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

CONGREGATIONAL GOALS

Several months ago, the Council started discussions about congregational goals. It was determined that the setting of goals needed to start with input from as many congregants as possible. So, at the annual meeting in January, congregants were invited to imagine five years from now, looking back at what Holy Trinity had done in the intervening years. Many people responded with an abundance of ideas and hopes.

A sub-group of the Council took all that input, identified themes that rose to the top, and came up with three proposed goals to pursue in the next 1-3 years. Here are the goals that will be presented to the Council for vote on May 21:

1) Continue to grow in competency and commitment to racial justice, moving from awareness to action within our local community.

We could fulfill this goal by:

Developing a congregational racial justice statement and adopting it through a congregational vote.

Identifying 2-3 community organizations in our immediate neighborhood led by communities of color and prioritize our partnership with them, offering HT's resources and deferring to their leadership.

Practicing "showing up" at events that aren't organized by HT, but are important to our community.

2) Grow in competency and commitment to issues of gender and sexuality in our congregation.

We could fulfill this goal by:

Renewing our commitment as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Offering opportunities to learn about living healthy lives as sexual beings, whatever our orientation or identity, using the Our Whole Lives curriculum across age groups.

Offering opportunities to learn about how life is experienced by people of various sexual orientations and gender identities.

3) Nurture faith and attend to our spiritual lives through education and faith practices.

We could fulfill this goal by:

Providing 2-3 educational opportunities for "beginners"—those new to a community of faith, returning to faith, or others who want to learn the basics.

Introducing 2-3 prayer practices for the congregation to explore together.

Some important things to remember about these goals:

They do not reflect all of the input gathered at the annual meeting, but they are a start at establishing an inclusive goal-setting process for Holy Trinity.

We must remain attuned to Spirit's guidance as we work with these, or other yet-unknown, goals.

These goals are a tool to give us some focus over the next two years. They are not meant to exclude any work that is already being done or that might arise.

These goals could be revised as the congregation sees a need for changes or refinement.

Ideally, people of all ages could find ways to participate in these goals.

—Roberta Shaw, on behalf of the Council Goals Working Group

DAY OF PENTECOST

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.



READINGS

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

MAY 20 "How to be Pro-Palestinian without being Anti-Semitic" with Rabbi Latz

Rabbi Latz has been Shir Tikvah's Senior Rabbi since July 2009. He brings to the congregation boundless energy, heartfelt compassion, and commitment to fostering an authentic and engaging Jewish experience. A Wexner Fellow during rabbinical school, Rabbi Latz was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2000.

MAY 27 NO ADULT FORUM

ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 27, AT 10:00 A.M.
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."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 20, 12:15 P.M.
A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 20, at 12:15 p.m. for the purpose of voting to call Pastor Angela Khabeb as our new Associate Pastor. All are encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY, MAY 20: PENTECOST, TEACHER/SPONSOR RECOGNITION, BIBLES FOR 5TH GRADERS
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. Teachers for all grade levels and confirmation sponsors will be recognized for their important contributions to our children and youth at both services. Bibles will be given to the 5th graders during worship.

PARISH INFORMATION

A LETTER OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE FROM CORI GERSHON

On April 17th I had major reconstructive surgery on my right shoulder. From the beginning of the planning stage for this surgery, I knew I could not do it alone. To know that I did not have to do it alone was the most profound and freely given gift I have ever had the privilege to receive. I know and believe that along with God's intent, the prayers and actions of you all at Holy Trinity ensured my successful passage through the surgery, transitional care, and out-patient follow-up care. Thank you. I am blest.

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW (AND EXPERIENCED!) ACOLYTES IN GRADES 1-8, SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 10:00 A.M.

Serving as an acolyte gives children a way to contribute to worship that is both meaningful and rewarding. We will be adding some additional tasks for acolytes in the months to come, so current acolytes as well as those who would like to be an acolyte are encouraged to attend this session in the Sanctuary. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

BAPTISMAL FONT AT HOLY TRINITY

The baptismal font at Holy Trinity has stood at the center of our sacramental life for many decades. Last Sunday, Peter, Julian, and Diego heard words of love and life spoken when they were baptized during worship. They now join the many who have received those same promises at our font.

Our font is aging. The stone has eroded over many years of use. The pins that hold the three marble pieces together are not as strong as they used to be. Because of concerns related to its structural integrity, we've decided to remove it from the sanctuary. It will go into safe storage while the worship staff and Worship and Fine Arts Committee decide what would best serve our congregation in the years to come.

We give thanks for its years of faithful service!

ANOTHER BIRDING OPPORTUNITY

Encounter birds in their early morning singing and displaying at Wood Lake Nature Center on Saturday, June 2, meeting in the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Bring binoculars and walking shoes. Led for Encore! by Keith Olstad.

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PARISH EVENTS May 20-26, 2018

Sunday		Pentecost Sunday
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation (Review Class)
	9:55 am	Sunday School (Last One for the Season)
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:15 pm	Congregational Meeting
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	2:00-3:00 pm	Palestine/Israel Group
	6:00 pm	Youth Choir Recognition

Special gift in memory of Vern Michaelson by Jim/Carolyn Bjelland

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 20, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Kayden Nordby	Assisting Minister	Josie Hines	
Bea Martin, M.A. Martin	Acolytes	Lowenna Rian-Fairley	
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer	Paul Chindvall	
Chris Engen, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Alan Libra, Mike Mann	
Tina and Robert Russell	Altar Guild	Rosemary Foley, Carol Lane	
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Riley Conway, Sam Kleven, Deb Sodt, DeWayne Townsend	
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Congregational Meeting	
Chris Engen, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Deb Helmelt, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Cliff Brown	

Financial Report	May 13	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	285,986.54
Budget Receipts	8,996.47	287,349.40
Opening Doors	337.87	53,378.39
World Hunger	82.00	2,663.00