



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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**“YOU ARE HERE FOR A REASON.
THE CREATOR HAS GIVEN YOU A TASK.”**

That’s a quote from Dan Bald Eagle in Kent Nerburn’s book “Neither Wolf Nor Dog”. The quote is propped against the base of my desk lamp as a reminder to not quit. Finding a task or a source of meaning can be hard for older people. But I have been blessed with such a task.

It began with an adult forum on the Doctrine of Discovery by Ron Duty, around the time we joined Holy Trinity. That session reignited a passion for Indigenous justice that went back 50 years and had been patiently looking for an outlet. But it isn’t just me. Without the Holy Trinity community and a group of people who are also passionate, this work wouldn’t be possible.

One day at breakfast Marilyn asked me why I need do this work? My answer was, “Because I won’t be liberated until they are liberated.” In this case, “they” is anyone who doesn’t have the benefits of being white that I have enjoyed all my life. Anyone who gets up each day and is valued as “less than” by others because of their race, color, sex, or ethnicity. Or has the knot of historical trauma in their gut that defies healing. And why Indigenous justice? Because it’s what I know best and in which I have a long history of involvement. As Deacon David said in a sermon, “We can’t do it all, but we can do something.” So this is my “something.” Finally, our old friend Kathryn Beaulieu, Bear Clan, would never forgive me if I dropped the ball. Our legislation, the Indian Recovery Act, is carrying the dream of her uncle, Roger Jourdain, long-term Tribal Chairman of Red Lake. His dream was for “a Marshall Plan for Indian country” and this is it.

The research says that having a sense of meaning of purpose is a concern for older people that comes in ahead of others like health or finances. At some point we discover, sometimes with a shock, that our experience and abilities are no longer seen or valued as they once were. The French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said, “Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven’t committed.”

In Ojibwe culture an elder is gichi ay’aa, or “great being.” Children don’t have to be reminded to respect their elders as it’s already built into the language. My personal solution is to ignore obvious ageism and try to function as I always have. It generally works and sometimes surprises people. A granddaughter once asked me how old would I think I am if I didn’t know how old I really am. My answer was forty-three. Maybe it’s living in denial, but it works for me. And there’s so much to get done while there is still time.

~Mike Miller



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

READINGS

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; PSALM 80:7-15;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46*

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

**October 8 “Report from NYC”
Deacon David and our Confirmands**

Join us for a “Report from NYC” by our confirmation students following their August trip.

**October 15 “Public Theology Project”
Dr. Amy Levad**

Amy Levad will be introducing her ethnographic study of Holy Trinity. She has already met with some members, but this will be a chance to spread the information to more of the congregation.

October 22 “Stewardship Breakfast”

Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room and then join us at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary to celebrate God’s work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2024. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today.

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.



~ 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, especially **Arnie Johanson**; Katie Schroeder’s mom **Diane**; **Cliff Brown**; **Mary Paavola**; **Dorothy Kelly**; and **Cori Gershon**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor Ingrid if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19—SINGLES OUTING AT ARBEITER BREWING

Let's meet up at Arbeiter for drinks, board games, and chatting. If it's nice, we'll be on the patio. If it's cold, we'll be inside. We'll plan to be there from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully there will be a food truck there, too!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 — MEA WEEKEND: NO GODLY PLAY AND NO TRINITY VILLAGE/SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22—STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND BREAKFAST TACOS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28— OUCH! THAT HURTS! MOVING FROM MICRO-AGGRESSIONS TO MICRO-INCLUSIONS

Join facilitators David Scherer and Joe Davis from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. as we gather to work against anti-Blackness and white supremacy and build more skills in caring communications about race.

