
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
FALL 2017

Greetings, Holy Trinity!

As you read through the many ministry opportunities scheduled for the winter and spring, you may notice certain emphases reflected. At our annual meeting, we as a congregation made the following commitments for our life together in 2017:

1. Deepen our commitment to creative, inspiring, inclusive, and culturally competent worship services and the accompanying music program for all ages.
2. Grow in competence related to issues of race, class, and gender in our congregational life, and join with community partners working at these intersections.
3. Together with the whole church, seek to build the commonwealth of God through welcoming the stranger, accompanying the vulnerable, and caring for creation.
4. Assist members of all ages in connecting Christian faith with life in the public square.
5. Create space for new members to share their gifts and build relationships.

We hope that you see yourself playing a role in our congregational goals this year. Christ is leading us in these efforts already and will lead us to new, surprising, and life-giving places. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church this season, and blessings to you throughout the year.

Peace,



Pastor Hans Lee



Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

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MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A lot of this congregation's ministry is done through the work of committees. All of the committees listed below are open to new members and new ideas. If you have questions, please ask the pastor or staff member who relates to each committee. Watch the bulletin for more details!

First Monday of the Month—

Adult Education (Pastor Ingrid): Adult forums, Johnson Symposium, travel seminars, and other learning opportunities. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Peace with Justice (Meghan Olsen Biebighauser): Dialogue events, advocacy, creation care. Currently meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Youth (Pastor Hans and Ann Schrooten): Education, service, and events for youth in Grades 6-12. Meets first Monday of the month.

First Tuesday of the Month

Children and Family Ministry (Ann Schrooten): Retreats, workshops, education for children through Grade 5, Parents' Night Out. Meets first Tuesday of the month.

Second Monday of the Month—

Nurturing Relationships (Pastor Ingrid): Retreats, book groups, kinship meals, grief mailings, Encore!, First Fridays with Friends, lunch groups, game nights, outdoor activities, new members, birthday ministry, homebound visitation, and Feeding the Spirit. Meets every other month at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship (Pastor Hans and Vicki Mann): Budget planning, stewardship education, financial reports, special appeals, investments. Currently meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Third Monday of the Month—

Church Council (Pastors Hans and Ingrid): Elected members of Council have responsibility for the administration and mission leadership of the congregation. Visitors are welcome to observe Council meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Occasion

Property (Vicki Mann): Maintenance and improvements for the building and grounds, work days.

Outreach (Pastor Ingrid): Music in the Garden, Longfellow Alternative High School, Fare For All, intercultural development and racial justice, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation partnership, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Open Streets, and Longfellow Corn Feed.

Worship and Fine Arts (Pastor Ingrid): Weekly and special worship services, devotional resources, fine arts, banners, and art work.

Housing and Social Services (Pastor Hans): Community-building at Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments, resident meals, coordination of programming at both buildings, arrange for periodic health screenings and special events.

FACEBOOK PAGES

Search for these Holy Trinity-sponsored groups on Facebook—

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group

HTLC 20s, 30s, and 40s Group

Holy Trinity Encore!

Holy Trinity Family Ministry

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays—

We gather in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning for worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Educational opportunities are available between services for people of all ages:

- *Grace Time (children age 3 and under) is a time set aside in the Nursery for a story and craft from 10:00-10:30 a.m.*
- *Godly Play (children age 4 through grade 1) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Trinity Village (grades 2-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 9:30-10:45 a.m.*
- *High School Youth Group meets periodically for special events and discussions.*
- *Adults of all ages meet in the second-floor Library from 10:00-10:45 a.m. for the Adult Forum.*

Tuesdays—

A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the new office conference room to study the worship readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary. Following the discussion, staff and congregants share a brownbag lunch at 12:00 p.m. Some people choose to skip the study and simply come to lunch!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC from Cantor David Sims



