
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
WINTER AND SPRING 2018

Greetings, Holy Trinity!

This congregation's vitality has been on full display over the past twelve months. In February 2017, the Church Council appointed a Transition Team to take important initial steps in the process for the congregation's calling of a new Lead Pastor. That team (Cathy Alpizar, Josh Becker, Sara Jensen, Tom Kleven, Theresa Rian, and Deb Sodt) offered members many opportunities to participate in the creation of Holy Trinity's Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a document that articulates the congregation's history, identity, values, and goals.

The Transition Team completed its first MSP in September 2017. At the same time, the Church Council formed a Call Committee (Connie Adams, Michael Douglas, Sara Jensen, Lisa Martens, Libby Olstad, and Steve Murray) to interview candidates for the call of Lead Pastor. They interviewed Pastor Ingrid (vigorously, she would add) and recommended her name to the congregation. Holy Trinity voted to call Pastor Ingrid as its Lead Pastor on December 17, 2017.

The congregation's decision meant that the Transition Team needed to reconvene and create an MSP, this time with the hope of calling an Associate Pastor to serve among us. While much of the information about the congregation remained the same, some of the stated personal skills, experiences, and passions changed to reflect what we hope an Associate Pastor will bring — namely, interest and energy for our youngest members and their families, a commitment to the church's role in the public square, and a passion for preaching and worship leadership. That document was finalized as we turned the calendar to 2018, which allowed the Call Committee to once again gather to begin the formulation of questions that will guide the Associate process.

We expect to receive a slate of names of Associate Pastor candidates in the next two weeks and begin the first round of interviews soon thereafter. There are many factors that influence the timeline, but we intend to move thoughtfully and swiftly toward the calling of a second pastor. These are exciting days. Please pray for the members of the Call Committee as they, along with the Church Council, provide leadership in the Spirit-led process of discernment and planning.

Even in the midst of these transitions, ministry opportunities abound at Holy Trinity! In the pages that follow, you'll find more information about the season of Lent, Holy Week, adult forums, justice work, and even some sneak peaks at summer camp opportunities. It's a good and full time to be at Holy Trinity. Thanks for being a part of this community!

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays—

We gather in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning for worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Educational opportunities are available between services for people of all ages:

- *Grace Time (children age 3 and under) is a time set aside in the Nursery for a story and craft from 10:00-10:30 a.m.*
- *Godly Play (children age 4 through Kindergarten) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Trinity Village (grades 1-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the 4th-floor Skyroom from 9:30-10:45 a.m.*
- *High School Youth Group meets periodically for special events and discussions.*
- *Adults of all ages meet in the 2nd-floor Library from 10:00-10:45 a.m. for the Adult Forum.*

Tuesdays—

A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the new office conference room to study the worship readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary. Following the discussion, staff and congregants share a brownbag lunch at 12:00 p.m. Some people choose to skip the study and simply come to lunch!

WINTER AND SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 4—Council Installation

We elected new Council members at the Annual Meeting in January. We will install new members and those members who are continuing their terms, including Judy Davison, Michael Douglas, Chris Engen, Nicki Hines, Katelyn Hollaway, David Krig, Bryan Kuzel (president), Benjamin Martinez, Juliann Breting Rohn (vice-president), Donna Scott, Roberta Shaw (secretary), and John Sulzbach (treasurer). We promise our prayers, our honest feedback, and our support for their work in the coming year.

Sunday, February 4—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. This serves as our Adult Forum for the day, as well.

Sunday, February 4—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Wednesday, February 7—Fare For All

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Sunday, February 11—Baptism

Come and join the community that carries Solveig Rasmussen to the font where we hear God's promises proclaimed!

Sunday, February 11—10th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Baked & Handmade Goods Sale

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!



Sunday, February 11—Ladies' Night Out

Join other women of Holy Trinity at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of conversation, support, and laughter.

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us for supper from El Norteno at 5:30 p.m.



Lenten Theme: From Resistance to New Life

The Season of Lent is a time for us to reflect on our callings (vocation) that flow out of the baptismal covenant. One part of the traditional baptismal liturgy is the "renunciation," in which baptismal candidates, together with the assembly that surrounds them, renounce the forces of sin and evil that are in opposition to God's work of justice, peace, and healing. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. As a part of our Evening Prayer service (see below), each week we will reflect on a different reality that causes us to resist: Violence, Sexism and Toxic Masculinity, Environmental Degradation, Racism, and Economic Exploitation.

Thursday, February 15—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18—Family Retreat at ARC Retreat Center in Osceola, WI.

