



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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### COMMUNITIES OF CALLING YEAR 3

*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.*

—Frederick Buechner

In his 1973 book, *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*, Buechner highlights a word of theological importance for each letter of the alphabet. For the letter V, he succinctly yet eloquently (as evidenced in the quote above) brings greater clarity to this often-elusive notion of vocation; that career or pursuit that will guide our course in the life God has given us. We all know someone who has received an unmistakable message at some point as to the vocational path they should take, but does it happen this way for everyone? Could it be possible that many of us are simply drawn to an idea, a profession, or an activity that ignites our passion—that thing that we love to talk and dream about? Deep gladness is certainly one aspect of identifying our calling from God. Buechner says that the other aspect has to do with where that deep gladness lands; the need that it will meet.

I had an experience this past week in which I witnessed youthful passion on full display in a group of young adults that I have known since they began singing in the Children's Choir at Holy Trinity. Over hearty appetizers at a Lake Street restaurant, we took turns sharing pandemic stories, recent graduations, new graduate programs, and job transitions, and I noticed two things. First, I was in the company of some pretty intelligent and motivated young people, to be sure. But more importantly, it was the way in which they became delightfully animated as they spoke about the things that had become so important to them. It was as much about *who they wanted to be as human beings* as it was about the things they wanted to accomplish in life. I continued to happily replay those conversations in my head long into the night, giving God thanks for the ways in which the callings of these young people were being uniquely revealed to each of them over time. If you were to ask them if they sensed God's calling in all of this, they would probably say yes. *And* they might also say that they were simply following a source of joy for them, and that there seemed to be a place for it to be spent in service to others.

How do we locate this intersection of our own "deep gladness" and the world's "deep hunger"? We can, like these young people, follow the source of our joy, paying attention to the places where it may serve a purpose, bring about healing, or lead to a necessary change. We also may discern this point of intersection by listening to the stories of others and sharing our own, which leads to a deeper understanding of who we are and what has led us to this point in time. And, we can listen to what our heart is longing for.

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### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



#### READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146;  
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

### ADULT FORUM

**10:00 A.M. IN THE BARTSCH ROOM**

View the Adult Forum from August 29 [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.*

*ID and password remain the same:  
ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.*

**SEPTEMBER 5** Labor Day Weekend—No Adult Forum

**SEPTEMBER 12** "Longfellow Alternative School"  
Representatives of Longfellow Alternative School will preview their work at the beginning of another academic year.

**There will be  
one service only  
on Sunday, September 5, at  
10:00 a.m.**

**View the worship service from Sunday, August 29, [here](#).**

*(Communities of Calling, cont.)*

As we enter our third and final year of the **Communities of Calling Initiative**, I hope that many of you will seek out ways in which to consider how God may be moving in your life right now. There will continue to be opportunities in the coming weeks to help us deepen ties to our Longfellow neighbors, to continue building a foundation of relationships across generational lines, and to inspire us to always nurture the stories within us that help to shape who we are as beloved children of God.

—Ann Schrooten

# PARISH INFORMATION

## CALL TO JOIN PLANNING TEAM FOR RACIAL JUSTICE RETREAT

The Racial Justice Group is looking for 2-3 volunteers to join our planning team for a January 2022 HTLC racial justice retreat. Ideally, volunteers are engaged in HTLC racial justice work at some level already. Members will attend monthly planning meetings and will help to promote the event, recruit attendees, review facilitator's plans, review brief applications, etc. Reach out to Ryana Holt ([ryanadh93@gmail.com](mailto:ryanadh93@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

## 2021 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. Cost is \$145. Single and double rooms are available. Call the office to register.

## COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP BUDGETS FOR 2022

It's time to start drafting your 2022 budgets. Given the ways that COVID has shifted programming, committees might need to do some discerning of what CAN be done during this time and what financial support is needed to do it. (In other words, simply saying "the same as last year" doesn't seem to work this time around!) Committees should submit this information by November 1.

## 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 who plan to have young ones join faith formation activities are encouraged to fill out both the [Student Information Form](#) and the [Adult Information Form](#). Contact Deacon David (612-729-8358 ext. 19 or [drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org](mailto:drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org)) with questions.

## 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](mailto:aschrooten@htlcmpls.org)).

## ADULT CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSALS SEPTEMBER 8

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Trinity Singers and Adult Choir will be combined. To provide a safe singing experience, face masks are required for singing activities. Contact David Sims ([dsims@htlcmpls.org](mailto:dsims@htlcmpls.org)) if you wish to join the choir.

## HOLY TRINITY'S SOLAR SYSTEM STATUS

Our solar system developers, Renewable Energy Partners, are still awaiting a few important electrical components in order to complete the project and apply to Xcel for interconnection. We'll let you know when the backordered parts arrive and our system is fully installed!

## EVER WONDERED WHAT IS RECYCLABLE IN YOUR WASTE?

If you wonder whether or not the items you toss in the recycling bin are acceptable, find your answer in this handy guide: [www.tptoriginals.org/can-i-recycle-that/](http://www.tptoriginals.org/can-i-recycle-that/)

## SWAHILI CONGREGATION CONFIRMATION SEPTEMBER 5

The Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation will be confirming their most current class of confirmands on Sunday, September 5, at 2:00 p.m., in the sanctuary.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

Here is the most recent information on COVID-19 in Hennepin County. As you have probably heard, the delta variant has led to a large increase in the case rate (Column B) in the last month - to a level we haven't seen since vaccinations became widely available last spring. Nearly all of the nation, including Minnesota, is at high risk for community spread of the virus. The Minnesota Department of Health now recommends that well-fitting face masks be worn in crowded outdoor settings (in addition to indoors). We will continue to monitor the situation and keep abreast of public health recommendations for controlling the spread of the virus. For information on where to get a vaccine, go to: [COVID-19 Vaccine - Minnesota Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/covid19/vaccine/).

Date	Column A Vaccination rate*	Column B Cases/100,000 population	Column C Test positivity rate (weekly rolling average)
<b>Threshold/goal</b>	<b>&gt;50-69%</b>	<b>&lt;5-10/100,000</b>	<b>&lt;10%</b>
As of 6/24/21	59.6%	2.4	<2%
As of 7/29/21	61.5%	8.0	2.3%
As of 8/27/21	63.0%	24.3	4.8%

\*percentage of Hennepin County residents (all ages) who have been fully vaccinated

**PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 5-11**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service with Confirmation
<b>Monday</b>		Labor Day/Office Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Preacher	Doug Mork
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Crucifer	Needed
Assisting Minister	Needed
Ushers	Needed
Counters	Needed
Closer	Needed