There's a moment every Sunday that I think is absolutely magical. After the prelude, I play the introduction to the opening hymn, and just before the first verse I lift my hands and feet off the organ to take a breath. In that moment of silence before I bring my hands back down for stanza 1, there's a split-second question that runs through my head: "Will they sing?" And every Sunday, I'm delighted when I hear all of your voices joining right in time with me, and then we're on our way together through the service. My job title "Cantor" means the leader of the people's song, and I am profoundly grateful for such a wonderful environment in which to lead singing. My primary choir, therefore, is the congregation. With the lectionary readings as a guide, I help choose the hymns and service music in collaboration with the pastors and Ann, and find ways of leading that singing, whether by organ, piano, choir, cantors, or instrumental soloists. It is your voices, however, that are most important to our worship life together, and I am so glad that you share them each week.

For those who want a more in-depth singing experience we have two adult choirs that help to lead worship. The Adult Choir sings almost every Sunday from September–May at the 11:00 a.m. service, and rehearses in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. We sing a wide variety of choral literature, psalm antiphons, and other liturgical music. Trinity Singers provides choral music at the 8:45 a.m. service the second Sunday of each month, and rehearses in the Sanctuary the Wednesday prior from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It has been a great option for people whose schedules don't allow them to rehearse and sing each week, as well as parents of children who are in choir at the same time. If you are interested in singing with either group, or sharing your other musical talent in worship, let me know! We would be glad to have you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY from Ann Schrooten

This summer I had an opportunity to meet Mark Burrows, the composer of *In the Image*, the musical our children and youth presented in June. In addition to his work in the church as a musician, he is widely recognized for his wisdom regarding the full engagement of children and youth in the worshiping community. He articulated what I have felt for quite some time about the need for congregations to acknowledge and welcome the contributions of our youngest members in worship. He says:

It is up to us to do everything we can to make sure our children are not hindered from claiming their rightful place in God's community of love. Make no mistake—the children are not the future of the church. They are the right now of the church and we must do everything we can to make the word accessible to them, or we don't have a future. My sincere hope is that we don't simply "let the children come," but that we reach out and bring them to the place where they already belong.



I invite each of you to be the member of this faith community who regularly and enthusiastically reaches out to welcome our youngest brothers and sisters in Christ to this place where they already belong. Notice them in worship, share a hymnal with them, cheer them on when they read the lessons, sing the psalm, or carry the cross. Witness how their faces come alive when they pass the peace or drop a prayer they've written in the offering plate. Then try to imagine this place WITHOUT THEM. Their presence in our worship and in our faith community matters to God and the way you welcome each one of these little ones —and not so little ones—matters to them. You are being blessed by them already. Let them bless you a little more!

If you have an idea to share about our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry here at Holy Trinity, I would love to hear from you! If you want to facilitate a meal for our Children's Choir and Cantate! members on Wednesday evenings, send me an email (aschrooten@htlcmpls.org). If you are interested in adding your enthusiasm and ideas to the Children and Family Team or the Youth Committee, step right up! Because just like every one of our kids, YOU have something to contribute, too!

SUMMER PARISH ORGANIZING HIGHLIGHTS from Meghan Olsen Biebighauser

It continues to be a joy to be here at Holy Trinity, as we advocate and organize for justice in partnership with and service to this vibrant neighborhood our congregation calls home. Here are a few updates from our ongoing ministry together:

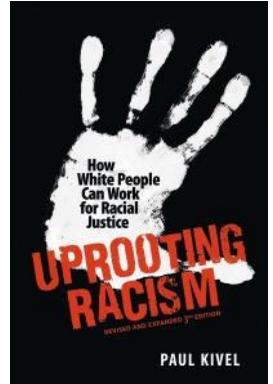
- Exodus Lending, a nonprofit launched by Holy Trinity to offer trapped payday loan borrowers refinancing at no interest, lobbied for and received a \$100,000 appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature to expand capacity throughout the state of Minnesota.
- Holy Trinity continues to be a sanctuary-supporting congregation as part of the Minnesota Sanctuary Network. While our support of our immigrant friends, family, and neighbors is public, many of the activities of the MN Sanctuary Network are not. If you're interested in learning more about how to share your gifts in support of this urgent effort, let's have a conversation in person.
- Trinity Apartments has a new Resident Activities Coordinator on staff. Beth Peltzer came on board this summer and has been helping residents plan and execute outings, affinity and support groups, and social activities. We've had many Trinity residents join us for Music in the Garden events, and we look forward to more opportunities to partner with our closest neighbors.



