



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The COVID Team, the Church Council, and the pastors and staff have discerned that it's time to bring people back together for worship and programming. As you know from the statistics we've been publishing regularly in the Community Church Newsletter, vaccination rates are rising and case rates and test positivity rates are falling. The science suggests that it is now safer to gather in groups. That said, we acknowledge that our youngest members do not have access to a vaccine and may not for several more months. Whatever we do moving forward, we will do with the same care that we've cultivated this past year. Here is our plan for July and August:

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We have two outdoor worship services planned on Wednesdays, July 21 and August 25. Here's what you can expect:

- Social distancing will be encouraged, but not required. Households may choose to sit together.
- Masks will be optional. Wear one or don't; really, it's up to you and you'll be loved either way!
- Services will be approximately 40 minutes in length.
- They will include Holy Communion (served at your seat/picnic blanket).
- They will include congregational singing.
- No advance registration is necessary.

INDOOR WORSHIP

Beginning Sunday, August 1, we will offer the opportunity to worship in-person in the sanctuary each week at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Here's what you can expect:

- Social distancing will be encouraged, but not required. Households may choose to sit together.
- Masks (that cover the nose and mouth) will be required for all worshipers over the age of 2.
- Services will be approximately 40 minutes in length; they will include Holy Communion (served at your seat, not at the communion rail), and congregational singing.
- Using the Sanctuary/Balcony/Community Room, we have space for 48 households (or approximately 100 people) at each service. No advance registration is necessary.
- Because of our deepened commitments to accessibility justice, a live-stream of the 11:00 a.m. service will also be available on our Vimeo page.
- Weather-permitting, we will also provide a livestream of the service on the church lawn for those who want to be in community, but who prefer to remain outdoors.

I ask that, as a community, we remain flexible. We may need to adjust our plan. Let's commit to a spirit of generosity as we navigate this process.

—Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS, 9:30 A.M.

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 July 18 can be found [here](#).

JULY 18 Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC)

Rachel Kennedy, Twin Cities Program Manager

LVC is a community of faith that unites people to work for peace and justice in full-time service positions at social justice organizations in Omaha, Washington, D.C. Baltimore, Wilmington, and the Twin Cities (Wellstone Community). Holy Trinity supports the Wellstone Community as the host congregation.

JULY 25 "My Life Story, My Faith Story"

Debra Anderson

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from member Deb Anderson. Come and hear Deb tell her life story, her faith story.

View the worship service from Sunday, July 11, [here](#).

LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (LVC)

Help support the 2021 Wellstone House LVC Community Volunteers. The many ways to connect and support can be found [here](#). Tasks range from "packing the pantry" at the Wellstone House (purchase and deliver food and household staples now and throughout the year) to serving as a direct connection to—and interacting with—the community. For more information, contact Rachel Kennedy (651-419-8201 / rkennedy@lutheranvolunteercorps.org.)

COFFEE WITH PASTOR INGRID

Join Pastor Ingrid for coffee on the church lawn on Wednesday, July 14, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. This week, we'll talk about what we learned about ourselves during the pandemic. In case of rain, check Holy Trinity's Facebook page or call the office to see if the event is canceled.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 24-25

The Nurturing Committee presents Holy Trinity's Fall Retreat at St. John's Guesthouse in Collegeville with [Rev. Dr. Ron Bell](#). Dr. Bell is the senior pastor of Camphor Memorial UMC. We will engage his newest book, *The Four Promises: A Journey of Healing Past and Present Trauma*. We all have experiencing varying degrees of trauma this past year. This will be a time of renewal and enlightenment. (Each participant will receive a copy of the book). More details coming soon. Single and double rooms available.



NO CURE FOR BEING HUMAN, NEW BOOK BY KATE BOWLER

In facing down cancer, Kate, Bowler searches for hope without cheap optimism, and truth with room for mystery. We are as fragile as the day we were born, and we will need each other if we're going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between, but there's no cure for being human. To read more or to preorder, click [here](#).

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR SERVICES

As we return to in-person worship, we need members of the community to lead worship each week at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Please login to Ministry Scheduler Pro to volunteer for the following: Assisting Minister, Crucifer, Acolyte, Usher, Counter, or Closer. Find the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) app on your device. Our Organization ID is holytrinitympls. If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password?" If you have any issues, please contact Pam Wetterlund in the church office. Thank you for stepping up!

DOWNTOWN LONGFELLOW WALKING TOUR JULY 24

Join Lake Street historian Cara Letofsky on a history and current events walking tour of 27th & Lake, otherwise known as Downtown Longfellow, on July 24 at 10:00 a.m. The tour will cover the development of the area from Dakota land, to a working-class community fueled by immigrants and industry, to ground zero of the uprising in the wake of the death of George Floyd by the Minneapolis Police. Tickets are \$14 and can be found [here](#).

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

If your working group, committee, or any other group or gathering affiliated in some way with Holy Trinity meets routinely, please let Pam or Sue know so that it can be added to the public calendar on the church's website.

JULY PILGRIMAGES WITH DEACON DAVID & INTERN MOLLIE

Choose one Tuesday in July to put your walking shoes on and join Deacon David, as well as our summer intern, Mollie, in a pilgrimage around the neighborhood surrounding the church building. The pilgrimages will take place on **Tuesday, July 20, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** and **July 13 and 27, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** The gatherings are limited to 25 people, so please RSVP (drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org / 612.729.8358 ext. 19) to reserve your space. We will meet at the church building and walk around the neighborhood as a spiritual practice. For some of you, this will be an opportunity to see what was destroyed and what is being rebirthed.

SOLAR PANELS AT HOLY TRINITY

Thanks to funding from Stepping Out in Faith's Our Shared Home and leadership from the Caring for Creation Solar Team, Holy Trinity's solar installation began on July 9. We are installing a 45.60 kilowatt-direct current solar array on our flat roof, which will result in an estimated savings of 54,910 kilowatt hours and 43,104 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually. As an added bonus, we were able to secure a \$21,964 grant from The Green Initiatives Cost Share Program for this project. We are thrilled!

