
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
FALL 2018

Greetings, Holy Trinity!

In these uncertain times, it can be especially challenging to discern how to engage our faith in the public square. We may find ourselves confronted by coarse inhumanity, struggling to find a faith-filled response that inspires us to speak truth to power and speak that truth in love. Perhaps it is helpful to remember that it is God's work, our hands. We are the hands of Christ extended to a hurting world. Even though this may sound daunting, be encouraged. As Paul reassures us, "I'm confident of this, that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). Ultimately, it is God who sustains us on our faith journeys. It's part of our spiritual DNA. We were (re)born for this.

During the baptismal rite, we enter a covenant with God to "proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace." We are sealed in that covenant by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Our faith is not passive, private, or privileged. But rather, our faith is proactive, public, and powerful! Our God is a God of abundance who showers us with ample opportunities to live out our faith in vibrant and powerful ways.

What an honor it is to serve a congregation committed to the body of Christ. Thank you, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, for your dedicated service to God's ministry in the world.

Peace,



Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen



Pastor Angela T. Khabeb

MONTHLY COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

A lot of this congregation's ministry is done through the work of committees and working groups. All of the committees and working groups listed below are open to new members and new ideas. If you have questions, please ask the pastor or staff member who relates to each committee. Please note: Committee and working group schedules are subject to change based on participants' schedules. Call the church office to confirm meeting times.

First Monday of the Month—

Adult Education (Pastor Ingrid): Adult forums, Johnson Symposium, travel seminars, and other learning opportunities. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Peace with Justice (Meghan Olsen Biebighauser): Dialogue events, advocacy, creation care. Currently meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Youth (Pastor Angela and Ann Schrooten): Education, service, and events for youth in Grades 6-12. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

First Tuesday of the Month

Children and Family Ministry (Pastor Angela and Ann Schrooten): Retreats, workshops, education for children through Grade 5, Parents' Night Out. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Second Monday of the Month—

Racial Justice Working Group (Pastor Angela): small group conversations about whiteness/white privilege, education that engages race, privilege, bias, and equity, engagement with organizations led by People of Color, listening circle for Holy Trinity's Members of Color, book studies, special events that promote the conversation about racial justice.

Nurturing Relationships (Pastor Angela): Retreats, book groups, kinship meals, grief mailings, Encore!, First Fridays with Friends, lunch groups, game nights, outdoor activities, new members, homebound visitation, Feeding the Spirit. Meets every other month at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship (Pastor Ingrid and Vicki Mann): Budget planning, stewardship education, financial reports, special appeals, investments. Currently meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Third Monday of the Month—

Church Council (Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela): Elected members of Council have responsibility for the administration and mission leadership of the congregation. Visitors are welcome to observe Council meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Occasion

Property (Vicki Mann and Nolan Gusdal): Maintenance and improvements for the building and grounds, work days.

Outreach (Meghan Olsen Biebighauser): Music in the Garden, Longfellow Alternative High School, Fare For All, intercultural development and racial justice, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation partnership, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Open Streets, Longfellow Corn Feed.

Worship and Fine Arts (Pastor Ingrid): Weekly and special worship services, devotional resources, fine arts, banners, art work.

Housing and Social Services (Pastor Ingrid): Community-building at Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments, resident meals, coordination of programming at both buildings, arrange for periodic health screenings and special events.

FACEBOOK PAGES

Search for these Holy Trinity-sponsored groups on Facebook—

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group

HTLC 20s, 30s, and 40s Group

Holy Trinity Encore!

Holy Trinity Family Ministry

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 ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the fourth-floor sky room 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 second-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 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!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC from Cantor David Sims



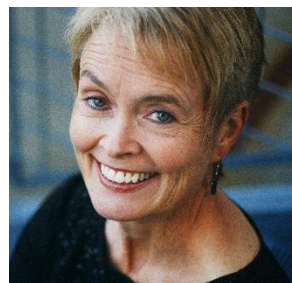
If there's space in the bulletin I like to include the text of the choir's anthem. Sometimes I can find it online and copy and paste, but usually it's faster to simply type it out. Same thing for hymns that I insert in the bulletin using music notation software—I have to type out each stanza, including all the little hyphens. But, I've found that I really enjoy typing out these kinds of texts. I always gain a new appreciation for the poetry of the words, which should be able to stand alone from the music. I'll notice different words and phrases, or how punctuation subtly changes the meaning of what we sing. (Ask me about my favorite punctuation mark in ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast.")

This is part of the reason I love physical hymnals or bulletins with all of the prayers written out: it allows all of us to hold and examine the texts we say and sing on our own time, not just in the moment it happens during worship together. You can repeat a prayer for the week at home or re-read a hymn text after we've sung it. One of my favorite parts of singing in a choir is experiencing a text or melody for many weeks, not just once on Sunday morning. Just like typing it out, you internalize a poem by rehearsing it, or a melody will stay with you for a long time when you've worked hard to sing it each week.

