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

DESIGN TEAM UPDATE

As you know from our last email, on September 27 the congregation approved the spending of additional funds—not to exceed \$37,000—for the creation of construction documents detailing the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing elements of the proposed building remodel project.

After receiving proposals and interviewing four construction companies, the Design Team recommended that we work with Watson-Forsberg General Contractors. The Council unanimously agreed. The Design Team was drawn to Watson-Forsberg's long history of environmental stewardship, their communication practices, and their commitment to fair wages, women, and persons of color. They bring a lot of experience remodeling older, occupied buildings. For a look at their recent work in churches, take a spin through Springhouse Ministry Center (which includes the former Salem Lutheran Church), Redeemer Missionary Baptist Church, Walker United Methodist Church, or Edina Community Lutheran Church.

The architects from Miller Dunwiddie have been working diligently with the team at Watson-Forsberg to refine the remodeling plans and to determine the project cost. They are making discoveries along the way, of course! For instance, further inspection by engineers has revealed that it will not be possible to address all of our grading issues by making changes only to the exterior of the building. In order to protect the building from flooding in the event of extreme weather, our new door and drain must be higher than the 31st Street catch basins. To this end, we will need to keep six inches of slope inside the building. This will be done gracefully in the lobby and will be completed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

There will be an important stewardship luncheon and congregational meeting at noon on Sunday, November 22. Nursery care will extend through the meeting. We hope that all members will come to hear about the final project proposal and budget, to ask questions, and to cast a vote on whether to move ahead with the capital campaign and construction. If approved, construction would begin immediately after Easter (2016) and would likely take four-five months to complete.

We are excited to be closing in on final plans and appreciate your continued interest and support!

Thank you,

Deb Sodt (Chair), Christine Brand, Rob Englund, Sara Jensen, Randy Nelson, Randy Newberg, Dennis Nordholm, Dawn Wiczorek, Pastor Ingrid, and Pastor Jay

STEWARDSHIP LUNCH AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Plan to attend the Stewardship Lunch and Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 22, at 12:00 p.m. in the gym. We will celebrate God's ministry through Holy Trinity and invite commitments of giving and volunteering for 2016. The congregation will also 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.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

As the last Sunday of the church year, this day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and make commitments for ministry in the new year.



READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

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

NOVEMBER 29 "Hope upon the Birth of a New Baby"

Join Holy Trinity members Heather Mitchell and Bryan Kuzel, newly-minted parents of Josef, as they explore what hope means in light of the birth of their first child.

ADOPT A LONGFELLOW STUDENT FOR CHRISTMAS

Share the holidays with a Longfellow student and her child. On Sunday, November 22, after both services, Zoe Martinez will have a table set up in the Community Room. Zoe is looking for Holy Trinity families to adopt a Longfellow student and her child for Christmas. The students have filled out forms with suggestions for a gift for themselves and their children. We ask that you do not spend more than \$20 on each gift. On Friday, December 18, from 3:15-4:00 p.m., Holy Trinity families will bring wrapped gifts to the school for a holiday gathering, where the students and their children will open the presents, and you will meet the student and her child. If you are not able to attend the celebration on December 18, please bring the wrapped gifts with names on them to church on Sunday, December 13, and we will bring the gifts to the school.

ADVENT SEASON

We will have a soup supper in the Community Room followed by an Evening Prayer Service in the Bartsch Room on Wednesdays in Advent. The first one will be on December 2. Join us! If you wish to make soup, sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

SHARE YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS DURING ADVENT

During the Sundays of Advent this year (November 29-December 20), we would like to invite you all to share your own special prayers of intercession. We realize that not everyone is comfortable praying out loud during worship, so there will be cards available at the rear of the worship space so that you can write a petition to be read by a pastor. Take some time each week to consider a prayer you would like to offer on behalf of yourself, a loved one, a situation, or any part of God's creation. We especially encourage you to discuss this prayer opportunity with friends or with family members in your home. It is a gift to share this holy season together, trusting that God has come near to us and hears all our prayers.

HOLY TRINITY RAIN GARDEN WINS AWARD

The rain garden at Holy Trinity has been named 2015 Best Congregational Rain Garden by Metro Blooms. Thanks to all who help to maintain the garden, and thanks to Sharon Englund and all who helped with the mosaic.

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the Community Room.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT TRIP TO GERMANY

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

ENCORE! PLANS DECEMBER 4 EVENT

Join Encore! on December 4 for Augsburg College's Advent Vespers at Central Lutheran Church. We have reserved 20 seats for this service. Suggested donation at the door is \$20/person or \$50/family. Sign up in the Community Room.

BLACK NATIVITY AT PENUMBRA THEATRE SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Join Pastor Ingrid and other members for Penumbra Theatre's Black Nativity on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32. Scholarships are available. Sign up in the Community Room and pay the church office by November 29.

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PARISH EVENTS November 22-28, 2015

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
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Lunch/Congregational Mtg
	2:00 pm	Germany Trip Informational Meeting
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service/Pie Fest
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day
Friday		Building Closed

Special gifts in memory of Ben Meeks by Joy/Randy Nelson, Judi/Lee Kampinen
Longfellow (Broadway) School Bike Shed by Kathy Nelson
Exodus in memory of Frances Thorp by Sandy Hoverson and in memory of
Maddy Mann by Margaret Peterson
Opening Doors in memory of Maddy Mann by Gary Johnson
World Hunger by Rosemary Foley

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 22, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Cliff Brown	
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Sam Kleven	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Sandy Hoverson	
Nicki Hines, Brian Lenz	Communion	Anna Brelje, Sean Gosiewski	
Nancy Madich, Shelley Grimes	Altar Guild	Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek	
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, John Goring	Ushers	George Madich, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Alan Libra	
Nancy Madich	Coffee Servers	Stewardship Lunch	
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmelt, Pam Kildahl	
	Closer	Dennis Nordholm	

Financial Report	November 15	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	643,203.85
Budget receipts	6,504.65	587,579.10
Longfellow (Broadway) School	500.00	2,491.00
Opening Doors	50.00	42,765.00
Exodus Appeal	2,930.00	26,246.84