



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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UPDATE OUR SHARED HOME WORKING GROUP

The Our Shared Home working group is continuing its work to discern how to reimagine areas of the church building and grounds while faithfully stewarding the funds available to us. The guiding principles from Stepping Out in Faith remain; namely that we are committed to racial justice and inclusion, radical hospitality, and capacity building for the community and that we seek to use funds locally, build on existing partnerships, and leverage additional funds whenever possible.

The working group includes members of both the Holy Trinity Lutheran and Minnesota Swahili Christian congregations. They are Jessica Baitani, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Donna Goodlaxson, Nicki Hines, Emma Kasiga, Pastor Angela Khabeb, Pastor Andrea Mwalilino, Gracious Msuya, Mike Nevergall, Lisa Olson, and Libby Olstad.

A total of \$1.3 million from Stepping Out in Faith was set aside for Our Shared Home, with the goal of improving and updating the church building for long-term sustainability and living into the vision of Holy Trinity being an unofficial community center for the Longfellow neighborhood. From the \$1.3 million total, an amount of \$250,000 was immediately set aside and added to the congregational endowment, specifically earmarked for building maintenance. These newly endowed dollars will create approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 annually to supplement the budget for ongoing repairs and maintenance.

For the purposes of the Our Shared Home group’s work, we are focusing on the remaining \$1,050,000. The total cost of the projects we hope to address will certainly exceed this amount, and as such, we intend to introduce a capital campaign to supplement these funds with gifts from congregation members, building and community partners, and other friends of Holy Trinity. More details on such a campaign will be shared at a later date.

The identified priorities for Our Shared Home were five categories of projects:

- 1) renovations of **bathrooms** to be accessible and gender non-specific;
- 2) upgrades for **environmental sustainability**, including solar panels;
- 3) **audio and video** upgrades to support live streamed or recorded worship and other events;
- 4) renovation of the **sanctuary** to reflect the current worship style of congregations, including addressing the cultural and historical accuracy of the stained glass windows;
- 5) renovations to the community room, education wing, basement, and other **hospitality** spaces.

To date, we have approved roughly \$230,000 across several projects. We approved the solar panel installation on the roof as well as a series of environmental upgrades throughout the

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

ADULT FORUM

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

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

OCTOBER 17 “Financial Stewardship” (Sanctuary)

We look to the year ahead as a time of Tending. As a community of faith, we have an opportunity to engage this work in specific areas—worship, reparations, rebuilding, relationships, and creation care. Thank you for your generosity this year. We invite you to give in the year ahead, as generously as you are able. Each gift is meaningful. Each gift is an important part of the whole. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 17, as we offer our financial commitments to further the work of peace.

October 24 “Reimagining Public Safety” (Bartsch Room) League of Women Voters

Jane Lansing and Jennifer Wilson, co-chairs of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters' Reimagining Public Safety Committee, will present a background of the public safety issues and summarize the League's public safety positions and how they align with City Question 2. This short presentation will be followed by discussion and Q&A. <https://lwvmpls.org/rps-main/>

Live stream Sunday’s 11:00 A.M. worship service [here](#).

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building, including pipe insulation, LED lighting, and automated thermostats. With these projects, we leveraged significant grant funding from the City of Minneapolis and through utility provider rebates. We also approved significant audio and video upgrades in the sanctuary. At present, the working group is reviewing a proposal to add air filtration systems in the sanctuary and other larger spaces throughout the building.

The next step is a consultation with architects from Miller Dunwiddie to receive conceptual ideas and rough cost estimates for the bathroom upgrades and upgrades to the Community Room, education wing, and other hospitality spaces. Their input will be crucial in clarifying and focusing the work ahead of us. To learn more about any of these initiatives, please join us for the adult forum on Sunday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m.

-Mike Nevergall for the Our Shared Home Working Group

THE FALL 2021 PUBLIC VOICE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE NOW

Lots of info about Line 3, AMMPARO, Reimagining Public Safety, and more. Click [here](#).