If you'd like to spend more time with the texts, melodies, and harmonies we sing on Sunday mornings, we have two adult choirs that help to lead worship. The Adult Choir sings almost every Sunday from September–May at the 11:00 a.m. service, and rehearses in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. We sing a wide variety of choral literature, psalm antiphons, and other liturgical music. Trinity Singers provides choral music at the 8:45 a.m. service the second Sunday of each month, and rehearses in the Sanctuary the Wednesday prior from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It has been a great option for people whose schedules don't allow them to rehearse and sing each week, as well as parents of children who are in choir at the same time. If you are interested in singing with either group, or sharing your other musical talent in worship, let me know! We would be glad to have you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY from Ann Schrooten

I read recently that a child needs 4-6 interested adults in their life—other than their parents—to experience a healthy sense of self. Think back to when you were a child. Who were those other interested adults in your life that helped to shape who you are today? Our family had a friend who, over the years, had taught three of my five brothers in school. I never had Agatha Orr as a teacher, but she had a profound impact on me just the same. When I was in 6th grade, she “hired” me to come to her classroom after school to erase and wash the chalkboards, wipe off the desks, clean up the art area, tend the bulletin boards, and even grade some of the papers turned in by her first graders. I received \$10 at the end of each week. Perhaps it was that I was the only girl among five boys that inspired her decision to reach out to me, or maybe she saw the future teacher in me and wanted to share her experience and passion for children. Whatever her reasons, I LOVED going to her classroom each day! It was a place where I could be my best self, connect with an interesting adult, and dream of what I would be someday.



As I consider the opportunities awaiting *all of us* to connect with the children and youth of our congregation, I wonder if you might be surprised by the following. Within the Holy Trinity community, we have NINETY children and youth from newborns to seniors in high school! This represents ten percent of our membership! If it is true that each of these children needs 4-6 other adults in their life, then I wonder where the 360-540 adults will come from for these incredible young people? Many will no doubt be teachers and coaches. Some will be neighbors who live next door or down the block. And yes, some will be part of this community of faith into which these children are being raised. I see interested adults all around me here at Holy Trinity—members of our body who teach Godly Play and Trinity Village and Confirmation each and every week. I see Confirmation Sponsors who have “adopted” a middle school student to accompany them on their journey of faith. I see pastors who welcome each and every one of these young people to the table of Jesus Christ BY NAME. I am grateful for the many adults from this community who have volunteered to cook a meal for our choir or confirmation kids, taken time off to travel with our youth on a summer trip, walked alongside our high school students as they MARCHED FOR OUR LIVES at the Minnesota Capitol, or hugged a young singer as you came into Adult Choir rehearsal on a Wednesday night. As the body of Christ, we follow the lead of Jesus, who says that *it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs* (Mt. 19:14, Lk. 18:16 and Mk. 10:14).

Our faith is passed on in the context of community, and we all have a part to play. If you are a parent, encourage your child to be present in this community regularly. There are some pretty amazing and interested adults waiting to welcome your child. And to all the other adults in the congregation, I invite you to look for the children. Welcome them, sit with them, talk to them, listen to them, and sing with them, for this is the way of Jesus.

SUMMER PARISH ORGANIZING HIGHLIGHTS from Meghan Olsen Biebighauser

If you visited the Community Room this summer after either of our services, you noticed a Community Organizing corner in the southeast part of the room. Each week congregational members and visitors gathered around a leading question—but often the conversations took us far beyond the original topic! We listened to one another reflect on our neighborhoods—our hopes and our concerns. We asked one another where we saw hope in the past week, how we make choices with our money that reflects our faith values, what are our favorite ways to care for God’s creation around us. Thanks to all of you who spent some time in conversation in that space this summer—let’s be sure to keep listening to one another as we move forward in ministry together.

As I listened to this community, many people were finding hope in some of our congregation’s ministries, including:

- The Refugee Resettlement Team is preparing to welcome a family of nine to the Twin Cities at the end of August. This large team of leaders has been hard at work collecting items to prepare a household, and Holy Trinity, in partnership with the Minnesota Council of Churches, will continue to accompany this family for three months after their arrival. At a time when the refugee resettlement process is under threat, here’s a hopeful development!
- Holy Trinity’s Sanctuary Team has been working closely with other congregations in South Minneapolis to make sure that individuals and families who are seeking refuge in congregations have what they need. There have been several instances of successful legal challenges to deportation attempts—sanctuary works!

I look forward to a full fall season, serving alongside you in our community.



FALL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday-Friday, August 20-24—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, August 20-24. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour.

Sunday, August 26—Adult Forum with the Liturgical Furnishings Team of the Worship and Fine Arts Committee

Our team is addressing the need for a new Advent wreath, baptismal font, kneeler, and an additional processional cross. The team has been working on what we would like to have these furnishings look like in our sanctuary, what materials will be used, the placement of these furnishings, and finding artists to create them. We have a set of questions that has helped us set criteria for how we intend to proceed with our project. These questions will be the ones we will be using for our adult forum. We need and want you to share your thoughts, ask questions, and have a voice in these important decisions. Come join us. This is the opportunity to make your thoughts known.

