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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2017

Sunday, December 17

8:45 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Hymn Sing in the Bartsch Room

11:00 a.m. Worship led by Holy Trinity Children & Youth

Wednesday, December 20

5:30-6:45 p.m. Advent Supper in the Community Room; Meal catered by El Norteno**

7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship with Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

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

"LONGEST NIGHT" SERVICE AT MINNEHAHA COMMUNION

The holidays can be a difficult time for those in the midst of grief. The frantic activity of the world around us seems all the more empty when loved ones are not there to share it. Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church will be hosting a special service for those dealing with loss on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 p.m. This "Longest Night" service will offer time for reflection, centering, and prayer, and includes a candle-lighting ritual. There will be time for fellowship following the service, and each person attending will receive a small remembrance. Minnehaha Communion is at 4101 37th Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

REQUESTS FROM THE OFFICE

The office needs a laptop computer, Windows 7 or later, to devote to the monitor in the hallway by the office. If you have a laptop that you no longer need, please call the office. Also, the Nurturing Relationships Committee has been sending letters to members who are not able to leave their home and birthday greetings to all members. If you have stamps that you don't need (any denomination), we could use them to send out these greetings. Please drop them off at the office. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS TREES DONATED TO HOLY TRINITY

Thank you to Chris Amundson, Bruce Johnson, Rodney Johnson, Lee Kampinen, John Kelly, and Bob Norheim, members of the Y Service Club, for donating the trees used in the sanctuary.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Rejoice always," begins the reading from First Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of the spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes that make us feel happy just to put on. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.



READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM AT 11:00 A.M. ON DECEMBER 17

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

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.

DECEMBER 24 No Adult Forum

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 12:00 P.M.
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.

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!

PARISH INFORMATION

ADVENT SUPPERS AND PRAYER SERVICES CONTINUE

Please sign up for the Advent supper on December 20. The meal is being catered by El Norteno, a local Mexican restaurant; signing up will help us order the right amount of food. Sign up in the Community Room or call the office. Following the meal, we will meet in the Bartsch Room for Evening Advent Prayer Services. Our theme for this Advent season is *Making Room: Reframing Immigration*.

ENCORE! THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 8:00 A.M.

Encore! will meet at Turtle Bread on Thursday, December 21, at 8:00 a.m. No sign-up necessary.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for the family of **Liz and Pat Kelley**, on the death of Pat's father. Congratulations to **Vern and Vi Michaelson**, celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on December 27, and to **Martha and Harry Mueller**, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27.

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!***

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 12:00 P.M.

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.

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PARISH EVENTS December 17-23, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Advent Hymn Sing in the Bartsch Room
	11:00 am	Worship Service led by Children & Youth
	12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	12:30 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	5:30 pm	Advent Supper
Thursday	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:15 pm	Immigration Videos in the Library
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Advent Prayer Service
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 10, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
David Berg	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson	
Kayden Nordby, Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig	
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer	Emily Davison	
Bev Peschiutta, Carol Berg	Communion	Katy Benson, Anna Brelje	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Rosemary Foley	
Bob Peschiutta, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Troy Davison, Deb Sodt, George Madich	
Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Coffee Servers	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Joyce Peterson, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Scott Cole, Pam Kildahl	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	December 10	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	736,250.00
Budget Receipts	11,707.36	675,099.63
Opening Doors	8,367.87	151,514.37