WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Worship on Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30am
Education for All at 9:30am (September—May)
Coffee/Fellowship 9:30am-11:00am
Communion Celebrated 1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm
Friday (September-May) 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday (June-August) 9:00am-1:00pm

SEPTEMBER (re)START-UPS
Tuesday morning Bible Study
Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study Group
Game Day
Stitchery Group
WELCA Circles
Choirs/Handbells
Confirmation (and NEW Wednesday Adult Ed!)
Sunday Adult and Youth Education
Check the calendar for exact dates and times!

RETURN SUNDAY CARNIVAL!!!
Join us for games, fun and food to celebrate Return Sunday, September 15th. This family-fun event runs from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the church parking lot. Bring your family. Tell your neighbors and friends! We have a dunk tank.....maybe we can talk Pastor Jason to sit in there....or someone else you want to take a shot at? Hot dog lunch will be available for purchase.

There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex if you would like to help out by volunteering to help (adult and youth helpers needed) or to donate food/pop/candy! Plan to come for education, worship and fun!!!

Contact Wendy Grimes 763-639-3735 with questions.

Holy Nativity Arts Series presents:
Cherry Dirt
Friday, September 13th
Time: 7:00pm
Tickets: $5 (available Sunday mornings and through the church office)
Cherry Dirt is an acoustic duo, playing old and new American music with a ukulele twist!

LOOKIN’ and FEELIN’ GOOD!
Who doesn’t want to feel good and look good? How about joining a Health, Wellness and Weight Loss class to help you get in shape (offered by Herbal Life)? The cost for this 8-week session is $35 and will be held from 6:00-7:15pm Monday nights beginning September 16th. Sessions are open to men and women and include health and wellness information (heart health, how to read labels, sugar, etc.) and a private weigh-in. At the end of the 8 weeks, the top three people with the highest percentage of weight loss will be awarded cash prizes (amount varies depending on how many people are in the class)! Contact Linda Lien in the office 763-545-1647, by e-mail at linda@holynativity.net or at home at 763-535-3735 for questions or interest. Classes will be held at Holy Nativity.
Also, we have a “Challenge of the Churches” between HN and Olivet United Methodist of Robbinsdale. Let’s lose the most and beat them!
From the Pastor...
Because It’s Time...

It is now over twenty years since I traveled for the first time to the Pine Ridge Reservation, and over twenty years since my friendship with Basil Brave Heart (Lakota elder, teacher & guide) was begun. In the process of learning of Basil’s history and the history of Pine Ridge, the role of the traditional native rituals and ceremonies among the Lakota people have fascinated me. The power of the ‘Sweatlodge’, the ‘Yawipi’ (Night Prayers), the ‘Hambleche’ (Vision Quest) and the ‘Sundance’ are a few of those ‘happenings’ which I have been invited to experience. Upon coming to learn about the energy and physical investment needed for many of these ceremonies, I asked Basil the rather simple question, “Why do you Sundance?” To which he gave a profoundly simple (and complex) answer: “Because it’s time...”. While that was not the graphic explanation my ‘white mind’ thought it wanted...it was absolutely the right answer.

‘Time’...can be connected to us in at least two different forms. The most familiar is ‘time’ in the form of chronos...which is measured by the clock in the kitchen or the calendar on the wall. Days, weeks, months, hours, minutes, years...are all chronos time. It is ‘time’ that can be defined and easily agreed upon. Less familiar and much more difficult to define is ‘time’ which comes to us in the word kairos. ‘Kairos’ is the moment when something inexplicable happens, that moment when our beliefs...our understandings...our lives are transformed. That kairos moment is when we recognize that something inside of our hearts or our souls or our minds cannot permit us the possibility of going back to the way things were before. It is chronos when I tell you the date, time and place of my mother’s death...it is kairos when I seek to share how her death has reshaped who I am. And because it is kairos, it is very personal and might not be share-able at all.

