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

ANNOUNCING BIG MEETING NIGHTS

Beginning in May, on the first Thursday and the second Tuesday of each month, we will be hosting Big Meeting Nights. The purpose of these evenings is to gather our committees and working groups in one place to build community and to foster collaboration between committees and working groups.

The schedule is as follows:

- The building will open at 6:30 p.m.
- Pastoral and Council leadership will provide a very brief update at 6:45 p.m. to interested persons.
- The meeting time will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- The building will close at 8:45 p.m.
- Nursery care will be provided from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Why encourage this change?

Our congregation coordinates much of our ministry through the work of committees and working groups. We currently have approximately 24 committees and working groups engaging in meaningful and faithful work. In the past, pastors and program staff members have acted as the hubs of the wheels—each spoke representing a different committee or working group. We are moving to a new model to encourage inter-committee/working group communication and cross-committee/working group collaboration. Council leadership also believes this new model will help to fend off burnout for our pastors and program staff members, who are currently averaging 8-15 nights of work a month.

What other benefits might be realized?

- It allows parents with young children to be involved with leadership by easing the burden of childcare.
- It allows pastors and staff members to circulate between meetings.
- It invites new members into the work and play of this church with a very low barrier for entry. All meetings (with the exception of Personnel) are open to the public.
- It means that congregants can only serve on one or two committees or working groups at a time, which reinforces healthy boundaries and promotes power that is shared widely throughout the congregation.
- It means that committee and working group members get to see and appreciate the work of others.
- It means that zero time is spent in Doodle polls and endless email threads trying to find a good time to meet.
- It frees up evenings for ad hoc projects or neighborhood events that would benefit from Holy Trinity's presence.

What if our committee cannot meet during this time?

We know that our new plan won't work for every member of the congregation. We hope that committee and working group members will experiment with the new model. If a committee or working group decides to meet at another time of the month, there is no guarantee that a pastor or program staff person will be present.

Does this change affect all committees and working groups?

Almost! Church Council will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

FEBRUARY 9 "New Staff Position"

At the annual meeting, funds were approved 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.

FEBRUARY 16 "My Life Story, My Faith Story" Hannah Rector

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from Hannah Rector. Come and hear one of our siblings tell their life story, their faith story!

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

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. Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL TO BE INSTALLED SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

We elected new Council members at the Annual Meeting in January. We will install Connie Adams, David Broberg, Scott Cole, and Aric Sorenson as new members and those members who are continuing their terms, including: Tom Cahoy, Amy Froiland-Parada, Steve Murray, Nicki Hines, Katelyn Hollaway, Ben Martinez, Kathy Ohler, and Donna Scott. We promise our prayers, our honest feedback, and our support for their work in the coming year.

(Big Meeting Nights, cont.)

Do all committees and working groups need to meet monthly?

No, some committees and working groups prefer to meet every other month or a couple of times per year. We encourage committees and working groups to meet as often as their particular ministry demands.

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).

MARCH-APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE

The worship participant schedule for March and April is now live. Please log in to your Ministry Scheduler Pro app and sign up for the duties and dates you prefer, or opt out of dates for which you are unavailable. The new schedule will be created on February 18.

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. This is a change from the previously publicized book. 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.

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.

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PARISH EVENTS February 9-15, 2020

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| Sunday | 8:45 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 9:55 am | Sunday School |
| | 9:55 am | OWL Class |
| | 10:00 am | Adult Forum |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 12:15 pm | Caring for Creation |
| Monday | 12:15 pm | Confirmation |
| | 2:00 pm | Swahili Service |
| | 9 am-12 pm | AARP Tax Aide |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Financial Stewardship |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Readings Discussion |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Youth Committee |
| | 9 am-12 pm | AARP Tax Aide |
| | 3:30-5:30 pm | Fare For All |
| | 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! |
| | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir / 7:30 pm Gloria Ringers |
| | Thursday | 6:00 pm |
| Saturday | 6:00 pm | Family Retreat Begins |

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 9, 2020

| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM | |
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| Carol Masters | Assisting Minister | Sara Jensen | |
| Jeff Olsen Biebighauser | Crucifer | Cliff Brown | |
| Will Hansen, Ben Hanson | Acolytes | Frances Olsen Biebighauser, Francis Kelly | |
| Amy Froiland-Parada, David Broberg | Communion | Stephanie Cole, Keith Olstad | |
| Nancy Madich, Erin Arifin | Altar Guild | Libby and Keith Olstad | |
| Sally Kohlstedt, Ginny and Chuck Jordan | Ushers | Molly, Judy and Troy Davison, Lee Kampinen | |
| Katy Benson, Megan Schommer | Coffee Servers | Judi and Lee Kampinen | |
| Donna Heyer, Annie Hines | Counters | Scott Cole, John Sulzbach | |
| | Closer | Bob Hulteen | |