



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 Holman and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

UPDATE FROM TRANSITION TEAM

The Holy Trinity Transition Team continues to be very active. We are making good progress drafting our "Ministry Site Profile," which will describe what our congregation is like and what we are looking for in a new lead pastor. To help us write this report, we are reviewing key descriptors of HTLC's demographics (age, gender, income level, racial/ethnic background, etc.), as well as related issues in our surrounding neighborhood. We are answering questions like, "Does your congregation rely on your leaders for directions, or do you lean more towards group decision-making?" "Do you have a strategic plan?" "What are the top 5 characteristics you are looking for in a pastor?" We are lining up individuals to serve as our "references"—people outside the congregation who are willing to answer questions about us from potential candidates. And we are talking to our building partners and certain community organizations to get a sense of how they view Holy Trinity.

But most importantly, we are talking to YOU. June is our "information-gathering" phase. We have been busy meeting with the standing church committees. We have held several Fellowship Tables where members come together to share their thoughts about what they value about Holy Trinity, their hopes and concerns for the next 3-5 years, and what characteristics they would like to see in our new lead pastor. Many thanks to all of you who have attended one of these meetings. We have received a rich variety of comments that show a depth of thought on your part. It is clear that you share our love for Holy Trinity and our hopes for both stability and growth during this transition time. Although response has been strong from older and longer-term members, we still want and need more input from teens and young adult members, and from members of any age who have joined within the last 2-3 years. Please don't tell yourself "I'm too young" or "I'm too new around here for my opinion to matter."

There is still time for you to attend the June 25 Fellowship Table. Just come on down to the Bartsch Room after the 11:00 worship service. We need your perspectives related to the following questions:

1. What is it about Holy Trinity that keeps you coming back?
2. As you look ahead to the next 3-5 years, what hopes and concerns do you have for HT?
3. As we consider calling a new Lead Pastor, what are the most important gifts, experiences, and skill sets we should be seeking?

Watch for a Transition Team box in the Community Room, where you can leave written responses to these questions. Finally, mark your calendars for an update from us at the August 13 Adult Forum. We will share what we have learned and allow time for questions and discussion. We are also preparing a "Frequently Asked Questions" handout, available soon.

Please continue to keep our work in your prayers. If you have any questions or concerns, talk to anyone on the Transition Team (Cathy Alpizar, Josh Becker, Mark Holman, Sara Jensen, Tom Kleven, Theresa Rian, and Deb Sodt).

BWCA CANOE TRIP AUGUST 11-14

Campers, it's time to start thinking about our annual BWCA canoe trip, scheduled for August 11-14. Sign up in the Community Room. If you have any questions, contact Tom Cahoy, Julie Cahoy, or John Sulzbach.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN WITH THE PORTER SISTERS, SUNDAY, JUNE 25
Kelsey and Kaia Porter will perform a blend of folk and pop music in the garden. Join us for music and wood-fired pizza and salad at noon. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS JULY 2

Head to Himalayan at 11:30 a.m. with other members for lunch and conversation. No sign-up necessary. Meet by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.



READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

JUNE 25

"How Is Sexism Personal,
and How Are We the Body of Christ Together?"
Professor Mary Lowe, Augsburg College

In this conversation, we will discuss sexism and its connections to our relationships, families, communities, and the way we see ourselves and others. This conversation helps us explore how sexism prevents us from being the whole person that God created us to be and is therefore sin. It also will help us discover how God's grace can give us freedom in Christ to think anew about our relationships, communities, and bodies in ways that affirm, celebrate, and include our whole selves.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Mary Lowe from Augsburg College to lead our discussion. Dr. Lowe was part of the writing team for the Faith, Sexism, and Justice study series. Born and raised in Alaska, Dr. Lowe began asking theological questions at an early age: How did God create the magnificent mountains? What does the Bible say about evil? What does it mean to be made in the image of God? Her current research focuses on new understandings of the human person with special attention to the doctrine of sin, the image of God, and human sexuality.

