



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR CARLSON

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Kristen and I are deeply grateful for the amazing celebration and send-off you gave us on Sunday. Your love and kindness mean so much to us as we move into a new chapter of our lives. Though we hope to get involved with a new congregation soon, Holy Trinity will always be in our hearts and in our prayers.

We were surprised and delighted by many wonderful things during our last Sunday at Holy Trinity: inspiring worship with choirs and brass, a delicious lunch, outstanding performances of newly composed songs by the choir and church staff, a kind greeting from the bishop, a blessing from the children and youth, gifts for our children, and even a visit from Moses with an updated Ten Commandments! Then we were overwhelmed by your generous gift of a framed print from the St. John's Bible. It is a gorgeous introduction to the book of Genesis and will hang in our home as a reminder of both this remarkable community of faith and God's ongoing creative works. Thank you for all of this.

Above all, thank you for your messages of love and support as we say farewell to Holy Trinity. This congregation has blessed me in countless ways over the past nine years, and Sunday was filled with blessings. I know God will lead you into many new opportunities for powerful ministry, and I am grateful for our partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Jay Carlson



ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

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 a soup supper at 6:00 p.m.

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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.



READINGS
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am—in the Library

FEBRUARY 19 "Honoring Choices Health Care Directive"
Rev. Chris Wheatley, Director of Christian Ministry and Social Services at Presbyterian Homes & Ministry, 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.

FEBRUARY 26 No Adult Forum

There is no adult forum today, as we'll all be eating pancakes in the gym!

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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.

SANCTUARY MOVEMENT GROUP MEETS THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 6 P.M.

In light of the concerns for the safety and well-being of the approximately 90,000 Minnesotans who are threatened by deportation, Holy Trinity's Church Council has decided that our congregation will join the growing sanctuary movement as a "sanctuary-supporting" congregation. A small team has formed around this effort, but a larger team will be needed to sustain what may become a long-term commitment. If you're interested in joining this team, come to a meeting Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. Talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information.

BOOK STUDY ON NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE FEBRUARY 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 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Join us.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS MARCH 3, 6:30 P.M.

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 19-25, 2017

Sunday		Family Retreat
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
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
Thursday		Day on the Hill
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting

Special gifts in celebration of Rob & Sharon Englund's 50th wedding anniversary to **Building Fund** by Lynda/Dennis Nordholm and to **Worship and Fine Arts** by Sandy Hoverson
World Hunger by Rosemary Foley

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 19, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM	
Andrew R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Paul Ramsour
Amelia Waddick, Johnny Waddick	Acolytes	Bea Martin, Jade Masiee
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Nancy/Dave Moe	Communion	Deb Sodt, Paul Chindvall
Julie/Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Libby/Keith Olstad
Bob Peschiutta, Sally/David Kohlstedt	Ushers	George Madich, Riley Conway, Kathy Ohler
Mary/Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Susan/Mike Wootten
Julie Cahoy, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Lee Kampinen, Vicki Mann
	Closer	Cliff Brown

Financial Report	February 12	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	103,075.00
Budget Receipts	5,743.23	81,068.99
Opening Doors	907.87	21,462.85
World Hunger	87.00	249.00