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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE  
WINTER AND SPRING 2019

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Greetings, Holy Trinity!

Story stands at the center of our life together. Week after week, we listen to the story told in scripture and discern how it connects with our own passions, hopes, gifts, struggles, losses, and joys. Because we do this in the company of the community, we find that our stories are inextricably linked to one another's stories. The Holy Spirit binds us—and the whole creation—together. We in the church take seriously author Joan Didion's declaration that "we tell stories in order to live."

As you read through the spring calendar, you'll see that the theme of story figures prominently. It would appear that 2019 might rightly be called "The Year of the Story" at Holy Trinity. From worship to book studies, from classes to community meals, from work with partner organizations to activism in the public square, this spring holds myriad opportunities for us to hear God's story, to share our own stories, and to listen deeply to the stories of our neighbors.

We might rightly expect to be changed by these exchanges. As a congregation, we ended 2018 with the largest worship attendance in over two decades. We are committed to building connections between those who have called this congregation home for many years and those who are only now finding their way into our shared life. This is an exciting time for us to deepen our connections with one another; in turn, these relationships will empower us to share God's love, mercy, and justice in the world.

In the pages that follow, you'll find more information about the season of Lent, Holy Week, adult forums, justice work, and even some sneak peeks at summer camp opportunities. It's a good and full time to be at Holy Trinity. Thanks for being a part of this community!

Peace and light,



Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen



Pastor Angela Khabebe

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# MONTHLY COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

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A lot of this congregation's ministry is done through the work of committees and working groups. All of the committees and working groups listed below are open to new members and new ideas. If you have questions, please ask the pastor or staff member who relates to each committee. Please note: Committee and working group schedules are subject to change based on participants' schedules. Call the church office to confirm meeting times.

## **First Monday of the Month —**

Adult Education (Pastor Ingrid): Adult forums, Johnson Symposium, travel seminars, and other learning opportunities. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## **Second Monday of the Month —**

Nurturing Relationships (Pastor Angela): Retreats, book groups, kinship meals, grief mailings, Encore!, First Fridays with Friends, lunch groups, game nights, outdoor activities, new members, homebound visitation, Feeding the Spirit. Meets every other month at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship (Pastor Ingrid and Vicki Mann): Budget planning, stewardship education, financial reports, special appeals, investments. Currently meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## **Second Tuesday of the Month**

Youth (Pastor Angela and Ann Schrooten): Education, service, and events for youth in Grades 6-12. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## **Third Monday of the Month —**

Church Council (Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela): Elected members of Council have responsibility for the administration and mission leadership of the congregation. Visitors are welcome to observe Council meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

## **Fourth Tuesday of the Month —**

Children and Family Ministry (Pastor Angela and Ann Schrooten): Retreats, parenting workshops, education for children through grade 5, Parents/Kids Night Out. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m. but stay tuned for changes to come with this schedule!

Racial Justice Working Group (Pastor Angela): Small group conversations about whiteness/white privilege, education that engages race, privilege, bias, and equity, engagement with organizations led by People of Color, listening circle for Holy Trinity's Members of Color, book studies, special events that promote the conversation about racial justice.

## **On Occasion**

Property (Vicki Mann and Nolan Gusdal): Maintenance and improvements for the building and grounds, work days.

Outreach (Pastor Ingrid): Music in the Garden, Longfellow Alternative High School, Fare For All, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation partnership, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Open Streets, Longfellow Corn Feed.

Worship and Fine Arts (Pastor Ingrid): Weekly and special worship services, devotional resources, fine arts, banners, art work.

Housing and Social Services (Pastor Ingrid): Community-building at Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments, resident meals, coordination of programming at both buildings, arrange for periodic health screenings and special events.

Committee on Public Voice and Organizing (Pastor Ingrid): This committee gathers regularly to pray for discernment, to consider all of the issue-based work in which Holy Trinity is engaged, and to ask big-picture questions about Holy Trinity's engagement in the public square.

