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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

HOLY TRINITY LIBRARIAN REPORT

This passage from the 1958 book *The Key to a Successful Church Library*, by Erwin John, surprised me: “A church library is not a censored library. It is not a place where one may leave his [sic] mind and critical judgment outside the door, relying upon an authoritative arbiter of truth and goodness to cull out everything that might be harmful to the soul.” I guess I expected such a book to carry an admonition TO censor so as to protect people’s souls!

There appears to have been little censorship in our Holy Trinity library over the decades. We have books that challenge our assumptions about truth and goodness, and we have authors who disagree on what is, and what is not, harmful to the soul.

Copyright dates on our 4,000 books (for adults and children) range from 1905 (a wonderful poetry collection) to 2016 (many in the last 10-15 years). There are gems among the old and fresh ideas among the new. Laypeople, pastors, and librarians have made thoughtful choices over the years so that we can find books to challenge our minds, stretch and deepen our spirits, animate our social consciousness, or envelop us in a good story. Special kudos go to Sandra Thornby who kept that excellent tradition going the past ten years.

On Sundays the book cart in the Community Room has a selection of adult and children’s books. It’s easy to check one out. Fill out the card in the back cover and put the card into the little box. The library is open on Sunday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon (weekday hours being considered). Come in for a browse before or after the adult forum. Instructions are posted for using the computerized catalog should you want to look up a particular title, author, or subject.

We purchase as many of our books as possible from local independent bookstores. Three independents offer us discounts. We pay a bit more than we would at national retailers, but the money stays in the community. Moon Palace on Minnehaha gets our business regularly.

If you’re accustomed to using the public library, then think of our library as an interesting option the next time you need a good read about God, the world, or how to live life.

Contact me if you have a suggestion for the library—books or how it operates—or if you have a question. I like to talk library!

Roberta Shaw

NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE WORKSHOP

Presented by Holy Trinity member Sara Jensen and YWCA staff

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. Free will offering will go to the YWCA Minneapolis Racial Justice Department.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Bill Capman, one of Holy Trinity’s extraordinary photographers, will be here to take directory photos from 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 26. New members will have their photos taken for the church directory. Any current members interested in having their photos retaken (or taken for the first time) are welcome to come and have their picture taken, as well. You need not justify why you’d like a new photo taken; you simply need to come between 9:45-10:45 a.m.! New photos will then be inserted into the church directory that we print on an ongoing basis and make available in the Community Room.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

In today’s gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God’s grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God’s mercy and forgiveness.



READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

MARCH 19 “Adult Forum with David Weiss” In the Bartsch Room

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. *Sessions 1 and 2 can be found on our website.*

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.

MARCH 26 “New Member Welcome” 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 current member, Bryan Hollaway, who will offer a reflection on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We’ll also be introduced to the 17 people joining this congregation!

MEALS ON WHEELS APRIL 3-7

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of April 3-7. Volunteers will be needed to cover 5 routes. Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. each day at the Nokomis Square delivery area at 35th Ave. S. and 50th St. Delivery takes about one hour. Sign up on a list in the Community Room or call Mary Engen. If you have not delivered before, you can also talk with Mary about riding along with someone. You may sign up for 1-5 days.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS

The Peace with Justice Committee is again providing an opportunity to participate in the Offering of Letters sponsored by the Bread for the World Organization. During the soup supper on March 22 and after the 11:00 service on March 26, materials and information will be provided for people to write letters to Congressional representatives about the need to fund programs that address hunger both in the U.S. and around the world. Materials will also be available on Sunday March 19 if people want to read them at home and write a letter.

PARISH INFORMATION

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 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.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please include **Shelley Grimes** in prayers for healing.

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.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 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 kids in the nursery. Volunteers can easily complete a necessary background check through the church office.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

This month, the 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to join a kinship dinner. More information is available elsewhere in this Community Church Newsletter.

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PARISH EVENTS March 19-25, 2017

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
	12:00 pm	Confirmation/Sponsor Lunch & Bowling
	12:00 pm	<i>Navigating Conversations/Race</i> Workshop
	12:15 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	Monday	9 am-12 pm
6:00 pm		Executive Committee
7:00 pm		Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	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

Special Gift in memory of Ted Dooley by Marge/Sheldon Torgerson, and in memory of Gerry Werth by Sandra Nelson
World Hunger by Carolyn Schurr, Ray Sanders, and Lois Eid
Refugee Resettlement by Lois Eid

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 19, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Scott Cole	
Grayson Wieczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Linden Kung, Soren Kung	
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Emily Davison	
Chris Engen, Andrea Hansen, Nicki Hines	Communion	Stephanie Cole, Judy Davison, Sharon Englund	
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, Samantha Waddick	Ushers	George Christians, Camilo Rudolph, Kathy Ohler	
Nicki Hines, Joy/Randy Nelson	Coffee Servers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Julie Cahoy, Chris Engen	Counters	Lee Kampinen, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	

Financial Report	March 12	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	161,975.00
Budget Receipts	12,050.06	153,767.36
Opening Doors	4,100.74	34,352.75
Refugee Resettlement	56.00	56.00
World Hunger	242.00	606.00