We have likely heard the well-worn promise that ‘time heals all things’. This is absolutely untrue. If there is a ‘kairos’ event in our lives, a particularly sad or pain-filled event, the passage of ‘time/ chronos’ will not remove the trauma. The memory of that trauma will change, perhaps it will soften with time...or we gain some perspective and may see it through different lenses, but the memory of our losses, just as the memory of our celebrations, remain etched within us. The bleeding may have ceased, the wound may no longer be open wide, but the scar cannot be denied. Broken hearts do mend, but they do not return to being unbroken...soldiers can recover from the post-traumatic terrors of war, but they cannot undo what they have seen or done, and if you find someone who is on the journey from addiction to recovery (whatever that addiction may have been), they will clearly defend the need to never forget where they have been and the destruction they have felt and caused prior to their road to new life.

Since announcing my decision to resign as pastor and retire from active-public ministry, the question I have faced regularly is, “Why are you retiring?” My answer is quite simple...the illness called Parkinson’s Disease has instigated this decision and my answer is also complex: ‘because it’s time’. The second question is, “Are you happy to be retiring?” Again, the answer is a simple... ‘yes, I think so’, and complex: ‘It was not my plan to have it happen this way’. Third question, “What are your post-retirement plans?” Answer: ‘I am not making any post-retirement plans at the moment...I am simply trying to wrap my mind around this new chapter of life.’ Sounds simple, doesn’t it! It’s not...but, that’s the way it is.

Thank you for reading & pondering.... Pastor D. Mohn

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS... we appreciate all of you for your service to Holy Nativity! However, we’ve noticed a growing number of no-shows on Sunday mornings or last minute cancellations. When you receive your schedule in the mail, please keep it or mark your calendar right away. If you can’t fulfill a duty, we ask that you first try to swap dates with someone. Thank you so much!

Holy Nativity welcomes guest singer, Tom Tipton, who will be singing for us on Sunday, September 22nd at both services! Tom is a successful business man, winning athlete, trusted friend of historic figures such as Hubert Humphrey and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., social activist, guest soloist for Chuck Colson Prison Fellowship and Billy Graham Washington D.C. Crusade, and 25 years as a powerful singer for Robert Schuller’s ministry. Presented by HNAS.

Our next NEW MEMBER CLASS is Sunday, September 22nd at noon. If you are interested in Holy Nativity membership, please fill out a registration form (on the kiosk) and turn it in to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Child care is available if needed. There will be a brunch at 11:30am and everyone is welcome to attend! Come and meet our new members! Please let the church office know if you will be attending so we can have a count for the brunch.
Holy Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 20th, 2013 (unapproved)

Call to Order: Dennis Dalen 7:00 pm  Devotions: Dennis Dalen
Secretary’s Report: July 16th, 2013  Motion to approve /Second - passed
  * Elect council member & Elect Treasurer
Nominate Brian Eklund for Council position M/S - passed
Nominate Brian Eklund for Treasurer position M/S - passed
Communications Received: Thank You: LSS for $250 and from Habitat for Humanity for $100.
Treasurer’s Report:

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$8,500 removed from Wells Fargo savings to cover July expenses. Motion to approve M/S/passed

OLD BUSINESS: *Senior Pastor position update: Dennis Dalen spoke with Pastor Holden (Mpls Synod); He will meet with Council in September. *Totushek Trust update: Significant gift received. *Strategic Plan: Tabled until September *Nursery position update: Position has been hired to begin September 8th.
*Congregational retreat update: Intern Kinna working on time & place. Motion to give Harold Lund approval to secure computer with Windows 7 Operating System. S/passed

NEW BUSINESS: *Discuss ‘Living in the Promise’ payments – payments made. *December Congregational meeting: Sunday, December 8th. Spending plan complete in November. M/S/passed *Discuss children’s choir (to be referred to Personnel)


