
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

FALL 2019

Greetings, Holy Trinity!

As you read through the many ministry opportunities scheduled for the fall, you may notice certain emphases reflected. The Council recently outlined the following commitments for our life together in 2019-2020:

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 group 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.

What an honor it is to serve a congregation committed to the body of Christ. Thank you, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, for your dedicated service to God's ministry in the world.

Peace,



Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen



Pastor Angela T. Khabeb

MONTHLY COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

A lot of this congregation's ministry is done through the work of committees and working groups. All of the committees and working groups listed below are open to new members and new ideas. If you have questions, ask the pastor or staff member who relates to each committee. Please note: Committee and working group schedules are subject to change based on participants' schedules. Call the church office to confirm meeting times.

First Monday of the Month —

Adult Education (Pastor Ingrid): Adult forums, Johnson Symposium, travel seminars, and other learning opportunities. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

First Tuesday of the Month —

Children and Family Ministry (Pastor Angela and Ann Schrooten): Retreats, parenting workshops, education for children through grade 5, Parents'/Kids' Night Out, Informal Family Gatherings. Meets every other month at 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday of the Month —

Nurturing Relationships (Pastor Angela): Retreats, book groups, kinship meals, grief mailings, Encore!, First Fridays with Friends, lunch groups, game nights, outdoor activities, new members, homebound visitations, Feeding the Spirit. Meets every other month at 6:30 p.m.

Second Sunday of the Month —

Caring for Creation (Pastor Ingrid): Promotes self-identification of Holy Trinity as a Caring for Creation congregation. Events and adult forums are intended to inspire more environmentally friendly behavior in individuals, the congregation, and across society. Meets at 12:15 p.m. with a sandwich lunch available.

Second Monday of the Month —

Financial Stewardship (Pastor Ingrid): Budget planning, stewardship education, financial reports, special appeals, investments. Currently meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday of the Month —

Youth (Pastor Angela and Ann Schrooten): Education, service, and events for youth in Grades 6-12. Currently meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Third Monday of the Month —

Church Council (Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela): Elected members of Council have responsibility for the administration and mission leadership of the congregation. Visitors are welcome to observe Council meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Thursday of the Month —

Racial Justice Working Group (Pastor Angela): Small group conversations about whiteness/white privilege, education that engages race, privilege, bias, and equity, engagement with organizations led by People of Color, listening circle for Holy Trinity's Members of Color, book studies, special events that promote the conversation about racial justice. Meets at 5:30 p.m.

On Occasion —

Property (Nolan Gusdal): Maintenance and improvements for the building and grounds, work days.

Outreach (Pastor Angela): Music in the Garden, Longfellow Alternative High School, Fare For All, intercultural development and racial justice, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation partnership, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Open Streets, Longfellow Corn Feed.

Worship and Fine Arts (Pastor Ingrid): Weekly and special worship services, devotional resources, fine arts, banners, art work.

Housing and Social Services (Pastor Ingrid): Community-building at Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments, resident meals, coordination of programming at both buildings, arrange for periodic health screenings and special events.

Committee on Public Voice and Organizing (Pastor Ingrid): This committee gathers 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.

FACEBOOK PAGES

Search for these Holy Trinity-sponsored groups on Facebook —

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Encore!

Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group

Holy Trinity Family Ministry

HTLC 20s, 30s, and 40s Group

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays—

We gather in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning for worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Educational opportunities are available between services for people of all ages:

- *Grace Time (children age 3 and under) is a time set aside in the nursery for stories and crafts from 10:00-10:30 a.m.*
- *Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Confirmation (grades 6-8) meets in the fourth-floor sky room from 12:15-1:30 p.m.*
- *High School youth in Grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the Our Whole Lives Sexuality series beginning in November from 9:55-10:50 a.m.*
- *Adults of all ages meet in the second-floor library from 10:00-10:45 a.m. for the adult forum.*

Tuesdays—

A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the office conference room to study the worship readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary. Following the discussion, staff and congregants share a brownbag lunch at 12:00 p.m. Some people choose to skip the study and simply come to lunch.

Wednesdays—

The church library is open Wednesdays during the school year from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All congregants are welcome to study, read, or look for books in the library during these hours!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC from Cantor David Sims



Our friends in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) have a hymn in their hymnal about baptism called “Out of Deep, Unordered Water.” The final stanza includes this line that I think about from time to time:

Standing ‘round the font reminds us of the Hebrew’s climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.

(Fred Kaan, 1929–2009 © 1968 Hope Publishing Co.)

