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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

AN UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC VOICE AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

At the 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting, members voted to approve bylaw language creating the new Public Voice and Organizing Committee (PVOC). The intention of this change was to bring administrative and funding support to all working groups and to continue the work of the Committee on Peace and Justice for All Creation and Working Groups for Neighborhood Issues.

The Committee's mission statement is to gather 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.

The current members of PVOC are Patty Busse, Jen Frenzel, Sara Jensen, Hannah Rector, and Deb Sodt. Most of us have undergone formal training in community organizing and are eager to use these skills to support and embolden the efforts of working groups.

We have spent our first few months establishing connections with leaders of the working groups and attending working group meetings. In addition, we are creating communication channels to acquire and disseminate information. These changes will allow us, as the PVOC, to assess Holy Trinity's engagement with the neighborhood and the broader community with a birds-eye view. We plan to compile a quarterly newsletter for the whole congregation that highlights recent accomplishments from working groups and upcoming events. The first quarterly newsletter is scheduled to be sent out in July.

Moving forward, we hope to engage both new members AND members who have called HTLC their place of worship for many years in one-on-one conversations. The goals of these conversations will be to discern areas of energy and passion within our community. We hope to make it easier for anyone who wants to engage with social justice work to become connected to a group that fit their passions. We also plan to communicate with neighborhood partners to discover new ways to collaborate and build power to create change. Finally, we have a budget to lend financial support to the working groups in their community efforts, as well as to send more congregational members to formal community organizing training, typically held during January through the Minneapolis Area Synod.

We look forward to supporting Holy Trinity's myriad ways of faithful response to pain and brokenness in our world.

In peace,
Patty, Jen, Sara, Hannah, and Deb
The Members of Public Voice and Organizing Committee
We welcome your questions and comments! Please feel free email one of us at patriciadrey@gmail.com, frenzeljm@gmail.com, saraojensen@gmail.com, hrector724@gmail.com, or dksodt@gmail.com.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



READINGS
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am—in the Library

MAY 19 "A Pastor, Memories, and #MeToo"
Judie Mattison

Judie is a retired pastor who reflects on her adult struggle as she remembered the trauma of childhood abuse and repressed memories in her recently published book, *I Will Not Break*. Her forum will explore topics such as memories, prevention, family secrets, trauma, forgiveness, the #metoo movement, and healing.

MAY 26 No Adult Forum

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SUNDAY, MAY 26, AT 10:00 A.M.
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."

TEACHER AND SPONSOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 19
On Sunday, May 19, we take a moment to express our gratitude for all those in the Holy Trinity community who devote time, energy, and creativity to teaching and caring for our children and youth. May you all be encouraged to hear some of their reasons for spending time with our youngest members!

I believe it is a role of our community to help care for our children and I delight in seeing the student-sponsor relationships happen. (Pat Libra, Confirmation Sponsor program)

We teach Trinity Village because it's fun to get to know the kids while reading and discussing Bible stories. (Robert and Tina Russell, 2nd and 3rd Grade Teachers)

I take care of Holy Trinity's toddlers because they have a spirit that brightens any day that I see them, they have unconditional love for everyone, and excitement to learn new things. I am motivated to continue to learn new things as the toddlers and I grow together. (Hannah Scott, Nursery Teacher)

We want to hear what young people are thinking about faith, hear the questions they have, and allow them to see up close and personal that adults who are strong in their faith also have questions. We try to model healthy relationships that can help foster continuous learning and discernment. (Scott and Stephanie Cole, Confirmation Teachers)

I love the chance to deepen relationships with the children and their families in our community! (Katie Murray, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Trinity Village Teacher)

I like teaching Godly Play because I really like teaching children, especially as they listen to stories about God's love, as they hear over and over that God loves each of them, and as they feel the joy of belonging to God's family at Holy Trinity. (Kay Buzza, Godly Play Teacher)

PARISH INFORMATION

VICKI MANN'S RETIREMENT PARTY SUNDAY, MAY 19

Plan to attend Vicki Mann's retirement party Sunday, May 19, at noon. There will be food, laughter, tears, and gratitude.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY MAY 28-31

Pick up meals at Nokomis Square (35th Ave. S. & 50th St.). Drivers should arrive at 11:15 a.m.; delivery takes one hour. Questions? Contact Mary Engen. Sign up in the Community Room.

OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY CURRICULUM TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming a trainer for a group of children or youth and can attend the training June 28-30, please speak with a pastor or Ann Schrooten. Cost for the weekend training is \$1-250 (sliding scale to Holy Trinity members). For more information about the *Our Whole Lives* curriculum, visit www.uua.org/re/owl.

BIKE TO CHURCH IN MAY

The level of carbon dioxide in our earth's atmosphere just recently exceeded 415 parts per million. There is more CO2 warming the atmosphere today than at any point of human existence. We are called to care for our earth, and she needs us at this moment more than any other. Please consider biking, walking, using mass transportation, or carpooling to church during this month of May.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS JUNE 7

Join us on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. for First Fridays with Friends. We're excited to be having another Life Together Dinner. Nicholas Ellison will be hosting and preparing a main dish. Bring something to share and come get to know one another on a deeper level. Sign up in the Community Room or RSVP on Facebook.

YOUTH CHOIR RECOGNITION CONCERT WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Come and listen to our children and youth share their faith in word and in song. A 30-minute program begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by a presentation of yearly choir awards. Dessert and fellowship to follow!

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PARISH EVENTS May 19-25, 2019

Sunday	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Photo Display in the Bartsch Room
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Godly Play and Trinity Village
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	10:00 am	Parish Organizer Visioning Team
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Retirement Celebration for Vicki Mann
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	Monday	10:00 am
6:00 pm		Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 am	Sanctuary Support Meeting
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	9:30 am	Worship Furnishings Team
	5:30 pm	Parish Organizer Visioning Team
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Anti-Semitism Group
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!

Special Gift by Joyce Peterson, in memory of her mothers

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 19, 2019

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Sara Jensen	
Bea Martin, M. A. Martin	Acolytes	Volunteers needed	
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Paul Chindvall	
Kevin Proescholdt Sally Kohlstedt	Communion	Kirk Jensen, Michael Douglas	
Anne Beschnett Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw	
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Kathy Hollander Rod Johnson Helen and Bob Norheim	
Jean Swanson Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Retirement Party	
David Kohlstedt Pam Blomgren	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Lee Kampinen	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	May 12	Year to date
Budget Requirement	15,253.85	289,823.08
Budget Receipts	12,239.13	322,622.42
Opening Doors	2,217.87	51,460.85
Sanctuary Support	30.00	1,140.00
World Hunger	112.00	3,055.00