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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to be hosting our Vacation Bible School (VBS) 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. from Monday, August 14, through Thursday, August 17. It will be here before we know it!

Cantor Phil and Deacon David have imagined four full days of engaging with our neighborhood, wrestling with our faith tradition, and having fun. This year's VBS is titled *Fires of Justice*, and our memory verse will be 1 Corinthians 3:13: "... the work of each builder's [foundation] will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done."

As you read through this detailed description, we hope that you consider registering your child(ren) and/or volunteering one hour, one day, or four days of your time and energy.

A few important logistics are that we expect parent/guardian drop-off of participants to happen each day from 8:45 until 9:00 a.m. At the end of each day, we expect parent/guardian pick-up of participants to happen from 2:45 until 3:00 p.m. The church will provide morning and afternoon snacks as well as one full lunch. We would love to have greeters at the beginning and end of each day as well as folks who will cook and serve lunch. Thank you for considering.

On Monday, participants will gather with snacks and song led by Cantor Phil. After some team-building activities in the gym, we will walk around the neighborhood in pilgrimage recalling the fires of the 2020 Uprising following George Floyd's murder. Deacon David will engage with age-appropriate conversation as we make our way around the block and return to the church building for lunch. Our day will continue and wrap up with devotions, snacks, crafts, and gym games.

On Tuesday, participants will gather with snacks and song led by Cantor Phil. After some team-building activities in the gym, we will create to-go bags for our neighbors in need. Deacon David will lead age-appropriate discussions of homelessness and lack of resources being experienced in our neighborhood. Lunch will be provided. Our day will continue and wrap up with devotions, snacks, crafts, and gym games.

On Wednesday, participants will gather with snacks and song led by Cantor Phil. After some team-building activities in the gym, we will be led by Dave Scherer and Joe Davis in a variety of activities. They will help us to think about and practice using our voices, our bodies, and our very selves in

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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### READINGS

*Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21;  
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21*

## 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.*

### August 6 "Our Amazing Universe — God's Creation" Bob Ochtrup

Bob Ochtrup, whose love of photography and astronomy have combined to produce the exhibit on the wonders of the universe that is on display in the Community Room and the Library, will introduce us to his work.

### August 13 No Adult Forum—Music in the Garden!

## THE ELCA WANTS TO HEAR YOUR OPINION!

Throughout the next couple of months, the ELCA is asking for your help. We are looking for your thoughts and ideas on how we are called to be a church in today's world. Please visit our website on Future Church: God's Love Made Real – <https://lovemadereal.elca.org>— where you can watch a video from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton that explains more about this action and complete a survey to share your views of the church and the world today. In the coming weeks we will offer listening sessions where you can participate in online opportunities to provide your thoughts on God's call for the church.



## ~ 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 **Pam Wetterlund**, recovering from a car accident; **Mary Paavola**, recovering from a fall; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; **Mark Symchych**.

# PARISH INFORMATION

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joyful, necessary justice-seeking. Lunch will be provided. Our day will continue and wrap up with devotions, snacks, crafts, and gym games.

On Thursday, participants will gather with snacks and song led by Cantor Phil. After some team-building activities in the gym, Deacon David will lead a focused wrap-up of our days spent together. We will do some activities in our rain garden as we discuss fire that purifies prairies. After this, we will spend the rest of our time having a field day. There will be a dance party time, some organized team games, and a water balloon fight. Lunch will be provided. Our day will continue and wrap up with devotions, ice cream, and send-off activities.

It is Cantor Phil and Deacon David's hope that you are all as excited as they are for these upcoming four days of VBS. The children and youth in our congregation (as well as others) are invited to participate in the events. Adults are encouraged to think about volunteering.

Contact Deacon David ([drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org](mailto:drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org)) or Cantor Phil ([pradtke@htlcmple.org](mailto:pradtke@htlcmple.org)) if you can help.

## BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need 6-12 volunteers to help greet and check donors in for the blood drive. Please sign up in the Community Room if you'd like to help. You can be a donor and a volunteer!



## Blood Drive Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Minneapolis

Community Room  
2730 East 31st St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



## BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

We have 26 appointment spots left to fill, please consider donating and helping to save lives. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or contact the office ([office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org) or [612-729-8358](tel:612-729-8358)). You can also scan the QR code above with your smart phone.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday-Friday, August 6-11—NYC Trip for Middle and High School Youth

Deacon David, 2 chaperones, and 6 confirmation youth are traveling to New York City this week for a service trip and to enjoy learning about a vibrant city. Let's keep them in our prayers.

### Friday-Tuesday, August 11-15—Intergenerational Boundary Waters Trip

This week we pray for the intergenerational group in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area for Holy Trinity's annual trip.

## SAVE THE DATE

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13—MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

There will be no adult forum on August 13. All are invited to join musician Nathaniel Gillen (<https://nathanielgillen.bandcamp.com/album/young>) for music and food in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service). All are welcome!



### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27—SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

Our final Pop-Up Choir of the summer! Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed!