Motion to adjourn 8:12 pm - S/passed

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17th, 2013

A new weekday worship and education opportunity!
Beginning September 18th, Wednesday nights are all new at Holy Nativity! We’ve added worship and education for adults of all ages.
Come for dinner, served from 5:30-6:10pm, then stay for a unique worship gathering at 6:15pm, led by a variety of gifted members of Holy Nativity. Worship will then lead into Confirmation class, as well as our new Wednesday night adult education group where we will explore matters of life and faith together. Our first adult education series will be a seven-session course called Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith. We will study and discuss how science and Christian faith exist together and even complement each other. Confirmation and adult education classes will end by 7:45pm each Wednesday. Hope to see you there!

**If you're interested in participating in or helping with the Wednesday night worship service, please join us for a meeting on Sunday, September 29th, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall!

Welcome to our newest Council member Brian Eklund! Thanks for not only accepting the Council liaison position for the Finance Committee, but for also being the Council Treasurer! We are pleased and excited you decided to accept the position!
LIBRARY CORNER

The Last Brother by Nathacha Appanah is a wonderful example of historical fiction about an event many of us do not know. As an older man Raj remembers his life and the friend he met when he was in the prison hospital after a particularly severe beating by his father.

It is 1944 when WWII is devastating the world but living on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, Raj is isolated from the events as the family struggles to survive. A ship deposits Jewish refugees where they are housed at the prison when Israel refuses to accept them. A massive storm on the island brings chaos and confusion to the area, and Raj is determined to help David escape.

As Rick Simonson says, "The Last Brother is one of the most beautiful, contained portrayals of devastating loss and profound longing that I've ever read".

ELCA Service Project

September 8th, 1:00-4:00pm

It’s a church-wide, all age event in conjunction with the national ELCA day of service in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ELCA. We’ll meet at 1:00pm at Richardson Nature Center in Hyland Park in Bloomington. We’re also instructed to bring our own water bottles, bug spray and loppers/trimmers if we have them. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed toe shoes. They can handle every age and ability. Able adults can cut down buckthorn while kids haul it away. It will be a nice group activity and is crucial to reclaiming some substantial pieces of this nature center for native plants and birds.

“Thank you to everyone for your support, cards, calls and concern for us during both of our hospital stays.”

~ ~ Carroll and Neva Wickstrom

A big thank you for the amazing response to PRISM’s school supply drive!!! We had enough of everything to nicely fill each student’s backpack on August 16th. We will be serving until school starts, so don’t have exact numbers, but will be close to 500 children when we are all done, and we will have enough supplies to fill those extra children’s backpacks as well!!!

~ ~ Diane Erickson, PRISM

Welcome to our new Sunday Nursery Coordinator!

Kelli Hovland begins her new position on Sunday, September 8th. The Nursery will be staffed from 8:15am-11:45am every Sunday (both services and education/fellowship hour). Kelli is also a full-time toddler teacher in the Holy Nativity Child Care Center. Stop by to welcome her and introduce yourself.

Game Night on Friday, September 20th

Come join your adult friends for an evening of socializing and fun with your friends. We start at 7:00pm, so please bring a snack, appetizer or dessert to share. Coffee is provided. We play cards (bridge, 500), dominoes, cribbage, or bring your favorite board game. The activities usually end about 9:30pm.

At the September game night we will have a discussion if we should keep the 7:00pm start with snacks, etc., or start at 6:00pm with a potluck. If you have an opinion and can’t make game night, feel free to call Barb Johnson (763-536-1413) or the church office.

Please join us!

Volleyball Anyone???

What? Adult, co-ed, recreational (no Olympic style)
When? Friday nights 7:00-9:00pm
Where? Sandburg Middle School, Gym B
Who? Any adult willing to play non-power volleyball—singles, couples, friends, neighbors
Format: New teams picked each night, play about 8-10 games, no need to play the full two hours.
Cost: About $4.00/person/night
September schedule: No start date yet.
???: Call Bob Madsen 763-522-2942 or 612-219-7131
ONE OF OUR OWN
This is another in a series of articles spotlighting members of Holy Nativity who give of their time outside the church for worthwhile projects that make a positive difference by using their hands and minds to do God’s work.

