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

MORE THAN ENOUGH

One of the saints I had the opportunity to remember and celebrate this year was our former evening custodian, Mike Prawalsky, who died in the spring of 2014. Many of you got to know Mike as he stopped to enthusiastically greet you on your way to a committee meeting or music rehearsal. He probably asked you how you were doing and was ready to help open a locked door or clean up a mess. Holy Trinity kids learned to go find Mike when they needed to get into the gym to play or needed help finding a lost book or backpack. And in the event of unexpected rain, Mike was known to quickly fashion a child's jacket out of a plastic garbage bag.

One thing I found remarkable about Mike was what I've come to think of as a sense of abundance. I do not mean that he lived an extravagant lifestyle, by any means, but I observed him show abundant kindness in daily, ordinary encounters. He showed more kindness than was necessary. He never seemed to be concerned about wasting anything in being good to someone. That's what I mean by a sense of abundance. He didn't hold back. When Mike spoke to someone—young or old, wealthy or poor, member of our church or guest—he gave them his full attention, he offered his help, he showed them incredible thoughtfulness and hospitality. Even when busy, he had more than enough time and energy to engage in a real and profound ministry. In this way he often served as a reminder of God's abundant grace, which God never holds back from each one of us.

There are many occasions throughout the course of a day to fall into a mindset of scarcity instead of one of abundance. There are many voices—external and internal—that try to convince us we don't have enough time, money, stuff, talent, or security. We can also worry that there won't be enough of these things in the future, so we cling more tightly to what we have. But in this season of the year especially dedicated to thanksgiving, I hope you will join me in making an effort to cultivate a mindset of abundance. Give thanks for the gifts of God in your life. Remember what has been abundantly given into your care to be abundantly shared with others.

When we gather as a church at noon on Sunday, November 22, we will all have the opportunity to make commitments of giving of our time, talent, and money for the work of the church. That day will be a celebration of abundance because God has given us what we need for ministry in our neighborhood and world. In fact, we have more than enough. That's why 2016 will be a year for generous service, kindness, hospitality, and grace. I hope you will take some time to plan for giving that is meaningful to you in the coming year. However you choose to give, you are a part of Christ's abundant ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals the week of November 23-27 (no delivery on Thanksgiving Day). Please sign up to deliver meals 1-4 days during the week. Delivery takes about 1 hour. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square delivery area (35th Ave. S. and 50th St.). Sign up on the list in the Community Room or call Mary Engen.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.



READINGS

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

NOVEMBER 15 "Re-Imagining the Reformation from the Edges"
Dr. John Nunes

Our guest for the Johnson Symposium, Dr. John Nunes, will present in the adult forum and give the message in worship.

NOVEMBER 22 "Study Trip to Germany"
Dodd and Myrna Lamberton

Holy Trinity is planning a trip to Germany in the fall of 2016. The tour will explore sights that were significant during the Protestant Reformation. Members Dodd and Myrna Lamberton, having just returned from a similar tour, are eager to share their stories. Come and hear about their experience. And then sign up to travel!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOV. 22

The Stewardship Breakfast is being replaced this year with the Stewardship Lunch on Sunday, November 22, at 12:00 p.m. This will also be a congregational meeting in which the congregation will review the cost estimates provided by the construction company we have chosen to help with the (potential) building remodel and vote on whether to approve the funds for the project. This is an important meeting for our congregation; all are encouraged to attend.

DEMONSTRATE YOUR THANKFULNESS THIS SEASON

Every year around this time, Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. These contributions help support the work of the church now and throughout the year. This holiday season, please consider acknowledging the gifts you've been given by making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, Exodus Lending, Longfellow Alternative (formerly Broadway) School, and World Hunger. To donate online, visit the church website at htlcmpls.org and locate the link to the giving page.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOUSE PARTY FOR 20s, 30s, AND 40s AT PASTOR INGRID'S

On Friday, November 20, two events are scheduled. The 20s, 30s, and 40s group is invited to Pastor Ingrid's home for a meal. Plan to arrive between 6:00-6:30 p.m. This event is being coordinated with Parents' Night Out (see below), so caregivers can drop off their children at church for the evening. Sign up in the Community Room by November 15.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" Friday, November 20, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND PIE FEST WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

Children's, Youth, and Adult Choirs will lead a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Eve). The service will be followed by a "pie fest" in the Community Room. Please bring a pumpkin pie to share.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOV. 13-14

Come and hear Dr. John Nunes as he examines voices emerging among Christian communities of color Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, at the Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society. The cost is \$25 for both sessions. Dr. Nunes will also be preaching at both worship services on Sunday, November 15.

THANK YOU TO CLEAN-UP CREW

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean up the grounds of Holy Trinity last Saturday. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

GERMANY TRAVEL INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 22

Persons interested in participating in the Study/Travel Seminar to Germany in October 2016 are invited to a brief informational meeting on Sunday, November 22, following the Congregational Meeting/Stewardship Lunch in the church library.

ENCORE! MEETS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 8:00 A.M.

Join Encore! at Turtle Bread (42nd Ave at 34th St.) on Thursday, November 19, for conversation and coffee.

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PARISH EVENTS November 15-21, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday	6-9 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:30 pm	House Party for 20s, 30s, and 40s

Special gifts in memory of Maddy Mann and Sandra Peterson by Sandra Nelson and in memory of Ben Meeks by Sharon West
Exodus Lending in memory of father Harold by Lyle Steinfeldt; in memory of Lauri by Judy Isaacson; and in memory of Maddy Mann by Margaret Peterson
Opening Doors Fund in honor of Dennis Nordholm by Linda McMahon

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 15, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter	
Grayson Wieczorek	Acolytes	Kayden Nordby, Mason Helm	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Sharon Englund	
Mary/Chris Engen	Communion	Nancy/Dave Moe	
Linda/Gerry Berglin	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Stella Townsend	
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Mike Mann, Joshua Combs, Helen/Bob Norheim	
Annie Hines, Kathy Nelson	Coffee Servers	Sara/Kirk Jensen	
Joyce Peterson, Dennis Nordholm	Counters	Gary Johnson, Wayne Vetter	
	Closer	Vicki Mann	

Financial Report	November 8	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	629,221.15
Budget receipts	9,758.71	581,074.45
Broadway School	10.00	1,991.00
Building remodel	375.00	42,715.00
World Hunger	70.00	2,915.50
Exodus Appeal	8,554.00	23,316.84