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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
WINTER AND SPRING 2017

Greetings, Holy Trinity!

As you read through the many ministry opportunities scheduled for the winter and spring, you may notice certain emphases reflected. The Council recently outlined the following commitments for our life together in 2017:

1. Deepen our commitment to creative, inspiring, inclusive, and culturally competent worship services and the accompanying music program for all ages.
2. Grow in competence related to issues of race, class, and gender in our congregational life, and join with community partners working at these intersections.
3. Together with the whole church, seek to build the commonwealth of God through welcoming the stranger, accompanying the vulnerable, and caring for creation.
4. Assist members of all ages in connecting Christian faith with life in the public square.
5. Create space for new members to share their gifts and build relationships.

We hope that you see yourself playing a role in our congregational goals this year. Christ is leading us in these efforts already and will lead us to new, surprising, and life-giving places. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church this winter and spring, and blessings to you throughout 2017.

Peace,



Pastor Jay Carlson



Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

P. S. The words on the front cover emerged from your responses to the question posed in worship this fall: "What is included in God's vision for the world?"

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MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A lot of this congregation's ministry is done through the work of committees. All of the committees listed below are open to new members and new ideas. If you have questions, please ask the pastor who relates to each committee. Watch the bulletin for more details!

First Monday of the Month—

Adult Education (Pastor Ingrid): Adult forums, Johnson Symposium, travel seminars, and other learning opportunities.

Peace with Justice (Pastor Jay): Dialogue events, advocacy, creation care. Currently meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Ministry (Pastor Jay): Retreats, workshops, education for children through Grade 5, Parents' Night Out. Alternates months with Youth.

Youth (Pastor Jay): Education, service, and events for youth in Grades 6-12. Alternates months with Children and Family Ministry.

Second Monday of the Month—

Nurturing Relationships (Pastor Ingrid): Retreats, book groups, kinship meals, grief mailings, Encore!, First Fridays with Friends, lunch groups, game nights, outdoor activities, and Feeding the Spirit. Meets every other month.

Financial Stewardship (Pastor Jay): Budget planning, stewardship education, financial reports, special appeals, investments.

Third Monday of the Month—

Church Council (Pastors Jay and Ingrid): Elected members of Council have responsibility for the administration and mission leadership of the congregation. Visitors are welcome to observe Council meetings.

On Occasion

Property (Pastor Jay): Maintenance and improvements for the building and grounds, work days.

Outreach (Pastor Ingrid): Music in the Garden, Longfellow Alternative High School, Fare for All, Theatre Circle, intercultural development and racial justice, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation partnership, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Open Streets, and Longfellow Corn Feed.

Worship (Pastor Ingrid): Weekly and special worship services, devotional resources, fine arts, banners, and art work.

Housing and Social Services (Pastor Jay): Community-building at Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments, resident meals, coordination of programming at both buildings, arrange for periodic health screenings and special events.

FACEBOOK PAGES

Search for these Holy Trinity-sponsored groups on Facebook —

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group

HTLC 20s, 30s, and 40s Group

Holy Trinity Encore!

Holy Trinity Family Ministry

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays —

We gather in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning for worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Educational opportunities are available between services for people of all ages:

- *Grace Time (children age 3 and under) is a time set aside in the Nursery for a story and craft from 10:00-10:30 a.m.*
- *Godly Play (children age 4 through grade 1) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Trinity Village (grades 2-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the fourth-floor Skyroom from 9:30-10:45 a.m.*
- *High School Youth Group meets periodically for special events and discussions.*
- *Adults of all ages meet in the second-floor Library from 10:00-10:45 a.m. for the Adult Forum.*

Tuesdays —

A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the new office conference room to study the worship readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary. Following the discussion, staff and congregants share a brownbag lunch at 12:00 p.m. Some people choose to skip the study and simply come to lunch!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC from David Sims



From January to June the songs that we sing are largely influenced by the narrative story of the church year. We have so many important stories to sing about: Epiphany, the ministry of Jesus, Ash Wednesday, Lent, the Three Days, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. We have the entire summer and fall to delve into hymns about Christian faith and justice and discipleship and love and stewardship, right?

Of course, it isn't that easy. Hymns and anthems don't just take the same words we hear in scripture and put them to music; they tie different threads of the story together and give us a new lens through which we experience the readings. How do the events of

Epiphany relate to creation care? How can Lent encourage us to think carefully about justice and liberation?

