



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

## PARENTAL LEAVE

*Rushing river of days, cradle every parent's child in your waters.  
We launch our babes in fragile baskets,  
Moses multiplied by millions, released from muddy shores.  
We squint to see around your bends as our hearts are carried away.  
We toss small sticks to float behind the baskets, our prayers.*  
—Rev. Meg Riley, Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association

One of Pastor Jay Carlson's recommendations when he left Holy Trinity was that the Council, in cooperation with the Personnel Committee, create a Parental Leave Policy. (Previously, the congregation had no such policy.) Over the past nine months, leadership has been hard at work responding to this suggestion, and I'm pleased to say the Council recently approved a policy that states that "upon the birth or adoption of a child, clergy and permanent employees with at least 12 months of service are eligible for up to 12 weeks of parental leave within a 12-month period. Up to 8 weeks may be paid leave, and up to an additional 4 weeks may be unpaid leave."

This policy allows me to lean into a new vocation after the birth of our child. The due date is August 22. I plan to work up until the point of delivery, so as to ease the transition for Interim Lead Pastor Hans Lee, who begins August 7. I will then be on parental leave until our annual symposium on November 10-11. Should the baby come early or late, I will work with congregational leadership and colleagues to adjust this tentative schedule. While you won't see me in the office or in worship during this time, I'll be available to field any questions that Pastor Hans may have about ministry at Holy Trinity.

I am currently working to ensure that all of my ministry responsibilities are well covered while I am away. This includes everything from Community Church articles to the prayers of the people, the fall retreat to First Fridays with Friends, adult forums to racial justice small groups. I'm grateful for the congregants and staff members who are stepping up to offer leadership in various ways. Also, while I am away, we have scheduled guest worship leaders, who will assist Pastor Hans with the preaching task. I hope that you will be richly blessed by their presence at Holy Trinity. Frankly, I'm sorry to miss the opportunity to hear their voices!

**Sunday, September 24**—Guest Preacher, Barbara Lundblad  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad is an ordained minister of the ELCA. She served 16 years as a parish pastor in New York City, as well as campus pastor at Lehman College and New York University. She has taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College, and in the D.Min. program of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. Recently retired, Lundblad is the Joe R. Engle Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, N. Y. She now lives in the Twin Cities Metro Area.

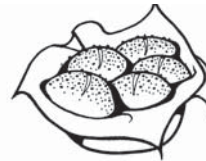
**Sunday, October 8**—Guest Preacher, Keith Olstad  
Keith Olstad, a retired pastor, is a member of this congregation. Keith's pastoral career led him into many congregations around the Twin Cities metro area, including Our Saviour's, Our Redeemer, Lake of the Isles, First Lutheran, Richfield Lutheran, Gethsemane, Peace, and St. Paul-Reformation. We are glad that Keith and his wife Libby landed at Holy Trinity in retirement.

**Sunday, October 15**—Guest Preacher, Marchelle Hallman  
Pastor Marchelle was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1989. She began her pastoral ministry at St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Duluth, becoming the first woman to be appointed a pastor from the A.M.E. church in the state of Minnesota. She has served as a chaplain for the Minnesota Department of Corrections since 1995. We've been blessed by her preaching and her teaching at Holy Trinity over the past few years and are delighted that she is willing to return!

**Sunday, October 29**—Confirmation and Reformation  
Three Holy Trinity young people—Anita Balira-Mutatoba, Josiah Kibira, and Natalie Singo—will affirm their baptisms during the 11:00 service. Adult and youth choirs will help lead the celebration. We are delighted that Holy Trinity member, retired Presbyterian pastor, and confirmation teacher, John Buzza, will preach. *(continued)*

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*In today's first reading god invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*



### READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – In the Library

**AUGUST 6** "Why Do Words and Images for God Matter?"  
Roberta Shaw

Language and images for God affect us deeply; they both shape and express our faith. No single image, name, or phrase is capable of communicating the fullness of God. Together, we will learn more about the sources for expansive language and imagery for God and discuss what this diversity tells us about the God of faith.

**AUGUST 13** "Update on Search for New Pastor"  
Transition Team

The Transition Team is making great progress and is on target for completing our Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to all who have communicated your hopes, concerns, and wishes for this important next step we will take as a congregation. We invite you to attend the Adult Forum on Sunday, August 13. We will report on what we have learned so far, and what to expect now that the Call Committee is forming. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Please join us!

### MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, NOON

It takes lots of hands to throw a garden party; we need volunteers to bring fruit and pizza toppings, and to be on the pizza making & baking team. People can sign up in the Community Room or email Meghan (molsen@htlcmpls.org) to help out. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

### FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys groceries in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone; the more people who shop, the better. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

### GREETINGS FROM PASTOR MARK HOLMAN

I want to express my thanks for the many cards, emails, and other expressions of care from HTLC friends! While I regret that health concerns caused my abrupt leaving, I am grateful for the opportunities I had to work with generous church members, dedicated lay leaders, and an exceptional staff! Also, I am delighted with the news that Pastor Hans Lee will be beginning soon to serve as Interim Pastor. My health report is very encouraging. While I did need another unexpected surgical intervention on my eye recently, the path forward now appears very bright; but, of course, that could be because of the dilation. ;-) Seriously, I remember you with prayers for bold and faithful ministry!

Please be in touch with me in the next couple of weeks if you have questions or concerns that I can address. I am confident in Pastor Hans' gifts and in your gifts for ministry! I will go on parental leave trusting that, with the Spirit's leading, Holy Trinity will have a meaningful season.

Peace and love, Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Pastor

## PARISH INFORMATION

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CANTATE! VOICE CHECK-UPS

Returning Children's Choir and Cantate! singers should plan to come by the Choir Room on one of the following dates to get your yearly voice check. Why? Because your voice changes as you grow and it's important to see just how much your range has expanded and how much stronger it has become. There is nothing to prepare—we'll just have a 10-minute musical "conversation." If you are interested in joining the Children's Choir or Cantate! for the first time, these times are open to you as well. We are always welcoming new singers! Children's Choir is open to singers in grades 1-4 and Cantate! is open to singers in grades 5-8. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6.

#### **VOICE CHECK-UP TIMES**

*Sundays, August 13 and 20, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.*

*Wednesday, August 23, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

### SHOWER FOR BABY RASMUSSEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 12:00 P.M.

Join us for lunch, entertainment, and activities on Sunday, August 6, following the 11:00 a.m. service. Suggested donation of \$5 for lunch.

### CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 4:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity's Nurturing Relationships Committee is sponsoring a grand finale to summer. Join us Sunday, August 27, for a church-wide picnic at Wabun Park's Pavilion F. Gather at 4:00 p.m. for games; we will eat at 5:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, your own utensils, and beverages. Watermelon will be provided to top off the event.

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL, GRADES K-5

**AUGUST 14-18, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

#### *Holy Ground: Building a Just and Healthy Neighborhood*

Build an entire city with cardboard and duct tape, and then work together to make wise and faithful decisions to help your city thrive! We'll learn strategy, negotiation, compromise, and, of course, protest songs. A meal will be provided each night, and parents are welcome to visit the "city" and learn its story on the final day. To register, call the church office.

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### PARISH EVENTS August 6-12, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:00 pm	Lunch and Shower for Baby Rasmussen
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	Peace w/Justice
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
Tuesday		Adult Christian Education Committee
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Writers' Circle
	3:30-5:30 pm	Lutheran Night at the Twins
Friday		Fare For All
		BWCA trip

CTUL in memory of brother Merle by Lyle Steinfeldt, and by Susan/Shawn Barry  
Special gift in memory of Cathryn Olson by Marge/Sheldon Torgerson  
World Hunger by Karen Batdorf

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 6, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister Wayne Vetter
Maggie Weiss, Peter Weiss	Acolytes Molly Davison, Claudia Jensen
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer Wayne Vetter
Linda Berglin, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt	Communion Stephanie Cole, Sharon Englund
Julie/Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild Cori Gershon, Rosemary Foley
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Samantha Waddick	Ushers Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Judy/Troy Davison, Emily Davison
Roberta Shaw, Kathy Ohler	Coffee Servers Baby Shower
Pam Blomgren, Chuck Jordan	Counters Pam Kildahl, John Sulzbach
	Closer Deb Sodt

	July 30	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	456,475.00
Budget Receipts	9,104.91	440,549.27
CTUL	25.00	645.00
Opening Doors	1,146.58	112,138.85
World Hunger	10.00	2,490.00