



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## STEPPING OUT IN FAITH UPDATE

The Stepping Out in Faith group, as directed by the Church Council, is actively working on ways to impact our shared community through the wise use of the proceeds received from the Trinity Apartments sale. We have come together around the idea of supporting Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)-led institutions, families, and individuals to build wealth equity in our community. We are currently supporting two different initiatives:

1. Holy Trinity entered into a purchase agreement with MIGIZI to buy its former property at 3017 27th Avenue South after their building was destroyed during last summer's uprising. The intention is to buy and hold the property in the short term until a BIPOC-led institution is in position to buy and develop it, keeping it out of the hands of for-profit developers.
2. Our group has felt a deep calling to actively address the racial wealth inequality in our community, and specifically in our neighborhood. There is a serious affordability problem in the housing market, particularly in Longfellow. Earlier this summer, members gathered in a virtual adult forum to discuss the racial disparities in home ownership in Minneapolis and the role of institutional racism in housing in our community. We appreciated hearing various perspectives and ideas from members. There is energy around reducing barriers and creating pathways to home ownership for BIPOC families in our community. We know we have a lot to learn, and that each family or situation may have different needs. We launched this pilot project with Pastor Angela and her family to support their journey to home ownership.

Our group is approaching these projects as acts of reparations: a call to repair for moral and material harms. We encourage members to read and learn more about the home ownership gap in Minneapolis, which is the worst in the nation.

- [Racial home ownership gap in Twin Cities is highest in the nation \(June 2021\)](#)
- [Systemic racism haunts home ownership rates in MN \(Minneapolis Federal Reserve\)](#)
- [Reimagining dream of home ownership for all](#)

We also invite you to join us through updates in the Community Church and encourage you to help us dig deeper and discover the current possibilities in our neighborhood. If you or someone you know is considering selling their South Minneapolis home in the near future and would consider helping in this effort, please contact Pastor Ingrid.

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18;  
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

### ADULT FORUM

**SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.**

Login at [zoom.us](https://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 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.

**BEGINNING AUGUST 1, ADULT FORUMS WILL MEET IN PERSON IN THE LIBRARY**

#### AUGUST 1 "Bible Study"

Deacon David Rojas Martinez leads a Bible study on the lectionary texts for Sunday, August 8.

**View the worship service from Sunday, July 18, [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](#). For more information, contact Rachel Kennedy (651-419-8201 / [rkennedy@lutheranvolunteercorps.org](mailto:rkennedy@lutheranvolunteercorps.org).)

### TEXT STUDY TUESDAYS, 11:00 A.M.

A group meets weekly to discuss the assigned texts for the upcoming Sunday. The texts, noted (and now linked) in the Community Church each week, give us the opportunity to question, ponder, and reflect. It's a way to have a "headstart" on the next Sunday's sermon. Currently, we meet via Zoom on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Join us!

Zoom meeting: 124 730 048 (no password needed).

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 24-25

The Nurturing Committee presents Holy Trinity's Fall Retreat at St. John's Guesthouse in Collegetown 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 experienced 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.



## CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE TUESDAY, JULY 27, 6-8 P.M. [VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON OPTION]

Through conversations and stories, attendees of First Covenant Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will explore tools for continuing the work as a white-majority congregation to dismantle racism and embrace our BIPOC siblings so that Church is life-giving for everyone. Included in this conversation will also be ways for our congregations to support our BIPOC pastoral leadership.

In-Person Option: At First Covenant building, in the gym (810 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis.) Please park in the underground ramp. Enter on 7th street. Take a ticket from the ramp and get a voucher from church staff to validate your parking.

Virtual Option: Join the [Zoom Meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 939 4809 3301 Passcode: 583954

### Read about our trainers:

- \* **Shari Seifert**, a white woman, is a Realtor and is currently president of the ELCA's European Descent Lutheran Association of Racial Justice, part of the Mpls Synod's and Calvary Lutheran's anti-racism teams,, and is part of the community at George Floyd Square.
- \* **Katherine Parent**, a white woman, is an artist and musician with a doctorate in history from Luther Seminary, focusing on the history of white Protestants and racism in Minnesota. She cleans houses by day and by night critically examines various cinematic genres through the lenses of race, class, and gender.

*\*Note: This event is geared toward white-bodied people. To minimize the potential for labor or harm, it is recommended that our BIPOC siblings do NOT attend this event.*

## 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. From your computer, login [here](#). From your tablet or phone, find the MSP app. Our Organization ID is holy-trinitympls. 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!

## 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 remaining pilgrimages will take place on **Tuesdays, July 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and July 27, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** The gatherings are limited to 25 people, so please RSVP ([drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org](mailto: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.

## RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

This week, we'll host our first outdoor service in the rain garden on Wednesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m.

*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!
- The service will be approximately 40 minutes in length.
- It will include Holy Communion (served at your seat/picnic blanket) and congregational singing.
- No advance registration is necessary.

*What you should bring:*

- Lawn chairs or a picnic blanket. (If you don't have either or if you forget, don't worry, we'll have folding chairs available.)
- We'll provide bread and wine for Holy Communion, but if you'd like to bring your own elements, you're welcome to do so.
- Bring a water bottle, a hat, sun screen, etc.
- A mask, if you'd like to wear one.
- A spirit of generosity as we navigate something new!

*What about bathrooms?*

- Indoor bathrooms will be available.
- Masks are required inside the building at all times. (If you don't have access to a mask or if you forget one, we'll have some available.)

## SUMMER PARTY WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 7:00-9:30 P.M.

**Sponsored by MNIPL, Gandhi Mahal, and MN350**

After worship on Wednesday, wander over to the Gandhi Mahal Community Garden (3009 27th Ave. S.) for a summer party! Featuring "The Lorax" movie, nighttime badminton, music, and food with the flavors of Eid.