



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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AMMPARO ADVOCACY REPORT

Holy Trinity's AMMPARO (*Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities*) Working Group identifies unaccompanied minor migrants in our community who are in need of accompaniment in areas such as legal appointments, or who need help meeting basic physical, educational, and/or emotional-social needs. This team also prays and advocates for just immigration policies, including responding to the ELCA and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service requests for advocacy. The following is an excerpt from the AMMPARO US Network Advocacy Report dated January 12, 2022:

LEGISLATION

Citizenship: *Build Back Better* negotiations fell through at the end of 2021, after disagreements about topline in the Senate. The *Build Back Better* Act included temporary work authorization and protection from deportation for around 7 million undocumented immigrants. ELCA Advocacy assisted with the delivery of a letter from nearly 30 ELCA Bishops to Congress urging swift passage, as well as the prioritization of permanent immigration protection.

ASYLUM & BORDER

Supreme Court Considers "Indefinite Detention:" Did you know that ICE is not legally required to detain most migrants? For decades, ICE has not always exercised discretion resulting in unnecessary and long-term detention on thousands. Now, the Supreme Court is considering whether immigrants held in detention for long periods of time (and in some cases, without an end in sight) may be released on bond as their cases move forward.

Title 42: The Biden Administration has continued to employ Title 42, a public health order originating in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), expel most migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. Since March 2020, when the order went into effect, over 1.5 million migrants have been expelled. The surge in COVID-19 cases due to the more transmissible Omicron variant, is expected to delay the withdrawal of this policy, although this is not based on evidence, as public health experts [have argued](#).

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES *NEW*

Developed with our companions and secular partners in Central America and Mexico, these advocacy priorities reflect a shared awareness of factors that influence how individuals experience human mobility in the Western hemisphere, particularly in Latin America. Available online in [Resources](#).

With these priorities we will advocate for:

- Nations that protect persons in situations of human mobility and do not infringe on their rights;



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room 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 27 Religious Art Series (final in 4-part series)

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.

APRIL 3 Sighs Too Deep for Words Discussion

For the past several weeks, we have been using the liturgy entitled *Sighs Too Deep for Words (Romans 8:26)*, which was commissioned by a group of fifteen Twin Cities church leaders and funded, in part, by a Synod Ministry Imagination Grant. The liturgy was created in response to consistent requests for more expansive images for God in worship. Come and hear Pastors Ingrid & Angela, and former Cantor, David Sims, to reflect on the development of the liturgy and the questions that were asked along the way!

- Compliance with international obligations on migration;
- A human security approach rather than the current national security approach;
- Civil Society and local stakeholder leadership;
- A more in-depth response to the root causes of internal displacement and migration: Shaped by community priorities.
- More competent, more transparent and corruption-free governments in the countries of the Northern Triangle of Central America;
- Linking forced internal displacement and irregular migration in Northern Central America;
- People in human mobility are bearers of hope.

ADVOCACY STUDY QUESTION

Through advocacy, the ELCA lives out the Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good. How can we connect our faith, experiences, and ministries to work for change? [Learn more here](#).

For more information on Holy Trinity's AMMPARO group, contact [Joy Nelson](#).

FOSDICK LECTURE: PREACHING IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Augsburg University Campus Ministry recently invited Pastors Ingrid and Angela to deliver the sixth annual Fosdick Lecture in Preaching. Its not been posted yet, but there will be a [video](#) available on the Fosdick Lecture's You Tube channel in the near future.

JOIN US TO SING *JESUS CALLS US TO A JOURNEY*

Please plan to join us for worship on Sunday, April 3, as we sing *Jesus Calls Us to a Journey*, the hymn that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church commissioned in honor of David Sims, our former Cantor who will be present to sing it with us!

*Jesus calls us to a journey,
winding through terrain unknown
on a seldom traveled pathway,
never paved, and overgrown.
There will be a destination;
one that sometimes comes in sight;
but our home is on the journey,
and our call is God's delight.*

*Other travelers walk beside us
as our calls and pathways meet;
joining us to walk or stumble,
sharing triumph and defeat.
With companions on the journey
we pursue what God intends,
strengthened for each new adventure
through the fellowship of friends.*

*God, you offer us a calling
to a less-than-certain life,
built on faith, informed by scripture,
finding peace, but also strife.
Guide us in your way of justice.
Keep us kind in all we do.
Take our hands and gently lead us
as we humbly walk with you.*

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EASTER LILIES

Holy Trinity places lilies in the sanctuary for Easter in celebration and as a visual reminder of Christ's resurrection. If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one, contact Pam in the church office by [email](#) or phone (612-729-8358).

The names of the sponsors and the loved ones being remembered will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Sliding scale for payment—between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or use the Donate button on our [website](#). Be sure to indicate the donation is for a lily/lilies.



SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES 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.

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 [Sue](#) 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 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 [office](#). (*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 you'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*)

A NEURODIVERSE CHURCH:

An interview with author Daniel Bowman Jr.

