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Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY REVISITED

The Doctrine of Discovery (DoD) was the justification for European powers to enslave the people and take the lands of 3 non-Europeans and non-Christians. The DoD was based on a series of Papal "bulls" (proclamations) issued by the Vatican in the 15th century, the main one being in 1493 after Columbus "discovered" the Americas. It also provided the justification for enslaving Africans, dividing what is now Latin America between Spain and Portugal, and the eventual taking of the lands of North America and the genocide against its inhabitants. In essence, the DoD states that the religion and civilization of Europe is a fair trade for the lands and people of: the discovered lands. By planting a flag and a cross in the beach a European power claimed the land and its people. The DoD continues to influence U.S. American law in relation to Native people. It was cited as precedent in a landmark case by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1823, and also cited as recently as 2005 by the Supreme Court as justification for not putting traditional Oneida land back in trust.

Following a session on the DoD by Ron Duty, the response of Pr. Ingrid and Holy Trinity (HTLC) was to create a task force to look at the history and current implications of the DoD, and to identify areas where we might take action.

The Task Force has 8 HTLC members and was created some 4-years ago. It is soon to be joined by Jody Beaulieu, an enrolled member of the Red Lake Nation, life-long activist, and former tribal secretary and archivist.

The task force defines its goals as education and advocacy. In the area of education, it has sponsored forums, shown films, and partnered with HTLC's Adult Education Committee to invite Mark Charles (Dine') to keynote the last Johnson Symposium. With the pandemic limiting activities in the past two years, the focus of advocacy has been on legislation that would add a small amount to the state deed tax on the sale of any property in Minnesota. It would generate millions of dollars to a fund for Native run programs. The fund would be governed by a group of Native people, on and off reservation, as well as a couple of legislative leaders. Based on our proposal, we've worked closely with MN Sen. Mary Kunesh to draft a bill, which she hopes to introduce this session or next.

Another effort, facilitated by David Berg, has been canoe trips for Red Lake and Migizi youth at the Wilderness Canoe Base. The canoe trips are intended to strengthen cultural understanding of historic and current ties to nature.

At the same time, we've developed partnerships with Native and non-Native people around mutually identified issues. Along with our community efforts, we work on projects with the leadership of the Red Lake Nation, developed partnerships with the Indian Land Tenure Foundation president, Cris Stainbrook, Migizi and its director Kelly Drummer. Cont. next pg...

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

ADULT FORUM

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

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

MARCH 20 Religious Art Series, cont.

"Sacred Art Conversation with Nicholas T. Markell" (in Community Room)

Nicholas Markell started studying art at an early age in his hometown in southern Minnesota. After earning a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity from the Washington Theological Union, Nicholas seriously considered ordination, but ultimately favored the art studio to the pulpit, where his spiritual quest continues and remains strongly evident in his art.

Working in glass, pigment and graphics, Nicholas conveys a deep understanding of religious and spiritual ideas. Applauded for his artistic excellence, Nicholas' original art continues to be exhibited in numerous galleries and academic institutions nationwide. He has done liturgical work and stained glass for many churches, including St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis, Saint Michael Catholic Church in Saint Michael, Minnesota, and St. Thomas More Chapel at Ohio State University. Nicholas has received numerous accolades and awards in his career. He was chosen as the principal artist for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the chief liturgical books for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Nicholas established Markell Studios with the goal of serving the ecclesial community through the creation of iconic imagery. Nicholas' images explore art's full spiritual potential by expressing visions of beauty, mystery and meaning. His iconic work serves a transformative as well as an inspirational purpose. Through his art, Nicholas Markell invites us to contemplate the deeper aspects of our everyday lives of faith and so help us shape our future. Nicholas looks forward to joining us as we continue our conversation about religious art. The format for his presentation will be Q & A based on the questions we received from attendees during the March 6 and March 13 presentations. ~

MARCH 27 Religious Art Series (final in 4 part series) (in Bartsch Room)

This will be the fourth and final session in our religious art series. We will take a walking tour of the building and provide ample time for small-group discussion.

