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

HURTS AND HOPES

At the urging of this congregation’s children and youth, we have invited worshipers to offer written prayers each Sunday during Advent. These prayers have not been spoken aloud, but rather placed in a bowl and offered to God in silence.

You have offered hundreds of prayers. Some cards have a person’s name written on them and some cards name a place in the world. Other cards have pictures drawn on them—hearts, animals, and plants have found their way into the bowl this season. The community’s joys and concerns are intermingled each week. As I pull the cards out of the bowl one by one each week, I am reminded that, for many of us, hurt and hope walk hand in hand.

The season of Advent supports this paradox. Theologian Walter Brueggemann writes, saying, “Advent does not begin in buoyancy or celebration or in a shopping spree. The natural habitat of Advent is a community of hurt. It is the voice of those who know profound grief, who articulate it and do not cover it over. But this community of hurt knows where to speak its grief, toward whom to address its pain...And because the hurt is expressed to the One whose rule is not in doubt, the community of hurt is profoundly a community of hope.”

As we inch toward the manger, we do so as a community of hurt and as a community of hope. We trust that God moves with us, offering love enough for each step along the journey.

—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



READINGS
Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am – in the Library

DECEMBER 23 Pastors Ingrid and Angela
Join Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela as they team up for today’s adult forum!

DECEMBER 30 “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 members, yet to be named. Come and hear one of our siblings tell their life story, their faith story.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Worship led by Children

10:00 p.m. Worship led by Adult Choir

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

There are no services on Christmas Day

****Holy Communion will be served at all services**

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE HOLY TRINITY STAFF
Pastors Ingrid, Angela, and all of the Holy Trinity staff wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

TRINITY VILLAGE EPIPHANY PARTY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
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!

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 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!**

CHANGES TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

- No worship readings discussion on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1
- No First Fridays with Friends in January
- No Parents’ Night Out in January

PARISH INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER FAMILY RETREAT, FEB. 15-17, 2019

Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, Minnesota, from Friday, February 15-Sunday, February 17. Watch for more information coming in January.

CHRISTMAS TREES DONATED TO HOLY TRINITY

Thank you to Chris Amundson, Bruce Johnson, Rod Johnson, Lee Kampinen, John Kelly, and Bob Norheim, members of the Y Service Club, for donating the trees used in the Bartsch Room and the sanctuary at Holy Trinity in memory of Bob Kelly, Ronald Peterson, and John Jahraus.

GAME NIGHT WITH NURTURING AND YOUTH COMMITTEES

Saturday, January 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Snacks and games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of laughter and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play between 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Sign up in the Community Room by January 6.

FARE FOR ALL AND SHOE BUS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone! Bring a friend and join us at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 East 31st. St., Minneapolis, January 16, 2019, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. This month, the Shoe Bus will be at Holy Trinity at the same time as the Fare For All truck. The Shoe Bus has new and gently used shoes for sale. Suggested donation of \$2.00 for sizes 0-6½, \$5.00 for sizes 7 and up. Every shoe purchase helps to provide food for the feeding programs of Good in the Hood. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit and EBT cards.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 12:00 P.M.

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.

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PARISH EVENTS December 23-29, 2018

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| Sunday | 8:45 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | Adult Forum |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| Monday | 2:00 pm | Swahili Service |
| | 4:00 pm | College/High School Choir Rehearsal |
| | 4:00 pm | Christmas Eve Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 10:00 pm | Christmas Eve Worship Service |
| | | Christmas Day/Office Closed |

MAS Racial Justice by Misty Erickson, Sally/David Kohlstedt, Deb Sodt, Joyce/Don Besser, Sandra Nute-Nelson, Vi Michaelson
World Hunger by Vi Michaelson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 23, 2018

| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Andrew Johnson | | Assisting Minister | |
| Melanie Townsend | | | |
| Matthew Arifin, Elena Alpizar | Acolytes | Asha Olson, Lydia Belusa-Niesen | |
| Tom Cahoy | Crucifer | Troy Davison | |
| Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson | Communion | Sue Roberts, Juliann Rohn | |
| Julie and Tom Cahoy | Altar Guild | Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek | |
| Bev and Bob Peschiutta | Ushers | Soren Kung, Ethan Townsend, DeWayne Townsend, Deb Sodt | |
| Allison Peschiutta, Tony Wald | Coffee Servers | Stephanie Oyen, Stephen Kung | |
| Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta | Counters | Wayne Vetter, Vicki Mann | |
| | Closer | Deb Sodt | |

| | December 16 | Year to date |
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| Financial Report | | |
| Budget Requirements | 15,051.92 | 752,596.15 |
| Budget Receipts | 27,056.98 | 696,473.41 |
| Opening Doors | 2,467.87 | 83,493.37 |
| MAS Racial Justice Appeal | 150.00 | 1,552.00 |
| World Hunger | 385.00 | 4,558.32 |