So much of what we do in worship links us to one another as well as to the generations of saints before us. Reading a gospel lesson links us to all of the people who have read it before us, at the same time it is made new each week. When playing a hymn, I often remember the times we’ve sung this at someone’s funeral, at the same time I’m aware of who is there singing on Sunday morning. I’m also struck by the second line, that life is sacred in part because of God’s constant love and care. Sometimes I’m comforted remembering that God has been this way before, and sometimes I feel hopeless that the world has always been a mess. Sometimes I hear the phrase “been this way” to mean coming and going on a path, and I think about what it means to sing “life is hallowed by the knowledge God has traveled this way before.”

This is part of the reason I love physical hymnals or bulletins with all of the prayers written out: it allows all of us to hold and examine the texts we say and sing on our own time, not just in the moment it happens during worship together. You can repeat a prayer for the week at home or re-read a hymn text after we’ve sung it. One of my favorite parts of singing in a choir is experiencing a text or melody for many weeks, not just once on Sunday morning.

If you’d like to spend more time with the texts, melodies, and harmonies we sing on Sunday mornings, we have two adult choirs that help to lead worship. The Adult Choir sings almost every Sunday from September–May at the 11:00 a.m. service and rehearses in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Trinity Singers provides choral music at the 8:45 a.m. service the second Sunday of each month, and rehearses in the Sanctuary on the Wednesday prior from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It has been a great option for people whose schedules don’t allow them to rehearse and sing each week, as well as parents of children who are in choir at the same time. If you are interested in singing with either group, or sharing your other musical talent in worship, let me know! We would be glad to have you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY from Ann Schrooten

Are you wondering about ways to connect with our children and youth in a more meaningful way? First, ask them to tell you a story. When you see them at church, at a Wednesday night meal, or in the Community Room after worship, and you ask them how they are doing, you will probably get a short, pat answer like “I’m fine,” or “Great, thanks!” But if you are *really* interested in connecting on a deeper level, you’ll find out wonderful and amazing things if you try starting with, “Tell me a story about your summer.” Maybe you’ll have an entire conversation about how they fell off the edge of the pool at swimming lessons and got rescued by another kid in the class. Who knows? They may even ask *you* to tell them a story about a time that you fell into the pool or ask, “Have *you* ever been rescued?” Now, you have a real conversation going and you know just a little bit more about each other! Sharing stories is how we get to know ourselves and each other just a little bit better.



Second, every time a child is baptized here at Holy Trinity, there is that point in the Order of Baptism where the pastor addresses the community of faith saying: *People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for them in their new life in Christ?* And we all say together: *We will!* Well, what can this look like at a practical level? It might look like providing a meal to children and their families on a Wednesday night or on a Sunday after worship (Confirmation classes are moving to a new time this fall). It might mean offering to come and read a story to one of the Sunday school classes. It might mean partnering with members of the Children and Family Team or the Youth Committee to help out with an activity like the Pancake Breakfast. Maybe you are one of the members who love that Holy Trinity still makes it a priority to offer our youth an opportunity to experience the wilderness of Northern Minnesota and want to help underwrite a portion of that trip for one of our teens. These are just a few ways in which this community can demonstrate a more tangible commitment to *support this child* in their journey of faith. And when we are able to engage in connections like these, just imagine the stories and the relationships that will arise!

FALL OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, September 4—Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs Begin

For more information on choral and instrumental opportunities, talk to Ann Schrooten (children, youth, and intergenerational handbell ensemble) or David Sims (adult). Children's Choir (Grades 1-4) meets from 6:00 p.m. to 6:40 p.m., and Cantate! (Grades 5-8) meets from 6:45 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. Each of these ensembles sings in worship every 4-6 weeks. Trinity Singers rehearses from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. A community meal is offered in the Community Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday that choirs are in session. If you are interested in preparing a meal for some delightful (and hungry!) singers who grace our worship with their voices each Sunday, please contact Ann Schrooten.

Wednesday, September 4—Knitting Group

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.



Sunday, September 8—Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases in Worship

Students of all ages are invited and encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special moment set aside to ask God's blessings on all who have returned or will be returning to school or further education this fall. Teachers will be recognized and blessed as well, especially those who volunteer to teach our children and youth at Holy Trinity!