FALL OPPORTUNITIES

Various Dates—Racial Justice 1.0 Small Groups

Holy Trinity is once again offering one daytime and one evening discussion group on addressing racism. Groups will be small and will meet six times over the course of three months. (If you are unable to commit to attend five of the six sessions, we ask you to wait until the next time these groups are offered.) The purpose of the groups is to provide an environment for exploring racism and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. Discussions will also attend to our faith and to how we can take action to promote racial justice. We will use Paul Kivel's book, "Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice," and other articles and films to explore our own identity, bias, and privilege. All groups will meet at Holy Trinity. Child care provided, as needed. Indicate your interest by September 18.



- Group led by Randy Nelson and Deb Sodt on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on September 26, October 10, October 24, November 7, November 21, and December 5.
- Group led by Libby and Keith Olstad on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15, November 29, and December 6.

Sunday, August 27—Installation of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps Wellstone House Volunteers

Volunteer Laura Proescholdt reflects on her experience in Lutheran Volunteer Corps last year, saying, "As I look back on these last 10 months, it's clear to me that LVC made me into a citizen. I learned about complicity. I learned about privilege. I learned about power. I learned about my own power, and embraced my responsibility to use it, and use it well...I learned these things from my housemates, my community, my placement, and with the guidance of LVC."

LVC is a faith-based, full-time service and leadership program operating in 13 cities across the United States. LVC's mission is to unite people to work for peace with justice. They do this by placing volunteers in full-time positions at social justice organizations for one year.

LVC volunteers come from a wide variety of faith backgrounds, and do not need to be Lutheran. All volunteers live together in community and practice simple and sustainable living. LVC volunteers receive a modest stipend which covers housing, food, transportation, health insurance, and personal expenses.

This is a transformational program, one with which we at Holy Trinity are glad to be partnered. Come and welcome the volunteers living at the Wellstone House and serving in various settings around the city! Installation will take place during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday, August 27—All Congregation Picnic at Wabun Park

As summer wanes, Holy Trinity families will gather for fun, food, and frolic at Wabun Park, Pavilion F. Come one and all and join us for an afternoon event. There will be WATER in the splash pad all day long; WATER balloons for game time from 4:00-5:00 p.m.; and WATERmelon for the potluck from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All are welcome!



Friday, September 1—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out are cancelled this month, due to the holiday weekend.

Sunday, September 3—One Service on Labor Day Weekend

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. This is your opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from "the other service." We are pleased to welcome seminarian and child of this congregation, Korla Masters, as preacher!

Sunday, September 3—No Adult Forum Today

There is no adult forum today, as we will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 3—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 11:15 a.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Monday, September 4—Labor Day

The church office is closed. We'll talk to you tomorrow!

Wednesday, September 6—Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs Begin

For more information on choral and instrumental opportunities, talk to Ann Schrooten (children, youth, and intergenerational handbell ensemble) or David Sims (adult).

Sunday, September 10—Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship!

Students of ALL AGES are invited and encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special moment set aside to ask God's blessings on all who have returned or will be returning to school or further education this fall!

Sunday, September 10—Sunday School Begins

Children in grades K-5 return to Godly Play and Trinity Village classes at 9:55 a.m. in the second-floor education suite. Trinity Village parents are invited to attend the first portion of this hour with their children, then depart to gather together for coffee and pastries with Ann Schrooten in the Mary Martha Room for informal conversation and a short presentation about a new family devotional idea called FAITH5!

Sunday, September 10—Confirmation Orientation

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 Confirmation Still Matters.” Parents will be invited to volunteer to assist with activities this year and students will be updating their profiles by interviewing each other!

