

HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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OUR BUILDING PARTNER, METRO WORK CENTER, INC. CELEBRATES 55 YEARS!

Like many community programs, Metro Work Center, Inc. (MWC) began as a congregational effort. In 1965 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church opened Friendship Center to provide a part-time arts and crafts program for teenagers who had been refused public schooling due to what at that time was called mental retardation. They partnered with the Open-Door Center at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

While the program began to meet the needs of children in the congregation, as is often the case at Holy Trinity, the congregation quickly recognized the unmet need in the broader community. The part-time efforts of church volunteers were supplanted by paid staff and in 1968 the two programs merged and incorporated as Day Activity Centers of Minneapolis, Inc. There were 35 young clients living in their family homes and attending the program for five hours per day, three days per week, September through May. Facilities and janitorial services were donated by the churches.





In 1973, the two sites consolidated at Holy Trinity where the program expanded to five days per week. By the mid-80s', MWC served 84 clients and, rather than arts and crafts, emphasis was on community integration and in-house vocational work programs. With that focus, the organization changed its name to Metro Work Center, Inc. in 1987.

MWC's population changed, too. Children with developmental disabilities were now served in the public schools and were graduating and moving into the work force. MWC was serving adults, some of whom enrolled as children in the late sixties. 75% lived in supported living facilities away from their family homes, and persons with a secondary diagnosis of mental health and/or related conditions were more typical referrals than the young adult with a mental developmental diagnosis.

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Trinity Sunday

READINGS

Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

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 a.m. in the Library. Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe, and members of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force will lead the discussion following the film.

June 11 Music in the Garden—No Adult Forum

~ 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 Lois Eid, recovering from hip surgery; Carol Kelly; Sharon Clappier; Rosie Stalsberg; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Mark Symchych.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Today the seed that Holy Trinity planted over 50 years ago continues to blossom. Metro Work Center, Inc. continues to provide services for developmentally disabled adults. We now serve nearly 60 adults and operate 5 days a week yearround. Our participants have become more diverse with a variety of intellectual and developmental disabilities, include ages 20s to 70s, and commuting from every corner of the metro area. Our oldest participant is 77 years old, utilizing MWC programs for 47 years. We currently have two staff who have each been with our organization for over 30 years.

Help us celebrate our longevity, our work, and our service and, recognize the past 55 years of the organization. To enroll, to renew acquaintance, or to donate, call Julie Washington 612-729-7381, or visit their offices on the third floor, Holy Trinity's busiest space on most weekday's.

Metro Work Center is extremely grateful for our partnership. It has been a blessing to be housed in HTLC and to work with the wonderful staff of HT. Thank you for everything!

~ Julie Washington, MWC Designated Manager





METRO WORK CENTER. INC. OPEN HOUSE, TUESDAY, JUNE 6 You're invited to join Metro Work Center, Inc. in celebrating 55 years on Tuesday, June 6, 12-2 p.m. in the gym at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

To learn more about MWC and the work they do, visit metroworkcenter.org. If you'd like to support this nonprofit organization with a donation, click here.

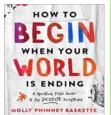


SUMMER BOOK READING

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID THROUGHOUT JUNE

In How to Begin When Your World is Ending, the author shares the questions 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, counter-intuitively, be a strength? And the million-dollar question: is there life after

death, and just what might it be like?



Pastor Ingrid will send out a short reflection by email each Monday morning. The group is invited to gather for one inperson gathering on Arbeiter's patio on the evening of June 22. Further details will be emailed to participants.

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

A reminder if you received a copy of Fire By Night in the mail, please consider dropping it off at the church in the basket in the Community Room when you are done so others can read it.



GIVING THANKS FOR JASON SANTAANA-WHITE

We will gather for Jason SantaAna-White's memorial service on June 15 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch with sopes, rice, and beans will



follow the service. As a lifelong learner, Jason attended Community Ed classes, and listened to audiobooks and podcasts concerning everything from science fiction and human interest stories to technical manuals. He loved travel and spicy food using Duolingo to learn Spanish and enjoying a wide variety of cuisines.

