



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

#### Jon Anderson and Robyn Sand Anderson

I serve as the Rural Ministry Director at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Through a variety of paths, I seek to prepare and sustain people for service in rural contexts. I enjoy growing plants and watching God grow people. I am a pastor. We discerned Holy Trinity would be the best place for our new church home after moving from Redwood Falls to the Twin Cities. We have many relationships with people who call Holy Trinity their community of faith. ~ *John*



I am an abstract expressionists artist, specializing in acrylic painting. I interpret music with paint, mostly choral and orchestral but open to anything that move me. I enjoy interpreting theological and spiritual subjects as well as nature. I am also wiring a novel. The things I love about Holy Trinity: Authenticity—Integrity—Refreshing choices in liturgy, prayers, and songs—a nice blend of traditional and new—Good preaching! ~ *Robyn*

#### Steven and Barbara Benson

I am a retired Lutheran pastor who has served congregations in Montana, Minnesota, and Connecticut, as well as eight years overseas with Global Mission in Africa and Asia. I have specialized in Muslim-Christian relations. We spend a large part of each year in the Seward neighborhood of Minneapolis. Holy Trinity's mission of justice, peace, and inclusivity fits with our understanding of faithfulness to God's call. ~ *Steven*



I am a retired registered nurse who has specialized in psychiatric nursing, especially with adolescents and children in Minnesota, Connecticut, and Montana. I also have given my service in congregations as a parish nurse. We have two adult children who are both bi-racial and adopted. While our primary home is in Montana, we spend nearly half of each year in Minneapolis. Holy Trinity feels perfect for us with its vibrant worship and committed community involvement. ~ *Barbara*

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



### READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ; Psalm 130;  
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

### 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 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

#### March 26 "Reflections on Climate Change" David Howe

Economic Growth is the Root Cause of Earth's Environmental Problem. David will cover climate change and discuss how human-made material is outgrowing Earth's biology.

#### April 2 "Demolition of the Roof Depot" Mike Forcia and Karen Clark

Come hear from local leaders, Mike Forcia and Karen Clark, as they share what has passed and next steps in the struggle against demolition of the Roof Depot! Click [here](#) to watch news clip.

#### April 9 Easter Sunday—No Adult Forum

## LENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

#### LENT SOUP SUPPER & EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us on Wednesday evening for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Lenten supper on Wednesday from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Open gym time with adult supervision from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium will be available to all, especially young children. Come have some fun before worship!
- The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room, where we hear God's story read aloud. Throughout the season, we will reflect on the theme of "Fire."

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## Lorraine Haney

My spouse and I attended Holy Trinity for many years. Sadly Roxane died this past year. Since May 22 I have been out in Otsego, MN, moving closer to my sons and grandchildren. I have been missing the church and people there. Can't wait to see you all soon.

~Lorraine



## Tony Parsons

Minnesota is home and I can't imagine a better place to live and work. I am an animal lover, eat a vegan diet, and live a plant-based lifestyle. You may ask me about this, I will tell you why, but never push it upon others. Following college, I taught elementary school for 12 years. My wife, Nathalie Johnson, and I opened a restaurant together and operated Signature Café from 2002-2012 in the Prospect Park neighborhood. After selling the Signature, we opened Chez Bloom Floral & Events, a flower shop near Lake Harriet from 2013 to the present. Currently, I operate the shop myself since my wife's passing in June of 2022. Needing many answers in my life I found Holy Trinity to hold my wife's funeral service and begin a path of faith which had not been a part of my life previously. ~Tony



## Aika Shoo, Aedan and Sophie Herman

I was actually raised Lutheran in Southern California but I'm originally from Tanzania. My grandfather was a Lutheran pastor in Tanzania. My family and I moved to Minneapolis in 2017 for work. Our kids attend Yinghua Academy which is a Mandarin immersion school. So far everything is going well and we are very happy here.

You may eventually see my husband, Alexander Herman. He is Buddhist, but will come with us to Easter and Christmas services. ~Aika



## CELEBRATING 2023 GRADUATES

We want to celebrate all who are graduating this spring, especially those who are completing their high school years. Please mark Sunday, April 30, as the day on which we will be blessing graduates at both church services. Please also send an email to Dcn. David ([drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org](mailto:drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org)) with the full names of your anticipated graduates. We are excited to celebrate with you!