Thursday, August 30—Refugee Family Arriving

Holy Trinity is co-sponsoring a Karen family as they arrive in the U.S. They land at MSP at 3 p.m. today. Please keep this family of nine in your prayers as they travel, and look for more information about how to greet them at the airport as the date gets closer.



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Refugee Services

Sunday, September 2—One Service on Labor Day Weekend

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.” We are pleased to welcome Meagan McLaughlin, who served as pastoral assistant last summer, as our preacher!

Sunday, September 2—No Adult Forum Today

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

Sunday, September 2—First Sunday Musings

First Sunday Musings is on holiday. See you next month!

Monday, September 3—Labor Day

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

Wednesday, September 5—Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs Begin

For more information on choral and instrumental opportunities, talk to Ann Schrooten (children, youth, and intergenerational handbell ensemble) or David Sims (adult). Children's Choir (Grades 1-4) meets from 6:00 p.m. to 6:40 p.m., and Cantate! (Grades 5-9) meets from 6:45 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. Each of these ensembles sings in worship every 4-6 weeks. Trinity Singers rehearses from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, September 7—First Fridays with Friends

First Fridays with Friends has been shifted to September 14. See below for an exciting Oktoberfest event!

Friday, September 7—Parents' Night Out

Parents Night Out, typically held on the first Friday of the month, has been moved to Friday, September 14 this month!

Sunday, September 9—Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship!

Students of ALL AGES are invited and encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special moment set aside to ask God's blessings on all who have returned or will be returning to school or further education this fall. Teachers will be recognized and blessed as well, especially those who volunteer to teach our children and youth at Holy Trinity!

Sunday, September 9—Sunday School Begins

Godly Play (ages 4 and 5) and Trinity Village (grades K-5) kick off for another year of learning, service, community, and holy play! Classes begin at 9:55 a.m. in the second-floor education suite. After drop-off, parents and caregivers are invited to gather together for coffee and pastry in the Bartsch Room on the first floor for informal conversation and a preview of special activities in the year ahead.

Sunday, September 9—Confirmation Orientation

Confirmation students in grades 6-10 and their families gather in the Sky Room at 9:30 a.m. for an engaging and fun-filled preview of the year of study, service, and fellowship. Pastor Angela Khabebe will be present to introduce herself and to answer the question: "Why God, and Why Now?" Parents will be invited to volunteer to assist with activities this year and students will be updating their profiles by interviewing one another!

Sunday, September 9—Adult Forum on the Long-term Preservation of Trinity Apartments

The Trinity Apartments board invites you to join them for a forum that will discuss both the history and long-term preservation of Trinity Apartments. We believe it's important to be thoughtful and strategic as we address the future financial feasibility and physical needs of Trinity Apartments. We are grateful for the partnership we have with Community Housing Development Corporation and our shared mission of preserving this critical affordable housing asset in our community.



Sunday, September 9—Music in the Garden with Aja Parham

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza, salad, and fruit in the garden at noon. Aja Parham will be singing a blend of jazz, R&B, and Motown favorites. She will be joined by a trio of piano, bass, and drums. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

Sunday, September 9—Second Sunday Supper

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. No sign up necessary.

Tuesday, September 11 – Writers' Circle

The Writers' Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. They share their poetry, short stories, memoirs, and journal entries and then offer gentle feedback. They often work from a prompt but write about whatever moves their writing spirits. If time permits, they do some in-class writing. Some members have been writing for a long time; others have just begun. Please join them!

Wednesday, September 12—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.

Friday, September 14—Oktoberfest with the 20s, 30s, and 40s Group

Bryan Kuzel and the 20s, 30s, and 40s group invite you for an Oktoberfest evening at Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery on Friday, September 14. Enjoy the best of the wurst and a nice cold brew with your Holy Trinity crew! The evening will start at 6:15 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room or on Facebook by Wednesday, September 12.

Friday, September 14—Parents' Night Out

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" from 6:00-8:00 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, September 16—Installation of Pastor Angela T. Khabeb

Please plan to support the ministry of Pastor Angela T. Khabeb, who will be installed during both worship services this morning. Assistant to the Bishop Craig Pederson will be present for the morning's festivities. As a way of honoring their new colleague, the staff will be providing the treats for this special occasion!

Sunday, September 16—Adult Forum with Lutheran Volunteer Corps Volunteers

Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) is a faith-based, full-time service and leadership program operating in 13 cities across the United States. LVC's mission is to unite people to work for peace with justice. They do this by placing volunteers in full-time positions at social justice organizations for one year.

LVC volunteers come from a wide variety of faith backgrounds, and do not need to be Lutheran or Christian. All volunteers live together in community and practice simple and sustainable living. LVC volunteers receive a modest stipend which covers housing, food, transportation, health insurance, and personal expenses.

This is a transformational program, one with which we at Holy Trinity are glad to be partnered. If you would like to be part of the LVC support team that walks with these volunteers throughout the year and feeds them on occasion, talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser. Plan to come and meet the volunteers and hear about their first days in their justice settings!

