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

SOME THOUGHTS ON GIVING

Some time ago, I penned a note to my granddaughter Savannah. I wanted to share some thoughts on life with her. Life is something like a passenger train, I wrote. She and I have come on board at different points, and we will disembark, each in our own time. But for a while, we will be along for the ride together. This thought has come to mind as I share some ideas about giving as someone who has been on this train for a while now.

Dana Holt, writing in a Luther Seminary article entitled "Strategic Giving for Retirees," poses the question, "How much should we give after we retire and don't have regular income from work anymore?" Most retirees live on Social Security income along with some form of pension or investment income, including IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts).

Those of you who have been on the "train of life" as long as I have know we are required to take yearly distributions from our IRAs, referred to as RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions), beginning at 70½ years. These distributions are virtually 100% taxable. Until recently, people have had no choice but to withdraw these RMDs and pay the corresponding tax.

Well, today you and I have a choice. We can give some or all of an RMD to our favorite charities and avoid those costs. This is called – more alphabet soup – a QCD (Qualified Charitable Donation) and is becoming an effective option.

Holt points out some of the finer points of QCDs:

- Must be 70½ or older at the time of the transfer
- May contribute up to \$100,000 per year, per IRA owner
- Not taxable to IRA owner or to charity
- Must be sent directly from IRA custodian to charity
- Only applies to IRAs – not 401(k), 403(B), etc.

So a QCD is probably the most tax-efficient way for retirees over 70½ to give to charity. And that's what my wife Sharon and I did this year with our commitment to Holy Trinity. We decided to fulfill our pledge early in the year with a direct gift from our IRA income.

My dad used to cash his weekly check, and—first thing—fill up the coming Sunday's offering envelope. Our early gift this year felt just like that—first fruits of that which we have been blessed.

Dana Holt also reminds us that congregations can be named as a partial or full beneficiary of an IRA, so that our support for our church can continue after we get off the "train of life."

Rob Englund, Holy Trinity Member

INVITATION TO COMMUNION WITH PASTOR ANGELA SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 10:00 A.M.

Pastor Angela welcomes parents and young children to explore together what it means to participate each week in Holy Communion. If your child has been asking when they will get to take the bread and the wine, it's probably time! Please email Ann Schrooten (aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) to register.

PENTECOST



READINGS

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

JUNE 9 "Equity and Inclusion" Alicia Sojourner

Come and hear from the consultant Holy Trinity has retained to help us examine and take action on organizational equity and inclusion. Alicia is currently the Racial Equity Manager for the City of St. Louis Park and has extensive experience in consulting. She will share her vision for working with us in the coming year and welcomes our questions and perspectives. A Ministry Imagination Grant through the Synod makes our time with Alicia possible.

JUNE 16 "Sexuality and Aging" Dr. Michael Douglas

Join a conversation about the biological aspects (determinants) of sexual function in the aging patient (phenotype), how society impacts this, and how the elderly patient expresses his/her/their sexuality (genotype). We will also hear about some of the ongoing gerontological research in LGBT elders.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL CAMP JUNE 17-21

Children in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in *Storytelling' Man* by Ken Medema. Camp happens from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday) and 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Friday) with a performance at 12:00 p.m. The \$75 fee for the week includes the music, snacks, t-shirt, and live musicians in the band. To register, email Ann Schrooten (aschrooten@htlcmpls.org).

SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS JUNE 11 AND JULY 17

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

- June 11, 5:30 p.m.—*Backyard games and grilling*
- July 17, 5:30 p.m.—*Water play and pizza*

MONTHLY VIGIL AT IMMIGRATION COURT

Meet at the Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 a.m. under the flag. Come to bear witness to the vans arriving with detainees, sing, pray, and hear stories and advocacy actions. Stay after and observe immigrant detainee court.

PARISH INFORMATION

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS JUNE 9, 6:00 P.M.

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. No sign up necessary.

TRANSITIONING TO NEW OFFICE STAFF

In order to honor Vicki Mann's retirement, we ask that you funnel all questions regarding scheduling, administration, or finances through Pam Wetterlund (pwetterlund@htlcmpls.org), Sue Roberts (htoffice@htlcmpls.org), or a pastor.

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards. Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

SUMMER WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE

The schedule for July-August is "live" on Ministry Scheduler Pro. You can fill in times you'd like to serve, as well as indicate times you are not available. The office will generate the full schedule on June 17. Call the church office if you have any questions.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

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.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN RESUMES SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Join us for music and food in the garden at noon. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for the wood-fired pizza lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Join us for this first of three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing, to those who have sung in the choirs for years. Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome! Rehearse at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. No preparations needed!

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PARISH EVENTS June 9-15, 2019	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am Adult Forum
	10:00 am Parish Org. Visioning Listening Session
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm Caring for Creation
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	6:00 pm Second Sunday Suppers at Houlihan's
Tuesday	6:00 pm Youth Committee (offsite)
Wednesday	11:00 am Worship Readings Discussion
	4:30 pm Parish Organizer Visioning Team
Thursday	5:30 pm Summer Family Fun Night
	3:30-5:30 pm Fare For All
	11:30 am Funeral for Ross Jury

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JUNE 9, 2019			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Liz Conway	
Rosie Russell	Acolytes	Khenna Khabeb	
Treva Russell		Khonni Khabeb	
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	David Krig	
Andrea Martin	Communion	Matt Kane	
Donald Besser		Melanie Townsend	
Tina and Robert Russell	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Bev and Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Ethan Townsend, DeWayne Townsend, Bob Norheim	
Chris Engen			
Rachel & Jim Trelstad Porter	Coffee Servers	Carolyn Schurr, June Prange	
Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Gary Johnson, Deb Helmel	
		Closer	John Sulzbach