

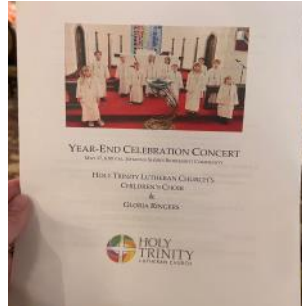


WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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GRATITUDE

Shaun and I want to extend our deep thanks to Phil Radtke for all his work with the Children's choir this year, and to the church council and Deacon David for providing space and support for the Children's choir ministry on Wednesday nights. Like the rest of the congregation, we love it when they sing in worship. We see how they work together and support each other in a little community. They really seem to enjoy the songs they sing. They are so sincere and heartfelt.



The final performance on May 17 at Johanna Shores was very special. We loved hearing the residents at Johanna Shores singing "Amazing Grace" along with the choir. After the performance the choir members greeted the audience and thanked them for coming. They all showed such maturity and grace and love. Isn't it just like our loving, creative God to use music to bring people together and bridge generations, and to minister to all at once?



We have seen our own little chorister grow musically and personally over the year thanks to Mr. Phil's instruction and patience. Simon takes a lot of pride in contributing to the worship services. For the past week he has been humming his songs and trying to pick out the tunes on the piano. Last night before he went to bed he was crying, and when I asked him what was wrong, he said, "I'm going to miss choir!"

And then I started to cry! Happy tears. I'm going to miss choir too.

With deep appreciation,
Noelle and Shaun Morrell

Pentecost

READINGS

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 1-9, 14-16, 34-35;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23



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.

May 28 Memorial Day Weekend—No Adult Forum

June 4 "Dawnland The Film"

For decades, child welfare authorities have been forcibly removing Native American children from their homes to "save them from being Indian". In Maine, the first official "truth and reconciliation commission" in the United States began an unprecedented investigation. *Dawnland* goes behind the scenes as this historic body deals with difficult truths questions the meaning of reconciliation, and charts a new course for state and tribal relations.



The film will be shown on Sunday, June 4 at 11:15 in the Library. Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe, and members of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force will lead the discussion following the film.

~ 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 pray for **Libby and Keith Olstad**, on the death of their brother-in-law, **Bob Tizler**; **Amy Froiland-Parada's family** upon the death of her grandfather, **Wayne Stumme**; **Carol Kelly**; **Sharon Clappier**; **Rosie Stalsberg**; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; **Mark Symchych**; **the family of George Floyd**.

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

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."

SUMMER BOOK READING

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID THROUGHOUT JUNE

As a progressive parish minister, Molly Baskette has been a companion during the most vulnerable, traumatized, and unsettled periods of many people's lives. She has also had a front row seat to remarkable human transformation, as many of the ruptures her people lived through turned out to be the way that God got in. But when she was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer at age thirty-nine, with two small children, her theology of and relationship to God was tested more profoundly than ever.

Instead of becoming despondent, though, she engaged with her faith more deeply—seizing the opportunity to test the seaworthiness of the faith she had been practicing and preaching. In *How to Begin When Your World is Ending*, Baskette shares the questions that confronted her along the way like: Is it true that prayer changes things? Does God care whether we live or die—and is there a damn thing God can do about it anyway? How can vulnerability, counterintuitively, be a strength? And the million-dollar question: is there life after death, and just what might it be like?



Weaving together her own story and the stories of those she encountered in her life of faith, Baskette mines joy from all the hardest parts of being human. In doing so she reminds us that whatever you are going through, someone has been there before you and found meaning in the chaos.

Books are available in the Community Room for those interested in joining the discussion. Pastor Ingrid will send out a short reflection by email each Monday morning. The group is invited to gather for one in-person gathering on Arbeiter's patio on the evening of June 22. Further details will be sent to participants. Sign up in the Community Room by May 31.

SUMMER BOOK READ

Caring for Creation is sponsoring a summer book read—*Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. We'll meet for backyard discussion gatherings every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from June 14 - July 12. A signup sheet and books are in the Community Room. If you are interested in hosting a discussion, please indicate that on the signup sheet as well.

ALL-CONGREGATION BOOK READ

In preparation for the all-congregation book read of *Fire By Night*, copies of the book were sent out this week with the Seasonal Calendar to a number of congregants. We have about 100 books in circulation. We invite those that receive the book in the mail to return it to the church after reading, or pass it along, so all members get a chance to read the book.

ART EXHIBIT IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM — FINAL WEEK

Holy Trinity is fortunate to have a month-long exhibit of 10 wood block prints of immigrants riding "La Bestia," the name given to the trains running north in Mexico, with immigrants riding on top—obviously very risky traveling! This exhibit, in the Community Room, can help us to think about what immigrants risk in trying to get to safety.