Sunday, September 16—Lay Communion Visitors Luncheon

The mission of Holy Trinity's Lay Communion Visitation Program, sponsored by the Nurturing Committee, is to provide monthly communion visits to all of Holy Trinity's homebound persons. For these homebound persons, this provides regular person-to-person contact with Holy Trinity and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on a monthly basis. For the visitors, it provides an opportunity to participate in an important face-to-face ministry of the congregation. In many cases new and lasting relationships are forged between the person visited and the visitor. This program is a tremendous help to the pastors, who visit each homebound member four times per year. Current lay communion visitors and those interested in learning more about this important ministry are invited to be our guests for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sign up in the Community Room by September 9.

Thursday, September 20—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.

Sunday, September 23—Innovation Hub Welcome in Worship

Holy Trinity is one of twelve congregations that was recently selected to participate in a program through Augsburg University's Riverside Innovation Hub. The program provides learning opportunities for our congregants, a coach trained by the Riverside Innovation Hub, and up to \$30,000 to deepen our ministry with young adults. This is an exciting opportunity!

And here is a brief introduction from the coach, who will spend 20 hours a week with us this year:

My name is Asefa Melka Wakjira. I was born and raised in rural Ethiopia. My father finished grade four. He is retired Lutheran Church evangelist. My mother is strong and wise but she has never been to school. I have 10 siblings, and I'm the 9th.

I like to say I'm a child of a farmer from rural Africa who got opportunity to be educated because of committed missionaries from Norway, Sweden, Germany and other countries. I finished college in Ethiopia and got my bachelor in Sociology. Besides that, I led campus ministry.

After working as a graduate assistant for two years, I got scholarship to study Sociology of Children in Norway for two years. Living in Norway opened my eyes to new culture.

During my study in Norway, I got clear vision that I will serve in congregations. Then I prayed, and God opened opportunity to study here in the USA. I finished my Masters of Divinity last May from San Francisco Theological Seminary in California.

I hope to bring diverse educational backgrounds like sociology of children and theology. In addition to that, I will bring new culture of food, worship, and ministry from Ethiopia. I also like to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. But it was not easy for me to be outgoing person before I went to Norway. I remember the difficulty I faced to adjust to new food and weather in Norway. It was very confusing to see sun at 10 p.m. for me, and I could not sleep on time for the first two weeks. I also could not try new food for almost a month except the Ethiopian food that I brought with me from home. I believe, adjusting to new environments takes time. I like to continue to learn new culture and listen to stories of people. That is one of the important lessons I look forward to learning more during the next 10 months of ministry.



Sunday, September 23—Adult Forum with Augsburg Innovation Hub Coach and Holy Trinity Core Team Members

It is no secret that the gap between young adults and Christian congregations is widening. There are many factors to this dynamic reality. Certain characteristics of today's young adults and their culture make them less inclined to seek out a congregation or any institution. Certain characteristics of today's congregations make them less appealing to young adults. We do know young adults are not rejecting faith or religion. We do know many are living out their faith in vibrant ways at innovative intersections such as: faith and political activism, faith and the arts, faith and environmental stewardship, and interfaith engagement. The Riverside Innovation Hub will help congregations become engaged with young adults at these intersections and at others we may discover along the way. Come and hear from our coach, Asefa, and our core team members, including Laura Bolstad, Hannah Rector, Karen Kunze, Aberdeen Rodriguez, and Pastor Ingrid.

Sunday, September 23—Brunch with Innovation Hub Grant Coach and Core Team

Join Holy Trinity's Innovation Hub Grant Core Team and the 20s, 30s, 40s Group for brunch with our new coach, Asefa, at noon. Details to follow on the Facebook page and in the Community Church and bulletin.

Sunday, September 27-29—Black Master Storytelling Festival

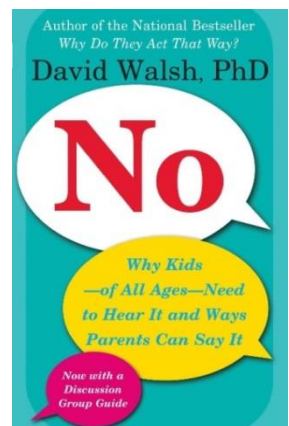
The 26th Annual Black Master Storytelling Festival "SIGNIFYIN' & TESTIFYIN'" will take place September 28-30, 2018. This year's theme is "And How Are the Children?" This is a joyful and spirited three-day family-friendly festival that is free to all. The festival takes place at various locations in Minneapolis. For more information, check out their website (www.blackstorytellers.com).

Sunday, September 30—Adult Forum with Longfellow Alternative High School

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Longfellow Alternative High School, the school for parenting and pregnant teen women, located a few blocks east of the church. Come and learn about the school's mission and hear about ways this faith community can build relationships with the students, staff, and administration.

Sunday, September 30—Faith and Family Matters Parenting Series

Dr. David Walsh has emerged as one of the world's most trusted authorities on parenting, family life, and the impact of technology and translating brain science into everyday practice. Participants will meet on the last Sunday of each month (with the exception of December and May) to discuss two books written by Dr. Walsh entitled No: Why Kids Of All Ages Need to Hear it and Ways Parents Can Say It and Why Do They Act That Way?: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen. Sessions will take place during the education hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.) in the Bartsch Room. Participants are encouraged to purchase books in advance of the class, but copies will be available at this first session. These sessions will be facilitated by Holy Trinity member Mike Mann.