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 5 P.M.—ALL CONGREGATION PICNIC

As summer wanes, all in the Holy Trinity family are welcome to gather for fun, food and frolic at Hidden Falls Park on Sunday, August 27, at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck picnic. Please bring a dish to share. Lemonade and ice water will be provided. We plan to eat at 5:30 p.m.. Provisions include compostable plates, cups, utensils and paper towels. There is a restroom, and electrical outlets are available. Activities: lots of open space for kids' activities, and a covered pavilion for seating, eating and conversation. Hidden Falls Park is located in St. Paul, very close to the Ford Bridge and easy to find. Parking available.



### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 —SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND PIZZA

Let's take advantage of the lingering sunny days of summer and come together from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a night of food, fun, and friendly connections. Today we will be reminded of bready things and Holy Communion. We'll provide everything, just bring your family! Hosted by the Children and Family Team.





## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### THE PATH TO PEACE: MUSIC AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

*The Path to Peace: Music Against Gun Violence* is a choral program and community gathering initiative presented in partnership with Protect Minnesota, the only independent, state-based organization devoted to gun violence prevention in Minnesota. The spiritual successor to last year's *REQUIEM: A Concert for Gun Reform*, this year's project features expanded community outreach program and a focus on action and education.

We invite you to lend your voice to this project, [click here](#) for details

The choral program will center of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* and take place at 7p.m., Saturday, August 12.

Freewill donations (suggested donation \$20) accepted at the door. All proceeds will go to funding gun reform and advocacy efforts in the state of Minnesota.

### WAKPA TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL SHOWCASES ARTWORK ACROSS MINNESOTA

The first-ever Wakpa Triennial Art Festival runs until September 16. The festival features new public art installations, exhibitions, and conversations with 110 local artists.

One of the art installations in the shadows of Holy Trinity is a significant outdoor piece created by [Xavier Tavera](#). Last month, Tavera guided the piece's installation at East Lake Street and 27th—the site of the former El Nuevo Rodeo nightclub. The artwork pays homage to the community hub, which was burned and then demolished in the uprisings after the murder of George Floyd. In fact, both George Floyd and Derek Chauvin, the officer who killed him, had worked security at the club.

"Evocation of a Latin Dance Club" consists of a shipping container outfitted with the outlines of nine Latinx people cut out in steel. Tavera calls them archetypes, based on folks he has photographed. The figures include a cowgirl, an Aztec dancer, a worker, a pachuco, and a wrestler. The container is placed ten feet in the air because the nightclub was on the second floor.

When approached to do the triennial, Tavera says he wanted "to do something that will be relevant for the Latinx community in Minnesota and specifically in Minneapolis and St. Paul. This was a great void. This was this absence that I needed to do a comment on it."

At night, the figures will light up from within. Tavera will host a community event at the site in September.



You can find more detail on this and all art in the exhibit here: <https://publicartststpaul.org/wakpa/>

## RETREATS AND GATHERINGS

### LAKE WAPOGASSET LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP WOMEN'S WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

Join us for the 50th Women's Wilderness Adventure at Wilderness Canoe Base on the Gunflint Trail near Grand Marais, MN, September 7-10.

Get away for a weekend with other wilderness women. This group of women explores, creates, and socializes together, and spends significant time enjoying the company of one another throughout the weekend. Whether you have been to Wilderness Canoe Base many times or never at all, this is a great opportunity to be invited into an incredible community of wilderness women!

Activity options include First and Last Word, community meals, guided and self-guided nature hikes, swimming, Voyageur canoe paddles, guided canoe trips into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, singing, crafts, and more.

There will be a post retreat option for a 1-2 day overnight canoe trip if there is enough interest. Please contact [wcboffice@campwapo.org](mailto:wcboffice@campwapo.org) if you have questions. Sign up [here](#)

### MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD FALL WOMEN'S GATHERING



Women are coming together to learn, grow, connect and be part of something extraordinary, igniting love, and creating a ripple effect of positivity throughout our community.

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, MN

#### Inspire:

Bible Study • Worship • Connection • Music • Friendship

#### Ignite:

Explore Mental health & loneliness • Social justice & women's imprisonment

#### Refresh:

Coffee & Lunch • Childcare • Chair Massage • Yoga

#### Serve:

On-site impact projects - Global market

Gather your friends and come to this incredible opportunity to connect, inspire and create a better world—one act of love at a time!

Visit [www.MplsWomenOfELCA.org](http://www.MplsWomenOfELCA.org) to learn more and secure your spot for this transformative day!

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

Preacher	Jan Mehlhoff
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf
Communion	Linda Berglin, Wayne Vetter
Ushers	Ginny and Chuck Jordan, Julie and Tom Cahoy
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan, Doris Gbala
Coffee Servers	Roberta Shaw
Counters	Julie Cahoy
Closer	Roberta Shaw
Video Operator	Jeffrey Weiss



Photos from July 23rd Music in the Garden

## PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 6-12, 2023

Sunday, August 6	10:00 AM 11:15 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Swahili Service
Monday-Friday, August 7-11		Confirmation Students in New York City
Tuesday, August 8	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Friday-Tuesday, August 11-15		Intergenerational Trip to Boundary Waters

### 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](#).

