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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson, Pastor

THANK YOU FOR BEING A DISCIPLE

Some of you may know Darius and Cindy Larsen, former members and good friends of Holy Trinity. The article below about them and their church in Montana appeared on the ELCA web site recently. I hope that you will be as inspired by this example of a congregation's outreach as I was.

-Pastor Jay M. Carlson

When the Rev. Darius Larsen realized only one student had enrolled in his first confirmation class at All Saints in Big Sky, Mont., he told the parents, "You must know other kids who might want to do confirmation."

And they did. As these parents starting inviting other youth in the community, the class size quickly grew to seven.

"It is a different form of evangelism that I've never used before in other parishes, but so far it seems to work," Pastor Darius says.

"I tell people they have to be out there in the community spreading the word. This is one way that they did that very well."

All Saints is a union congregation of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). It's also the only mainline Protestant worship option in this small resort town.

Describing outreach as "not getting people into the church, but getting church people out into the communities," Pastor Darius challenges members to talk about the congregation and to let people know what is happening when they go to their Kiwanis or poker groups.

"That is much more effective if the laity talk about their enthusiasm, than the pastor knocking on somebody's door to talk about it," Pastor Darius said.

Instead of becoming so inwardly focused on the management of the congregation, Pastor Darius urges members to constantly look out.

"I sometimes have people turn to the windows of the church and ask, 'What is God calling you to do out there?'" he said. "It is so important for people to think of one thing they could do each week or month [to reach out to their neighbors]."

While knocking on doors works in some communities, outreach takes on a unique approach in Big Sky, an affluent area with numerous gated communities.

"You still have to get out in the community. You can't sit in your office and expect things to happen," Pastor Darius remarks.

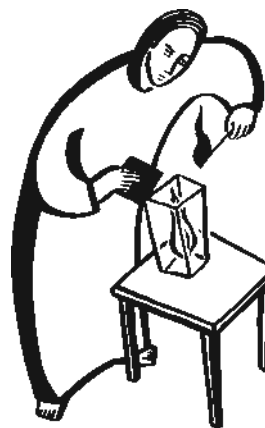
"Here I talk to people in coffee shops, or while riding up on ski lifts, or golfing. I'm part of the hiking club and cross country ski group. I let everybody know that I'm a pastor."

Pastor Darius says the congregation is not as concerned about membership numbers as they are about discipleship.

"I applaud people every time I see marks of a disciple," he said. "I name it and tell them, 'Thank you for being a disciple of Jesus Christ.' One woman I said this to had tears in her eyes. She gets it."

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Have no fear. Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.



LESSONS

- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
- Psalms 50: 1-8, 22-23
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-6
- Luke 12: 32-40

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am — In the library

August 8 "Faithfully Growing through Life's Narrow Spots" Ruth Bachman

Ruth is a woman, wife, mother, grandmother and left trans radial amputee. Her message focuses on the resources that have helped her to step boldly into life as an amputee—but, more importantly, how they provide a framework to step into all of life's experiences—the good, the bad, and the ugly. She will share how paying attention in life provides the opportunity to grow.

August 15 Report from El Salvador study trip

The Holy Trinity group who traveled to El Salvador in late June will share their experiences and learnings.

RAIN GARDEN FACT

Did you know . . . Rain is natural; stormwater isn't. Government studies have shown that up to 70% of the pollution in our streams, rivers and lakes is carried there by stormwater. Although most people never think about stormwater, about half of the pollution that stormwater carries comes from things we do in our yards and gardens!

OPPORTUNITY SALE

The annual Opportunity Sale will be held on Sat. Oct 2 from 9 am-2 pm. We are collecting usable donations in good working order now through Sept. 30. Please no TVs or electronics. Please check electrical or battery items to make sure they work and attach a note that they do! Please place items inside the 2nd set of cul-de-sac doors.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

All are invited to the River Gorge Committee's 6th Annual Free Ice Cream Social. Monday, Aug. 9th, 5:30-8:00 pm. Learn how you can help protect and restore the Mississippi River. 36th Street & West River Pkwy, on the grassy median.

PARISH INFORMATION

SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC

Please come early to worship services this summer to enjoy special music. Aug, 8–Shakuhachi (Japanese) Flute, Leo Hansen; Aug 15, 22, 29–Holy Trinity Musicians.