JULY 2

NO ADULT FORUM

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, JULY 2
Both worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 2.

A PRAYER BY KRIS BOGREN MILLER FOR HER MOM'S FUNERAL

Gracious God, We give thanks, Lord, for your presence here today and in Ardis' life for the past 95 years. We are gathered to honor her—our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, and friend—and to honor you.

Grant us wisdom and patience in the coming days. Open our eyes that we may see your presence in our world. Fine tune our hearing that we may hear your creation and each other. Lift up our hearts that we may comfort and be comforted. We understand that sometimes you send your message of grace and peace through other people. Let us be open to all the mysterious ways you show up in our lives, that we may receive your blessings and in turn bless others. From the break of day to the setting of the sun, surely you are with us, guiding, defending, and loving us into completeness. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION

LOAVES AND FISHES VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED

Stephanie Cole is stepping down from coordinating the Loaves and Fishes meals after the July 12 meal. Nurturing Relations Committee is looking for someone to assume the responsibility of coordinating the meals three times per year, previously the second Wednesday of March, July, and November. Coordinator determines what to make and how much to order; orders and picks up food; recruits volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up after the meal; cooks with volunteer team beginning at 2 p.m.; remain on site until cleaning is finished, usually 7-7:30 p.m.

SUMMER CHOIR JUNE 25, 9:45 A.M.

Everyone is welcome to sing as a choir in worship on Sunday, June 25, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rehearsal begins at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. No advance preparation or sign up is required; simply show up at 9:45 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

First Fridays with friends is on vacation in July due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 7:10 P.M.

Join us as the Twins play the Milwaukee Brewers. Tickets are \$27. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office by July 11. For more information or to request a scholarship, contact Pam Kildahl.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM TICKETS ON SALE FOR MEMBERS JULY 5

Tickets are \$50. Scholarships are available; talk to Pastor Ingrid. We expect tickets to sell quickly for this event. Holy Trinity members may purchase tickets by calling the church office beginning July 5. Tickets will be available to the general public on July 12.

SANCTUARY MEETING JUNE 28, 6:30 P.M.

In January, Holy Trinity's Council declared Holy Trinity a Sanctuary-Supporting congregation, agreeing to accompany our immigrant neighbors who are threatened with deportation by partnering with those congregations who are offering sanctuary. We're having an open meeting on June 28 that will have two parts: from 6:30-7:30, hear an introduction to the sanctuary movement and reflection on its current state. From 7:30-8:30, we'll reflect on and evaluate Holy Trinity's participation in this movement, discuss what future engagement might look like, and share opportunities to support our undocumented neighbors right now. Join us for either or both hours, and contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser in the office with any questions.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parents' Night Out is taking July off because of the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

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PARISH EVENTS June 25-July 1, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Music in the Garden
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Table
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Meeting

Special gifts in memory of Janice Lehman by Carole Schneiders
CTUL by Stephanie/John Sulzbach, Libby/Keith Olstad
Fare For All in memory of Sue Salm by Karen Batdorf
Opening Doors in memory of Janice Lehman by Lyle Steinfeldt
World Hunger by Stephanie/John Sulzbach, and in memory of Sue Salm by Carol Johnson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JUNE 25, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Libby Olstad	Assisting Minister Cori Gershon
Elena Alpizar, Grayson Wiecezorek	Acolytes Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer David Krig
Nicole Hines, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt	Communion Carol Kelly, Bob Hulteen
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild Roberta Shaw, Linda Woytasek
Chris Engen, Sally Kohlstedt, John Goring	Ushers Judy, Troy, Molly, and Emily Davison
Jane/Bob Aldrich	Coffee Servers Carol Lane/Josef Fortier
Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen	Counters Gary Johnson, Deb Helmelt
Closer	Cliff Brown

Financial Report	June 18	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	368,125.00
Budget Receipts	13,602.41	364,277.38
Opening Doors	12,550.24	83,272.95
CTUL	25.00	485.00