Sunday, September 30—Confirmation Students and Sponsors Sky Room Party!

All Confirmation students and their sponsors are invited to party together up in the Sky Room after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Games, food, and great getting-to-know-you conversations will provide confirmands and sponsors a group setting in which to interact early on in the year. Caregivers should plan to pick up their students at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 5—First Fridays with Friends

Watch the Facebook page, bulletin, and Community Church for more information on this event for the 20s, 30s, and 40s crowd.

Friday, October 5—Parents' Night Out

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Sunday, October 7—Adult Forum with Holy Trinity's Writers' Circle

The Writers' Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. They share their poetry, short stories, memoirs, and journal entries and then offer gentle feedback. They often work from a prompt but write about whatever moves their writing spirits. If time permits, they do some in-class writing. Some members have been writing for a long time; others have just begun. Come and hear from our resident writers!

Sunday, October 7—New Member Orientation

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 7 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Ingrid or Pastor Angela if you intend to come.

Sunday, October 7—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.

Tuesday, October 9 – Writers' Circle

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Wednesday, October 10—Downtown Lunch Group

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Thrivent Cafe (625 4th Avenue South, Skyway Level) at 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 7 so organizers know how many seats to save.

Wednesday, October 10—Fare For All

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Friday-Sunday, October 12-14—Urban Immersion Service Retreat

Urban Immersion Service Retreats (UISR) is a program of Greater Minneapolis Community Connections (GMCC, formerly Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches) that creates and facilitates retreats focused on educating participants about the complexities of poverty through a lens of faith and service in their community. The weekend service retreat that our final-year confirmands will participate in is an experience that will help them to explore the many issues contributing to poverty, to serve those affected, and to take what they learned and address the issues in their own communities. Programming is done by UISR staff and consists of games (including a simulation of what it's like to be a working family and make decisions about housing, transportation, child care, medical insurance, etc.) as well as opportunities for service at a variety of sites within our very own metro area. There's also down time for fun and reflection!

Sunday, October 14—Stewardship Sunday

Join us in the gym at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to pledge financial support for our ministry in 2019. We'll also highlight opportunities for involvement in a wide variety of ministries. The breakfast takes the place of the adult forum today.

Sunday, October 14—Second Sunday Suppers

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. No sign up necessary.

Sunday, October 14—2018 Johnson Symposium entitled "Repentance and Resistance"



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Sunday, October 14—2018 Johnson Symposium entitled “Repentance and Resistance”

We are living in a time of coarse inhumanity in the public square. Messages of fear, scarcity, and exclusion dominate the news and threaten to divide us. Many of us are deeply disturbed by the direction of public discourse. Others of us are more intimately affected; our lives, our families, and our way of life are endangered by the rhetoric and the regulations it emboldens.

As people of faith, we seek to resist what theologian Eric Barreto calls “the arrogations of the empire — the power to terrorize, to arrest the innocent, to refuse the refugee, to execute the powerless.” Our faith calls us to hear the cries and the hopes of our neighbors and be moved by them. In this moment in history, we pray that God will pry us off of dead center. For as German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once observed, “silence in the face of evil is evil itself...Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”

To this end, the theme for this year’s Johnson Symposium is “Repentance and Resistance.” The evening will commence with a confession that throughout history the Christian community’s silence has too often amplified our neighbors’ suffering. We will then privilege the voices of Imam Asad Zaman and Rabbi Michael Latz, who will offer reflections on the current situation in the public square through the lenses of their respective faith traditions. Following their presentations, Senator John Marty will invite us to connect what we have heard with faith in action in the public square. Finally, we will invite all attendees to participate in a social media campaign that seeks to replace fear with love, scarcity with abundance, and exclusion with radical inclusion. (Don’t do social media? That’s okay. We’ll have something for you, too.)

Cost: Sliding scale (Participants are encouraged to donate \$0-\$30, based on what feels appropriate for their situation.)

Time: 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Rabbi Michael Adam Latz is a rabbi at Shir Tikvah congregation, co-chair of T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, husband to Michael Simon and dad to Noa and Liat, and believes the holy task of today’s synagogue is to marry the spiritual work of the sanctuary with the justice work of the streets.

Imam Asad Zaman is Executive Director of the Muslim American Society of Minnesota. He is passionate about interfaith dialogue and social justice advocacy. He is committed to helping build and expand a Minnesota welcoming to all.

John Marty has been a State Senator for over 30 years. John is a strong advocate for government ethics, environmental protection, and universal health care. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College with a B.A. in Ethics. John and his wife Connie live in Roseville.

Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen and Angela T. Khabeb serve as pastors at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. They are committed to shaping a vibrant community that is faithful to Christ’s call to mercy, forgiveness, justice, and love.

Monday-Friday, October 15-19—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

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Thursday, October 18—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary.

Friday-Saturday, October 19-20—Adult Retreat at St. John's Abbey

Sign up to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming, led with assistance from Augsburg Fortress's Dawn Rundman, 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 and the illustrated St. John's Bible. We have individual rooms for 25. Cost is \$125. Scholarships are available. Talk with Liz Blood or Joyce Peterson for more information. Sign up in the Community Room, and submit payment to the church office by October 7.