Each week, and from season to season, we try to find a balance in the words and music that we sing. Here are some of the things that the worship staff and I think about:

- **Word** Are we singing hymns that explore and unpack the scripture lessons of the day? Do we leave with greater understanding, mystery, and wonder?
- **Generations** Is there music from a wide range of centuries? Can we continue to sing words from the very early church as well as words written last year?
- **Gender** Are we representing authors and composers of all genders?
- **Images of God** Are we singing hymns with diverse metaphors for God?
- **Creation** Do we sing about creation, and do we give creation its own ability to praise God as well as think about our part in preserving and healing the world?
- **Familiarity** Are we singing a balance of music so that some hymns are familiar to each or all of the generations represented in our worshipping community?
- **Perspective** Do we sing songs that represent the wide variety of cultural backgrounds represented at Holy Trinity, and are we open to learning and honoring the gifts of song given by the wider church?
- **Depth** Are there words and music that we “get” right away, while also being music that we take away with us to think about and ponder over time?

Each worship service answers these questions differently, and we are always trying to grow in our ability to strike a better balance. It's an honor to make music with all of you each week, and I'm grateful for your encouragement and enthusiasm for worshiping with depth, beauty, and wonder.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY from Ann Schrooten

For 20 years, I have had the pleasure of making music with the Holy Trinity Children's Choir, a middle school ensemble we call Cantate!, and an intergenerational group of handbell musicians known as the Gloria Ringers. Our young singers and handbell ringers rehearse weekly to prepare music for worship.

Our time together, however, does not merely consist of learning and fine tuning a piece of music to sing or ring at the Prelude, Offering, or Postlude. We build and train our voices, we work on our technique, we learn about the liturgy, we talk about what the piece we are working on means, we learn to work together and support one another, we laugh with each other, and sometimes we even cry a little. If you ever need to experience a moment of mayhem and magic all rolled into 45 minutes, come visit a youth choir rehearsal some Wednesday evening. There is HOPE spilling out all over the place! And if at some point you want to get all your neurons firing at capacity, put a bell in your left hand and another in your right—or two small bells in each—and look at a musical score similar to what a fine pianist would be viewing and play ONLY the two (or four) notes that you have in your hands, and play them at the right time and match the dynamic of your bell(s) with that of your neighbor's and play with great poise and remember to exude a calm and confident air as you maneuver your way through a maze of black ink on white paper in light that can never be bright enough. Oh, and remember to turn the pages of your music gracefully and quietly while holding bells and wearing gloves. I can't even begin to describe what happens when a key change occurs. THIS, dear friends, is a challenge of Olympic proportions!

After all these challenges are met—but often in the very midst of trying to meet them—Spirit-filled messages sweep directly into your soul to take you by surprise and remind you of God's love, beauty, forgiveness, wisdom, and at least a thousand other things to carry you through whatever life is handing you. In the end, the true art of making music is not nearly as much about creating sound as it is about paying attention to what you hear all around you and inside of you as well. It is my greatest joy to observe people of all ages discover over and over again what Spirit-filled messages may be in the music for them.



PARISH ORGANIZING from Meghan Olsen Biebighauser



As I prepared to write this, I looked back over my note to you from late in the summer, outlining a way forward and expressing enthusiasm for the payday lending reform movement that Holy Trinity has been leading for nearly five years. We know now that the pathway may be much rougher than we anticipated, for payday lending reform and for many of the issues that this congregation has prioritized. The season that stretches ahead seems to have an unknown landscape—I've been hearing from many of you over the past few weeks that it's difficult to know what to do next—which new threat to our neighbors or loved ones might be realized first? What can we offer to those in our families, congregation and neighborhood who are feeling vulnerable or fearful?

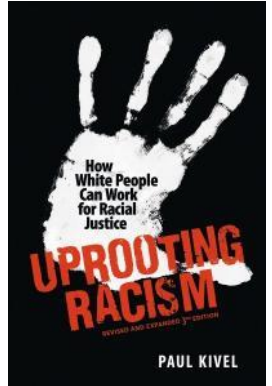
I have some ideas, of course, but I want to lift up congregational commitments #3 and #4 that our pastors introduced earlier in this calendar. There we make commitments to welcoming the stranger, accompanying the vulnerable, caring for creation, and defining and claiming our place as Christians in the public square. There will be fantastic opportunities this spring to explore aspects of these commitments through book studies and forum series, and these conversations are critical. But! You don't have to wait until the calendar says so to engage these goals—as we're sipping our coffee in the community room or coffee shop, I hear Holy Trinity members asking one another powerful questions like: "What truths must we tell?" and "With whom must we stand?"

