THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On 28th Avenue between Lake and 31st Streets Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen and Hans Lee, Pastors

DO JUSTICE RETREAT MARCH 3-4

At last Sunday's annual meeting of the congregation, we approved three financial appeals for 2018: ELCA World Hunger, Minneapolis Area Synod's Racial Justice Organizing, and the Do Justice Retreat.

"Do Justice" is a retreat for Twin Cities churches designed to accompany high school youth and young adults from urban, suburban, and rural congregations in a journey of discovery, awareness, and action around the realities and issues of social justice which contribute to hunger, poverty, discrimination, and violence.

The purpose of this retreat is to engage young leaders, from different congregations and contexts across the metro, in conversation and shared learning, while working toward solutions through education, advocacy, and organizing.

I have accompanied youth from Holy Trinity on this retreat for the last two years, and never have I been in such a powerful room of Lutherans that not only reflected the broad racial and economic diversity that exists within our synod, but gathered specifically to address their identities as Lutheran Christians, how this identity intersects with the others they claim, and how they engage faithfully in their contexts at such an urgent time.

This retreat typically happens out of town in greater Minnesota, but this year we're trying something new and staying in the city. We'll talk about some issues that are present right in our neighborhoods, and then we'll have the opportunity to visit one another's congregations for worship.

If you're a high school student, I encourage you to join us this year. Look for sign-up information coming soon, or be in touch with Ann Schrooten or myself with questions.

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser Parish Organizing Leader

NATIVE AMERICAN FILM SERIES - MARCH 28

The next Native American Film Series event at Augsburg University is on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. The screening starts at 7:00 p.m. in Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall, 715 22nd Avenue South, Minneapolis. Join Shirley Sneve (Vision Maker Media) along with John Gwinn, Binesi Means, and Tiana LaPointe (MIGIZI Communications) for an evening of short films focused on Native Americans' experiences and perspectives on law enforcement, racism, and healing. There will be discussion following the films. The event is free to the public.

AARP TAX AIDE

Holy Trinity hosts tax assistance for seniors and low-income taxpayers on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., beginning Monday, February 5. First come, first served.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.



READINGS Isaiah 40;21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

ADULT FORUM 10:00 am

FEBRUARY 4 "Annual 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.

FEBRUARY 11 NO ADULT FORUM

The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast and the sale will support summer youth trips. There is no adult forum today, as we'll all be eating pancakes!

FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 16-18

Holy Trinity families are invited to consider taking part in our Annual HTLC FAMILY RETREAT this year at the Association Retreat Center near Osceola, Wisconsin, February 16-18. It's a great way to get to know other parents in a relaxed atmosphere, step away from regular routines, and watch your child(ren) make new friends!

The A.R.C. is about an hour drive from Minneapolis and offers hotel-style rooms with 2 bunk bed units, a double/queen bed, and a private bathroom. There are plenty of family-friendly amenities in a rural setting, including a big gymnasium and a sledding hill, along with cafeteria-style meals prepared for you! In past years, we've taken nature hikes, had ping pong tournaments, a Saturday night dance party, and a Sunday morning communion service led by the children. There will be enough to do to keep you and your kiddos busy, but also enough flexibility to be able to just relax if you want to.

Children 2 and under are FREE, children and youth, ages 3-16, are \$50 each, and adults will pay \$100. Scholarships are available. Pay online at htlcmpls.org, or talk to Ann Schrooten or Pastor Ingrid.

FARE FOR ALL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Fare for All needs a few additional people with strong backs on our Holy Trinity team. It requires about 3 hours of volunteer time, from 3:00-6:00 p.m., one Wednesday/month. You'll be volunteering with fun folks on this outreach program. For more details contact Mary Ann Sheets (maryannsheets@icloud.com) or Juliann Breting Rohn (juliann32@comcast.net).

PARISH INFORMATION

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST/BAKED & HAND-MADE GOODS SALE **Sunday, February 11, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a tasty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit served up by our youth. Tickets are \$5, children under 4 are free. Home-baked treats as well as hand-made creations will also be available for sale. The event supports youth summer trips. This year the youth will go to Heifer Ranch, Arkansas.

Please sign up in the Community Room to donate items for the Baked & Hand-Made Goods Sale. We will happily accept any homemade goodies, as well as crafts, wearables such as scarves or mittens, or whatever your hands enjoy making!

WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 12-1:30 P.M.

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 12-1:30 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.

DAY ON THE HILL TUESDAY, MARCH 13

The Peace with Justice Committee invites you to join them for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's Day on the Hill 2018, Tuesday, March 13. JRLC's Day on the Hill is an annual policy briefing and lobby day. Participants are briefed on the JRLC issues that are being debated and voted on at our State Capitol. Clergy and lay people from across the state attend Day on the Hill to show our interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process. The event includes prayer, issue briefings, time to meet with your district and opportunities to take action. Registration is required; fee ranges from \$15-45. More information can be found at jrlc. org/day-on-the-hill. and in the Community Room. Talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser in the Holy Trinity office if you're in need of scholarship funds.

FARE FOR ALL FEBRUARY 7, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Fare For All will be at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, February 7, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Shop for groceries and save 40% off grocerystore prices.

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PARISH EVENTS February 4-10, 2018				
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion		
	9:55 am	Sunday School		
	10:00 am	Youth Recital in the Sanctuary		
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion		
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings		
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service		
Monday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide		
		Peace with Justice		
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion		
Wednesday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide		
	3:30-5:30 pm			
	5:30-7:30 pm	Peace with Justice Table in Library		
		Children's Choir		
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers		
	6:45 pm	Cantate!		
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir		

Special gift in memory of Evie Axdahl by Sally Parks World Hunger by Karen Batdorf, Neil Anderson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 4, 2018					
8:45 AM		11:00 AM			
Andrew R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Paul Ramsour			
Bea Martin, M.A. Martin	Acolytes	Linden Kung, Soren Kung			
Lisa Martens Crucife		Anna Brelje			
Nicki Hines, De Townsend	Communion	Sue Roberts, Gary Johnson			
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend Family			
Bob Peschiutta, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Chris Amundsen, Sam Kleven, Alan Libra, George Christians			
Annie Hines, Kathy Nelson	Coffee Servers	Rachel and Jim Trelstad Porter			
Bob Peschiutta, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Gary Johnson, John Sulzbach			
	Closer	Cliff Brown			

Financial Report	January 28	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	60,207.69
Budget Receipts	7,460.83	67,425.27
Opening Doors	613.71	7,991.32
World Hunger	30.00	107.00