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly FUN with church members of all ages! Meals, activities, and accommodations are included for the retreat fee of \$100/adult and \$50/child (2-16 years old). Children 2 and younger are free.

Sunday, February 18—Adult Forum with Harry Mueller on "Word of God, Word of Life," Part One

"Word of God, Word of Life." What do we think of when we hear that spoken after each of our biblical readings on Sunday mornings? This session will focus on the question: "Why are we so polarized?" We will seek to untangle theologies within the bible and trace the biblical story and formation from its beginnings to Jesus. All are welcome. No prior biblical knowledge necessary!

Wednesdays, February 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21—Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

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 suggested) are accepted. Our Lenten Suppers are also an opportunity for us to support immigrant businesses in our neighborhood, as well as to feast on delicious food! The catering line-up for the season: February 21—Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation; February 28—Gandhi Mahal; March 7—Himalayan; March 14—Sober Fish; March 21—Manny's Tortas.

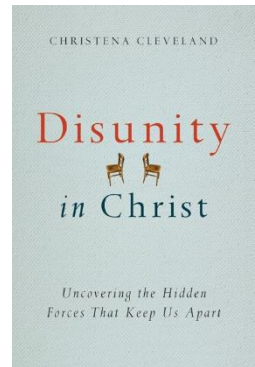
The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will reflect on a different reality that causes us to resist. Tonight, we focus on Violence.

Wednesdays, February 21, March 7, and March 21 — Book Discussion with Sara Jensen on Christina Cleveland's "Disunity in Christ"

Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational group, and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like.

Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't. In this eye-opening book, learn the hidden reasons behind conflict and divisions.

All are invited to join a study of "Disunity in Christ" during the Lenten season. Pick up your meal in the Community Room then head over to the Library to join us for a series of three discussions on Cleveland's book. We will meet from 5:45-6:45 p.m., ending in time for you to participate in Lenten worship services. Copies of the book are available in the church office or by contacting church librarian, Roberta Shaw. Cost of the book is \$12.75.



Sunday, February 25 — Adult Forum with Harry Mueller on "Word of God, Word of Life," Part Two
"Word of God, Word of Life." What do we think of when we hear that spoken after each of our biblical readings on Sunday mornings? This session will focus on the statement: "Our theology, alone, can't save us but it surely can damn us." By tracing the biblical story and formation from Jesus to the present, we'll see if we can liberate our theology.

Sunday, February 25 — Worship Leaders Training

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.

Wednesday, February 28 — Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer Service

All are invited to partake in the Lenten supper on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations (\$6/person suggested) are accepted. Our Lenten Suppers are also an opportunity for us to support immigrant businesses in our neighborhood, as well as to feast on delicious food! Tonight, we feast on delicious food from Gandhi Mahal.

The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will reflect on a different reality that causes us to resist. Tonight, we focus on Sexism and Toxic Masculinity.

Friday, March 2—First Fridays with Friends Hosts Bowling at Memory Lanes

Join members Erin Walding-Heitman and Russ Heitman and the 20s, 30s, 40s group at Memory Lanes for food and bowling beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members of all ages are invited to join the fun! Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 25.



Friday, March 2—Parents' Night Out

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.

Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4—"Do Justice" High School Retreat

"Do Justice" is a retreat for Twin Cities churches designed to accompany high school youth and young adults in a journey of discovery, awareness, and action around the realities and issues of social justice which contribute to hunger, poverty, and violence. This year's retreat will be held at Holy Trinity. Do Justice is one of our special financial appeals for 2018.

Sunday, March 4—Adult Forum with Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer on Exodus Lending

Exodus Lending got its start thanks to members of Holy Trinity who were concerned about neighbors in the community trapped by payday loans. Without Holy Trinity's financial and human support, along with fiscal sponsorship, we would not have gotten to where we are today. Now a free-standing nonprofit, Exodus Lending continues its work refinancing payday loans, charging no interest or fees to its program participants, and also remains committed to ending this usurious practice in Minnesota. Come to hear what's happening in St. Paul and Washington, D.C., with regard to payday lending, learn what Exodus Lending has achieved, what plans we have to spread out to more parts of Minnesota, and how Holy Trinity can continue to support the work!

Sunday, March 4—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

Wednesday, March 7—Fare For All

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Wednesday, March 7—Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer Service

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The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will reflect on a different reality that causes us to resist. Tonight, we focus on Environmental Degradation.

Saturday, March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins

Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed so you're not late to church in the morning!