Sunday, September 8—Healing Station at both Worship Services

Today you are invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

Sunday, September 8—Kathy Ekwall Celebration of 25 Years at Holy Trinity

Kathy Ekwall was a graphic design student at Brown Institute in 1994 when Holy Trinity posted a help wanted ad on the school's bulletin board. Kathy was hired as custodian and she planned to remain in the position for about a year until she finished school. Then she decided to stay a little longer to help pay for student loans. The people at Holy Trinity began to feel like family, and the job didn't feel so much like a "job," so she decided to stay a little longer. That "little longer" has turned into 25 years! During that time, Kathy has also worked full-time as a graphic designer at the Star Tribune, a Marketing Operations Manager at Contata Solutions, and she has her own freelance graphic design business. Come and honor Kathy's dedicated and joyful service during worship and Music in the Garden!



If you wish to make a financial donation (\$1-30) to the congregational gift, please contribute with check or cash in the office or offering plate or online through the Holy Trinity website.

Sunday, September 8—Sunday School Begins

Godly Play (ages 4 and 5) and Trinity Village (grades K-5) kick off for another year of learning, service, community, and holy play! Classes begin at 9:55 a.m. in the second-floor education suite. Please be sure to complete the online registration form for your child, found under the LEARNING tab on the Holy Trinity website.

Sunday, September 8—Adult Forum on the High School Trip to Puerto Rico

Please join Scott Cole, Molly Davison, Claudia Jensen, Soren Kung, Tevy Nou, Stephanie Oyen, and Maggie Weiss as they share their insights and experiences from the service and learning trip they participated in this past July. We anticipate that a large number of congregational members will want to attend to support these youth who donated their time to the Hurricane Maria recovery efforts still going on in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, so this adult forum will be held in the Bartsch Room.

Sunday, September 8—Lunch and Music in the Garden

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



Sunday, September 8—Second Sunday Supper

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. See Pastor Angela if you need a scholarship.

Wednesday, September 11—Fare For All

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 is community supported and open to everyone. The more people who shop, the better. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards (sorry, no personal checks). Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 15—Adult Forum with Young Adult in Global Mission Volunteer, Holy Trinity Member Fiona Carson

Come hear Fiona as she reflects on her year as a missionary in eSwatini as a volunteer with Young Adults in Global Mission. She will give an overview of her experience as a missionary abroad as well as highlighting important lessons from her service.

Thursday, September 19—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor Angela if you need a scholarship.

Friday, September 20—Global Climate Strike

Join in the Global Climate Strike on Friday, September 20. Inspired by youth, people of all ages around the world are invited to leave work, school, or close businesses at 11:00 a.m. We will gather at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 11:30 a.m. that day to recognize the urgency of the problem and the billion worldwide refugees anticipated by the end of the century if climate change goes unchecked. Sign up in the Community Room to carpool/take mass transit together.

Sunday, September 22—Adult Forum with Anne Jones on Health Care for All Minnesota

Anne C. Jones, Vice-Chair of the Board of Health Care for All Minnesota, will speak on "Why Are Health Care Costs in the U. S. So High and What Can We Do About It?"

Monday-Friday, September 23-27—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, September 23-27. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Sign up in the Community Room for part or all of the week.

Saturday, September 28—Naming Racism as Sin: Creating Beloved Community in the Kin-dom of God

This workshop, presented by The Rev. Jia Starr Brown and The Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers, is being offered for FREE to Holy Trinity members and staff, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Sign up in the Community Room if you need childcare.

Workshop Description

We are all undoubtedly aware of the increasing breakdown in civic conversation as it relates to race and ethnicity in our country. As Christians, we name racism as sin—the Church should have something to contribute to this important dialogue. Imagining beloved community in the kin-dom of God, we will identify concrete actions that individuals and the Church can take to be actively anti-racist in word and deed.

Because anti-racism work is a journey, there will be a small amount of pre-work asked of you prior to this workshop. You are also strongly encouraged to continue the work and conversations that are started at this workshop by participating in periodic on-going small group work after the workshop.

We are incredibly excited for this opportunity and look forward to having the entire Holy Trinity community join us in this faithful and necessary journey. Please sign up in the community room or email Sara Jensen (saraojensen@gmail.com).

Sunday, September 29—Adult Forum with the Doctrine of Discovery Working Group

The Doctrine of Discovery Working Group has been meeting since the summer of 2018 and is working in the areas of education and advocacy. The adult forum will be an opportunity for members of the congregation to learn what the working group has been doing, and its plans for the future. The Doctrine and its effects on Indigenous people, historically and to the present day, will be the subject of the Johnson Symposium in November 2019.