Sunday, October 21—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 delightful 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 those choosing to join this congregation.

Sunday, October 21—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 following the 11:00 a.m. service on October 7.)

Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27—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 more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by October 21.

Saturday, October 27—Property Work Day

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Sign up in the Community Room by October 21. In case of inclement weather, the work day will be Saturday, November 3.

Saturday, October 27—Cookie Baking Party

Holy Trinity confirmation students in grades 6-8 will gather from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity to bake fabulous cookies and bars to be enjoyed by the congregation on Confirmation Sunday!

Saturday, October 27—Confirmation Dinner

Students to be confirmed on Sunday, October 28, will enjoy dinner and fellowship with one another, Pastor Angela and Pastor Ingrid, and members of the Confirmation teaching team from 6-8 p.m. Hosted and served by a fabulous team of confirmation sponsors!

Sunday, October 28—Confirmation and Reformation

Twelve Holy Trinity young people—Sara Christians, Molly Davison, Marianna Hefte, Louis Kelley, Will Kelley, Linnea Krig, Soren Kung, Tevy Nou, Elliot Simons, Ethan Townsend, Amelia Waddick, and Grayson Wiczorek—will affirm their baptisms during the 11:00 a.m. service. Adult and youth choirs will help lead the celebration.

Sunday, October 28 – Faith and Family Matters Parenting Series Continues

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Sunday, October 28—Adult Forum featuring My Life Story, My Faith Story

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from one of our member, yet to be named! Come and hear one of our siblings tell their life story, their faith story!

Friday, November 2—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out Rescheduled

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out have been rescheduled this month. Join us on November 16 for a pre-Thanksgiving house party! You'll find more details below.

Friday-Saturday, November 2-3—Overcoming Racism Conference

The Overcoming Racism Conference is held annually at Metro State University in St. Paul. Several Holy Trinity members have attended and found it to be a helpful and inspiring weekend. The conference is led by the Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative (FREC), which is a loose collective of organizations and individuals committed to overcoming racism in Minnesota.

This year's conference theme is a "Call for Resilience, Resistance, and Hope: Overcoming Racism in Spite of..." In spite of broken treaties, in spite of redlining, in spite of Rondo, in spite of Philando Castille and Jamar Clark, in spite of anti-immigration laws, in spite of voter suppression efforts, in spite of the school-to-prison pipeline, in spite of rising Islamophobia, in spite of the Dakota Access Pipeline and Enbridge Line 3... You get the picture! Go to overcomingracism.org for more information.

Saturday, November 3—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

Sunday, November 4—All Saints Sunday

Holy Trinity remembers aloud all of the saints who have died and all those saints who have been baptized in this congregation in the past year.

Worshippers are invited to add their saints to the spoken litany during the service. Additionally, this year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour.

Sunday, November 4—Adult Forum to Honor the Saints

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour. During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

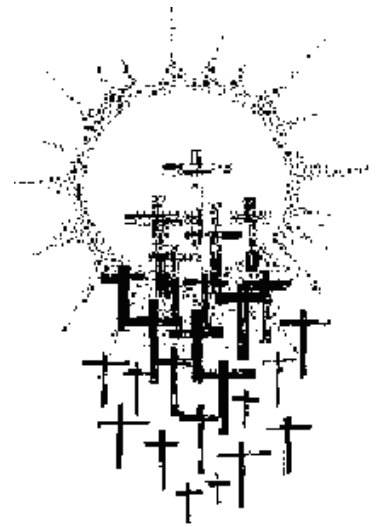
Sunday, November 4—Parents Attend Trinity Village with Children

9:55-10:50 a.m.

Children are invited to bring a photo of an adult family member or friend who has helped to shape who you are. Parents and children will have an opportunity to share a story about this important person while working together to decorate a special picture frame in which to place your photo.

Sunday, November 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.



**Tuesdays, November 6 and 13—Book Study on
Everything Happens for a Reason with Pastor Ingrid**

Kate Bowler is a professor at Duke Divinity School with a modest Christian upbringing, but she specializes in the study of the prosperity gospel, a creed that sees fortune as a blessing from God and misfortune as a mark of God's disapproval. At thirty-five, everything in her life seems to point toward "blessing." She is thriving in her job, married to her high school sweetheart, and loves life with her newborn son.

Then she is diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

The prospect of her own mortality forces Kate to realize that she has been tacitly subscribing to the prosperity gospel, living with the conviction that she can control the shape of her life with "a surge of determination." Even as this type of Christianity celebrates the American can-do spirit, it implies that if you "can't do" and succumb to illness or misfortune, you are a failure. Kate is very sick, and no amount of positive thinking will shrink her tumors. What does it mean to die, she wonders, in a society that insists everything happens for a reason? Kate is stripped of this certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never has been before.

Frank and funny, dark and wise, Kate Bowler pulls the reader deeply into her life in an account she populates affectionately with a colorful, often hilarious retinue of friends, mega-church preachers, relatives, and doctors. This book tells her story, offering up her irreverent, hard-won observations on dying and the ways it has taught her to live.

