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

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Happy Advent! As we enter the season of hope and preparation, the call committee is happy to announce exciting news that has been highly anticipated here at Holy Trinity. The committee is delighted to make the formal recommendation to call Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen as candidate for Lead Pastor.

Upon receiving Pastor Ingrid's intent for candidacy, the committee wanted to honor both Pastor Ingrid and the call process by upholding her to the same discernment process that we would for any candidate. With the wisdom and guidance of the Spirit, we were able to spend 2+ hours interviewing Pastor Ingrid to learn more about her leadership skills and vision for future ministry at Holy Trinity. By taking this time for conversation and discernment, we are fully and confidently recommending Pastor Ingrid to serve as Lead Pastor. We thank you for your continued prayers and for the trust you have instilled in this call process.

After receiving the recommendation from the call committee, the Church Council unanimously voted to affirm the committee's decision. The next step is for the congregation to vote on the candidacy of Ingrid Rasmussen for Lead Pastor. This will take place at a special congregational meeting to be held on **December 17** after the 11:00 service. Please join us in this meaningful event for Holy Trinity as we continue in our ministry and our life as a community of faith.

In peace,
Theresa Rian, Church Council President
Lisa Martens, Call Committee Chair

Advent and Christmas 2017

Sunday, December 10

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 13

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room**
Meal catered by Janet Gabagambi, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation Member
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 17

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Hymn Sing at 10:00 a.m. during Adult Forum in the Bartsch Room
Worship led by Holy Trinity Children & Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room**
Meal catered by El Norteno on Lake Street
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 24

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.



READINGS
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

ADULT CHOIRS LEAD WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 10

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.

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

DECEMBER 10 Adult Forum with the New Worship and Fine Arts Committee

Please join the newly revitalized Worship and Fine Arts 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 worshipping community and what changes we'd like to consider, we hope that you'll come and lend your voice to the discussion!

DECEMBER 17 "Advent Hymn Sing" in the Bartsch Room David Sims, Cantor

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.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's an exciting time at Holy Trinity! The call committee has recommended Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen as the candidate for Lead Pastor. The Council has unanimously voted to affirm the call committee's recommendation. The next step is for the congregation to vote at a special congregational meeting. The congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, immediately following the 11:00 service.

AFRICAN PASTORS FUND

Holy Trinity recently transferred \$1,500 from the African Retired Pastors Fund to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, where it will be distributed to retired pastors and widows of pastors. The money represents earnings on an endowment account set up to supplement the modest pension payments from the ELCT. The recipients are very grateful! If you'd like to donate to the fund, please make a check payable to Holy Trinity and indicate that it's for the African Pastors Fund.

PARISH INFORMATION

CHILDREN LEAD WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 11:00 A.M.

Making Room, Making Peace

The children of Godly Play and Trinity Village will preach their annual Advent sermon at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 17. Our children have an innate gift for getting to the heart of this season. Please come and make room in your hearts for a message of peace delivered in word and song. The children are also raising money this month for refugees through ELCA Good Gifts. If you would like to contribute to their project, look for the BIG BOOT in the Community Room after worship that day!

ADVENT SUPPERS AND PRAYER SERVICES CONTINUE

Please sign up for the Advent suppers on December 13 and 20. Meals will be catered by local businesses; signing up will help us order the right amount of food. Sign up in the Community Room or call the office. Following the meals, we will meet in the Bartsch Room for Evening Advent Prayer Services. Our theme for this Advent season is *Making Room: Reframing Immigration*.

LADIES GROUP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6:00 P.M.

Women of Holy Trinity are invited to a social outing at Houlihan's, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, Minnesota, on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. Come join us if you can to de-stress from your holiday activities and enjoy some conversation.

YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that helps support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, CTUL and ELCA World Hunger. To donate online, visit the church website at htlcmpls.org and locate the link to the giving page. ***Please remember: contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2017, to be counted as a 2017 donation. Thank you!***

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas please call the church office at 612-729-8358. \$13 each. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

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PARISH EVENTS December 10-16, 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
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Ladies Night Out (Richfield Houlihan's)
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	12:30 pm	Writers' Circle
	5:30 pm	Advent Supper
	5:30-7:00 pm	Videos in the Library
Saturday	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Advent Prayer Service
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
Sunday	9:30-11:30 am	Sunday School Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Confirmation/Trinity Apts. Meal

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 10, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Elena Alpizar, Peter Weiss	Acolytes	Louis Kelley, Will Kelley	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Paul Chindvall	
Andrew Johnson, Carol Masters	Communion	Judy Davison, Riley Conway	
Nancy Madich, Dianne Mascher	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Linda Woytasek	
Bob Peschiutta, Chuck and Ginny Jordan	Ushers	Bob and Helen Norheim, Kathy Ohler, Chris Amundson	
Nicki Hines, Joy and Randy Nelson	Coffee Servers	Aberdeen and Horacio Rodriguez	
Donna Heyer, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Wayne Vetter, John Sulzbach	
	Closer	Vicki Mann	

Financial Report	December 3	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	721,525.00
Budget Receipts	13,294.78	663,392.27
Opening Doors	627.37	143,146.50
Word Hunger	10.00	3,606.00