



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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The Care of Creation Committee

The Care of Creation Committee is doing all we can to highlight the need to preserve the Earth for future generations. According to environmental scientists, humans collectively are using up Earth's resources, reducing earth's wildlife, and polluting the Earth at an unsustainable rate.

The Holocene Epoch began about 11,700 years ago. Nature supported the few million humans alive then. Humanity thrived and slowly grew to about 1 billion in 1800, the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. Since then, however, the human population has increased to about 3 billion in 1960 and grown even more rapidly to about 8 billion in late 2022.

Humans are now living in what many scientists call the Anthropocene Epoch, in which human activity substantially impacts the planet. They believe the Anthropocene began in the early 1950s.

To understand our Anthropocene predicament, one must understand the impact of world economic growth. All nations have economies designed to grow at an increasing pace, building increasingly more stuff. Much of this stuff is not recycled, eventually wears out, and must be repaired or trashed. Increased land use for farming is crowding out nature. Instead of recognizing ourselves as part of nature, as indigenous cultures have done, many humans view themselves as above or dominant over nature.

Many young people are worried about what sort of planet they will inherit. Growth economists, as well as most businesses, focus on selling as much stuff as possible *now* with relatively little concern for future generations. **Collectively, we are not being good ancestors.**

The members of the Care of Creation Committee are Kathy Hollander (chair), Rod Johnson, Ginny Jordan, Dennis O'Brien, Shaun Morrell, Sean Gosiewski, and David Howe.

The committee has been involved in various activities. For example, we invited Larry Rasmussen to give a talk at a Dialogue Breakfast on Monday, April 8. Larry spoke about his latest book, *The Planet You Inherit: Letters to My Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing*. Larry provided many humorous anecdotes, but his focus was on the seriousness of our Anthropocene predicament. Larry said we must first cherish what we still have of life on Earth to be able to preserve it.

Our committee gave away over 5,500 free energy-saving LED light bulbs over a two-year period. We were instrumental in getting rooftop solar on our church.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

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.

April 14 DISCUSSION ON WILLIAM H. LAMAR IV'S TALK
Join us for a discussion of the lecture delivered by Pastor Lamar on Wednesday, April 10. You can read an article available ahead of time to support the discussion. You can read an article by William H. Lamar IV, *Sentiment isn't enough to combat oppression* at this link <https://tinyurl.com/LamarIV>

April 21 YOUTH RECITAL AND ECO FAIR
Join us for the re-scheduled youth recital at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people. The ECO Fair, sponsored by the Caring for Creation Committee, will be taking place in the Community Room all morning.

PASTURES A PLENTY

The next Pastures A Plenty delivery will be Saturday, April 20. Please have your order in by Thursday, April 18. Email your order to shop@pasturesaplenty.com, or go to the website (pasturesaplenty.com) and order from there. Delivery at Holy Trinity is scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.

~ 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 **Bob Norheim; Stella Townsend; Matt Floding**; Katie Murray's mom, **Pat Wilson**; Mary Ann Sheets's sister, **Lorrie Blain**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Joyce Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Joanne Chadwick**; Jan Mehlhoff's friend **Margie Guelker**; the family and friends of **Jim Hartsoe**, who died this past week

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In June through July of 2023, we did a book read on *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Author Katherine Hayhoe explained how to talk with people who dismiss climate change. First find an area of common interest and then see what changes that person has noticed affecting that interest without using the words climate or change together. The book also covered much current scientific research on climate change.

At the December 3, 2023 forum, Shaun and Dave presented on Kate Raworth's book *Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist*. Raworth described basic concepts of 20th-century world economics that are impoverishing many people and destroying the environment. The book offers sustainable solutions for the 21st century based on the United Nations Sustainable Development goals and environmental impact research.

Ginny Jordan has organized a tour of Eureka Recycling for May 10 at 11:00 AM. Participants will get a first-hand view of the recycling process.

We are having our ECO-Fair between services on Sunday, April 21 to celebrate Earth Day. Presenters at tables in the Community Room will discuss pollinator gardens, induction stoves, purchasing solar energy, what's recyclable, [Ridwell](#), and much more. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BARS AND COOKIES FOR UPCOMING FUNERALS

We would like to get 2-3 more volunteers to provide 2 dozen cookies or bars each for the funerals on April 20 and April 22. Please sign up in the community room or contact the office (kekwall@htlcpls.org) if you are able to help.

Anne Curtin, Funeral Service: April 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Mary Jean Paavola, Funeral Service: April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

We also need one more volunteer for each service to help serve.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for April and May. Please sign up in the Community Room.

We could use more folks on the volunteer list. Please contact the office (kekwall@htlcpls.org) if you'd like more information on the roles available and how to get started. There are many opportunities; Altar Guild, Cantor, Usher, Crucifer, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Coffee Server, Video Operator, Prayer Writer, Communion Bread Baker.

UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER SOFTWARE

We have decided to launch the new volunteer software (REALM) in the fall when we move back to two worship services after the summer schedule. This will allow us plenty of time to migrate data, set up training sessions and ensure a successful launch. During the summer, the Volunteer Engagement Spark will help to discern the gifts and talents of congregants and match them with the gifts and needs of the congregation.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 16—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, APRIL 17 AND THURSDAY, APRIL 18—YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY



Join us on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. with Yoga Instructor, James Orione.

If you have your own mats, blocks, blankets, straps, or bolsters, please bring them. Extras are available for those who need them. Donations are accepted, but not expected. Classes are open to everyone—members and non-members. Invite a neighbor. Classes will be in the Bartsch Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 —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 (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).



THURSDAY, APRIL 18—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.