Sunday, September 10—Adult Forum Exploring the Budget with the Financial Stewardship Committee and the NEW Stewardship Working Group

Come and 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!

Sunday, September 10—Rally Day and Music in the Garden with Four Hour Parking

Four Hour Parking is a musical group comprised of five musicians from diverse disciplines eschewing genre and 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; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

Wednesday, September 13—Fare For All

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. (Sorry, no personal checks.) Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Thursday, September 14—People of Color Meal and Listening Circle

As many of you are aware, Holy Trinity has been taking steps to engage the conversations around race and culture more deeply. Since 2014, we've hosted adult forums, small-group conversations, article studies, neighborhood actions, and a synod-wide conference with the hopes of becoming more interculturally competent as individuals and as a community. Congregational leadership believes these to be acts of faith; they give us hope. We are also quick to recognize that the Lutheran church—and Holy Trinity, in particular—has been slow to prioritize them within the life we share.

Earlier this year, the congregation's Racial Justice Working group, together with Council member Michael Douglas, identified a desire to bring together members who identify as people of color. We approached other nonprofit organizations that have done similar work, and they suggested that we find a consultant who could help us create a space for conversation and relationship-building. Over the past several months, we have been in conversation about potential consultants. We are pleased to now report that Gloria Honda, a wonderful leader in the community and member at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville, is willing to help us facilitate this work.

We would like to invite Holy Trinity members (18+ years of age) who identify as people of color for a meal and conversation at Holy Trinity, the first of three circle conversations that we'll host over the next several months. There are no expectations placed on the evening. Simply stated, this is a time for those who wish to grow in relationship with other members of color at Holy Trinity. We can secure childcare; let us know if that would be helpful. Please send an email to Michael Douglas (michaeldouglas1968@gmail.com) or call the church office (612)729-8358 and let us know if you plan to attend the (free) meal and conversation on September 14 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 17—Adult Forum on Holy Trinity's Initiative in Pursuit of Racial Justice, with Randy Nelson, Holy Trinity Member

Earlier this year Randy did a study of Holy Trinity's efforts to address racial injustice by identifying the activities that have been involved in that effort and by interviewing members of the congregation who have been involved in that work. The result is a case study identifying what has been accomplished and goals still to be achieved. The forum will provide a detailed look at that initiative.

Sunday, September 17—Lay Communion Visitors Luncheon

The mission of Holy Trinity's Lay Communion Visitation Program, sponsored by the Nurturing Committee, is to provide monthly communion visits to all of Holy Trinity's homebound persons. For these homebound persons, this provides regular person-to-person contact with Holy Trinity and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on a monthly basis. For the visitors, it provides an opportunity to participate in an important face-to-face ministry of the congregation. In many cases new and lasting relationships are forged between the person visited and the visitor. This program is a tremendous help to the pastors, who visit each homebound member four times per year. Current lay communion visitors and those interested in learning more about this important ministry are invited to be our guests for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sign up in the Community Room by September 10.

Monday, September 18—Lunch Discussion of Don and Emily Saliers' Writings

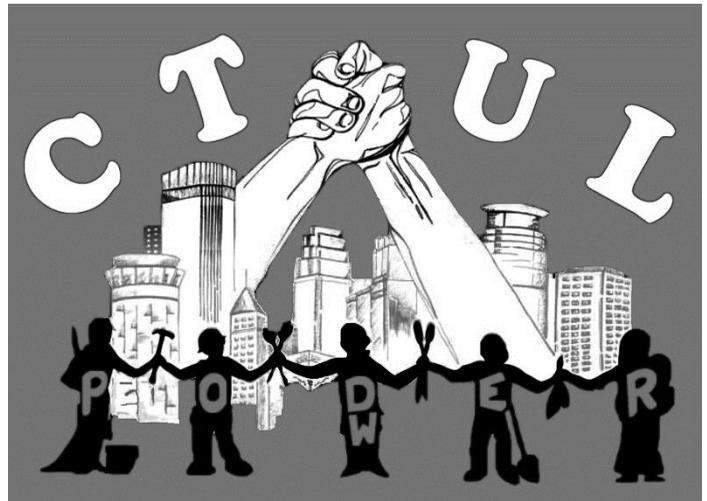
Pack a brown bag lunch and join Randy Nelson, Pastor Hans, and other symposium-goers for a lively introduction to the writings of Don and Emily Saliers. Copies of the material to be discussed are available in the Community Room. Sign up by September 17, so we know how many to expect for the discussion.