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## FACEBOOK PAGES

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### **Search for these Holy Trinity-sponsored groups on Facebook—**

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group*

*HTLC 20s, 30s, and 40s Group*

*Holy Trinity Encore!*

*Holy Trinity Family Ministry*

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Sundays—**

*We gather in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning for worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A healing station will be available the second Sunday of each month. Educational opportunities are available between services for people of all ages:*

- *Grace Time (children age 3 and under) is a time set aside in the nursery for a story and organized activity from 10:00-10:20 a.m.*
- *Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 9:30-10:45 a.m.*
- *High School youth group meets periodically for special events and discussions.*
- *Adults of all ages meet in the second-floor library from 10:00-10:45 a.m. for the adult forum.*

### **Tuesdays—**

*A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the office conference room to study the worship readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary. Following the discussion, staff and congregants share a brownbag lunch at 12:00 p.m. Some people choose to skip the study and simply come to lunch!*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY from Ann Schrooten

The worship team at Holy Trinity spends a fair amount of time each week considering the content and character of our worship. We are very much aware that the words we speak, the prayers we pray, and the songs we sing shape the way we as followers of Christ carry out our ministry in the world. The worship on Sunday, January 13, was planned with this same thoughtfulness, but just moments before the 8:45 a.m. service was to begin, we found ourselves faced with an unforeseen protestor near the 31<sup>st</sup> Street entrance who carried a sign of hate and shouted words of condemnation as our siblings arrived for worship. His message could not be ignored, but how could we respond? At the invitation of Pastors Ingrid and Angela, we carried our worship out to the front steps of this church. Our response was to do what we had all come to do that morning, but we would step out of the safety and warmth of this building and stand together in the cold of winter to proclaim a message of our solidarity in the light of God's love. To counter the protestor's message, we prayed and we sang. In those moments of uncertainty, our prayers felt potent and our singing more powerful than usual. We met hate head on with the worship we'd been planning all along. Our worship became witness.



In the days since that event I've been thinking a lot about the way we approach worship as an event we attend rather than a witness to one another and to the world. What if every time we gathered, we did so, knowing that our very lives depended on it – that the course of events circling around us depended upon our witness. Assembling TOGETHER reminds us that we are not alone. Praying TOGETHER helps us to commit to act as one against all manner of injustice. Singing TOGETHER is a force that cannot be ignored, and continues to live inside our brains and on our lips long after we part from the group. I'd like to think that echoes of *This Little Light of Mine* accompanied the protestor as he went about the rest of his day. The point here is that our worship moves us out into the world. It lives beyond the walls of this building, and it can spill out onto our front steps and into the streets of this neighborhood. The words we speak, the prayers we pray, and the songs we sing will witness to a world in need of love and healing and hope and peace.

## **PARISH ORGANIZING HIGHLIGHTS from Meghan Olsen Biebighauser**

At this year's annual meeting, we had two items of new business and both are exciting changes for our congregation. First, we adopted a racial justice statement that will guide our congregation into the future. The resolution is this:

*"Following the inclusive and reconciling footsteps of Jesus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church publicly declares that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to better align our practices to being a racially just, beloved community."*

Look for this text to pop up in bulletins, meeting agendas, and other spots, as we seek to keep this commitment in mind as we go through life together.

One way that Holy Trinity is already living into this commitment is by partnering with three local organizations that are led by communities of color and work toward racial justice. These three are: Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL), Village Financial Cooperative, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN). Our Racial Justice team has been developing these partnerships and will lift up opportunities throughout the year for Holy Trinity members to show up in support of these neighbor organizations!

We also adopted a bylaw change, creating a Committee on Public Voice and Organizing. This group will come together to oversee and support the work of all of Holy Trinity's working groups on justice issues—we have nearly a dozen groups working on various issues! Look for more from this committee as it unfolds.

All these exciting developments and it's only January! 2019 promises to be a year in which we deepen our relationships with one another and move outside our doors into powerful partnerships with our neighbors.

In peace,

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser  
Parish Organizing Leader

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## WINTER AND SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Thursdays, January 24-April 4—South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support Winter Series**

*The Winter Series of the South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support begins Thursday, January 24.*

*Registration and refreshments start at 6:15 p.m., guest speakers will present from 6:30-7:00 p.m., and there will be facilitated small groups from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Guest speakers throughout the series include Ted Bowman, Mary Christopherson, Judy Young, Jamie Mosley, Mary Ann Kelly-Wright, Lorry Lundberg, Donna Mathiowitz, and Carol Oldowski. Meetings are held at St. Joan of Arc, 4537 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more information, call 612-823-8205.*