PARISH INFORMATION

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HTLC also continues to be the fiscal sponsor for a full-length film on the DoD by filmmaker Gwendolen Cates.

A recent effort has been undertaken to craft new land acknowledgement statements that HTLC can use to declare its place in the history of this land, and to recommend future steps based on this acknowledgement.

Finally, David Berg and I serve on the Indian Boarding Schools Task Force of the Minneapolis Area Synod.

The DOD Task Force welcomes new members who are interested, and, hopefully, passionate about these issues. No previous background is necessary.

Current task force members: Michael Miller, Randy Nelson, Dennis Ormseth, Ron Duty, Carol Berg, David Berg, John Buzza, Chuck Jordan. Staff: David Rojas Martinez. Ex officio: Zoe Martinez, Lynda Nordholm.

For information contact Mike Miller, 612-927-6960.

- Mike Miller, HTLC Doctrine of Discovery Task Force Chair

EASTER LILIES

Holy Trinity has a tradition of placing lilies in the sanctuary for Easter. These beautiful flowers are celebratory and are a visual reminder of Christ's resurrection. If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Pam in the church office by <a href="mailto:email

FOSDICK LECTURE: PREACHING IN A TIME OF CRISIS

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Augsburg University Campus Ministry invites you to join them on Tuesday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. as Augsburg welcomes Pastors <u>Ingrid C.A. Rasmussen</u> and <u>Angela T. Khabeb</u> for the sixth annual Fosdick Lecture in Preaching.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located just off of Lake Street in the 3rd Precinct, found itself at the heart of the explosive response to the brutal killing of George Floyd and the centuries of trauma that preceded his death. During the months that followed the uprising, the church responded by distributing donated food, diapers, toiletries, plywood for boarding up broken windows, cleaning supplies, and tools to the community. This remained a primary part of Holy Trinity's work throughout the summer and fall of 2020.

Tuesday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m., the pastors will share their insights on preaching during this time of crisis and reflect on how these experiences continue to shape their understanding of theology and ministry. Live streamed from Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center, Augsburg University. Register here for this online lecture. Click here for more information.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNTIES DURING LENT

You are invited to join one of four small groups which will meet from 6:00-6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent (March 9-April 6). You need not attend all the sessions; come as your schedule allows.

JOIN PASTOR INGRID FOR THE PRAYER OF EXAMEN

The Prayer of Examen is a spiritual exercise typically credited to St. Ignatius of Loyola [1491-1556]. At the heart of the practice is increasingly becoming aware of God's presence and the Holy Spirit's movement throughout your day. No prior experience necessary! If you're unable to attend in person but would like to participate, we can send a recording for you to use at home. Simply send a request to <u>Sue</u> to be added to the email distribution list. (*Library*)

JOIN DEACON DAVID FOR PRAYING WHILE MOVING

Prayer does not have to be quiet nor do we have to do it while remaining still. God meets us as we run, dance, and play. A noisy Church is a living Church! This space is for everyone and families with children are especially encouraged to join a holy chaos of praying while moving. We'll meet in the gym. If the weather warms up enough, we'll try to be outdoors!

JOIN PASTOR ANGELA FOR JOY & LAUGHTER

God's word teaches us, "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). Joy is a precious commodity, especially as we travel our Lenten journey in these uncertain and ambiguous times. Please gather as we explore the proven benefits of laughter and joy in our individual and communal lives. You are welcome to share* your "all age appropriate" jokes. No prep is necessary.

March 23: Behold I stand at the door and knock—favorite knock-knock jokes;

March 30: Riddles;

April 6: Anecdotal jokes and a litany of JOY!

If you're unable to attend in person, but you'd like to share a joke, simply email it to the <u>office</u>. (*sharing is completely optional). (*Mary Martha Room*)

JOIN PASTOR DOUG FOR INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

Could the bible have some things to say about how we live together? What is church for? What does a "balanced" life even mean?

