



# 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

## HOME COMING

Each Wednesday during Lent we are hearing and reflecting on the parable of the Prodigal Son. I am already finding it to be an inspiring experience, having heard a powerful message from John Buzza last week and spending time with Holy Trinity members in song and prayer. I am also looking forward to listening to that familiar Bible story multiple times during season. It is a story that prompts such variety of interpretations and responses, as evidenced by the diverse artwork depictions that now hang on the Bartsch Room wall. I expect to hear new things in the story each week. The story will be the same, but as events of the world and in my own life change, I'll be slightly difference each time I hear it. I will need to hear different parts of it, and I trust the Spirit will help me.

Several years ago I read a book that dramatically opened up the rich meaning of the Prodigal Son story for me. Henri Nouwen's, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* is a beautiful and personal exploration of God's compassion and invitation into mercy. His journey with the story began when he first saw Rembrandt's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which is now displayed in St. Petersburg. Nouwen writes that seeing the painting was for him a kind of homecoming:

"Coming home" meant, for me, walking step by step toward the One who awaits me with open arms and wants to hold me in an eternal embrace. I knew that Rembrandt deeply understood this spiritual homecoming. I knew that, when Rembrandt painted his Prodigal Son, he had lived a life that had left him with no doubt about his true and final home. I felt that, if I could meet Rembrandt right where he had painted father and son, God and humanity, compassion and misery, in one circle of love, I would come to know as much as I ever would about death and life. I also sensed the hope that through Rembrandt's masterpiece I would one day be able to express what I most wanted to say about love.

This season of Lent is an opportunity for deeper reflection of God's compassion, especially as revealed to us in Jesus. It's an invitation to come home to God's embrace. I'm grateful for our community of faith in which together—through worship, prayer, silence, action, art, and song—we continue to explore and celebrate the depth of God's love.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

## TALKING WITH KIDS ABOUT RACE, SATURDAY, MARCH 12

How can we speak with children honestly about race and privilege in a way that encourages racial justice in our society? How do we best respond to their complicated questions? Anyone who lives with or talks with children of any age is invited to join us for this three-hour workshop, led by the YWCA, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Sign up in the Community Room. Childcare is available.

## THE SHOE BUS IS COMING!

In connection with Fare for All, the Shoe Bus will be here on Wednesday, March 9, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The Shoe Bus has 1,000 pairs of new and gently used shoes for children and adults. Suggested donation for shoes is \$2 for sizes 0-6 1/2 and \$5 for sizes 7 and up. Every purchase helps provide food for the feeding programs of Good in the 'Hood.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*



READINGS  
Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

## ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

## FEBRUARY 28 "Hope in the Middle East"

Harry and Martha Mueller will offer reflections on their recent St. Olaf study tour to Palestine. They will show a few pictures from their journey and will share what they learned about Palestinian Liberation Christian Theology.

## MARCH 6 "Youth Recital"

We will feature the children and youth of Holy Trinity in our Annual Youth Recital in the Sanctuary.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" 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.

## FIRST FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS MARCH 4, 6:30 P.M.

Adam Copeland is the director of stewardship leadership at Luther Seminary. Adam holds a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur and is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy degree in rhetoric, with a focus on new media and religions. He blogs well and blogs often on stewardship, crowdfunding, new media and religion, church leadership, and digital culture. Join Adam and your peers in their 20s, 30s, and 40s at Pastor Ingrid's house at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4, for pizza and conversation about the church and the generations, specifically Generation X and Millennials.

## DIALOGUE BREAKFAST THURSDAY, MARCH 10

A dialogue breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at 8:00 a.m. with J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director at Fresh Energy, and Forest Redlin, a junior at Macalester College. J. will lead a discussion on the United Nations Climate Summit recently held in Paris, the agreement, and next steps for Minnesota. Forest will talk about the power and influence of the interfaith community represented at the Paris climate summit. Register at htlcmpls.org/dialogueevents or call the church office.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP SUMMER 2016

Sign up in the Community Room if you're interested in a trip to the Boundary Waters in August. Dates being considered are August 12-15 or August 19-22, 2016. The cost for the trip will be \$150. For more information, talk to Tom and Julie Cahoy or John Sulzbach.

## LOAVES AND FISHES

We will be serving for Loaves & Fishes on Wednesday, March 9. Cooking begins at 2 p.m., serving begins at 5:00 p.m., and clean-up is at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Sign up in the Community Room.

## DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time you'll find them at Thrivent Cafe (625 4th Ave. S., Skyway Level) at 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by March 6 so organizers know how many seats to save.

## PARKING REMINDER

Do not leave anything in plain sight in your car when you're parked around Holy Trinity. A car was broken into last Sunday.

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. We will welcome new members in worship on Sunday, March 13. Interested persons are invited to two new members sessions on Thursdays, March 3 and March 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. Over a simple meal, we will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Jay or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

## LENT AT HOLY TRINITY: "FILLED WITH COMPASSION"

We will gather on Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room for Evening Prayer. Reflections on the theme of "Filled with Compassion" will be offered by Liz Rudrud, Bob Hulteen, Cathy Alpizar, and visiting German Pastor Helge Voigt.

## CONCERNING PEOPLE

No one is known to be hospitalized this week.

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## PARISH EVENTS February 28 - March 5, 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
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	11 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	5:00-7:00 pm	Labyrinth in the Gym
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper / Trinity Singers
	5:45 pm	Bible Basics in the Library
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs / Youth Committee
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer in Bartsch Room
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:30 pm	First Friday with Friends

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 28, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Grayson Wieczorek, Lowenna Rian-Fairley	<b>Acolytes</b>	Louis Kelley, Will Kelley
Andy R. K. Johnson	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Roberta Shaw
Joyce Peterson, Theresa Rian	<b>Communion</b>	Nancy/Dave Moe
Lisa/Bruce Martens	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Lane, Rosemary Foley
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, John Goring	<b>Ushers</b>	Lee Kampinen, Mark Hiner, Helen/Bob Norheim
Pam Blomgren	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Rachel/Jim Trelstad Porter
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	<b>Counters</b>	Deb Helmel, Vicki Mann
	<b>Closer</b>	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	February 21	Year to date
Budget requirements	14,432.69	115,461.54
Budget receipts	15,528.78	107,453.18
Opening Doors	32,256.85	68,046.20
World Hunger	10.00	167.00

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