LONGFELLOW CORN FEED

We're looking for volunteers to represent Holy Trinity at the Longfellow Corn Feed, Thurs, Aug 5, 5:30-8:00 pm at Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Ave S. Spend part of the time at the Holy Trinity table, then stay and enjoy the neighborhood celebration! Wear your Holy Trinity t-shirt if you have one. Fun for the whole family–live music, free health screenings, hair & face painting, spray tattoo artist, hot & fresh roasted sweet corn and more!

DIALOGUE BREAKFAST–“NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS POSSIBLE (WITHOUT UNMASKING THE LIES AND TELLING THE TRUTH)”

Wednesday, Aug 18, 8-9:30 am. Rev. Philip Wheaton, an Episcopal priest in Washington D.C., has served as a missionary in Latin America and as the director of the Ecumenical Program for Interamerican Communication and Action America (EPICA) with the Latin American Department of the National Council of Churches. He is also a theologian of liberation and author of many books, including Flowering of the Prophetic Word in the Americas. A light breakfast will be served and registration is \$5. Please call 612-729-8358 to register.

HOLY TRINITY DAY AT THE MIDTOWN FARMERS' MARKET–AUGUST 21

Holy Trinity will be featured at Midtown Farmers' Market on Saturday, August 21, 8 am -1 pm. Come one and all to the best farmers' market and be seen wearing your Holy Trinity t-shirt.

LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (LVC) NATIONAL ORIENTATION

You are invited to help welcome 150 new LVCers! The following events are open to the public and will be held on the campus of Luther Seminary, Aug. 15th. Sustainability Fair: 2:00 - 4:30 pm, Olson Campus Center. Welcome Ceremony: 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Chapel of the Incarnation, Olson Campus Center. President's Welcome Reception: 5:30 - 6:30pm, Olson Campus Center

“KITCHEN CONNECTION-BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COOKING AND CONVERSATION”

We invite you to cook alongside leaders and participants of La Conexión on Saturday, August 21st from 12:00 to 2:30 pm. Kitchen Connection was created on the belief that cooking and eating together are great ways to build relationships across language, culture, and social class. This would be a wonderful opportunity for you to get a cooking lesson and more importantly, foster relationships with members of your community. For more information on Kitchen Connection, go to www.laconexionmn.org/typical_kitchen_day.aspx. Sign up on the Community Room table or call the church office (612-729-8358).

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PARISH EVENTS August 8- August 14 2010

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	7:00 am	Youth leave for BWCA
Monday	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chris Ed, Financial Stewardship, Nurturing Fellowship Committees meet
Tuesday	6:00 am	Election Primary
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:30 pm	Building Committee—long term use
Thursday	9:00-11:00 am	Opportunity sale pricing
Friday		Adults leave for BWCA
Saturday		Youth Return from BWCA

Rain Garden in thanksgiving for helpful friends by Lois and Paul Eid and in memory of *David Lindell* by Bill and Eunice Milbrath.

Special gift for Youth Programs by Jodi Steen

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 8, 2010

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Javen Swanson	Preacher	Javen Swanson	
David Broberg	Celebrant	Jay Carlson	
Ian Doss-Smith	Crucifer		
Leo Hansen	Guest Music	Leo Hansen	
Fiona Carson	Acolytes	Mason Helmelt, Eliza Roberts	
Mary Lindell	Liturgist	Bob Hulteen	
Katie Benson, Brian Lenz	Communion	Phil and Linda Jury	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, Paul Krumrei	Ushers	Lynda/ Dennis Nordholm, Liz Blood, Lee Kampinen	
Gerry/ Linda Berglin	Altar Guild	Pat Lundquist, Linda Woytasek	
Kerry Bosu	Nursery	Sandra Nelson, Kerry Bosu	
Karrie Cable	Coffee Servers	Rosemary Foley	
Ron Peterson, Donna Heyer	Counters	Ray Sanders, Mary Ellen Olson	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	

CONGREGATIONAL READING PROJECT

Misty Buchanan's book, *Talking With God in Old Age: Meditations and Psalms*, is a collection of reflections by senior citizens. Seniors grappling with the aging process will readily identify with this book and find reassurance of God's presence. Also, caregivers and family members seeking to understand their aging loved ones will gain insight into their thoughts and concerns.

Financial Report	August 1	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	11,076.92	343,384.62
Budget Receipts	11,710.00	327,849.73
World Hunger	125.00	2,090.02
Central American Fund	--	60.00
Capital Improvements	--	40.00
Rain Garden (current year)	100.00	28,135.37
<i>total donations to Rain Garden</i>		<i>37,680.46</i>
African Pastor's endowment	--	425.00
Youth Opportunity Fund	--	952.00

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