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

EARTH-HONORING FAITH

In 2010, Dr. Larry Rasmussen (a past Johnson Symposium presenter) wrote in *Sojourners* magazine:

The health and wellness of human beings is dependent on the wellness of our ecosystems...To remember this means living by a different faith and ethic. It will be an Earth-honoring faith and ethic, asking what kind of Christian faith offers renewable moral and spiritual energy for living our "tilling-and-keeping" responsibility (Genesis 2:15)? What kind understands that justice is not just us, but rather the never-ending project to reach across the whole community of life in order to set wrongs right and establish the conditions for all nature's well-being, ours included? This needed restructuring will center God and the primal elements of God's creation—earth, air, fire, water, light. It will, in a word, reframe our lives at a time when both beauty and necessity ask that of us.

As we observe Earth Day this week, it is especially appropriate for us to consider how our Christian faith compels us to live with and care for all of God's creation. How must our life and ethic as a society be changed in order to more fully love our nonhuman neighbors as well as human? These are questions for us to continually engage as a community of faith.

One exciting way our congregation is responding to the call to care for the earth is through the current wind energy campaign. As of April, Holy Trinity's building is 100% subscribed to wind energy through Xcel, and the Faithful Energy team is challenging Holy Trinity members to make the same commitment in their own homes. Our goal is to have 80% of our membership subscribed by Pentecost, which is a little over 200 households. As of this Sunday we have 57 households who have either signed up for wind energy for the first time or let us know that their household is already subscribed. For more information or to let us know that your household has subscribed so we can add you to our count, visit our Faithful Energy table in the Community Room on Sunday morning or visit htlcmpls.org/faithfulenergy online.

Whether or not you choose to make a change to your utility bill, you can show your support for wind energy and spark some conversation with your neighbors by using a "faithful energy" tote bag. Holy Trinity member Christine Brand is making these attractive bags by hand, re-purposing old shirts. They feature a wind turbine and the words "faithful energy." The bags are available for order in the Community Room, and we simply request a \$5 donation. Proceeds will help support our church building's wind subscription. If you would like to donate shirts to be transformed into bags or want to help craft these bags, talk to Holy Trinity's Parish Organizer, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.

Through this wind project and many other efforts, I am grateful to be in partnership with you in service to God's creation.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The image of the good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority.

The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.



READINGS

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

APRIL 26 "God"
Shelley Grimes

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 opportunities 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.

MAY 3 "Jesus"
Allison Johnson

The third 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 on Friday morning, April 24, and Saturday morning, May 2. Contact Keith Olstad for directions or concerns.

SPRING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 9 A.M.-NOON

Come one, come all to the annual spring clean-up of Holy Trinity grounds. Includes raking, sweeping, work in the rain garden, reseeding grassy areas. Equipment provided; if you bring your favorite tools, be sure to label them. Rain date to be announced.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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. There will be a special recognition of graduates during the 11:00 service on May 31.

WALKING TOGETHER

There will be a friendly walk by the mighty Mississippi on Tuesday, May 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Walkers will meet at the parking lot at 36th St. and W. River Road. Plan to wear sturdy walking shoes as we may head off of paved trails. Contact Theresa Rian for more information. Sign up in the Community Room, so we know to look for you.

NEW BARTSCH ROOM PIANO

Thanks to a very generous gift by Bill and Sue Roberts, our worship services and other events in the Bartsch Room will now be accompanied by a beautiful baby grand piano. Thank you, Roberts family!

THANK YOU, STEPHANIE

After nine years in the role, Stephanie Sulzbach will be stepping away from the position of church school coordinator this summer. Please join us for a reception in her honor on Sunday, June 14, as we express our appreciation for her faithful service in children's ministry at Holy Trinity. While Stephanie will still be available to help with Sunday School activities in the future, we will miss her week-to-week presence and diligent efforts to coordinate all of this congregation's educational programs for children.

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.)

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PARISH EVENTS April 26-May 3, 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
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	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
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
Friday	7:30 pm	Adult choir
	7:00 pm	Game night at Laura Bolstad's
Saturday	9:00 am	Gloria Ringers rehearse in sanctuary

Broadway School by Ellen Fredell-Shawbold, Herb/Joyce Hanson, Gary Johnson, Bob/Helen Norheim
World Hunger by Ellen Fredell-Shawbold, Herb/Joyce Hanson, John Sulzbach, David/Pamela Rediger, Bob/Helen Norheim

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 26, 2015			
	8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Josh Becker	Crucifer	David Krig
	Grayson Wieczorek	Acolytes	Oskar Jensen
	Lyle Steinfeldt	Assisting Minister	Sandy Hoverson
	Jeff Weiss, Mary Young	Communion	Gary Johnson, Katy Benson
	Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend
	Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Alan Libra, George Madich, Dennis/Lynda Nordholm,
	Jodi Cameron, Jodi Koerner	Coffee Servers	Kleven family
	Joyce Peterson, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Scott Cole, Wayne Vetter
		Closer	Rod Johnson

	April 19	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget requirement	13,982.69	223,723.08
Budget receipts	30,912.28	240,885.75
Broadway School	65.00	1,274.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	1,931.00
World Hunger	220.00	1,618.00