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

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Enthusiastic. Thoughtful. Collaborative. Faithful. Active. Joyful. Organized. Appreciative.

These words describe our 116th Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26, but I think they also reflect the spirit of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in general. At the annual meeting, it was clear that our community of faith at Holy Trinity is vibrant and growing!

Church Council President Nicki Hines started the meeting by reflecting on some of the major activities of our community during 2019, including significant staff changes, the Trinity Apartments transaction, and the creation of a position for Community Engagement and Education Coordinator (CEEC), which now includes children, youth and family programming responsibilities. She then highlighted two key initiatives for our congregation in 2020:

- Big Meeting Nights, in which all congregational committees will hold their meetings on the first Thursday or second Tuesday of each month. Pastors will be available, and child care will be provided.
- Improved Communication Initiative, which begins with a new practice of making a binder with Church Council minutes and other materials available in the Community Room.

Pastor Angela's report highlighted our identity at HTLC as a family: "An imperfect, struggling, growing, amazing, powerful family of God." She was filled with gratitude and excitement for the work of this community in 2019 and what we can accomplish together in 2020.

Pastor Ingrid's report highlighted her work in 2019 on the Trinity Apartments transaction, including heartfelt thanks to all who assisted with this complex contract. She spoke with enthusiasm of our congregation's faithful and active support of Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL) during 2019, especially in agreeing to temporarily house an individual victimized by construction trafficking abuse. She also thanked all of the HT staff.

With joy, we celebrated Pastor Ingrid's announcement that she is pregnant and due in July!

Treasurer John Sulzbach reviewed the 2019 financial reports, 2020 proposed budget, and special appeals. Motions were made, seconded, and carried to accept the financial reports and approve the 2020 budget.

Of course, we were delighted to approve the nominees for new Church Council leaders for 2020: Connie Adams, Scott Cole, Aric Sorenson, and David Broberg. Welcome to the Church Council!

Nicki Hines explained the Stepping Out in Faith task force, whose goal is to make a recommendation to the congregation about how the Trinity Apartments funds could be allocated. She asked that all those interested in becoming a part of this task force please submit their applications by February 14.

She also thanked our outgoing Council members for their support and guidance over the past three years: Bryan Kuzel, Michael Douglas, John Sulzbach, Juliann Breting Rohn.

Holy Trinity has blessings beyond measure—not just in our financial stability and growth, but more importantly, in the spirit of all who work actively and prayerfully every day to be faithful stewards of what God has created. As Pastor Angela said in her report: "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126:3).

Indeed.

—Donna Scott, Secretary

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



READINGS

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

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. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

FEBRUARY 9 "New Staff Position"

At the annual meeting, funds were approved to create a position for a Community Engagement and Education Coordinator, a position that combines the Parish Organizing position with the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry position. The forum will be a chance to discuss the new position.

ENCORE!

You may have asked, "What is the Holy Trinity Encore! group?" It is an informal way for members and friends who are 50 years old or older to get together for various activities. "How do I learn about Encore! activities?" The group has a Facebook page (Holy Trinity Encore!), and it is easy to locate planned activities and requests for participants in the various missions of Holy Trinity.

If you would like to receive e-mail notifications, add your name and e-mail address to the sign-up sheet in the Community Room. Please add your name even if you have done so previously, as a computer glitch resulted in the loss of the former list.

One ongoing Encore get-together is breakfast at Turtle Bread (4250 E. 34th St, Minneapolis), held the third Thursday each month at 8:00 a.m. No need to sign up for this gathering, just show up and have a warm breakfast. Scholarships are available.

Members of the Encore! group have planned activities such as attending movies and plays, visiting local landmarks (the State Capitol and Minneapolis Water Works), learning more about bird watching, all while growing connections with each other. Anyone can suggest an activity and this is a good way to find friends with similar interests. A visit to the Minnesota History Center is planned for Friday, February 7. Admission is \$10 (for seniors), which includes all the exhibits in the center. Sign up in the Community Room. Scholarships are available.

PARISH INFORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/YOUTH FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 23

We're casting the net wide to enlist a bigger group of fun and supportive folks to pitch in at the 11th Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 23. If you have a connection with a child or young person in our congregation, consider buddying up with them on this day to contribute toward a project that benefits Children, Youth, and Family faith formation and community building at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Check out signup.com/go/imBYsSa to see how you can help. The kids really like cooking and serving up the pancakes, pouring juice and coffee, and selling tickets, so we try to give them first shot at those. We'd LOVE to have you join us! Tickets are on sale Sundays in the Community Room (sliding scale).

BOOK DISCUSSION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, 5:45 P.M.

Jointly sponsored by the Racial Justice and Doctrine of Discovery Committees, a discussion of *Unsettling Truths* by Mark Charles will be held in the library on Wednesdays, beginning February 26. Pick up your meal in the Community Room and then join the group in the Library. Discussions will end by 6:45 p.m., giving you time to participate in Lenten worship services. Sign up in the Community Room.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday (February 26) is the beginning of Lent. We will have a soup supper from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. This year we are asking people to sign up to make soup for Wednesdays in Lent. If you would like to make soup, please sign up in the Community Room. For more information, call the office.

ANNUAL YOUTH RECITAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 10:00 A.M.

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PARISH EVENTS February 2-8, 2020

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
	9:55 am	Sunday School	
	9:55 am	OWL Class	
	10:00 am	Youth Recital	
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
	12:15 pm	Lay Communion Lunch	
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings	
	12:15 pm	Confirmation	
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service	
	Monday	9am-12pm	AARP Tax-Aide
6:30 pm		Adult Education	
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion	
	6:30 pm	Children and Family Team	
Wednesday	9am-12pm	AARP Tax-Aide	
	2:00 pm	Knitting Group	4:00 pm Palestine/Israel
	5:30-7:30 pm	Library Open	
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper	
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir	
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers	
	6:45 pm	Cantate!	
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir	
	10:00 am	Encore! visits History Center	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 2, 2020

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	June Prange	
Needed	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen	
Asha Olson, Matthew Arifin	Acolytes	Elena Alpizar, Alyssa Krig	
Rick Liedholm, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Sara and Kirk Jensen	
Bev Peschiutta, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend and Family	
Bob Peschiutta, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Ethan Townsend, DeWayne Townsend, Alan Libra, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Mary and Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Rachel and Jim Trelstad Porter	
Chuck Jordan, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Scott Cole, Pam Kildahl	
	Closer	Jennifer Frenzel	