



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

WILDERNESS LISTENING

“As we head out into the wilderness, let’s plan to spend *twice* as much time listening as talking.” I recommended to our group of 15 confirmation students and chaperones huddling up just moments before our departure for Wilderness Canoe Base on July 23. Like an echo in a canyon, my own words came hurtling back at me repeatedly throughout our week together as we gave up our city ears and rediscovered ourselves in the hubbub of the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness. The sounds of the wilderness did not disappoint. From the top bunk of the sleeping porch of Stillwater cabin, I was awakened each morning at 4 a.m. to the sound of the white-throated sparrow’s delicate but persistent *o-sweet-canada-canada*. Then came the skittering feet of the red squirrel who made a home in the attic just inches above me, followed by the lonesome call of the loon from the lake nearby. I loved hearing the trudge of sleepy teenage feet as we accepted the vow of silence and crossed the Bridge of the Master to arrive at *First Word* in the chapel on Dominion Island by 7 a.m. each morning. The sound of water lapping up against our canoes, of paddles slicing into or slapping on top of that crystal-clear water (depending upon our level of skill and focus), of eddies and rapids best enjoyed from a safe distance; all provided a constant soundtrack to the glorious and cinematic beauty I was witnessing with my eyes. With the energetic banter of our teenage explorers ever present, I was just sure they were missing all these amazing moments I was experiencing. When we arrived at our final day, we were all asked to complete the sentence, “I found God in _____.” I wondered what our middle-schoolers would say. Here are some of their responses:

I saw God this week in the water, the trees, and the loons (Kristen)...I saw God this week in how we were cared for by our guides (Melanie)...I heard God this week in the sounds of the birds (Josie)...I heard God this week in the nature around us (Maggie)...I heard God in the thunder and saw God in the lightning in the midday sky (Grayson)...I saw God this week in the way the light shines through the trees and then shines brighter when I step into a clear place (Elliot)...I saw God this week in giving me confidence to get to the top of the rock (Kayden)...I saw God in the times where we all sat down to have fun or in prayers. It wasn't anything too big, but it was nice all around (Tevy)...I experienced God when I saw and heard the loons (Lowenna)...I saw God in our group experiencing the sauna together (Will)...I saw God in our group from Holy Trinity (Louis)...I saw God in the words that were spoken during vespers (Molly).

I needn't have worried. They were paying every bit as much attention as I was to the wilderness enveloping us. They were also paying attention to each other. I just may have learned a thing or two from my young friends about paying attention not only to the land, but to the people who inhabit the land – be it pavement or path – around us. Thanks, friends!

—Ann Schrooten, Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, September 10, we will offer a Blessing of the Backpacks at both 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Students of ALL ages (even college students and teachers) are invited to bring their backpacks to church that morning.

ENDING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 12-1 P.M.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Cooperative will host a lunch and fundraiser at the Mpls. Convention Center. Free parking pass will be given to each guest. You will be served lunch while learning more about Beacon’s programs. There will also be inspiring personal stories shared by residents who live in one of the Beacon facilities. Sign up in the Community Room; contact Mike or Marilyn Miller for more information

INTERFAITH VIGIL AT FEDERAL WHIPPLE BLDG/IMMIGRATION COURT

Please join the Coalition on Immigration on Tuesday, September 12, 8:00-9:00 a.m. at One Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, for the next monthly vigil to protest injustices in our immigration policies. Hear testimonies, pray, and sing for reform. Light rail stop and parking available. See Joy Nelson with questions.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God’s words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn’t grasp Jesus’ words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



READINGS

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, AT 10:00 A.M.

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – In the Library

- SEPTEMBER 3 No Adult Forum
- SEPTEMBER 10 “Exploring the Budget”
Financial Stewardship Committee and
the Stewardship Working Group

Learn about how our ministry hopes and congregational values connect with our annual budget. We’ll walk through the budget, including mission support (a.k.a. benevolence), which is a significant part of the annual expenses. A representative of the Minneapolis Area Synod will be on hand to answer questions about how they use the check we send to them each month. Members of the new Stewardship Working Group will lead this important conversation and answer your questions. We’d like your input!

