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GET TO KNOW MINNESOTA SWAHILI  
CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION PASTOR  
ANDREA MWALILINO

I was born on June 4, 1959, at the village called Ipoma in Rungwe district Mbeya Region, in Tanzania, the third child in my family of six siblings. I was baptized on September 3, 1959. My childhood was spent herding my father’s cattle with my brothers from our village. In September 1970, I started school - standard one at Lusanje Primary school. In 1980, I went to Tosamaganga for my secondary education. Then I went on to Marangu Teachers’ Training College in 1985. Soon after, in 1986, I joined Makumira Seminary in Arusha. In 1990, I graduated my theological studies and was ordained on December 30, 1990.

My life journey has been a blessing because my parents always brought me to church and reminded me to prepare myself for Sunday school, so I grew up Christian even though my parents were not Christian at that time. My parents were baptized and became Christians on the day of my ordination.

Going to America was something I had been dreaming about for a long time, and I worked hard to make sure I could go to the United States to study.

My spiritual journey has been my support in life everywhere I’ve gone, and it helped me to become the person I am now. I experienced a lot of things when I came to the U.S. and being in the U.S. has been a schooling to help me learn so many things in the other ways. I have seen so many different people from all over the world and learned about their different cultures.

If I could instantly become an expert in something, I would want to be an expert at being a good counselor and good caretaker. Serving the Lord and being a pastor is something I am very proud of and get excited about!

I have no fear of COVID 19. I believe it is just a normal disease like other diseases. I just take normal precautions to protect myself from the spread of the virus.

To be alive until now feels like a great achievement for me, because so many of my colleagues and siblings are no longer living.

God is at work and we are witnessing a lot of things that fill me with hope these days. And we confess the greatest of God!

What food do I like to see on the table when it’s time to eat? Fried rice and cooked plantains!

*Photos: Mbeya Region, Tanzania (top); Lusanje Primary School (bottom).*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

ADULT FORUM

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#)  
Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

A recording of the forum from June 6 can be found [here](#).

SUNDAYS, 9:30 A.M.

JUNE 13 “Climate Change”  
David Anderson, Student of Climate Change

David Anderson will discuss the evidence of climate change, the long range impact on the earth, and the steps we must all take to save our beautiful planet. David is the brother of Holy Trinity member, Deb Anderson.

JUNE 20 Mary Hess, Professor at Luther Seminary

Mary Hess, Luther Seminary professor and co-author of the book [Becoming a White Antiracist](#), will touch on issues of restorative action, contemplative practice, and learning from conflict to share how our faith can lead us into programmatic work that has concrete effect locally.



## PARISH INFORMATION

### **METRO RALLY TO #STOPLINE3, THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 5 P.M.**

We are coming together in Minneapolis because in order to Stop Line 3, we need everyone who cares about climate change, treaty rights, the water to take action now.

Many elected officials like Amy Klobuchar have refused to take a public stand, enabling devastating corporate greed like Enbridge's Line 3 to continue. We are demanding all our electeds do better and join the fight to Stop Line 3.

We will gather at Gold Medal Park, march about 3 blocks to Sen. Amy Klobuchar's office, and demonstrate to demand that elected leaders stop being passive and start leading against climate change.

If folks are interested in taking on a role (marshalling, car marshalling, chant team, red team, etc.) they should email [sabrina@takeactionminnesota.org](mailto:sabrina@takeactionminnesota.org), 253-2301-1839.

### **HOLY TRINITY IN THE NEWS**

Holy Trinity and the pastors have been featured in these three articles recently.

- [Sojourners "Minnesota Churches Building Together in Year after Floyd's Murder"](#)
- [Faith & Leadership: "Angela Khabeb and Ingrid Rasmussen: We need to figure out what healing looks like after the murder of George Floyd"](#)
- [MPR News: "A year of rebuilding our neighborhood"](#)

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you are receiving offering envelopes but not using them, please contact the office to be removed from the list. Thanks.

### **NEW SUMMER INTERN**

Hello Holy Trinity!

My name is Mollie Varpness and I am a current student at Luther Seminary. Some of you might recognize me, but I am re-introducing myself to announce that I will be working full-time as a Seminary Intern this summer at Holy Trinity! I started June 1 and will be ending the third week of August.

As the Summer Seminary Intern, I will support the ministry and work of the congregation, primarily in the areas of Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministry and worship. I am excited to serve and learn about the many different aspects of Holy Trinity. I am hoping to learn about the various ways that social justice is implemented into congregational life, and I am eager for the many opportunities (yet unknown) that will come this summer.

Thank you so much for this time to grow and discover as I discern my call to ministry. I am looking forward to safely meeting you all at the outdoor worships this summer and other upcoming events. I can be reached at [mvarpness@htlcmpls.org](mailto:mvarpness@htlcmpls.org)

Peace and Blessings,

Mollie

### **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

*Gather Magazine*, a publication of the Women of the ELCA, offers several multi-session Bible studies per year. Their 2021 summer study was supplied by Pastor Angela!

Angela's study is titled "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!)." This three-session summer Bible study series is inspired, in part, by Jesus' proclamations: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36), and "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). The studies are lay-led with a leaders guide included.

Session 1, "Just Wisdom," delves into how God can open our hearts and minds to a spiritual understanding that is not bound by our human comprehension. Just Wisdom comes to us through reverence for our awesome God. The key verse for the first session informs us: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). Together we will consider our faithful response to Wisdom's invitation.

Session 2 explores "Just Truth." We will travel with Paul on the road to Damascus and experience his life-changing transformation. We will also take a closer look at how our Savior chose to share difficult truths with God's people, and we will witness his boldness in speaking truth to power.

Session 3, "Just Hope," looks at our role as the body of Christ. How are we called to be co-creators with God in transforming our communities into a more just society? Filled with resurrection hope, we'll look to the prophet Ezekiel and his miraculous encounter in the valley of dry bones, and we'll share how God's amazing activity continues to unfold in our own lives.

Summer studies are free to download: Go to [www.gathermagazine.org/summer-2021-just-love-part-2/](http://www.gathermagazine.org/summer-2021-just-love-part-2/) and enter your information, Gather will email you a link to download this and other past summer studies. If you would like to be part of a group study of these 3 sessions over this summer, please contact Ginny Jordan ([byecracky@gmail.com](mailto:byecracky@gmail.com)) or call the office. Ginny will coordinate a suitable time for the interested group to meet. If there are more than 6-8 interested people, we will look at spinning off into two groups.

### **WORSHIP FROM SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**

The worship service from Sunday, June 6, can be viewed [here](#).

### **DEVOTIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

If you would like a copy of any of the publications Holy Trinity subscribes to: The Upper Room, The Word in Season, or Christ in Our Home please contact the church office.