

### HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION BEGIN AGAIN

We are so excited to have Sunday School and Confirmation classes start up again today from 10:00-10:50 a.m. We invite all folks who have younger people in their care to consider having them join us between services. If you did not participate in the fall, please simply show up! Adult teachers will help you get signed up in the correct classroom. We look forward to growing in faith alongside you.

- Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 10:00-10:50 a.m.
- Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 10:00-10:50 a.m.
- Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

#### MEET THE TEACHERS

#### **Zoe Martinez**

I have been a member of Holy Trinity for about 40 years. I am the community liaison for the church with Longfellow Alternative High School. I am now one of the Sunday School teachers for Trinity Village.



#### Noëlle Morrell

I am learning so much from the 3rd-5th graders and from Ms. Marcia in Trinity Village! We have been members of Holy Trinity for at least 5 years. I am a mom to Simon (2nd grade) and partner to Shaun Morrell.

#### Jenni Vaillancourt

Ms. Jenni has worked with kids for all of her adult life. She also enjoys hiking, photography, crafting and is an avid runner. A top favorite is traveling the world, with favorite places to visit being any she can speak Spanish in. She has two continents left to visit, and lots of countries to adventure to in the future.





# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12

### 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.

January 7 "Anti-Zionism vs. Anti-Semitism and Christian Zionism"

### Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg

Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg from Jewish Voice for Peace recently became known for confronting President Biden at an event in Northfield. Ordained in 2018, she is a rabbi with the progressive reconstructionist Jewish movement. She will talk about Anti-Zionism vs. Anti-Semitism and Christian Zionism. This is a timely opportunity to learn more about these current topics.

"Rosenberg has been described as a member of the LGBTQ+ community and in 2020 wrote a handbook on "trauma, healing and resistance" for Jewish leaders and activists."

~Newsweek

### January 14 "Climate Energy Saving Opportunities"

Diane McKeown of the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) will present on the significant grants available to individuals and organizations for green energy improvements.

### ~ 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 Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; the family of Kay Hanson who passed away; Mary Heltsley's nephew Michael Frey; Caren Hiatt's sister-in-law, Shannon; Annie Hines's son, Nick Hines; Joyce Hanson; Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom Diane; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon.

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### PARISH INFORMATION

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#### **Kav Buzza**

I love being with children in Godly Play. I am retired now after 31 years of teaching experience in first grade and kindergarten. Helping little ones know that God loves them is very important and is one of the things we emphasize in Godly Play.

#### **Marcia Floding**

"I have been working with elementary age children since graduating from college, enjoying their thoughts, and wondering questions. I also enjoy hiking, sketching and watercolor painting. Matt and I are parents of three adult children, and grandparents of two...and counting.



### MONDAY, JANUARY 15-34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST

On Monday, January 15, St. Peter's African Methodist Episcopal Church (401 E 41<sup>st</sup> St.) will be the Minneapolis community host site for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

celebration, "Elevating New Voices For Justice And Equality." This will be a music filled breakfast / fundraiser for the United Negro College Fund. The doors open at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and the program will be live-streamed from the Minneapolis Convention Center from 8:00-9:30 a.m. They welcome our attendance and volunteership. We had fun working together last



year as we hosted; let's reciprocate. If you can volunteer, please email Carol Berg, Holy Trinity volunteer point person, (carolyberg@gmail.com) or call at 612-724-8109. There is also a volunteer signup sheet in the Community Room. If you can help or attend, please register for the St. Peter's AME site on the event website:

https://interfaithaction.org/portfolio-item/mlk-breakfast/

#### **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.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9-WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS STUDY

Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on Zoom to study the assigned worship readings for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary (to join on Zoom: Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 11—YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY

Regardless of who you are, what you look like, or whom you love, James Orione believes that creating a space for everybody is very important. Society places many expectations and roles as to how, what, when, where, and why you are doing something instead of simply being. Through conscious movement connected to breath, you have an opportunity to learn how to be in this moment. Yoga is an opportunity to create, rediscover, and connect to the experience of being human and overcome the obstacles that stand in your path. Join us weekly, Wednesdays at Noon or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 11.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10—KNITTING LESSONS FOR LONGFELLOW MOMS



Once a week teach knitting to Longfellow High School students who are pregnant or parenting. Help students learn the basics of knitting and help with beginning knitting projects while getting to know students and the volunteer knitting

teachers. Meets every Wednesday at 2:00 pm at Longfellow High School during the school year. For more information, contact Liz Blood (<u>liz.bill.blood@gmail.com</u>).

