



HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 24

Several months ago, Holy Trinity's congregation began a journey to call a new Lead Pastor. With synod support and leadership from our pastors, staff, and members, we have come a long way on this journey. Now we are at a time to pause, reflect on what we have learned, and move forward as a congregation to the next stage of the call process. On Sunday, September 24, after the 11:00 service, Holy Trinity members are invited to the sanctuary for a formal congregational meeting at which we will vote on a Call Committee. Following this vote we will be joined by Bishop Svennungsen and have an opportunity to share with her who we are as a congregation. In addition to this conversation we will have a chance to ask questions about the completed Ministry Site Profile, or MSP.

The MSP is a document that reflects our congregation: its ministry, its values and goals, as well as demographics of our members, among other information. The MSP also describes our neighborhood and lets us list our leadership needs. After hearing from 114 members through fellowship tables, committee and staff meetings, and written responses, we learned what our members value about this community. This includes people/relationships, preaching and worship (including music), and social and racial justice work. Members' hopes are that we nurture and expand on what we value as well as continue to develop our youth ministry. Many people would like to see the congregation grow, both in size and diversity. And there is a desire for a pastor who will work collaboratively to help lead us in this work. A summary of the team's findings will be emailed to members, with written copies available in the Community Room. For those people who would like to read the entire MSP, please ask at the church office.

Call Committee candidates were selected by the Executive Committee from a pool of applicants and unanimously approved by the Church Council. It was the Council's intention that the Call Committee reflect the diversity of our entire congregation, and also be a group of people that will work well together. We are confident that the approved slate of candidates fulfills these goals and, if approved by the congregation, will faithfully serve God in their work. These candidates are Connie Adams, Michael Douglas, Sara Jensen Lisa Martens, Steve Murray, and Libby Olstad. Their bios are available in the Community Room.

Bishop Svennungsen will join us so that she can answer our questions as well as learn more about this congregation and its ministry. Every voice is important in this conversation and all are encouraged to attend and participate. Our youngest members are welcome, or child care is available during the meeting.

Holy Trinity is a congregation on the move. Now is an exciting and dynamic time to be part of this community. Please be part of the congregational meeting on Sunday and help move us forward on our communal journey of faith.

—Theresa Rian, Church Council President

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).

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start.

When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.



ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the Library

SEPTEMBER 24 Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL)

CTUL believes there are no short-term solutions to racial and economic inequity. The problems we face will not be solved by just winning one-off solutions like a \$15 minimum wage or paid sick days. We need long-term solutions that ensure worker voice is shaping the decisions that impact our workplaces and our communities. Through worker-driven campaigns, CTUL is opening the space for workers to have a voice in shaping their workplaces, communities, and politics. CTUL is one of our financial special appeals for 2017.

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.

BARBARA LUNDBLAD TO PREACH SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad as our preacher at both services. An ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 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. She now lives in the Twin Cities area.

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!

HOLD THE LINE MARCH TO STOP PIPELINE 3 SEPT. 28

4:00 p.m. Rally at the Capitol; 5:00 p.m. March to the public hearing site; 6:00-9:00 p.m. PUC open hearing at the Intercontinental Hotel at 11 E Kellogg Blvd, St Paul. Talk to Kathy Hollander for information.

READINGS

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

PARISH INFORMATION

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES TO SHOW "SELMA" SEPTEMBER 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. Join us for this inaugural event!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

If you are interested in writing a 300- to 400-word reflection, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Community Room. Reflections are due by October 22. They can be typed and emailed (office@htlcmpls.org) or handwritten and delivered.

KINSHIP DINNERS

Many people have commented on how much they enjoy the smaller gatherings in peoples' houses. The Kinship Meal is that opportunity. A host opens their home to whatever number of guests fit around their table for a meal and conversation. We are in need of 4 more hosts for either Friday, October 27, or Saturday, October 28, for dinner or brunch. Please contact Nancy Moe (bnanc@aol.com).

ENDING HOMELESSNESS LUNCHEON OCTOBER 25

Beacon Ending Homelessness Together Lunch will be Wednesday, October 25, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by September 24.

FORTÉ HANDBELL ENSEMBLE AT 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).

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.

DISCUSSION OF DON/EMILY SALIERS' WRITINGS, SEPT. 25

Join Randy Nelson and other symposium-goers on Monday, September 25, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., 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 24.

HOLY TRINITY TO END PARTICIPATION WITH LOAVES AND FISHES

After much discussion and attempts to find new leadership for Loaves and Fishes, the nurturing committee has decided to end our participation. We would like to thank Stephanie Cole and Kathy Hollander for their years of service and dedication to this valuable ministry.

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PARISH EVENTS September 24-30, 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	Congregational Meeting
Monday	1:00 pm	Racial Justice Film Series: "Selma"
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Symposium Discussion
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	6:30 pm	"Safeguarding God's Children" Training

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Cori Gershon	Assisting Minister Liz Conway
Grayson Wieczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes Molly Davison, Claudia Jensen
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer Paul Chindvall
David Broberg, Chris Engen	Communion Carol Kelly, David Krig
Tina/Robert Russell	Altar Guild Roberta Shaw, Rosemary Foley
Bob Peschiutta, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, David Kohlstedt	Ushers George Christians, Deb Sodt, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Gary Johnson	Coffee Servers Congregational Meeting
Julie Cahoy, Chris Engen	Counters John Kelly, Lee Kampinen
	Closer Rod Johnson

Financial Report	September 17	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	559,550.00
Budget Receipts	8,962.65	530,222.34
Disaster Relief-hurricanes	100.00	6,500.00

Disaster relief in memory of Jeannette Kretzmann and Pamela Rediger by Lois Eid