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

WRITERS' CIRCLE

Perhaps you have heard the whispers that somewhere within the church walls lurks a group especially designed for writers. But you can't track down any information about it. If you ask another Holy Trinity member if they have heard of a group for writers, chances are you'll get a response like "No, never heard of it. Must have been at your old church!" (You may not have it in your heart to tell the person you've been a member longer than he has.) Too bad, a writing group was just what you were looking for...

Well, don't fret anymore! Writers' Circle is a concrete reality! We meet once a month on the second Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library. A daytime meeting has been proposed and is currently being discussed by members of the Circle. No decisions have yet been made.

Writers' Circle is not snooty! We pride ourselves on being a very eclectic group. Writers bring many different writing styles. There have been poets, prose-writers, writers who are exploring the idea of a novel, some writers who haven't yet decided on a style, and those who just don't want to limit themselves.

Writers' Circle members all get time to share their work—no matter what style—by reading it aloud to the rest of the group. Circle members bring copies of their pieces so the group can read along. (Please note: copies are not a requirement!) If a member wants her writing piece critiqued, she must request it. Critiquing is not done automatically. Members who wish to offer feedback do so only when invited.

If your interest is piqued, don't tell yourself you'd never know what to write about, let alone what style, so there is no way you can join a writing group. Put your mind at ease. Prompts are provided to guide your writing. Each month, one, two, or three group members collaborate on providing the prompts. At one monthly meeting, prompts for the next month's writing are given out. Sound confusing? Look at it like this: prompts for January's meeting were sent to Writers' Circle members in December. Of course, there is always the prompt that is often favored by the writers—that is, write about what you want to write about!

Still have some confusion? That's okay! All kinds of questions are welcome, too. Our next meeting is January 10, 2017. Why not join us? If you would like to contact someone involved in the group before then, you can email me (coriandanne@comcast.net), and a Writers' Circle member will be in touch.

—Cori E. Gershon

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Head to Himalayan at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

BOOK STUDY ON RACE IN MINNESOTA THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 30

All interested persons are invited to join us in reading and discussing the book, *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* (2016; Sun Yung Shin, editor). This is an inspiring and challenging anthology of stories and essays by a wide variety of indigenous people and people of color. Contact Deb Sodt for more information. Sign up in the Community Room.

NO FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS/PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IN JANUARY

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out are canceled this month. We're still recovering from Christmas. Join us for game night Saturday, January 7.

NAME OF JESUS

The observance of the octave (eighth day) of Christmas has roots in the sixth century. Until the recent past, Lutheran calendars called this day "The Circumcision and Name of Jesus." The emphasis on circumcision is the older emphasis. Every Jewish boy was circumcised and formally named on the eighth day of his life. Baptized into Christ, the church begins a new year in Jesus' name.



READINGS
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

JANUARY 1 Holy Trinity Germany Trip Participants

Last October, members and friends of Holy Trinity traveled to Germany and visited many of the sites that figured prominently in the events of the Reformation that led to the origins of the Protestant Church 500 years ago. Participants on that trip will share their reflections on that experience. Come and hear about the trail of the Reformation.

JANUARY 8 "Biking and Mass Transportation"

Andrea Kiepe, Lead Organizer for Transit for Livable Communities
Transportation infrastructure—from massive transit projects like SoutWest Light Rail to small local ones like a new protected bike lane on Blaisdell Avenue—depends on policies and funding that come from our State Legislature. What's going on this year at the Capitol? How will that affect our transportation system itself as well as related issues like air pollution, racial equity, and public health? Come and hear why these decisions matter to one Holy Trinity family and learn more about the issues and ways you can be involved.

RACIAL JUSTICE 1.0 SMALL GROUPS

Holy Trinity is again offering a discussion group on addressing racism. The group will be small and will meet six times over the course of three months, beginning in February. The purpose of the group 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. We will use various articles and films to explore our own identity, bias, and privilege. All groups will meet at Holy Trinity. Child care provided, as needed. Indicate your interest by January 30. Once the group is formed, the participants will choose dates that work for them.

MINISTRY TO AND WITH THE AGING THURSDAYS, JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 2, AND FEBRUARY 16

The Adult Education and Nurturing Relationships Committees are teaming up to hold a series of three "brown bag" lunches which will focus on ministry to and with the aging. Tentative themes for each session are "appropriate decision-making," "negotiating family relationships," and "where do we find our worth?" Sessions will run from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Deb Sodt will moderate. Bring your own lunch. Sign up in the Community Room for one, two, or all three of the sessions, as your schedule allows.

PARISH INFORMATION

20s, 30s, 40s BRUNCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Nicholas Ellison invites the 20s, 30s, 40s group to join him for brunch after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, January 22. Sign up in the Community Room.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone; the more people who shop, the better. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards (no personal checks).

THANK YOU FROM FRIENDS OF LONGFELLOW SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Longfellow students this December and for those of you who gave to Fare For All so that eight students could receive a holiday food package. Many students rely on their daily breakfast and lunches at school. During their two-week holiday break, that food will be a blessing. Joy, smiles, and love were shared the day of the Holiday Sharing event. Thank you so much for all who participated and shared in that event.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Snacks, games, and fun galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of snacks, laughter, and some fun competition playing games. Bring a favorite game and a snack to share. Confirmation students bring your sponsor! Come, snack, and play between 7-9 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by January 1.

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL LULLABY PROJECT THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

For the second year in a row, Longfellow Alternative High School has partnered with VocalEssence to present Carnegie Hall's Lullaby Project here in the Twin Cities. The Lullaby Project offers pregnant and parenting teens an opportunity to create and share a personal lullaby for their child, with the help of artists working in communities across the country. Oakland-based songwriter and vocal activist, Melanie DeMore, VocalEssence Associate Conductor G. Phillip Shoultz III, and members of the Ensemble Singers have been working at Longfellow Alternative, leading lullaby creation sessions that have resulted in five new lullabies. We have the honor of hosting the premiere performance here at Holy Trinity. Admission is free. Performance from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with treats to follow. Sign up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS January 1-7, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings at Himalayan
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Peace with Justice
	6:30 pm	Adult Education
Saturday	7:00 pm	Game Night

World Hunger in honor of June and Cynthia Townley and in memory of father, John Townley, and brother, John Townley, by Linda/Phil Jury
Longfellow School in memory of mother, Pat Townley, by Linda/Phil Jury

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that help support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, Refugee Resettlement Program and ELCA World Hunger. **Please remember that contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2016 to be counted as a 2016 donation. Thank you!**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 1, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Nicki Hines	Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm
Grayson Wieczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Kayden Nordby
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Meghan Olsen Biebighauser
Lisa Martens, Andrea Hansen	Communion	George Christians, Dennis Nordholm
Dianne Mascher, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Libby/Keith Olstad
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny/Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Kathy Ohler, Alan Libra
David Broberg	Coffee Servers	Connie Adams
Donna Heyer, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Gary Johnson
	Closer	Rod Johnson