Monday-Friday, September 18-22—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on 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 for part or all of the week.

Sunday, September 24—Adult Forum with 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 in shaping the decisions that impact our workplaces and our communities. We need permanent institutions of power led by working communities of color that have the vision, the capacity, and the stability to innovate, dream big, and accomplish their dreams. 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.



Sunday, September 24—Guest Preacher, Barbara Lundblad

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. Recently retired, Lundblad is the Joe R. Engle Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, N. Y. She now lives in the Twin Cities metro area.

Sunday, September 24—Congregational Meeting to Vote on Call Committee Membership

The congregation will meet at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a formal congregational meeting. Bishop Svernungsen will be present with us to discuss Holy Trinity's Ministry Site Profile. The Council will recommend the names of six Call Committee members. Thereafter, the congregation will vote on the Call Committee.

Sunday, September 24—Racial Justice Movie and Discussion of Selma

*The first of a three-part series, "Selma" will be shown following the 11:00 a.m. worship service and congregational meeting. We will gather in the Bartsch Room and enjoy a light lunch together. The film will be shown and a guided discussion will follow. **Our Holy Trinity high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend this event as a group.** The idea for this film series grew from our Racial Justice Conference last October. Join us for this inaugural event!*

Sunday, September 28-30—Black Master Storytelling Festival

The 26th Annual Black Master Storytelling Festival "SIGNIFYIN' & TESTIFYIN'" will take place September 28-30, 2017. This is a joyful and spirited three-day family-friendly festival that is free to all. The festival takes place at various locations in Minneapolis. For more information, check out their website (www.blackstorytellers.com).

Sunday, October 1—Installation of Holy Trinity Call Committee

Please plan to support the congregation's newly elected Call Committee, which will be installed during both worship services this morning.

Sunday, October 1—Adult Forum on Elder Law with 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.

Sunday, October 1—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. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Sunday, October 1—Confirmation Students and Sponsors Sky Room Party!

All Confirmation students and their Sponsors are invited to party together up in the Sky Room after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Games, food, and great getting-to-know-you conversations will provide confirmands and sponsors a group setting in which to interact early on in the year. Parents may pick up their student at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4—Forté Handbell Choir Concert at 6:00 p.m.

Based in Colorado Springs, Forté is an advanced handbell quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. In pursuit of musical excellence, Forté strives to explore, innovate, inspire, and glorify God through the gift of music. After their formation in 2007, the quartet soon emerged as a unique performance and educational quartet, quickly developing an elite reputation within the handbell world. The musicians of Forte continually challenge themselves to “Rethink Possible.” Free will offering will be taken at the end of the concert to help defray touring expenses. If you would like to provide housing for one, two, or four of these fantastic musicians, please contact Ann Schrooten. Check out their website (fortehandbells.org). You will be blown away!

Friday, October 6—First Fridays with Friends

Congregational member Laura Bolstad will facilitate this event for the 20s, 30s, and 40s crowd. Watch the Community Church and church bulletin for more information.

Friday, October 6—Parents’ Night Out

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.

Sunday, October 8—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 congregation 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.

Sunday, October 8—Adult Forum entitled “Immigration Reality Check”

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 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 both locally, nationally, and internationally. Come to check what you know about immigration and engage with the community conversation on this important social issue.

Wednesday, October 11—Downtown Lunch Group

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.

Wednesday, October 11—Fare For All

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.

