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

## CONGREGATIONAL GOALS 2019-2020

Based on the congregation's feedback given at the 2019 Annual meeting, the Council has articulated the following congregational goals for 2019-2020. We invite you to look for ways these goals show up in congregational life this year.

### 1. *Continue to grow in competency and commitment to racial justice, moving from awareness to action within our local community.*

We could fulfill this goal by:

- Making our congregational Racial Justice Statement, adopted in 2019, visible within our building.
- Integrating the Racial Justice Statement into the full life of our faith community by inviting each standing committee and working to articulate a goal related to racial justice that will be included in the 2020 annual report and that will guide their area of ministry in 2020.
- Strengthening our partnership with CTUL (Central Trabajadores Unidos en La Lucha), CAIR MN (Council on American-Islamic Relations), and Village Financial Cooperative by showing up when asked to do so.
- Hosting one joint meeting in 2020 with the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council and the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation Leadership Team to discern mutually-agreeable opportunities for congregational connection.

### 2. *Grow in competency and commitment to issues of gender and sexuality in our congregation.*

We could fulfill this goal by:

- Honoring our 35th Anniversary of being an open and affirming faith community by renewing our Reconciling in Christ commitment and restating our welcome and celebration of LGBTQIA+ people.
- Offering opportunities to learn about living healthy lives as sexual beings, whatever our orientation or identity, using "Our Whole Lives" curriculum across age groups.
- Proposing a plan for the construction of at least one permanent all-gender restroom.

### 3. *Nurture faith and attend to our spiritual lives through education and faith practices.*

We could fulfill this goal by:

- Providing 2-3 educational opportunities for "beginners"—those new to a community of faith, returning to faith, or others who want to learn the basics.
- Introducing 2-3 prayer practices for the congregation to explore together.

### 4. *Enhance the congregation's communications strategy.*

We could fulfill this goal by:

- Drawing on the work of the Communications Audit (2016) and the Communications Task Force (2018), evaluate our current practices and implement 2-3 changes in 2020 that will enhance the effectiveness of our communication.

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### READINGS

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

### AUGUST 25 "City House"

Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer

City House is a non-profit organization with over 30 active volunteer spiritual directors partnering with social service agencies, working with their agency's clients, and providing a spiritual complement to the agency's own mission. This faith-motivated, ecumenical group of highly trained volunteers and staff accompanies vulnerable people experience difficult times for a little while on their journey, contributing to their sense of hope and connecting them to their inner strength and sense of dignity.

### SEPTEMBER 1 No Adult Forum

There is no adult forum today, as we will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

### YOUTH CHOIRS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4!

For over 20 years, the Holy Trinity Children's Choir and the Cantate! youth ensemble have provided a smaller community in which our young people find a welcome. They practice working together in community toward a common goal, and they are encouraged to express themselves through singing, movement, laughter, and prayer.

If your child would like to spend more time with their church friends and you have heard them singing around the house or in the car, please consider giving them an opportunity to make the kind of music with their friends in Christ that speaks to their spirit and the spirits of others in our community.

#### Children's Choir

Grades 1-4 (eager Kindergartners are welcome!)

Wednesdays 6:00-6:40 p.m.

Sings at 8:45 a.m. worship every 4-6 Weeks

#### Cantate!

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays 6:45 -7:25 p.m.

Sings at 11:00 a.m. worship every 4-6 Weeks

Voice Checkups for NEW and RETURNING singers are scheduled in the Choir Room, 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Sundays in August and on Wednesday, August 28, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### NEW NEIGHBOR! GRAND OPENING PARTY SEPT. 12, 4-8 P.M.

HTLC has a new neighbor! "MIGIZI" is a circle of support whose mission is to nurture the development of Native American youth in order to unleash their creativity and dreams—to benefit themselves, their families, and their community. MIGIZI supports youth-driven activities that fully engage them in a self-directed path to holistic wellness and to success in education and employment. For more information or to RSVP for the grand opening of their new location at 3017-27th Ave. S., visit [www.migizi.org](http://www.migizi.org).

### ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SEPTEMBER 1 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1. This is your opportunity to see and connect with members and friends from "the other service."

### LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

A light luncheon for Lay Communion Ministers and those persons interested in becoming one will be held Sunday, September 29, following the 11:00 a.m. service. This luncheon will be informational, a time to "touch base" with each other and to re-energize ourselves for the year ahead. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Community Room by September 22.

### LITURGICAL FURNISHINGS TEAM DISPLAY SEPTEMBER 1-15

The Liturgical Furnishing Team will have a display in the Community Room of the advent wreath created by the metal sculpture artist Peter Vanni. Please stop by, read the materials, and ask questions of team members (Jeff Burnoski, Paul Chindvall, Marilyn Miller, Mary Opila, Ingrid Rasmussen, David Sims, Stephanie Sulzbach, and Sarah Wieben) following worship services. The Church Council will vote on whether or not to approve this wreath at their meeting on September 16.

### FREE BOOKS! LATE AUGUST-EARLY SEPTEMBER

Roberta and helpers have been diligently going through the books in the library, clearing shelf space to make room for new books. Look for tables to be set up on the second floor in late August-early September with free books.

### LOST AND FOUND

Did you know we have a Lost and Found cabinet in the coat room, next door to the Community Room? Have you left anything in the church that may have ended up there? Stop by and take a look. It's the tall, 2-door cabinet in the southwest corner of the coat room. Whatever remains in the Lost and Found when tables are put up for the book giveaway will be displayed on a give-away table.

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PARISH EVENTS August 25-31, 2019	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am Adult Forum
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am Worship Readings Discussion
	5:30 pm Racial Justice
Wednesday	6-7:30 pm Voice Check-Ups
Thursday	1:00 pm Children and Family Team

### RALLY DAY AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Rally Sunday means the beginning of Sunday School and Confirmation. There will be a blessing of backpacks and briefcases at both worship services that day. We will also celebrate with Kathy Ekwall upon her 25 years as a custodian at Holy Trinity. Then join us at noon for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for lunch, but don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 25, 2019		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm
Needed	Crucifer	Troy Davison
Andrew Johnson, Linda Berglin	Communion	Stella Townsend, Judy Davison
Nancy Madich, 1 needed	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Roberta Shaw
Bob Peschiutta, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Mike Mann, Soren Kung, Ethan Townsend, DeWayne Townsend
Jane and Bob Aldrich	Coffee Servers	Pat and Alan Libra
Julie Cahoy, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Vicki Mann, Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Cliff Brown