Back in September, *Living Lutheran* published an interview with Daniel Bowman Jr. talking about his fascinating new book, *On the Spectrum: Autism, Faith, and the Gifts of Neurodiversity*. When Daniel received an autism diagnosis in his mid-30s, so much clicked into place. The book is his memoir in essays, and he allows us to follow the journey as he begins to understand the things that are different, unique, and challenging about being a person with autism in a world that isn't always welcoming to them. Read more of this interview conducted by Cara Strickland [here](#).

SACRED SITES TOUR

As part of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Area Synods' efforts to create understanding, learning, and dialogue between Native and non-Native peoples, we will gather to immerse ourselves in Minnesota History from a Native perspective as we experience Dakota history, culture and sacred sites through storytelling and are present to one another through silence/meditation/reflection and sharing. Our time together aims to create greater awareness and understanding of the Dakota people, the original people of this area, who too often are invisible in their homeland.

Facilitator: The Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs _____

A member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation of central Wisconsin, Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs is a cultural facilitator who works to raise the public's awareness of American Indian causes and injustices, founder of Healing Minnesota Stories and Co-Director of Racial Justice for Minnesota Council of Churches.

More Details _____

All attendees must register before the event; there is room for 35 participants on each tour. Dress for an extended walk on uneven terrain. People who may have difficulty standing for storytelling may want to bring lawn chairs. While there is no time set aside for lunch during the tour, participants are welcome to bring snacks as needed.

Because of COVID safety, participants drive themselves from site to site (carpools encouraged) and there is a small entry fee to enter Ft. Snelling State Park without a parks permit. Part of the registration fee will go toward parking. Please indicate on your registration if you will be driving a car or riding with someone else so we can get an accurate car count. Registration cost: \$40 per person. All tours meet at Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy, St. Paul. Contact [Pastor Jen Collins](#) with questions.

STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP MINISTRIES

We are still in need of additional worship ministry volunteers. We regularly schedule the positions shown below for every worship service. Do you enjoy baking? We have a list of folks that we rotate through who bake communion bread. If you are interested in serving in one or more of these capacities, please contact [Pam](#) (612-729-8358).

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

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) 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 [here](#).

SERVICE FOR DON BESSER APRIL 9

There will be a memorial service for Don Besser on Saturday, April 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Don came from a singing family. He began singing at the age of three. The family sang so much there was once a newspaper article published that was called, *Formula for Family Harmony* all about "The Singing Bessers." Click [here](#) to see more of Don's extensive obituary.

2021 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31

Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars. 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 put together for us.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MAY 22

Deacon David will be offering a First Communion class on Sunday, May 22, from 12:00-2:00p.m. (lunch included!). If you or your child is interested in receiving first communion, or if you have received communion but want to learn more about what we believe about communion, let Deacon [David](#) know (612-729-8358) by Easter Sunday, April 17, so that we can plan accordingly.

Holy Trinity supports everyone communing at any age, including children. This class will be a way to learn more about communion whether you've started partaking or not! For families wanting a more formal welcome at the table, we will host a First Communion celebration on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

AARP TAX AIDE UPDATE

The AARP tax aide calendar is full. Volunteers will continue to work on completing and returning tax and rent credit filings in the month of April, but they will not be making any new appointments. Again this year, the service was wildly popular and Holy Trinity was honored to provide space to this important service to seniors and low-income filers. We will publish figures about how many were served once the program is done for the season.

MARCH 15, 2022 SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

- The Council discussed ways in which we can create a “soft place to land” as we return to in-person worship/ activities. There is acknowledgement that “intentional hospitality” will help returning members (including children) reorient and reacclimate to being together in this space, and welcome new members to join us.
- Committee Reports –
 - Plans are taking shape for the Johnson Symposium to resume this year. Winona LaDuke will be the keynote speaker.
 - The Racial Justice retreat in April has room for more attendees if you are interested.
 - The Nurturing Relationships Committee is panning in-person gatherings to get us together this summer, including a Twins game!
 - Stepping out in Faith (SOIF) Working Groups -
 - Our Shared Home – Encourages participation in the discussion around the Sacred Arts sessions hosted by Adult Education.
 - Our Shared Community – The working group will take time, in a retreat format, to thoughtfully look at issues about how best to use our resources to support the community outside the walls of Holy Trinity.

PARISH EVENTS MARCH 27-APRIL 2

Sunday, March 27	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	<u>Adult Forum</u>
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	<u>Worship Service</u> of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, March 28	11:00 AM	<u>Worship Readings Discussion</u>
Tuesday, March 29	7:00 PM	Lectio Divina
Wednesday, March 30	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 27, 2022

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Angela Khabeb	Preacher	Angela Khabeb
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Sally Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Kris Christians
Andrea Hansen	Cantor	Andrea Hansen
Julie Cahoy, David Kohlstedt	Counters	Debora Helm, Wayne Vetter
Mike Nevergall, Chris Engen, Ginny & Chuck Jordan, Tom & Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Bob & Helen Norheim, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joshua Combs, Alan Libra, David Broberg, DeWayne Townsend IV
	Closer	Rod Johnson