



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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MAKERS AND BAKERS BAZAAR... ...A GREAT SUCCESS!

In between services on the Second Sunday in Advent, December 4th, we gathered in the Community Room for the Makers and Bakers Bazaar to benefit the youth of Holy Trinity.

We are so grateful for your generosity! Thanks to all of you, we were able to raise a total of \$1,390.25. Wow! These proceeds will be directly benefitting the youth as we imagine summer trips to the Boundary Waters and equipment that we'd like to have in the fourth floor Sky Room. The students were excited and impressed by the amazing generosity. Again, thank you so much.

Many of you brought things you had purchased, crocheted, knit, baked, grown, canned, and otherwise created for this specific event. We had four tables full of a variety of things that highlighted your passions, gifts, and overall generosity. The youth who were present had a great time helping me set up, chatting with those in the room, and receiving the bountiful donations from folks. We all truly enjoyed the energy and holiday cheer as people sipped their cups of coffee, chatted with fellow congregants, and made purchases.

During the bazaar, I chatted with the youth and asked them if they knew what Jesus had done with money changers in the Temple (as recorded in Matthew 21). One of them shouted, "He flipped their tables!" And so, as we went about our activities, I asked them what they thought about that story. True to Holy Trinity youth, they talked about Jesus being upset with the injustices of economic systems that preyed on people living impoverished lives. They did not, however, think my joke of naming the annual bazaar "Den of Thieves" (Matthew 21:13) was funny. You win some and you lose some - oh well!

Dear people of Holy Trinity, thank you for your amazing generosity and for having made this year's bazaar a wonderful experience for all. May this Advent season lead us into longing more for a Jesus who is born amidst the injustices of this world in order to flip tables, and a Christ who returns for the sake of humanity, inviting us into a generous Kin-dom of Heaven.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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.

DECEMBER 11 Share Your Holiday Customs

A time to share our Advent and Christmas rituals, customs, and practices with one another.... with apple cider!

DECEMBER 18 Advent Hymn sing!

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. We meet in the Bartsch Room this week.

PASTOR ANGELA ON LEAVE

Pastor Angela is on leave. To honor this time of rest, we ask you to refrain from emails, phone calls, and text messages (even the most kind and loving ones!). Your prayers are, of course, welcome and appreciated.

LIFE TOGETHER: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM SURVIVE AND EVEN THRIVE IN A MINNESOTA WINTER

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 this Sunday, December 11.*

ONE SERVICE DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will gather together for one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, December 25 and January 1. Adult and Youth Education are also cancelled for these dates.

Schedule for Advent 2022

Wednesdays, December 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* 5:45-6:30 p.m.

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*.

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 year, 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY DECEMBER 19-23

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of December 19-23. Holy Trinity delivers meals for 5 routes that week. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals with pick-up at Nokomis Square Cooperatives, 35th Ave. S. and 50th St. at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes about 1-1½ hours. If you haven't delivered before, please contact [Mary Engen](#) (612-716-6338). Regular volunteers, please contact Mary with your available dates.

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](#) to purchase.

MORRIS PARK SINGERS MONDAY, DEC. 12, 7:00PM

With gratitude for allowing them to use our sanctuary to rehearse, the Morris Park Singers want to especially welcome the Holy Trinity community to their second seasonal concert, *To: Home*. The concert will be held at Holy Trinity on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. The work is a love letter to a word that brings about a myriad of emotions. However, it is more than a word. Home is a concept. It is a state of mind. It is a want, a need, and, to some, a necessity. It has almost infinite definitions (sixteen, according to Merriam Webster). *To: Home* is Morris Park Singers' musical attempt at exploring some of these interpretations. This concert is a "pay what you can" performance, with a suggested donation of \$10 per ticket but don't let a lack of funds keep you away! There is a \$1 minimum charge per ticket, enter the "price per ticket" when making your purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#) or email singers@morrisparkplayers.org.

PAM WETTERLUND TO RETIRE THIS MONTH

Pam Wetterlund will be retiring from her position as Communications and Congregational Coordinator at Holy Trinity at the end of December. Pam has been with us since May 2019. She didn't get much time to settle in before COVID came barreling into Minneapolis in March 2020, causing big changes in the way we served the congregation. Then came May 2020 and the murder of George Floyd that set off an Uprising that touched not only Holy Trinity and the surrounding community deeply and profoundly, but also people throughout the world. During all this upheaval and change, Pam has served as a steady, anchoring presence in the office.

Pam is leaving full time employment to free up more time for self-care as she prepares for knee replacement surgeries next year. She will stay on part time for a while in the new year while she trains in her replacement. Watch for a future announcement of a retirement party for Pam.

WELCOME TO KATHY EKWALL!

The Personnel Committee, prior to launching a public search for Pam's replacement, asked Kathy Ekwall (our 27-year weekend custodian) if she'd be willing to consider the job. Kathy has a graphic design degree and a lot of experience with project management. She knows this community well and the building even better. She's a wonderful human being. Much to our delight, she agreed to take the promotion! She'll begin her work here with us in January 2023. While we're sad to say farewell to Pam, we know Kathy will capably serve Holy Trinity.

