



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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OUR SHARED HOME—UPDATE ON STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the November adult forum about the work of the *Our Shared Home* group. We were pleased to share information about what has already been accomplished and the overall approach we are taking to assess projects. The values and principles that guided the *Stepping Out in Faith* process last year continue to guide our work—namely, racial justice and inclusion, radical hospitality, capacity-building in the community, keeping funds local, enriching existing partnerships, and leveraging additional funding when possible.

A few congregants have asked questions about our process regarding the stained glass windows in the sanctuary, particularly the center panels of the windows on the north and south sides of the building that depict people in biblical scenes. In the *Stepping Out in Faith* proposal, approved by the congregation in January 2021, one of the priorities was “...addressing the stained glass windows to reflect culturally accurate depictions.” This priority was identified through the group’s review of 11 institutional documents, 123 survey responses, in-depth focus group conversations with 72 members, one-on-one phone calls and emails, and other information-gathering done by *Stepping Out in Faith* throughout 2020.

With this guidance, the *Our Shared Home* group is gathering information regarding what such a change could look like. Group members are having conversations with Gaytee-Palmer Stained Glass restoration studio, a referral from our neighbors at Glass Endeavors, and with other congregations in the Twin Cities and Duluth that have undertaken changes to artwork. We have also invited several local BIPOC artists to imagine with us what new window panels might look like. As we do this work, we will continue to reference the *Stepping Out in Faith* values and principles as our guide.

In February and March, we will host a four-part adult forum series to explore the history of stained glass and the role of art and iconography in theology and culture as we examine the images currently represented in our building. We hope you will join us. We will continue to share what we learn with both the English-speaking and Swahili-speaking congregations. Ultimately, *Our Shared Home* will make a recommendation to the Church Council for final approval.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11



ADULT FORUM

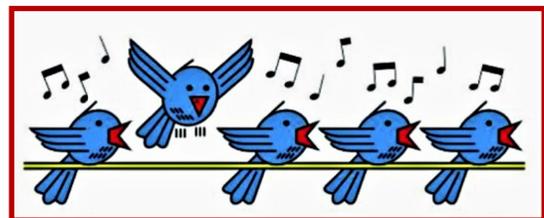
Holy Trinity Adult Forums now feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentations will also be available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

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

Today “Accomplishments and Plans”
The Stepping Out in Faith—Our Shared Community working group will present their accomplishments from the past year and their plans for the future.

January 23 “Preview of Annual Meeting”
There’s a lot of business to cover during our Annual Meeting, which will be held Sunday, January 30, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Bring your questions and join Pastor Ingrid and Council representatives during this forum where we preview the meeting agenda. At the Annual Meeting, we will elect new council members, and vote on the proposed 2021 budget.

We are committed to working faithfully through this process, with respect for where everyone is coming from. We ask the same respect from you. If you have questions, concerns, or feedback of any kind, please send it to the *Stepping Out in Faith* [email](#) account. We will not respond to every email individually, but please know that the working group will carefully consider your input. Thank you to those who have already offered constructive feedback and ideas regarding our shared home!



ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE DATE/TIME CHANGE

The Adult Choir will now be practicing between worship services at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in the choir room.



ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 30 AT 12:00 PM VIA ZOOM

All members are invited to join the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 30 at 12:00 p.m. as we celebrate the 118th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will have a Zoom option, and we may have a watch party at the church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2022 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on progress made toward our congregational goals. A copy of the annual report and a link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members prior to January 30.

20s, 30s, 40s WINTER GROUP HIKE, FEBRUARY 6

The 20s, 30s, 40s Group, Laura Bolstad Grafstrom, and Peter Grafstrom invite you to an all-ages winter hike on Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. We'll meet at the Southern-most parking lot at Minnehaha Park (near E 54th St. and Hwy 55) and take the winter hiking trail that connects with Fort Snelling State Park. Bring your sense of adventure and warm boots/hiking shoes. Let's get out and enjoy this winter wonderland together! Please RSVP to [Laura](#) by Saturday, February 5 if you're planning to come.

View last Sunday's livestreamed worship service [here](#).

LIVESTREAM THE 11:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

A live-stream of the 11:00 a.m. service is available online every Sunday. Click the following [link](#) at 10:55 a.m. to livestream the service from your computer or phone.

FILM SHOWING "THE PRESENT" POSTPONED

The Palestine/Israel Working Group screening of the film, *The Present* has been postponed. More information about a new date and time will be forthcoming.

LAKE STREET ALIGNMENT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Lake Street Alignment Process is an opportunity to reimagine the future of this vital corridor. There will be community meetings on January 18 and 20 from 6-7:30 p.m., to share what was heard during the Listening Sessions that were held in November and December. Please help spread the word. The purpose of the community listening sessions is to understand how residents, business owners, community organizations, and property owners would like to reimagine and rebuild Lake Street with racial, economic, and environmental justice at its core.

SAVE THE DATE — FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 11-13

Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal as well as family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin, from Friday, February 11, to Sunday, February 13. Watch for more information coming later in January.

STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE VIDEO CAMERA AT 11:00 AM WORSHIP!



If you're handy with a mouse and a laptop, we need a few volunteers to run the livestream on Sundays at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Training will be provided.

If you're interested in serving, please contact the [office](#) [612-729-8358].

CHANGES TO WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Due to the surge in COVID, it's been decided to whittle down our use of worship assistants for the next couple of weeks. For the month of January, we will only be using Ushers and Closers. If you are scheduled to serve as an Assisting Minister, Crucifer, or Counter in January, you can take that off your calendar. Big thanks to everyone who so generously donates their time and talents to assist with worship every week. We will reassess this decision at the end of January, so watch for an update later this month.

2022 SUMMER CAMP AT LAKE WAPOGASSET

Registration for summer camp at Lake Wapogasset (Camp Wapo) opens up this Saturday, January 15! Holy Trinity has eight guaranteed spots for grades 1-3 (Seeds Group) and eight guaranteed spots for grades 4-8 (Youth Group). These camps will happen in July 2022. Click [here](#) to find dates that work for your family and to register. Please note that the link will not be live until Saturday, January 15.

**A little heat in the iron radiator,
the dog breathing at the foot of the bed,
and the windows shut tight,
encrusted with hexagons of frost.
I can barely hear the geese
complaining in the vast sky,
flying over the living and the dead,
schools and prisons, and the whitened fields.**
- Billy Collins

PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 16-22

Sunday	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Youth Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday		MLK Day; office is closed
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Youth Choirs—Combined
	7:10 PM	Cantate!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

8:45 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Angela T. Khabeb	Preacher	Angela T. Khabeb
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Sally and David Kohlstedt, David Broberg, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Helen and Bob Norheim, Alan Libra, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen
	Closer	Roberta Shaw