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

## A YEAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

*Fiona Carson is spending the year in Southern Africa. Her site placements are at Litsemba Lakusasa Pre and Primary Schools and the Dean's (a leadership position in the Swaziland circuit) Office. Following is an excerpt from her second newsletter. She blogs at fionasyearinmission.home.blog.*

### The Small Things

As I pass the two month mark in Eswatini, I have become more familiar with my surroundings and more comfortable in them. However, it is still very hard to be away from home and I miss all my family and friends. In thinking about my time here, I realized there are a lot of small things that brighten my days. I wanted to list some of the small things that have brightened my days so that you can get a picture of my life.

- Understanding something in SiSwati
- The beautiful view on my kombi (taxi) ride home
- My official Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA) sweater (a gift from my youth league!)
- Seeing a lizard
- Knowing how to format the minutes document without having to ask Nathi
- A child surprising me with their work
- My host sister, Mokharyie, who is currently in the U.S., sending my host mother a picture of the fall leaves after I asked her about the leaves changing
- My younger host sister Sne sharing her chips or sweets with me
- Greeting some women vendors in SiSwati every day as I walk to my house from work
- Getting a funny message from my cohort members on WhatsApp
- One of the kids saying or doing something very funny
- Having one of my sisters refer to me as their "sister" to other people
- The wind blowing through the car as I drove through the beautiful Swazi countryside with my Youth League

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

The annual meeting of the Outreach Committee will be held Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby conference room. All Outreach Committee working group chairs and sub-committee chairs are urged to attend. This is an open meeting. Anyone interested in the workings of the Outreach Committee is welcome. We will be planning our 2019 goals and budget.

### BOOK DISCUSSION WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 5, 12, AND 19 *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown

A book discussion will be held in connection with our Advent services on December 5, 12, and 19 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) into the room adjacent to the library and join the conversation. Brown's book is an "eye-opening account of growing up black, Christian, and female amid white America's expressed love affair with diversity." If you need assistance with purchase of the book, don't hesitate to talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser. Sign up in the Community Room.

## REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY



### READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

### NOVEMBER 25 "Unpacking Gender Roles" –Deb Anderson, Holy Trinity Member

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 how to best "break the box" of gender stereotypes in our daily lives.

### DECEMBER 2 "Breaking the Binary around Gender Identity" –Aubrey Thonvold, Reconciling Works

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.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

#### First Sunday in Advent, December 2

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Advent Bazaar/Youth Fundraiser from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 5

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room  
"Watching with Wonder" Advent service, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bartsch Room  
Book Discussion *I'm Still Here* in the Mary Martha Room  
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

#### Second Sunday in Advent, December 9

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, December 12

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room  
"Watching with Wonder" Advent service, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bartsch Room  
Book Discussion *I'm Still Here* in the Mary Martha Room  
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

#### Third Sunday in Advent, December 16

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Hymn Sing at 10:00 a.m. during Adult Forum in the Sanctuary  
Worship led by Holy Trinity Children & Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, December 19

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room  
"Watching with Wonder" Advent service, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bartsch Room  
Book Discussion *I'm Still Here* in the Mary Martha Room  
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

#### Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 & 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

There are no services on Christmas Day

## PARISH INFORMATION

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas please call the church office at 612-729-8358. \$15 each. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

### YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that helps support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, Minneapolis Area Synod Racial Justice Organizer and ELCA World Hunger. To donate online, visit the church website at [htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org) and locate the link to the giving page. **Please remember: contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018, to be counted as a 2018 donation. Thank you!**

### HOLIDAY SHARING WITH LONGFELLOW SCHOOL DECEMBER 14

Please sign up in the Community Room by November 25 to sponsor a family for the holidays. You will receive names, ages, and suggestions for gifts for the Longfellow family. There will be a party on December 14 to exchange the gifts.

### 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.

### 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.

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY DECEMBER 10-14

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of December 10-14. Volunteers are needed to deliver 5 routes. Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square delivery area, 35th Ave. S. and 50th St. Delivery takes about 1 hour. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen.

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### PARISH EVENTS November 25-December 1, 2018

|           |          |                                     |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8:45 am  | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
|           | 9:55 am  | Sunday School                       |
|           | 10:00 am | Parenting Class in the Bartsch Room |
|           | 10:00 am | Adult Forum                         |
|           | 11:00 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| Tuesday   | 2:00 pm  | Swahili Service                     |
|           | 11:00 am | Worship Readings Discussion         |
| Wednesday | 5:30 pm  | Choir Family Supper                 |
|           | 6:00 pm  | Children's Choir                    |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Trinity Singers                     |
|           | 6:45 pm  | Cantate!                            |
|           | 7:30 pm  | Adult Choir                         |

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 25, 2018

| 8:45 AM                                      |                    | 11:00 AM   |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Kris Christians                              | Assisting Minister | Meghan Olsen Biebighauser                              |
| Linden Kung,<br>Johnny Waddick               | Acolytes           | Kayden Nordby, Maggie Weiss                            |
| Tom Cahoy                                    | Crucifer           | Cliff Brown  |
| Laura Bolstad,<br>Sean Gosiewski             | Communion          | Sue Roberts, Wayne Vetter                              |
| Tina and Robert Russell                      | Altar Guild        | Linda Woytasek,<br>Rosemary Foley                      |
| Bob Peschiutta,<br>Sally and David Kohlstedt | Ushers             | Judy and Troy Davison,<br>Molly Davison, Emily Davison |
| Joel Wiberg, Gary Johnson                    | Coffee Servers     | Amy and Peter Johnson                                  |
| Julie Cahoy, Joyce Peterson                  | Counters           | Vicki Mann, John Sulzbach                              |
|  | Closer             | Cliff Brown  |

|                      | November 18 | Year to date |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Financial Report     |             |              |
| Budget Requirements  | 15,051.92   | 692,388.46   |
| Budget Receipts      | 9,519.87    | 637,478.62   |
| Opening Doors        | 637.50      | 78,818.55    |
| Refugee Resettlement | 10.00       | 535.00       |
| Disaster Relief      | 1,000.00    | 3,030.00     |