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

SENDING HELP AND “OMEED” FOR PAKISTAN

On August 15, the United States Secretary General reported that the mass devastation brought by floods in Pakistan is unlike that in any other recent natural disaster. The worst floods on record have left one-fifth of the country under water and brought destruction to communities across five provinces of the country. As of August 18, government figures on the number of people directly affected by the floods remain at approximately 15.4 million. Assessments to establish the degree to which affected populations are in need of immediate humanitarian assistance continue. The official death toll has risen to 1,475, with 2,052 people reported as injured. Almost 1 million houses are now reported as having been either damaged or destroyed.

Governments and non-profits have been hard at work to begin providing relief. I spoke with an old college friend last week whose family is from Pakistan. His father, a surgeon living now in Eagan, has been operating a development organization in Pakistan ever since the earthquakes that hit the country in 2005. Even as the earthquake relief continues and new educational programs are just getting off the ground, now they are forced to deal with the serious effects of flooding.

They have responded quickly. My friend told me that because of their contacts in the area, they recently were able to send a truck of food to some of the remote villages that need it most. He said about \$7000 was all that was required to load the truck with enough rice, sugar, water and other staples to feed 200 families for 2-3 weeks.

The non-profit that my friend’s family runs is called OMEED. It is an acronym for “Organization for Medical, Educational, and Economic Development,” but perhaps more importantly it is also the Urdu word for “hope.”

The ELCA International Disaster Response is another organization providing both relief and hope to Pakistan. The ELCA is supporting a planned response by Church World Service (CWS) to affected communities. Efforts already underway have provided food and shelter kits to families in Sibbi, established mobile health care and emergency health assistance in Balakot, and continue to assess the affected areas to identify those in need and plan next steps in the response. Based on assessments conducted by its staff and local partners, CWS plans to provide emergency assistance to 70,000 people in Swat, DI Khan, Sibbi, and Kohistan in the form of food aid, shelter supplies and mobile healthcare.

It is impossible to imagine how the massive flooding in Pakistan is affecting people this week, but the Lutheran Church is committed to walking with them through prayer and assistance. You may offer gifts to support the work of the ELCA Disaster Response through Holy Trinity, you can contribute to the work of OMEED by finding them on the website GiveMN.org.

—Pastor Jay M. Carlson

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Invited and inviting--that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.



LESSONS

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am — In the library

August 29 “A Journey of Grief, Gratitude and Grace”
Ruth Halvorson

How we deal with death and loss is complex and very individual. There are no road maps. How we respond to loss and grief is a path that is created as we travel. Ruth will share her experience of the dying process and of the ongoing healing process.

September 5 *Speaking of Faith* - “Memorable Worship Experiences: What makes them so?”

Several Holy Trinity members will reflect on worship experiences in which they have participated in order to stimulate conversation about what is at the heart of meaningful worship.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Share a MN Meal with other Holy Trinity members. The 2010 Progressive Dinner is on the calendar...Saturday, September 25. Now we just need you to host a course...or bring your favorite dish made from local ingredients! Contact the church office (612-729-8358) if you would like to host a course. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Community Room. This is always a great event...make it greater by joining us!

SHARING YARNS

Want to get back into knitting (or crocheting, needlepoint, etc)? Come join us for fun and make a difference for a special cause – we have patterns! Or bring your current project and share some fellowship. Group will meet in the Mary Martha room on the first Thursday of each month beginning Oct. 7.

PARISH INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CANTATE!

Does your child love to sing? Children in grades 1 through 8 are invited to sing with the Holy Trinity Children's Choir (Grades 1-5) and Cantate! (Grades 6-10). Ann Schrooten will be scheduling times on Sunday, August 29 from 9:45 to 10:45 AM and Sunday, September 5, from 11:00 to 11:30, to meet individually with new singers and their parents. Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday evening, September 8. Children's Choir meets each Wednesday from 6:00-6:40 PM and Cantate! meets on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:25 PM. Please email the church office (office@htlcmpls.org) if your child is interested in joining. We'd love to have you!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

Please join us for one worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday, Sept 5, followed by the Adult Forum. Invitation to gardeners – Help us adorn the front of the sanctuary on that day with bouquets from your garden!