Saturday, October 14—Trinity Apartments Meal

For many years, Holy Trinity confirmation students and parent volunteers have prepared and served a healthy and hearty evening meal for our next-door neighbors. This is just one of several ways in which our youth are encouraged to make a meaningful contribution to our Longfellow neighborhood.

Sunday, October 15—Guest Preacher, Marchelle Hallman

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Marchelle Hallman as our preacher. Pastor Hallman was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1989. She began her pastoral ministry at St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Duluth, becoming the first woman to be appointed a pastor from the A.M.E. church in the state of Minnesota. She has served as a chaplain for the Minnesota Department of Corrections since 1995.

Sunday, October 15—Adult Forum on Land and Water Distribution in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza

A group of 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 and 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 to be voiced as well.

Sunday, October 15—New Member Orientation

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 speak with Pastor Hans if you intend to come.

Sunday, October 15—High School Gathering

Holy Trinity high school students in grades 9-12 are invited for wood-fired pizza, games, and conversation in the Rain Garden from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Super moms Kari Kleven and Liz Kelley are your hosts!

Thursday, October 19—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary.

Sunday, October 22—Adult Forum Welcoming New Members in the Community Room

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from Karen Kunze and Ben Martinez, two delightful current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join this congregation.

Sunday, October 22—New Member Sunday

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. (An orientation session for those wishing to become members will be held following the 11:00 a.m. service on October 15.)

Wednesday, October 25—Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Luncheon

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is an organization committed to ending homelessness through housing development, shelter, and public advocacy. On any given night, there are an estimated 1,900 homeless young adults ages 18 to 21 in Minnesota. Beacon has 17 properties, three of which are for formerly homeless youth.

New members Mike and Marilyn Miller invite Holy Trinity members to join them at the Beacon Ending Homelessness Together Luncheon on Wednesday, October 25th, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Sign up in the Community Room. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Community Room. If you have questions, please contact Mike and Marilyn by phone (612-927-6960) or email (mmiller421@aol.com or marilyn.g.miller49@gmail.com).

Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28—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.

Saturday, October 28—Property Work Day

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

Saturday, October 28—Cookie Baking Party

Holy Trinity confirmation students will gather from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity to bake fabulous cookies and bars to be enjoyed by the congregation on Confirmation Sunday!

Saturday, October 28—Confirmation Dinner

Students to be confirmed on Sunday, October 29, will enjoy dinner and fellowship with one another and members of the Confirmation teaching team. Linda Jury is the contact.

Sunday, October 29—Confirmation and Reformation

Three Holy Trinity young people—Anita Balira-Mutatoba, Josiah Kibira, and Natalie Singo—will affirm their baptisms during the 11:00 a.m. service. Adult and youth choirs will help lead the celebration. We are delighted that Holy Trinity member, retired Presbyterian pastor, and Confirmation teacher, John Buzza, will preach. Pastor Andrea Mwalilino of the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation will also participate in the Rite of Confirmation.

Sunday, October 29—Adult Forum on My Life Story, My Faith Story

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from one of our newer members, Mike Miller. Come and hear Mike tell his life story, his faith story!

Friday, November 3—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out Rescheduled

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out have been rescheduled this month. Join us on November 17 for a pre-Thanksgiving house party at Horacio and Aberdeen Rodriguez's home! You'll find more details below.

Friday-Saturday, November 3-4—Adult Retreat at St. John's Abbey Exploring "A Theology of Enough"

Sign up to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. 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 and the illustrated St. John's Bible. 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. Don't worry; it's short!

Friday-Saturday, November 3-4—Overcoming Racism Conference: Awakening, Woke, Taking Command

The Overcoming Racism Conference is held annually at Metro State University in St. Paul. Several Holy Trinity member attended last year and found it to be a helpful and inspiring weekend. The conference is led by The Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative (FREC), which is a loose collective of organizations and individuals committed to overcoming racism in Minnesota. This year's conference theme builds on previous conferences. This year seeks to emphasize that we are in critical times, and—ready or not—we need to act, each with our own skills. This is a time of uncertainty and a time of great engagement. For more information and to register, visit their website (<http://www.overcomingracism.org>).

