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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. • EDUCATION: 10:00 a.m. • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP, FAITH LEADERS ISSUE STATEMENT ON CHILDREN IN DETENTION

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has convened ELCA ecumenical and inter-religious partners in a statement addressing concerns over the well-being of children who cross the U.S. border seeking safety from danger and threats in their home countries.

The statement follows:

"For the Lord your God is God of gods ... who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger..." (Deuteronomy 10:17-19).

"Do not let the hatred of people prevent you from being just. Be just ..." (Qur'an 5:8).

Children coming to our nation for safety and protection are dying at our southern border while in U.S. detention. As U.S. religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, we are united in our concern for the well-being of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives.

A year ago we spoke out against the separation of families. Now we come together again to express our collective outrage and pain over the tragic loss of precious children, made in the image of the Divine. Carlos, a 16-year-old from Guatemala, died May 20 in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Wilmer, a 2-year-old, died May 14, also in the custody of CBP. They were preceded in death by Jackelin, Felipe, Juan and a 10-year-old girl from El Salvador whose death in September 2018 has just been disclosed. We remember them before God, pray for their grieving families to be comforted and commit ourselves to work for the humane treatment of all who present themselves for asylum at our border.

Our houses of worship and agencies have welcomed, engaged, and served many migrant families that have recently arrived in the U.S. These migrants have left their communities to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Sadly, as a nation we have denied them safety, instead placing them in detention facilities, sometimes long after the mandated 72-hour limit. Many detention centers are overcrowded and lack sanitation, further elevating the risk of serious health issues for migrants already stressed and weakened by their journeys.

We believe our nation and its leaders have both the moral and legal responsibility on behalf of those who seek safety in our land. The U.S. has an international legal obligation to do so by virtue of having acceded to the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees and, therefore, must implement those duties in good faith. It also has an obligation to do so under its own domestic law, and executive orders should not attempt to set aside these legal responsibilities. The duty not to return a person to a state where they may face torture or other serious harms is absolute under the U.N. Convention Against Torture, which the U.S. has signed and ratified.

We urge the Administration to maintain its commitment to international law and defend human rights by implementing safeguards to ensure the safety and health of all of those seeking protection in our land, especially those children who fall under our care.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

JUNE 30 "Teenagers and Sexuality"

HT Members Cathy Alpizar and Anna Kleven

Join members Cathy Alpizar and Anna Kleven for a conversation about teenagers and sexuality. We'll explore the gifts and challenges that teenagers face as they forge their identity in a time informed by social media. We'll think together about how a developing sense of one's own sexuality influences a teenager's understanding of themselves and informs their self-expression. We'll seek to honor the complexity of the topic.

*** *We will meet in the Bartsch Room.*

JULY 7 "Perspectives on Jesus"

Randy Nelson

The person of Jesus is central to the Christian faith, but he was first of all a first century Jew in what is now Palestine/Israel. The writings of Marcus Borg will provide a lens through which we can explore who this Jesus was and is.

LAST CALL FOR INPUT: PARISH ORGANIZING VISIONING TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Parish Organizing Visioning Team is finishing up our information-gathering phase and getting ready to finalize a report on our assessment of the congregation's organizing work and the parish organizer position. The report will be delivered to the Personnel Committee and Council by late August. Many thanks to the 108 individuals who responded to our on-line survey. There is still time for you to respond to that survey if you wish. Simply look for an email from May 13 that Pastor Ingrid sent to all active members who have email addresses on file. Thanks also to the 35 folks who gave of their time and insights during one of our first listening sessions. If you were unable to attend one of those sessions and would still like to give us your ideas, please email Deb Sodt (dksodt@gmail.com) and you'll get a reply with 4 questions for you to ponder. Thanks for your interest.

KNITTING GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2:00 P.M.

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation.

PARISH INFORMATION

ESTATE GIFT DONORS

Holy Trinity is blessed with the faithful giving of its members. For more than 100 years the congregation has thrived because of this generosity. For some, this giving has been extended by including Holy Trinity in their estate plans. Large or modest, in total they make a significant impact on our congregational life. The Financial Stewardship Committee feels it is important to publicly acknowledge and give thanks for these gifts and familiarize some of the donors to current members. We will highlight as many as we are able over the coming weeks.

Birgit Birkeland—Birgit was a remarkable woman. She received a BA from Augsburg College and a graduate degree from Thiele College in New York, where she subsequently worked for the president of the college. Later she worked for the ELCA. When she transferred her membership from Trinity Lutheran to Holy Trinity, she became part of the team which counts the offering.

LYNX BASKETBALL GAME WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 12:00 P.M.

Let's go see these amazing women play some basketball at a noon game in the Target Center. Tickets will be approximately \$27 per person for a great block of seats near the court. We'll meet at (or near) Holy Trinity to ride the light rail downtown. All ages are welcome, but be sure to get your name on the sign-up sheet in the Community Room soon so we can secure our seats!

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Join us as the Twins play Atlanta. Cost is \$28. Please sign up in the Community Room or call the church office by July 22. If you are interested in joining the choir to sing the National Anthem, please indicate that when you sign up. Those interested in traveling to the game together on the light rail will meet at church. For more information or to request a scholarship, please contact Pam Kildahl.

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PARISH EVENTS June 30-July 6, 2019

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Our Whole Lives</i> Training
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum in the Bartsch Room
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee Nurturing Committee (at Nancy M's home)
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	1:00 pm	"Living Well" Group
Thursday		Building Closed for Fourth of July Holiday
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Saturday		Puerto Rico Group Departs

SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT TUESDAY, JULY 17, 5:30 P.M.

Introducing Summer Family Fun Nights at Holy Trinity! Let's take advantage of the sunny days of summer and come together for a night of food, fun, and friendly connections. We'll provide everything—just bring your family!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JUNE 30, 2019

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Andrew Johnson	Assisting Minister June Prange
Volunteers Needed	Acolytes Khonni Khabeab, Khenna Khabeab
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer Bob Hulteen
Rick Liedholm, Andrea Hansen	Communion Zoe Martinez, Ben Martinez
Anne Beschnett, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild Volunteers Needed
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers Helen and Bob Norheim
Lyle Steinfeldt, Jim Hartsoe	Coffee Servers Arlene Helvig, Margaret Peterson
Pam Blomgren, Donna Heyer	Counters Gary Johnson, John Sulzbach
	Closer Deb Sodt

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