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# "Breathing new life into 27th and Lake: Pangea World Theater to relocate to downtown Longfellow"

Pastor Ingrid contributed statements to this article written by Iric Nathanson for the Longfellow Nokomis Messenger. Excerpted below; to read more, click <u>here</u>.

The 27th Avenue block between Lake and 31st Street bustled with community life. The block included a Latino night club, a popular Indian-Bangladeshi restaurant, and a community organization serving Native American youth. But that was before George Floyd's murder in 2020, and the civil unrest that destroyed much of downtown Longfellow, including the block on 27th Avenue.

Now, two years later, Meena Natarajan hopes to breathe new life into this key Lake Street commercial node. Natarajan plans to relocate the Pangea World Theater, which she heads as executive director, from its current home in Lyn Lake to the largely vacant 27th Avenue block.

Natarajan's organization seeks "to build bridges across multiple cultures and creates sacred and intersectional spaces," according to the group's website. "Through art, theater and creative organizing, we strive for a just world where people treat each other with honor and respect. We believe that artists are seers giving voice and language to the world we envision."

While construction of Pangea's new center is still several years away, the foundation for this promising project has already been put in place. The arts group has created a unique partnership with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located down the street from the proposed theater site.

Prior to the events of 2020, the site served as the home for MIGIZI, a Native American social service agency. "Holy Trinity has had a long history with MIGIZI," explained Ingrid Rasmussen, the church's lead pastor. "We have partnered with their organization on a wide range of efforts. When MIGIZI decided to move farther west on Lake Street, they told us they wanted to keep the ownership of their parcel within the BIPOC community."

Rasmussen and her congregation knew there were outside groups interested in the property so Holy Trinity decided to purchase the site. "Everything had to happen quickly," Rasmussen said. "There was no time to put

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11:1-13

## **ADULT FORUM**

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations in the Library 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.

## JULY 24 Author Sarah Jane Barton

Sarah Jane Barton will join us on Zoom from Duke University where she is an Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy and Theological Ethics with a joint appointment in the University School of Medicine. Her forthcoming book is entitled *Becoming the Baptized Body: Disability and the Practice of Christian Community.* 

The book illustrates Barton's concern for how the church engages persons with disabilities. Baptism offers the distinctive practice of Christian initiation, rooted in Jesus' own baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection. Too often, people with intellectual disabilities are excluded from this core Christian practice and so barred from full inclusion in the life of discipleship.

**IULY 31** 

"Practicing Medicine in the Midst of a Pandemic" Josh Becker, Holy Trinity member

Josh Becker, MD, practices internal medicine in Edina and is a member of the Covid Task Force at Holy Trinity.

## **LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS — CANCELLED**

Sadly, Holy Trinity's participation in Lutheran Day at the Twins on August 2 has been cancelled.

If you already paid for tickets, contact <u>Pam</u> Wetterlund in the office to request a reimbursement.











# PARISH INFORMATION

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together a pre-development plan. We at Holy Trinity decided that we could act as a short-term land bank for the site, in order to keep it in community hands. We purchased the property and are holding it for Pangea until the theater is ready to move ahead with its development project."

Rasmussen and Natarajan had connected through Long-fellow Rising, a new organization working to revitalize 27th and Lake. "Pangea has been in involved in the 27th and Lake community for quite a while. We have staged performances at the Hook and Ladder so we know the community." Natarajan said. "After getting to know Ingrid through Longfellow Rising, we realized that our two organizations were a good match. That our partnership came together so quickly says a lot about the church and its commitment to social justice. It also says a lot about Ingrid, who she is and her leadership abilities."

Natarajan says that Pangea's new facility on 27th Avenue will have multiple uses. "We want it to be a living building, a building that reflects the ideals of environmental justice and social justice. We will have a performance space, but we want to do other things. We want to grow food and make the center a community gathering place with a coffee shop.

"During our 26-year history, social justice has always been a key principle that guides our programming. We are particularly interested in expanding opportunities for theater directors who are women and people of color. Those groups have historically been under-represented in the ranks of performance directors. Poetry displays in the windows of shops along Lake Street is also one of our projects."

