



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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ANNUAL BWCA TRIP

Holy Trinity's annual BWCA trip concluded, for 2023, and was another beautiful trip. This year we had 15 people join, split into two separate groups to comply with BWCA rules. The weather forecast was cold and rainy, the reality was mostly warm and sunny, with some rain and wind. We enjoyed, fishing, swimming, paddling, hiking, star gazing, meal sharing, problem solving, story telling, plant and animal identifying, reading, napping, games, roasting marshmallows, and much more. We made new friends and renewed old friendships. Our groups spanned all ages, from 5 to 70. There is something that happens when you remove yourself from the everyday stress, expectations, and electronics (there is no cell phone service). We leave behind some comforts and rely on our friends—enjoying each other's company, leaning on their strengths, and finding our own strengths. For me it's magic, paddling and hiking and being in nature are my balm, and I love sharing it with others. I have many good memories (and a few not so good); I love adding to my memories each year and sharing with both new and old friends.

~Julie Cahoy



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 40:1-5;
Philippians 4:4-8; Matthew 3:13-17*

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 27 Rural-Urban Divide and Interdependence - Part 2 Jon Anderson, Rural Ministry Director, Luther Seminary

Framing shapes what we see and don't see in a piece of art or as we grapple with relationships. The political framing of our time describes a growing rural-urban divide. How is that framing unhelpful and inaccurate? What if urban and rural people and congregations have more in common than we imagine? As Christ followers, we are more interdependent than divided. Let's grow more curious about our rural and small-town neighbors we are called to love.

September 3 Ukraine: War and Resistance Panel discussion and lunch

We are hosting the photojournalism exhibit "Ukraine: War and Resistance" until September 10 in the Community Room. A panel will highlight the courageous work of award-winning photojournalists and discuss the current situation. Several Ukrainians will be there to lead discussion and there will be luncheon platters from Kramarczuk's Eastern European Deli. A free will offering and donations will go directly to Rebuild Ukraine, a non-profit that contributes directly to Ukrainian civilians and programs. For more information contact Sally (sgk@umn.edu).

September 10 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 **Margaret Peterson**, having hip surgery this week, **Anna Brelje**, upon the death of her grandmother, **Mary Paavola**; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; **Mark Symchych**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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.



PLEASE NOTE—one of the entrances is closed, the park recommend putting "Hidden Falls Drive North Gate" into GPS to get you to the correct entrance.

Activities: lots of open space for kids' activities, and a covered pavilion for sitting, 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 to 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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26—2ND ANNUAL MINNEAPOLIS SOLIDARITY FESTIVAL

Every single person in Minneapolis deserves to be safe, no matter where they live or who they are. That's clearly not happening currently. But we know our communities have been talking and thinking and building ways to keep us safe. We're bringing people together to create a vision for what public safety could look like in Minneapolis. This event is for anyone who was in the streets after George Floyd was murdered, attended a MFT picket line or felt frustrated and ignored at a 3rd Precinct listening session.

Join the 2nd Annual Minneapolis Solidarity Festival, 3-5 p.m. outdoors at Moon Palace Books lot (3024 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55406) Food, music, celebrating community!

SEPTEMBER

LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—NOLAN GUSDAL RETURNS FROM SABBATICAL

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND GLORIA RINGERS REHEARSE SEPTEMBER 6

Children's Choir (5:45-6:45 p.m.) and Gloria Ringers (6:00-7:30 p.m.) will kick off starting Wednesday, September 6. Each of these ensembles performs in worship every 4-6 weeks. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil Radtke. Choir meal will be provided from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Supervised open gym will be available from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS AND GYM TIME RETURN

The Children, Youth, and Family committee will offer a community meal in the Lunchroom from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday that choirs are in session. After the meal, there will be an open gym time with adult supervision until 8:00 p.m. We hope that parents/guardians will consider having their children participate in the youth choirs as well as consider joining the bell choir themselves. The weekly meal and open gym time invites relationships to develop among folks and has become a meaningful part of our life together. We invite you to join!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—PASTOR INGRID RETURNS FROM SABBATICAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNION BREAD

Please join us at 10:00 a.m., September 9, for a communion bread baking demonstration and social hour. Whether you're a seasoned pro, a novice who wants to give it a try, or just curious about how it's done, we'd love to have you. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. Stephanie Sulzbach will share her



techniques for baking communion bread, and we invite others to offer tips and tricks as well. We'll have packets for those that want to give it a try to take home. Please sign up in the Community Room. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M. —CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Watch your mailbox for a letter announcing a congregational meeting Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Letters were mailed on Thursday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Join us for music and food in the garden at 12:00 p.m. (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service). The Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation Band (our building partner) will be providing the music. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!



