



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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2023 SPECIAL APPEALS

Dear members,

We are grateful that so many of you give generously to the mission of this congregation and invite you to support one or more of our 2023 special appeals. Each year we extend our abundance in multiple ways, focusing on issues and opportunities that are approved at the congregation's annual meeting.

During the first half of the year, we asked for your support for the handbell repairs at Holy Trinity and the Boundary Waters canoe trips for the Indigenous youth of MIGIZI, our partner organization. We are so pleased to report that we received \$8,813 to complete the handbell project and \$13,110 to send 22 youth into the northern Minnesota wilderness. Thank you!

This fall we highlight our other two 2023 special appeals—namely, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger program and the Lutheran Diaconal Association, which supported the education of Deacon David Larson-Martínez. We invite you to make contributions to these two important organizations.

WORLD HUNGER

World hunger is widespread and all too evident in local communities in this country and globally. The ELCA World Hunger program attends to both, providing support to projects in 34 states and territories and 63 countries, including the United States. Last year it distributed 23 million dollars in direct food aid and through projects intended to address root causes of hunger. The data on hunger are deeply disturbing, with 11% of the world's population unable to access the food, they need to live active, healthy lives. Each year Holy Trinity identifies ELCA World Hunger as one of its special appeals because the problem of hunger is so pervasive and persistent, ever more so as migration exacerbates poverty and desperation. Once again, we are drawing your attention to this need, noting that all contributions, small or large, help.

LUTHERAN DIACONAL ASSOCIATION (LDA)

The Lutheran Diaconal Association (LDA) trains people of all Lutheran traditions for a life of service, prayer, and community. Their call and dedication leads them to work in diverse organizations alongside those in need, whether spiritual or material, and to bring the gospel to life. We see an example in our own Deacon David, who became a consecrated

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Adult Forum WILL NOT be available via zoom November 5th.

November 12 To be announced

Watch for details in next week's Community Church

MN SWAHILI CHURCH
INVITES YOU ALL TO THE SPECIAL
CHURCH BUILDING
Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 5TH 2023
AT 2PM CT
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2730 E.31ST STREET , MPLS MN 55306

GUEST SPEAKER
BISHOP ANN SVENNINGSEN
MINNEAPOLIS SYNOD AREA
SPECIAL SINGING GROUPS , DANCING AND
AFRICAN FOOD WILL BE SERVED

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deacon in 2018 and is now serving Holy Trinity. He attests that the LDA, unlike some other organizations, was encouraging throughout his training and early career, responding with flexibility and direct support as he faced significant immigration issues. As a celebration of Deacon David's achievements and to advance others to such lives, you are invited to contribute to this important educational institution as it supports students for diaconal ministry.

[Click here to support either or both of these special projects. Please use the dropdown menu to specify which appeal you are giving to.](#) You may also give to support the ongoing ministry of Holy Trinity.

Sincere thanks,
The Financial Stewardship Committee: *Sally Gregory Kohlstedt (chair), Katie Schroeder (Council Treasurer), Steve Murray, Scott Cole, George Henry, and Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen*

THOUGHTS BY PASTOR DAVID

In this Hallowtide, as we move through the Feasts of All Souls and All Saints and into November, our thoughts are drawn to those who have died. This year, we are especially grieved by the many people who have died as a result of occupying forces throughout the world. We cry out for peace and for ceasefire! As of this moment, we remember and weep for the thousands upon thousands of Palestinians who have died under Israeli occupation in the last month. We cry out for land back and restitution! As of this moment, we remember and weep for the millions of Native Americans who have died under European and European-American occupation. We strive to believe that God is truly on the side of the poor, the meek, and the mourning. We pray that God will bring us all, especially people in charge, out of the fear and greed and pride that perpetuate the cycle of war and violence. We recognize our complicity. We recognize our suffering. Our words do not suffice. Our shouts are carried by the wind. Where do they go? We pray that God can pluck our tears of sadness and screams of anger out of the breeze and do something – anything! – with them. *Kyrie Eleison.* To take action, go to JVP.org

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 for **Carol Berg**; Noëlle Morell's family upon the death of her father, **Steve Padgitt**; **Joyce Hanson**; **Joyce Peterson**; **Arnie Johanson**; Katie Schroeder's mom, **Diane**; **Cliff Brown**; **Mary Paavola**; **Dorothy Kelly**; and **Cori Gershon**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7—KNITTING GROUP

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND COMPANIONSHIP GROUP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Spiritual Direction and Companionship is a long-standing practice and discipline. It is a helpful process for paying attention to our relationships—with self, with others, and with the Divine. A portion of Scripture is used—not as study—rather for mediation and contemplative prayer. This process can be regarded as praying with God's Word and paying attention to God's Presence in our lives.

In the small group one is encouraged to share one's own process with others. We are free to share but not required. All that is shared is confidential to the group. Holy Trinity will offer three separate and similar four week sessions with different dates and times for others to participate. After the initial sessions one may choose to continue but on a monthly (not weekly) basis.

The initial group will begin on Wednesday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. in the Mary Martha Room. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Community Room. Two other initial groups will be offered in January and February 2024. Questions are invited and can be directed to the facilitator, Joel Wiberg (612-508-4013).

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH ACTIVITY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

All 6-12 grade youth are invited to a night of crafting and creativity at church. We'll start with dinner and then make items for the Advent Bazaar, including jams and jellies and holiday cards. Join the fun!

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR DECEMBER 3, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Time to begin planning and honing our culinary and crafting abilities because the Holiday Bazaar is coming up at Holy Trinity! The youth will sell our creations in this fun community event Sunday December 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except during services). In past Bazaars, jelly, baked goods, canned goods, and other foods have sold readily. Or think crafts/creations that will make great holiday gifts. Sign up to contribute in the community room starting Nov 5. It's okay to just plan on shopping too! All proceeds will help fund the summer 2024 youth trips to the BWCA and the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Bring donations for the sale by Friday, December 1, to the church building. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pat Libra (612-729-5172), Liz Kelley (612-354-1709) or Amy Froiland-Parada (302-419-8124).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1-HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, November 27-December 1.



Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up for part or all of the week.

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.

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.

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.

TOO GOOD NOT TO SHARE

FUN YOUTH COOKIE BAKING

The 6-12 graders baked cookies to serve last Sunday after the 2nd service. Thanks to Julie Cahoy and Julian Rohn for helping. Here are some photos of the fun!



SUCCESSFUL MICRO-AGGRESSIONS WORKSHOP

Thanks to all who participated in the workshop. There were about 35 people in attendance and the facilitators, Joe Davis and David Scherer, were in excellent form. We learned a-lot from these guys and even had some fun doing so. The response was very positive. There is another workshop planned for January 2024, watch for details in the coming months.



45th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BWCAW ACT OF 1979

Friends Of The BWCA is celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the BWCAW by talking to three of the individuals who created organization and fought for passage of the BWCAW Act of 1978, including Holy Trinity member Kevin Proescholdt.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG1kjKiguSs>



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Cathy Alpizar	Cantor	Cathy Alpizar
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala
Margaret Kelly	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Kevin Proescholdt, Andrea Martin, Jeff Weiss	Communion	Kari and Tom Kleven, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
David and Sally Kohlstedt, David Broberg	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Ann White
Joyce Peterson, Chris Engen	Counters	Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

REMINDER: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 5-11 2023

Sunday, November 5	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 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, November 6	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 7	11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, November 8	9:00 AM 5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-7:30 PM 6:00-8:00 PM	Spiritual Direction and Companionship Group Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Supervised Gym Time

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](#).