Pangea is currently involved in predevelopment for the new downtown Longfellow center. "We are doing the visioning that will help us design a building that will meet our multiple needs. At the same time, McKnight Foundation is helping us set up a capital campaign. We don't yet have a fund-raising goal. That is something that the predevelopment process will help us determine. The design of our project should be completed this fall, and then we will launch the capital campaign. It will probably take us an additional two to three years before we are ready to begin construction."

#### USPS BEGINS TO BUILD AT 31st & MINNEHAHA!

The new facility will occupy the site of the former East Lake post office that was destroyed by fire during the

civil unrest in 2020. They've closed off access to the alley behind Holy Trinity for an indefinite time frame while they



excavate the site. The Postal Service anticipates a late-fall 2022 opening.

# DECOLONIZE GARDENING SATURDAY, JULY 23, 9:00-11:00 AM

The Multicultural Youth Justice Experience ("MYJ22") invites you to "Decolonize Gardening." We face choices in and with our gardens every day —windowsill gardens, front yard gardens, community gardens. What a difference a garden and gardeners can make. As children of God, humans are an integral part of Creation, living in connection with the air, water, land, and living things.

Saturday, July 23 from 9:00–11:00 a.m., Holy Trinity will host MYJ22 Youth will be giving away FREE Native seedlings and bringing the healing resources of God's plants to Twin Cities communities. Each plant carries history and tradition to the land we reside upon. Bringing back meaning and story is part of the whole identity of this beautiful land we live on. Stop by and collect your free plants and learn about them as our MYJ Youth excite and empower our communities to Decolonize their gardens and bring back some natural history to the land.

If you can volunteer to help set-up or give away plants, please contact the <u>office</u> (612-729-8358).

## 20s, 30s, 40s GROUP AT ARBEITER BREWING

All ages are welcome! The 20s, 30s, and 40s group invites you to enjoy drinks and conversation at our neighborhood taproom, Arbeiter Brewing, Friday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m. RSVP at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/HTLCArbeiter">https://tinyurl.com/HTLCArbeiter</a>.

### **BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP AUGUST 12-16**

This year, we have two permits for our Boundary Waters camping adventure, Baker Lake and Homer Lake. Both are small lakes off the Sawbill Trail. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to earn the ropes with experienced campers. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. The total cost is \$150 pp. Please consider joining us this year. Scholarships are available! Contact Julie or Tom Cahoy for more details (612-616-0507, 612-618-3814).

### OPEN STREETS EAST LAKE SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

We are happy to welcome everyone back this year. More than a street festival, Open Streets Minneapolis brings together communities to temporarily close East Lake to car traffic between 2nd Ave and 22nd Ave South between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Our final pop-up choir of the summer! Everyone is welcome! Rehearse at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

## ORDINATION OF SARA JENSEN AUGUST 14, 6:00 PM

Celebrate with Sara Jensen who will be ordained at Holy Trinity on August 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m! Sara, a recent graduate of Luther Seminary, has been called to Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer in South Minneapolis (5440 Penn Ave S).

# PARISH INFORMATION

#### **UPCOMING "LIFE TOGETHER" OPPORTUNITIES**

Sign up in the Community Room for any of these sessions.

# LIFE TOGETHER: THE GIFT OF POETRY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 6:30 PM

Join Joyce Besser and friends for an evening of poetry on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring a favorite poem and share with the group how the poem or poet speaks to you. Can't decide on one poet/poem? It's okay to share more, including any you may have written yourself! If you're new to poetry, simply come for the companionship. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, August 14.

# LIFE TOGETHER: HARRY POTTER AND LOVE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:00 PM

Are you a Harry Potter fan? Would you like to be a Harry Potter fan? Join Larry Farris on the church's front lawn at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, to discuss the difference between love of power and power of love. Participants will use Larry's chapter *On the Transmutation of Voldemort's Love of Power into Harry Potter's Power of Love* in the book *The Alchemical Harry Potter*, edited by Anne Mamary. Copies of the chapter will be available in the Community Room. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, September 18.

# LIFE TOGETHER: CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 12:00 PM

Join Shaun Morrell in the church library on Sunday, November 20, at 12:00 p.m. to discuss a chapter from *A Life on Our Planet* by Sir David Attenborough. Lunch will be provided. Group participants will have the opportunity to talk about how Christian faith intersects with wildlife conservation and biodiversity. Copies of the chapter will be available in the Community Room. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, November 13.

