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WE ARE WOVEN TOGETHER

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He was a young man. In his early 20s. He had cancer. His mother and stepfather cared for him to the point of weariness. The family was unchurched, but a friend was a member of our parish and asked if I could visit them. That's how I came to walk with them in the last months.

There were hospitalizations and finally palliative care. The young man endured with stoic courage. His mother and stepfather never waived in their care. Friends supported the family by bringing meals and sometimes just sitting in silence with them. At last, the call I knew was coming came. The young man had died.

I drove to the farmhouse past the cemetery where he would be buried. When I arrived the stepfather opened the door and motioned me to the living room. The young man had died in his mother's arms. He had stopped shaving some weeks before, so his beard had grown in. Mother cradling the body of her dead son. It was a modern-day pietà.

In my time with the family, I found out that the stepfather was not baptized. I'll call him Jim. We had many talks sitting at the wooden kitchen table—some profound, some less so.

And Jim had questions: not so much why this had happened to his stepson, but where was God? Where was hope? He knew his wife and son had been baptized. Jim wanted to know what that meant, what difference it made.

I answered that God was with Jim's stepson in his pain. I explained that baptism was the gift of life that brought forgiveness, that baptism made us part of the body of Christ, the church, and that baptism made those who had been strangers from God and each other part of the same family. I told him that baptism was an unbreakable relationship between God and God's people because God loves us and doesn't want to lose a single one of us, that not even death can separate us from God's love.

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Jim asked to be baptized. He came to the realization that, as it has been said, water really is thicker than blood. Baptism doesn't guarantee a life without struggle or hardship, but it makes us part of the one who suffered, died and was buried—and who, through that suffering and death, defeated death. So, at that wooden kitchen table with a stainless-steel mixing bowl filled with water, Jim was baptized into Christ.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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.

SEPTEMBER 25 "Reflections from a Lutheran Campus Pastor" Pastor Kate Reuer

Kate Reuer Welton serves as the Lutheran Campus Pastor at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She is married to Jim, mother to Benjamin and Eleanor, and is grateful that they're finally old enough to enjoy watching the Great British Bake Off and go for bike rides together! Kate graduated from Harvard Divinity School (MDiv) in 2006 and Luther Seminary (MTh) in 2010, after which she was called to the U of M. Her approach to the Christian life? "Awe, humility, and curiosity."

OCTOBER 2 "Photography Exhibit at Holy Trinity"

John Kaul will be presenting his photography exhibit of **Indigenous Water Protectors** that will be on display at Holy Trinity from October 1-22. Click this link to go to an article about the exhibit in [The Circle](#).

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"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:3-5)

We have been through a difficult season in our country and our church. I'm not sure if we will ever completely

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understand the effects of the pandemic's stress on all of us. The pandemic laid bare racial inequities and disparities in access to medical care, housing, employment, and law enforcement. Civic discourse has become coarse and mean. Life is seen as a zero-sum game—if your side gets something then mine loses out.

This is also played out in the church. Of course, there is room for debate and disagreement, there is room to call out one part of the church when it has hurt another. There is even room for justified anger. But there is no room to dissolve the [bond of baptism](#). It isn't even possible. In Christ we are individually members one of another. Sometimes we might feel like we are stuck with each other. This is the great mystery and beauty of the wounded body of Christ—we are woven together. Praise the One who makes us one.

-Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop

WEAVING PROJECT, SEPTEMBER 4-25

We invite you to bring in objects of comfort between **September 4-25** to be woven into our tapestry.

A worry stone, a piece of clothing from your youth, song lyrics or a prayer, a paintbrush, the recipe for your favorite soup. During this time, we invite you to submit an object that brings you comfort.

- Leave your objects in the box in the Community Room.
- Your objects will be woven into the tapestries; unfortunately, your objects will not be returned to you, so if there's a cherished item you want included, consider a photo, scan, drawing, or other submission.
- Objects should be light (lighter than a medium apple/150 grams) and no larger than a shoe box.
- The booklet of member stories that complements this project, *"Weaving Our Lives Together,"* is being mailed to households that were unable to pick up their copy at the church last Sunday.
- Contact a weaver, [Ryana Holt](#) or [Mariah Wika](#), if you have questions. Some objects might be outside our given boundaries, but they may still work!

PROPERTY WORK DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

We hope some of you will be able to join Nolan and the Property Committee chair, Rod Johnson, to do some clean up around the outside of the church on Thursday, October 27 from 3-7:00p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, November 5 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sign up in the Community Room or contact the [office](#) (612-728-8358).

OUCH! THAT HURT! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 FROM MICRO-AGGRESSIONS TO MICRO-INCLUSIONS

Join us for this gathering that will be both informative and fun! The event will take place Saturday, October 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room. Facilitated by David Scherer and Joe Davis, the event will help build our skills in caring communications about race. David and Joe will help us look at:

- Breaking down barriers when talking about race.
- Recognizing when we intentionally or unintentionally use micro-aggressive comments or actions (that could feel like harm to others) AND micro-inclusive comments that keep us in relationship even in the middle of conflict.
- Improving our ability to communicate "gospel welcome" in our words and actions.

Sign up in the Community Room or email [Erin Henry](#).

