



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

OPENING DOORS

Plan to attend our stewardship lunch on November 22

What a joy it was to welcome new members into the life and ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church last Sunday! As they introduced themselves during the education hour, they graciously shared with us what their participation in this congregation has meant to them so far. We also heard from other members about what excites them at Holy Trinity and the hopes they have for our future together. God is present and active in our shared ministry, and we can give thanks for all of the gifted individuals—new and old—who contribute to it.

Our annual Stewardship Sunday, scheduled this year for November 22, is another opportunity to give thanks for God's work through this congregation. As we celebrate the ministries of Holy Trinity, we will ask all members to make a pledge of giving to support our ongoing work. Please give some thought over the next several weeks to what you plan to give through Holy Trinity next year—both in terms of volunteering and financial offerings. Commitment cards for both will be received on that day.

The noon meeting on November 22 will also be an important step in our building renovation process, as we plan to vote on whether to launch a capital campaign to fund the project. You may remember that at our congregational meeting on September 27 members unanimously voted to approve funds for the next phase of planning for the renovation of our building. This was not yet a vote to proceed with construction but rather to approve additional funds developing more detailed architectural drawings. These plans will enable our contractors to prepare a construction budget, including a maximum price for the project. That information will be presented at the scheduled November 22 meeting, so that the congregation can decide whether or not to proceed with construction.

While the Building Renovation Design Team has been doing excellent work to put together plans, a special Funding Team has also been formed. To ensure that we continue to work with a feasible budget, members of the Funding Team have begun meeting with groups of Holy Trinity members and asking for tentative pledges. They have talked with members of the Church Council, the Design Team, the Funding Team, staff, and several Holy Trinity members who have been lead givers in the past. At this point, we are thrilled to announce that over \$500,000 has been pledged for the renovation work!

If the congregation approves moving forward with this project at the November 22 meeting, then a capital campaign appeal, called "Opening Doors," will commence. The objective of "Opening Doors" is to secure pledges for the remaining funds needed. All members of the congregation will be asked to pledge. The plan is to have a series of small group meetings in December to provide more information on the final design and to give people the opportunity to get their questions answered before pledging. Pledges will be payable over a three year period. Every gift is meaningful, no matter the size, and everyone will be encouraged to participate.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Stewardship Sunday on November 22, and note that our meal and meeting will begin at noon. In the meantime, the Council and Design Team will keep you informed of other progress with this exciting building project.

—Building Renovation Funding Team (Pam Blomgren, chair, Josh Becker, Scott Cole, Allison Johnson, Gary Johnson, Mike Mann, Joyce Peterson, Pastor Jay, and Pastor Ingrid)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.



ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

READINGS
Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 18 "Conversation with Senator Marty"
Senator John Marty

Senator John Marty will be with us to review the 2015 legislative session and look toward the future.

OCTOBER 25 "My Life Story, My Faith Story"
Gary Johnson

As part of our occasional series on how members' life stories and faith stories come together, come and hear Gary Johnson reflect on his journey.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 13-14, 2015

As we approach 2017 there will be numerous opportunities for members of Holy Trinity to become more familiar with the tradition in which we stand and to explore more deeply our heritage. Two outstanding opportunities are being hosted by this congregation.

The first is the Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society. The Symposium features Dr. John Nunes from Valparaiso University where his teaching supports the study of Christian values in public and professional life. Dr. Nunes previously served as president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. His experience and work throughout the world will inform his presentations on "Re-Imagining the Reformation from the Edges." Pick up a brochure or check the Holy Trinity website for registration information.

A second major opportunity will be a Study/Travel Seminar to Germany in the fall of 2016 from October 18-29. Included in the itinerary are many of the places important in Martin Luther's life and the events of the Reformation. A full itinerary including costs and registration details will be available beginning in November but begin making plans now to be part of the group spending ten days next fall in Germany.

PROPERTY WORK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 8:30 a.m.-noon. If it rains we'll meet on Saturday, November 7. Sign up in the Community Room by October 25.

PARISH INFORMATION

ANNUAL OUTREACH MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:00 P.M.

Years ago, the Outreach Committee at Holy Trinity determined that small active working groups allow us to connect our gifts and passions with opportunities more directly than monthly meetings. We meet once a year to review the past year's work, to dream about the year to come, to set goals, and to identify budget priorities. On October 26 from 7-8:30 p.m., we invite attendance of those who have been involved in our partnerships or work with the Swahili Congregation, Racial Justice, St. James AME Church, Broadway High School, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Wellstone House, Fare for All, Midtown Farmers' Market, Open Streets Corn Giveaway, Theatre Circle, Music in the Garden, and/or the Longfellow Corn Feed. Haven't been involved, but would like to share your gifts? Come! We'd love to have you.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Holy Trinity remembers aloud all of the saints who have died and all those saints who have been baptized in this congregation in the past year. Worshipers are invited to add their saints to the spoken litany during the morning services.

ALL SAINTS SATURDAY

On Saturday, October 31, we will gather in the Bartsch Room at 4:00 p.m. to remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Please join us as we grieve together, sing together, pray together, and celebrate love together. Worshipers are invited to bring a picture of their loved one(s); these saints will surround us in worship.

KINSHIP DINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 & 24

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone's home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members so that we can invite these newest branches of God's living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by October 18.

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PARISH EVENTS October 18-24, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
Monday	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Swahili Service in Caterpillar room
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs 7:30 pm Adult Choir
Friday		Kinship Dinners (in homes)
Saturday	1:00 pm	Funeral for Ben Meeks
	6:00 pm	Confirmand Dinner

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 18, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Jody Cameron
Grayson Wieczorek	Acolytes	Marianna Hefte, Sam Kleven
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Meagan McLaughlin
Brian Lenz, Nicki Hines	Communion	Cori Gershon, Anna Brelje
Nancy Madich, Shelley Grimes	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Mike Mann, Rod Johnson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Kathy Hollander
Bev/Bob Peschiutta	Coffee Servers	Sean Gosiewski, Rachel Hefte
Donna Heyer, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Deb Helmel
	Closer	Rod Johnson

Building Renovation Fund in memory of Cindy Cotton by Sally Parks
Special gift in memory of Harold Zoebisch by Helen/Bob Norheim
World Hunger by Ray Sanders

Financial Report	October 11	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	573,290.38
Budget receipts	15,516.28	532,137.90
Broadway School		1,839.00
World Hunger		2,483.50
Exodus Appeal	55.00	14,247.84