I hear these conversations happening around me each Sunday, and in the neighborhood during the week, and I'm so thankful to be with you in this place, and right now.

WINTER AND SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

Various Dates—Racial Justice 1.0 Small Group

Holy Trinity is once 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.



Sunday, January 1—New Year's Worship Services

Two services as usual!

Sunday, January 1—Adult Forum with the 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!

Sunday, January 1—First Sunday Musings

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.

Wednesday, January 4—Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs Resume

For more information on choral opportunities, talk to Ann Schrooten (children, youth, and bell) or David Sims (adult). New singers and ringers are welcome!

Friday, January 6—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out are cancelled this month. We're still recovering from Christmas. Join us for games tomorrow night!

Saturday, January 7—Game Night with Nurturing Relationships and Youth Committees

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 board 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.



Sunday, January 8—Adult Forum on Biking and Mass Transportation with the 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.

Sunday, January 8—Welcome Home Celebration for Pastor Andrea Mwalilino’s Wife, Sara

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!

Wednesday, January 11—Fare For All

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. (Sorry, no personal checks.) Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 12—Longfellow Alternative Lullaby Project Listening and Sharing Session

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.

Saturday-Monday, January 14-16—Confirmation Retreat

The 6th-9th Grade students in the confirmation program will return to Luther Park Bible Camp in Danbury, Wisconsin, for their annual retreat. Please remember them in your prayers this week.



Sunday, January 15—Adult Forum with Mike Larsen and Linda Nelson on Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves

“What is broken is not the Land. What is broken is our relationship with the Land.”

“Because the relationship between self and world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved, and then acting.

As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us.”— Braiding Sweetgrass

What if you loved the Land and felt the Land loved you back? How different would the world be? Would we be talking Climate Change and the wreckage we hand our grandchildren? 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.

Thursday, January 19—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Thursdays, January 19, February 2, and February 16—Ministry to and with the Aging

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 noon 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.

Thursday, January 19 and Monday, January 30—Book Study on Race in Minnesota

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. The book is “a call for us to listen and learn about one another’s real lives in Minnesota.”

We will meet on two evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and will discuss three of the essays at each session. If there is enough interest, we may repeat these sessions later in 2017. Sign up in the Community Room. Contact Deb Sodt (dksodt@gmail.com) for more information.



Sunday, January 22— Adult Forum with David Legvold

David Legvold is a retired educator who operates an 800-acre farm. While not an organic farmer, David employs and advocates practices that further soil and water conservation. For several years, Ben, his organic CSA neighbor, and Dave have attracted crowds at the Minnesota State Fair with their presentation, "Organic and Conventional Farming: The Real Dirt," which includes valuable information about organic and conventional farming practices that preserve and enhance the environment. Dave was named a Minnesota Water Hero by Governor Mark Dayton in the spring of 2016. His farmland has been designated as Certified Water Quality Farms by the MN Department of Agriculture. He also opens up his farm to Carleton and St. Olaf students to research the effects of faith-based restorative agriculture. Whether you are a backyard gardener, have agricultural roots, or care about environment, you will benefit from this presentation.

Sunday, January 22— 20s, 30s, 40s Brunch

Nicholas Ellison invites the 20s, 30s, 40s group to join him for brunch after the 11 a.m. service. Look for more information in the bulletin and Community Church. Sign up in the Community Room by January 15.

Tuesdays, January 24, 31, and February 7— The Enneagram: Continuing the Conversation

This series of three 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. Imagine combining the wisdom of your dearest friend, a personality tool like Myers-Briggs, and your own honest perceptions: that's the Enneagram! Back by popular demand after she led our 2015 adult retreat, 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.



January 24: Meet the Enneagram

If you are brand new to the Enneagram, this class will help you identify your type. If you are already familiar with the Enneagram, come anyway! There is always something new to learn about your own type or that of others.

January 31: The Enneagram & Communication

Continue the conversation in this class with a focus on how your type impacts your communication style.

February 7: The Enneagram & Conflict

The series concludes with a look at how understanding your type helps you face conflict in a way that is respectful and healthy.

