, 2015	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am Confirmation
	9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	4:00 pm HTTC presents "Anatomy of Gray"
	6:00 pm Executive committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm Council
	11:00 am Text study
Wednesday	7:00 pm Article study with Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
	10 am-3 pm Mosaic workshop
	5:30 pm Choir families supper
	6:00 pm Youth choir
	7:30 pm Adult choir

African Pastors' Endowment Fund by Bud Dixen
 Broadway School by Liz Blood, Freda Miller, Sally/David Kohlstedt, Roberta Shaw,
 Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, Katy Benson, Cathryn Olson
 World Hunger by Freda Miller, Rosemary Foley, Dennis/Lynda Nordholm, Cathryn Olson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 19, 2015		
8:45 AM	11:00 AM	
Josh Becker	Crucifer	
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Kristen Townsend, Ethan Townsend
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Roberta Shaw
Mary/Chris Engen	Communion	Sean Gosiewski
Bev Peschiutta, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Libby/Keith Olstad
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Mike Mann, Mark Hiner, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Shelley Grimes	Coffee Servers	Marianne Wargelin, Cliff Brown
Bob Peschiutta, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Mary Ellen Olson, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Dennis Nordholm

	April 12	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget requirement	13,982.69	209,740.38
Budget receipts	9,762.99	209,973.47
African Pastors' endowment	50.00	215.00
Broadway School	365.00	1209.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	1,926.00
World Hunger	226.00	1,398.00