



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## Priority: Encouraging Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

The author of *1 Timothy* mentions that communities of faith do well in recognizing and celebrating the gifts that youth bring. Holy Trinity is filled to the brim with gifted, young leaders and elders eager to accompany their lives and faith. Gratitude abounds!

These past years, Holy Trinity's children, youth, and families have been flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances. Honoring the unique pandemic challenges that young people and families have faced, this congregation seeks to build on the Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministries that are already in motion. During interim time, church leadership will attend to the flourishing of CYF programming to create opportunities that will foster relationship building, teach the essentials of the Christian faith, inspire critical thinking, encourage the asking of difficult questions, and celebrate important milestones.

The Holy Spirit is renewing several areas of our CYF life together:

- Holy Trinity staff are currently interviewing nursery workers who will be present in the building on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning in May '23.
- Congregants are rebuilding the Youth Committee, which leads on education and activities. If you are interested in meeting once a month to discuss Confirmation, youth trips, retreats, mentorship, and more, please contact [Andrea Hansen](#) or [Nicki Hines](#).
- Congregants are planning the launch of a youth group in the fall '23, which would provide opportunities for teenagers post-Confirmation. If you'd like to be part of a monthly meeting beginning in May, please reach out to [Kris Christians](#) or [Kari Kleven](#).
- Thanks to our participation in the Communities of Calling Grant Initiative, CYF leaders will begin working with Jim LaDoux, a coach through an organization called Vibrant Faith. LaDoux has a master's degree in organizational development and strategic planning. Through the lens of vocation, LaDoux will walk congregant leaders through a process to articulate theologies and values and to create yearlong calendars for this area of congregational life. If you're willing to spend ten to fifteen hours between now and August to ensure that Holy Trinity continues to be a safe and welcoming space for children, youth, and their families, please reach out to [Deacon David Rojas Martinez](#).

## Second Sunday of Easter



### READINGS

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16;*  
*1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31*

### 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.*

#### **April 16 "Pretrial Freedom in Minnesota: Introduction"** **Anna Hall, Criminal Defense Attorney**

Anna will cover the basics of pretrial detention and cash bail in Minnesota

#### **April 23 "Pretrial Freedom in Minnesota: Alternative Paths"** **Anna Hall, Criminal Defense Attorney**

Anna will look at what other states have done and what alternatives might look like for Minnesota

Anna Hall (she/her) is a criminal defense attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow at the Legal Rights Center. Her focus is disrupting and dismantling Minnesota's unjust pretrial detention and cash bail systems. Through her advocacy, Anna aims to support and amplify Minnesota activists and organizers as they agitate for more just systems of accountability. Anna's work is guided by curiosity, deep commitment to community, and a belief that all people are worthy of a meaningful, joyous life.

The Legal Rights Center is a community-led, nonprofit law firm founded in 1970 by Black activists from The Way and indigenous activists from AIM. Our mission is to work with our communities to seek justice and promote racial equity for those to whom it historically has been denied. We do this work through criminal defense, restorative practices, advocacy, and community education.

#### **BUILDING PARTNER, BRIGHT PROSPECTS ART DISPLAY**

Want to see some cheery spring flowers? On your way to Adult Forum, be sure to check out the Bright Prospects Preschool art display. The children have adorned the wall opposite of the Library on second floor with their creations. Some of them used recycled materials found throughout Holy Trinity rooms during the big clean up day last month.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



**“MUSIC FOR FOOD” CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00 P.M.**

The second “Music for Food” concert will be Sunday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity. “Music for Food” is a nationwide, musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. Food insecurity is a painful reality right here in the Twin Cities. All proceeds from this concert will go directly to providing food through the pantry at Source MN. Come hear some beautiful music to nourish your soul while helping put food on someone’s table. Suggested donation: \$0-30 (sliding scale).

**THIRD PRECINCT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SESSIONS**

Longfellow Community Council is excited to be a part of the community engagement efforts around the future site of the police building in the 3rd precinct. Phase I of this community engagement effort will ask, “Should the 3rd Precinct police building be located at Lake and Minnehaha or the alternate site?” We are looking to the full community of the 3rd precinct for the answer.

To participate in the conversation, please join us at the following session:

- Wednesday, April 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sabathani Community Center (310 E 38th St, Minneapolis 55409) Snacks and beverages provided. [REGISTER HERE](#)

**ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.) There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

Join the Holy Trinity Creation Care Team next Sunday at both services as we celebrate God’s gift of creation and remember our call as believers to honor and care for the earth and all its creatures. We will also consider simple, direct, and effective ways we can combat the urgent threat of global warming and climate change in our everyday decisions and actions as individuals and families. Special games and displays in the Community Room between services also.



**DEFEND THE DEPOT**

Mike Forcia gave a heartfelt presentation at the recent Adult Forum. He told stories about his experiences with Christianity and offered a message of forgiveness and action to address the environmental racism in Native communities. He supports the efforts by East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to establish an indoor urban farm in the old Depot space at 28th and Longfellow Avenue. In order to support and follow Native leadership, the Racial Justice Committee has sent a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council members. There is a community event on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Watch for details and learn more at [EPNI.org](http://EPNI.org).

