



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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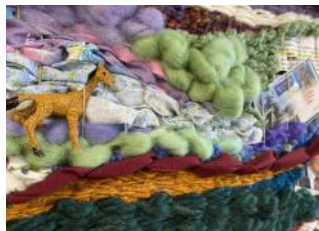
## WEAVING OUR LIVES TOGETHER

During the pandemic when we were roommates, we would stream Holy Trinity's Sunday service with candles, our improvised communion kit, and weavings on our laps. When Pastor Ingrid and Phil invited us to take part in the congregational theme of weaving our lives together last fall with large community weavings, it was an honor and a welcome creative challenge. By saying yes, we (unknowingly) further wove ourselves into the beautiful fabric that is the Holy Trinity community. And this time, there would be candles, traditional communion, and the weavings would be way too big to put on our lap. And most importantly, we would weave with you all in the space with us.

Weaving has always been a meditative art form for us, a calming practice. This came in handy the first time we wove in front of the congregation during a service. We had never woven in front of so many people before! As we took yarn over and under the weft on the looms and let the liturgy and service settle our shaky hands, the hours flew by. It was a beautiful way to participate in worship. The conversations we were able to have with some of you before or after services were gifts in themselves: to meet you, to connect with you, to keep weaving us together.



Unlike many weaving styles and crafts, our weavings embrace the practice of emergence. We don't plan our designs in advance. This came in handy as we waited each week to find what treasures this community entrusted us to weave into the pieces. Every Monday evening, we came to the church to weave and were delighted and moved by what we found left for us: a baby's mitten, photos of loved ones, a favorite recipe, key chains, a pride flag, jewelry, delicate paper cranes, shards of pottery, sand dollars, a miniscule giraffe figurine, and on and on.



Some items came with stories, some without, and we even wondered if some were placed there by accident (if you put a tube of lip gloss in the object collection basket, you'll find it nestled in a weaving!). Sometimes the offerings made us

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### READINGS

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

## 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.*

### July 2 No Adult Forum

Watch the Community Church for the July schedule.

### July 9 "Words of Worship"

**Pastor Doug Mork and Deacon David Rojas Martinez**

Pastor Doug and Deacon David will present and lead a conversation on our use of language in worship. While Holy Trinity has done much work on inclusivity and expansiveness in our scripture, liturgy, preaching and hymnody, it will always be a work in progress. Where have you found new language helpful? Where do you find challenges? What has changed in the values and concerns you bring to worship language?

## ~ 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 the family Bev Peschiutta's sister, **Marlyce**, who died this week; **Mary Paavola**, recovering from a fall; **Ann Schrooten**, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; **Mark Symchych**.

## FROM THE FAMILY OF JASON SANTAANA-WHITE

Thank you volunteers for helping with serving of the 'La Poblanita' food and for baking homemade treats! AND for your flexibility in serving outdoors, as well as clean up. The volunteering of your time and your efforts are very much appreciated by Ann and Jason's entire family.

## 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.

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giggle. Other times, we were moved to tears as we tied in precious objects that symbolized community members' losses. Indeed, we will never forget weaving in the church on All Saints Day. The sun flooded the sanctuary, and white ribbons



fluttered long and luminous from the ceiling. To be there with you all and weave in pictures of loved ones past and the objects that they cherished — it was a moment of sacred communion.

This project was filled with uncertainty. We had never created weavings so large, we'd never woven in front of a whole congregation, and we'd certainly never woven objects of all shapes and sizes directly into our pieces. At first the task was daunting, much like the act of bringing our stories back together after long and painful separation. As we were, and are, coming back together we were clumsy and made mistakes. But we kept going and found more harmony and ease in the undertaking. Just as we keep going and intentionally share with each other as community and see our moments of joy and mundane and sadness as interconnecting, too. And that is our final hope for these pieces; that the details continue to give you pause and delight you, that you see the way your stories intertwine, overlap, and dance colorfully with each other.

~Mariah Wika and Ryana Holt

The weaving project is back on display in the community room. Make sure you take time to see these beautiful works and look for the many objects and small details mentioned in this article.



## COTTAGE MEETINGS

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

We needed to make changes to a couple of gatherings, below is the updated list of Cottage meetings happening in July:

July 11, 6:00 p.m. — Grill Out, Hosted by Karen Kunze & Ben Koch ([2820 Huron St. Roseville](#)) A couple of spots left!

July 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. — Brunch, Hosted by Nikki & Ben Martinez ([4324 Vera Cruz Ave N. Robbinsdale](#)) A few spots left!

July 15, 12:00 p.m. — Lunch, Hosted by Zoe Martinez (3321 32nd Ave S) This gathering is full!

July 20, 5:00-6:00 p.m. — Best Bites and Beverage, Happy Hour. by Matt & Marcia Floding (Becketwood—Kensington Square, 4300 W River Pkwy) A few spots left!