Sunday, September 29—Lay Communion Visitors Luncheon

The mission of Holy Trinity's Lay Communion Visitation Program, sponsored by the Nurturing Committee, is to provide monthly communion visits to all of Holy Trinity's homebound persons. For these homebound persons, this provides regular person-to-person contact with Holy Trinity and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on a monthly basis. For the visitors, it provides an opportunity to participate in an important face-to-face ministry of the congregation. In many cases new and lasting relationships are forged between the person visited and the visitor. This program is a tremendous help to the pastors, who visit each homebound member four times per year. Current lay communion visitors and those interested in learning more about this important ministry are invited to be our guests for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sign up in the Community Room by September 22.

Sunday, September 29—Confirmation Students and Sponsors Sky Room Party

All Confirmation students and their sponsors are invited to party together up in the Sky Room after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Games, food, and great getting-to-know-you activities will provide confirmands and sponsors a group setting in which to interact early on in the year. Families should plan to pick up their students at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 29—Our Whole Lives Sexuality Curriculum Parent Orientation

This information session from 12:00-2:00 p.m. is required for parents of all high school students participating in the Our Whole Lives sessions beginning Sunday, November 3, in the Choir Room. Come meet our fantastic team of adult facilitators: Cathy Alpizar, Deb Anderson, Amy Froiland-Parada, and Megan Schommer, who will share details about the topics addressed in the curriculum and the proposed schedule for the year. A light lunch will also be served.

High school students in grades 9-12 are highly encouraged to participate in these engaging and holistic conversations surrounding sexuality. Sessions will take place during the Education Hour (9:55-10:50 a.m.) and in 2-3 Saturday retreats during the school year. The Our Whole Lives curriculum provides accurate, age-appropriate information while helping people clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Sunday, September 29—New Member Orientation

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, September 29, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Ingrid or Pastor Angela if you intend to come.

Wednesday, October 2—Knitting Group

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.

Thursday, October 3-Sunday, October 6—Storytelling Workshop with Mark Yaconelli

The shortest distance between a human being and Truth is a story. —Anthony De Mello

Mark Yaconelli is an author, storyteller, retreat leader, community activist, husband, and father. He is the founder and executive director of *The Hearth: Building Community One Story at a Time*, a registered nonprofit that assists cities and service-based agencies in employing personal storytelling practices to assist communities in deepening relationships, bridging divisions, and celebrating individual courage. Through *The Hearth*, Mark has produced and led events for *The Boys and Girls Club*, *The Mexican American Cultural Center of Austin*, *The Ford Family Foundation*, *Asante Hospice Services*, *The Oregon Department of Human Services*, *The Center for Congregations*, *Austin Theological Seminary*, *The Church of Wales*, and many other organizations across the United States and United Kingdom.



Mark has co-founded many creative ministry projects including *The 787 Collective at Austin Presbyterian Seminary*, *The Center for Engaged Compassion at Claremont School of Theology*, and *The Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project at San Francisco Theological Seminary*. He is the author of five books including *The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places*, *Wonder, Fear, and Longing: A Book of Prayers*, and *Contemplative Youth Ministry*.

See Mark at the *Hearth Community*: thehearthcommunity.com/about/

Storytelling Workshop with Mark Yaconelli

We hope you'll join us for one, two, three...or all of these sessions in the storytelling workshop. No prior experience necessary. All are welcome! These opportunities are made possible by the Innovation Hub Team at *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis)*, *Edina Community Lutheran Church (Edina)*, *Christ the King Lutheran Church (New Brighton)*, *St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (St. Paul)*, *Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church (St. Paul)*, *St. Timothy Lutheran Church (St. Paul)*, and *Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)*. These communities believe that storytelling is sacred, that storytelling engenders empathy and understanding, and that storytelling has the power to build community in divisive times.

Register online at htlcmpls.org/storytelling-workshop/

The Power of Personal Storytelling

Thursday, October 3 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 East 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

Learn how to excavate, craft, and share stories from your own life. Through presentation, contemplative exercises, and a variety of narrative practices, participants will learn the power of personal storytelling for teaching, preaching, personal growth, and spiritual formation. This is a great introduction for pastors, teachers, nonprofit leaders, business professionals, students, and community builders of all kinds. Lunch will be provided.

The Art of Community Storytelling

Friday, October 4 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., lunch will be provided)

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 East 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

For those interested in the transformational power of stories, The Art of Community Storytelling offers a variety of experiential exercises, individual skill-building, and hands-on practical teaching. Participants in the course will:

- *Understand how stories function in our personal and public lives.*
- *Learn how to create transformative events that deepen relationships within a local community or organization.*
- *Explore narrative practices that promote individual growth, social awareness, and community action.*
- *Learn how to create a variety of public story-sharing platforms that engender trust and vulnerability.*
- *Gain concrete skills for community storytelling including story recruitment, event promotion, audience building, public participation, media integration, and fundraising.*
- *Discover methods for amplifying the voice of marginalized populations.*
- *Learn how to apply storytelling techniques within families, friendships, and other informal gatherings.*

Rite of Passage: Real Stories of Personal Change

Friday, October 4 (6:00-8:30 p.m.)