Each week we'll take a short excursion into scripture and consider how it might inform or challenge our faithful engagement with our world. We'll do our best to both celebrate and challenge the leaders and communities we meet, and consider how their words and stories might bring us into deeper dialog with God. Sessions will not be lectures but conversations—the more you bring your experiences, questions, and ideas to the table, the more fun we will have together! (Community Room)

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 11:00 a.m. service is available online at 10:55 a.m. every Sunday. You can also access recordings of previous services through this link. To live stream the Wednesday evening prayer services during Lent, click <u>here</u>.

PARISH INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY!

As we slowly ease away from COVID restrictions and return to more "normalcy" around worship, we will be activating worship ministry positions that we haven't used in worship since COVID hit. We are also in need of additional worship ministry volunteers. We regularly schedule the following positions for each worship service:

- Acolyte
- Altar Guild
- Assisting Minister
- Communion assistants
- Counters
- Crucifer
- Coffee hosts
- Ushers
- Video Operator (one at 11:00 a.m. service only)
- Closer (one for 11:00 a.m. service only)

Do you enjoy baking? We also have a list of folks that we rotate through who are willing to bake communion bread.

NEEDED

If you are interested in serving in one or more of these capacities, you will receive instruction and/or be trained, and the more people who volunteer, the less often any one person has to serve!

If anyone who isn't already serving as a worship ministry volunteer would like to serve, please contact <u>Pam</u> in the office (612-729-8358).

ECOFAITH SUMMIT 2022

MNIPL is a proud sponsor of the EcoFaith Summit 2022! This year's theme is *Holy Ground, Holy Table: Regenerative Practices for the Wholeness of the Earth*. The keynote presenters, George and Annaliese Walker (of Walker Farms), are Minnesota farmers and international leaders in the regenerative agriculture movement.

In addition, a diverse group of seven storytellers will share their direct experience of regenerative practices with food, from farms to tables. The morning will also include original music videos featuring Susan Palo Cherwien's and Robert Buckley Farlee's hymn, *In Sacred Manner*, with the paintings of Robyn Sands Anderson and Charlotte Schuld. Three breakout group sessions over the morning will give participants the opportunity to relate and respond to what they have heard. Click <u>FFI</u> or <u>registration</u>.



REMEMBER THE CHILDREN:

ONE MINNESOTA TOWN'S INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL

Join the Saint Paul Area Synod's Advocates for Racial Equity (ARE) group on Thursday, March 24, 7:00—8:30 p.m., for discussions about the Saint Paul Industrial School, which operated at one time as an Indian Boarding School in Clontarf, Minnesota.

Presenters Mark Wasson, Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart and the Rev. Gary Mills will take a closer look into what led this small town to build and operate such a program, examine the ongoing impact of Indian Boarding Schools, and discuss how suppression keeps us from rumbling with our past. Click here to register.

2021 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you need help with Thrivent's website, click here for a step-by-step tutorial that Pam Blomgren has put together.



~ Concerning People ~

Today we remember those in need of God's tender care, especially Pat Libra, undergoing treatment for cancer, Ann and Dawn's neighbor, Brian; Steve Murray's aunt, Sharon Clappier; Marlene Peterson; Karen Kunze; Rob Englund; Gerry Berglin; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; and Kaia's cousin, Sam.

PARISH EVENTS MARCH 20-26

Sunday, March 20	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Tuesday, March 22	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 23	6:00 PM	Children's Choir and Cantate!
	6:00 PM	Small Groups with Pastors
	7:00 PM	<u>Lenten Evening Prayer Service</u>
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MARCH 20, 2022

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Rojas Martinez	Preacher	David Rojas Martinez
Angela T. Khabeb	Presiding Minister	Angela T. Khabeb
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	
	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Joyce Peterson, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Deb Helmel
Steve Murray, Chris Engen Mike Nevergall, David Broberg, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Alan Libra, Joshua Combs, Kathy Hollander & Rod Johnson
	Closer	Roberta Shaw