If it's not possible for you to attend the first class, come to the second and third anyway. The church office has a handout that can help you start to identify your type and we can catch you up at the next class. Cost for the series is \$20. Scholarships are available. Sign up, pay, and receive a preparatory worksheet in the church office by January 15.

Thursday, January 26—Dialogue Breakfast Exploring Legislative Issues in 2017

We feel called to speak out about social injustice. For many years, we have had a group attending Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's "Day on the Hill." (See February 23, 2017, for more information.) Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's mission is to be "guided by God's vision of the common good in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions to mobilize religious communities to influence public policy."

This year the Peace with Justice committee would like to offer an opportunity to learn about the chosen issues in advance so that we can be better prepared, encourage more people to attend Day on the Hill, and learn more about the impact we can make as individuals if we can't attend an all-day event. Come January 26 from 8:00-9:45 a.m. for a preview of the issues that JRLC has chosen for 2017, presented by Ann Krisnik, Executive Director. Breakfast will be served!

Saturday, January 28—"For Such a Time as This: Building Our Prophetic Resistance"

1:00-4:00 p.m. at Shiloh Temple International Ministries. This is a gathering being sponsored by ISAIAH, an organization that partners with 275,000 people of faith across Minnesota to work for racial and economic justice. From ISAIAH: "Along with other people of faith, we will learn more about the challenges we face in our state and nation. We will reckon with what's at stake and we will take action, asking elected officials at the state and federal levels to stand with us as we work to ensure civil and human rights, maintain and strengthen core social safety net initiatives facing attack, and protect the planet." Look for registration information and sign up in the Community Room in January.

Sunday, January 29—Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership

There is a lot of business to cover during today's annual meeting, which will be held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Jay, Pastor Ingrid, and council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

Sunday, January 29—Annual Meeting

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 113th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2017 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

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Friday, February 3—First Fridays with Friends Hosts a Church Lock-in for Adults

Yes, you read this correctly. Adults of all ages are invited to the church for pizza, junk food, sardines, and community. If you were in Luther League as a teenager, the evening will feel familiar to you. If you're new to the church, come and experience your first lock-in.

Fun will begin at 6:15 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. so we can go home, watch the news, and sleep.

Friday, February 3—Parents' Night Out

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") 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.

Saturday, February 4—Shining a Light in the Darkness; A Faith-Based Response to Sex Trafficking

Local congregations from along the Lake Street corridor will gather at 10:00 a.m. to hear from survivors of sex trafficking, learn about needs, both direct service and policy, brainstorm a faith-rooted response, and create a pathway to engagement on this issue locally. Location TBD.

Sunday, February 5—Adult Forum featuring the Youth Recital

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 5—First Sunday Musings

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.

Wednesday, February 8—Downtown Lunch Group

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Thrivent's Café at 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 5 so organizers know how many seats to save.

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Sunday, February 12— Adult Forum with House Minority Leader, Melissa Hortman

Melissa Hortman, the newly named minority leader in the Minnesota House will be with us to discuss legislative initiatives on energy and other issues to which this faith community has committed time and energy.

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Friday-Sunday, February 17-19—Family Retreat at St. Andrew Village

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal with church members of all ages. Due to the popularity of this annual event we have outgrown our usual location, so this year we will travel to St. Andrew Village in New London, Minnesota. Meals, activities, and accommodations are included for the retreat fee of \$100/adult and \$50/child (5-18 years old).

Sunday, February 19— Adult Forum featuring Rev. Chris Wheatley, Director of Christian Ministry and Social Services, and Paige Sundeen, Social Worker

My father had a health care directive. He went to his lawyer, paid for his time, and came out with a legal document that explained exactly what to do in very specific situations. It was filed with the right people and notarized properly.

When he had a massive heart attack with accompanying brain damage on May 4, 2016, we consulted this health care directive for help. It provided none. It talked about cases of terminal illness and brain death, but nothing of the massive brain damage and constant seizures that he had suffered. It was so narrowly specific that it did not provide any help to those of us making life and death decisions for the man we loved.

I want us at Holy Trinity to do better for you. I want us to partner with the area medical providers to provide a comprehensive, goal-focused health care directive that provides broad, uniform, useful direction to medical staff and families. To that end, I want to talk to you about Honoring Choices so that you live and die on your own terms. Even if you already have a health care directive or a living will there will be important information about important choices. Please come to a presentation of this health care directive and find out how to get free help in creating, explaining, and recording your wishes. It’s about the conversation. Chris will be available from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to assist individuals, free of charge, with their directives.