Saturday, November 4—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

Sunday, November 5—All Saints Sunday

Holy Trinity remembers aloud all of the saints who have died and all those saints who have been baptized in this congregation in the past year. Worshipers are invited to add their saints to the spoken litany during the service. Additionally, this year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour.

Sunday, November 5—Adult Forum to Honor the Saints

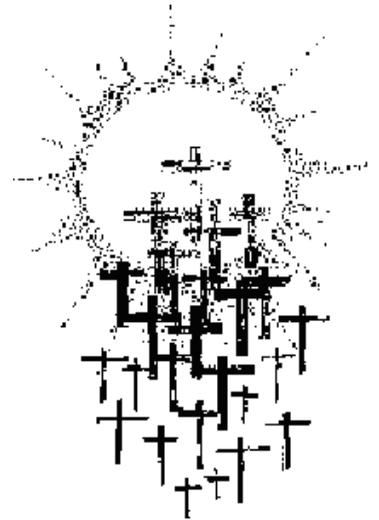
Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour. During the hour, we'll have opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

Sunday, November 5—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. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Wednesday, November 8—Loaves and Fishes

Please join a fun group of Holy Trinity members as we partner with Loaves and Fishes and prepare and serve an evening meal at Holy Rosary Church (2424 18th Avenue South) in South Minneapolis. Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit meal program serving hot meals to those in need throughout seven counties in Minnesota. Sign up in the Community Room by November 5.



Wednesday, November 8—Fare For All

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.

Friday-Saturday, November 10-11—9th Annual Johnson Symposium with Rev. Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers

Rev. Dr. Don E. Saliers is currently the Theologian-in-Residence after retiring in 2007 as the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In addition to publishing widely in the fields of theology, liturgy, and music, Don is a composer of liturgical music and is an accomplished keyboard player with both a classical and jazz background. Emily Saliers is best known as part of the Grammy Award-winning Indigo Girls, celebrated for their tireless work for social justice.



Sunday, November 12—Adult Forum with Rev. Dr. Don Saliers

The Rev. Dr. Don Saliers, our 2017 symposium presenter, will lead the adult forum and preach in worship.

Monday-Friday, November 13-17—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday, November 13-17. 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 for part or all of the week.

Thursday, November 16—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary.

Friday, November 17—House Party at Aberdeen and Horacio Rodriguez's Home

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to Aberdeen and Horacio's home for a pre-Thanksgiving meal at 6:30 p.m. This event is being coordinated with Parents' Night Out, so caregivers can drop off their kiddos at the church for the evening. Sign up in the Community Room by November 12.

Friday, November 17—Parents' Night Out

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.

Sunday, November 19—Stewardship Sunday

Join us in the gym at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to pledge financial support for our ministry in 2017. We'll also highlight opportunities for involvement in a wide variety of ministries.

Wednesday, November 22—Please Note: No Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fest

In past years, the Children's, Youth, and Adult Choirs have led of Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve. Due to lower attendance in 2016 and the church's Advent schedule, we are taking a sabbatical this year. We hope you remember God's blessings and enjoy a piece of pumpkin pie in the comfort of your own home!

Wednesday, November 22—Choirs Rehearse

Although there is no Thanksgiving Eve service, the choirs will still meet for rehearsal at their usual times. But never fear, singers: we will still have pie—perhaps together AFTER youth choir rehearsals end and BEFORE Adult Choir begins!

Sunday, November 26—Adult Forum on the Role of Music in the Reformation with 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.

Thursday-Friday, November 23-24—Office Closed

The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you next week!

Friday, December 1—First Fridays with Friends

Congregational member Laura Bolstad will facilitate this event at Eastlake Brewery for the 20s, 30s, and 40s crowd. Watch the Community Church and church bulletin for more information.

Friday, December 1—Parents' Night Out

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.

Sunday, December 3—Adult Forum on Music and the Reformation with Artist Joe Davis

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.