Mention North Ridge and most people in the NW suburban area know you are talking about the buildings on 54th & Boone Ave N. that provide a full level of senior living options from independent apartments to skilled care. What most people don’t know is that North Ridge is probably the only facility in the area with its own choir and it is directed by Holy Nativity’s Dorothy Janikowski Rosquist!

The North Ridge Singers started with 9 members and has grown to 24 currently. Eight years ago Dorothy took over as Director from former Holy Nativity member Fred Reitz. The singers, who practice weekly on Mondays, do their own recruiting and represent all areas of the facility. They give three concerts a year for Veterans Day, Christmas and Mothers Day. They also sing for funerals at the Center. The members of the choir develop close ties with each other. They visit with each other in different areas of the facility. Their music is varied from hymns and folk songs to old favorites and new upbeat tunes. They are also a traveling group who took a trip to the Masonic Home in Bloomington to sing for the folks there.

Dorothy has been a member of Holy Nativity for 48 years. She has 7 girls and 1 boy, 13 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren. Besides her family, music has been a big part of her life. She taught piano in her home for 23 years and has been the accompanist for the Treble Tones for 42 years. She currently also accompanies the choirs and soloists at Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church.

Dorothy says music is a God-given tool and when given a tool you need to use it. She says her time with the North Ridge Singers is one of the most rewarding things of her life sharing the joy of music and life with these singing seniors.

Thank you Dorothy for being an outreach of God’s hands by bringing music and joy to the lives of these seniors.

PRISM FOOD SHELF, TRANSPORTATION AND CLOTHING
PRISM—People Responding In Social Ministry
730 Florida Avenue South, Golden Valley, MN 55426
Living A Brighter Future Through Dignity and Accountability
Check the PRISM website at www.prismmpls.org
“Like” PRISM’s Facebook Page!

THANKS to all who brought Breakfast Cereal to fill up the box in August. GREAT JOB! Let’s do it again in September, and fill up our donation box with MAC & CHEESE. Boxes are smaller - let’s see if we can do it!!

What to do with all those excess plastic grocery & shopping bags??? Drop them in the donation box at church. PRISM can put them to good use.

ALSO THANKS for donations to PRISM’s Annual SCHOOL SUPPLY Drive - Holy Nativity donated 78 pounds of supplies. Also thanks to everyone who helped at the set-up and distribution days.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER at the New Hope Farmers Market - to man the booth and help collect excess produce and deliver to PRISM. Contact Diane Erickson at PRISM (763-432-4207, derickson@prismmpls.org) if you can help.

GOLFERS STILL NEEDED - 14th Annual PRISM Golf & Dinner Fundraiser - Friday, September 13, at Brookview Golf Course (11:00am registration, 12:30pm tee time), dinner & silent auction to follow at 5:00pm at Good Shepherd Church, Golden Valley. Register ASAP at prismmpls.org. Tickets are $100 for golf & dinner or $25 for dinner only.

PRISM is in need of a tent for outdoor events (not a camping tent). If you have ideas, contact PRISM or Pat Harwell, 763-544-186, or at harwellwp@msn.com

DRIVE SAFE!
SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!
Sunday School Begins September 15th!
If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) for Sunday School as soon as possible. We want to ensure we have adequate materials for the children. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex or online.

The first day of Sunday School is **Sunday, September 15th, at 9:30am**!

As of the newsletter deadline we still had a need for co-teachers in some of the classes. If you are able to help our have questions, please contact Kari Johnson.

