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GOOD HOPE ROAD

—By Angela Khabeb, reprinted from “Living Lutheran” June-July

Siblings in the faith, I have a confession to make. I have no sense of direction. *Zero*. I can get lost anytime, anywhere. During my teenage years, my father promised me I would grow out of being directionally challenged *eventually*. But decades later, after living in several cities, driving in dozens of states, and traveling to many countries, I have been lost all over the globe. I guess it’s a gift that keeps on giving.

Consequently, I rely on GPS religiously. I follow exactly the driving directions spoken by my cellphone’s little voice, regardless of whether they seem logical. Even when I can see my destination, I cling to that disembodied voice until I’m confident I’ve arrived at the correct location.

Years ago, I began trying to practice something called self-care, which included a focus on my mental health. After a conscientious search I found a wonderful therapist, but unfortunately her office was 40 minutes from my home.

I faithfully followed the GPS driving directions. During my first couple of trips, I noticed that Good Hope Road was two exits before my official GPS-designated exit. “Wow, that’s exactly what I need—hope,” I thought. “One day I’m going to get up the nerve to defy that little cellphone voice and choose Good Hope Road.” Eventually, I did just that.

On an especially stressful day, I chose to exit on Good Hope Road. GPS repeatedly tried to redirect me by urging, “Make a U-turn ahead” or “Proceed to route.” My trip took longer than usual, but I actually felt more hopeful. It was definitely one for the “win” column.

A lighthearted story about a highway exit may not seem connected to spiritual growth, but I look back on this experience as a time when I challenged myself to move far beyond my comfort zone. (I feel my palms begin to perspire just thinking about it!) I’m well aware that Good Hope Road is no more spiritual than any other exit on any other interstate. But on that particular day, when I was feeling rather hopeless, a detour down a road called Hope seemed like a faithful response to misery.

Hope is active, fluid, breathing and indestructible. Hope appears in our lives in abundant ways. Sometimes hope is bold and daring like Shiphrah and Puah, the Hebrew midwives who defied Pharaoh’s genocidal orders and risked their own safety to deliver God’s children, impacting the course of history ([Exodus 1:15-22](#)).

There’s also the quiet hope we whisper under our breath, after every ounce of patience has evaporated under the scorching heat of unrelenting stress. And the indomitable hope that emerges despite the desperation and despair that may surround us. And the hallelujah hope that grounds us.

It is Jesus, our high priest, who promises to be our hope, our “sure and steadfast anchor” (Hebrews 6:19-20). Particularly in times of heartbreak, hope may appear translucent, transparent, as if it weren’t there. Whether we perceive it or not, hope encompasses us like life-giving oxygen. Be encouraged, siblings of the faith, because invisible hope is no less invincible.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

ADULT FORUM

10:00 A.M. IN THE BARTSCH ROOM

View the Adult Forum from August 15 [here](#).

Holy Trinity Adult Forums now feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentations will also be available on Zoom for those unable to attend.

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ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.*

AUGUST 22 “Calvary Church Transformation” Sarah Shepherd and Shari Seifert

Sarah Shepherd and Shari Seifert, members of the Race Equity Committee of Calvary Lutheran Church, one block south of George Floyd Square, will talk about how Calvary has been transformed by the proximity to the events related to the murder of George Floyd and has seen the boundaries between church and community become blurred, permeable, and sometimes non-existent.

AUGUST 29 “Sexuality”

Karleigh Crepin, Luther Seminary intern at Holy Trinity, will lead a discussion on sexuality.

View the worship service from Sunday, August 15, [here](#).

(Good Hope Road, cont.)

I am mindful of David, who practiced self-care long before it was a “thing.” He and the people in his community had experienced deep trauma and expressed profound lamentation. They “raised their voices and wept, until they had no more strength to weep. ... David was in great danger But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God” (1 Samuel 30:4, 6). Hope is dynamic and enduring, allowing us to encourage ourselves in times of tragedy and uncertainty.

We have no idea what God hopes for us—literally. “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love [God]” (1 Corinthians 2:9). God’s hopes for humanity and for creation are completely indescribable.