Sunday, December 3—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. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20—Advent Suppers with a Twist and Evening Prayer Services

All are invited to partake in the Advent suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. This year, in an effort to support our Lake Street neighbors, we are bringing in food from nearby immigrant-owned businesses. Because we are ordering food, sign up in the Community Room is necessary. \$5 suggested donation; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome! The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room.

Wednesday, December 6—Fare For All

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.

Sunday, December 10—Adult Forum with the Newly Revitalized Worship Committee

Please join the newly revitalized Worship Committee as we talk about some of our goals for the coming months and years. As we consider what we value about Holy Trinity's worshiping community and what changes we'd like to consider, we hope that you'll come and lend your voice to the discussion!

Sunday, December 10—Adult Choirs Lead Worship

Hymns, choral anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. Trinity Singers and the Adult Choir will lead worship at both services as we sing together as a congregation.

Saturday, December 16—Trinity Apartments Meal

For many years, Holy Trinity confirmation students and parent volunteers have prepared and served a healthy and hearty evening meal for our next-door neighbors. This is just one of several ways in which our youth are encouraged to make a meaningful contribution to our Longfellow neighborhood.

Sunday, December 17—Adult Forum featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. David will collect hymns for Advent around a particular theme—some familiar, some obscure, some brand new—for us to sing and think about together. Watch the Community Church and the church bulletin for location information.

Sunday, December 17—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Children age 4 through grade 5 will help lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the third Sunday of the Advent season.

Thursday, December 21—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary.

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve Services

We will gather for morning worship at 10:00 a.m. This worship service with Holy Communion will use the Fourth Sunday of Advent texts, including the annunciation. Luke makes it clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people, including Mary, from little-known places like Nazareth. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall.

We hope you will then come back on Sunday afternoon or evening for Christmas Eve worship. We have a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. and a service led by the Adult Choir at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 26—No Worship Readings Discussion or Community Lunch

Our usual Tuesday worship readings discussion and community lunch are canceled today.

Sunday, December 31—New Year's Eve Worship Services

Two services as usual!

Sunday, December 31—Adult Forum with Longfellow Alternative

Keep your eyes on the Community Church and Sunday bulletin for more information about the forum schedule!

Friday, January 5—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out are cancelled this month. We're still recovering from Christmas!

Sunday, January 7—Adult Forum

Keep your eyes on the Community Church and Sunday bulletin for more information about the forum schedule!

Sunday, January 7—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. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Sunday, January 14—Adult Forum

Keep your eyes on the Community Church and Sunday bulletin for more information about the forum schedule!

Saturday-Monday, January 13-15—Confirmation Retreat

Confirmands in Grades 6-9 travel to Luther Park near Danbury, Wisconsin for a weekend of fellowship, study, and outdoor winter fun!

Saturday, January 20—Game Night with Nurturing and Youth Committees

Pizza, snacks, and games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of Parkway Pizza, laughter, and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come, eat, and play between 5:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by January 13.



Sunday, January 21—Adult Forum

Keep your eyes on the Community Church and Sunday bulletin for more information about the forum schedule!

Sunday, January 28—Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership

There is a lot of business to cover during today's annual meeting, which will be held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Hans, Pastor Ingrid, and council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

Sunday, January 28—Annual Meeting

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 114th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2018 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, February 2—First Fridays with Friends

Hey, 20s, 30s, 40s group! Mark your calendars for a gathering that, while not yet planned, is sure to be promising.

Friday, February 2—Parents' Night Out

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") 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.

Friday, February 2—Talent Show in the Bartsch Room

We celebrate the musical and spoken word gifts of several of Holy Trinity's talented members during our first talent show in the Bartsch Room at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 4—Youth Recital

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This serves as our adult forum for the day, as well.

Sunday, February 11—Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast and the bake sale will support summer youth trips.

Sunday-Monday, February 18-19—Family Retreat at ARC Retreat Center in Osceola, WI.

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly FUN with church members of all ages!

Sunday, February 25—Worship Leaders Training

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From noon-1:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room by February 18, so we know to look for you.



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