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

### RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: CREATING MANY RIPPLES

Is it just another piece of paper to file away or will it make a difference in the depth of our commitment to racial justice? On October 15, our Holy Trinity Council approved a motion that a Racial Justice Statement go forward for congregational adoption at our annual meeting in January 2019. Like other public commitments we make, such as proclaiming ourselves as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, it can be a foundational document that challenges us towards greater inclusion and equity. We also hope it will “ripple” through all aspects of our ministry.

The Racial Justice Statement is a response to the Minneapolis Area Synod’s request that all congregations create their own statements regarding racism and commitment to work for a more equitable world. The Statement declares that we will use a “racial justice lens to look at the way in which racism and white privilege shape our congregational life and our interface with our community.” It also is a call for continued action as we “actively pursue racial justice in ALL aspects of our congregational life.”

Over the past eight months, members of the Racial Justice Group met with every committee, work group, and our staff to secure feedback on the drafted statement. We are very grateful for the suggestions and the rich conversations that occurred. In many of these sessions ideas percolated on what actions we might take in the future to “better align our practices for being a racially just community.” To broaden our view we also consulted with other churches who developed statements and wove them into their congregational life.

We expect that the Holy Trinity Racial Justice Statement will not end up in a file, but will ripple through all areas of our ministry as we move towards being a racially just and beloved community. Watch for copies in the Community Room and again at the congregational meeting in January.

*“I alone can’t change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters and create many ripples.”*

—Mother Theresa

—Holy Trinity’s Racial Justice Group, Libby Olstad, chair

#### 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’ (KIDS’) 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.

#### MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

The youth are creating a new event to help usher in the Advent season. You are invited to donate your hand-made goods for the first Advent Bazaar. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips. Contact Sara Jensen, Stephanie Oyen, or a member of the Youth Committee to make your contribution.

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS  
1 Kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

#### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

#### NOVEMBER 11 Reconciling in Christ Congregation —David Broberg, Holy Trinity Member

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.

#### NOVEMBER 18 Breaking the Binary around Gender Identity —Kari Louwagie, Reconciling Works

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.

#### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AND LUNCH, NOV. 21, 12:00 P.M.

Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve service at noon on Wednesday, November 21. The service will offer space for us to give thanks to God. After worship, we’ll share a simple meal. There will be pie! If you are interested, you may bring a pie. Sign up in the Community Room if you plan to stay for lunch.

#### NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Holy Trinity is accepting applications for a paid position in the congregation’s nursery, which cares for children up to age six. Nursery hours are Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please send your resume to [aschrooten@htlcmpls.org](mailto:aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) or call the church office (612-729-8385) for more information.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### WRITERS' CIRCLE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 12:30 P.M.

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. Some members have been writing for a long time; others have just begun. Please join them!

### 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.

### HIAWATHA/LAKE INTERSECTION UPDATE MEETING, NOV. 13

The Longfellow Community Council (LCC) with representatives from Hennepin County, Lake Street Council, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are hosting a community meeting Tuesday, November 13, from 6-8 p.m. at Holy Trinity. This meeting will feature discussions about planned improvements and LCC's Hi-Lake survey results. All residents and businesses are invited to attend.

### SIGN CARDS FOR CARE PACKAGES SUNDAY, NOV. 11

The Youth Committee will be sending care packages to the HT young people who are just starting college (or the equivalent): Sam Kleven, Sam Kelley, Samantha Waddick, Mason Helmel, George Christians, Camillo Rudolph. We have cards to enclose in those packages, and would like to invite any congregation members who know these kids to sign them. Katy Benson and Linda Jury will be available with the cards in the Community Room on Sunday, November 11, between services and after the 11:00 a.m. service.

### SPECIAL APPEALS FOR 2019

The Financial Stewardship Committee invites suggestions for Holy Trinity's special appeals for 2019. Suggestions should be submitted to one of the standing committees of the church who will vet the organization or cause. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Mann in the church office.

### SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS NOVEMBER 11, 6:00

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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### PARISH EVENTS November 11-17, 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
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Second Sunday Suppers/Richfield Houlihan's
	3:00 pm	Peace with Justice
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	12:00 pm	<i>Everything Happens for a Reason</i> book study
	12:30 pm	Writers' Circle
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
Wednesday	7:00 pm	<i>Everything Happens for a Reason</i> book study
	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
	7:00 pm	Worship/Fine Arts
Friday	6:00-8:00 pm	Parents'/Children's Night Out
	6:30 pm	Friendsgiving with 20s, 30s, 40s
Saturday	3:30 pm	Trinity Apartments Meal

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 11, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm	
Elena Alpizar, Peter Weiss	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig, Lydia Belusa-Niesen	
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter	
Kirk and Sara Jensen	Communion	Kari and Tom Kleven	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Stella Townsend	
Bev and Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Ohler, Mike Mann, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Joshua Combs	
Sara Jensen	Coffee Servers	Judi and Lee Kampinen	
Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Vicki Mann	

	November 4	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	662,284.62
Budget Receipts	14,957.33	617,719.62
Opening Doors	1,000.37	77,893.18

Special Gift in honor of Confirmands by Deb Sodt  
World Hunger by Ray Sanders