



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

WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

Curious, isn't it, how an age-old lesson needs to be relearned time and again? In this case, the best way to kill a vital activity is to try to preserve it. Or put more proactively, to keep an activity vital, seek constantly to challenge it, to improve it, to nudge its growth and evolution.

Holy Trinity has re-imagined its Worship and Fine Arts Committee with this principle in mind. Our congregation has a marvelously strong and appreciated worship life, with outstanding preaching, fresh liturgy, elegant music and a beautiful facility. It would be so tempting to try to keep it as it is. That, probably, would lead to its demise.

So a newly reconvened Worship and Fine Arts Committee has been defined by maintaining the current excellence of our shared worship life while looking for ways to challenge, enhance and renew it. We want to continue our current practice of trusting our talented staff with planning and implementing the daily and weekly logistics of our worship life, with all the support activities that occur behind the scenes. Our committee's work will be oriented more toward policy and over-arching themes for planning. We seek to affirm and uphold the fine work of our current worship leadership team.

In our first months we are working on a series of congregation-wide conversations such as: How can we improve our liturgical language, song and worship patterns? How can we keep fresh and relevant our seasonal design of our worship spaces? What kind of "permanent" liturgical and fine art do we want in and around our facility? A second initiative aims to assess and propose alternatives to make our worship spaces more representative and welcoming to a diversity of cultures, races, and ages (especially children). A third initiative is to create a simple pamphlet that welcomes newcomers with an easy-to-follow guide for our worship service. Another initiative will explore commissioning a new baptismal font, advent wreath, kneeler, an additional processional cross, and other liturgical furnishings. Another initiative will update Holy Trinity's wedding and funeral planning guides.

We have agreed that we do not need to meet every month. Instead, we have sub-divided into task groups that invite other congregation members and people from the larger community who care about Holy Trinity to join us in work teams. These teams will then bring their proposals or plans to the whole committee for comment and endorsement, and as appropriate recommendations can then go to council, staff or whatever other congregational entity is appropriate.

Obviously, we have charted an ambitious agenda. But we have a strong team, and we have appreciated gracious encouragement from the congregation's staff and leaders. Currently our team is composed of: Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Pam Kildahl, Karen Kunze, Jody Liedholm, Jan Mehlhoff, Marilyn Miller, and Keith Olstad (convener). For the present, our committee is staffed by David Sims, but Pastor Ingrid will assume that role when she returns from leave. We are interested in adding at least another member or two, so please contact Keith if you have a recommendation.

—Keith Olstad, Holy Trinity Member

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.



READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

OCTOBER 8 "Immigration Reality Check"
Marty Roers, Facilitator

Join us in the Bartsch Room 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 of Carondelet's Justice Office. Marty has extensive personal experience ministering and advocating with and on behalf of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers locally, nationally, and internationally. Come to check what you know about immigration and engage with the community conversation on this important social issue.

OCTOBER 15 "Land and Water Distribution in Isarel, the West Bank, and Gaza"

Some Holy Trinity members have formed a group that is connected with the Peace with Justice Committee to discuss issues related to the Israel/Palestine conflict. Members of this group will present information on land and water distribution in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Water shortages have added to the conflicts in the area and illustrate the disparities in living standards. Maps and visual presentations will show the changes in land distribution due to the Israeli settlements. There will be time allotted for comments, questions, and concerns.

GUEST PREACHER KEITH OLSTAD

We are pleased to welcome Keith Olstad, member of this congregation, as our preacher this morning. 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.

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:30 P.M.

Join other women from Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 8, at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Avenue, Richfield, 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

INTER-FAITH VIGIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 8:00 A.M.

All are invited to an interfaith vigil in front of the Whipple Federal Building, Fort Snelling (immigration court) on Tuesday, October 10, 8:00 a.m. Re-affirm DACA support, stand in solidarity against Islamophobia, partipate in court watch if available. Contact Joy Nelson with questions.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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. Shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, 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 let Pastor Hans know if you intend to come (hlee@htlcmpls.org).

PROPERTY WORK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 8:30-11:30 A.M.

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sign up in the Community Room by October 22. In case of inclement weather, the work day will be Saturday, November 4.

KINSHIP DINNERS

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone's home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God's living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by October 22.

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.

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PARISH EVENTS October 8-14, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	10:00 am	<i>Safeguarding God's Children</i> training
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers handbell rehearsal
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship Committee
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:00 pm	Writers' Circle
	6:30 pm	Racial Justice 1.0
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Downtown Lunch Group
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All
	5:30 pm	Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 8, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Andrew R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Libby Olstad	
Elena Alpizar, Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Louis Kelley, Will Kelley	
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Troy Davison	
Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Rick Liedholm	Communion	Vicki and Mike Mann	
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Betty and Dick Pittelkow	
Bob and Bev Peschiutta, Samantha Waddick	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Riley Conway, DeWayne Townsend, Ethan Townsend	
Amy and Peter Johnson	Coffee Servers	Sara and Kirk Jensen	
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Bob Hulteen	

Financial Report	October 1	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	589,000.00
Budget Receipts	12,538.05	550,541.30
Opening Doors	362.87	127,641.49
Disaster Relief	180.00	6,946.00
CTUL	100.00	770.00
Longfellow School	70.00	370.00

Hurricane Disaster Relief by Linda/Gerry Berglin, Judy/Troy Davison, Karen Batdorf, Liz Blood; Longfellow School in memory of Kathy Ohler's sister, Annemarie, by Pam Kildahl and Kathy Ohler; World Hunger by Neil Anderson