Location: Moon Palace Books (3032 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

Come and hear six brave souls share a personal story, told first person, without notes, on the theme "Rite of Passage." Hosted at Moon Palace Books by Mark Yaconelli. Pizza, salad, and drink tickets will be provided. Free will offering taken at the event will benefit the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, a nonprofit agency that provides immigration legal assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota.

Telling Stories: A Workshop on Family Storytelling

Saturday, October 5 (10:00 a.m.-noon)

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 East 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

Join veteran storyteller and parent of three, Mark Yaconelli, for an engaging workshop on using personal storytelling among families and friends. Using a mixture of storytelling, creative exercises, and practical teaching, participants will learn a variety of methods for sharing stories at the dinner table, bedtime, road trips, or special gatherings. Snacks will be provided.

Storytelling for Community Engagement and Social Change

Saturday, October 5 (1:30-6:00 p.m.)

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 East 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

How do we befriend strangers? How do we amplify the voices of the marginalized in our community? What kind of practices will help us bridge divisions and address social problems? In this afternoon workshop, Mark Yaconelli will teach a variety of applied storytelling techniques for working with communities to address problems and build diverse relationships. Snacks will be provided.

The Power of Personal Storytelling

Sunday, October 6 (1:00-4:00 p.m.)

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 East 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

This afternoon workshop will be an exploration of personal storytelling. Through presentation, contemplative exercises, theological reflection, and a variety of narrative practices, participants will encounter the power of personal storytelling for spiritual formation, outreach, social justice, and other ministries. The workshop will give participants practical skills for telling stories, creating narrative events, and assisting others in “giving testimony” to the work of the Spirit in their lives. Snacks will be provided.

Sunday, October 6—Adult Forum with Storyteller Mark Yaconelli

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Sunday, October 6—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Tuesday, October 8—Thomas Keesecker in Concert

Composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker will lead us in an inspirational hour of piano music, reflection, poetry, laughter, and hymn singing, featuring his new collection of piano music, “The Quiet Harvest” at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Hymns featured in the program include: Praise and Thanksgiving, Let All Things Now Living, Beautiful Savior, and others. Tom has served as a musician in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His award-winning choral music is published by several publishers. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixed classical technique and jazz improvisation. During the last decade he has explored the nexus of creativity and healing and its implication for liturgical musicians.

Wednesday, October 9—Fare For All

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 is community supported and open to everyone. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards (sorry, no personal checks). Shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9—Palestine Perspectives Film Festival

Palestine Perspectives is a film festival rotating this fall among area congregations, including Central Lutheran, Lord of Life Lutheran, Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, Unity Unitarian, Westminster Presbyterian, and Edina Community Lutheran Church.

Holy Trinity has committed to showing “Killing Gaza” on October 9th at 6:30pm in the Bartsch Room. Killing Gaza is much more than a documentary about Palestinian resilience and suffering. It is a chilling visual document of war crimes committed by the Israeli military, featuring direct testimony and evidence from the survivors.

The film festival culminates on October 27 with a fundraising reception for Bright Stars of Bethlehem, featuring Rev. Mitri Raheb. Funds will support Dar al’Kalima, a cultural and arts university in Bethlehem with the goal of educating tomorrow’s Palestinian leaders. For more information, contact Donna Goodlaxson or Mary Engen.

Sunday, October 13—Stewardship Sunday

Join us in the gym at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to pledge financial support for our ministry in 2020. We'll also highlight opportunities for involvement in a wide variety of ministries. The breakfast takes the place of the adult forum today.

Sunday, October 13—Healing Station at Both Worship Services

Today you are invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

Sunday, October 13—Second Sunday Suppers

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. Talk to Pastor Angela if you need a scholarship.

Thursday, October 17—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor Angela if you need a scholarship.

Sunday, October 20—Adult Forum Welcoming New Members in the Community Room

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from two delightful current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation.

Sunday, October 20—New Member Sunday

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. (An orientation session for those wishing to become members will be held following the 11:00 a.m. service on September 29.)

Friday-Saturday, October 25-26—Adult Retreat at St. John’s Abbey, “Peace in Chaotic Times”

Sign up to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We’ll have wonderful programming, led with assistance from Wisdom Ways’ Cathy Nordheim, and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John’s. We’ll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel and the illustrated St. John’s Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 people. Cost is \$125. Scholarships are available. Talk with Liz Blood or Joyce Peterson for more information. Sign up in the Community Room, and submit payment to the church office by October 7.



