THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On 28th Avenue between Lake and 31st Streets Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

SEASON OF LENT

As we embark on our Lenten journey, we are eager to continue the theme of stories. People from the Holy Trinity community will offer personal glimpses into their lives. Our hope is more than simply story time for grown-ups, we are actually employing a Womanist practice for our journey. Womanist Theology expresses the rising voices of women of color on the theological horizon. One of the principles of Womanist Theology is the understanding that the particular can be a doorway to the universal. For example, given that women of color are often at the intersection of race, class, and gender, their particular stories have a universal resonance. It is in this Womanist Spirit that we embrace our stories. We will share our stories in community, trusting the Holy Spirit will continue to knit our hearts together, thereby connecting our stories to one another and ultimately to the overarching divine narrative.

We are overjoyed to encounter stories from Laura Bolstad, Lois Eid, Benhi Khabeb, Katie Murray, Mike Nevergall, Hanna Rector, Grayson Wieczorek, and many others who will share stories from their own lives throughout the season.

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. We are pleased to support Soup for You! this season, as Nataf and his crew seek to build community one bowl at a time.

Wednesday, March 13—Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Prayer

All are invited to partake in the Lenten soup suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. 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. This week, we'll hear the Creation Story. As a part of Evening Prayer, each week we will also hear members reflect on defining stories in their own lives. This week's theme is *Unexpected Goodness: Stories of creativity, roadblocks, and the goodness that finds us, often when we least expect it.* Come, sing, and make connections.

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

There are a variety of stories that are "assigned" for the Easter Vigil, which will be held on Saturday, April 20. These are considered central stories of the faith. There are 12 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. Join Pastor Ingrid today at 10:00 a.m. as we begin with the story of creation. This story reminds us that what God creates is good, very good. No prior experience with the bible necessary, though these sessions are not limited to beginners.

Wednesday, March 20—Lenten Soup Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us for soup from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room and a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. This week, we'll hear the story of the Exodus, and we'll hear members reflect on the theme *Set Free: Stories of bondage, liberation, and the hard work of living free.*

Sunday, March 24—Adult Forum on the Central Stories of Faith, The Exodus Today we continue our Central Stories 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.

Wednesday, March 27—Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us for soup from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room and a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. This week, we'll hear the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and we'll hear members reflect on the theme *Bearing Witness: Stories of defiance, perseverance, and lessons learned, often the hard way.* Come, sing, and make connections.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



READINGS Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-43a

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

MARCH 3 "Academy Films"

Doug Wallace (in the Bartsch Room)

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!

MARCH 10 New Member Welcome (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.

Join us in the Community Room following the 11:00 a.m. service for coffee, treats, a brief program, and a gift for **Meghan Olsen Biebighauser**. We will wish her Godspeed and recognize her and the work she has done at Holy Trinity as our Parish Organizing Leader. If people want to contribute to the gift, bring a donation (\$1-15) on Sunday.

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 Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us for soup from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room and a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. This week, we'll hear the story about Dry Bones, and we'll hear members reflect on the theme *Coming Alive: Stories of dried up hopes, prophetic visions, and the breath that pulls us out of the grave.* Come, sing, and make connections.

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.

Wednesday, April 10—Lenten Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us for soup from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room and a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. This week, we'll hear the story about Isaiah 55, and we'll hear members reflect on the theme *Thirsty: Stories of wanting, waiting, and water.* Come, sing, and make connections.

PARISH INFORMATION

GLORIA RINGERS OPEN POSITION

The Holy Trinity handbell ensemble seeks an experienced ringer to fill one position beginning in March. We rehearse Sundays from 12-1 p.m. and Saturday mornings of the weekend we ring. Rehearsal for our last ring on Sunday, April 28, will begin Sunday, March 24. Contact Ann Schrooten (aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) if you are interested. High school and college ringers especially welcome in this intergenerational group!

MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 3-4

The Minneapolis Area Synod gathers annually to conduct business in the Synod Assembly, which is the synod's highest legislative authority. More than 600 participants attend the Synod Assembly each year, including representatives from each congregation and all active rostered leaders. The gathering is filled with worship, inspiration, presentations, and necessary business. Holy Trinity seeks two people who identify as women and one who identifies as a man to attend as our representatives. Please talk to a pastor if you are interested.

NEW KNITTING GROUP TO MEET WED., MARCH 6, 2:00 P.M.

A new knitting group is being organized. Come to the first group Wednesday, March 6, 2:00 p.m. in the Mary Martha Room. We will find a "permanent" meeting time at this first meeting. All are welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION BECOMING WITH PASTOR ANGELA (NEW DATES)

Join Pastor Angela Wednesdays in Lent (March 20, 27, and April 3, 10) to discuss *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama. In her memoir, Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her. All are invited to the Lenten book discussion. Pick up your meal in the Community Room and 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. We have two copies of *Becoming* in the church library; the book is also widely available for purchase. If you need financial help securing a copy of the book, call or email Pastor Angela.

SHARE YOUR STORY DURING LENT

Consider sharing a "defining moment" in your spiritual journey with the Holy Trinity community during the season of Lent. Write a brief story responding to one of the following prompts: *Unexpected Goodness, Set Free, Bearing Wtiness, Coming Alive,* or *Thirsty.* Include a photo of yourself and email to aschrooten@htlcmpls.org by March 6.

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PARISH EVENTS March 3-9, 2019				
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion		
-	9:30 am	Confirmation		
	9:55 am	Sunday School		
	10:00 am	Adult Forum in the Bartsch Room		
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion		
	12:00 pm	Reception for Meghan Olsen Biebighauser		
	12:00 pm	Worship/Fine Arts		
	12:00 pm	New Member Class in the Library		
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings		
		Gloria Ringers Rehearsal		
		Swahili Service		
Monday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide		
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion		
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide		
		Ash Wednesday Service		
		Knitting Group		
		Lenten Supper		
		Trinity Singers		
		Children's Choir		
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	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service		
		Adult Choir		
Thursday	6:30 pm	Nurturing Committee; Property Committee		

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