UKRAINE: WAR AND RESISTANCE PHOTO EXHIBIT

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting the photojournalism exhibit "Ukraine: War and Resistance" until September 10. A panel will highlight the courageous work of award-winning photojournalists and discuss the current situation on September 3 at 11:15 am, following Sunday service.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine provoked immediate outrage around the world, and the brutality of the war has continued. More than a year later, a certain fatigue greets the ongoing struggle and requests for support, even as Ukrainians themselves are exhausted. It is critical that those interested in international peace and social justice sustain their resolve to oppose the invasion and restore peace.



Minnesota Fulbright sponsored the production of these photographs. Seven outstanding photojournalists who work with publications here and abroad contributed to this exhibit, all of them former Fulbright scholars who participated in international exchanges over the past decade representing either Ukraine or the United States. Several Ukrainians will be there to lead discussion and there will be luncheon platters from Kramarczuk's Eastern European Deli. A free will offering and donations will go directly to Rebuild Ukraine, a non-profit that contributes directly to Ukrainian civilians and programs. To register or for more information contact Sally at sgk@umn.edu.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM 4TH ANNUAL GALA

You are invited to join others in the Twin Cities for the Bright Stars of Bethlehem 4th annual Gala! Enjoy the evening on Saturday, September 16, with new friends who strive to raise awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, the first and only university of arts and culture in Palestine. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Palestinian speaker reporting on his recent visit to the West Bank, 5:45 p.m.; appetizers and refreshments prior to the 7:00 p.m. Bright Stars Gala. RSVP to Mary Engen at engenmary@yahoo.com by Monday, September 11.



ARTICLES ON ANTI-BLACKNESS—REMINDER

Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Group will provide an article on anti-Blackness each month in the Community Church from June to December. They are doing this as one way of addressing a 2023 congregational goal on this topic. More specifically, the goal encourages us to:

Grow in competency and commitment to racial justice, particularly naming and actively addressing anti-Blackness... so that we build a common language and understanding about the systemic sin/phenomenon of anti-Blackness."

ARTICLE FOR AUGUST FROM MEMBER, RYANA HOLT

In a parallel universe with laws of nature similar to our own, a conquering people with powerful weaponry journeyed across oceans and discovered people who looked different from themselves... They were taller than any humans they had seen before... The well-armed explorers were the opposite. Their weapons deadly, and their bodies were closer to the ground... With their superior guns and stratagems, they conquered the Talls, captured and enslaved them for a quarter millennium, and built a great democracy. They told themselves the Talls deserved no better, that they were uncultured, backward, inferior, had not made use of their strengths and resources... [The Talls] were a separate and subordinate race.

~Excerpts from pages 62-63 from Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

Can you imagine a world where your height, and being short, gave you inherent superiority to those taller than you? How abstract and how absurd! How incredibly arbitrary and infuriating that would be. I'm sure, like me, you find the only reason this would be true is based on the weapons that the Shorts had and the Talls lacked at their first encounter.

With the metaphor of the Shorts and the Talls is how Isabel Wilkerson brilliantly begins the sixth chapter of her book Caste. Throughout her book and especially with the many poignant metaphors included, she flips the script and with her perspectives I felt the absurdity and violence of how white supremacy came to be and how it still is with a fresh take. While height has to some level an impact on power and stature, we know that in our society height is not the ruler by which we are measured. We know instead the shade of skin pigment is the ruler by which we are measured. Skin pigment, as arbitrary a trait as height, Isabel Wilkerson points out. And yet, it persists.

When I consider our congregational goal of focusing specifically on combatting anti-Blackness within our racial justice goals, I think about this. Throughout history it became a convenient tool for power and social and economic gain to measure humanity against a ruler of skin pigmentation, where lighter is deemed superior to darker. This measure of humanity became so much a norm that it crosses borders and ethnicities, nationalities and language. It is insidious and impacts all of us, in our experiences, actions, and beliefs. To be specific in addressing anti-Blackness as a goal does not dismiss nor diminish the experiences of racism to indigenous and other people of color and culture. Rather, to say we specifically want to address anti-Black racism is to address a violent and pervasive aspect of racism, to work to remove this violent and arbitrary measure of humanity. For me, this is an important effort our congregation has undertaken.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

Preacher	Larry Farris
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Communion	Scott Cole, Matt Floding, Dennis O'Brien
Ushers	Ginny and Chuck Jordon
Altar Guild	Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett
Coffee Servers	Annie Hines, Carol Masters
Counters	Chuck Jorson
Closer	Bob Hulteen
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

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.

It's a great time of year to make pesto, and this olive oil is perfect for that!

Here are a couple of recipe links:

<https://www.culinaryhill.com/basil-walnut-pesto/>

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/2653-basic-pesto>



PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Sunday, August 27	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:15 AM	Adult Forum
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
	5:00 PM	Congregational Picnic
Tuesday, August 29	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, August 30	5:30 PM	Family Fun Night

SEPTEMBER 3 IS THE FINAL SUNDAY OF SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This is the last weekend for our summer worship schedule. Beginning September 10, we are back to two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with education for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

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](#).

