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

### GROWING THE LIGHT

Our neighbors across the street had a menorah in their front window this Chanukkah, the Jewish holiday also known as the Festival of Lights. On the eight nights between December 6 and December 14, I paused in the dark street in front of their house on my way home from work and peered into their home. Each night—moving from right to left, like Hebrew script—I would witness another candle burning.

At the same time as I was peeping into my neighbors' window, a rabbi in Minneapolis introduced me to the idea of illuminators. Illuminators, he said, are people who create light in the night, who amplify the call for justice, who make our world more whole, who have—in his words—the *chutzpah* to light the first candle when reality tells us there is not enough oil. Illuminators know they cannot make the world right all at once, but they have the courage to keep trying—candle by candle. In short, illuminators seek to grow the light.

One way we're seeking to grow the light this year at Holy Trinity is through small-group discussion groups that are engaging the conversation around culture, race, and privilege in our society. We recognize the urgent need to learn and grow in the ways we value difference both in our church and in our city. Thirty-two congregation members and staff people engaged in these discussion groups in 2015. We invite you to consider joining one of the groups beginning soon.

#### Racial Justice 1.0

Groups will be small and will meet six times over the course of three months. The purpose of the groups is to provide an environment for exploring racism and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. Discussions will also attend to our faith and to how we can take action to promote racial justice. All groups will meet at Holy Trinity. Child care provided, as needed. Sign up in the Community Room.

Dodd and Myrna Lamberton will lead a group on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on January 16, 23, 30; February 20, 27; and March 5.

Maelene Krig and Randy Nelson will lead a group on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on January 12, 26; February 9, 23; and March 8, 22.

Libby and Keith Olstad will lead a group on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-noon on January 13, 20; February 3, 17; and March 2, 16.

Participants need to commit to attending at least five out of the six sessions. If you anticipate missing more than one session, please wait for the next set of small groups. If the groups fill before you are able to join one, contact Pastor Ingrid to be put on the waiting list.

#### Racial Justice Group 2.0

Join Allison Johnson and Alyssa Erickson as they read Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me* and other articles. People of color are especially encouraged to join. Please note: Participation in the aforementioned Racial Justice 1.0 series is a prerequisite for participation in this group. Because the 1.0 series is centered around white privilege and racial justice, it is not required for congregants who identify as persons of color. Watch the bulletin and Community Church in the next few weeks for more information. Sign up in the Community Room.

Candle by candle,

—Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, pastor

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*



#### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

#### READINGS

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Psalms 29
- Acts 19:1-7
- Mark 1:4-11

#### JANUARY 10 "Hope with Jayanthi Kyle"

Jayanthi Kyle is an archivist songstress collecting songs that speak to her struggle and empowerment and ability to be, change, and move forward while honoring the unremembered changers and movers of yore. She sings for people passing worlds (new or old or hardly used) in 7 bands and has the heart of a mother. She continues to work with the Million Artist Movement to dismantle racism and injustice towards people of color and dream collectively to produce actions for change. Ms. Kyle will also offer her musical gifts during worship.

#### JANUARY 17 "Hope at the End of Life"

Michael Douglas

Michael Douglas, Holy Trinity member, has been practicing medicine for over twenty years, specializing in geriatrics. Come and hear him talk about hope and aging. Bring your questions, too!

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31, 2016, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Lunch will be provided. All members are encouraged to attend.

#### ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The \$15 million fundraising goal has been achieved. The ELCA Malaria Campaign will officially come to an end on January 31, 2016, but ELCA's commitment to ending deaths from this disease will not. In the coming years, support to ELCA's companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work. Thank you for contributing to the success of this campaign; you have helped protect countless lives from malaria.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 12-14, 2016

All are invited to join the family retreat from Friday, February 12-Sunday, February 14, at the Chi Rho Retreat Center in Annandale, Minnesota. Cost is \$80/adult and \$50/child age 4-18 (0-3 are free). Cost includes lodging and four meals. This lightly-structured weekend includes a family art project, a ping pong tournament, some outdoor activities, and a worship service. Scholarships are available; talk to Pastor Jay Carlson. Sign up in the Community Room.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6--ENCORE! LUMINARY LOPPET

Join the Encore! group as they ski, snowshoe, or walk the path on the ice of Lake of the Isles. \$22/person registration fee goes to the Loppet Foundation to support various community efforts. Register for a 6:30 p.m. slot by January 19 at the Loppet website ([www.loppet.org/luminary-loppet/register](http://www.loppet.org/luminary-loppet/register)), AND sign up in the Community Room, so we know to look for you. Questions? Talk with Kathy Ohler.

### DID YOU KNOW...

The sanctuary grand piano is a Baldwin and has been in use since 1993.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals the week of January 25-29. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals; sign up in the Community Room to deliver 1-5 days. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square, 50th St. and 35th Ave. S. at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes around 1 hour. Call or talk with Mary Engen if you have questions.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY AND BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 7

The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast and bake sale will support summer youth trips, especially a trip in July to Camp Christikon near Billings, Montana.

### FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH HOST CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 2

Join others for an evening of chamber music performed by some of the finest musicians in the Twin Cities. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Christ Church Lutheran, a National Historic Landmark in the Longfellow Neighborhood. Performers are expected to be Osmo Vanska, Erin Keefe, Steven Copes, Maiya Papch, and Anthony Ross. The concert will be Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at [musicforamasterpiece.org](http://musicforamasterpiece.org).

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### PARISH EVENTS January 10-16, 2016

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
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	6:30 pm	"Spoken Word" by Longfellow/Broadway
	7:00 pm	Peace with Justice, Stewardship meetings
	7:30 pm	Nurturing Committee
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Child/Family Committee
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday	8:00 am	Confirmation Retreat

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 10, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Samatha Waddick	Crucifer		
Ellie Brand, Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Lydia Belusa-Niesen, Linden Kung	
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Linda Jury	
Andy R. K. Johnson, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Stephanie/Scott Cole	
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Linda Woytasek	
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend III, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Alan Libra, Lynda/Dennis Nordholm, Geroqe Madich	
Robertta Shaw	Coffee Servers	Liz/Pat Kelley	
Annie Hines, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Deb Helmel	
	Closer	Dennis Nordholm	

Financial Report	January 3	Year to date
Budget receipts	23,409.00	23,409.00
Opening Doors	550.00	550.00

Special gifts in memory of Paul Eid by Gary Johnson and Joy/Randy Nelson  
Opening Doors in memory of Paul Eid by Gary Johnson  
Broadway/Longfellow School in memory of Pat Townley by Cathryn Olson  
World Hunger in honor of June & Cyndra Townley and in memory of John Townley  
by Cathryn Olson, and by Arlene Mirelez and Dianne Mascher