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

## ADVENT 2017

Sunday, December 3, marks the beginning of a new church year with the season of Advent, a word derived from the Latin, *adventus*, which means *coming*. The Messiah is coming, the Old Testament prophets announce. Jesus is coming, declares John the Baptist. This coming also refers to the end of the age, when God's reign will truly come. There is a sense of longing associated with this season in which we pray for the coming of an everlasting peace that God's reign will finally establish.

How do God's people work toward peace now? The Holy Trinity Sanctuary Team has been studying this very question with regard to immigration reform and the global refugee crisis. Keith Olstad, a member of this team, makes important connections between the birth of Jesus, his earthly parents, and the refugee crisis happening in many places across the world today:

*Often the Church casts the story of Jesus' birth in sweetly romantic light, with Joseph leading pregnant Mary to Bethlehem on a donkey but finding no room at the inn. Then after visits from awed shepherds and "wise men," Jesus' family surreptitiously goes to Egypt to avoid the wrath of King Herod.*

*What we tend to miss in this popular account is that in Luke's version, Joseph is anxious about his citizenship status. He needs to go to Bethlehem in order to maintain his documents (Lk. 2:1ff). In our day, literally countless immigrants to the United States share a similar anxiety about citizenship, with dire consequences if they are not "documented." Joseph's anxiety about documentation means that Jesus is born to a homeless family reduced to finding emergency shelter and giving birth in a cave. In Matthew's account, soon after Jesus' family is visited by the mysterious sages, his family flees for fear of falling victim to a brutal massacre of babies at the hands of Herod's thugs. (Mt. 2:13ff). In other words, the holy family is reduced to becoming like refugees in our day fleeing horrific conditions in Syria, Yemen, South Sudan, Myanmar, and other settings. Joseph and Mary become asylum seekers in Egypt, refugees hoping to return to their homeland in some unknown future. In the harsher light of these Biblical perspectives on the birth stories about Jesus, we can think in franker, more immediate terms about "making room" for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers as we "reframe immigration" issues today in our own country.*

Beginning Wednesday evening, December 6, our faith community will gather around the theme *Making Room: Reframing Immigration*. Our learning opportunities and conversations will center around how we as people of faith might advocate for reasonable and compassionate reform with regard to immigration. Short videos related to immigration issues will be available for viewing prior to worship. During evening prayer, various perspectives on immigration will be shared.

Our meals this year will be provided by some of our local immigrant-owned businesses. Please join us for the community meal from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Your generous donations of \$7-\$10 per person will help to support these local restaurants who are good neighbors to Holy Trinity and to the wider neighborhood. Evening Prayer begins in the Bartsch Room at 7:00 p.m.

*Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*



READINGS  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

## ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

NOVEMBER 26 "The Role of Music in the Reformation"  
Professor Paul Westermeyer

The Reformation in its essence centered on important issues, like justification by grace through faith. It often devolved into battles that left essence behind and twisted honest dialogue into dishonest rhetoric. Now, 500 years later, we are trying to sort these things out in honest ecumenical conversations. Music has often been pulled into the battles, but in its Lutheran role at the Reformation it points to the church's constructive essence. This forum will seek to explore that topic.

DECEMBER 3 "Music and the Reformation"  
Joe Davis, Artist

Joe Davis is a multi-media poet and teaching artist based in the Twin Cities. He has toured the country sharing his gift for bringing people together around honest poems, stories, and songs. As a student and educator, he has served as teaching artist at dozens of high schools and universities and is currently the Artist-in-Residence at Luther Seminary, pursuing a master's in Theology of the Arts. Some of you witnessed Joe Davis's talent at this year's Johnson Symposium, where his band, The Poetic Diaspora, offered opening music. We are pleased to have him return to talk about music and the Reformation.

## *Making Room: Reframing Immigration*

### Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

**December 6 The Immigrant Detainee Experience**  
Attorney Gaowen Li, Advocates for Human Rights  
Meal catered by Himalayan on Lake Street

**December 13 My Children and Their Immigration Experience**  
Pastor Andrea Mwalilino, Minnesota Swahili Congregation  
Meal catered by Janet Gabagambi, Swahili Congregation Member

**December 20 The Realities of Life Without Documentation**  
Pastor Luisa Cabello-Hansel, St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Meal catered by El Norteno on Lake Street

*\*\*Please sign up in the Community Room so we know how much food to order.*

# PARISH INFORMATION

## LIBRARY NOTES

A big thank-you to Chuck Jordan for the attractive and sturdy wooden returns shelf in the library. It's a good addition. In the new year, we will resume the practice of publishing reviews of our library books a couple of times a year. If you wish to read a book and write a review, contact Roberta Shaw.

## LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Community Room on November 26 to select a Longfellow student and her child to share Christmas with at their Christmas event December 15, 3:00 p.m., at Longfellow School.

## LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

To keep our records accurate, please let the office know if you have a new email address. We try to keep our information as up-to-date as possible. Even if you have opted out of emails from Holy Trinity, we would like to have your current contact information should we need to contact you individually. Thank you.

## FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS DECEMBER 1

The 20s, 30s and 40s group and Laura Bolstad invite you to enjoy a relaxing evening at Eastlake Craft Brewery on Friday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. The brewery is located in the Midtown Global Market, so you can enjoy a local brew as well as lots of delicious food options. 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!

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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. This service is not limited to those who plan to attend First Fridays with Friends.

## FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. Meet by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS November 26-December 2, 2017		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	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
Friday	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:30 pm	First Fridays with Friends at Eastlake Brew

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 26, 2017			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Paul Thorson	Assisting Minister	John Sulzbach	
Lowenna Rian-Fairley, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Molly Davison, Kayden Nordby	
Youth	Crucifer	Youth	
Chris Engen, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Stella Townsend, Wayne Vetter	
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Bob and Bev Peschietta, Samantha Waddick	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Emily Davison, Troy Davison	
Linda and Gerry Berglin	Coffee Servers	Vicki and Mike Mann	
Julie Cahoy, Chris Engen	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Deb Helmel	
		Closer	John Sulzbach

Financial Report	November 19	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	692,075.00
Budget Receipts	11,982.93	634,104.17
Disaster Relief	5,000.00	12,056.00
Opening Doors	3,432.37	141,435.42