



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PINNACLE OF POWER



It has been a great summer. Nolan on sabbatical. Unlimited access to tools, utility closets, cleaning supplies, his favorite parking spot, his secret bathroom. Only one staff person likely to eat all the treats in the breakroom before the rest of us get there. Ingrid on sabbatical. So. Much. Power.

I spread out my current project on her office floor one day just to see what it felt like. Hurt my back, still think Ingrid should use her desk more. Kathy sent Me all the random phone calls --how cool is that. I even got to catch the bat in the basement this time, though my sound effects were not as good.

On a more serious note, it really has been a good summer at Holy Trinity, even without two beloved colleagues. Thanks to the rest of my colleagues for all the ways they stepped up and filled gaps! Thanks to the council and committees for continuing to lead and steward the gifts and resources of this place. Thanks to so many of you who pitched in and kept this place moving forward with energy and joy! I feel blessed to be a part of this community and team and, along with the rest of the staff, am delighted to welcome Ingrid and Nolan back from sabbatical. I enter the fall with great energy and anticipation for all God is doing in this community and I appreciate your trust and partnership enormously.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

Welcome Back Pastor Ingrid and Nolan, you were missed!



Don't they both look quite relaxed and refreshed.

One more sabbatical this year! Dennis Nordholm will be starting his sabbatical September 15 and will be gone for six weeks.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20*

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.

September 10 No Adult Forum
Special congregational meeting.

September 17 A Panel of Chaplains
Join us for a presentation and discussion with a panel of chaplains.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

At 10:00 a.m., we will have a congregational meeting in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from the Call Committee and Council to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity.

Use this link to join and vote remotely:

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82677624355?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82677624355?pwd=Nmx6MnVrRTIyeTVrTFhHejF3Q0tGUT09)
[pwd=Nmx6MnVrRTIyeTVrTFhHejF3Q0tGUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82677624355?pwd=Nmx6MnVrRTIyeTVrTFhHejF3Q0tGUT09)
Meeting ID: 826 7762 4355
Passcode: 695691



~ 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 especially the **Buzza** and **Murray** families at the death of family member **David's** wife **Bonnie**, **Cliff Brown**, **Margaret Peterson**, **Mary Paavola**, **Dorothy Kelly**, **Cori Ger-shon**, and **Mark Symchych**.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

LOTS HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—RENEWAL SUNDAY, BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, BIBLE DISTRIBUTION, HEALING STATION, CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND CONFIRMATION WELCOME, AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Students of all ages are invited and encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. for a special moment set aside to ask God’s blessings on all who have returned or will be returning to school or further education this fall. Teachers will be recognized and blessed as well, especially those who volunteer to teach our children and youth at Holy Trinity.

Bibles will be distributed to students during worship. All students who are entering Trinity Village 3 (grades 4-5) and those entering confirmation (grades 6-9) will receive Bibles. Beginning today, we will return to the practice of kids joining us at the back of the sanctuary and offering the dismissal.

10:00 a.m., we will have a congregational meeting in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from the Call Committee and Council to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity.

Families, please be sure to stop by the Community Room before or after worship, there will be a table set up with information about Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) things, as well as paper copies of the Sunday School/Confirmation [sign up sheet](#) in case you need it.

10:15-10:45am (after the congregational meeting) Welcome for students and families entering confirmation in the 4th floor Skyroom.

10:15 (after the congregational meeting) Youth Library and Education Suite open house. Families are invited to walk through the Education Suite on second floor to see the Sunday School class rooms and meet some of the teachers who will be milling about. Also get a preview of the new Youth Library (Annex Room) that our Librarians, Roberta Shaw and Annie Hines (along with others) have been setting up over the summer months. Still a work in progress, but a wonderful new space for the Holy Trinity youth to enjoy.

It will be great to ease back by reconnecting, receiving information, reacquainting ourselves with the building, and reconnecting with people. Classes officially relaunch in the classrooms on the following Sunday September 17, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

After a full morning of worship and activities, 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. All are welcome!



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—ADULT CHOIR KICK OFF

Adult Choir will kick off starting Monday, September 11. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil Radtke. Adult Choir meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Adult choir sings most weeks during the 11:00 a.m. worship.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—DEADLINE TO REGISTER; EVOLVING FAITH CONFERENCE—OCTOBER 13-14

September 15 is the deadline to sign up for tickets to the Evolving Faith Conference. Sign up in the Community Room, we’ll purchase tickets as a group. See the Seasonal Calendar for more information.

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. Ashraf Ashkar who spoke at Holy Trinity earlier this year on water rights and issues in Palestine will be present and will speak about his recent trip to Palestine near Jenin to visit family and friends. He will be able to provide an update on the situation of the Palestinian people there. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Mary Engen at engenmary@yahoo.com by Monday, September 11.

Community Partners

COMMUNITY EVENT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Join your neighbors and folks from Redesign, Inc and 4RM+ULA Architects for free food, art, music, and a chance to share your ideas about the future of the now empty former US Bank lot!

