



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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Priority: Engaging Faith and Understanding

In light of coming through COVID, the Uprising, and some of the other changes and challenges of the last years, it is a good time to engage in conversation around some of the key pillars of Christian faith and life in community:

Scripture: How do we read scripture? How does it shape our faith and life? How do we understand scriptural “authority” in light of struggles both within the text itself and with how the text has been understood and used for 2,000 years?

Baptism: What happens in baptism? How do we lift up baptism without limiting our imagination of God’s activity in the world?

Holy Communion: What happens at this table? How does the meal function as a community table? Has COVID separation changed how you see this meal?

Neighbors: As part of the Holy Trinity community, what is our responsibility to our neighbors? Which neighbors, specifically? How are we connected and how might we connect?

Interreligious Community: How do we talk about our faith with those who don’t share our beliefs? How do we talk about other religious understandings and those who prefer to claim no religious tradition? How do we support families in our community with varying beliefs and practices?

The Council’s goal in these conversations is NOT to recite Lutheran orthodox answers or come to some perfect consensus. Instead, these conversations will affirm the rich diversity of thoughtful perspectives present already; wonder together about shared commitments and how they shape this church; and build our skills in being community together across real differences of belief and perspective. If one or more of these questions intrigues you, please contact [Allison Johnson Heist](#).

ELCA WORLD HUNGER DONATION

Each year, ELCA World Hunger is one of our congregation’s special appeals. We are pleased to share that we sent \$23,443 to ELCA World Hunger for 2022.

Their work gets at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



READINGS

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

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 30 “Third Precinct Community Conversation” Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

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

May 7 Special Congregational Meeting In place of the Adult Forum

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“*Dawnland: The Film*” has been moved to later in May

NOTES FROM THE APRIL 18 COUNCIL MEETING

In the April Council meeting, the group discussed the steps needed to consider Deacon David for ordination. We couldn’t be more excited to see this process moving forward! The Council voted to call a special Congregational Meeting with the purpose of electing a call committee. The meeting will take place between services on Sunday, May 7.

LIBRARY NOTES: FREE BOOKS

In the hallway outside the library you’ll find an array of books that are free for the taking. Please help yourself, there is something for everyone.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

YOUTH ART EXHIBIT HONORING EARTH DAY

You will notice poignant, inspired, and intriguing art pieces hanging in the Community Room this Sunday and for a few weeks in May. These pieces were created by our Trinity Village and Confirmation students in honor of Earth Day with the leadership of folks from the Caring for Creation Committee and Sunday School teachers. You will want to note the use of beautiful color, gripping text, and other media which seeks to remind us of our call to care for our shared planet home. On Saturday, May 13, from 2pm-4pm, some of the artists will be at Holy Trinity for our upcoming "It's Not Winter Celebration" and you can meet the artist then.

CELEBRATING 2023 GRADUATES, SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Sunday we will recognize and give thanks for graduates in our congregation, including these four students who are graduating from high school. Josie, Claudia, Kayden, and Maggie attended Sunday School and confirmation classes at Holy Trinity, have worshiped with us in this place, and now are moving from high school and into a new chapter of life. We are excited to celebrate with you.

KNITTING GROUP, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2:00 P.M.

Knitters (and 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)

PROPERTY WORK DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 4:00 P.M.

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 30.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 7, 10:00 A.M.

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

It's not too late to join the other HT members who will be attending the play *What I learned in Paris* on Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. Group rate and subsidized tickets are \$25 each, payable to Kathy Hollander. Attendees will discuss the play and have a bite to eat afterward in the adjacent Hallie Q. Brown Center. Sign up in the Community Room or contact Kathy Hollander (kath77holl77@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAYS MAY 7, 14, AND 21, 2023, 10-10:50 A.M.

We will be participating in different activities like supervised gym time, craft making, neighborhood clean up, and other outdoor activities with minimal formal classes. We hope this will encourage fun, interactive, and meaningful connections for our children, youth, and adult participants.

- May 7, supervised open gym time and crafts with Kay Buzza
- May 14, forest bathing with Ann Schrooten
- May 21, trash pick up with Trash Falcons

IT'S NOT WINTER CELEBRATION! SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2-4 P.M.

Fair, concert, food, fundraiser, fun and games for all ages! Free family and all-ages event outside at the church. Donations recommended to Swahili Choir, who will be providing music, for the fundraising effort for new instruments. Bring your friends and neighbors and let's celebrate the end of a very snowy winter together! In case of rain, the event will be moved inside.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS, MAY 15-19.