Join the discussion from noon-1:30 p.m. (bring your own lunch, if you'd like) or 7:00-8:30 p.m. (bring your own evening meal, if you'd like) Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, November 4. Please bring a copy of the book with you. If you need financial help to secure the book, don't hesitate to talk to Pastor Ingrid.

Tuesday, November 13 – Writers' Circle

The Writers' Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. They share their poetry, short stories, memoirs, and journal entries and then offer gentle feedback. They often work from a prompt but write about whatever moves their writing spirits. If time permits, they do some in-class writing. Some members have been writing for a long time; others have just begun. Please join them!

Wednesday, November 7—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. Shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.



Sunday, November 11—Adult Forum to Begin our Series on Gender and Sexuality

One of our current congregational goals (approved in 2018) invites us to grow in competency and commitment to issues of gender and sexuality in our congregation. The Church Council articulated several ways we might fulfill this goal, including: 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; and offering opportunities to learn about how life is experienced by people of various sexual orientations and gender identities.

To this end, the Adult Education Committee has created a series of forums entitled “Our Embodied Selves: De-Mystifying the LGBTQIA Alphabet Soup and Claiming Our Welcome” to help us grow in understanding and in relationship. Today, we begin by recommitting to hospitality as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation by:

- *Exploring the reality of life for LGBTQIA people;*
- *talking about equality vs. equity, power and privilege;*
- *embracing our role as a church committed to honoring difference;*
- *offering a brief introduction to four continuums: sex, gender identity, gender expression, and orientations; and*
- *breaking the binary around sex.*

Sunday, November 11—Second Sunday Supper

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. No sign up necessary.

Thursday, November 15—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary.

Friday, November 16—House Party

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to a pre-Thanksgiving meal at 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD.) This event is being coordinated with Parents’ Night Out, so caregivers can drop off their children at the church for the evening. Sign up in the Community Room by November 11.

Friday, November 16—Parents’ Night Out

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go “out” from 6:00-8:00 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, November 17—Trinity Apartments Meal

For many years, Holy Trinity confirmation students and parent volunteers have prepared and served a healthy and hearty evening meal for our next-door neighbors. This is just one of several ways in which our youth are encouraged to make a meaningful contribution to our Longfellow neighborhood.

Sunday, November 18—Adult Forum on Breaking the Binary around Gender Identity

Today we continue our series on gender and sexuality with a conversation about breaking the binary around gender identity. We'll talk about preferred pronouns (he/him/his; she/her/hers; they/them/theirs) and the gender identity continuum.

Wednesday, November 21—Thanksgiving Eve Service and Lunch

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Service at noon. The service will offer space for us to give thanks to God. After worship, we'll share a simple meal. There will be pie! Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday November 11, so we know how much food to order.

Wednesday, November 21—Choirs Rehearse

Choirs of all ages will still meet for rehearsal at their usual times.

Sunday, November 25 – Faith and Family Matters Parenting Series Continues

Dr. David Walsh has emerged as one of the world's most trusted authorities on parenting, family life, and the impact of technology and translating brain science into everyday practice. Participants will meet on the last Sunday of each month (with the exception of December and May) to discuss two books written by Dr. Walsh entitled No: Why Kids Of All Ages Need to Hear it and Ways Parents Can Say It and Why Do They Act That Way?: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen. Sessions will take place during the education hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.) in the Bartsch Room. Participants are encouraged to purchase books in advance of the class, but copies will be available at the first session.

Sunday, November 25—Adult Forum on Breaking the Binary around Gender Expression and Roles

We continue our series on gender and sexuality with a conversation about breaking the binary around gender expression and roles. We'll work to unpack gender roles by discussing stereotypes. We'll share about what gender-based expectations influenced our own development. And then, using tools from the "Our Whole Lives" curriculum, we'll have a couple of brave souls role play a successful "breaking the box" response to a gender bias situation. (Don't worry; role play is voluntary!)

Thursday-Friday, November 22-23—Office Closed

The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you next week!

Sunday, December 2—Makers and Bakers Advent Bazaar

The youth are spreading the excitement (and the calories) from the February Pancake Breakfast to create a new event to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies embossed with a Martin Luther silhouette, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips. Contact Sara Jensen or a member of the Youth Committee to make your contribution.

Sunday, December 2—Adult Forum on Breaking the Binary around Sexual Orientation

We continue our series on gender and sexuality with a conversation about breaking the binary around sexuality, including asexuality. Join us as we grow in understanding of Kinsey Scale, sexual fluidity, continuums of attraction, emotional preference, physical preference, and social preference. We'll have the opportunity to reflect on our own sexuality and how it differs from other people's sexuality.

Sunday, December 2—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.

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19—Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services (with a Twist!)

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love.