### **Friday, February 1—Parents' Night Out**

*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.*

### **Sunday, 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.*

### **Sunday, February 3—First Sunday Musings**

*Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.*

### **Thursday, February 7—Poetry Reading**

*Come and experience "The Whereness of God," a poetry reading with Cori Gershon (poet) and Chris Martin (poet and mentor), from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Library.*

### **Sunday, February 10—Healing Station at both Worship Services**

*Today you are invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.*

### **Sunday, February 10—Council Installation**

*We elected new Council members at the Annual Meeting in January. We will install new members and those members who are continuing their terms, including, Tom Cahoy, Michael Douglas, Amy Froiland-Parada, Steve Murray, Nicki Hines, Katelyn Hollaway, Bryan Kuzel, Benjamin Martinez, Kathy Ohler, Juliann Breting Rohn, Donna Scott, and John Sulzbach. We promise our prayers, our honest feedback, and our support for their work in the coming year.*

## **Sunday, February 10—Adult Forum on Sexuality and Values with David Weiss**

*Sexuality is a fundamental feature of human life—shaped by values that may be social, cultural, religious, familial, and experiential. While these values seem “secure,” sometimes they shift ... seismically. So how do we find our balance again, on the far side—or in the midst—of these seismic shifts? We’ll consider sex—when the earth moves: values, ethics, and seeking sex ... that is just plain good.*

*David Weiss is a public theologian—thinking out loud about God in conversation with persons of faith around issues that matter. His writings include “When God Was a Little Girl” (children’s book); “Sparks Around the Fire” (Lenten chancel dramas); “Hearts Unbound” (Reader’s Theater on LGBTQ welcome); “To the Tune of a Welcoming God” (essays on LGBTQ welcome); and a CD of the same name featuring hymn texts. He is currently writing “The Gospel in Transition, a year of weekly reflections on facing climate change, finding hope, and the alchemy of Christian community.” Read more at [www.davidrweiss.com](http://www.davidrweiss.com) where he blogs under the theme, “Full Frontal Faith: Erring on the Edge of Honest.”*

## **Sunday, February 10—11th Annual Pancake Breakfast**

*The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast will support summer youth trips.*



## **Sunday, February 10—Second Sunday Suppers**

*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.*

## **Tuesday, February 12—Writers’ Circle**

*The Writers’ Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. They share their poetry, short stories, memoirs, and journal entries and then offer gentle feedback. They often work from a prompt but write about whatever moves their writing spirits. If time permits, they do some in-class writing. Some members have been writing for a long time; others have just begun. Please join them!*

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## **Friday-Sunday, February 15-17—Family Retreat at the A.R.C. Retreat Center near Osceola, WI.**

*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 (3-16 years old). Children 2 and younger are free.*

## **Sunday, February 17—Adult Forum on Sexuality and Spirituality with David Weiss**

*Okay, if sex can be just plain good, can it be even more than that? How are sexuality and spirituality related? (Hint: it’s complicated!) But what changes when we talk about sex ... with God in the room? We’ll consider embodiment—as a matter of faith: sexuality and the experience of the sacred.*

### **Thursday, February 21—Encore! at Turtle Bread**

*Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.*

### **Saturday, February 23 – Children’s Music Festival with Mark Burrows**

*Several of our Children’s Choir singers will attend a Twin Cities Choristers Guild Festival featuring nationally known composer and children’s minister, Mark Burrows. This event takes place at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, MN.*

### **Sunday, February 24—Special Guest Mark Burrows in Worship!**



*“Mr. Mark,” as he is known to the many children in his home congregation in Texas, is a nationally recognized composer and children’s minister who believes that “children are not the future of the church, they are the right now of the church.” He is passionate about churches being intergenerational in their approach to children’s and youth ministry. Mark will be our guest preacher in worship and deliver the Gospel in his engaging and child-friendly style.*

### **Sunday, February 24—Adult Forum with the Doctrine of Discovery Working Group**

*The Task Force has been meeting since the summer of 2018 and is working in the areas of education and advocacy. The adult forum will be the first opportunity for members of the congregation to learn what the Task Force has been doing and its plans for the future. The Doctrine and its effects on Indigenous people, historically and to the present day, will be the subject of the Johnson Symposium in November, 2019. The Task Force has developed and is advocating for a proposal currently being discussed in the legislature, a proposal which could generate significant amounts of funding for Native programs in the Minnesota.*