**THE US CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS**

The US Campaign for Palestinian Rights has a new tool to look up how much money goes from your city or state to fund Israel's military. Curious? Over \$11 million goes just from Minneapolis and St. Paul, with Minnesota contributing \$65 million in our tax dollars.

For more information: <https://uscpr.org/activist-resource/us-military-funding-to-israel-map/>

Remember you can buy Olive Oil from the Mount of Olives. Find it in the church office or ask staff how to get some.

**LIBRARY NOTES: APRIL IS POETRY MONTH**

On the book cart in the community room for the next couple of weeks, you will find poetry collections by current and past Holy Trinity members--Carol Masters, Cory Gershon, Sue Salm, Arnie Johanson, and Gloria Sauke. In the library, you will find more good poetry. As always, you can access the church's library catalog at <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>. You may also contact your librarians, Annie Hines and Roberta Shaw if you need a good read.

## SAVE THE DATE

### MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD ALL-SYNOD WORSHIP SERVICE FRIDAY, APRIL 28

A festive all-synod worship service will be held Friday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be preaching and Dr. Phillip Schoultz, associate artistic director of VocalEssence and cantor at Westwood Lutheran, will lead the music for worship, as well as conduct the Synod-Wide Volunteer Choir. The worship service and volunteer choir are open to all; you do not need to be a voting member. The Pop-Up Synod Choir will have one rehearsal prior to April 28, and will meet at 5:15 p.m. on April 28, prior to the worship service. [Sign up](#) by April 19 if you intend to participate. A light reception will follow the worship service, which will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie.

### KNITTING GROUP, TUESDAY, MAY 2

Knitters (can crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood ([liz.bill.blood@gmail.com](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com))

### PROPERTY WORK DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, May 4, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon.) Sign up in the Community Room by April 24.

### COTTAGE MEETING HOSTS

To further community connection, we are looking for congregants willing to host cottage meetings throughout the spring and summer, gathering small groups of members of the congregation who live in similar geographic areas. Cottage meetings will provide informal space to enjoy food and conversation, connection and reconnection. Cottage meetings could take place in a home or a nearby public space. If you are interested in hosting a cottage meeting, please reach out to Karen Kunze ([karen.kunze@yahoo.com](mailto:karen.kunze@yahoo.com)) or Erin Henry ([emanlove@umn.edu](mailto:emanlove@umn.edu)) by April 17, 2023. An invitation to a cottage meeting will be sent to each member household by early May, with gatherings held later this spring or early summer.

## ~ 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 **Sharon Clappier** and her family (Steve Murray's aunt) who is nearing the end of a battle with cancer; Steve Murray's grandma, **Rosie Stalsberg**, who recently experienced a stroke; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Reidun Harris**; **Cori Gershon**; **Mary Heltsley**; **Mark Symchych**.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT MINISTRY CALENDARS NOW OPEN

The Worship Assistant Ministry calendars for May, June and July are now *live*. This schedule reflects the move to a single service at 10:00 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend. Volunteers can log into the Rotunda app for the next few weeks and block off any worship dates/times that you cannot serve or that you want to serve. Thanks for serving!

### REMINDER: NEW WI-FI BASED HEARING SYSTEM "LISTEN EVERYWHERE"

The new system enables you to download the **Listen Everywhere** app to your phone or tablet device and then connect directly to the system when you are in the sanctuary and on the church's Wi-Fi. You will probably be most comfortable using our own headphones, but there are a few sets of headphones and adaptors available for use.

Speaking of adaptors, if you've used the system and forgotten to return adaptors to the basket in the Narthex, please return them when you can.

### LONGFELLOW FOUNDATION IMPACT AND GRATITUDE

The Longfellow School was one of the organizations that received money from the sale of the high rise apartments. This is an example of how the foundation is using the funds to support students.

A thank you note and photo received from Tynisha (the first student who received help with the rent deposit).

"Good morning, hope everyone's morning is going well, I just would like to say I'm very grateful for the help I received from you all. How much it really help me and my child, and with help of you guys it really set me a couple of steps forward. Also, I would like to thank miss Geneva for all the time and work she put into to help me, she is very much appreciated. She's always been very generous when it comes down to all her students and her work. We are all very grateful to have people like you guys. Once again, thank you."



### GRATITUDE

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love and support from the Holy Trinity Community during this difficult time in our lives. A special thank you to all of those who helped to make Molly's service and luncheon so beautiful and so meaningful. They say it takes a village, and we are so glad to have had this village to help us raise our daughters!

~ Peace and Love - Judy, Troy and Emily Davison

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Rojas Martinez	Preacher	David Rojas Martinez
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Kris Christians
Amy Froiland-Parada, Carol and David Berg	Communion	Wayne Vetter, Katy Benson
Chris Engen, David Broberg, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
Mary Engen, Virginia Jordan	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Kathryn Howe
Bob and Jane Aldrich	Coffee Servers	Sue Roberts, Sarah Wieben
Jennifer Frenzel, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Deb Helmel, Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

### PARISH EVENTS APRIL 16—APRIL 22, 2023

Sunday, April 16	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, April 17	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 18	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, April 19	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal

### NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 28

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. The summer season affords us the opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from "the other service."

#### 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](#).

