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

GROWTH AND TRANSITION FOR EXODUS LENDING

Last Wednesday, I was invited to attend a reception and award presentation at Lutheran Social Service's Center for Changing Lives. Holy Trinity and Exodus Lending were chosen to receive one of five Financial Advocacy Awards given out this year by LSS. Our group was honored by the recognition and inspired to hear the stories of the other organizations and individuals serving our community: Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, Full Cycle, Tricia Grimes, and the Hmong American Farmers Association.

John Sulzbach, an LSS financial counselor and Holy Trinity member, made the nomination for this award. He began his nomination speech with these remarks:

We are sitting in the centrum of the Center for Changing Lives. That is as apt a metaphor as I can imagine for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Exodus Lending. They have the audacious goal to change people's financial lives by showing them a way to end a dependence on payday loans and begin a life of financial security... Three years ago, when members saw the arrival of a payday lender only a block away from the church and how borrowers became trapped in a cycle of debt with extreme interest rates and fees, they looked for a way to put their faith into action, to demonstrate the church's concern for their neighbors and their neighborhood. After further research and receiving a significant grant, a dedicated team set about in earnest to flesh out the dream.

Now a group of talented board members and other partners have joined us in pursuing the dream, and we have already begun to refinance loans for individuals in our community caught in debt traps, saving them thousands of dollars in fees. It is exciting to see this progress in achieving our goals.

Next month we will be saying farewell to Exodus Lending's current director Adam Rao. It is sad to see him go, as he has played a critical role in turning the organization from an idea into a living thing that is making loans and having a real impact on lives. And yet, we knew when he was hired that he would be leaving this summer to return to school to pursue an MBA, so we are also excited for him.

I am also excited that in the interim before a new permanent director is hired, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser is going to be filling the role. This means that she will be less available at Holy Trinity for a while, but she will bring many gifts for leadership at Exodus in this time of transition. Meghan has been leading our work to address payday lending since the beginning. In her new role, she will build on the momentum Adam established and lead the organization through the next phase of growth.

Though there will be a change in how she spends her time, you will still see Meghan at Holy Trinity both during the week and on Sunday mornings. In fact, she is going to preach at both worship services on Sunday, July 5.

While there is more work to be done in achieving the dream we envisioned for Exodus Lending, there is much to celebrate. Thanks to the efforts of Holy Trinity and other partners, we are already helping people make great changes in their lives.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.



READINGS

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

JUNE 21 "Values in Tension: Economics and the Environment"
A documentary DVD entitled "Crying Earth Rise Up" highlights one of a number of contemporary issues in which goals of economic growth and maintaining environmental integrity face each other. A part of this documentary will be shown to provide a framework in which to explore the tension between competing goals in the context of our self-understanding as citizens and as Christians.

JUNE 28 "Update on the Building Renovation Project"
Building Design Team and Church Council
The Building Renovation Design Team and Miller Dunwiddie architects have been hard at work, moving from the congregational goals of accessibility, hospitality, safety, to architectural drawings for the east entrance of the church. While they are still in a preliminary design phase, they wish to update the congregation on their progress and receive feedback. Come with your questions, come with your excitement. The Design Team promises to bring their current questions and excitement, too!

SAVE THE DATE: RELATIONSHIP CARE WORKSHOP SEPT. 26
Join Holy Trinity and Christ Church couples on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, for a relationship care workshop and meal from 1-6:30 p.m. with Karen Stevensen, a licensed independent clinical social worker. Karen uses her experience as a counselor and turns it around to prevent the issues that couples bring to her. The presentation and all materials will be friendly to married and partnered couples of all ages. Nursery care will be available. Cost will be approximately \$70-100/couple. Scholarships are available; speak to Pastor Ingrid. Sign up in the Community Room.

TACO TOUR JUNE 27
Join Holy Trinity members of all ages for the 2nd Annual Taco Tour on Lake Street, Saturday, June 27, 11:30-2:30! Discover the spicy flavors of the Latino food district on Lake Street by touring 9 authentic restaurants offering their own taco specialty. We'll bike from stop to stop. (There is a shuttle for those who don't wish to bike.) Sign up in the Community Room to secure your free ticket.

PARISH INFORMATION

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS TUESDAY, JULY 28

Lutheran Night at the Twins is Tuesday, July 28. Cost is \$25. Sign up in the Community Room by July 7. If you are interested in joining the choir to sing the National Anthem, please indicate on the sign-up sheet. Those interested in traveling to the game together on the LRT will meet at church. For further information contact Pam Kildahl or Pastor Ingrid.

PASTURES A PLENTY

Pastures A Plenty Farm is home to a hog farrow-to-finish operation as well as free range chickens and a seasonal cattle grazing business. Our pork is available at several Twin Cities food co-ops and also at local restaurants. Holy Trinity is a delivery site for Pastures A Plenty. Watch the Community Church for upcoming order and delivery dates. View their website for more information: pasturesaplenty.com.

CAN THE EARTH SURVIVE ENDLESS WAR?

On Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m., Kathy Kelly, from Voices for Creative Nonviolence, will speak on the topic "Warfare's Assault on Mother Earth: Making Amends and Making Changes." Co-sponsors include Holy Trinity Peace with Justice Committee, WAMM End War Committee, and Twin Cities Peace Campaign.

FAMILY CAMP AT OX LAKE

All are welcome to participate in our summer intergenerational camping trip at Ox Lake Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, Wisconsin. The weekend is July 31-August 2. Four meals are included, along with programming led by the staff and an afternoon activity using the on-site ropes course. The cost is \$80/person; children 3 and under are free. Family maximum is \$325. Sign up in the Community Room or talk to Pastor Jay for more information.

REMINDER

Hearing assist devices are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher if you are interested.

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PARISH EVENTS June 21-27, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Book Study with Eleni Wolking and Pastor Ingrid
	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop

Exodus Lending in memory of mother Ann by Lyle Steinfeldt

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JUNE 21, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Jody Cameron	
Soren Kung	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Louis Kelley	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Stella Townsend	
Mary Engen, Theresa Rian	Communion	Libby/Keith Olstad	
Nancy Madich, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Cori Gershon	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, John Goring	Ushers	Helen/Bob Norheim, Joshua Combs	
Rosemary Foley	Coffee Servers	Kristi Holmquist, Ted Dooley	
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	Gary Johnson, John Kelly	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	June 14	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	335,584.62
Budget receipts	4,689.28	323,227.59
Broadway School	-	1,624.00
Exodus Appeal	721.84	2,812.84
World Hunger	31.00	1,885.00
Disaster Relief	-	1,285.00