Sunday, March 11—Installation of Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen as Holy Trinity's Lead Pastor

Bishop Ann Svoenmungen will be present at both services to preach and to install Pastor Ingrid as Holy Trinity's Lead Pastor. Come and join in this festive occasion!

Sunday, March 11—Adult Forum with the Peace with Justice Committee on "Eco-Faith Presentation on Water"

Holy Trinity's Watershed Moment I: This is the first of three occasions to confront the reality of water as a matter of life and death. Emilie Bouvier and Grace Corbin of the ELCA's Minneapolis Area Synod lead us in consideration of the EcoFaith Network's focus on knowing the watersheds in which we live, so that we can properly care for them. This is an orientation for participating in the blessing of water that will be part of this year's Vigil of Easter (our Watershed Moment II).

Sunday, March 11—Ladies' Night Out

Join other women of Holy Trinity at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of conversation, support, and laughter.

Tuesday, March 13—Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's Day on the Hill

JRLC's Day on the Hill is the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's 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 an interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process. The event includes a meal, inspiration, issue briefings, and opportunities to take action. Registration is required. Talk with Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information.



Wednesday, March 14—Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer Service

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The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will reflect on a different reality that causes us to resist. Tonight, we focus on Racism.

Thursday, March 15—Encore! at Turtle Bread

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Sunday, March 18—Baptism

Come and join the community that carries Landon Hollaway to the font where we hear God's promises proclaimed!

Sunday, March 18—Adult Forum with the Peace with Justice Committee on "Eco-Faith Presentation on Energy"

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.

Sunday, March 18—Confirmation Bowling with Sponsors

Confirmands and sponsors will meet after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for lunch here at Holy Trinity and then head to Memory Lanes for a few rounds of bowling and many rounds of fun and fellowship together!

Wednesday, March 21—Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer Service

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The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will reflect on a different reality that causes us to resist. Tonight, we focus on Economic Exploitation.

Sunday, March 25—Adult Forum with 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.



Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

All are welcome to gather for supper in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move downstairs to the Bartsch Room to begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Cantate! youth ensemble will help to lead worship.

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing.

Saturday, March 31—Vigil of Easter and Baptism

Gathered together in the darkness of Saturday night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. The Trinity Singers ensemble will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room at 7:00 p.m. and conclude in the Sanctuary at about 8:30 p.m. Come and join the community that carries Robin Olsen Biebighauser to the font where we hear God's promises proclaimed!

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult and children's choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

Sunday, April 1—No Adult Forum—No Confirmation—No Sunday School

There is no Adult Forum, Confirmation, or Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Sunday, April 1—First Sunday Musings

First Sunday Musings is canceled today because of Easter Sunday!

Friday, April 6—First Fridays with Friends Hosts an Overnight Lock-In

Yes, you read this correctly. 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 at 9:00 p.m. to go home, watch the news, and sleep, are welcome, too!)

Friday, April 6—Parents' Night Out

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.

Sunday, April 8—Baptism

Come and join the community that carries Lorelei Lindorfer to the font where we hear God's promises proclaimed!

Sunday, April 8— Adult Forum with Doug Wallace on Academy Films

Come and hear Holy Trinity friend Doug Wallace reflect on this year's Academy Award-nominated films. Attendees need not have seen the movies to find his presentation helpful and provocative!

Sunday, April 8—Ladies' Night Out

Join other women of Holy Trinity at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of conversation, support, and laughter.

Mondays, April 9, April 23, and May 7—Lunch Discussions on "Being Mortal"

The Adult Education and Nurturing Relationships Committees are teaming up to hold a series of three "brown bag" lunches, which will focus aging. Themes for our informal discussions will come from Atul Gawande's book entitled "Being Mortal." Each session will focus on one of the book's chapters. Sessions will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Sign up in the Community Room for one, two, or all three of the sessions, as your schedule allows.

Wednesday, April 11—Fare For All

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Sunday, April 15—Adult Forum on the Politics of Water in Minnesota

What's the future for care of our state's watersheds? MN State Representative Jean Wagenius will speak on the politics of water in Minnesota.

Sunday, April 15—New Member Orientation from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Lunch will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with a pastor if you intend to come.

Thursday, April 19—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Saturday, April 21 – Trinity Apartment Dinner Served by Youth

Holy Trinity confirmands, high school students, and adult leaders pitch in to create a healthy three-course dinner from scratch for our Trinity Apartment neighbors in exchange for a smile, some conversation, and a small donation of \$5.

Sunday, April 22—New Member Sunday

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. (An orientation session for those wishing to become members will be held on Sunday, April 15, after the 11:00 a.m. worship.)