Sunday Forums Begins September 15th!
9/8: No Forum
9/15: A Woman...from Ohio...really?
9/22: 2013 Youth Mission Trip Recap
9/29: Ethics of Food Production & Consumption—Part 1

Youth Forum/LYFE Begins September 15th
9/8: No Forum
9/15: Carnival Set-Up (LYFE in Lounge)
9/22: 2013 Youth Mission Trip Recap
9/29: “In The Bag!”

LYFE (Life Your Faith Everyday), for Sr. High Youth, will be held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month with Kinna in the Lounge.

Confirmation Begins September 11th!
Confirmation Orientation will take place on Wednesday, September 11th, in the Fellowship Hall. All students and parents should attend this information meeting at 6:30pm.

(An information letter was sent in August to all the Confirmation families. If your family has not received this letter, please contact Pastor Jason or Kari Johnson.)

Acolyting Class!
All Confirmation students who have never acolyted (or need a refresher), as well as students in grades 4-6 interested in learning how to acolyte, should attend a brief acolyting class held on Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. We will begin right at 6:00pm to make sure we’re finished for the 6:30pm Confirmation Orientation meeting.

Wednesday Night Dinners for September
Wednesday night dinners are open to all! Please note our new schedule: dinner is served from 5:30pm-6:10pm.

9/11: No dinner—Confirmation Orientation
9/18: Pizza
9/25: TBD

**HELP!** We need some help coordinating Wednesday night dinners. If you’re interested in helping please contact Kari Johnson.

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* Senior high gatherings begin on September 15th,*
* every first and third Sunday of the month! Grab a *
* donut and some coffee and meet Kinna in the *
* lounge, or if we can swing it, we will pop over to *
* Caribou. Come talk about life!!! We will share *
* about our summers, and reunite with friends.*
* Grades 10-12!*
* First senior high wildfire event EVER! Join the *
* wildfire high school students (8 ELCA churches in *
* the area) in our first event together at FMSC *
* (Feed My Starving Children)! More details to *
* come. Saturday September 21st, 7:00-9:00pm.*
* Sign up at youth booth or let Kinna know you *
* want to be there! Grades 10-12.*
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Children’s Choirs will begin October 2!!
First rehearsal and general information meeting for both Cherubs (K-2) and Choristers (3-6+) at 5:30pm-6:00pm. We have some great singing to do, starting right away--beautiful music for the 2nd and 4th Sundays in October.

Choristers will have a special project this year: learning music for a CHOIR FESTIVAL that will happen February 22nd at the Basilica of St. Mary (including a special world premiere of a glorious anthem!)

A big thanks to all who attended VBS and especially those who helped make it a success! To Chris and Kristin Daniels for hosting the camp counselors; to Sarah Monner, Barb Johnson, and Rachael Ernst for leading our preschool class, and Rebeccia Ernst for helping with the preschool class; to Ashley Nelson for helping with the grade school classes; to Rachael and Rebecca Ernst for helping during lunchtime; and Brian Johnson for all the extra help. Also thanks to WELCA for purchasing t-shirts for all the kids, and to Kaari, Brianna, and Jake from Luther Park for coming and having such a good time with our kids!
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SEPTEMBER 2013

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Our thoughts and prayers continue for those in military service overseas: Michael Ditty, Matt Eittreim, Lucas Gates, Lenny Arntson, William Meade, Sylvia Meade, Josh Pederson, Chris Weaver, Alex Bjorkstrand, Alex Folkerds
Please call the church office with updates, or to add a loved one serving in the military to this list.

BAPTISM CLASS
Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30pm
If you anticipate a baptism in the future and have not attended a previous class, please call the church office to register.

Pastoral Acts:
Baptisms: 8/18 Colin Patrick Cogswell
Emily Ann Stripe
Elizabeth Lorraine Stripe

WHERE ARE THEY NOW??
Holy Nativity member Jan Hausman recently changed her address. Please contact the office if you need a new address for her.

Still some weeks in 2013 available. Please consider contributing Sunday altar flowers. $20 for flowers or plant. Sign up across from the office.