### **Sunday, February 24 – Faith and Family Matters Parenting Series**

*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 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. This session will be facilitated by Holy Trinity member Mike Mann.*

### **Thursday, February 28—Pastures A Plenty Meat Delivery**

*Pastures A Plenty Farm is a hog farrow-to-finish operation as well as free-range chickens and a seasonal cattle grazing business. Their pork is available at Twin Cities food co-ops and at local restaurants. Order online by February 24 ([pasturesaplenty.com](http://pasturesaplenty.com)) and pick up your (frozen) meat at Holy Trinity between 4:00-4:30 p.m.*

### **Friday, March 1—First Fridays with Friends**

*Watch the Community Church and Facebook for more information about this event!*



## Friday, March 1—Parents' Night Out

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.

## Saturday, March 2—CTUL Pancake Brunch

CTUL is thrilled to announce that they have completed their \$1.65 million Raise Worker Voice Capital Campaign! Over the past two years, CTUL has resourced a new Leadership Institute with Inquilinx Unidxs to train workers and renters as organizers, supported a deeper incorporation of the arts in their organizing, funded payments for a new building on Chicago Avenue, and created space for a strategic planning process to discern their next directions.

To celebrate the completion of the campaign and two years of impactful work, they invite you to join them for their Annual Pancake Brunch Fundraiser on March 2, 2019. The brunch will be at Holy Trinity from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Entrance will be on a sliding scale of \$5 to \$15. CTUL looks forward to being in community together, sharing delicious food, and building their work forward.



## Sunday, March 3—Adult Forum with Doug Wallace on Academy Films

Come and hear Holy Trinity friend Doug Wallace reflect on this year's Academy Award-nominated films. Attendees need not have seen the movies to find his presentation helpful and provocative!

## Sunday, March 3—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

## Sunday, March 3—New Member Orientation from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Lunch will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with a pastor if you intend to come.

## Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us for supper from Soup for You at 5:30 p.m.



Soup for You! is a café that operates out of the basement of Bethany Lutheran Church on Franklin Avenue. Chef Judah Nataf creates two different and tantalizing vegetarian soups five days a week, all year long, at the café. Nataf is a masterful soup maker who once spent a year living under the Franklin Avenue Bridge. He and his team of volunteers are clear that they aren't running a soup kitchen—they are offering a community meal. The two-hour lunch is served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are pleased to support Soup for You! this season, as Nataf and his crew seek to build community one bowl at a time.

### **Sunday, March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins**

*Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed so you're not late to church in the morning!*

### **Sunday, March 10—Healing Station at both Worship Services**

*Today you are invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.*

### **Sunday, March 10—Adult Forum Welcoming New Members in the Community Room**

*The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from two current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to the many people joining this congregation.*

### **Sunday, March 10—New Member Sunday**

*We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. (An orientation session for those wishing to become members will be held on Sunday, March 3, after the 11:00 a.m. worship.)*

### **Sunday, March 10—Second Sunday Suppers**

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### **Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10—Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer Services**

*All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations (\$1-10/person suggested) are accepted. Our Lenten Suppers are an opportunity for us to support the ministry of Soup for You! (see Ash Wednesday for more information about this organization), as well as to build beloved community.*

*The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room, where we hear God's story read aloud. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will hear a member reflect on a defining story in their own life. Come, sing, and make connections.*



## **Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3 — Book Discussion on “Becoming” with Pastor Angela**



*Everyone has a story. Our stories connect us to one another. Over the course of this year, we'll read two popular memoirs together: Michelle Obama's "Becoming" and John McCain's "The Restless Wave." Join us on Wednesdays during Lent as we discuss "Becoming." In her memoir, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her. Warm, wise, and revelatory, "Becoming" is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations.*

*All are invited to the Lenten book discussion. Pick up your meal in the Community Room and then join us in the Library. We will meet from 5:45-6:45 p.m., ending in time for you to participate in Lenten worship services. Michelle Obama's book is widely available. We have two copies in our library. Or, pick up a copy at your favorite bookstore or from our friends at Moon Palace. If you need financial help securing a copy of the book, feel free to call or email Pastor Angela.*

