



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

BUILDING RENOVATION DESIGN TEAM UPDATE

The building renovation designs have been in the Community Room for two Sundays. We hope that you've had the opportunity to take a walk through them with the help of a member of the Design Team. We've heard really positive comments from those who have viewed the sketches. The overwhelming majority of you believe that these building modifications will move us toward our goals of accessibility, hospitality, and safety for all people—no exceptions.

The Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 27, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the Council's recommendation to approve the architectural fees—not to exceed \$37,000—associated with the creation of construction documents detailing the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing elements of the proposed project. We hope that confirmed members will come to hear more and to cast a vote on this important step in our renovation considerations.

At the September 27 meeting, the Design Team and Council will also recommend to the congregation a local construction firm to act as our "contractor at risk." This firm will work with us and with Miller Dunwiddie, at no pre-construction cost to us, to develop the aforementioned construction documents. Forming this partnership early allows us to minimize surprises after construction begins, though in a building the age of ours we should expect at least one or two unforeseen hurdles!

The Council charged the Design Team with interviewing up to four potential construction firms; each came highly recommended from Miller Dunwiddie Architects, architects within our congregation, and neighboring churches who have recently done significant remodeling projects. Those interviews were completed on September 9. All four of the firms thought the design and proposed budget were well aligned. We will make our final recommendation to the Council at the September 21 meeting, so the whole congregation can make an informed decision regarding a project contractor on September 27. We are excited to be on this journey with you!

—The Design Team

HYDROPONICS AND AQUACULTURE AND FOOD! OH, MY!

I don't know when the **Minnesota Meal** started, but it has a long tradition at Holy Trinity. It grew out of congregants' desire to highlight the importance of eating local. In the beginning, there were a lot of discussions about how to make recipes using only local ingredients. Could we really make soup without salt? Apple crisp without cinnamon? What about eating dessert without coffee? We invite you to join us for this year's Minnesota Meal on Saturday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m., where we will engage the new questions that have grown up in the local foods movement.

We will be joined by two movement leaders who are currently employed by Gandhi Mahal, the restaurant to the west of the church building. Since opening, urban farming has been central to Gandhi Mahal's vision. The restaurant grows its own produce at the Minnehaha Avenue Community Garden. Last year they added an aquaponics system—the merger of hydroponics (growing plants without soil) and aquaculture (fish farming)—in their basement. Come and hear Gandhi Mahal's business and gardening managers talk about how they are able to make all this happen.

This promises to be a fascinating event. Bring your favorite dish with local ingredients. (Don't worry; it can have salt and cinnamon.) And, if you're willing to share the recipe you used, bring that, too! Let's learn and enjoy this year's bounty together.

—Nancy Moe, Nurturing Relationships Committee

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.



READINGS

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

SEPTEMBER 20 "The Making of the Mosaic"

Sharon Englund and other mosaic artists

Inspired by the mosaic work being done in the Phillips neighborhood, we began a mosaic project to add color and life to the Rain Garden. Come and hear Sharon Englund and many other artists describe their vision and the hundreds of hours it has taken to make it a reality.

SEPTEMBER 27 "Broadway School Partnership"

Holy Trinity will again be partnering with Broadway High School, the school for parenting and pregnant teen women, located a few blocks east of the church. Come and learn about the school's mission and hear about ways this faith community can build relationships with the students, staff, and administration.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—MUSICAL MOSAIC IN THE RAIN GARDEN

Please join us at 12:00 p.m. for a light lunch and wedding cake as we dedicate the mosaic in the Rain Garden and celebrate the wedding of Anne Curtin and Cori Gershon. All are welcome.

DIALOGUE LUNCH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Join us for lunch at Holy Trinity to take part in a conversation with the Pope's Encyclical and one another about the challenge of global climate change. The discussion will be led by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Associate Professor of Justice and Peace Studies at St. Thomas University. Sign up in the Community room or online at htlcmpls.org/dialogue by October 2. A donation of \$5 at the door is suggested.

FALL RETREAT OCTOBER 16-17

Register for the Adult Retreat at Villa Maria in Frontenac, Minnesota, Friday and Saturday, October 16-17. Join organizers Liz Blood, Bryan Kuzel, Lisa Martens, Kathy Ohler, and Pastor Ingrid as we explore the theme Listening to God on the Journey. Using ancient practices like the Examen and not-so-ancient tools like the Enneagram, we'll listen for the Spirit's movement in our lives and learn to follow her leading. We'll also have plenty of time to explore the beautiful shores of Lake Pepin. Cost is \$100, which includes transportation (van will depart at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday), meals, lodging (single rooms this year!), and all training materials. Scholarships are available; simply speak with Pastor Ingrid.

PARISH INFORMATION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

In order to move forward with the next phase of the building update, the Council has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 27, immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider Council's recommendation to approve the architectural fees associated with the creation of construction documents.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 7:00-8:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome, as we'll be instituting some changes in practices! Sign up in the Community Room by September 20 so we know to look for you.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Hen House (114 S 8th St.) at 12 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by September 20.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOK

We will once again be creating an Advent devotion booklet featuring daily reflections written by Holy Trinity members and friends. If you would be interested in writing a 300-400 word reflection on the daily lectionary texts, please sign up in the Community Room. Typed or handwritten reflections are due to the office (htoffice@htlcmpls.org) by October 18.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 13-14

Register now for the Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society. Join Dr. John Nunes as he re-imagines the Reformation from the edges. Dr. Nunes will examine voices emerging among Christian communities around the globe, including those arising out of North American communities of color. Tickets are available in the office (612-729-8358) or on the website (htlcmpls.org/symposium).

PHOTO DIRECTORY

A photo directory will soon be published. If you'd like a photo taken for the directory, you'll have an opportunity on Sunday, September 20 and September 27 in the Community Room between worship services. Please call the church office to put your name on the list.

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| PARISH EVENTS September 20-26, 2015 | |
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| 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 |
| Monday | 12:00 pm Lunch and Music in the Garden |
| | 2:00 pm Swahili Service |
| | 6:00 pm Executive Committee |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm Church Council |
| | 11:00 am Worship Readings Discussion |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm Worship Leaders Training |
| | 7:00 pm Book Study "Peace Like a River" |
| | 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch Group |
| | 5:30 pm Choir Families Supper |
| Saturday | 6:00 pm Youth Choirs |
| | 7:30 pm Adult Choir |
| | 1-5 pm Marriage Care Workshop at Christ Church |

| WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 | | |
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| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM |
| Josh Becker | Crucifer | Cliff Brown |
| Acolytes | | |
| Karen Batdorf | Assisting Minister | Stella Townsend |
| Linda Berglin | Communion | Kathy Ohler, Meagan McLaughlin |
| Nancy Madich, Bev Peschiutta | Altar Guild | Rosemary Foley |
| DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani, Bev/Bob Peschiutta | Ushers | Joshua Combs, Donna Scott, Rod Johnson, Kathy Hollander |
| | Coffee Servers | Lunch in the rain garden |
| Donna Heyer, Gerry Berglin | Counters | John Sulzbach, Wayne Vetter |
| | Closer | Cliff Brown |

| | September 20 | Year to date |
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| Financial Report | | |
| Budget requirement | 13,982.69 | 517,359.62 |
| Budget receipts | 9,746.36 | 479,804.98 |
| Broadway School | - | 1,869.00 |
| Building remodel/Cap. Imp. | 33,000.00 | 34,710.00 |
| Exodus Appeal | 5.00 | 13,677.84 |
| World Hunger | 31.00 | 2,614.50 |

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