July 22, 12:00 p.m. — Lunch, Hosted by Zoe Martinez (3321 32nd Ave S) This gathering is full!

July 25, 7:00 p.m. — Dessert Gathering, Hosted by Libby & Keith Olstad (120 Valleyview Place) A couple of spots left, this is the last Cottage meeting.

See what members are saying about these intimate gatherings:

It was fun meeting folks who had been Holy Trinity members anywhere from 4-72 years.

~ Ginny Jordan





## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### JULY 2023: ALL-CONGREGATION READ WITH PASTOR DOUG, DEACON DAVID, JOYCE BESSER, AND MATT FLODING

Thanks to a sabbatical grant that Holy Trinity received for Pastor Ingrid's time away, each household receives a candle and a copy of a book by Pastor Melissa Florer-Bixler entitled "Fire By Night." The book invites us to marvel at a God who travels with people through cloud and fire, by day and by night, since the beginning of time. Florer-Bixler calls the Old Testament a book of fire—reading it draws us close to God's love which continues to burn away our expectations and set us ablaze.

Leaders will include a short reflection on the reading each Thursday in the Community Church newsletter: July 6 on chapters 1-3; July 13 on chapters 4-6; July 20 on chapters 7-9; July 27 on chapters 10-11. Please read along with us!

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.



### THURSDAYS, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, AND AUGUST 3—LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING

This first annual Summer Sing will take place on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p. m. in the Sanctuary at Holy Trinity and will provide a space for novice to professional, young to old, shy, and confident to join together. We will sing sacred and secular pieces in different styles by composers local and abroad that promote community and music making. Local choir director, G. Phillip Shoultz, III will be the guest clinician. Phillip is the Associate Artistic Director of VocalEssence as well as Cantor at Westwood Lutheran Church. Questions and sign up can be directed to Phil Radtke ([pradtke@htlcmpls.org](mailto:pradtke@htlcmpls.org)).

### SATURDAY, JULY 8—MOTHER ST. JAMES AME FUNDRAISING WALK-A-THON

Mother St James AME church, 3600 Snelling Ave S, is hosting a fundraising Walk-a-Thon on Saturday July 8 to raise funds for church capital improvements. The five-mile Historical Walking Tour will include significant locations in the Church's 160 year history and starts at 7:30am that day. Walkers and sponsors are very welcome. Contact Larry Burt, a board member of the church for more information ([larry.burt1@comcast.net](mailto:larry.burt1@comcast.net) or 612-875-8083).

## SAVE THE DATE

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 14-15—MOTHER ST. JAMES AME 160TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mother St. James AME, the oldest Black church in Minnesota and our ministry partner, is celebrating their 160th Anniversary. They warmly invite Holy Trinity members and friends to the following events:

#### Friday, July 14—Youth Block Party and BBQ at Mother St. James (3600 Snelling)

Watch the Community Church Newsletter for more information in the coming weeks.

#### Saturday, July 15—Anniversary Banquet (Location TBD)

Program leaders include storyteller Nothando Zulu, President of the MN Black Storytellers Alliance, who will be telling the story of Mother St. James; Rev. Marchelle Hallman, the first woman of the AMEC appointed to the position of Head Pastor in Minnesota and who led Mother St. James from 2003-2016; the gospel band known as "The Men of New Hope"; and HTLC's very own Pastor Ingrid has been invited to offer a prayer for the evening.

### SUNDAY, JULY 16—"KIDSLIT IS LIT" CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL AT MOON PALACE, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Come join us for a FREE family friendly event in the green space between Moon Palace Books and The Hub in South Minneapolis. We will be hosting dozens of local children's book authors and artists/makers. Yummy food and treats, including MN Nice Cream, will also be there. And of course, the beloved bouncy castle! Free event but [tickets](#) are required.

### 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!

Please call the office to register (612-729-8358). We hope you will consider joining us!

Questions can be sent to Deacon David ([drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org](mailto:drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org)).

## THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES

I want to thank my colleagues for filling in for me last week and allowing me to take some time away from the office to relax, connect with old friends and recharge. I thought I'd share a few photos from my trip to South Dakota and Wyoming. ~ Kathy Ekwall



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

Preacher	Margaret Kelly
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Assisting Minister	
Communion	Tom Kleven, Matt Floding, Steve Murray
Ushers	David Broberg, Helen Norheim, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Coffee Servers	Bob and Jane Aldrich
Counters	Chuck Jordan
Closer	Bob Hulteen



## PARISH EVENTS JULY 2-JULY 8, 2023

Sunday, July 2	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, July 4		Office Closed
Thursday, July 6	6:00 PM 6:45 PM	Longfellow Summer Sing 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](#).