COME AND SING! You are invited to be part of a special Labor Day choir which will sing at the unified service. We will warm up and learn an easy anthem at 9:30 in the choir room. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR FALL SESSION

With the arrival of Aug. comes the preparation for another year of Sunday church school. As always, we are in need of teachers. The year is divided into three sessions: Pentecost (fall); Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (winter); and Lent, Easter (spring). All teaching materials are provided. The sign-up sheet is on the center table in the Community Room. Please consider volunteering for this important work.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of Aug. 30- September 3. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square, 35th Ave. and 50th St. at 11:10 a.m. Meal delivery takes about one hour. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office to volunteer.

OPPORTUNITY SALE

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

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD: A PROCESS-RELATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Anyone interested in participating in a conversation anticipating the presence of Marcus Borg at Holy Trinity in Nov. is invited to Prince of Peace Luth. Church, Victoria Ave & Co. Rd. B in Roseville on September 25. At 10 am, Holy Trinity member and Luther Seminary Professor Emeritus Dr. Randy Nelson will lead a conversation on God's Epiphany in the Man from Nazareth: A Conversation with Marcus Borg's Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary. At 1:00 PM Dr. Ann Pederson, Professor of Religion at Augustana College will lead a discussion on God's Epiphany in the Geography of Incarnation: Reading the Map of God and the world today. For more info please contact: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, (651) 484-4144.

PARISH EVENTS August 29 - September 4, 2010		
Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Adult Forum
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili service
	7:00 pm	Worship/Fine Arts Committee meets
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study

Special Gifts in memory of *David Lindell* by Rosemary Foley, Delbert/Elizabeth Anderson, Marbury/Sylvia Anderson, William/Gladys Johnson, June Prange, Lauri/Judy Isaacson, Alice/Russell Sanoden, Dylan/Joel Otten, Kristina Hoefler, and Kent & Barbara Johnson

Global Missions in memory of *David Lindell* by Lois Hibben Stehr and Arne/Ellen Sovik

Retired African Pastors Fund by Josiah Kibira, Karen Batdorf, Bud/Sylvia Dixon and in memory of *David Lindell* by Wayne Vetter

Gift for Youth/Children's Choir in memory of *David Lindell* by Joel/Nancy Wiberg
Rain Garden and Special Gifts in memory of *Russell Carlson* by Donna Carlson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 29, 2010			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson	
Jim Hartsoe	Celebrant	Paul Read	
Brian Lenz	Crucifer	David Krig	
Gunnar Rudrud	Acolytes	Eliza Roberts	
David Kohlstedt	Liturgist	Sandy Hoverson	
Pam Blomgren, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Cliff Brown, Deb Sodt	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, Doug Stolba	Ushers	John Kelly, Bob/Helen Norheim, Lee Kampinen	
Bev Peschiutta, Janice Lehman	Altar Guild	JoAnn/Larry Nemed	
Laura Fowell	Nursery	Roxanne Votaw, Laura Fowell	
Chris/Mary Engen	Coffee Servers	Judy/Troy Davison	
Annie Hines, Donna Heyer	Counters	Gary Johnson, Brian Lenz	
	Closer	John Sulzbach	

Financial Report	August 22	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	11,076.92	376,615.38
Budget Receipts	14,840.20	357,202.38
World Hunger	81.00	2,691.02
Haiti Relief	-	6,569.70
Capital Improvements	40.00	40.00
Rain Garden	-	28,720.37
African Pastor's endowment	140.00	615.00

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will be starting up again for the fall and we're going to gather on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7pm at Glaciers to discuss ideas for the next few months and do some planning. All are welcome - it would be great to have some of our regular attendees there to weigh in as well as any newcomers who would like to help us develop a vision for the future of these events. Can't attend but still want to be a part of the conversation? Contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser at office@htlcmpls.org.

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