



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On 28th Avenue between Lake and 31st Streets Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org  
WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Hans Lee and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

## STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP APPEAL

We are grateful to share our faith journey with the wonderful people of Holy Trinity, and for the opportunity to serve alongside you in many ways. We have a strong congregational identity and have provided leadership in the areas of mission support, racial justice, outreach, innovative partnerships, and environmental stewardship, to name a few. Holy Trinity is a vibrant, committed, and prayerful community, and it is exciting to be able to focus on our future growth together. Indeed, there is much for which to be hopeful!

As a congregation we have recently succeeded in bringing staff compensation up to Synod guidelines, aligning with our commitment to justice and equitable pay. And in this year when we have leaned heavily on the synod's help with the call process, we are hopeful we will be able to keep our level of mission support strong. To achieve all of this—and Holy Trinity's other ambitious work—will require our congregation to rise to the challenge.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes: *"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful."* In response to God's faithfulness, we engage the future with hope!

So, it is fitting that the Stewardship Working Group has created a theme for the 2017 Holy Trinity stewardship season:



As a response to God's faithfulness, and as a sign of our hope, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for the coming year. We are asking you to increase your pledge by 1% of household income.

1% OF INCOME + 2017 GIVING = 2018 PLEDGE

If we all decided to grow our giving by this amount, the mission of Holy Trinity would continue to bloom and allow us to grow in new and creative ways. For some of us, giving 1% of income will be a first step in making a commitment. For others, it will represent a hopeful step, reflective of our commitment and trust. For all of us, it will be an opportunity to contribute to God's mission through our congregation. If you're not able to increase your pledge by 1% of your income, please choose an amount that is meaningful for you.

As we receive the results of our stewardship season, we will begin to dream and plan together how we can grow in the hope that God's gifts can be shared with others.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks—a letter with pledge card and information will be sent to you in late October. And plan to join us on **November 19** between services for our annual Stewardship Continental Breakfast and a celebration of giving.

Will you grow in hope with us this year, trusting that whatever you can give will be used by God to do extraordinary things?

**Thank you** for all the ways that you contribute to the life and work of Holy Trinity!

—Connie Adams, Laura Bolstad, Rob Englund, Ty Inglis, Donna Scott (Stewardship Working Group)

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*



READINGS  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-19  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

## ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – In the Library

OCTOBER 1 "Elder Law"  
Jeff Schmidt

Join us as we talk about addressing the legal needs of the aging, dying, and disabled. The legal and financial issues raised when you or a loved one is chronically ill, disabled, or near death are complicated and intertwined. In this session, we will explore ways to steward your affairs through long-term care and provide helpful tools for those you leave behind, including Wills and Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and asset protection.

OCTOBER 8 "Immigration Reality Check"  
Marty Roers

Join us as we examine and discuss the realities facing immigrants and refugees in Minnesota and our country today. The interactive presentation will be facilitated by Marty Roers from the Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet's Justice Office. Marty has extensive personal experience ministering and advocating with and on behalf of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers both locally, nationally, and internationally. Come to check what you know about immigration and engage with the community conversation on this important social issue.

FORTÉ HANDBELL ENSEMBLE OCTOBER 4, 6:00 P.M.

Based in Colorado Springs, Forté is an advanced handbell quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. The group will perform at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken at the end of the concert to help defray touring expenses. Check out their website ([fortehandbells.org](http://fortehandbells.org)).

DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Thrivent Cafe (625 4th Avenue South, Skyway Level) at 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by October 9 so organizers know how many seats to save.

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP TO MEET SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Join other women from Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 8, at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Avenue, Richfield, Minnesota, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room so organizers know how many tables will be needed. The group plans to meet the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Location may change; watch the Community Church for details.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS OCTOBER 1, 12:15 P.M.

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. Meet by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

Sign up to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We have individual rooms for 25. Cost is \$125. Scholarships are available. Talk with Liz Blood or Joyce Peterson for more information. Sign up in the Community Room and submit payment to the church office by October 2. When you pay, you'll receive a copy of the book we are using, entitled *More than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess* by Lee Hull Moses.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 12:00-3:00 P.M.

Our next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Over lunch, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Hans if you intend to come (hlee@htlcmpls.org).

### INSTALLATION OF CALL COMMITTEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Please plan to support the congregation's newly elected Call Committee, to be installed Sunday, October 1.

### JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 10-11

Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers will be here for the 2017 Johnson Symposium November 10-11, 2017. Tickets are \$50. Scholarships are readily available; simply talk to Pastor Hans or Randy Nelson.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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.

### FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS OCTOBER 6, 6:30 P.M.

The 20s, 30s, and 40s group invites you to a game night at Laura Bolstad's house on Friday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. Bring a game if you'd like and something delicious to share. This event is coordinated with Parents' Night Out, so make sure to sign up in the Community Room if you'd like childcare for the evening!

U.S. Postage Paid  
Periodical

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH (USPS 777-060)  
Published weekly by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E 31 St.  
Mpls MN 55406. Periodicals postage paid at St. Paul, Minnesota  
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Community Church, c/o Holy  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31 Street, Mpls., MN 55406.

### PARISH EVENTS October 1-7, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Confirmation Students and Sponsors
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	Peace with Justice
	6:00 pm	Properties Committee
	6:30 pm	Adult Christian Education
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Children/Family Team
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Forté Handbell Concert
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:30 pm	20s, 30s, 40s Game Night Confirmands at Urban Immersion

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 1, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Julie Cahoy	Assisting Minister	Scott Cole	
Bea Martin, Emma Murray	Acolytes	Linden Kung, Soren Kung	
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Emily Davison	
Andrea Hansen, David Kohlstedt	Communion	Bryan Kuzel, Alan Libra	
Bev Peschiutta, Dianne Mascher	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Linda Woytasek	
Bob Peschiutta, De Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	George Madich, Mike Mann, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Martha/Harry Mueller	Coffee Servers	Zoe/Miguel Martinez	
Julie Cahoy, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Deb Helmel, Scott Cole	
	Closer	Cliff Brown	

Financial Report	September 24	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	574,275.00
Budget Receipts	5,675.78	538,003.25
Disaster Relief	266.00	6,766.00
Opening Doors	1,633.71	127,278.62
World Hunger	10.00	3,342.00