Saturday, October 26—Property Work Day

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. We’ll work from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Sign up in the Community Room by October 20. In case of inclement weather, the work day will be Saturday, November 2.

Saturday, October 26—Cookie Baking Party

Holy Trinity confirmation students in grades 6-8 will gather from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity to bake fabulous cookies and bars to be enjoyed by the congregation on Confirmation Sunday.

Saturday, October 26—Confirmation Dinner

Students to be confirmed on Sunday, October 28, will enjoy dinner and fellowship with one another, the pastors, and members of the Confirmation teaching team from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hosted and served by Linda Jury in her home.

Sunday, October 27—Confirmation and Reformation

Four young people from Holy Trinity— Josie Hines, Claudia Jensen, Kayden Nordby, and Maggie Weiss— will affirm their baptisms during the 11:00 a.m. service. Adult and youth choirs will help lead the celebration.

Sunday, October 27—Adult Forum with Longfellow Alternative High School

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Longfellow Alternative High School, the school for pregnant and parenting teen women located a few blocks east of the church. Come and learn about the school’s mission and hear about ways this faith community can build relationships with the students, staff, and administration.

Sunday, October 27—Doctrine of Discovery Lunch and Film: *Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights*

A film produced by Syd Beane and the ELCA will be shown at 12:15 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The film, narrated by Peter Coyote, documents the Native struggle for civil rights in the 1960s and 1970s and the involvement and support of the ELCA.

A light lunch will be served. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Community Room to get an estimate of the food needed. If you have questions, please contact Mike Miller.

Friday and Saturday, November 1-2—Kinship Dinners

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone's home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God's living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 27.

Saturday, November 2—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

Sunday, November 3—All Saints Sunday

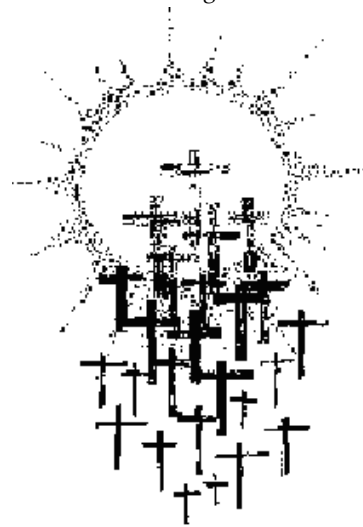
Holy Trinity remembers aloud all of the saints who have died and all those saints who have been baptized in this congregation in the past year. Worshipers are invited to add their saints to the spoken litany during the service. Additionally, this year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour.

Sunday, November 3—Adult Forum to Honor the Saints

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour. During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

Sunday, November 3—Parents Attend Trinity Village with Children

From 9:55-10:50 a.m. children will interview and record a parent or grandparent telling an important family story. Parents should plan to bring photos or other artifacts that may help the story come to life. Cell phones with recording capabilities will be most welcome for this event!



Sunday, November 3—Our Whole Lives Sexuality Curriculum Begins

High school students in Grades 9-12 are highly encouraged to participate in a series of holistic conversations surrounding sexuality in the Sky Room during the Education Hour (9:55-10:50 a.m.) and in 2 to 3 Saturday retreats during the school year. The Our Whole Lives curriculum provides accurate, age-appropriate information while helping people clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. Sessions take place in the Sky Room.

Sunday, November 3—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Wednesday, November 6—Knitting Group

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Saturday, November 9—Trinity Apartments Meal

For many years, Holy Trinity confirmation students and parent volunteers have prepared and served a healthy and hearty evening meal for our next-door neighbors. This is just one of several ways in which our youth are encouraged to make a meaningful contribution to our Longfellow neighborhood.

Sunday, November 10—Healing Station at both Worship Services

Today you are invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

Sunday, November 10—Adult Forum with the Caring for Creation Committee

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Sunday, November 10—Faith and Family Matters

*We all know that perfect parenting does not exist, yet we still struggle with the social expectations that teach us that being imperfect is synonymous with being inadequate. These messages are powerful and we end up spending precious time and energy managing perception and the carefully edited versions of the families we show to the world. In her audiobook, *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting*, Dr. Brené Brown draws on her 12 years of research on vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame, to present 10 guideposts to creating what she describes as “wholehearted” families where each of us can continually learn and grow as we reach our full potential.*

*“It’s actually our ability to embrace imperfection that will help us teach our children to have the courage to be authentic, the compassion to love themselves and others, and the sense of connection that gives true purpose and meaning to life,” states Dr. Brown. *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting* is a practical and hopeful program for raising children who know that they are worthy of love, belonging, and joy.*

Since this book is only available in audio format, participants should plan to listen at their leisure sometime this fall (available for download at your online bookstore of choice). It’s a perfect opportunity for busy parents to learn on your commute or during your workout routine. Join other Holy Trinity parents on Sunday, November 10, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. to discuss what you’ve learned. Let other parents know that you are listening to the book by leaving a comment on the Holy Trinity Family Ministry Facebook page!