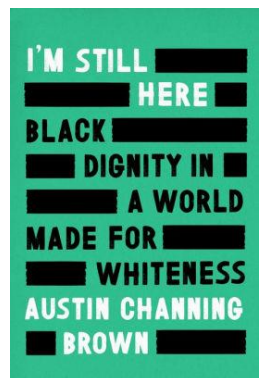
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Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19—Book Discussion of *I'm Still Here*:

***Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown**
Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) into the Mary Martha Room and join the conversation. Please bring a copy of the book with you. If you need financial help to secure the book, don't hesitate to talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.



Wednesday, December 5—Fare For All

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Friday, December 7—First Fridays with Friends

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Sunday, December 9—Adult Forum with Worship Committee and Welcome Card

You may have noticed that we have new worship welcome cards in each pew every Sunday. Come and hear members of the Worship and Fine Arts Committee talk about why it's important for us to make these words available to every person who finds their way into our sanctuary:

We think that worship is valuable and important, but we don't fool ourselves into thinking that we are in control of it. Whether this is your first time here or your thousandth, you make a difference to the community's worship. You matter.

Besides maybe the Holy Spirit, nobody here is an expert who knows exactly why we do each thing we do. Much of the symbolism and language of our worship means different things to different people. We hope that today's worship brings you the comfort and/or the challenge you need.

And we celebrate your contributions: if the Spirit calls you to laugh, or cry, or color, or talk, or tweet, or sing, or dance, we hope that we don't stand in Her way. And we always welcome your questions or responses. Please share your thoughts with any member of the community.

Sunday, December 9—Adult Choirs Lead Worship

Hymns, choral anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. Trinity Singers and the Adult Choir will lead worship at both services as we sing together as a congregation.

Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday Supper

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. No sign up necessary.

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Saturday, December 15—Godly Play and Trinity Village Advent Presentation Rehearsal

Children will gather in the sanctuary from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to practice their lines, sing their songs, and try on their costumes for their Advent "gift" to the congregation on Sunday, December 16.

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Sunday, December 16—Adult Forum featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. David will collect hymns for Advent around a particular theme—some familiar, some obscure, some brand new—for us to sing and think about together. We meet in the Bartsch Room this week!

Sunday, December 16—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Children age 4 through grade 5 will help lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the third Sunday of the Advent season. Children will gather in the sanctuary at 9:55 a.m. for a final rehearsal.

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Sunday, December 23—No Godly Play, Trinity Village, or Confirmation Classes

Sunday, December 23—Adult Forum with Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela

Join Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela as they team up for today's adult forum!

Monday, December 24—Church Office Closes at Noon

The church office closes at noon today. We'll talk to you on Wednesday!

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for worship at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Please join us for a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. and a service led by the Adult Choir at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25—Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, December 25—No Worship Readings Discussion or Community Lunch

Our usual Tuesday worship readings discussion and community lunch are canceled today.

Sunday, December 30—No Godly Play, Trinity Village, or Confirmation Classes

Sunday, December 30— Adult Forum featuring My Life Story, My Faith Story

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LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, January 4—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out are canceled this month. We're still recovering from Christmas!

Sunday, January 6—Trinity Village Epiphany Party

Trinity Villagers and their parents will make the journey with the Magi and place their gifts at the foot of the manger. Bring a "treasured" book to donate to the Longfellow School children's library. Star-gazing trivia, King's Cake, and Epiphany songs and games for all. Meet in the Bartsch Room at 9:55 a.m. Godly play resumes in their regular classroom on 2nd floor with a special Epiphany party of their own!

Sunday, January 6—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.

Saturday, January 12—Game Night with Nurturing Relationships and Youth Committees

Pizza, snacks, and games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of Parkway Pizza, laughter, and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come, eat, and play between 5:00-9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game snack to share. Sign up in the Community Room by January 6.



Sunday, January 13—Adult Forum

Keep your eyes on the Community Church and Sunday bulletin for more information about the forum schedule!

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January 19-21—Confirmation Retreat

Confirmands in grades 6-8 travel to Luther Park near Danbury, Wisconsin for a weekend of fellowship, study, and outdoor winter fun!

Sunday, January 20— Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership

There is a lot of business to cover during next week's annual meeting, which will be held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Angela, and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

Sunday, January 27—Adult Forum

Watch the bulletin and Community Church for more information!

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Dr. David Walsh has emerged as one of the world's most trusted authorities on parenting, family life, and the impact of technology and translating brain science into everyday practice. Participants will meet on the last Sunday of each month (with the exception of December and May) to discuss two books written by Dr. Walsh entitled No: Why Kids Of All Ages Need to Hear it and Ways Parents Can Say It and Why Do They Act That Way?: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen. Sessions will take place during the education hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.) in the Bartsch Room. Participants are encouraged to purchase books in advance of the class, but copies will be available at the first session. These sessions will be facilitated by Holy Trinity member Mike Mann.

Sunday, January 27—Annual Meeting

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 115th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2019 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

Friday, February 1—First Fridays with Friends

Hey, 20s, 30s, 40s group! Mark your calendars for a gathering that, while not yet planned, is sure to be promising.

Friday, February 1—Parents' Night Out

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") from 6:00-8:00 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, February 3—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 10—Pancake Breakfast

The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast help to support summer youth trips.

Friday-Sunday, February 15-17—Family Retreat at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, MN

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages!



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