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10-SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND COMPANIONSHIP

Spiritual direction and companionship sessions will begin again January 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Martha Room. Sessions are led by Joel Wiberg. You can call (612-508-4913) or email (<a href="mailto:jnwiberg@me.com">jnwiberg@me.com</a>) him for more details. There is a sign-up sheet in the Community Room.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13—MICRO-AGGRESSIONS AND MICRO-INCLUSIONS WORKSHOP

On Saturday, January 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., there will be one more workshop on micro-aggressions and micro-

inclusions at Holy Trinity led by Joe Davis and David Scherer. This event is both for those who attended the workshops in the fall of 2022 and 2023 and for those who are new participants. There will be a brief review of the earlier workshops and then new material



that explores racial microaggressions. As in the past, Joe and David make this learning event both deeply meaningful and fun. Sign-up in the Community Room or email your interest to Libby Olstad (libbyolstad@icloud.com).

### PARISH INFORMATION

### SAVE THE DATE

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 15-19 -HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, January 15-19. 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 (<a href="mailto:engenmary@yahoo.com">engenmary@yahoo.com</a>) to sign up for part or all of the week.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20—GAME NIGHT

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee alongside the Youth Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, January 14.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21-COMMUNITY MEAL AND STORY COLLECTION "ON A THRESHOLD OF JUSTICE: STORIES OF HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH DURING THE UPRISING AFTER GEORGE FLOYD'S MURDER"

In the spring, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will be entering the second and third phases of our project to collect our stories from the summer of 2020. During Advent, church members and leaders, as well as neighbors and volunteers were invited in the first phase to prepare their stories using a workbook. Dr. Amy Levad (Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas) will be collecting workbooks during January



for our historical archive. Please join us in the library for soup and bread following 11:00 worship on January 21 to celebrate the close of the first phase and to prepare for the second phase. During Lent, we will begin the second phase: Story Sharing. In small groups facilitated by Dr. Levad, participants will share their experiences, fostering a communal memory of how this congregation and the surrounding community responded to the calls of our city during the uprisings. Dr. Levad will also invite participants in the third phase, Story Collection, to record their stories for sharing more broadly. During April and the season of Easter, a photo exhibit and communal gathering will provide a capstone to our collective work of preparing, sharing, and collecting our stories.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28—ANNUAL MEETING

Following the service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2024 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1—BOOK LAUNCH: "BREATHING IN MINNEAPOLIS"

Join author Patrick Cabello Hansel at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity for the launch of his new book of poetry, "Breathing in Minneapolis," which chronicles the challenging events of 2020-2022 in our fair city. He will be joined by poets Joyce Sutphen, Walter Cannon, Dralandra Larkins, and the Chilean musical group Ina



Yukka. And cake! Books will be available for purchase.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4-YOUTH RECITAL

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This will serve as our adult forum for the day. Contact Phil if you wish to participate (<a href="mailto:pradtke@htlcmpls.org">pradtke@htlcmpls.org</a>) or sign up in the Community Room.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4—"HANDPRINTS" AT HISTORY THEATRE

15 tickets available to attend "Handprints," a new vibrant autobiographical play written, performed, and sung by Greta Oglesby, At the History Theatre, on Sunday, Feb 4th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20, payment due to Kathy Hollander; sign up in the Community Room.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11-PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the relaunched annual pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11. Confirmation students and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering! This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

### **VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITES**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KITCHEN CLEAN OUT**

We have been working with a company to coordinate a deep clean of space an equipment in the basement kitchen. They have an opening next week, which means we need to completely empty the kitchen. If you are available for any amount of time Monday, January 8, please contact Kathy in the office 612-729-8358.

### **HOST A YOGA CLASS**

We are looking for member hosts for the weekly yoga classes starting next week. Sign up in the Community Room to be a host of one of these classes and offer a warm welcome to those who come. Contact Kathy in the office with questions.

### **SOUP MAKERS NEEDED**

We are looking for 4 people to make soup for the January 21 Meal and Story Collection with Dr. Levad. Please sign up in the Community Room if you are able to help.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

We are in need of volunteers to help set-up, serve lunch, and clean-up for the annual meeting, January 28. Please sign-up in the Community Room if you are able to help.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
David and Carol Berg	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala
Karen Batdorf,	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
Sally and David Kohlstedt, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Roberta Shaw
Tom and Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Coffee Servers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Pam Blomgren, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Wayne Better
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

### PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 7-13, 2024

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Sunday, January 7	8:45 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 ам	Adult Forum
	10:00 ам	Children and Youth Education
	11:00 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 рм	Swahili Service
Monday, January 8	10:00ам-5:00рм	Kitchen Clean-Out
	6:30-8:00 рм	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 9	11:00 ам	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 рм	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, January 10	12:00 рм	Yoga
	5:00 рм	Choir Family Meal
	5:30 рм	Supervised Play Time in the Gym
	5:45 рм	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 рм	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 рм	Spiritual Direction and Companionship Group
Thursday, January 11	7:30 рм	Yoga
Saturday, January 13	9:00 ам-12:00 рм	Micro-aggression/inclusion Workshop

### **ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER:**

• Sunday, January 28, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and the Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services <u>here</u>.

