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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 Lamberton, 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 second reflection comes from member Joy Nelson:

The small group discussion on white privilege connected me with the work of *Atlantic Monthly* writer, Ta-Nehisi Coates. His articles entitled "The Case for Reparations" and "How Can America Reckon With Our Compounded Moral Debts—250 Years of Slavery; 90 Years of Jim Crow; 60 Years of Separate but Equal; 35 Years of Racist Housing Policy?" have been particularly important to me this year.

Prior to reading these works, I had not fully appreciated the degree of pervasive and consistent housing discrimination present in America. Additionally, I didn't know that economists have actually used calculations to determine the monetary amount of reparations that would currently be due to African Americans. Some leaders have proposed that these reparations take the form of job programs and educational resources.

I am feeling called by this challenge before us. Pursuing this call means that I've begun meeting with a community group, which is devoted to discussing reparations. The monthly forum is led by a long-respected East Indian community leader and sponsored by Augsburg College. The group strives to hear from diverse voices. These voices are raising questions about our readiness for making reparations and questions about what form those reparations would take. Last month, an invited governmental speaker addressed current efforts being made in the area of racial income gaps. If you'd like more information on this group that meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m., feel free to contact me.

Another commitment that grew out of my group experience relates to our need to learn first hand about our Muslim neighbors' faith. One wonderful way we can do that is through a Minnesota Council of Churches and Muslim American Society of Minnesota program during Ramadan. This year the dates are from June 6 - July 5. Soon these organizations will list dates some mosques will invite non-Muslims to join them for question and answer time, before they have evening prayers and break the fast. We're invited to join them for their meal at the end of the day. Consider registering through the Minnesota Council of Churches website's "Taking Heart" program. As soon as the dates are made available, I'll also start a sign-up sheet in the Community Room for those who would like to attend.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of God in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.



READINGS

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

MAY 15 "Addressing Racial Injustices: Sky Room Field Trip" Holy Trinity Confirmation Class

Listen in on the conversations our confirmation students have been having with regard to racial justice. The students will consider the responses which the world and our congregation have called them to make. The adult forum crowd is warmly invited to ascend (via elevator or stairs) to the 4th floor, in order to listen to, reflect on, and be led by our youth.

MAY 22 "Hearing Loss—Reflections on the Challenge" Erin Arifin and Judy Davison

We begin our exploration of what it means to be embodied persons with reflections on the challenge of hearing loss led by Holy Trinity members Erin Arifin and Judy Davison.

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. Register online at htlcmpls.org.

ENCORE! FACEBOOK TRAINING

Many church groups are moving to the use of Facebook to communicate with each other. Meghan Olsen Biebighauser will lead a session on how to use this social media on Tuesday, May 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

OPEN STREETS MINNEAPOLIS

Open Streets - East Lake is coming up on Sunday, July 24th. The East Lake Library, in partnership with Learning Dreams, is inviting Holy Trinity members to share experiential learning experiences with the community. Do you have a skill to share with our neighbors? Contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of May 31-June 2. We will not be delivering on Memorial Day. Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals for 1-4 days of the week. You may sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen at 612-721-7181 with questions. Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square delivery area (35th Ave. and 50th St.). Delivery takes about 1-1½ hrs.

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 20, 7:30 A.M.

They're back!! Come check out the migrating birds and those staying here for the season. Join Keith Olstad in the Wood Lake Nature Center parking lot in Richfield at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20, for a couple of hours of bird watching and listening. Call Keith's cell if you have concerns about weather. On April 22, eight hardy Holy Trinity members birded Wood Lake and identified 30 species, in spite of the cold, windy weather.

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. Call the church office to sign up for the meal.

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PARISH EVENTS May 15-21, 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	Joint Service with Swahili Congregation
	3:00 pm	Meal with Swahili Congregation
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council
	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop on 4th floor
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Encore! Social Media Session
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
Friday	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm	Youth Committee/Skyroom
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:30 pm	Longfellow H.S. Lullaby Concert

Disaster Relief by Stephanie/John Sulzbach
Special Gift in honor of Herb Hanson's 90th birthday by Mary Ellen Olson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 15, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Maggie Weiss, Peter Weiss	Acolytes	Claudia Jensen, Lydia Belusa-Niesen	
Shelley Grimes	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf	
Theresa Rian	Communion	Wayne Vetter, Stella Townsend	
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend family	
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny/Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, George Madich	
Nancy/Dave Moe	Coffee Servers	Libby/Keith Olstad	
Pam Blomgren, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Pam Kildahl	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	

Financial Report	May 8	Year to date
Budget requirements	14,432.69	274,221.15
Budget receipts	12,439.58	289,519.88
Opening Doors	713.37	176,754.95
Disaster Relief	500.00	850.00
Longfellow Alternative H.S.	40.00	210.00
World Hunger	40.00	774.00