LUNCH DISCUSSION OF DON AND EMILY SALIERS’ WRITINGS, SEPT. 18

Pack a bag lunch and join Randy Nelson, Pastor Hans, and other symposium-goers on Monday, September 18, at noon, for an introduction to the writings of Don and Emily Saliers. Copies of the material to be discussed are available in the Community Room. Sign up by September 17, so we know how many to expect for the discussion.

RALLY DAY AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SEPTEMBER 10

Four Hour Parking is a musical group comprised of five musicians from diverse disciplines making good noise together. Join us for music and wood-fired pizza, salad, and fruit in the garden at noon. It promises to be fabulous! \$5 suggested donation for lunch, but don’t let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:30 A.M.

Confirmation students in grades 6-10 and their families gather in the Sky Room at 9:30 a.m. for an engaging and fun-filled preview of the year of study, service, and fellowship. Pastor Hans Lee will be present to introduce himself and answer the question: “Why Does Confirmation Still Matter?” Parents will be invited to volunteer to assist with activities this year and students will be updating their profiles by interviewing each other.

ADULT FALL RETREAT AT ST. JOHN’S ABBEY, NOVEMBER 3-4

Adults of all ages are invited to Collegeville, MN for an overnight retreat exploring “A Theology of Enough.” We’ll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine Community at St. John’s. We’ll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer Chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John’s Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 people. Cost is \$125. Scholarships are available. Sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

MEALS ON WHEELS SEPTEMBER 18-22

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday, September 18-22. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Sign up in the Community Room.

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES TO SHOW "SELMA" ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

The first of a three-part series, "Selma" will be shown following the 11:00 service and the congregational meeting. We will enjoy a light lunch together in the Bartsch Room. The film will be shown and a guided discussion will follow. The idea for this film series grew from our Racial Justice Conference last October. Join us for this inaugural event!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10, 9:55 A.M.

Children return to Godly Play, Trinity Village, and Grace Time classes at 9:55 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10. Trinity Village (grades 1-5) parents are invited to attend the first part of their child's class that morning in the sanctuary for a special Opening Worship. Godly Play (age 4-K) and Grace Time (age 3) children may go directly to the Godly Play classroom or nursery on 2nd floor.

REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6 FOR HOLY TRINITY CHOIRS

Choirs meet Wednesdays: Children's Choir rehearses from 6-6:40 p.m.; Cantate! Youth Choir rehearses from 6:45-7:30 p.m.; and the Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30-9:00 p.m. New singers are always welcome! Questions? Talk with Ann Schrooten (youth choirs) or David Sims (adult choirs).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 12:00 P.M.

The congregation will meet at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a formal congregational meeting. The Council will recommend the names of six Call Committee members; the congregation will then vote on the Call Committee. Bishop Svennungsen will be with us to discuss our Ministry Site Profile.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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. Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

LAY COMMUNION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 12:30 P.M.

A luncheon for Lay Communion Ministers will be held Sunday, September 17, following the 11:00 service. Sign up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS September 3-9, 2017

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	5:00-7:00 pm	Voice checks for children's choir & Cantate
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir family meal
	6:00 pm	Worship/Fine Arts Committee
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Adult Ed. Committee
	6:40 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

We will again be creating an Advent devotion booklet featuring daily reflections written by Holy Trinity members and friends. If you are interested in writing a 300- to 400-word reflection, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Community Room. Reflections can be emailed (office@htlcmpls.org) or delivered to the office by October 22.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

10:00 AM	
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister
Maggie Weiss, Peter Weiss	Acolytes
Meghan Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer
Kari/Tom Kleven	Communion
Linda Woytasek, Cori Gershon	Altar Guild
Bob Peschiutta, Troy Davison, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Ushers
Nancy Madich, Mary Engen	Coffee Servers
Joyce Peterson, John Kelly	Counters
John Sulzbach	Closer

Financial Report	August 27	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	515,375.00
Budget Receipts	4,113.78	493,116.65
Opening Doors	4,488.71	118,627.30
World Hunger	602.00	3,199.00
Disaster Relief	550.00	550.00
CTUL	25.00	670.00

Nurturing Committee in memory of Pamela Rediger by David Rediger
World Hunger by Neil Anderson