Sunday, November 10—Second Sunday Supper

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. Talk to Pastor Angela if you need a scholarship.

Saturday, November 16—2019 Johnson Symposium
“The Spiritual Price of the Doctrine of Discovery”

Mark Charles is a dynamic and thought-provoking public speaker, writer, and consultant. The son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man, he speaks with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. Mark is a regular columnist for Native News Online and the author of the popular blog “Reflections from the Hogan.” He served on the board of the Christian Community Development Association and is a former Board of Trustees member of the Christian Reformed Church of North America. Mark also consults with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, has served as the pastor of the Christian Indian Center in Denver, CO, and is a founding partner of a national conference for Native students called “Would Jesus Eat Frybread?” Mark’s forthcoming book entitled “Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery” is scheduled to be released from Interoarsity Press on November 5, 2019.



SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Session One

8:30-8:50 a.m. *Opening Ritual*

8:50-10:30 a.m. *The Spiritual Price of the Doctrine of Discovery, followed by Q and A*

10:30-10:50 a.m. *Break*

Session Two

10:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *The Doctrine of Discovery: Deconstructing the Mythology of American History, followed by Q and A*

12:30-1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

Session Three

1:30-2:45 p.m. *Truth and Conciliation, followed by Q and A*

2:45-3:15 p.m. *The Giveaway*

Session Four

3:15-4:45 p.m. *Reflections from Minnesota Native Leaders*

4:45-5:00 p.m. *Closing Ritual*

Other presenters will include local leaders from the Native Community, including Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Brenda Blackhawk, Rep. Mary Kunesh-Podein, Thorne LaPointe, and Wakinyan LaPointe. Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan has also been invited, but her schedule does not allow her to confirm participation until closer to the event.

Registration Information: *Participants are encouraged to donate \$0-30, based on what feels appropriate for their situations. No one will be turned away. You may register online at htlcmpls.org/symposium, or by calling the church office (612-729-8358). Please register by November 6.*

Sunday, November 17—Adult Forum with Jim Bear Jacobs

Jim Bear Jacobs was born in St. Paul, MN. He is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, an American Indian tribe located in central Wisconsin. He has degrees in Pastoral Studies and Christian Theology and has served various churches as youth minister, adult Christian educator, and director of Men's Ministries. He is a cultural facilitator in the Twin Cities and works to raise the public's awareness of American Indian causes and injustices. He is a convener of "Healing Minnesota Stories," a committee dedicated to creating events of dialogue and education particularly within faith communities. He presently lives in Mounds View with his wife Susan and four children. Jim Bear Jacobs will also be our preacher for the day!

Monday-Friday, November 18-22—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, November 18-22. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Sign up in the Community Room for part or all of the week.

Thursday, November 21—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor Angela if you need a scholarship.

Friday, November 22—Friendsgiving House Party

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to a pre-Thanksgiving meal at 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD.) Sign up in the Community Room or on Facebook by November 17.



Sunday, November 24—Adult Forum with the Caring for Creation Committee

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Wednesday, November 27—Thanksgiving Eve Service and Lunch

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Service at noon. The service will offer space for us to give thanks to God. After worship, we'll share a simple meal. There will be pie! Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday November 24, so we know how much food to order.

Wednesday, November 27—Choirs Rehearse

Choirs of all ages will still meet for rehearsal at their usual times.

Thursday-Friday, November 28-29—Office Closed

The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you next week!

Sunday, December 1—Makers and Bakers Advent Bazaar

The youth are spreading the excitement (and the calories) from the February Pancake Breakfast to create a new event to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies embossed with a Martin Luther silhouette, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips. Contact Ann Schrooten or a member of the Youth Committee to make your contribution.

Sunday, December 1—Adult Forum on Art and Social Justice with Ricardo Morales

Ricardo Levins Morales describes himself as a “healer and trickster organizer disguised as an artist.” He was born into the anti-colonial movement in his native Puerto Rico and was drawn into activism in Chicago when his family moved there in 1967.

