



HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Mark K. Holman and Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Pastors

ONLINE LENTEN MEDITATIONS

A prayer that frequently comes to mind, begins with these words:

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown...

As I was preparing to begin service as Interim Lead Pastor, I looked forward to joining the faithful and engaged members of Holy Trinity. From the distant, "high-level view" I had already come to know something of Holy Trinity's long history and far-reaching ministry that enriches people with God's grace within the congregation, the Longfellow neighborhood, and then stretches far beyond through the many collaborative ministries that strive for peace with justice near and far.

Now that my feet are on the ground, I am grateful to join a fine staff, dedicated lay leaders, and generous and supportive members. My wife, Marcia, and I have felt warmly welcomed. Thanks to so many for that!

In the weeks and months to come, I look forward to becoming fully engaged with many others as we are nourished by God's Word and through the Sacraments. As we transition to call a new Lead Pastor, there will be much to discover about one another as well as the urging of the Holy Spirit toward new chapters of mission and ministry. I begin with eagerness and trust in what God will unfold in our midst. The prayer referenced earlier concludes with these words:

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Looking forward to partnership in ministry,

—Mark Holman, Pastor

THANK YOU FROM LONGFELLOW SCHOOL STAFF

The words in this small note can't express the gratitude we here at Longfellow feel. Your partnership and ongoing donations regarding our students goes without measure.

NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE WORKSHOP

Presented by Holy Trinity member Sara Jensen and YWCA staff

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)

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.

NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS PLANS TOUR OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT
Join us for a tour of the water treatment plant on Thursday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the facility at 4300 Marshall NE, Fridley. See Pam Kildahl with questions.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Pray for the transition team, who starts their work this week. Pray for the youth who are bringing back new insights from the *Do Justice Retreat* held last weekend.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.



READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—**in the Bartsch Room**

MARCH 12

"Adult Forum with David Weiss"

For the next two 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.

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.

*A copy of the March 5 Adult Forum is available if you missed Session One last week. It might be helpful to read Part 1 before coming to hear Part 2 on March 12. Call the church office for more information.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 12.
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.

PARISH INFORMATION

ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 8:00 A.M.
 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 goers simply get to know one another.

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 15, 22, 29, AND APRIL 5

Lenten Soup Suppers, Labyrinth, 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.

KINSHIP MEALS APRIL 7 AND 8

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.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE/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.

FARE FOR ALL/SHOE BUS AT HOLY TRINITY MARCH 15

Fare For All is an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. The Shoe Bus sells children's shoes for \$2 and adult shoes for \$5. Shoes are new or gently used. The Shoe Bus and Fare For All are open to everyone, Wednesday, March 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

CTUL PANCAKE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Join the CTUL Worker Center Sunday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.-noon, for their Pancake Brunch Fundraiser, 3715 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis.

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PARISH EVENTS March 12-18, 2017

		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Sunday		8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Confirmation/9:55 am Sunday School 10:00 am Adult Forum in the Bartsch Room 11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 12:00 pm New Member Lunch 12:15 pm Gloria Ringers Rehearse 2:00 pm Swahili Service
Monday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library 6:30 pm Adult Education Committee
Tuesday	9:00 pm	Fin'l Stewardship, Nurturing Relationships
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion 6:30 pm Writers' Circle
	7:00 pm	<i>Navigating Conversations/Race</i> Workshop
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library 3:30-5:30 pm Fare For All/Shoe Bus 5:30 pm Labyrinth (in the Library) 6:00 pm Soup Supper / 6:00 pm Youth Choirs 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service in Bartsch Room 7:45 pm Adult Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! Breakfast Turtle Bread 10:00 am Water Treatment Facility Tour

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 12, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister
Elena Alpizar, Peter Weiss	Acolytes
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer
Liz Rudrud, David Broberg, DeWayne Townsend III	Communion
Nancy Madich	Altar Guild
Bob Peschutta, Ginny/Chuck Jordan	Ushers
Ginny/Chuck Jordan	Coffee Servers
Pam Blomgren, Donna Heyer	Counters
	Closer

Financial Report	March 5	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	147,250.00
Budget Receipts	11,801.28	141,717.30
World Hunger	105.00	364.00

Special Gift in memory of Ted Dooley by Kristi Holmquist
 Longfellow H.S. in memory of Ted Dooley by Zoe Martinez
 Exodus Lending in memory of Ted Dooley by Lois Eid