Check out <http://re4rm.net> for more information! September 16, 11AM-3PM 2800 East Lake Street (enter on 29th Ave)

More details:

- Make a cyanotype with [Curiosity Studio](#)
- Learn from [Ever-Green Energy](#) about a new energy system (ATES)
- Play with MPRB in the [Pop Up Park](#).
- Grab a free book from [The Free Book Buggie](#) 1-3PM
- Explore wind power with [Pinwheel Arts & Movement Studio](#)
- Taste Maharagwe from [K's Revolutionary Catering](#)
- and cookies from [Seward Co-op](#).



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 26—PUBLIC THEOLOGY PROJECT WITH DR. AMY LEVAD

Professor Amy Levad, a theologian and ethicist at the University of St. Thomas, is looking for community direction for the project she will be doing with Holy Trinity related to this community's engagement and experience of the uprising following the murder of George Floyd. There is more information on this project in the Fall Calendar and she will be joining us during the coffee time after worship on Sunday, September 17 for questions and informal conversation. In this first phase of the project, she is looking for community guidance on questions like: **What stories need to be heard? How should they be collected? Where and how should they be shared?** Towards that end she is holding two informal sessions at Holy Trinity in the library:

- Thursday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 26, 7:00-9:00 pm
(Spanish translation available)

We invite you to attend one of these sessions so that you may help us shape this project in the coming months. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the community room or RSVP to Amy at amy.levad@stthomas.edu.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—SACRED SITES TOUR

Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on a Sacred Sites Tour, part of the Healing Minnesota Stories initiative of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Tours are led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experiencing the sites in silence / meditation / reflection. Please call, email office@htlcmpls.org or sign up in the Community Room. We will gather at Holy Trinity and drive together to the Church of St. Peter, where the tour begins at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—LAY COMMUNION VISITORS COFFEE

The mission of Holy Trinity's Lay Communion Visitation Program, sponsored by the Nurturing Committee, is to provide monthly communion visits to all of Holy Trinity's homebound persons. For these homebound persons, this provides regular person-to-person contact with Holy Trinity and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on a monthly basis. For the visitors, it provides an opportunity to participate in an important face-to-face ministry of the congregation. In many cases, new and lasting relationships are forged between the person visited and the visitor. This program is a tremendous help to the pastors, who visit each homebound member several times per year. Current lay communion visitors and those interested in learning more about this important ministry are invited to be our guests for coffee after second service at 12:15 p.m. in the library. Sign up in the Community Room by September 17.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5—MIGIZI GRAND OPENING

It's finally here! Save the date for MIGIZI's Grand Opening! We are so excited to gather with our community and celebrate the completion of our building. Come join MIGIZI for prayer, feast, performances, and more on Thursday, October 5 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Please note, reservations are required. Register and save your spot [here](#)

PS: The MIGIZI summer canoe trips were a great success. Consider donating to further help with this year's expenses and get a head start on next summer. Go to the "Donate" tab on the Holy Trinity website and designate your gift for "MIGIZI Summer Programs."

MIGIZI FLAME TO BE EXTINGUISUED

This is the day we have eagerly awaited! Mike Miller heard from Kelly Drummer that she agrees the flame should be returned and extinguished at MIGIZI's Grand Opening on October 5th!

It has been a longer journey than we could have anticipated when Pr Ingrid compassionately said yes to the request to keep the flame. I did a bit of rough calculation of our journey: well over 400 candles have burned in 12 homes for more than 40 months by the time the flame will be returned. The flame has been at the heart of our homes in these months. Many of us have retold the story to our friends and neighbors as they saw the candle burning in our homes. And many of us have centered the flame as part of our meals, prayers, devotions. It has been a unique time for accompanying our native friends, for deeper learning of Indian history, and for understanding the challenges for communities of color to rebuild. It is a story of new life arising out of death. We say his name, George Floyd.

I am grateful, as I know you all are, to have been part of this holy journey. And as at any journey's end, I am relieved that we have kept the flame alive so that it may now come full circle to the remarkable new MIGIZI community home - whew!

Thanks to each of you beloveds for saying yes to keeping the flame!

~ Lynda Nordholm

BUILDING PARTNER, METRO WORK CENTER, HAPPY HOUR

Please join Metro Work Center at Arbeiter Brewing on Monday, October 9 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. when \$0.50 of each beer will be donated to MWC! We will also have \$200 VISA gift card raffle prize and live music performed by John Kronstedt. Funds raised will support our goal of purchasing a van.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Liz Conway
Andrea Martin	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Kris Christians, Sean Gosiewski
Sally and David Kohlstedt, Steve Murry	Ushers	David Broberg, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Vicki Bergman
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Tom and Kari Kleven
Chris Engen, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Rod Johnson
	Video Operator	Jeff Weiss

PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2023

Sunday, September 10	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Music and Lunch in the Garden Swahili Service
Monday, September 11	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 12	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, September 13	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Supervised Gym Time Gloria Ringers
Saturday, September 16	7:00 PM	Bright Stars of Bethlehem Gala

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