## 2022 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

## WHAT I LEARNED IN PARIS SUNDAY, MAY 7, 4:00 P.M.

The Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group is sponsoring a trip to Penumbra Theatre's performance of *What I Learned in Paris* Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. We have twelve \$25 discounted tickets – reserve yours now in the Community Room. Pay Kathy Hollander for your ticket(s) by April 9. We'll meet after the play in the same building for discussion and snacks. For more information, contact Kathy Hollander or Libby Olstad, or visit [www.penumbratheatre.org](http://www.penumbratheatre.org).

## OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Bottles of fresh olive oil are available in two sizes: 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$35. 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.

## Notes from the March 21 Council Meeting

In the action-packed March Council meeting, the group:

- Reviewed the final version of the Interim document, soon to be shared with the congregation
- Discussed the relationship between the Council and the Personnel Committee
- Voted to move forward on several of the recommendations from the Stepping Out in Faith - Our Shared Home working group, specifically:
  - Authorizing up to \$100,000 from the Stepping Out in Faith dedicated funds to be spent on upgrading the sanctuary by replacing pews with chairs in the front two rows, improving lighting and sound systems, and creating a "prayerground" space for children where the children's activity table currently stands
  - Authorizing the creation of a short-term task force which includes young members, to develop the concept of the "prayerground"
  - Authorizing up to \$10,000 to be spent to contract with the Miller Dunwiddie architecture firm to develop drawings that give the congregation the opportunity to imagine second floor improvements to the education spaces, Community Room and kitchenette, and bathrooms.

After all the excellent work done by the Our Shared Home working group, it is exciting to move forward with some of their recommendations! If you want more detail regarding any of these recommendations, please reference the [2023 Annual Report](#).

**HOLY WEEK 2023**



**Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday**

Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.

**Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday**

All are welcome to gather for supper in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move downstairs to the Bartsch Room to begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir and Trinity Singers will help lead music for the worship.

**Friday, April 7—Good Friday**

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing.

**Saturday, April 8—Vigil of Easter**

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. A small group ensemble and soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

**Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday**

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass ensemble will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

**Sunday, April 9—No Adult Forum on Easter Sunday**

**EASTER LILIES**

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office ([office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org) /612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website ([htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org)) to donate electronically.

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**ART AND CRAFT PRACTICE GROUP — ONGOING**

Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at East Lake Library, 2726 E. Lake St. If you need to get away from distractions and connect with other creatives—this is the group for you! A quiet supportive atmosphere to work on your art and craft projects—no pressure to show or discuss your work unless you want to. All non-toxic supplies and materials are welcome. Group is limited to 12, to register email [Donnab2022@duck.com](mailto:Donnab2022@duck.com)

**LONGFELLOW HOST FAMILIES NEEDED! APRIL 16-28**

**Who:** Cayo, a Longfellow-based non-profit organization that connects the people of the US and Cuba through music, is seeking host families for four college-aged students for our April Ambassadors Program.

**What:** Hosts who can provide comfortable private sleeping quarters for three young women and a young man during their cultural exchange here in the Twin Cities. Most transportation needs provided by Cayo. Hosts provide daily breakfast and 5-6 dinners.

**Why:** "Hosting ultimately affirmed that we always have more in common with our neighbors than we might initially think - we share a love of family, friends, food, nature and of course, music! Our student knows that she will always have a family ready to welcome. Contact Dr. Rena Kraut [rena@cayomusic.org](mailto:rena@cayomusic.org), 612-237-6437, [www.cayomusic.org](http://www.cayomusic.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY AUGUST BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP**

Attention campers, (and aspiring campers). It may be cold and snowy outside, but it's now time to start the planning for HTLC's annual BWCA canoe trip. This year, our camping adventure is scheduled for August 11-15. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Community Room before May 15. The total cost is \$175. Scholarships are available. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Call or email us with any questions or for more details. Please consider joining us this year. Contact Julie (612-618-3814) or Tom (612-616-0507 / [jtcahoy@gmail.com](mailto:jtcahoy@gmail.com)).

**~ Concerning People ~**

We pray today for all those in need of God's tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times. We remember especially **John Sulzbach; Kathy Ohler; Reidun Harris; Cori Gershon; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych**, and Mary Petersen's friend, **Anna Marie**.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines
Sean Gosiewski, Linda Berglin, Mike Nevergall	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Libby and Keith Olstad
David Kohlstedt, David Broberg, Chris Engen	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Kathryn Howe
Kari and Tom Kleven	Coffee Servers	Libby and Keith Olstad
Jennifer Frenzel, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmelm
	Closer	Rod Johnson

## PARISH EVENTS MARCH 26—APRIL 1, 2023

Sunday, March 26	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, March 27	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 29	5:30 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:30-8:30 PM	Soup Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Lenten Evening Prayer Trinity Singers Rehearsal

### 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](#).

