



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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 MEETING UPDATE

On Sunday November 3, approximately ninety Holy Trinity members gathered for the purpose of discussing and voting on a new ownership arrangement for Trinity Apartments, the high-rise building across the cul de sac. Trinity Apartments is an affordable housing facility with 120 units, currently serving 135 people. Holy Trinity has been a co-owner of Trinity Apartments for forty years.

Council President Nicki Hines offered the following prayer to begin the meeting:

Dear God, we are grateful for the wisdom and the foresight of those leaders before us who had a vision to create safe, affordable homes for our community. Be with us now as we take up the important task of deciding how best to move forward, and help us keep your spirit at the core of our deliberations. Amen.

Council President Nicki Hines and I offered a twenty-minute presentation that included the history of Trinity Apartments; information about the team that has been working on this project for over a year; the proposed changes; the identified risks; the proposed project; and the unexpected financial return we expect to receive as a result of the transaction. Most of the meeting was spent attending to questions from congregants.

The overwhelming majority of those in attendance voted to approve the following motion:

On a closing date to be determined (now anticipated to be in early 2020), we, the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, ("Holy Trinity Church") authorize the three board members of Trinity Apartments Corporation appointed by Holy Trinity Church to take such actions to facilitate the transfer of Trinity Apartments to a new ownership entity and authorize Pastor Ingrid Arneson Rasmussen to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and related documents, as are necessary to facilitate the rehabilitation and refinancing of such property.

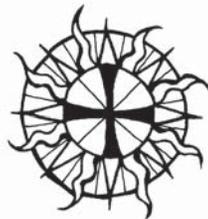
This means that, together with Community Housing Development Corporation, we will move forward with an approximately seven-million-dollar renovation plan to attend to critical physical needs, sustainability upgrades, and livability improvements at Trinity Apartments. These improvements include, but are not limited to: plumbing; electrical; common areas; a new fitness room to assist with senior physical needs; a game room for younger families; apartment amenities like under cabinet microwaves, dishwashers, fans, upgraded bathrooms; and safety features like cameras and lighting.

Specifically related to Holy Trinity's property, there will be the construction of a new garage on the west side of our building, the construction of ten new parking spaces in Holy Trinity's lot off of Lake Street, and the construction of a new playground in a location similar to where it is now. We expect to close in early 2020. Construction is anticipated to begin two months after closing and last a total of seven months.

In the spirit of All Saints Sunday, we remember those saints who had the vision, those saints who worked to build Trinity Apartments, those saints who have maintained it all these years, and those saints who have called it home. We give thanks to God who granted this community imagination, fortitude, resiliency, and love. We trust that, even now, those same gifts lead us.

With gratitude,
Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

NOVEMBER 10 Conversation with Holy Trinity Youth on Climate Change

Marianna Hefte, assisted by Molly Davidson and perhaps featuring cameo videos from other HT youth now in various colleges and their far flung programs, will discuss Climate Change.

NOVEMBER 17 Adult Forum with Jim Bear Jacobs

Jim Bear Jacobs was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. 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.

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2020

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving units in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you'd like to nominate a 501(c)3 organization, contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until December 2, 2019. The congregation will be informed of the 2020 special appeals at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Steve Murray until December 2, 2019 (stevemurray0803@gmail.com).

PARISH INFORMATION

NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Caregivers are needed to provide dependable, safe, and nurturing care to infants and children 6 years and younger on Sunday mornings and occasional weeknights. Applicants must love children, must be at least 18 years old, and must pass a criminal background check. Pay is \$15/hour. To apply, submit a current resume, including the names and contact information for two references (one personal and one from a current or former employer), to apply@htlcmpls.org. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church actively seeks a diverse pool of candidates to care for our children. People of color, LGBTQIA people, and recent retirees are all encouraged to apply.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED ON PROPERTY WORK DAY

Thank you to Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Alan Libra, Chris Amundson, and Bob Peschiutta for their help in cleaning the property last week. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

KITCHEN ORGANIZING PROJECT WED., NOV. 20, 3:00 P.M.

Join others in making the kitchen easier to use. Sign up in the Community Room or just come. We will have another date in January.

ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION: DEAR CHURCH BY LENNY DUNCAN

A book discussion will be held December 4, 11 and 18, from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the workroom next to the library. The book is *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.*, by Rev. Lenny Duncan. Bring your supper (available in the Community Room). Facilitators will be Deb Sodt and Benhi Khabeb. A few copies of the book will be for sale for a reduced price in the office and several copies will be in the Library. Sign up in the Community Room.

LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS

The students and their children at Longfellow High School are in need of winter coats and accessories. They need children's coats in all sizes and women's coats in M, L, and XL.

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

The annual Bakers & Makers fundraising sale for the youth trip will be on Sunday, December 1. If you are interested in donating home-baked or handmade items to the sale, please let Sara Jensen know at saraojensen@gmail.com. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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PARISH EVENTS November 10-16, 2019

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Trinity Village and Godly Play
	9:55 am	OWL Class
	9:55 am	Faith and Family Matters
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	Caring for Creation
	12:15 pm	Confirmation
	12:15 pm	Youth Committee Open Conversation
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	6:00 pm	Second Sunday Supper at Houlihan's
	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	7:30 pm	Gloria Ringers
Friday	6:30 pm	20s, 30s, 40s House Party
Saturday	8:30 am-5:00 pm	JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM
	9:00 am-3:00 pm	OWL Retreat

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 10, 2019

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Paul Chindvall	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Cliff Brown	
Will Hansen, Ben Hanson		Acolytes	Khenna Khabeb, Khonni Khabeb
Tina Russell, Joyce Peterson		Communion	Stella Townsend, Deb Anderson
Lisa and Bruce Martens		Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Roberta Shaw
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend		Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Alan Libra, Helen & Bob Norheim
Matt Kane, Liz Conway		Coffee Servers	Needed
Gerry Berglin, Needed		Counters	Vicki Mann, Gary Johnson
		Closer	Cliff Brown