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

SHARING OUR STORIES

Twenty-five Holy Trinity members participated in the second offering of the 1.0 Racial Discussion Groups led by Randy Nelson and Maelene Krig, Dodd and Myrna Lambertson, and Libby and Keith Olstad. Ten others joined the 2.0 Racial Discussion Group led by Allison Johnson and Alyssa Erickson. These conversations have proven effective in exposing white privilege, in providing spaces for intercultural development, and in moving us to action.

Over the course of the summer, we will share reflections from members who have participated in these groups. Each person's story will be different; however, I suspect that elements of confession, discovery, hope, and love will unite all of them. It's vulnerable to share about our own journeys. It's also faithful. I trust the Spirit will use these reflections to guide us deeper into our commitments to justice, to peace.

—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

Our first reflection comes from member Dodd Lambertson:

My inner resolve to learn about and address my white privilege kicked in last summer, when a group of Holy Trinity members read Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. Invited to discuss the book with members of St. James African Methodist Episcopal, we and they filled their basement fellowship hall on a warm July evening. Participants were invited to share how the book touched their lives. To a person, the African-Americans in the room spoke of how difficult relations with law enforcement have been for them and/or their children. Fear was and still is a dominant emotion in those encounters.

It hit me after the third or fourth person shared: I have never been afraid of being mistreated by police. At any hour of the day, I can drive anywhere without worry about being pulled over and asked what I am doing in this neighborhood. That's not the case for men, women, and youth of color.

Myrna and I learned so much as we led one of the February-March small groups that read and discussed Paul Kivel's *Uprooting Racism*. I had minimal recognition of how privileged my life has been and continues to be, simply because I am white and male. I want to change how I think and relate to others in daily life, particularly persons of color. This inner challenge has the feel of a divine call, deepening my faith (in God), hope (that the future can be different, and better), and love (for all God's children).

I have been focusing on relationship-building in the church and law-changing in the political arena. I am blessed to have found friends among the men over at St. James AME Church. They have warmly welcomed me and other Holy Trinity men at two of their fellowship breakfasts. I attend their 11 a.m. service every so often – especially enjoying Men's Emphasis Sunday. One of their men and I have struck up a friendship, sharing monthly a meal, prayer, highs-and-lows.

Then there is monthly involvement with the Restore the Vote MN coalition, working to change the Minnesota state law which forbids out-of-prison felons from voting until they are completely done with parole/probation (often years, sometimes decades). Felony disenfranchisement affects 47,000 Minnesotans: 7.7% of voting-age African-Americans, 5.9% of voting-age Native Americans, and 1.1% of our state's white population. I believe that's wrong, especially how it affects communities of color.

Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Committee continues to develop opportunities for our members and neighbors to learn about white privilege and get involved in working for racial justice. Interested? Talk with Libby Olstad or Pastor Ingrid.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.



READINGS

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

MAY 1

"Small Steps, Big Changes"
Gwen Jackson, Director of HR and Operations for Edina Public Schools

Join Gwen Jackson who will use an Unpacking the Knapsack activity to encourage questions and open discussion about race and privilege.

MAY 8

"Introduction to a Theme: *The Body*"

Over the next several months the Adult Forums will explore what it means to be embodied persons created by God. How do we live abundant lives as physical, emotional, sexual, intellectual human beings? The Adult Education Committee will introduce the theme and invite your suggestions.

LULLABY CONCERT WITH VOCALESSANCE AND LONGFELLOW H.S.

You are invited to a Lullaby Concert at Holy Trinity, May 20, 6:30 p.m. As part of Carnegie Hall's Lullaby Project, VocalEssence will host a listening and sharing session of six newly written lullabies, jointly composed by students from Longfellow Alternative High School and composer Francisco Zúñiga. Sign up in the Community Room.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP—MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Young people age 4 through Grade 8 are invited to participate in an exciting music and learning opportunity this summer, June 13-16, 8:30-11:30 a.m. We will be praying and playing the psalms while learning to make music on a variety of instruments. Ann Schrooten will lead handbell music, and Andy Martin will teach the steel pan and other percussion. There will be a lunch and performance on the last day at 11:30 a.m. There will also be an opportunity for adults to play steel pans with Andy in the evenings during the week. Watch for more information coming soon!

LARGE TURNOUT FOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Thank you to all who helped dig, bag, weed, trim, rake, and haul on Saturday, April 16. 18 people showed up to help!

THANK YOU FROM MINNESOTA REVENUE DEPARTMENT

"We thank you for your patience, understanding, and commitment to helping Minnesota taxpayers receive free quality tax preparation services.... We look forward to working with you again next year."

PARISH INFORMATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 15

We will gather for festival worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. All Holy Trinity members are also encouraged to attend a joint service with the **Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation** at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be present with us and will give the sermon. The Swahili Congregation will host a meal following the worship service. Sign up in the Community Room.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, MAY 6, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" from 6-9 p.m. Sign up to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery.

BIKING WITH FRIENDS FRIDAY, MAY 6, 6:15 P.M.

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites adults of all ages to join a casual bike tour through Minneapolis on Friday, May 6. We will meet at Bruce/Lisa Martens' home at 6:15 p.m. and explore the great web of bike trails our city has to offer! We will make our way to Sea Salt Eatery at Minnehaha Falls for refreshments towards the end of the ride. If you are in need of a bike to ride for the evening, please contact Lisa. Sign up in the Community Room by May 1.

SAVE THE DATE-RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 7-8, 2016

Holy Trinity will be hosting a workshop on race, intercultural development, and white privilege for the St. Paul and Minneapolis Area Synods on October 7-8, 2016. We expect this will be a big event. More information to be distributed soon.

BIRD WATCHING FRIDAY, MAY 6, 7:30 A.M.

They're back!! Come check out the migrating birds and those staying here for the season. Join Keith Olstad and Nicaraguan birder Francisco Muñoz in the Bass Ponds parking lot at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 6, for bird watching and listening. (The Bass Ponds are next to the Cypress Foundry at East 86th Street and East Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington.) On April 22, 8 hardy Holy Trinity members birded Wood Lake and identified 30 species, in spite of the cold, windy weather.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS

Head to Himalayan Restaurant on Sunday, May 1, at 12:15 p.m. with other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. Meet in the Community Room by the colorful sign.

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PARISH EVENTS May 1-7, 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
	12:00 pm	MayDay Parade
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Christian Education
Tuesday	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop on 4th floor
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	7:30 am	Birding Event, Bass Ponds in Bloomington
	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:15 pm	Biking with Friends

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 1, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Anton Werth, Ellie Brand	Acolytes	Ethan Townsend, Kristen Townsend	
Anne Beschnett	Crucifer	David Krig	
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Bob Aldrich	
Lyle Steinfeldt, Nicki Hines	Communion	Carol/John Kelly	
Shelley Grimes, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow	
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Lynda/Dennis Nordholm, Sam Kleven, Martha Mueller	
Rosemary Foley	Coffee Servers		
Annie Hines, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Scott Cole, Wayne Vetter	
	Closer	Cliff Brown	

Financial Report	April 24	Year to date
Budget requirements	14,432.69	245,355.77
Budget receipts	18,549.48	268,074.52
Opening Doors	5,288.71	174,328.71
African Pastors' Endowment	20.00	185.00

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