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

## INTERIM UPDATE FROM PASTOR INGRID

I just returned from delivering a stack of cards to Pastor Mark and Marcia Holman. Thank you for sending them off with love and prayers for healing and wholeness. They have expressed on several occasions their gratefulness for the warmth with which they were welcomed into this community and the grace with which they were released. I'm grateful for your part in that.

Before we call Holy Trinity's next Lead Pastor, we will be served by another Interim Lead Pastor for approximately 6-8 months. Interim pastors are experienced in assisting congregations in transition and preparing congregations for the calling of a pastor. After Pastor Mark's resignation, the Council tasked the Personnel Committee and me with interviewing a new candidate for the position of Interim Lead Pastor. The candidate's name was provided by the synod office. The Personnel Committee and I interviewed the candidate last week and made a recommendation to the Council last Monday.

I'm pleased to say that the Council voted unanimously to have Pastor Hans Lee serve as our Interim Lead Pastor. Pastor Hans will work part-time beginning August 7. He will move to full-time status on September 5. For seven years, until September 2015, Pastor Hans Lee served as Lead pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington. From 1997 to 2008, he served as Pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He has served two intentional interims: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Plymouth and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Prague. Ordained in 1988 he has also served congregations in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Hans' pastoral leadership style is collaborative. He is most energized by encouraging communities of faith to engage in God's mission through listening, dialogue, service, and justice.

Hans and his wife Nancy raised their family in south Minneapolis, and after a couple years of apartment living in St. Paul, are moving back to south Minneapolis. Nancy is the choir director and fine arts coordinator at Minneapolis Washburn High School, as well as managing director of Cedar Summerstock Theater Company. They have three adult sons: Danny is a regional development officer for the University of Minnesota Foundation; Lars is a Twin Cities actor, welder, and visual artist; and Marcus is entering his senior year at the Chicago College of Performing Arts of Roosevelt University, where he studies vocal performance.

The Holy Trinity interview team believes that Pastor Hans is a very strong candidate and will be a good fit for our congregation's needs during this transition. Along with the members of the Personnel Committee (Theresa Rian, Deb Sodt, Carol Berg, Sara Jensen, and Phil Jury), I'm happy to answer any questions you may have about Pastor Hans or the process outlined above.

Thanks and peace,

Pastor Ingrid

## 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 in the basement of Holy Trinity 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. For more information or to register, call the church office.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*



### READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Andrea Mwalilino from the MN Swahili Christian Congregation as our preacher this Sunday.

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

JULY 30

"Human Trafficking"

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Patricia Busse

Holy Trinity has been a part of a growing coalition of congregations who seek to address the issue of human trafficking—particularly the sex trafficking that is common along the Lake Street corridor. Come learn about these joint efforts and what we've learned so far. Patricia Busse will also lead conversation about violence against women from an international perspective, highlighting the work of International Justice Mission globally.

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 (diverse and multiple human and non-human language and imagery) and discuss what this diversity tells us about the God of faith.

### POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JULY 30

Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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

*"Growing in Love"*  
Join us for lunch, entertainment, and activities on Sunday, August 6, following the 11:00 a.m. service. We'll also present the parents-to-be with a gift or two from the congregation. Please sign up in the Community Room. Suggested donation of \$5/person for lunch.

Contributions toward the congregational gift in any amount are welcome. Please make checks (for lunch and gift) payable to Linda Jury and give or mail them to Linda Jury or Lynda Nordholm, or drop them in the identified box on the sign-up table in the Community Room. If the amount collected exceeds the cost of the gift, a monetary gift in that amount will be contributed to Longfellow High School in honor of Pastor Ingrid and Paul Rasmussen.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SAVE THE DATES: RACIAL JUSTICE 1.0 SMALL GROUPS

Holy Trinity is offering one daytime and one evening discussion group on addressing racism. Groups will be small and will meet six times over the course of three months. (If you are unable to commit to attend five of the six sessions, we ask you to wait until the next time these groups are offered.) The purpose of the groups is to provide an environment for exploring racism and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. Discussions will also attend to our faith and to how we can take action to promote racial justice. We will use Paul Kivel's book, *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*, and other articles and films to explore our own identity, bias, and privilege. All groups will meet at Holy Trinity. Child care provided, as needed. Indicate your interest in the Community Room by September 18.

- Group led by Randy Nelson and Deb Sodt on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on September 26, October 10, October 24, November 7, November 21, and December 5.
- Group led by Libby and Keith Olstad on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15, November 29, and December 6.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT AUGUST 4, 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 must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

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

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat 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. Shop between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for our youth and adult leaders spending the week at Wilderness Canoe Base in the Boundary Waters.

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### PARISH EVENTS July 30-August 5, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Summer Choir in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Friday	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out

World Hunger by Stephanie/John Sulzbach.

### JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM TICKETS ON SALE

Dr. Don E. Saliers is currently the Theologian-in-Residence at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Emily Saliers is best known as part of the Grammy Award-winning Indigo Girls, celebrated for their tireless work for social justice. They will be here for the 2017 Johnson Symposium November 10-11, 2017.

Tickets are \$50. Scholarships are readily available; simply talk to Pastor Ingrid. We expect tickets to sell quickly for this event. Because of high demand, we will not be able to offer refunds for unused tickets this year.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JULY 30, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	John Sulzbach
Grayson Wiczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Linden Kung, Soren Kung
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Meghan Olsen Biebighauser
Samantha Waddick, Kevin Proescholdt	Communion	Kris Christians, Scott Cole
Tina/Robert Russell	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend Family
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, John Goring	Ushers	George Christians, Donna Scott, Kathy Ohler, Sam Kleven
Bev/Bob Peschiutta	Coffee Servers	Sarah Wieben, Sue Roberts
Gerry Berglin, Annie Hines	Counters	Vicki Mann, Gary Johnson
	Closer	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	July 23	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	441,750.00
Budget Receipts	9,682.28	431,444.36
Opening Doors	897.37	110,992.27
World Hunger	200.00	2,480.00