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## **Sunday, March 17—Adult Forum on the Central Stories of Faith Beginning with Creation**

*The Easter Vigil is held on the Saturday before Easter. This year, the date of our Easter Vigil is Saturday, April 20. The Easter Vigil teems with an abundance of images, rituals, gestures, litanies, processions, and stories that connect us to a loving God who breaks into our history, and even our individual stories, with love.*

*There are a variety of stories that are "assigned" for the Vigil. These are considered central stories of the faith—the story of creation, the Exodus, Ezekiel's dry bones, and many others. There are twelve stories in total. In response to requests from many of you to teach a bible basics course, we are going to spend the next several weeks in the adult forum doing just that. No prior experience with the bible necessary, though these sessions are not limited to beginners. Join Pastor Ingrid as we begin with the story of creation. This story reminds us that what God creates is good, very good.*

## **Sunday, March 17—Worship Leaders Training**

*If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From noon-1:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room by March 10, so we know to look for you.*

## **Sunday, March 17—Confirmation Bowling with Sponsors**

*Confirmands and sponsors will meet after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for lunch at Holy Trinity and then head to Memory Lanes for a few rounds of bowling and many rounds of fun and fellowship together!*



### **Wednesday, March 20—Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer Service**

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### **Sunday, March 24—Adult Forum on the Central Stories of Faith, The Exodus**

*Today we continue our Central Stories of the Faith series. Member John Buzza leads a conversation about the story of the Exodus, the great event in which God's people are brought out of slavery in Egypt into full freedom and full life. No prior experience with the bible necessary, though these sessions are not limited to beginners. All are welcome.*

### **Sunday, March 24 – Faith and Family Matters Parenting Series with Dr. David Walsh**

*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. We are excited to welcome him to lead today's session in person!*



### **Wednesday, March 27—Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer Services**

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### **Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30—Kinship Meals**

*Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone's home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God's living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a small group gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by March 24.*

### **Sunday, March 31—Adult Forum on the Central Stories of Faith, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego with Cameron Howard, Luther Seminary Hebrew Bible Professor**

*Today we continue our Central Stories of the Faith series. Seminary professor Cameron Howard leads a conversation about the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, which is found in the book of Daniel. This story tells of a time when three men were thrown into a fiery furnace by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, when they refused to bow down to the king's image. Are you wondering why this is considered a central story of the faith? Come and join the discussion! No prior experience with the bible necessary, though these sessions are not limited to beginners. All are welcome.*

### **Wednesday, April 3—Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer Services**

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### **Friday, April 5—First Fridays with Friends**

*Watch the Community Church and Facebook for more information about this event!*

### **Friday, April 5—Parents' Night Out**

*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.*

### **Sunday, April 7—Adult Forum on the Central Stories of Faith, Dry Bones**

*Today we continue our Central Stories of the Faith series. Member Jan Mehlhoff leads a conversation about the story of the dry bones, which is found in the book of Ezekiel. If you like dreams and visions, this forum is for you. Come and join the discussion! No prior experience with the bible necessary, though these sessions are not limited to beginners. All are welcome.*

### **Sunday, April 7—First Sunday Musings**

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### **Wednesday, April 10—Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer Services**

*All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations (\$1-10/person suggested) are accepted. Our Lenten Suppers are an opportunity for us to support the ministry of Soup for You! (see Ash Wednesday for more information about this organization), as well as to build beloved community.*

*The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room, where we hear God's story read aloud. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will hear a member reflect on a defining story in their own life. Come, sing, and make connections.*

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### **Saturday, April 13—South Minneapolis Green Fair**

*Hosted by the Longfellow Community Council, Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, and Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association. The goals of the event are to inform residents of ways they can live a green lifestyle and to take action in order to lessen their impact on the environment. The event takes place at Holy Trinity; times are to be determined.*

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### **Sunday, April 14—Adult Forum on Holy Week**

*Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. The Christian church has been marking this week with special observances since the third century. Today we'll discuss how Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter fit together. What story does each of these stories tell? When put together, does the story change? Come and be part of the conversation.*

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### **Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday**

*Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.*

### **Thursday, April 18—Maundy Thursday**

*All are welcome to gather for supper in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move downstairs to the Bartsch Room to begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Cantate! youth ensemble will help to lead worship.*

