



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

GIFTS AND PRACTICES

Fiona Carson is spending the year in Southern Africa. Following is an excerpt from her first newsletter. She blogs at fionasyearinmission.home.blog.

Greetings from Manzini, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)! I arrived in Manzini on September 6th and have been staying with a local pastor, Rev. Shabalala, and his family. This is temporary, as I will be moving in with my permanent host family, most likely a little ways outside Manzini.

Before I arrived in Eswatini, I spent two weeks in South Africa with my country cohort and country coordinator, Alex, preparing for deployment to my site. This "in-country orientation" consisted of various activities that were aimed to help us prepare for 10 months abroad. This included protocol discussions, trying South African cuisine, attending church, language lessons, museum visits, and even attending a comedy show in Jo'burg.

My first weekend in Manzini was quite busy! On Saturday, September 8, I played trombone in a wedding!! Within an hour of arriving in Manzini, Rev. Shabalala, my host dad, found out I play trombone and introduced me to his brother who directs a brass band. Lo and behold, this band was playing at the wedding next day, so I had my first gig in Eswatini! In addition to the wedding, there was a big church service on Sunday. It was the Harvest circuit rally, where many different parishes worship together and bring offering, as well as the induction of a new Dean for the circuit. During the second half of the service, a pastor and some other congregants began to gather just outside the church at the doors. I was very confused until the emcee announced a parish name and I suddenly realized that this was the beginning of the parish-by-parish offerings.

More and more congregants began gathering at the door and one of them started singing a hymn. The group then proceeded to enter the church, singing and dancing, and giving offerings up by the altar. This process was repeated for every parish in the circuit. This was my favorite part of the service. I loved how each parish came in singing and dancing to bring their offerings. My host sister Takohla later informed me that it is often viewed as a competition between parishes. But while I was watching it, all I could think about was how joyous this process was. In thinking more about it, I think this joy in offering is pertinent for my year in YAGM. It is nerve-wracking going to a foreign country for a whole year and meeting all these new people who will be your family/community. In addition, it is easy to be nervous about your service site and how you will fit in to the work there. Needless to say, worries abound about this year. But maybe in being nervous, I should also focus on the gifts I bring to the table. Each one of us has different gifts that help us in the world. And those gifts should be celebrated, and brought forth with joy, just as the offering gifts were brought forth at the circuit rally in Eswatini.

—Fiona Carson, Holy Trinity Member

20S, 30S, 40S FRIENDSGIVING FRIDAY, NOV. 16, 6:30 P.M.

Patty and Nick Busse invite you to their home for a Friendsgiving meal on Friday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. This festive pre-Thanksgiving meal has become a tradition for the 20s, 30s, 40s group to host, so please join the fun and bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. All ages welcome! Sign up in the Community Room or RSVP on Facebook. If you would like childcare for the evening, sign up for Parents' Night Out in the Community Room.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, NOV. 16, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" from 6-8 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kid(s) in the nursery.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



READINGS
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3
Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

ADULT FORUM 10:00 am

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.

NOVEMBER 11 First in a 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 continuaums: sex, gender identity, gender expression, and orientations; and
- breaking the binary around sex.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4—CALL FOR PHOTOS

The Community Room will serve as a gathering place between services on November 4 to remember those saints who have gone before us. There will be tables to place photographs of loved ones to be remembered by the community. Photographs may be delivered to the Community Room on or before November 4.

PARISH INFORMATION

FARE FOR ALL NOVEMBER 7, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Fare For All is a local non-profit food program created to make frozen meat and fresh fruits and vegetables affordable and available to everybody. It is community-supported and open to everyone. Besides the normal packs, there will be a one-per-household November HOT BUY, which will include an 8-10-lb. turkey, sage pork sausage, pork tenderloin, turkey breast strips, chicken breasts, pork sausage patties, green beans, and an apple pie, all for \$30.00! Bring a friend and join us at Holy Trinity on Nov. 7 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

BOOK STUDY: *EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON* BY KATE BOWLER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

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 11. 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.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

We rejoice with the 12 youth who were confirmed on Sunday.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

We have received the sad news that the Burmese family of 9 that we originally hoped to help resettle will not be allowed to join their family in St. Paul anytime soon, if at all. It's hard to imagine how difficult this must be for these family members who had anticipated being together again after spending years apart.

Refugee resettlement work always requires flexibility and there are many unknowns. This is even more true now that the U.S. State Department is greatly limiting the number of refugees being accepted here, despite an ongoing need. Unfortunately, there are no promises that Holy Trinity will be called upon to co-sponsor a family anytime soon. Because of this, much of the furniture and household supplies that you all so generously donated is being given to two other refugee families. There is a slight possibility that we might co-sponsor a different family from Sudan sometime between November and March, but even that is not looking very likely. We are hoping that this family does receive clearance to come to Minnesota, and that we again be gearing up to help welcome them to Minnesota!

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PARISH EVENTS November 4-10, 2018

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| Sunday | 8:45 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 am | Confirmation |
| | 9:55 am | Godly Play |
| | 9:55 am | Trinity Village Families in Bartsch Room |
| | 10:00 am | Adult Forum in the Community Room |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 12:15 pm | Gloria Ringers |
| Monday | 12:15 pm | First Sunday Musings |
| | 2:00 pm | Swahili Service |
| Tuesday | 4:00 pm | Peace with Justice |
| | 6:30 pm | Adult Christian Educ. |
| Wednesday | 11:00 am | Worship Readings Discussion |
| | 3:30-5:30 pm | Fare For All |
| Thursday | 5:30 pm | Choir Family Supper |
| | 6:30 pm | Trinity Singers |
| | 6:00 pm | Children's Choir |
| | 6:45 pm | Cantate! |
| | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | Children and Family |

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 4, 2018

| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Nicole Hines | Assisting Minister | Ben Martinez | |
| Matthew Arifin, Asha Olson | Acolytes | Linden Kung, Johnny Waddick | |
| Jeff Weiss | Crucifer | Paul Chindvall | |
| Don Besser, Kevin Proescholdt | Communion | Kathy Ohler, David Krig | |
| Nancy Madich, Dianne Mascher | Altar Guild | Carol Lane, Rosemary Foley | |
| Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend | Ushers | Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Soren Kung, Alan Libra | |
| Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt | Coffee Servers | Rachel/Jim Trelstad Porter | |
| Pam Blomgren, Chuck Jordan | Counters | Gary Johnson, Deb Helmel | |
| | Closer | John Sulzbach | |

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| Financial Report | October 28 | Year to date |
| Budget Requirements | 15,051.92 | 647,232.69 |
| Budget Receipts | 5,052.83 | 602,762.29 |
| Opening Doors | 843.71 | 76,892.81 |

Special Gift in honor of Judi Kampinen's birthday and in memory of John Goring by Sandy Hoverson; in honor of Helen and Bob Norheim's wedding anniversary by Joyce Peterson.