Sunday, February 19—Outing to see “The Highwaymen” at the History Theatre

1956. The construction of Interstate 94 destroyed the thriving, tight-knit Rondo neighborhood where homes, stores, and businesses once stood. The new freeway tore through the heart of St. Paul’s largest African-American community. This powerful new drama explores the dynamics surrounding the decision-making process that shattered the lives of thousands of middle-class residents and changed the face of St. Paul forever. Sign up in the Community Room and pay \$40 dollars to the church office by February 5 to save your ticket. We have only 10 tickets for the 2:00 p.m. performance available.



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Thursday, February 23—Joint Religious Legislative Coalition’s Day on the Hill



JRLC’s Day on the Hill is the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition’s annual policy briefing and lobby day. Participants are briefed on the JRLC issues that are being debated and voted on at our State Capitol. Clergy and lay people from across the state attend Day on the Hill to show an interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process.

The event includes a meal, inspiration, issue briefings, and opportunities to take action. Registration is required. Talk with Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information.

Sunday, February 26— Council Installation

We elect several new Council members at the Annual Meeting in January. We will install these new members and those members who are continuing their terms. We promise our prayers, our honest feedback, and our support for their work in the coming year.

Sunday, February 26— Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast and the bake sale will support summer youth trips. There is no adult forum today, as we’ll all be eating pancakes!



Wednesday, March 1— Ash Wednesday

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God’s grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us for soup supper at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 3—First Fridays with Friends Hosts Bowling at Memory Lanes

Join members Erin Walding-Heitman and Russ Heitman and the 20s, 30s, 40s group at Memory Lanes for food and bowling beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of all ages are invited to join the fun! Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 26.

Friday, March 3—Parents' Night Out

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Friday-Sunday, March 3-5—"Do Justice" High School Retreat

"Do Justice" is a retreat for Twin Cities churches designed to accompany high school youth and young adults in a journey of discovery, awareness, and action around the realities and issues of social justice which contribute to hunger, poverty, and violence. This year's retreat will be held at Bay Lake Camp in Deerwood, Minnesota.

Sunday, March 5—Adult Forum with David Weiss

*For the next three Sundays, David Weiss reflects alongside—and beyond—the pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), on a Christian spirituality for a changing climate. Asking "What do these times require of us?" Weiss sketches the shape of a response that is at once fully human and fully Christian. He suggests three distinctive dimensions to our personal and communal spiritual response: anguish, hope, and resistance. Indeed, Weiss asserts that—perhaps more than ever before—in this time of climate change, being faithful means becoming an apocalyptic evangelical prophetic church. These lectures will be public theology: offering a thoughtful, provocative, and accessible adventure in theology.*



Session One: Apocalyptic: owning the anguish that is ours.

In the Bible, apocalyptic literature seeks to make sense of world-ending events. Climate changes is an apocalyptic event. There is no "do over," no turning back the clock—or turning down the temperature. So the first dimension in a Christian spirituality that can undergird a faithful response to climate change is one that enables us to own the anguish that is ours. We need ways to feel the sorrow, to grieve for what has been lost. At the same time, we must counter the temptations to denial and despair. Considering examples from biblical imagery and the Christian tradition, we will look for ways to plumb the depth of almost unfathomable lament...without altogether losing hope.

Sunday, March 5—First Sunday Musings

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.

Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5—Lenten Soup Suppers, Labyrinth Walking, and Evening Prayer Services

All are invited to partake in the Lenten soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Food is provided; free-will donations are accepted. The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. The labyrinth will be available for walking and contemplation from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Library each Wednesday night.



Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29; April 5—Conversation Tables about Race and Privilege

During the Lenten Season, Holy Trinity will offer a weekly meditation that will be emailed to you. All of the meditations will have a theme of our call and response to racial justice. You will receive a link to a video, a related Biblical verse, a quote related to racism, a few questions for you to consider, and a prayer. You can use these on your own or you can engage with others in conversation. Members of the Racial Justice Working Group will be available for discussion during Lenten soup suppers. Get a bowl of soup and pull up a chair at one of the marked conversation tables in the Community Room.

Saturday, March 11—Daylight Saving Time Begins

Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed so you're not late to church in the morning!

Sunday, March 12—Adult Forum with David Weiss

Session Two: Evangelical: haunted by holy hope.