YOUTH RECITAL RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 21, 10:00 A.M.

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during the annual youth recital. For more information, or to sign up to perform, contact Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcpls.org).

CARE OF CREATION ECO-FAIR, SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Come enjoy the colorful Eco-Fair again this year in the Community Room on Sunday April 21 between services and after the 11 am service. We'll have members giving out info on their use of electric induction stoves, Ridwell, Imperfect Foods, new creation care book summaries, Third Act, pollinator gardens and lawns, and more! Have something you do that you'd like to share? Contact Kathy Hollander (kath77holl77@gmail.com) or Ginny Jordan (byecracky@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

SING JOYFULLY - TWIN CITIES CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL 2024, SATURDAY, APRIL 27

An ecumenical children's choir festival on April 27, featuring rehearsals, education for musicians, and a hymn festival.

This Twin Cities Children's Choir Festival is open to children in second through sixth grades from any congregation or community choir, or any child who simply loves to sing. They will learn with world-renowned choir director Phillip Shoultz—the associate artistic director of VocalEssence and cantor for worship, music, and the arts at Westwood Lutheran Church. While the choir is rehearsing, church musicians are invited to participate in two continuing education sessions and attend an open rehearsal with the choir. Katie Houts, sacred music choral editor for Choristers Guild, and Mari Espel and, children's choir director at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, will be the clinicians for the continuing education sessions.

The registration fee includes lunch for everyone and music, folders, and t-shirts for the child participants. Directors will receive a complimentary one-year membership in Choristers Guild. If the registration fee is beyond your budget, scholarships are available upon request. Please email Sally Messner, Hennepin's director of worship & music, at sally.messner@haumc.org for information about scholarships.

This event is sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Choristers Guild, and Thrivent Financial.

Sign up by contacting Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org). We hope to have a good showing from Holy Trinity!

Click [here](#) for more information.

PALESTINE/ISRAEL MAY BOOK DISCUSSION

“Decolonizing Palestine” by Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb puts this hot topic into historic and scriptural perspective. Ever felt overwhelmed by the complexity of Palestine/Israel? This short, easy-to-read book and discussion are for you!

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, & 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the library. You are invited to come at 5:00 p.m. for dinner with Youth and Families.

Order a complimentary book by signing up in the Community Room or email Bob Brose (bob_b@qbjnet.com).

FAMILY-FRIENDLY BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP AUGUST 9-13

Attention campers, (and aspiring campers). It's now time to start the planning for HTLC's annual BWCA canoe trip. This year, our Boundary Waters camping adventure is scheduled for August 9-13. We are planning to go in at Lake One, a large lake with many route and camping options. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Community Room. The total cost is approximately \$175 per person. Scholarships are available. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Please consider joining us this year. Call or email with any questions or for more details (Julie 612-618-3814 or Tom 612-616-0507 / jtcahoy@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES FROM LONGFELLOW/SEWARD HEALTHY SENIORS

SENIOR SOCIAL AND HEALTH TALKS

Senior Social and Health Talks occur the **third Tuesday** of each month and feature guest speakers on health/wellness issues, birthday celebrations and time to socialize! Refreshments are provided! A Nurse is In/Blood Pressure Clinic is also offered. No registration required.

In An Emergency...

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Meghan Burian, MPH, a Public Health Specialist with The City of Minneapolis Emergency Management Department will discuss emergency preparedness topics including best practices for personal preparedness and resources for learning more.

Oral Health, Dental Care & Aging

Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 - 11:30 am

As we age, our oral health becomes increasingly important. Oral diseases affect not only oral health, but also overall health. Join President of the Minnesota Dental Association, Dr. Rosalie Perpich as she presents way to keeping your teeth and gums healthy so you can continue to stay healthy, share your smile, and enjoy the foods you love.

YOGA FOR STRENGTH AND BALANCE

Four Sessions, Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, April 11 – May 2
Yoga is perfect for those who want to improve their flexibility, strength, and balance. The benefits include muscle improvement, management of some chronic conditions, and increased well-being. The class is taught by certified Yoga Instructor, Dyan Anunson. The cost is \$3 per class or \$10 for all four sessions.

FUNDAMENTALS OF TAI CHI AND QIGONG

Four Sessions, May 7 - May 28 , Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Learn slow flowing and meditative exercises designed to improve strength and balance. Instructor Howard Root will lead you through short forms in a non-judgmental and fun environment. The cost is \$3 per class, or \$10 for all four classes.

ART CLASSES WITH ANITA WHITE

Nature Collage

Wednesday, May 8, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

In spring we enjoy the natural beauty blossoming all around us, and we will use this inspiration for our artwork. Use beautiful papers to create collages based on the flowers in season in early May. It is an easy and accessible class for those who wish to explore their creative life. There is a \$4.00 supply fee.

All of these classes and activities are held at Holy Trinity.

To register or for more information, Call or email Julia Ockuly: (612-729-5799/ juliaockuly@LShealthyseniors.org).

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Amy Hanson, Jean Swanson	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines
	Crucifer	
Andrea Hansen, Linda Berglin, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Dennis O'Brien
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Coffee Servers	Amber Barry/Adam Lewis
Pam Blomgren	Counters	John Sulzbach, Deb Helmelt
	Closer	John Sulzbach
	Video Operator	Jeff Weiss

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 14-APRIL 20, 2024

Sunday, April 14	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, April 15	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 16	11:00 AM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Church Council
Wednesday, April 17	12:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00-7:30 PM	Yoga Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, April 18	8:00 AM 7:30 PM	Encore! At Turtle Bread Yoga
Saturday, April 20	1:30 PM	Funeral for Anne Curtin

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](#).