Jeffrey Berger, the creator of these block prints, has written comments, and has handouts for us. Also, he offers the prints for sale, to benefit two immigrant support non-profits, one being the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.



FONT DECOMMISSIONING AND DEDICATION

After five years of careful work, the congregation has a new font crafted by John Sterner and Alan Honn. The blue waters of the bowl meet prairie sweet grass, a symbol chosen by Sterner (Lakota) because of its spiritual significance to Indigenous peoples in this region. We are grateful that this font—and the baptismal waters that will flow from it—will be central to our lives for many years to come.

The old font will be decommissioned on Sunday and the new font will be dedicated. Both artists of the new font will be with us!

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.

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

A reminder, to help us all "Be a Good Recycler" you'll see three distinct bins in the community room. The typical bin for trash, the familiar blue bin for recycling and a new GREEN bin for composting. Each bin will be clearly marked and above the recycling and compost bins are descriptions of items that can go in each. This is the first step of a few that will be implemented over the coming months to help reduce waste and our impact on the environment.



REFLECTION FROM THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD AND THE UPRISING

On the anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, I share the reflections I posted in the days immediately following in May of 2020, along with some photos.

In South Minneapolis Saturday morning. The church I have worked at for 25 years (Holy Trinity Lutheran) is in the middle of this. Luckily the church made it through without damage and is still able to serve the community. They are distributing supplies of groceries and other necessities to the neighborhood in addition to other services.



As hard as it is to look at the damage, it is harder, still, to watch the video of the life being choked out of George Floyd. Walking around the area, talking with people and observing, it did give me hope. Hope that this can be the start of real change. People of all walks of life, from the community and elsewhere were coming together to help start the clean up, to help support the neighborhood and each other.



I heard people speak of sadness and grief of the loss of businesses. But at no point did I hear anyone expressing anger. There was one common theme, this loss is great, but the loss of life is greater, the generations of racial injustice is greater. Let's rebuild the community, and build something better, something that truly serves all equally. One of the things I love about Minneapolis is the diversity, but diversity without equality is unjust and that is what has to be fixed. Our neighbors should not be treated differently simply because they look different. If these images disturb you, stand up, speak out. Seek to understand rather than judge and condemn. We need to do better as a society. We can agree to disagree on everything, but we MUST learn to respect each other as human beings and treat each other with dignity. United we stand, we can not let hate divide us, divided we fall. It is time to rise up together. Please be kind, be respectful and love one another as people, regardless of our differences. Our differences are what make us human and embracing our differences is humanity. Sending love and prayers to all. Be well.

Let us not forget.
Kathy Ekwall



SAVE THE DATE

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS JUNE 4

Head to Turtle Bread at 4205 E. 34th St. at 11:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets in the Community Room.

KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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 in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

COTTAGE MEETINGS BEGIN JUNE 7

The first congregational goal of 2023 reads: *Nurture community care and connection as we emerge from COVID separation and isolation.* To further community connection, Church Council members and other congregants will lead cottage meetings throughout the summer, gathering together members of the congregation who live in similar geographic areas. Cottage meetings will provide informal space to enjoy food and conversation, connection and reconnection. More information has recently been sent to members.

LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, JUNE 8

Longfellow High School graduation is June 8, 5:30 p.m. There will be 22 graduates. This takes place at Anne Sullivan School. It is an inspiring event. You are welcome to attend.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN RESUMES JUNE 11 AT 11:00

We'll eat pizza and drink whatever the volunteers bring to drink, and listen to the music of The Dissenters (featuring our own Scott Cole!). If you can help (buying groceries, setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up), reach out to Jeff Olsen Biebighauser (jbiebig@gmail.com). And clear your schedule for the next three events, too: July 23, August 13, September 10! It'll be so much fun.

Sunday, June 11—Solace at the Palace

Longfellow Community Council is organizing an outdoor interactive art experience in the heart of downtown Longfellow on Sunday, June 11, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 3032 Minnehaha Ave. (the lot next to Moon Palace Books). There will be 20 vendors, art workshops open to all, musical performances, food trucks, and kids art activities. Please help spread the word!



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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Presiding Minister	David Rojas Martinez
Crucifer	
Guest Organist	Brad Althoff
Cantor	Ann Schrooten
Assisting Minister	Margaret Kelly
Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad, Kris Christians
Ushers	David Broberg, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Ginny and Chuck Jordan
Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad
Coffee Servers	David Broberg, Liz Kelley
Counters	Chuck Jordan, Julie Cahoy
Closer	Roberta Shaw

PARISH EVENTS MAY 28—JUNE 3, 2023

Sunday, May 28	10:00 AM 11:15 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Swahili Service
Monday, May 29	11:30 AM	Memorial Day/Office is Closed Funeral for Peter Kjeseth
Tuesday, May 30	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, June 1	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

