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## BLESSING FOR A HOME AT EPIPHANY

The Gospel of Matthew says that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matthew 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome.

Epiphany (January 6) offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing for the home. Someone may lead the greeting and blessing, while another person may read the scripture passage. Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door: 20 + CMB + 17. The numbers change with each new year (this year is 2017). The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means, "Christ, bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).

### Order of Service

**Greeting:** May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures (*Proverbs 24:3-4*).

**Reading:** John 1:1-4, 14-16

**Inscription:** Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right).

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,  
M Melchior, and  
B Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand  
17 and seventeen years ago.  
+ Christ, bless this house,  
+ and remain with us throughout the new year.

**Prayer:** O God, you revealed your child to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ our light and life. Amen.

Then everyone may walk from room to room, blessing the house with incense or by sprinkling with water, perhaps using a branch from the Christmas tree.

*From Sundays & Seasons, 2016 Augsburg Fortress*

**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.

**THE ENNEAGRAM, TUESDAYS, JANUARY 24 & 31, FEBRUARY 7**

This series of three Tuesday evening classes held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. will deepen your knowledge of the Enneagram: an ancient and powerful map that sheds light on the motivation behind your behavior. Back by popular demand, Kate Ostrem will guide us as we explore how the Enneagram can be applied to our daily lives and increase the compassion we have for ourselves and those we love. Cost is \$20. Sign up in the Community Room by January 15.

## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

*Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.*



### READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

#### JANUARY 8

##### "Biking and Mass Transportation"

Rian-Fairley family and Andrea Kiepe, Lead Organizer for Transit for Livable Communities

Transportation infrastructure—from massive transit projects like Southwest 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.

#### JANUARY 15

##### "Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves"

Mike Larsen and Linda Nelson

Since 2004, Mike Larsen and Linda Nelson have worked to heal their 62 acres overlooking Whitewater State Park. As they struggle to regenerate the former glory of prairie and oak savanna, they view themselves as community builders. They invite you to not only hear (and see in pictures) their story of healing and love, but to join them in their community-building as well.

#### 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.

#### DIALOGUE BREAKFAST THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 8:00 A.M.

Ann Krisnik, Executive Director of Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, will present the issues that JRLC has chosen to focus on at Day on the Hill, February 23. Come to breakfast Thursday, January 26, from 8:00-9:45 a.m., presented by Peace with Justice Committee, to learn more about the issues in order to be better prepared, to encourage more people to attend Day on the Hill, and to learn more about the impact we can make as individuals if we can't attend an all-day event. To register, call the church office or sign up in the Community Room.

## 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).

### WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION FOR SARA MWALILINO JANUARY 8

Join us in the Community Room following the 11:00 a.m. service as we welcome Pastor Andrea's wife, Sara, back to the United States. Sara has been unable to enter the country for many years because of visa matters. We are glad that she has been reunited with her family and look forward to spending time with her and the whole Minnesota Swahili Christian congregation in the years to come.

### 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 8-14, 2017

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	12:00 pm	Reception for Sara Mwalilino
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship, Nurturing meet
	11:00 am	Worship Readings
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:30 pm	Racial Justice Working Group
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00 pm	Lullaby Concert
Saturday		Confirmation Retreat

World Hunger in memory of loved ones by Paul Krumrei, in memory of Bev McGee by Linda McMahon, and by Karen Batdorf

Refugee Resettlement by Karen Batdorf, Connie Adams, and Sam/Gretchen Chamberlain

Youth in memory of Gerry Werth by Linda McMahon

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 8, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM	
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Cori Gershon
Elena Alpizar, Maggie Weiss	Acolytes	Linnea Krig, Marianna Hefte
Anne Beschnett	Crucifer	David Krig
Nancy Moe, Linda Berglin	Communion	Phil Jury, Lee Kampinen
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend Family
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, John Goring	Ushers	Mike Mann, Riley Conway, George Madich, Deb Sadt
Joyce Peterson, Ann Neuendorf	Coffee Servers	Kelley Family
Joyce Peterson, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Vicki Mann, Deb Helmelt
	Closer	Cliff Brown

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