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

MOVED BY THE SPIRIT

In the gospel of John, Jesus says, “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.” (John 3:8). Jesus is warning us that the Spirit often takes us to places we never would have imagined for ourselves. Jesus is also offering words of comfort; the Spirit will be with us at every turn on our winding journeys. “Moved by the Spirit” is the theme of our fall stewardship emphasis. This theme seeks to capture what many of you have recently articulated—that is, that the Spirit of the Living God is at work at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Spirit is guiding us as we seek to carry on this congregation’s rich heritage in our 115th year of ministry. Simultaneously, the Spirit is drawing us into new expressions of the gospel through ministry initiatives that further our commitments to love, mercy, inclusion, and justice.

In years past, the congregation has received financial commitments in November and then decided what we can do with the offerings we receive. This year, we are charting a different course. We asked elected leaders, committees, working groups, pastors, and staff, this question: “As this congregation looks toward the budgeting process for 2019, are there ministry initiatives that you feel called to undertake, but don’t currently have the funds to complete?” Their responses centered around three primary goals: hospitable facilities, ministry excellence, and racial justice. The specific initiatives associated with each of these goals will be conveyed in the coming weeks through newsletter articles, bulletin inserts, temple talks, letters, and a brochure.

We are grateful for your presence in this congregation and hope that you will consider giving generously, according to your ability, to support the mission we share. Each year, over two hundred households contribute financially to this congregation’s ministry. Each gift is meaningful. Each gift is an important part of the whole.

Please plan to join us for our annual Stewardship Sunday breakfast and program on Sunday, October 14. (Yes, we moved Stewardship Sunday up a month in order to allow for greater transparency and faithful discernment in the budgeting process!) That same day, we will invite congregants to present commitment cards during worship.

Thank you for being part of this exciting chapter of Holy Trinity’s life. In the coming days and weeks, keep your eyes open for the Spirit’s movement at Holy Trinity, in your daily lives, and in your neighborhoods. We will have a display in the Community Room where members of all ages can document their Holy Spirit sightings!

—Connie Adams, Rob Englund, Ty Inglis, Donna Scott, Vicki Mann, Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Stewardship Working Group Members)

LIBRARY TO BE OPEN WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The library will be open on Wednesdays from 5:30-8:00 p.m. to give the children, parents, and adult choir folks another place to be. Please feel free to visit, browse, read, check out a book, or study in the library during those hours.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am – in the Library

SEPTEMBER 16 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. Come and meet our newest volunteers.

SEPTEMBER 23 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. 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.

INSTALLATION FOR PASTOR ANGELA KHABEB SEPT. 16

Please plan to support the ministry of Pastor Angela Khabeb, who will be installed during both worship services on September 16. One of the Minneapolis Area Synod Assistants to the Bishop 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!

PARISH INFORMATION

REFUGEE FAMILY ARRIVAL UPDATE

The family was not able to travel as expected on August 30 due to the illness of one of its members. We are awaiting an update on when they might be cleared for travel. Many thanks to all who have donated items or helped prepare to welcome this family. We pray for good health and that—after 20 years living in a refugee camp in Thailand—they will be able to make the trip to Minnesota soon.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 5:30-9:30 P.M.

Join us for “Repentance and Resistance,” the theme of this year’s Johnson Symposium. Imam Asad Zaman and Rabbi Michael Latz 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. Registration and more information is available on Holy Trinity’s website (htlcmpls.org/symposium).

NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TRAINING

Thursday, September 20, 12-2 p.m.

Trained at the Highlander Center and tutored by Rev. Dr. James Lawson—whom Martin Luther King called the greatest nonviolent theorist in the world—Rev. Sekou has trained thousands in the tradition of nonviolent resistance throughout the United States. His trainings give organizers understanding of the moral philosophy of militant nonviolent civil disobedience, the real-time tactics, and the infrastructure necessary to support movement leaders who risk arrest. This training is sponsored by the Minneapolis Area Synod and open to all. Coffee will be provided; bring a bag lunch if you wish. Sign up in the Community Room or contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.

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PARISH EVENTS September 16-22, 2018

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Monday	12:30 pm	Lay Communion Ministry Luncheon
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30-8:00 pm	Library Open
	5:30 pm	Choir Family Supper
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	12:00 pm	Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Training

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Margaret Kelly	
Emma Murray, Wilson Murray	Acolytes	Elena Alpizar, Lydia Belusa-Niesen	
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	Paul Chindvall	
David Broberg, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Kris Christians, Michael Douglas	
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Bev and Bob Peschiutta, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Kathy Ohler	
Office Staff	Coffee Servers	Office Staff	
Chuck Jordan, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Lee Kampinen, Pam Kildahl	
	Closer	Wayne Vetter	

Financial Report	September 9	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	541,869.23
Budget Receipts	11,240.73	516,728.37
Opening Doors	1,032.37	69,201.54
Refugee Resettlement	20.00	465.00
World Hunger	25.00	3,307.00