



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:55 a.m. • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

PARISH ORGANIZING VISIONING TEAM

The work of community organizing has been a part of Holy Trinity’s ministry for decades. This congregation has organized around affordable housing, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, payday lending, racial justice, and other issues related to equity and justice. Prompted by the want to staff this area of our life together, the Parish Organizer position was created eight years ago. Most recently, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser held this role.

With Meghan’s departure to the Minneapolis Area Synod office, the Personnel Committee is taking this opportunity to look closely at the position. Much like the transition and call process when considering a new pastor, we want to examine questions related to the original intent of the position; the ways the position has changed over time; and how the position functioned (prior to Meghan’s departure in February) in our congregational life. We believe that by examining these questions—while simultaneously listening closely to the current needs of this faith community and the wider community—we will have a clearer sense of how to proceed with the structuring of the Parish Organizing position at Holy Trinity.

The Personnel Committee (Carol Berg (chair), Nicki Hines (Council President), Liz Conway (at-large member), Bryan Kuzel (former Council President), Laura Bolstad (at-large member), and Randy Nelson (at-large member)) and I have gathered a Parish Organizing Visioning Team that will lead these conversations. Deb Sodt (chair), Bryan Hollaway, Hannah Rector, and Julie Cahoy met for the first time last week. They decided that a central value of their work will be providing space for all interested parties to give input and to be heard. To this end, they will engage members of the congregation and community through surveys and one-on-ones. They will reach out to the various justice working groups, including but not limited to Racial Justice, Refugee Resettlement, Israel/Palestine, Doctrine of Discovery, Sanctuary, and Caring for Creation. They will also connect with and learn from community partners and other congregations working at the intersections of faith and justice.

We expect this work to take approximately three to four months. The Parish Organizing Visioning Team will deliver to the Personnel Committee a thorough report of congregational feedback and two to three recommendations for the future of this area of congregational life. With that information, the Personnel Committee and Council will be tasked with determining next steps.

We hope that you’ll participate as opportunities to engage in these conversations arise!

Peace and thanks,
Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM: BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR
Join a group of congregants on Tuesday, April 30, at 12:00 p.m., 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. Sign up in the Community Room if you’d like to carpool.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



READINGS
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am—in the Library

APRIL 28 “Recycling and the Church” Committee on Public Voice and Organizing

Join the Caring for Creation Team along with Ben Knudson, a recycling specialist at the Hennepin County Environment and Energy Department, as they discuss: “Is recycling really broken? What is the impact of China’s policies? What has changed, and how can you help?” We’ll also learn about recycling and composting at Holy Trinity.

MAY 5 “Reflections from a Civil Rights Movement Tour” Brad Holt

Brad Holt, retired professor at Augsburg College, will share his reflections with a power point presentation on his participation in a Civil Rights Movement tour from last fall. A similar tour will be sponsored for Holy Trinity members in the spring of 2020.

SPRING GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Youth Committee wants to be sure that high school or college graduations coming up for someone in your family are recognized by your Holy Trinity family! Please send a short bio and a graduation picture to Linda Jury at linda@sprcenter.com. Include student’s name, institution, degree, and future plans by May 1 so that they can be part of the graduation display near the main office. Completion of vocational degrees, graduate degrees, or special certifications are also to be celebrated!

PHOTO DISPLAY: PALESTINIAN SITUATION FROM 1930-2008

The Palestine/Israel Team invites you to view the photo display depicting Palestinian life as it has been affected by Israeli domination through the wars and massacres of 1948 and 1967, to the uprising of the Intifada, into military occupation leading to the present day struggle for justice and peace. The display will be in the Bartsch Room and will be open on Sunday mornings from April 28 through May 19 and at other times if you contact the church office. The photos are on loan from the Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel. We hope you will be able to take some time to view these photos and gain some further context to the question of how we can understand and address the concerns of the Palestinian people.

KNITTING GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2:00 P.M.

Join other knitters and crocheters at 2:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month to work on your project. All levels of skill are welcome.

PARISH INFORMATION

LARRY RASMUSSEN AT HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 5

Dr. Larry Rasmussen, Lutheran ethicist and impassioned voice on the Christian response to the environmental crisis, will preach at Sunday services at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on May 5 (8:45 and 11:00 a.m.), followed by an open discussion over lunch at 12:15 p.m. "Earth System science," he observes, "says the planet is changing in ways human civilization has never experienced as 'normal.' What are the changes?" he asks, "And how might Christian faith and responsibility be reshaped?" Dr. Rasmussen is the author of *Earth Honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Age*. All are welcome; a donation will be received for the lunch. Please register for the lunch by email to dennisormseth@gmail.com.

CONSIDER BEING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Would you like to be a sponsor for a Holy Trinity Confirmation student? Each youth is paired with a special adult from the congregation to be one more interested, caring adult in the student's support network throughout their 6th- to 9th-grade period of instruction. In addition to informal connections at church, you spend rich time with the student during four organized group activities each year. If this appeals to you, contact Pat Libra.

THE BIRDS ARE COMING BACK!

To check them out, meet Keith Olstad on Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot at Wood Lake Nature Center, 6710 Lake Shore Drive South, Richfield. Let Keith know if you need help locating binoculars or field guides, or if you have concerns about the weather. You'll have another opportunity on Wednesday, May 15.

PROPERTY WORK DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 8:30-11:30 AM

Our property needs extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help from 8:30-11:30 a.m. If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 4.

ENDING ANTI-SEMITISM

The Palestine/Israel Working Group has designed a series on Ending Anti-Semitism. You're invited to be part of a small group that will meet to share readings, video, discussion, and stories to unlock the complexity and develop more clarity on the topic. Plan to listen, question, talk, and listen some more. A commitment to attend at least five of the six evenings is requested. Meetings are: Wednesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room. The group will be led by Donna Goodlaxson and Bob Brose. Limit 8 participants.

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PARISH EVENTS April 28-May 4, 2019

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Puerto Rico Team Meal
	12:15 pm	Lunch and Film/ <i>The Indian System</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Westminster Town Hall Forum
	2:00 pm	Knitting Group
Thursday	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Anti-Semitism Group
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:30 pm	Nurturing Committee
Friday	6:30 pm	Property Committee
	6:00-8:00 pm	Parents'/Kids' Night Out
Friday-Saturday	6:30 pm	First Fridays with Friends
		Mpls Area Synod Assembly at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ramsey MN

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 28, 2019

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson	
Rosie Russell, Treva Russell	Acolytes	Maggie Weiss, Kayden Nordby	
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	David Krig	
Andrea Martin, Tina Russell	Communion	Linda and Phil Jury	
Tina and Robert Russell	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend Rosemary Foley	
Bob Peschiutta Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Ethan Townsend, DeWayne Townsend, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Joshua Combs	
Liz and David Rudrud	Coffee Servers	Aberdeen/Horacio Rodriguez	
Joyce Peterson, Donna Heyer	Counters	Deb Helmel, Lee Kampinen	
	Closer	Bob Hulteen	

Financial Report	April 21	Year to date
Budget Requirement	15,253.85	244,061.54
Budget Receipts	43,973.82	290,106.85
Opening Doors	280.37	9,055.57
Refugee Resettlement	10.00	120.00
Sanctuary Support	510.00	805.00
World Hunger	460.00	2,703.00
CTUL	40.00	160.00