PERMANENT LINK FOR LIVE STREAMING 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Going forward there will be only one URL used to join the livestreaming for every weekly Sunday service. It will no longer change from week to week.

CHANGE A BULB, HELP THE PLANET

Holy Trinity has been awarded a Green Partners grant from Hennepin County to determine the barriers and benefits of making changes that will help the environment (and in this case changing light bulbs with low efficiency to LED bulbs). Caring for Creation will be purchasing and distributing LED bulbs as part of this effort.

CHOIR SCHEDULES FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13

1:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Anthems for 10/24 and 11/21 *SINGS!* to be rehearsed).

6:00 p.m. Outdoor Children's Choir Rehearsal: WILL NOT MEET 10/13 due to rain.

6:40 p.m. Cantate! Rehearsal—will meet Indoors.

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir/Trinity Singers Rehearsal (Anthems for 10/24 and 11/21 *SINGS!* to be rehearsed)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR GLORIA RINGERS

Gloria Ringers: Rehearsals on Sundays from 10-11:00 a.m. (no rehearsals on 10/24 and 11/21). Ringing for Worship on Sunday, October 17 and November 28.

REMINDER: GLORIA RINGERS IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

20s, 30s, 40s VENN BREWING EVENT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

After putting events on hold during the pandemic, Laura Bolstad Grafstrom and Kelsey Porter are hosting a 20s, 30s, 40s event at the Venn Brewing patio on Friday, October 15 at 6:00 pm. In addition to delicious beer, Venn Brewing has many non-alcoholic beverages and will have a food truck from Northbound Smokehouse. It'll be a great opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones! Please email laurabolstad1@gmail.com if you are able to make it. We hope to see you there!

FAITHS 4 CLIMATE JUSTICE EVENT OCTOBER 18 12:00 PM

Join Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light and the Caring for Creation group for a global prayer gathering two weeks before the International Climate Conference in Glasgow. We'll gather at noon on Monday, October 18 at the entrance to the Federal Building in Minneapolis (212 Third Ave S) for prayer, songs, and silence. A march and picnic lunch will follow. More information and registration can be found [here](#).



WORSHIP MINISTRIES TO BE SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 22

If you serve as a worship ministry volunteer, please make time to go into the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) app *before* October 22 to block out any dates for November and December that you are unable to serve, or to claim any services where you know you would like to serve. Auto-scheduler will schedule you appropriately. You will notice that December includes Wednesday evening Advent services and Christmas Eve in addition to regular Sunday services. If you are not marked in MSP as Inactive or you haven't entered dates that you are unable to serve, MSP will auto schedule you for positions you're qualified to serve in. Please let Pam in the office know if you need help or a refresher.

CLIMATE GRIEF WORKSHOP OCTOBER 23

Caring for Creation and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light invite you to a workshop on processing grief and loss around the climate crisis to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. The program will be grounded in the teachings of Joanna Macy and self-compassion. Please plan to stay for the full day, attendees will make a container together from all that emerges. No cost, just a freewill offering for lunch. Vaccinations and masks are required. The workshop will be held at the Danish American Center, 3030 West River Road S. in Minneapolis. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

OPEN STREETS MINNEHAHA OCTOBER 24 11 AM - 5:00 PM



Minnehaha

Sunday, October 24th

After a year's hiatus, HTLC will once again participate in our neighborhood's October 24th *Open Streets Minnehaha*.

This year we will **"Squash Out Racism!"**

Join the fun and help give out Ghost Pumpkins and decorate kids' bikes.

To volunteer, please contact Tom, via voice or text at (612) 616-0507.

