



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

## THE SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

In light of significant concerns for the safety and well-being of the approximately 90,000 Minnesotans who are threatened by deportation, Holy Trinity's Council has decided that our congregation will join the growing sanctuary movement.

At least 22 congregations in Minnesota have joined this movement, considering together how best to respond to the threat that the new administration poses to our immigrant neighbors. ISALAH, a state-wide faith-based coalition with more than 300 member congregations, is leading this effort in Minnesota in partnership with a broader coalition of organizations specializing in immigration issues.

Many congregations will designate themselves as "sanctuary congregations"—meaning that they will create a space of refuge in their own buildings, for immigrant individuals and families who are in immediate danger of deportation and provide accompaniment for an undetermined amount of time. Others will declare themselves "sanctuary-supporting congregations"—which indicates that they will work in partnership with sanctuary churches by providing both physical resources (money, food, clothing, health, or legal support) and being a public witness to the movement by hosting prayer vigils, being loud about their support of immigrant communities, and providing rapid response in situations of urgent need (press events, raids, protests, etc.).

Holy Trinity's Council has chosen to participate as a "sanctuary supporting" congregation at this time. While a small team has formed around this effort as we've been gathering information, we'll need a larger team to sustain what may well be a long-term commitment. If you're interested in joining this team, our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Be on the lookout for details about a community meeting about this, to be scheduled soon. This commitment will require agility, some comfort with ambiguity, and a fair amount of stepping out in faith, so the sanctuary team will work to keep communication open and we will welcome your questions or concerns as they arise.

This congregation's leadership feels strongly that it's time for a clear moral declaration from faith communities, and for our immigrant neighbors to know that we stand with them.

In such an uncertain time in the public square, I'm thankful for the faithful and bold spirit of this community.

In peace,

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Parish Organizing Leader

## NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE WORKSHOP

*Presented by Holy Trinity member Sara Jensen and staff at YWCA*

**Tuesday, March 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (tea and cookies provided)**

**Sunday, March 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (bring a bag lunch, beverages provided)**

Race, politics, religion...these can be difficult subjects to hold a meaningful dialogue around, but it is important that we do. In this workshop we will explore five techniques for engaging in difficult conversations. We'll talk about when, where, and with whom each technique is most effective and have a little time to practice some techniques with each other. Sign up in the Community Room for one of these dates (workshop content will be the same both days) and indicate if child care is needed. Free will offering will go to the YWCA Minneapolis Racial Justice Department.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community.*

*We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*



### READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:17-20

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

#### FEBRUARY 12 "Legislative Initiatives on Energy"

Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader

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.

#### FEBRUARY 19 "Honoring Choices Health Care Directive"

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 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. You will find out how to get free help in creating, explaining, and recording your wishes. Chris will be available from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. to assist individuals, free of charge, with their directives.

#### MINISTRY TO AND WITH THE AGING BROWN BAG LUNCH FEBRUARY 16

Our final brown bag lunch on February 16 will be centered around where we find our hope during our retirement years. That can translate into what our legacy will be or what motivates us each day. The "brown bag lunch bunch" collectively is involved in numerous activities that contribute to an active and meaningful life as we age. Join us for an informative discussion from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16th. Come with lots of ideas and lots of questions.

#### 2016 CHOICE DOLLARS® EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2017

If you are a Thrivent member, please remember to direct your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on March 31.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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!

### DAY ON THE HILL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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.

### FAMILY RETREAT AT ST. ANDREW VILLAGE FEBRUARY 17-19

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).

### BOOK STUDY ON NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE FEBRUARY 8, 15, 22

Join a group hosted by Parish Organizer Meghan Olsen Biebighauser that will read and discuss the book *This Is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt Is Shaping the Twenty-First Century*. We'll meet for three sessions, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for one, two, or three, as you're able.

### FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS MARCH 3

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.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

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 kid(s) in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

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### PARISH EVENTS February 12-18, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	9:55 am	Faith and Family Matters Event
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Lunch and Farewell for Pastor Jay
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:00 pm	Book Study: <i>This Is an Uprising</i>
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	7:30 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Friday	12:00 pm	Brown Bag: Ministry to/with Aging
		Family Retreat at St. Andrew Village
Saturday		Family Retreat at St. Andrew Village

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 12, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Bob Hulteen
Peter Weiss, Elena Alpizar	Acolytes	Claudia Jensen, Sara Christians
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Emily Davison
Pam Blomgren, Lisa Martens	Communion	Kathy Ohler
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend Family
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, John Goring	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Deb Sodt, Alan Libra
Kathy Ohler, Roberta Shaw	Coffee Servers	Lunch in the Gym
Joyce Peterso, Pam Blomgren	Counters	John Sulzbach, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Deb Sodt