To be evangelical is not primarily about saving souls; it is foremost about bearing good news. On the other hand, in the face of climate change, "good news" dare not be naïve optimism. If we have a word of hope to utter (somewhere on the far side of that almost unfathomable lament) it is because God haunts us still.

Because there is a holy hope that hovers, beckoning us to believe that even now God can do a new thing. From their enslavement in Egypt to the Exile to the crucifixion to the persecution of the early Christians—and beyond, God's people have known what it is to be haunted by holy hope. It's our turn.

Wednesday, March 15—Fare For All

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Thursday, March 16—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Sunday, March 19—Adult Forum with David Weiss

Session Three: Prophetic: resistance as faith formed in service to the Real.

In some ways “prophetic” names the first two dimensions we’ve already explored. Rather than predicting the future, the biblical prophets were focused most directly on facilitating anguish and engendering hope. But ultimately being prophetic means daring to speak truth to power. Having owned the anguish and found ourselves still haunted by hope, our task is to fashion a life that is prophetic—marked by resistance to the forces that continue to threaten God’s creation. Some of these forces are internal habits and social cultures; others are corporate interests and political goals. Our way forward will require that we find ways to form our faith—the lived expression of our deepest convictions—in service to the Real. By “the Real,” I mean both the infinite God we confess—and also this finite earth...in which we find our home.

Sunday, March 26—New Member Sunday

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. (Orientations sessions for those wishing to become members will be held on Sundays, March 12 and 19 after the 11:00 a.m. worship.)

Sunday, March 26—Adult Forum Welcoming New Members in the Community Room

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We’ll hear from two current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We’ll also be introduced to the many people joining this congregation.

Sunday, April 2—Adult Forum with Pastor Joann Conroy

Join us as we welcome ELCA Pastor Joann Conroy, a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe. Pastor Conroy is the President of the American Indian and Alaskan Native Lutheran Association. She was active in the resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline and is a leader for racial justice in the metro area.

Friday, April 7—First Fridays with Friends

This month, the 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to join a kinship dinner. See below!

Friday, April 7—Parents’ Night Out

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Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8—Kinship Dinners

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone’s home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God’s living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by April 2.

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression.

Sunday, April 9—Adult Forum about Bees and Those Who Love Them

Join Erin Rupp from Pollinate Minnesota as leads a discussion about who pollinators are, what's going on with them, and why we should care for them. Rupp will also talk about local and state policy efforts that are affecting pollinators.



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Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

All are welcome to gather for a simple soup supper in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move downstairs to the Bartsch Room to begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. The Cantate! youth ensemble will help to lead worship.

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing.

Saturday, April 15—Vigil of Easter

Gathered together in the darkness of Saturday night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. The Trinity Singers ensemble will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room at 7:00 p.m. and conclude in the Sanctuary at about 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult and children's choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

Sunday, April 16—No Adult Forum—No Confirmation—No Sunday School

There is no adult forum, Confirmation, or Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Thursday, April 20—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Sunday, April 23—Adult Forum with Doug Wallace on Academy Films

Come and hear Holy Trinity friend Doug Wallace reflect on this year's Academy Award-nominated films. Attendees need not have seen the movies to find his presentation helpful and provocative!

Saturday, April 29—Property Work Day

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-noon. (If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 6.) Sign up in the Community Room by April 23.

Friday, May 5—First Fridays with Friends Goes Biking

It's time to dust off your bikes. Join Lisa and Bruce Martens for an evening bike ride. More details as the date draws nearer.

Friday, May 5—Parents' Night Out

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Sunday, May 7—Adult Forum

The Adult Education Committee begins its forum series on women. Over the next several months, we'll explore topics like gender identity, women's bodies, sexism, glass ceilings, leadership, women's health, women and race, feminist and womanist theology, and other relevant topics. If you have ideas, don't hesitate to contact the committee chair, Randy Nelson, or Pastor Ingrid.

Sunday, May 7—First Sunday Musings

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.

Wednesday, May 10—Fare For All

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Sunday, May 14—Adult Forum

The Adult Education Committee continues its forum series on women. Watch the bulletin for information.

Thursday, May 18—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Sunday, May 21—Teacher and Sponsor Recognition and Bibles for 5th Graders

We give thanks for the volunteers who support our children and youth ministries. In our worship we will present Bibles to 5th Grade students.

Sunday, May 21—Adult Forum

The Adult Education Committee continues its forum series on women. Watch the bulletin for information.

