



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 2-4

We invite you to pray for the synod as we prepare for the election of the next bishop. The bishop election process is an opportunity for us to discern the needs of the synod and who God is calling as our next leader to guide us.

*Who can serve as the bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod?* Candidates for bishop must be an ELCA minister of Word and Sacrament (as defined in section 8.11 of the Minneapolis Area Synod Constitution, which you can find [here](#)), though they need not be serving in the Minneapolis Area Synod. That person may serve up to two consecutive six-year terms. Nominees for bishop are required to sign a disclosure form authorizing a background check that will be conducted prior to the Synod Assembly.

Is there a job description for the Office of Bishop? Chapter 8 of the Minneapolis Area Synod Constitution outlines the qualifications, responsibilities, and term of office for the bishop. The Bishop serves as the synod's pastor and is called to administer sacraments, preach, provide pastoral care, ordain, install, advise and counsel, interpret and advocate, and serve as the synodical ecumenical officer. The Bishop also serves as the synod's chief executive and administrative officer, overseeing and administering the work of the synod; and supervising the leadership of other officers and staff.

The bishop will be elected by voting members of the Synod Assembly—lay members elected by the congregations of this synod together with all ordained pastors and deacons under call on the rosters of this synod, retired pastors elected in caucus to represent the retired pastors on the roster of this synod, the officers of the synod, and duly elected members of the Synod Council. The bishop will be elected at the next Synod Assembly, which is set for May 2-4, 2024, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Live results of the bishop election ballots will be posted [here](#) during the Synod Assembly, May 2-4.



Holy Trinity's voting members include Tre Tellor, Pastor Margaret Kelly, Eric Howard, and the clergy team (Doug, David, and Ingrid).



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### READINGS

*Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8*

## 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 28 ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

A monumental achievement, *The Saint John's Bible* commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University is the only handwritten and illuminated Bible since the advent of the printing press more than 500 years ago. The renowned calligrapher and illuminator Donald Jackson, in collaboration with scribes, artists, and theologians, has woven word and image into a Bible for the new millennium. Illuminating Scripture from a contemporary perspective, it incorporates imagery from multiple traditions and regions.

### May 5 TEEN MENTAL HEALTH

Amy Froiland-Parada

Watch for more information in next week's newsletter.

## REMINDERS

### BIG MEETING NIGHT CANCELED ON MAY 2

Big Meeting Night scheduled for Thursday, May 2, is canceled due to synod assembly.

### DID YOU MISS THE YOUTH RECITAL LAST WEEK?

Click [here](#) to view the youth recital from Sunday, April 21.

## ~ 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 Deb Anderson's uncle **Rick**; **Bob Norheim**; **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**; and Jan Mehlhoff's friend **Margie Guelker**.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

Linden Kung and Kristen Townsend will be recognized at the graduate blessing on Sunday, April 28, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Congratulations to all who are graduating this year, including Carol Masters' grandson, Cass Chillman, graduating from Hopkins High School.

**Linden Kung** is graduating from Edina High School and will attend Montana State University in the fall



**Kristen Grace Townsend** will be graduating from St. Anthony Village Area High School in June. She plans to attend the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, next fall.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30—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, MAY 1 AND THURSDAY, MAY 2  
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 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 are in the Bartsch Room.

**USED BOOK SALE AT MOON PALACE**  
*Saturday May 4, 12:00-3:00PM*  
Come to the used book sale at Moon Palace Books on Saturday, May 4, from 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a fresh bunch of used books priced at \$1 (or bring your own bag and fill it up for \$5).  
**\*\*This is an in-person event. Masks are required in store.\*\***

## COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

**HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED FOR LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY**  
A year ago., Joy Nelson and Zoe Martinez were introduced to a Longfellow School student whose family had migrated from Ecuador. The family has been living in a hotel downtown, paid for by the county. Now the family is able to pay \$1000/mo. for a 2-3 bedroom house. Please contact Joy ([joynelson92@yahoo.com](mailto:joynelson92@yahoo.com) or 612-860-2952) if you know of available housing that would work for this family. Thank you!

**CLOTHING NEEDED FOR TODDLER BOY**  
A student at Longfellow High School needs clothes for her 19-month-old boy. If you have gently used clothes, size 2-3T, suitable for a boy, please place them in the Longfellow H.S. box in the Community Room, or contact Zoe Martinez (612-227-1578).

**INPUT REQUESTED FROM RESIDENTS OF MINNEAPOLIS**  
The [Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan](#) received \$10 million last year from the City of Minneapolis. The community organization carrying it forward ([UNIDOS](#)) is now asking for input on the new clean energy home upgrades the city is beginning to offer. The input is wanted by May 21 when they will ask the City for more money for a block-by-block, coordinated clean energy neighborhoods program. Minneapolis residents, PLEASE consider giving your input through an in-person survey with Joy Nelson ([joynelson92@yahoo.com](mailto:joynelson92@yahoo.com) or 612-860-2952) as soon as possible.