David and Joe will show us how to:

- Break down barriers when talking about race
- Recognize when we make micro-aggressive comments (intentionally or unintentionally) or act in ways that could feel like harm to others
- Practice micro-inclusive comments that keep us in relationship—even in the middle of conflict
- Improve our ability to communicate “gospel welcome” in our words and actions

David Scherer is a performer, teacher, author, and trained facilitator. He teaches intercultural competence at the graduate school level. Joe Davis is an artist, poet, educator, and trained facilitator. Joe was artist in residence at Luther Seminary and has a master's in theology. They are both outstanding presenters, empathic facilitators, and lots of fun (they rap!). Good coffee, tea, and tasty treats included!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28—CONFIRMATION DINNER

Students to be confirmed on Sunday, October 29, will enjoy dinner and fellowship with one another, the pastors, and members of the confirmation teaching team from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This dinner will take place at the church building. More information will be shared, but you are invited and expected!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 29, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3-4—ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY

Plan to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John's. We'll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John's Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 participants. Sign up in the Community Room by October 14.

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2024

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until December 1, 2023. The congregation will be informed of the 2024 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WELCOME NEW REFUGEE FAMILIES

For several years now, a small group of Holy Trinity folks has been partnering with the Minnesota Council of Churches to help newly arriving refugee families by showing up for a few hours to prepare their apartment. We do light cleaning, make beds, arrange furniture, and put away household items so that the apartment is ready and inviting when the family arrives later that day. Sometime we even leave fresh flowers or teddy bears for a special touch!

MCC has been told that the number of families arriving here in the coming year is expected to double. We would love to have a few more volunteers to join us! Might you be interested? The work happens late morning or early afternoon on weekdays. We always work in teams, have a little fun, and know that we are doing something to welcome our new neighbors. If you are interested, you'd be contacted by email the week before an opportunity comes up. If you are available, great! If not, there's always another time. No pressure. No particular skills needed. We have a small grant from Thrivent, so we have plenty of cleaning supplies. For more information, please contact Deb Sodt (dk sodt@gmail.com).



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26—PROPERTY WORK DAY



Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding, and trimming. We'll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (and again on Saturday, November 5). Sign up in the Community Room.

CALL FOR ACTION PARTICIPANTS

The Racial Justice team is looking for people willing to learn more about building racial consciousness, community involvement, and racialized trauma. We'll be attending monthly webinars beginning in October followed by in person monthly church discussions with accountability partners, based on training developed by Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown. More information is in the Community room (sign up if you'd like to learn more), also see jiastarrbrown.com, or/and contact Donna Goodlaxson (40acreslcs@gmail.com).



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17—THIRD ACT MINNESOTA'S LAUNCH

"Third Act" is Bill McKibben's (one of the founders of 350.org) latest initiative – to gather people in the latter third stage of their life to take strong action on the urgency of climate change. Third Act Minnesota's Launch will be a [Zoom Tuesday, October 17 from 7 to 8 PM](https://www.zoom.us/j/9171111111). Both Bill and J Drake Hamilton (Senior Director of Science Policy at Fresh Energy) will be featured. Please join Caring for Creation team members and learn about this important new group.

The Minnesota chapter is taking actions to benefit national and local campaigns, such as highlighting banks that are heavily supporting new fossil fuel projects, and [asking AARP to join the climate fight](#)



SUCCESSFUL YOUTH AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT LAST WEEK

Last Friday, 13 youth + 4 caring adults had pizza, played games, and explored the church building with all lights out together. The youth thought it was lots of fun and want to do more events like this.

Would you consider being a volunteer for these type of things? Let Deacon David know (drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org)

A special thanks to Nicki Hines and Chris Engen for the coordinating and pizza, as well as Abs, Colton, and Anastasia for joining in on supervision!



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Brad Altoff	Guest Organist	Brad Altoff
Andrea Hansen	Cantor	Andrea Hansen
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Roberta Shaw	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Vicki Bergman
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Scott Cole
Roberta Shaw, Sally Kohlstedt, Amy Froiland-Parada	Communion	Everett Martinez, Kris Christians, Sean Gosiewski
Chuck and Ginny Jordan, David Kohlstedt	Ushers	David Broberg, Rod Johnson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Nicki Hines, Amy Froiland-Parada	Coffee Servers	Ann White
Annie Hines, Jennifer Frenzel	Counters	Deb Helmelt, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 8-14, 2023

Sunday, October 8	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, October 9		Building Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day
Tuesday, October 3	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, October 4	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

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](#).