Sunday, May 28—Adult Forum

The Adult Education Committee continues its forum series on women. Watch the bulletin for information.

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

The church office is closed. We'll talk to you tomorrow!

Friday, June 2—First Fridays with Friends

Summer is here, which means the birds are singing, the sun is shining, and Sea Salt is open at Minnehaha Falls. Join the 20s, 30s, 40s group for dinner. If seafood isn't your thing, there's always ice cream! If cash is a problem, talk to Pastor Ingrid about a scholarship.

Friday, June 2—Parents' Night Out

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.

Sunday, June 4—Pentecost and Graduate Blessing

The Holy Spirit comes to guide and renew the church. We will gather for festival worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. This is the last day of Sunday morning education programs for children and youth until they start up again in the fall. We will bless graduates during a time of exciting transition in their lives. The annual confirmation picnic will be held at Minnehaha Falls Park in the afternoon.

Sunday, June 4—Adult Forum

The Adult Education Committee continues its forum series on women. Watch the bulletin for information.

Sunday, June 11—Trinity Sunday and Joint Worship with the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation

All Holy Trinity members are encouraged to attend a joint service with the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation at 11:00 a.m. We will share a meal following the worship service. Sign up in the Community Room by June 4.

Sunday, June 11—Adult Forum

The Adult Education Committee continues its forum series on women. Watch the bulletin for information.

Wednesday, June 14—Fare For All

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LOOKING AHEAD

Monday-Friday, June 19-23—Children’s Musical entitled “In the Image” by Mark Burrows

Grades 1-8

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Friday) with a 12:00 p.m. performance open to the public

\$50 fee for the week includes music, snacks, and t-shirt

A fantastic new children’s musical which features a group of children who have just experienced the story of creation and now they’re starting to wonder what it really means to be created in the image of God.

Through humorous, earnest exploration, the children discover that being created in the image of God isn’t about physical appearance. It’s about creativity, faithfulness, responsibility, community, and the ability to find the good in things!

Monday-Friday, July 10-14—Youth Handbell Camp entitled “Christmas in July”

Grades 5-9

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Friday) with a 12:00 p.m. performance open to the public

\$50 Fee for week includes music, gloves, snacks, and t-shirt

Beginning ringers and previous camp participants are welcome to come and learn (more) about the joys and challenges of ringing handbells! We will tell the Christmas story using familiar Christmas carols, a variety of handbell techniques, and narration. Playing another instrument, reading music, and being able to count is very helpful, but not essential to having a great time at this camp!

**Sunday-Friday, July 23-28—Wilderness Canoe Base Trip for Middle School and High School
Grades 6-8 (Island Camp) and Grades 9-12 (Canoe and Service Trip)**

Trip cost is \$300 which includes programming, meals, and transportation at WCB. \$100 deposit payable to Holy Trinity is due January 8 to reserve your spot!

**Monday-Friday, August 14-18—Holy Ground: Building a Just and Healthy Neighborhood
Grades K-5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Come build an entire city in the basement of Holy Trinity with cardboard and duct tape, and then work together to make wise and faithful decisions to help your city thrive! Local experts visit the “city” and its “inhabitants” each day to provide ideas and tips that children will want to incorporate into their plans. Residents of the city will need to band together and work with a community organizer to keep outside interests from making life in their city less equitable. We’ll learn strategy, negotiation, compromise, and of course, protest songs! An evening meal will be provided each night, and parents are welcome to visit the “city” and learn its story on the final day. Questions? Talk to Ann Schrooten.

**Friday-Saturday, November 3-4—
Adult Retreat at St. John’s Abbey**

Sign up to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We’ll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John’s. We’ll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John’s Bible. We have individual rooms for 25. Cost is \$125. Scholarships are available. Talk with Pastor Ingrid.



Friday-Saturday, November 17-18—9th Annual Johnson Symposium with Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers

Dr. Don E. Saliers is currently the Theologian-in-Residence after retiring in 2007 as the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In addition to publishing widely in the fields of theology, liturgy and music, Don is a composer of liturgical music and is an accomplished keyboard player with both a classical and jazz background.

Emily Saliers is best known as part of the Grammy Award-winning Indigo Girls, celebrated for their tireless work for social justice.

We expect tickets to sell quickly for this event. Holy Trinity members will be able to purchase tickets in the church office beginning on July 5. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on July 12. Please note: Because of high demand, we will not be able to offer refunds for unused tickets this year.

