



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## Celebrating our building's 100th anniversary

In October we commemorated 100 years since the church building's cornerstone was laid. On October 9 we reflected on what those 100 years have meant for the Holy Trinity congregation and what the next 100 years might look like for our community. We are so grateful for your presence and participation as we worship together and imagine how our church home reflects the community we are and wish to become. Following worship on October 9, there was a luncheon, celebration, and opportunities for conversation and engagement hosted by the Our Shared Home working group. Singers from the Swahili congregation performed and Keith Olstad documented the gathering with his camera. To see all of the photos Keith took, click [here](#).



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

### ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. 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.

#### NOVEMBER 27 [ELCA Climate Change Statement](#)

The draft of the ELCA Climate Change statement will be discussed. Copies can be picked up at Holy Trinity or click on the link.

#### DECEMBER 4 Lutheran Liturgy with Jan Mehlhoff

The order of our Lutheran worship has not changed in centuries. Pastor Jan Mehlhoff will lead us through the service explaining why the passing of the Peace (which is not the seventh inning stretch), Lord's Prayer, and other elements are where they are, which parts are optional, and why they may be used for a certain season and more.





## Schedule for Advent 2022

**Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21**

### Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

*God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love.*

This year, there are two opportunities to engage in worship on Wednesday evenings:

The first is designed for parents and their young children to engage together in an interactive Advent reflection that invites busy hands and imaginative minds. It will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. People of all ages are invited to worship (including young children, if this time and format works better for them).

### Book Discussion on *Refugia Faith* During the Advent Supper Hour

Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) to the Library and join the conversation on Debra Rienstra's book *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth*.

Refugia (reh-FU-jee-ah) is a biological term describing places of shelter where life endures in times of crisis, such as volcanic eruption, fire, or stressed climate. Ideally, these refugia endure, expand, and connect so that new life emerges.

In our churches, in our communities, and in our ecosystems. Rienstra says, Christians are being called to nurture Refugia—inclusive spaces where transition, healing, and new growth can occur."

Sign up by Sunday, November 27. Discussions will be led by Matt Floding, Bryan Hollaway, and David Kohlstedt.

*\*Additional copies of the book and a [discussion guide](#) are available in the Community Room.*

## OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Once again, Mount of Olives is shipping olive oil our way! This time we will be selling 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$40. These bottles make excellent Christmas gifts! Purchases support the work of the Lutheran World Federation vocational training program and reduce student fees. Brought to you by the Palestine-Israel working group. Contact the [office](#) for further information or to purchase.



## MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 9:45-11:00 AM

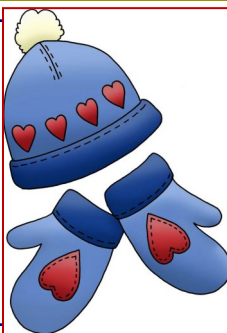
The youth are hosting an event to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips. Contact [David](#) to make your contribution.

## HOLIDAY SHARING WITH LONGFELLOW H.S. DEC. 8

Reminder that Holiday Sharing with Longfellow High School takes place Thursday, December 8, at 2:20 p.m. Contact [Zoe](#) if you can help with setting up, donating treats, or cleaning up.

## LIFE TOGETHER: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM SURVIVE AND EVEN THRIVE IN A MINNESOTA WINTER ~ OUR FINAL LIFE TOGETHER OFFERING FOR 2022 ~

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. Please sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, December 11.



## WARM WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE!

Seeking donations of warm coats, boots, snow pants, scarves, sweaters, socks, gloves, and mittens. Drop off through December 11 at The Legacy Building, 4024 E. 46th Street.

All sizes welcome. Children's sizes especially needed.

## YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that helps support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, [Bright Stars of Bethlehem](#), the [Lift Garage](#), and/or [ELCA World Hunger](#). To donate online, click [here](#). Please remember: contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022, to be counted as a 2022 donation. Thank you!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT MINISTRY CALENDARS NOW OPEN

The Worship Assistant Ministry calendars for January and February are now *live*. Volunteers can log into the Rotunda app for the next couple of weeks and block off any worship dates/times that you cannot serve or that you want to serve. Please check the December calendar for spots that still need volunteers for Sundays and holidays in December. Thanks for serving!