Ricardo left high school early and worked in various industries, and over time began to use his art as part of his activism. This activism has included support work for the Black Panthers and Young Lords to participating in or acting in solidarity with farmers, environmental, labor, racial justice, and peace movements.

Increasingly, Ricardo sees his art and organizing practices as a means to address individual, collective, and historical trauma. He co-leads workshops on trauma and resilience for organizers, as well as trainings on creative organizing, social justice strategy, and sustainable activism. He also mentors and supports young activists.

Ricardo's art has won numerous awards, but the greatest affirmation is the uses to which it has been put by grassroots movements and communities. Ricardo's studio is located just a few blocks away from Holy Trinity on Minnehaha Avenue (next door to Peace Coffee).

Sunday, December 1—First Sunday Musings

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Wednesday, December 4—Knitting Group

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Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18—Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

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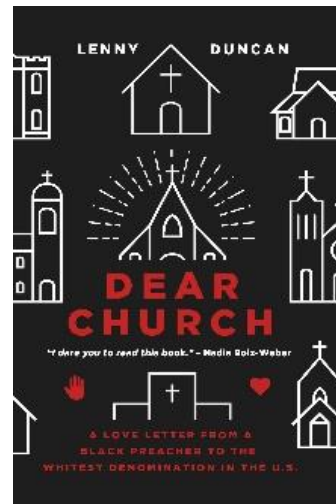
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Friday, December 6—First Fridays with Friends

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Sunday, December 8—Adult Forum with Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela

Join Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela as they team up for today's adult forum!

Sunday, December 8—Adult Choirs Lead Worship

Hymns, choral anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. Trinity Singers and the Adult Choir will lead worship at both services as we sing together as a congregation.

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Saturday, December 14—Godly Play and Trinity Village Advent Presentation Rehearsal

Children will gather in the sanctuary from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to practice their lines, sing their songs, and try on their costumes for their annual Advent gift to the congregation on Sunday, December 15.

Sunday, December 15—Adult Forum with Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela

Join Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela as they team up for today's adult forum!

Sunday, December 15—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Children age 4 through grade 5 will help lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the third Sunday of the Advent season. Children will gather in the sanctuary at 9:55 a.m. for a final rehearsal.

Wednesday, December 18—Advent Supper and Evening Prayer Service

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Thursday, December 19—Encore! at Turtle Bread

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Sunday, December 22—No Godly Play, No Trinity Village, No Confirmation Classes

Sunday, December 22—Adult Forum Featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. David will collect hymns for Advent around a particular theme for us to sing and think about together—some familiar, some obscure, some brand new. We meet in the Bartsch Room this week.

Tuesday, December 24—Church Office Closes at Noon

The church office closes at noon today. We'll talk to you on Thursday!

Tuesday, December 24—No Worship Readings Discussion or Community Lunch

Our usual Tuesday worship readings discussion and community lunch are canceled today.

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for worship at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Please join us for a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. and a service led by the Adult Choir at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25—Church Office Closed

The church office is closed. We'll talk to you tomorrow!

Sunday, December 29—No Godly Play, Trinity Village, or Confirmation Classes

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, January 3—First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out

First Fridays with Friends and Parents' Night Out are canceled this month. We're still recovering from Christmas!

Sunday, January 5—Trinity Village Epiphany Party

Trinity Villagers and their parents will make the journey with the Magi and place their gifts at the foot of the manger. Bring a "treasured" book to donate to the Longfellow School children's library. Star-gazing trivia, King's Cake, and Epiphany songs and games for all. Meet in the Bartsch Room at 9:55 a.m. Godly Play resumes in their regular classroom on the 2nd floor with a special Epiphany party of their own!

Sunday, January 5—First Sunday Musings

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

Saturday, January 11—Game Night with Nurturing Relationships and Youth Committees

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game snack to share. Sign up in the Community Room by January 5.

Sunday, January 12—Second Sunday Supper

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.



Saturday-Monday, January 18-20—Confirmation Retreat

Confirmands in grades 6-8 travel to Luther Park near Danbury, Wisconsin for a weekend of fellowship, study, and outdoor winter fun!

Sunday, January 19—Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership

There is a lot of business to cover during next week's annual meeting, which will be held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 26. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Angela, and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

Sunday, January 26—Annual Meeting

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 116th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2020 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

Sunday, February 2—Youth Recital

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

Friday-Sunday, February 14-16—Family Retreat at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, MN

Join us for a weekend of rest, renewal, and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages!

Sunday, February 23—Pancake Breakfast

Holy Trinity youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast help to support summer youth trips.



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