



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

## KINGLY THEOLOGY

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. rose to the foreground as one of the most prominent leaders during the civil rights struggle. Although his contributions to the civil rights movement are immeasurable and often remembered, King has provided the church with a theological treasure as well. King's theology is many things. It is dynamic, revolutionary, and loving. But, unlike traditionally regarded theologians, King's theology was actually lived. His daughter, Bernice King, described his life as a "walking sermon inspired by God." King was active in what he believed. In so doing King has left us with a unique theological inheritance that has provided a foundation out of which other theologies have grown.

Although his powerful life was tragically cut short, Dr. King has left us with a living legacy of a Christian answer to racism, segregation, violence, and other evils. Yet, we are left to speculate how he would respond to certain issues. Admittedly, we cannot be absolutely certain what King's response would be today in light of people who live on the margins of society. Yet, we can be confident that he would respond with action, love, and hope. Dr. King's words from the past serve as indicators to what his present actions might be. "We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for the victims of our nation."<sup>1</sup>

I believe that if King were alive today, he would embrace the struggles of all who are oppressed. He would encourage us to use the weapon of love to fight the battle of the 'isms'. "The love of God manifested in the cross of Christ requires social justice as a basis for authentic community... human rights for those on the margins of society could not be ignored... basic human rights for the poor constitute a theological and moral baseline for the community."<sup>2</sup> Christians in America and around the globe can benefit from King's theological legacy. In fact, people from all faith communities can incorporate King's teachings in the universal quest for the 'beloved community'. King encourages all faith communities to move from belief to action. As the struggle for equality continues, we should find both challenge and comfort from King's words. Everyone is responsible for seeking their purpose in creating the 'beloved community' that King hoped for. Each member of the community is valuable and necessary. All should be invited to the table and every voice should be heard. King believed that we are all children of God and therefore worthy of dignity and respect. "Every human being has etched in his personality the indelible stamp of the creator."<sup>3</sup> May these words inspire us as we remember a "King among theologians."

—Angela Khabeb, Pastor

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



### READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

### JANUARY 27 "Committee and Working Group Fair"

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Coordinator

Join us to learn about all of the various committees and working groups that are active at Holy Trinity. Representatives from standing committees and issue-based working groups will be tabling in the Community Room, ready to welcome you and fill you in on what they've been up to. Committees and working groups come in a variety of working styles and manage their own schedules, which vary, so if you're considering taking up a new role in the new year OR if you just want to hear about the latest ways that this congregation is following the Spirit's lead, join us!

### FEBRUARY 3 "Youth Recital"

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This serves as our adult forum for the day, as well.

### 10TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Enjoy breakfast cooked and served by Holy Trinity youth to raise funds for summer youth trips to Puerto Rico and Wilderness Canoe Base!

**Sunday, February 10, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Tickets may be purchased at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, or at the door.



*The all-female annual Pancake Race began in the town of Olney, England in 1445. Legend says it was inspired by a harried housewife arriving at church on Shrove Tuesday still clutching her frying pan, complete with the pancake. Since 1950, the race has become an international event, with the Olney racers competing against the women of Liberal, Kansas. Unfortunately, this year's Olney leg suffered from a technical glitch, meaning no official time was recorded for its winner and making a showdown with Liberal impossible. As it stands, the ladies of Liberal are leading with 37 wins to Olney's 29.*

<sup>1</sup>Echols, *I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Future of Multicultural America*, 61.

<sup>2</sup>Erskine, *King Among the Theologians*, 143.

<sup>3</sup>King, *Ethical Demands for Integration in Testament of Hope*, 119

## PARISH INFORMATION

### FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 15-17 AT A.R.C. RETREAT CENTER

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly FUN with church members of all ages! Meals, activities, and accommodations are included for the retreat fee of \$100/adult and \$50/child (2-16 years old). Children 2 and younger are free.

### 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.

### FAITH AND FAMILY MATTERS PARENTING SERIES JANUARY 27

Dr. David Walsh has emerged as one of the world's most trusted authorities on parenting, family life, and the impact of technology and translating brain science into everyday practice. Participants will meet on the last Sunday of each month to discuss the book written by Dr. Walsh entitled *No: Why Kids of All Ages Need to Hear it and Ways Parents Can Say It*. Sessions will take place during the education hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.) in the Bartsch Room. Session will be facilitated by Holy Trinity member Mike Mann.

### PARENTS/KIDS NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY FEBRUARY 4-8

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of February 4-8. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days of the week. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square delivery area, 35th Ave. S. and 50th St., at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes about 1 hour. Sign up in the Community Room or contact Mary Engen (612-716-6338).

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

Pray for council members preparing for Holy Trinity's 115th annual meeting.

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### PARISH EVENTS January 27-February 2, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Committee Fair
	10:00 am	Family Matters
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 pm	Doctrine of Discovery
	6:30 pm	Book Study <i>The Me I Want to Be</i>
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	5:30-7:30 pm	Library Open
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 27, 2019

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Bob Hulteen	Paul Chindvall
Will Hansen, Ben Hanson	Bea Martin, M.A. Martin
Jeff Weiss	Troy Davison
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Cori Gershon, Sue Roberts
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Linda Woytasek, Roberta Shaw
Bob Peschiutta, Virginia and Chuck Jordan	Helen and Bob Norheim, Lee Kampinen
DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Annual Meeting
Joyce Peterson, Chuck Jordan	Pam Kildahl, Deb Helmel
	Cliff Brown