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

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 28, 2018

What do you think of when you see the phrase "Annual Meeting"? Maybe you picture a large room filled with people who are enjoying good food and conversation. Perhaps you imagine discussions about congregational goals and committee activities. It could be that you anticipate the opportunity to elect new Council members and vote on a budget. Possibly you have a flashback to Moses presenting a unique rendition of the Ten Commandments. Or maybe you have never attended an Annual Meeting and wonder just what it is all about. This is the year to find out.

Holy Trinity will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28 following the 11:00 service. We will gather in the gym (located in the basement) and have lunch together, then conduct the business of the meeting. Child care will be available in the nursery.

Given the exciting year we just experienced, this community has much to reflect on and celebrate. Our committees and working groups have been active within the congregation and out in the community. Our Council has explored intercultural development as individuals and as a group. Our congregation has called a new Lead Pastor and is starting the call process for an Associate Pastor. Our worship services have been creative, moving, challenging, and always faithful. We as a congregation have much for which to be thankful and the Annual Meeting is an opportunity to rejoice as a community of faith!

This is also a meeting at which we as a congregation can envision our future. We will discuss our congregational goals and give the Council our suggestions as to what these goals might look like moving forward into 2018. We will affirm the commitment of Council members and elect new members to that body. We will learn about the goals of committees and working groups. We will discuss and vote on a proposed budget for 2018. Led by the Spirit, our ideas will come together to create the next chapter in the life of this congregation.

Something highly valued at Holy Trinity is that no matter where people are on their journey of faith, this community welcomes and affirms their place here. We are deeply met and encouraged to be fully ourselves as children of God. The Annual Meeting is a unique opportunity to bring our varied journeys into one place and out of them create a community that loves God and neighbor. Please join us and be part of this special occasion.

—Theresa Rian, Church Council President

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

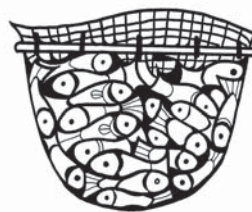
If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From noon-1:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room by February 18, so we know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

LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL MARKETPLACE JAN. 23 AND 24

Support students by purchasing unique handmade items on Tuesday, January 23, from 9:30 a.m.-noon and Wednesday, January 24, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Longfellow High School.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.



READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

JANUARY 21 "Annual Meeting Preview"

Pastor Ingrid and Members of Church Council

There is a lot of business to cover during our annual meeting, which will be held January 28 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid and council representatives during the Adult Forum hour. Bring your questions!

JANUARY 28 "Longfellow Alternative School"

School Staff and Administrators

School staff and administrators will speak about Longfellow Alternative High School, with special emphasis on the partnership with Holy Trinity. They will let us know what needs they have and will share ideas of how we can help. A handout will be available with lists of ways Holy Trinity members can be involved with this unique partnership.

FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 18-19

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the ARC Retreat Center in Osceola, Wisconsin.

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 11

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 trips.

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Holy Trinity hosts AARP Tax Aide services that provide free tax assistance to seniors and low-income taxpayers. They need someone to help with client intake, which involves greeting clients, signing them in, and giving them necessary paperwork. Training provided. Mondays or Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., February 5 through April 16. Call the church office at 612-729-8358 if you are interested.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

GAME NIGHT WITH NURTURING & YOUTH COMMITTEES

Saturday, January 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Game night is an intergenerational activity open to all Holy Trinity members and friends. *Confirmation sponsors and students (and families) are specially invited* so you can spend casual, fun time together over snacks, laughter, and some fun competition playing table games. Please bring a snack to share and a favorite table game if you wish.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

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.

"LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH DISCUSSION" JAN. 29, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Please join our discussion of two chapters of a recent book by theologian Marcus Borg: *Awe, Wonder, and Jesus*, and *Is Jesus God?* Copies of the chapters and a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend are available in the Community Room.

CONNECT THE DROPS: FAITH, SCIENCE, & YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Looking for a "watershed moment" for your life? An engagement with Holy Trinity's place in the Mississippi Watershed is being developed for this spring, involving Sunday forums March 11 and April 15, and a variety of action options for congregational members. Persons interested in working on this six-month initiative should contact Dennis Ormseth.

Need some immersion in watershed issues? Volunteers are encouraged to attend the Minneapolis Area Synod ELCA *Connect the Drops* celebration of water on Wednesday, February 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth, 3695 County Rd. 101—an experience including a food justice dinner, environmental STEM, a water worship, and spoken word poetry & art.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS FEBRUARY 2

Watch for more details soon regarding 20s, 30s, and 40s outing for First Fridays with Friends Friday, February 2.

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PARISH EVENTS January 21-27, 2018

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	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

Special gifts to:

World Hunger by Jody/Rick Liedholm, Paul Chindvall/Michael Douglas, Turid/
Dennis Ormseth
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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 21, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	Wayne Vetter	
Johnny Waddick, Amelia Waddick	Acolytes	Molly Davison, Kayden Nordby	
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Bev Peschiutta, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Linda Woytasek, Rosemary Foley	
Bev and Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Judy Davison, Mike Mann, Joshua Combs	
Gary Johnson	Coffee Servers	Anna Brelje, Allison Johnson	
Chris Engen, Donna Heyer	Counters	Vicki Mann, Scott Cole	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	