### **Friday, April 19—Good Friday**

*The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing.*

### **Saturday, April 20—Vigil of Easter**

*Gathered together in the darkness of Saturday night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. The Trinity Singers ensemble will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!*

### **Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday**

*Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult and children's choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!*



### **Thursday, April 18—Encore! at Turtle Bread**

*Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.*

### **Saturday, April 27—Property Work Day**

*Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-noon. (If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 4.) Sign up in the Community Room by April 20.*

### **Saturday, April 27 – Trinity Apartment Dinner Served by Youth**

*Holy Trinity middle school confirmands and adult leaders pitch in to create a healthy three-course dinner from scratch for our Trinity Apartment neighbors in exchange for a smile, some conversation, and a small donation of \$5.*

### **Sunday, April 28 – Faith and Family Matters Parenting Series Concludes**

*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. This final session in the series will be facilitated by Holy Trinity member Mike Mann.*

### **Tuesday, April 30—Westminster Town Hall Forum with Barbara Brown Taylor**



*Join a group of congregants for the Westminster Town Hall Forum with Barbara Brown Taylor. The lecture is entitled, "Finding God in the Faith of Others," which is the subtitle of her latest book, "Holy Envy." Free. Watch the Community Church and bulletin for more information about carpools as the date draws nearer.*

### **Friday, May 3—First Fridays with Friends**

*Watch the Community Church and Facebook for more information about this event!*

### **Friday, May 3—Parents' Night Out**

*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.*



### **Sunday, May 5—First Sunday Musings**

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### **Sunday, May 12—Second Sunday Suppers**

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### **Sunday, May 19 – Teacher and Sponsor Recognition and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**

*This is the last day of Sunday morning education programs for children and youth until they start up again in the fall. We give thanks for the volunteers who support our children and youth ministries. In our 8:45 a.m. worship we will present bibles to 5th grade students and celebrate their leadership among us.*

*Teachers for all grade levels and confirmation sponsors will also be recognized for their important contributions to our children and youth at both 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Teachers, sponsors, and volunteers, please come to the service of your choice, and let us express our gratitude to you in worship!*

**Sunday, May 26—Memorial Day Weekend**

*8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. This is your opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from “the other service.”*

**Sunday, May 26—Adult Forum**

*There is no adult forum today, as we will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m.!*

**Monday, May 27—Memorial Day**

*The church office is closed. We’ll talk to you tomorrow!*

**Wednesday, May 29 – Youth Choir Recognition Concert**

*Come and listen to our children and youth share their faith in word and in song. A 30-minute program begins at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation of yearly choir awards. Dessert and fellowship to follow!*

**Sunday, June 2—Confirmation Picnic**

*The annual confirmation picnic will be held at a nearby Minneapolis park immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come celebrate another year of growing in our faith and friendships with others and have some good old-fashioned outdoor fun!*

**Sunday, June 2—First Sunday Musings**

*Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.*

**Friday, June 7—First Fridays with Friends**

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### **Sunday, June 9—Graduate Blessing**

*We will bless three high school graduates during a time of exciting transition in their lives. Ella Cook, Emily Davison, and Anton Werth—as well as their families—would be honored by your presence and grateful for your prayers.*



### **Sunday, June 9—Healing Station at both Worship Services**

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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### **Monday-Friday, June 17-21—Children’s Musical Camp**

#### ***Storytellin’ Man* by Ken Medema**

*Grades 1-8*

*8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)*

*8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Friday) with a 12:00 p.m. performance open to the public*

*\$75 fee for the week includes music, snacks, and t-shirt, and live musicians in the band*

*Register by emailing musical director Ann Schrooten at [aschrooten@htlcmpls.org](mailto:aschrooten@htlcmpls.org)*

### **Sunday-Friday, July 7-12—Puerto Rico Service/Learning Trip for High School Youth**

### **Sunday-Friday, August 4-9 – Wilderness Canoe Base Trip for Middle and High School Youth**

### **Monday-Friday, August 12-16—Holy Ground Cardboard City Camp for Grades K-5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

### **Friday-Saturday, October 25-26—**

#### **Adult Retreat at St. John’s Abbey**

*Save the date and plan to join us in Collegetown, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We’ll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John’s. We’ll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John’s Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 participants.*



### **Saturday, November 16—Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society**

*Save the date for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society!*