



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Hi, my name is Peter. I'm 10 years old, and I'm in 5th grade. I'm here to say thank you for your gifts that help us to go to Camp Wapo, VBS, Children's Choir and family supper, and the family retreats. Thank you, because your gifts help a lot of kids and adults be able to do these activities.

I'm going to tell you about some of these activities. At Wapo we get to engage in fun games and bond with other kids. We stay there for 2 days or one week, depending on how old you are. I've been going to Wapo for 3 years. This summer will be my fourth year. Wapo is expensive and gifts from everyone here helps everyone go.

VBS takes place for a week in the summer with David. It helps us bond with other kids in our church and find out more about community. VBS was free for all kids, including lunch and we got to do a bunch of fun activities like making slime and singing with Phil.

I also sing in the Children's Choir with Phil, Eric, and Petunia – the piano in the choir room. What I like about choir is that Phil gives out like one or two veggies. Some people call them Lifesavers, but Phil calls them veggies... so they are veggies. It's fun to sing in choir with other kids, and it's fun to sing in church on Sundays for all of you. Before choir we have church supper, which David usually helps with. And we get to play in the gym. Dinner is free for all families, which is possible because of all of you.

Finally, I'm going to tell you about the family retreat. The family retreat happens in the winter and is very fun. We go to an overnight camp and can play games, go sledding, play in the snow, and much more. There is always a family dance party.

I'm really thankful for all the opportunities we get because of all of your generous gifts. Thank you so much.



~Peter Schroeder

October 15, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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 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.

October 29 “Creation Care” Russ Henry

Watch for more information next week.

November 5 “Honoring the Saints”

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour. During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

SUNDAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

Please join us this Sunday, October 22, either in-person or [online](https://htlcmpls.org/pledge/) for our annual Commitment Sunday program. We will gather in the Community Room at 9:45 a.m., where tasty breakfast burritos will be served. The program, beginning at about 10:10 a.m., will be held in the sanctuary and will also be livestreamed. We will share our hopes for congregational life in 2024 and encourage you to share your financial commitments, either by submitting a paper commitment card or by submitting your pledge through the church website (<https://htlcmpls.org/pledge/>). Your pledge helps with our planning and serves as an informal intention of contribution.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22—COMMITMENT 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. in the church building.

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.

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CONFIRMATION AND REFORMATION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Four young people from Holy Trinity—Will Hansen, Benjamin Hanson, Noah Hines, and Bea Martin—will affirm their baptisms during the 11:00 a.m. service. Adult and youth choirs will help lead the celebration.

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

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 rooms for 7 more participants. Sign up in the Community Room.

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.

~ 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 for **Joyce Peterson; Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom Diane; Cliff Brown; Mary Paavola; Dorothy Kelly; and Cori Gershon.** We celebrate with **Emilie Bouvier and Bob Hulteen**, who were married last week.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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. (if it's raining, we'll meet on Saturday, November 5). Sign up in the Community Room.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 6, 13, and 20). Each Wednesday, 4 households would prepare and serve enough for 30 people. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up all three Wednesdays. Sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FROM NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31 IS LIVE

The worship participant schedule from November 1-December 31 is now live. This includes three Advent evening prayer services and the adjusted Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve schedules. Note that on Christmas Eve, Sunday morning services have been canceled. We will worship at 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. that day. On New Year's Eve, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m. Please login to your Ministry Scheduler Pro account and sign up for worship services from November 1-December 31.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

LAKE STREET BASH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

The Lake Street Council presents the Lake Street Bash, a chance to celebrate Lake Street and its amazing business and nonprofit community, on Thursday, October 26, from 5:00-8:00 PM, at the Granada Theater, 3022 Hennepin Ave. S. Tickets and more information can be found at VisitLakeStreet.com



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.



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

COUNCIL UPDATE

At the Council meeting on October 17, the group:

- Reviewed results from the survey on worship times
- Discussed updates to bylaws
- Continued conversations around congregational goals and commitments

COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP BUDGETS FOR 2024

It's time to start drafting your 2024 budgets! Given the ways that COVID has shifted programming, committees may need to do some discerning of what can be done during this time and what financial support is needed to do it. (In other words, simply saying "the same as last year" doesn't work this time around!) Please submit this information by December 1.

NOMINATE A LEADER TO SERVE ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL

This year's Nominating Committee (Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Kevin Proescholdt, Arlene Helvig, Allison Johnson Heist, Erin Manlove, and Gretchen Lund) will soon start to discern a slate of new Council members. If you would like to nominate a great leader to serve on Holy Trinity's Church Council, please send their name and a brief description of their leadership to Erin Manlove.

STILL: ON LAND, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND MEANING-MAKING

On display in the Community Room is a series of artworks made by friend of Holy Trinity, Emilie Bouvier. Shaped by her time and experience at Holden Village, these pieces explore our complex relationships with land and place. Created through a variety of photographic processes, you're invited to explore these images and reflect on what storied landscapes have to teach us about ourselves, our history, and our relationships with God and one another.

Read Emilie's description on the south wall of the Community Room (near the children's table).

THANK YOU FROM PASTORS & CANTOR

Ya'll Are Too Sweet!

Thank you for the kind words, gifts, and support last Sunday as part of Staff Appreciation Sunday! We feel blessed to be your partners in faith and mission in this place and feel deeply supported in so many ways. May we continue to honor all the diverse gifts among us, finding new ways to use them together for the common good.

Ingrid, David, Phil and Doug

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson
Allison Johnson-Heist, Carol Berg, Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Matt Floding, Sue Roberts
Julie and Tom Cahoy, Chris Engen	Ushers	David Broberg, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Nicki Hines, Connie Adams	Coffee Servers	David Broberg, Helen and Bob Norheim
Chuck Jordan, Jennifer Frenzel	Counters	Deb Helmel, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw
	Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 22-28, 2023

Sunday, October 22	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Commitment Sunday Breakfast Meeting Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, October 23	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 24	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, October 25	5:00-6:00 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Supervised Gym Time Gloria Ringers
Thursday, October 26	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day
Saturday, October 28	9:30-11:30 AM	Micro-Aggressions/Micro-Inclusions Workshop

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](#).