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of May 15-19. If you are interested in helping with delivery, contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com). Volunteers pick up meals at Nokomis Square Cooperatives on 35th Ave. S. between 50th and 51st St. at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes between 1 hour to 1 1/2 hrs. If you have not delivered before, Mary will provide an application form and train you before your first delivery.

LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY

Holy Trinity needs more Lay Communion Visitors. We welcome new Visitors and new persons who wish to be visited. Visitors bring communion on a monthly basis to members who are unable to come to church on a regular basis. This is usually a long-term commitment, and good friendships may develop as a result of these visits. Training and supplies are provided. If you are interested in being a Lay Communion Visitor, or desire to have a Lay Communion Minister visit you, please contact Nancy Madich (nmadich@gmail.com).

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) or Erin Henry (emanlove@umn.edu). 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.

HANDBELL RESTORATION SPECIAL APPEAL

In the 1960s, Holy Trinity purchased the first few octaves of our handbell set from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in England. In subsequent years we were able to purchase additional octaves to complete our set. These handbells are unique, in that each bell contains more metal in the casting, producing a more full and rich sound. The quality of the casting and internal mechanisms contribute to their exceptional sound.

However, the unique nature of these instruments means there are very few options for who can perform maintenance on them within the United States. As bells have been added to this set over time, they have worn at different rates meaning that some are in need of more work than others. It has been many years since we've had full maintenance completed for our handbells, and the wear and tear has been showing. The metal on the inside of the bells is beginning to show signs of age, the clapper mechanisms on many of the handbells are loose and unable to be adjusted in house, and the leather handles on a few of the handbells have become so floppy, it's a wonder the choir is able to ring them at all!

This full restoration is estimated to cost \$7,000. The high cost of this restoration accounts for new handles which last anywhere from 10 years without handle stiffeners or 35+ years with handle stiffeners. Currently, some of the older bells have stiffeners, and the newer ones do not. This mismatch makes playing them inconsistent. This restoration would correct these issues, bring the bells back to original condition, and replace worn parts to ensure uniformity while playing.

Click [here](#) to support this special project. Please select "handbell restoration" from the dropdown menu.

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS

To break bread, we need to make bread! With summer coming, we'd like to firm up a schedule for Communion Bread bakers. There is a sign up sheet in the Community Room. There will also be an instruction and recipe sheet, in case you are new to the process and want to give it a try.

GERANIUM CAREGIVERS NEEDED

For several decades, members have kept geraniums alive that were donated years ago, in order to replant them each spring. This involves digging the plants up in the fall, placing them in cold storage in the church over winter, trimming them in the spring, setting them out on warm days, and placing them inside under grow lights when the temperature drops below 50, then replant by the church at the end of May. Can you help this spring by adopting some geraniums, gently waking them from their slumber, and bringing them back to replant the end of May? Sign up, or pick them up in the Community Room this Sunday.

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

TAMARACK WATER ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 10:00 A.M.

Everyone is invited to attend our open community virtual Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 10 a.m. This is an opportunity for you to learn about the risks high sulfide mining poses to Minnesota's water, whether it is in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area or in Tamarack, Minnesota. Join Arne Carlson, former Republican Governor of Minnesota as our presenter who will share his concerns about foreign sulfide mining in our state and his call to action for all Minnesotans.

To register for the meeting and receive the Zoom link go to <https://tamarackwateralliance.org/php/eventreg.php?eid=16>

Download Tamarack Water Alliance fact sheets <https://www.tamarackwateralliance.org/resources.html>

SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

South High Foundation is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m.—Noon. Tickets are sold at the door. \$12 for ages 19+ / \$6 ages 6-18, 5 & under FREE. 3131 19th Ave South, enter the 32nd Street Gymnasium door.

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. 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.

~ 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**; **Cori Gershon**; and **Mark Symchych**.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Rojas Martinez	Preacher	David Rojas Martinez
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Jody Liedholm	Cantor	Jody Liedholm
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson
Mike Nevergall, Joyce Peterson, Andrea Martin	Communion	Kari and Tom Kleven, David Krig
Steve Murray, David Broberg, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe, Doris Gbala
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Kris Christians, Arlene Helvig
Julie Cahoy, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helmelm, Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 30—MAY 6, 2023

Sunday, April 30	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, May 1	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 2	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	2:00 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, May 3	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-7:30 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Thursday, May 4	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night

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](#).