We'll follow up soon with a more complete bio of Kathy Ekwall in the near future.

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TRIP SCHEDULED

Montgomery, Alabama, has a checkered history as arguably the center of the slave trade when slavery reigned in the south, and as the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement of the 20th century when a woman, weary from work, refused to give up her seat in the "whites only" section of a city bus.

The courage of Rosa Parks kicked off a Movement in the 1950s that led to major civil rights legislation in the 1960s. Both aspects of this history are there to be experienced as the focus of a Civil Rights Movement trip that will be available to members of Holy Trinity in the spring of 2023.

Prior to the onset of COVID, members of Holy Trinity had been scheduled to participate in a similar exploration of some of the sites of the Civil Rights Movement, an exploration that was one of the casualties of the pandemic. Now the opportunity is here again.

Under the leadership of Joanne Sorenson, a retired Lutheran pastor and founder of the non-profit organization "In Our Hands," the reality of that part of our history can be experienced with a



week-long trip that will be centered in Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, Alabama, with the likelihood that either Atlanta, Georgia, or Memphis, Tennessee, will be an additional stop. Joy and Randy Nelson participated in a shorter version of the trip in October and found it to be a sobering and deeply moving experience.

The dates will be Monday, April 17, through Sunday, April 23, 2023. Cost is likely to be \$2,000 per person with transportation, lodging, program fees, and some meals included. There will be room for up to 18 participants. *Commitments will be needed by March 1, 2023*, and more information will be shared as details are finalized.

Indication of interest should be registered with [Randy Nelson](mailto:Randy.Nelson@htlcmpls.org) (612 729-2952). Questions and requests for additional information can also be addressed to either Joy or Randy Nelson.

FRIENDSHIP ENDURES CHORAL CONCERT DEC. 16

On Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. *From Age to Age* will present an eclectic program of choral music entitled *Friendship Endures* that highlights the ensemble's work together in the 2022-23 season. Music by Ukrainian composers Maksym Berezovsky, Mykola Lysenko, and Mykola Leontovych will be sung, along with music by contemporary composers Stephen Leek, Arvo Pärt, Troy Robertson, Kate Rusby, John Rutter, Eric Whitacre, and Tracy Wong. Click [here](#) for tickets.

LETTER PENNED BY WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

(Led by Matt Floding, Bryan Holloway, and David Kohlstedt)
We have been enjoying an energized discussion of *Refugia Faith*. One outcome has been a letter, signed by 13 group participants and sent to Mayor Jacob Frey addressing the Urban Farm at the Roof Depot site. The article referenced can be found at this [site](#):

Dear Mayor Frey,

We urge you to support the East Phillips Urban Farm Initiative at the Roof Depot site.

In our view, the city of Minneapolis has an opportunity to address a pollution challenge and climate justice through this visionary effort.

In the enclosed article by Minneapolis resident Meera Bhat and with the Nature Conservancy, she makes the case for equity in conservation.

Yours and the council's response can be a model for making hard choices in favor of the health of persons and the climate.

You have our strongest support in making our city a model guided by the highest principles and where every citizen experiences them daily through the policies, character, and ethos of Minneapolis.

Yours sincerely, Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Adult Book Discussion Group

GIVING STATEMENTS EMAILED NEXT WEEK

Giving statements will be emailed the week of December 11. This statement will include all giving between January 1 and November 30, 2022. Please pay special attention to the amounts given, dates, and categories. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kaia Ellis (kellis@htlcmpls.org). As always, thank you so much for your generous support of Holy Trinity.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLY TRINITY'S ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 29, 11:15 A.M.

Holy Trinity's 119th Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. A Zoom option will be available. There will be one service only that Sunday.

~ Concerning People ~

We pray today for all those in need of God's tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times, including **Pastor Angela; Peter Schroeder** and the entire Schroeder family; **Keith Olstad; Cliff Brown; Jack Hanson;** Lois Eid's friends, **Ras and Marian Erdahl; Dorothy Kelly;** Mary Petersen's friend, **Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley;** and **Mark Symych.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Adult Choir & Trinity Singers	Preacher	Adult Choir & Trinity Singers
Doug Mork	Presiding Ministers	Doug Mork
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Wayne Vetter
Carol & David Berg	Altar Guild	Roberta Shawn, Kathryn Howe
Mary & Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Sarah Wieben, Sue Roberts
Rick Liedholm, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Communion	Kris Christians, Kari and Tom Kleven
Jennifer Frenzel, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Wayne Vetter
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, David Broberg, Chris Engen	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Closer	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 (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 DECEMBER 11-17, 2022

Sunday, December 11 <i>Healing stations at both services</i>	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, December 12	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal Morris Park Singers Concert
Tuesday, December 13	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, December 14	2:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:40 PM	Knitting Group Advent Supper <i>Refugia Faith</i> Book Discussion Children's Choir Rehearsal CYF Supervised Play Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate! Rehearsal Trinity Singers
Thursday, December 15	2:20 PM	Winter Sharing at Longfellow High School

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

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

