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

MINISTRY IMAGINATION GRANTS

On Sunday mornings at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen often shakes the hands of congregants as they leave the sanctuary and takes a moment to talk with individual members. Regularly these conversations include discussion of the worship service itself, and it was in these conversations that Pastor Ingrid began to hear a consistent theme emerging.

“I would hear from congregants that they had particular responses to pieces of settings that we were using, or they expressed a desire for a wider set of images or metaphors in worship,” said Pastor Ingrid.

It was this congregational energy for more expansive language in worship, and the ELCA’s call to engage with the newly drafted social statement, that moved Pastor Ingrid to write a Ministry Imagination Grant (MIG) through the Minneapolis Area Synod, to commission a liturgy setting with expansive language for God, focusing especially on the need to imagine God outside of masculine frameworks.

The development phase of the grant began in the Fall of 2018, with representatives from the partner organizations gathering to read “Faith, Sexism, and Justice” together, and to begin having conversations within their own communities about what expansive language means in their particular context.

After a year of meeting and study the group wrote a case statement together as a way to draw their ideas, hopes, and learnings together in one document that could be used as a platform from which to create a new liturgical setting and to set the frame for the work ahead.

The case study provides a rationale for the development of new liturgies, saying:

One of the practical hurdles we face in raising up generations of believers with expansive imaginations are the liturgical settings found within our primary sourcebook, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. There is richness to be found within its pages, to be sure. The liturgical settings, however, are dominated by masculine language and imagery ... and masculine pronouns. The imbalance is stunningly clear; setting three alone carries 30 masculine references and zero references to the feminine.

In the Lutheran tradition, the liturgy is understood as the work of the people and is perhaps the central way that our congregations publicly and communally say who God is and how God is active. In this way the liturgy is in fact a vital tool for teaching and proclamation as well as formation.

One of the emerging tensions that has arisen in the group’s work has been around the often subjective interpretation of what “expansive language” means. Intentionally, they have pressed beyond language that remains tied to traditional binaries (man/woman, father/mother), honoring women and girls but attempting to resist reinforcing a binary that can be harmful to many. They have even explored moving beyond person-centered language, imagining God in the language of creation, action, and emotion.

“One thing we’ve come to know in the group is that ... expansive for one might feel limiting for another,” said Pastor Ingrid. “By the end of this setting, I hope that there might be pieces of it that don’t resonate with me, but resonate with a neighbor, and I expect that to be true. And in that way the setting can honor that difference is okay in the church.”

It is this deep understanding of the impact of our church’s liturgy on the formation of its people that has moved Pastor Ingrid and her partners to birth something new and imaginative and theologically rich. In this way their work will continue to extend a gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community, ensuring that we all might hear God’s word for us in the work of the people.

—By Nick Tangen, for the Minneapolis Area Synod, Feb. 11, 2020

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



READINGS
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am—in the Library

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. There is no Adult Forum today, as we’ll all be eating pancakes! Tickets are on sale Sundays in the Community Room (sliding scale).

**MARCH 1 “Those Who Lift The Lives of Others”
Doug Wallace**
Doug Wallace makes his annual presentation on spiritual themes in the 2019 Academy Firms by focusing on Little Women, Harriet, and A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.

THANK YOU FROM LONGFELLOW SCHOOL
Longfellow School would like to thank you so much for all the donations of winter wear and donations to Fare For All. Donations of winter outdoor wear is still needed, as the school receives new students each week. Donations are also needed for Fare For All. The social worker makes sure that the students with greatest need receive the food each month. It is so appreciated. The students also need warm winter socks—a luxury for them. Thank you!

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go “out” (or stay “in”) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY MARCH 9-13
Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels from March 9-13. Volunteers pick up meals at Nokomis Square, 50th St. and 35th Ave. S., at 11:15 a.m. Sign up in the Community Room for 1-5 days. Delivery takes about 1-1 ½ hours. For more information, contact Mary Engen.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ON THE HOLY TRINITY WEBSITE
The Community Church Newsletter is available on the Holy Trinity website (htlcmpls.org) every week. Some weeks the mailed copy is delayed by the post office, but you can read the newsletter online!

PARISH INFORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/YOUTH FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 23
All are invited to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast help to support summer youth trips. Tickets are available at the door, from \$1-20.

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.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS, FRIDAY, MARCH 6
Join the 20s, 30s, 40s group at Memory Lanes for food and bowling beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of all ages are invited to join the fun! Sign up in the Community Room or on Facebook by Wednesday, March 4. This event is coordinated with Parents' Night Out, so if you'd like childcare for the evening, please sign up for Parent's Night Out in the Community Room as well.

READINGS DISCUSSION BEGINS WED., MARCH 4, 5:45 P.M.
NOTE DATE CHANGE Are you ready to delve a little deeper into the effects of the Doctrine of Discovery and colonization of Indigenous People and those of African descent? To guide our discussions we'll use a series of articles related to this topic that will be available in the Community Room or can be emailed to you. Discussions will be Wednesdays in Lent from March 4 through April 1 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Pick up your meal in the Community Room and join us in the Library. Please sign up in the Community Room. Jointly sponsored by the Doctrine of Discovery and Racial Justice Groups.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A service for young children and their families will be held at 5:30 p.m.

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PARISH EVENTS February 23-February 29, 2020		
Sunday	8:00 am-1:00 pm	Pancake Breakfast/Youth Fundraiser
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:00 pm	Racial Justice Group
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	5:30 pm	Children's Ash Wednesday Worship
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 23, 2020			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Margaret Kelly	Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf	
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer	Needed	
Rosie Russell, Treva Russell	Acolytes	Khenna Khabeab, Khonni Khabeab	
Andrea Martin, Needed	Communion	Bryan Kuzel, Laura Bolstad	
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Roberta Shaw	
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Deb Sodt, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Lyle Steinfeldt, Jim Hartsoe	Coffee Servers	Sharon and Rob Englund	
Donna Heyer, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Deb Helmel	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	