## RESOURCE FOR ADVENT ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

This Advent, many Minneapolis congregations of several denominations are coming together to put hope into action. Members will take on

the spiritual discipline of making weekly phone calls to our city council members to urge them to support the People's Climate & Equity Plan, a plan that sets bold goals for a just transition to a renewable energy future and that creates a robust fund to address the climate and racial equity crises simultaneously. A booklet for this spiritual practice has been co-created by faith leaders, including many pastors in this synod. Those who don't live in Minneapolis are encouraged to use the devotions in tandem with calling your own local elected leaders and sharing your vision for a sustainable future. Copies of the booklet are available in the Community Room, or follow this [link](#). Here is an excerpt from the booklet:

### ADVENT 1: ISAIAH 2:1-5

Ralph Bunche Park is just across the street from the United Nations in New York. The park features the "Isaiah Stone," which has inscribed on it an excerpt from today's reading:

*...They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)*

The Isaiah Stone is begging—or, perhaps commanding—the diplomats who enter the United Nations to take their jobs seriously. Peace is not just a lofty aspiration; it is a biblical mandate. Things don't have to be the way that they are, this sculpture seems to say, and global leaders should never forget it.

But for people like me, who don't work at the United Nations, achieving world peace can feel as attainable as winning the Nobel Prize. Even if God promises us that a peaceful world is possible, how are we supposed to make it happen? Isaiah 2 was written 2500+ years ago in the context of an impending war which would eventually devastate the author's community. Think of all of the centuries of people who have read this text while witnessing actual war, of all the countless prayers asking God for peace. But how?

Perhaps the Ralph Bunche Park's namesake may give us a hint to the answer. Bunche was born in 1904 and baptized at Second Baptist Church of Detroit. I like to imagine a young version of him sitting in the pews of this historic Black church, listening to Isaiah 2 being preached on around Christmas time. Eventually he would be accepted to Harvard University, and his community pooled their money so, in combination with his scholarship, he could go on to earn a doctorate in political science. He became a prolific academic, publishing numerous books on race and

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prejudice. "Segregation and democracy are incompatible," he wrote prophetically. Bunche marched with the Civil Rights Movement, and he would eventually work at the United Nations, where he negotiated an armistice agreement between warring Israel and Arab States. For his incredible diplomatic skill, he became the first African American to receive the Nobel Peace prize.

Imagine, if you will, if you would have gone back to Second Baptist Church of Detroit and told a young Ralph Bunche of all the incredible things he would accomplish. No one would have believed it, right? He wouldn't have known how much power he actually had, right?

Now imagine that the next Ralph Bunche is attending your church, this coming Sunday. Imagine that he (or she, or they) needs to hear Isaiah 2 preached from the pulpit in order to inspire his incredible brain to start making peace in his community. Imagine that he needs you to donate to his college fund to get to school.

This, I believe, is how God works: not through single-serving solutions, but through communities of people who support each other as we work by the power of the Holy Spirit to make a new world possible.

This Advent season, ask God if there is a special person in your community whom you could have the privilege of supporting!

*Dear God, please give me the strength to hope that a new world is possible. Help me to support prophets in my community generously, so that one day we can live in a world of peace possible only because of Your grace. Amen*

*Rev. Tyler Sit has had the immense pleasure of being the church planter of New City Church and pastor at Northeast United Methodist Church. When he is not at New City or Northeast UMC, you'll find Tyler wandering around the Mississippi River.*

## SHOP SMALL / SHOP LOCAL

It's Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 26. A day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they bring to our local communities. We are blessed with so many independent businesses in the Greater Longfellow community. When you get tired of shopping, we're surrounded by wonderful independent coffee shops, breweries, bars, and restaurants.

**SHOP SMALL**  
- & -  
*support local businesses*

## ~ Concerning People ~

We pray today for all those in need of your tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times, including **Cliff Brown; Jack Hanson;** Lois Eid's friends, **Ras and Marian Erdahl; Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly;** Mary Petersen's friend, **Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley;** and **Mark Symchych.**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	<b>Preacher</b>	Doug Mork
Angela T. Khabeb	<b>Presiding Ministers</b>	Angela T. Khabeb
Bob Aldrich	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Wayne Vetter
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathryn Howe & Dolores Gbala
Aberdeen and Horacio Rodriguez	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Liz Conway, Matt Kane
Sean Gosiewski, Bryan Kuzel, Steve Murray	<b>Communion</b>	John Sulzbach, Stephanie and Scott Cole
	<b>Crucifer</b>	Wayne Vetter
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	<b>Counters</b>	Pam Kildahl
Chris Engen, David Broberg, Ginny & Chuck Jordan	<b>Ushers</b>	Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	<b>Closer</b>	John Sulzbach

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please sign up in the community room or contact the church [office](mailto:office@stjohns.org) (612-729-8358). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$0-\$30. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

**PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, 2022**

Sunday, November 27 ( <i>Advent</i> )	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult and Youth Education Worship <a href="#">Service</a> of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, November 28	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 29	11:00 AM	Worship Readings <a href="#">Discussion</a>
Wednesday, November 30	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:40 PM	Advent Supper <i>Refugia Faith</i> Book Discussion Children's Choir Rehearsal CYF Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate! Rehearsal Trinity Singers
Thursday, December 1	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night (Zoom)

**LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES**

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 20, service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services through this [link](#).

