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

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

"...To God's new day awakened, by tender mercy crowned, the city, Not Forsaken, is holy holy ground."

The refrain of *Arise, O Righteous Oaks* has been humming through my mind all afternoon since singing the sending hymn this morning at church. What a beautiful service to welcome, honor, and rejoice as we installed Pastor Ingrid as our new Lead Pastor.

I sat in the pew reflecting on the journey it has been to call a new lead pastor to Holy Trinity. It was just three months ago the call committee was preparing for our very first interview. Pastor Ingrid championed her way through 2+ hours of interviewing, conversing with us over 20 insightful questions, and today we celebrated the future of Holy Trinity under her new leadership.

One of the most welcomed and immediate gifts of calling Pastor Ingrid as Lead Pastor was to have her join the call committee. The committee quickly ventured forth with the next task of calling an associate pastor. We have currently received 10 candidates' names and profiles from the Minneapolis Synod. Over the past two weeks, we have been busy holding first-round interviews. With this many candidates, we fortunately learned to pare down our interview questions! We have had the opportunity to meet with each candidate for roughly 45 minutes either via Skype or in person at the church. Pastor Ingrid has attended each interview and is an integral voice for the committee's discernment, but the final consensus and vote will ultimately come from the six call committee members.

As a call committee, we continue to grow in our connection with one another. We have been able to challenge one another, disagree with one another, learn from one another, and quite often laugh with one another. We will be finishing our first-round interviews this week and are planning to move forward with four candidates for the next round of interviews to be scheduled the week following Easter.

Your continued prayers and encouragement are so warmly received. This is such an exciting time at Holy Trinity, not only to have called our first female Lead Pastor, but soon an Associate Pastor to join us in our traditional worship, contemporary message, and our call to social justice!

Peace,
Lisa Martens, Call Committee Chair

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Since our registration for the March 3-4 Do Justice event at Holy Trinity was smaller than anticipated, the churches participating in the Do Justice Retreat have decided that the local March for Our Lives provides a perfect alternative date and opportunity for our high school students to stand in faithful witness with hundreds of thousands of high school students across the nation against gun violence. Students in grades 8-12 are invited to march with other ELCA youth across the Twin Cities and gather for a meal and conversation afterwards at Christ on Capitol Hill in St. Paul. Register by Sunday, March 18, by emailing Ann Schrooten at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org.

There is no cost to participate and transportation from and returning to Holy Trinity will be arranged.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

We celebrate with the whole community of Holy Trinity upon the installation of Ingrid Rasmussen as Lead Pastor.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.



READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

MARCH 18 "Eco-Faith Presentation on Energy" Peace with Justice Committee

The Peace with Justice Committee will share the progress Holy Trinity has made on increasing use of renewable energy in our building, with individual members, and in the state. They will also discuss future initiatives for advocacy and use of renewable energy within the congregation.

MARCH 25 Sanctuary Team

Last year, Holy Trinity committed to serving as a sanctuary-supporting congregation. Hear updates from the Sanctuary Team and our partners, and learn about opportunities to support immigrant neighbors.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

Worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Worship led by Cantate! youth ensemble, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

Worship led by the Adult Choir, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Saturday, March 31—Vigil of Easter and Baptism

Worship with baptism of Robin Olsen Biebighauser, led by Trinity Singers ensemble, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

Festival worship services led by choirs and brass at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. There is no Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Forum, or First Sunday Musings on Easter Sunday.

PARISH INFORMATION

EASTER LILIES

Holy Trinity has a tradition of placing lilies in the sanctuary for Easter. These beautiful flowers are celebratory and are a visual reminder of Christ's resurrection. If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office by email (office@htlcmpls.org) or phone (612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. This year, we are using a sliding scale for payment. We ask that you donate between \$3-15 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the GiveOnline button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN APRIL 6

Adults of all ages are invited to the church for pizza, junk food, sardines, and community. If you were in Luther League as a teenager, the evening will feel familiar to you. If you're new to the church, come and experience your first lock-in. Fun will begin at 6:15 p.m. Those wishing to leave early to go home, watch the news, and sleep are welcome, too! Sign up in the Community Room.

BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSION MONDAY, APRIL 9, 12 P.M.

We will discuss Chapter 2 ("Things Fall Apart") of the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, focusing on how each of us change the individual experience of aging for the better. We will share physical, mental, and social activities that help keep our bodies "fine tuned." Copies of Chapter 2 and a sign-up sheet are in the Community Room.

LENT SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations (\$6/person) are accepted. Don't let the money keep you away, however! Our Lenten Suppers are also an opportunity for us to support immigrant businesses in our neighborhood, as well as to feast on delicious food! On **Wednesday, March 21**, we will reflect on the theme "Economic Exploitation." Food that night will be provided by Manny's Tortas. Our worship musicians will be the OK Factor (Olivia Diercks, cello, and Karla Colahan, violin) and Rachel Trelstad-Porter, piano. Please sign up in the Community Room if you plan to join us for dinner.

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PARISH EVENTS March 18-24, 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
	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bowling & Lunch w/Sponsors
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	10:00 am	Palestine Group
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	5:30-6:45 pm	Lent Supper
	5:45 pm	<i>Disunity in Christ</i> Discussion
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
Saturday	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service in Bartsch Room
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
	10:00 am	March for Our Lives

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 18, 2018

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Sally Kohlstedt	Stephanie Cole
Bea Martin, M. A. Martin	Soren Kung, Linden Kung
David Kohlstedt, Kevin Proescholdt, Nicki Hines	Cori Gershon, Sharon Englund, Kathy Hollander
Carol and David Berg	Melanie/DeWayne Townsend
Bob and Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen	George Christians, Mike Mann, Riley Conway, DeWayne Townsend
Jane and Bob Aldrich	LuAnn and Josiah Kibira
Joyce Peterson, Pam Blomgren	Scott Cole, Pam Kildahl
Closer	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	March 11	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	150,519.23
Budget Receipts	15,384.48	142,432.96
Opening Doors	1,022.87	18,522.88
World Hunger	62.00	364.00

Special gifts to **Youth Trip Fund** and in thanksgiving for Solveig's baptism by Joel Wiberg; **World Hunger** by Ray Sanders; **Mpls Area Synod Racial Justice** in memory of cousin Bob by Lyle Steinfeldt; in honor of the installation of **Ingrid Rasmussen** as Lead Pastor by Kathy Ohler, Lois Eid, Margaret Peterson.