### ANN SCHROOTEN PUBLISHES "I AM A CHILD OF GOD"

Composer's Notes: *this arrangement was created for us during Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during my tenure there as a musician from 1996-2022. Each confirmand could choose in advance a particular stanza to be sung immediately following the laying on of hands as a sort of "theme verse" for this moment in their faith journey. The choosing of their stanza proved to be a meaningful part of their discussion with friends, parents, and faith leaders in the weeks leading up to their confirmation. The Youth Choir was responsible for singing the chosen stanza for their friends being confirmed, which added to the meaning of the moment not only for the confirmands, but for the entire congregation. Every time we rehearsed it and then sang "I Am a child of God" in worship I gave thanks to Cheryl and Bruce Harding for creating such a contemporary and grace-filled text that really seemed to give voice to the range of faith journeys represented in the lives of our young people. [...]*

*I'd like to dedicate this arrangement to the young people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church who really brought this to life with their voices and their witness! —Ann L. Schrooten*

Unison, piano, opt. descant

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I AM A CHILD OF GOD

Ann L. Schrooten

AUGSBURG CHORAL LIBRARY

## SAVE THE DATE

### GLORIA RINGERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

**Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Gloria Ringers and members of the Children's choir will celebrate the end of their season by presenting a concert at Johanna Shores Senior Living in Arden Hills at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the concert.

### 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](mailto:bob_b@qbjnet.com)).

### MN SWAHILI YOUTH FUNDRAISING CONCERT

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2:00-7:00 P.M.**

We are excited to announce a special fundraising event to support our youth in attending the upcoming ELCA Youth Conference in Louisiana. The event will be on May 11 from 2:00-7:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

We are asking for a \$5.00 or more donation fee per person at entrance. The funds raised from this event will directly contribute to the cost of our attendance at the conference. It is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to grow, connect, and be inspired within the wider ELCA community.

### INVITATION TO SHARE UPRISING STORIES MAY 15, 6:00 P.M.

Gather for a meal, and to see, hear, and share stories of Holy Trinity and Longfellow during the Uprising! As part of the Uprising Story Project, in partnership with Dr. Amy Levad from the University of St. Thomas, we will host a photo exhibit that captures moments of our community from the summer of 2020. We will also introduce a "Story Booth" in which community members can record conversations with each other about their experiences. John and Kay Buzza, Tre Tellor, Bob Hulteen, and Zoe Martinez have agreed to demonstrate the booth by recording their conversations at this event. Hear their stories, and consider sharing your own! For more information, contact Dr. Amy Levad ([Amy.levad@stthomas.edu](mailto:Amy.levad@stthomas.edu)).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

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

We could use more folks on the volunteer list. Please contact the office ([kekwall@htlcmpls.org](mailto:kekwall@htlcmpls.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.

### PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE WITH THE MINNESOTA SWAHILI CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION AT 11:00 A.M.

On Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost), we will have a joint service with the MN Swahili Christian Congregation. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be preaching. This is a tradition we are bringing back after a hiatus due to COVID. Following the service, our two communities will come together to share a meal. The MN Swahili Congregation will bring chicken and rice, which is a traditional dish they often share in community. We invite our members to bring salads and desserts to contribute. Feel free to define "salads" expansively. **There will be one service only that day.** All are welcome. Education hour for youth and adults will be at 10:00 a.m.

*We will have one service only  
on May 19 at 11:00 a.m.*

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. The summer season affords us the opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from "the other service." Come join us at 10:00 a.m.!

### 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](mailto:jtcahoy@gmail.com)).

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH EXTRA SERVICES

Thank you to everyone who helped with the services for Arnie Johanson, Anne Curtin, Mary Paavola, Allene Qualheim, and Jim Hartsoe over the past weeks. Whether you served, ushered, baked, cleaned up, or helped during the service, you provided a valuable service to the families of the deceased. Thank you! You can find your empty containers in the Community Room kitchen.

### THANK YOU TO SUE ROBERTS

Thanks to Sue Roberts for covering the office for the past week while I was watching sunsets in Costa Rica.



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Larson-Martínez	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Larson-Martínez
Andrea Hansen	<b>Cantor</b>	Andrea Hansen
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vicki Bergman
Andrea Hansen	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carol Masters
	<b>Crucifer</b>	Aedan Herman
Aaron Hanson, Sue Roberts	<b>Communion</b>	Nicki Hines, Karen Kunze, James Nysse
Chris Engen	<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Julie and Tom Cahoy	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Katy Benson, Connie Adams
	<b>Counters</b>	John Sulzbach
	<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen
	<b>Video Operator</b>	Bob Hulteen

## PARISH EVENTS APRIL 28-MAY 4, 2024

Sunday, April 28	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, April 29	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 30	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, May 1	12:00 PM	Yoga
	5:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, May 2		Big Meeting Night is Canceled
	7:30 PM	Yoga

### 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](#).