# LIFE TOGETHER: LADDER TO THE LIGHT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:00 PM

Join Randy Nelson on Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the book, *Ladder to the Light - an Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage* written by Steven Charleston. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room. Randy will host this conversation in the Holy Trinity Community Room. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 9.

# LIFE TOGETHER: CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 12:00 PM

Join Shaun Morrell on Sunday, November 20, at 12:00 p.m. to discuss a chapter from *A Life on Our Planet* by David Attenborough. Lunch will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to talk about how Christian faith intersects with wildlife conservation and biodiversity. Copies of the chapter are available in the Community Room. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, November 13.

#### WEAVING OUR LIVES TOGETHER

We are working with the theme of "Weaving" for the fall at Holy Trinity. As the community reemerges from a time when so many experiences were had in isolation, we'd like to collect short, personal stories (300-500 words) to be shared with the wider congregation in a booklet that will be given to each household. This is one way to weave our lives together again.

There are three ways to participate:

- 1. Write and submit your own story from COVID-time (e.g., my mom died, I had a baby, I didn't leave the house for one year, I read so many good books, I did junior year at home, I walked a lot, I lost my job).
- 2. Have a fellow congregant write your story. We have a team of caring writers (Matt, Carol, Rachel, Kari, Joyce, and Larry) assembled, who will listen to your story and then write it for you. If you're willing to tell your story, please contact Sue Roberts in the church office.
- 3. Draw a picture. Our youngest members have had powerful experiences during this time. Children/youth of the congregation are invited to draw a picture of something they did during COVID-time. Please include a name on the drawing.

Submissions should be <u>emailed</u> to or dropped off at church by August 12. We can't wait to hear and see your stories!

## 2022 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide <u>Assembly</u> will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12. The Assembly gathers under the theme, *Embody the Word*. There's an importance in the double meaning of the two words:

- \* Embody, meaning both the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the life of the church emerging from a pandemic.
- \* Word both meaning Jesus Christ and scripture.

# ~ Concerning People ~

We pray mindfully for the needs of others, especially those who face illness or hard times. We pray especially for the family of Barbara Johnson, upon her death; Pastor Angela; Deacon David; Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly; Anne Curtin's friend, Gloria; Mary Petersen's friend, Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Rob Englund; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Ann and Dawn's neighbor, Brian; and all those we name now, either silently or aloud

We celebrate with Holy Trinity seminarian **Sara Jensen** who accepted a call. Sara's ordination will be held at Holy Trinity on August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Happy 80th birthday to **Stella Townsend**! Her family will provide birthday treats after the 11:00 service on Sunday.



## CELEBRATING A SECOND CHANCE THURSDAY, JULY 28 4-7:00 PM

The Minnesota Second Chance Coalition, a partner organization with the Minneapolis Area Synod's racial justice work, is hosting a community celebration and you're all invited! Join in to connect with Minnesota Second Chance Coalition members and supporters, hear testimony from people with lived experience with incarceration, talk about actions by the 2022 legislature, plan for the 2023 session, enjoy a kid-friendly activities, and celebrate the community!

~ Thursday, July 28, 4-7:00 p.m. / Northside Healing Space, 2100 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis ~

Read more about the Minnesota Second Chance Coalition

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

8:45 ам		11:00 ам
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Rojas Martinez	Presiding Minister	David Rojas Martinez
Ann Schrooten	Cantor	Ann Schrooten
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Kris Christians
Sally & David Kholstedt, Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Katy Benson, Andrea Martin, Bryan Kuzel
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Julie & Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Kathy Howe, Doris Gbala
Joyce Peterson, Liz Kelley	Coffee	The Townsend Family In celebration of Stella's 80th birthday!
Jennifer Frenzel	Counters	Wayne Vetter, John Sulzbach
Julie & Tom Cahoy, Chris Engen, David Broberg	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Closer	John Sulzbach

#### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of past worship services through this <u>link</u>.



# PARISH EVENTS JULY 24-30, 2022

Sunday, July 24	8:45 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:00 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion
		Coffee & treats for Stella Townsend's 80th birthday
		following the 11:00 a.m. service
	2:00 рм	Swahili Service
Tuesday, July 25	11:00 ам	Worship Readings <u>Discussion</u>