Sunday, April 22—Adult Forum Welcoming New Members in the Community Room

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from two current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to the many people joining this congregation.

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Tuesday, April 24—Downtown Lunch Group

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you’ll find them at Thrivent’s Café at 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, April 22, so organizers know how many seats to save.

Saturday, April 28—Property Work Day

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming. We’ll work from 9:00 a.m.-noon. (If it rains, we’ll meet on Saturday, May 5.) Sign up in the Community Room by April 22.

Sunday, April 29—Adult Forum on the Work of the Committees at Holy Trinity

Have you ever wondered what the committees of this congregation do? Or have you thought that you’d like to get involved in specific ministry project, but don’t know how? This is the forum for you. We’ll briefly outline the work of Adult Education, Personnel, Housing Social Services, Children and Family, Nurturing Relationships, Outreach, Financial Stewardship, Church Property, Youth, and Peace with Justice. This will also include a look at the congregation’s many working groups, including the Stewardship Working Group, the Racial Justice Working Group, the Israel/Palestine Working Group, and many more!

Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5—Kinship Dinners

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone’s home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God’s living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a small group gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by April 29.

Friday, May 4—First Fridays with Friends Goes Biking

It's time to dust off your bikes. Join Lisa and Bruce Martens for an evening bike ride. More details as the date draws nearer.

Friday, May 4—Parents' Night Out

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Sunday, May 6—Adult Forum

Watch the Community Church and bulletin for more information!

Sunday, May 6—First Sunday Musings

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Sunday, May 13—Adult Forum

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Sunday, May 13—Ladies' Night Out

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Thursday, May 17—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Sunday, May 20—Pentecost, Teacher and Sponsor Recognition, Bibles for 5th Graders, and Joint Service with the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation

The Holy Spirit comes to guide and renew the church. We will gather for festival worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

- *This is the last day of Sunday morning education programs for children and youth until they start up again in the fall. We give thanks for the volunteers who support our children and youth ministries. In our 8:45 a.m. worship we will present Bibles to 5th Grade students and celebrate their leadership among us.*
- *Teachers for all grade levels and confirmation sponsors will also be recognized for their important contributions to our children and youth at both 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Teachers, sponsors, and volunteers, please come to the service of your choice, and let us express our gratitude to you in worship!*
- *We are currently in conversation with the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation about the possibility of worshipping together at 11:00 a.m. and sharing a meal following the service. This not yet confirmed. Watch the Community Church and bulletin for more information.*

Sunday, May 20—Adult Forum

Watch the Community Church and bulletin for more information!

Sunday, May 27—Trinity Sunday

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. This is your opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from “the other service.”

Sunday, May 27—Adult Forum

There is no adult forum today, as we will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m.!

Monday, May 28—Memorial Day

The church office is closed. We’ll talk to you tomorrow!

Friday, June 1—First Fridays with Friends

Summer is here, which means the birds are singing, the sun is shining, and backyard parties are back. Join us as we make our way through the neighborhood for a progressive dinner. Watch the bulletin and Community Church for more details!

Friday, June 1—Parents' Night Out

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.

Sunday, June 3—Adult Forum

Watch the Community Church and bulletin for more information!

Sunday, June 3—Confirmation Picnic

The annual confirmation picnic will be held at a nearby Minneapolis park immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come celebrate another year of growing in our faith and friendships with others and have some good old-fashioned outdoor fun!

Sunday, June 10—Graduate Blessing

We will bless six high school graduates during a time of exciting transition in their lives. George Christians, Mason Helm, Sam Kelley, Sam Kleven, Camilo Rudolph, and Samantha Waddick—as well as their families—would be honored by your presence and grateful for your prayers.

Sunday, June 10—Ladies' Night Out

Join other women of Holy Trinity at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of conversation, support, and laughter.

Wednesday, June 13—Fare For All

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. The more people who shop, the better. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards. (Sorry, no personal checks.) Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday-Friday, June 18-22—Children’s Musical Camp

The Tale of the Three Trees by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long

Grades 1-8

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Friday) with a 12:00 p.m. performance open to the public

\$75 fee for the week includes music, snacks, and t-shirt, and live musicians in the band

Register by emailing musical director Ann Schrooten at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org

Sunday-Friday, July 8-13—Heifer Ranch Trip for Middle School Youth Grades 6-9

Monday-Friday, August 13-17—Vacation Church Camp for Grades K-5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, October 19-20—

Adult Retreat at St. John’s Abbey

Save the date and plan to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We’ll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John’s. We’ll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John’s Bible. We have individual rooms for 25.