But this we do know: ultimately our hope is in Christ. Jesus is our hallelujah hope, and as people of faith, *hope* is our oxygen. Inhale deeply.

YOUTH CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSALS SEPTEMBER 15

Children's Choir (grades 1-4) will rehearse outdoors (weather permitting on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. *Cantate!* Youth Ensemble (grades 5-8) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. (mostly outdoors, weather permitting). To provide a safe singing experience, face masks are required for singing activities. If you're interested in joining the choir for the first time, contact Ann Schrooten (612-309-9583 or aschrooten@htlcmpls.org).

REV. DR. THOMAS WARME, 1935-2021

Tom was baptized and confirmed at Holy Trinity and was an active youth member, participating in the basketball team, Luther League and sharing his musical talents. He graduated from South High, Augsburg College, and Northwestern Seminary. Tom began his ministry in Michigan and Wisconsin, but after a few years decided to become a chaplain in the US Army. He served in Vietnam and beyond, reaching the rank of Colonel before retirement. He settled in Virginia, where he earned another Master's degree and Doctor of Divinity degree. He served as an interim pastor, guest preacher, and taught in various colleges in the area. Tom died on March 17, 2021, after a long struggle with cancer. He will be remembered as a true leader and faithful servant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION BEGIN IN-PERSON

We will kick off on-site activities for children and youth on Sunday, September 12. In preparation, we are hoping to gather some information from everyone. All families hoping to have young ones join faith formation activities are encouraged to fill out both the [Student Information Form](#) and the [Adult Information Form](#). Every person, even those without participating children/youth, are invited to consider filling out the [Adult Information Form](#). Contact Deacon David (612-729-8358 ext. 19 or drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org) with questions.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

The schedule for September-October is now live. You can login to your Ministry Scheduler Pro account and request dates and times to serve. **Beginning August 30, the office will assign people for all remaining positions.** If you were active as a communion assistant, you may want to consider signing up to usher while we continue to use pre-packaged communion cups. Call the office to be added to the usher list.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Join us for worship on Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m. in the rain garden. Social distancing will be encouraged, but not required. Masks will be optional. Services will be approximately 40 minutes in length and will include Holy Communion (served at your seat/picnic blanket) and congregational singing. No advance registration is necessary.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 24-25

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

ELCA'S AMMPARO MINISTRY

Join with faith partners from around the country for a half hour—from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m. on Mondays during August recess—to share in prayers for pathways to citizenship, hear testimonies from DACA and TPS recipients, farmworkers, and essential workers, and receive resources for actions that you and your faith community can use each week to urge long-awaited opportunities for citizenship to be offered to our immigrant friends, neighbors, and congregation members! Dates include three consecutive Mondays: August 16, 23, and 30. You may RSVP to an actual *online* meeting [here](#).

NOTE AND PHOTO FROM DONNA GOODLAXSON

Today I'm thinking about forced migration as we walk along the shoulder of Minnesota 371 heading south along the route of the great Mississippi river from the headwaters to the State Capitol in St. Paul.

Indigenous peoples as well as people without status and resources have been forced to migrate from their homes since the settler colonizers came to this continent. Today it is a mix of faces and ages—from one who has only taken one step in his new life to others who have taken many millions of steps in their lives.

I am heartened by the diversity. I am heartened by the intention. I am heartened by the interdependence. I am heartened by the underpinning love that is making this walk, this idea of a walk, a reality. Let us walk among our supporters and temporary adversaries, and arrive at the Capitol with that love in our hearts. Amen.



PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 22-28

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum (Bartsch Room)
	11:00 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Outdoor Worship Service
Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Leading Lives</i> discussion group

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST 22, 2021

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
Angela Khabeb	Preacher	Angela Khabeb
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Needed	Crucifer	Needed
Bob Hulteen	Assisting Minister	Linda Jury
Chuck & Ginny Jordan, Needed	Ushers	Needed
Annie Hines, Chuck Jordan	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Needed