BIG CLEAN UP DAY TUESDAY OCTOBER 26 3:00 - 6:00 PM

(*Rain date: Thursday, November 28 3-6:00 PM*) If you enjoy gardening and working outdoors, Nolan would love to have your help cleaning up the church grounds before the snow flies. Please let Pam or Nolan know if you can help. Office: (612-729-8358 / office@htlcmpls.org)

NOMINATE A LEADER TO SERVE ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL

This year's Nominating Committee (made up of the outgoing Council members and the at-large members elected at last year's annual meeting) will soon start to discern a slate of new Council members. If you would like to nominate a great leader to serve on Holy Trinity's Church Council, please send their name and a brief description of their leadership to Tom Cahoy (Nominating Committee chair).

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2022

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving units in the congregation. The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support for your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee.

Nominations, supported by a standing committee, will be accepted until November 1, 2021, and may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid (ingridrasmussen@htlcmpls.org). The congregation will be informed of the 2022 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.



CTUL'S ANNUAL GALA THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) is an organization of workers and for workers, committed to securing fair working conditions for present and future generations. As a valued community partner of Holy Trinity, we hope you will consider supporting CTUL's 2021 Gala and fundraising event. It's their largest fundraiser of the year and brings CTUL members and staff together with the wider community to deepen relationships and celebrate their organizing over the past year. CTUL's work in the community is vital and they greatly appreciate the support they receive from Holy Trinity. To attend, volunteer, and/or donate to this vital organization, see information below. Costumes are encouraged. Fun will be had!

Virtual event: Thursday, October 21, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In-person event: Thursday, October 21, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

3715 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis

Tickets are sliding scale \$5 to \$50.

Registration available at <https://bit.ly/CTULuchaGala>

Interested in volunteering!? Email Sheff Sheffield at sheff@ctul.net with your email, phone number.

STEWARDSHIP BOOKLETS AND LETTERS SENT

Stewardship booklets were mailed out on Friday, October 1. If you didn't receive a booklet but you would like one, contact Pam in the office. Stewardship letters reflecting offerings deposited before September 30 were mailed on October 8.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A WORSHIP VOLUNTEER?

If you would like to discuss serving in a volunteer worship ministry, we're always in need of more volunteer Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Altar Guild, Counters, and Closers. Contact Pam in the office, or talk to a pastor for more information on how you can serve in these important ministries.

BECOME A MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY

At Holy Trinity we believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. If you or someone you know is interested in formalizing your relationship with our community, please let one of the pastors know, or contact the office at office@htlcmpls.org. Several households have already indicated their interest. The Spirit works in amazing ways!

UPDATE ON SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION

The Solar installation crew were able to begin work again last Monday to install the electrical infrastructure on the new solar panels. Hopefully, it won't be much longer before the panels can begin to produce energy.

REVEREND DR. RONALD BELL VIDEO RECORDING AVAILABLE

A recording of the program with the Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell held by the Nurturing Committee on September 24 is available on Vimeo via this [link](#). Participants engaged with his book, *The Four Promises: A Journey of Healing Past and Present Trauma*.

MUSICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY TRINITY

Please help us get out the word that Holy Trinity is still searching for qualified applicants for Director of Adult Choirs (15 hours per week) and Organist/Pianist (20 hours per week). The same candidate may apply for both positions and serve as Cantor (30 hours/week with benefits). Congregants are encouraged to share these opportunities widely (e.g., with friends, on social media). Position descriptions and application process can be found on the church [website](#).



PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 17-23

Sunday		Stewardship Sunday <i>Gloria Ringers at both services!</i>
	8:45 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Youth Education
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	10:00 am	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	11:00 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	1:30 & 6:00 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR OCTOBER 17, 2021

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Needed
Julie Cahoy	Assisting Minister	
Steve Murray, David Broberg, Chris Engen, Bob Peschiutta, Sally & David Kohlstedt,	Ushers	Helen & Bob Norheim, Joy Nelson, Rod Johnson, Kathy Hollander, Joshua Combs
Donna Heyer, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Needed
	Closer	John Sulzbach