His big heart was evident in his hugs, and family was important to him. He was always game to wrestle and entertain his niece and nephews. Jason had friends both locally and across the country. He will be remembered for his technical brilliance, generosity, and sense of humor. The service will also be livestreamed (https://vimeo.com/event/3447906). All are welcome.

Read the obituary here

PARISH INFORMATION

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS, JUNE 4

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

EXODUS LENDING CELEBRATION MONDAY, JUNE 5

The road to payday loan reform in Minnesota was a long one, and it took many organizations and individuals more than a decade to get here. Celebrate with Exodus Lending on Monday, June 5, 4:30-7:00 p.m., at Utepils Brewery. Raise a glass in celebration and meet the other supporters, organization partners, testifiers, faith leaders, focus group participants, former payday loan borrowers, community leaders, lobbyists, organizers, donors, and general rabble-rousers who contributed to this movement over the years.

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).

REFLECTIONS FROM THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, JUNE 6

Presented by Jenny Hartley and Fred Rogers and hosted by the Middle East Committee of WAMM (Women Against Military Madness). Gather at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy food from Shish Restaurant, program at 7:00 p.m.

Jenny Hartley and Fred Rogers are active with Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel. Recently they returned from an extended visit in Palestine. They were there during a time of escalating Israeli military attacks against the Occupied Territories and reactive violence from Settlers and Palestinians. Their visit also coincided with the beginning of Ramadan, Passover, and Orthodox Palm Sunday. Join Jenny and Fred for their on-the-ground report. For info, call WAMM at 612-827-5364

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. Please RSVP to the church office (612-729-8358 / office@htlcmpls.org).

The first Cottage meeting, hosted by Nancy Arnison is June 7, 6-8 p.m. Beverages and snacks will be served. Please RSVP to the church office by June 5.

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. All are welcome to attend.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10-OPEN STREETS EAST LAKE

More than a street festival, Open Streets East Lake brings together communities to temporarily close Lake Street to car traffic from 2nd Ave. S. to 22nd Ave. S., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The street will be completely open for people to explore their communities in a whole new way.

BIKE TO CHURCH IN JUNE

Ride your bike to church. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

SAVE THE DATE

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN RESUMES JUNE 11 AT 11:00 A.M.

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 (jbiebigh@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!



RETIREMENT PARTY FOR LONGFELLOW SCHOOL'S DR. PADMINI UDUPA, JUNE 13

Come celebrate Dr. Udupa's career and contributions to MPS students and staff. Share stories, connect, and reconnect with former colleagues. Requested donation of \$25 includes dinner and beverages. Tuesday, June 13, 5:30-8:00 p.m., at Crossroads Panorama, 80 West 66th St., Richfield, Minnesota (in the Hub Shopping Center). For more information, contact Cheryl Leavitt (Cheryl.Leavitt@mpls.k12.mn.us).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 14-17, 2023, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Please know that Cantor Phil, the pastors, and other staff members are excited for the possibilities of what Vacation Bible School (VBS) will look like in August. We are imagining four days of learning about faith-filled responses to injustices in our neighborhood and greater society. There will be music, food, games, stories, and lots more every day of VBS!

Questions can be sent to Deacon David (drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org). Please call the office to register (612-729-8358). We hope you will consider joining us!

| Worship Participants for Sunday, June 4, 2023 | | |
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| Preacher | David Rojas Martinez | |
| Presiding Minister | Ingrid Rasmussen | |
| Crucifer | | |
| Guest Organist | Brad Althoff | |
| Cantor | Pam Kildahl | |
| Assisting Minister | Bob Aldrich | |
| Communion | Matt Floding, Karen Kunze, Gretchen Lund | |
| Ushers | David Broberg, Joy Nelson, Rod Johnson, Kathy Hollander | |
| Altar Guild | Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker | |
| Coffee Servers | Roberta Shaw, Connie Adams | |
| Counters | Pam Blomgren, Joyce Peterson | |
| Closer | Bob Hulteen | |



PARISH EVENTS JUNE 4-10, 2023

| Sunday, June 4 | 10:00 ам | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
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| | 11:15 ам | Adult Forum |
| | 2:00 рм | Swahili Service |
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| Tuesday, June 6 | 11:00 ам | Worship Readings Discussion |
| | 2:00 рм | Knitting Group |
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LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services <u>here</u>.