SUMMARY OF SEPT. 20 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- Pr. Ingrid expressed gratitude to the congregation and staff for the support allowing her to take a Sabbatical. This policy extends to all Holy Trinity staff.
- Enthusiasm was expressed at the joyful return of worshipers, choirs, education, and simply being together again.
- A full fall agenda is underway with regularly scheduled activities for children, youth, and adults, as well as special events. Watch for announcements in the Community Church.
- Work proceeds on repairing the air conditioner. We're hoping for installation just in time for Christmas!
- Stepping Out in Faith:
 - *Our Shared Home* – October 9 will be a day of celebration acknowledging the opening of our building 100 years ago.
 - The Stepping Out in Faith [email](#) account is available now for questions or concerns.

SALLY KOHLSTEDT RETIREES AFTER 50 YEARS

Holy Trinity member, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, retired recently from her position as a Professor of History of Science and Technology after 33 years of teaching, research, and service at the University of Minnesota. Sally was at once a member of the U's "Minnesota Model" of embedding historians of science within science departments. An extraordinarily energetic scholar and administrator, Sally co-founded two subfields in history of science and built or expanded several programs at the university, particularly championing the cause of women in science and history. Her legacy extends beyond her own publications through the work of her students: she has supervised nearly 3 dozen PhDs at the U, and she is known throughout the science community as a generous mentor to younger scholars. Read more [here](#).

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HELEN MORK SAT., SEPT. 24

There will be a Memorial Service at Holy Trinity for Pastor Doug's mom, Helen Luciel Mork, this Saturday, September 24. Visitation at 12:00 p.m., Service at 1:00 p.m. with a luncheon to follow.

Helen Luciel Mork was born on Thursday, July 5, 1923 and went into the blessed rest of everlasting peace on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Helen is survived by her son, Pastor Doug Mork; son-in-law, John Peterson; sisters, Lenore Johnson and Lois Wasmoen; many grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and other family and friends.

CONFIRMATION SKY ROOM PARTY **RESCHEDULED**

The Sky Room Party for Confirmation students and sponsors, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 25, is being rescheduled to later in October.

BAPTISM CLASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Between the 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. worship services, we'll host a baptism class for those adults who would like to be baptized and parents seeking to bring their children to the font this fall. No sign up necessary. Simply come to the front of the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

STAINED GLASS LISTENING SESSION TUES. SEPT. 27

Our Shared Home will be hosting a listening session, facilitated by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs from the Minnesota Council of Churches, on Tuesday, September 27, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#) for anyone interested in sharing their thoughts about the stained glass windows.

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY, OCT. 9

In 2022, we commemorate 100 years since the current church building was dedicated and opened to the community. Join us on Sunday, October 9, as we reflect on what those 100 years have meant for the Holy Trinity congregation and as we dream together about what the next 100 years might look like for our community. The past three years have redefined what it means to gather as a community, but they have also created new opportunities to consider the significance of our building and its presence in the Longfellow neighborhood. Your presence and participation is critical as we imagine how our church home reflects the community we are and wish to become. There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon, celebration, and opportunities for conversation and engagement. Hosted by the Our Shared Home working group.

ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY, NOV. 18-19

Save the date and plan to join us in Collegeville for an overnight retreat. This year's presenters are Scott & Melanie McRae. We'll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another. We'll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John's Bible. There will be individual rooms for 25 participants. Cost: \$125 pp. Scholarships available.

UPCOMING "LIFE TOGETHER" OPPORTUNITIES

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

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. Randy will host this conversation in the Community Room. Copies of the book and a sign up sheet are available in the Community Room. Please sign up in the by Sunday, October 9.

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.

SURVIVE AND EVEN THRIVE IN A MINNESOTA WINTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM

Winter can be long in Minnesota. Advent and Christmas bring opportunities for gathering and celebration, but many of us experience some dread as we face the long nights and cold months of winter. Kari Kleven will host a candlelight gathering in her home to share companionship and encouraging ideas with each other. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, December 11.

CHED MYERS* & ELAINE ENNS DISCUSS NEW BOOK

These internationally acclaimed authors will share reflections from their new book *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*, which tackles the oldest and deepest injustices on the North American continent—the genocide of indigenous peoples and the stealing of their lands. Click [here](#) for more info.

**Ched was the person who first brought the issue of predatory loans to Holy Trinity about 20 years ago.*

~ Concerning People ~

We pray mindfully for the needs of others, especially those who face illness or hard times, including **Mary Ann Sheets & Jack Hanson; Bob Peschiutta, Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly;** Mary Petersen's friend, **Joe;** **Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych;** Ann and Dawn's neighbor, **Brian;** Kaia Ellis' friend, **Erin;** Jody and Rick Liedholm and other friends and family of **Dana Heitman**, upon his death; and the family of **Helen Mork**, whose funeral is Saturday.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Angela T. Khabeb	Preacher	Angela T. Khabeb
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Ministers	Ingrid Rasmussen
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe, Doris Gbala
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Kevin Proescholdt, Pam Blomgren, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Kari and Tom Kleven, Kathy Hollander
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee	Ann White, Joy Nelson
Chuck Jordan, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmelt, John Sulzbach
David Broberg, Chris Engen, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Joy Nelson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
	Closer	Rod Johnson

PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 1, 2022

Sunday, September 25	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Baptism Class Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Lay Communion Luncheon Swahili Service
Monday, September 26	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, September 28	5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30 PM	Choir Families Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Cantate! Rehearsal
Saturday, October 1	11:00 AM-4:30 PM	Open Streets Minnehaha, Minnehaha Ave from E Lake St to E 46th St
Saturday, October 1-22		John Kaul "Water Protectors" Photo Exhibit

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 18, service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services through this [link](#).

