

HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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SOUP FOR YOU! BEGINS SERVING AT HOLY TRINITY JUNE 3

Soup For You! served the final meal in their Bethany location Tuesday, May 14. As you might imagine, this is an emotional transition for them, after working and serving in that space for almost 10 years. They are beginning to pack and move items into their new space in our building and plan to begin serving June 3. This week we are highlighting ways to support Soup For You!

SUPPORT OUR WORK

Soup For You! Is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization so your donation is tax-exempt. We receive no financial support from governmental organizations (local, state, or federal) and rely completely on the generosity of individuals, churches, civic organizations and businesses. We gladly accept and greatly appreciate any and all donations. We also welcome recurring monthly donations. Thank you for your support!

Company Matching Programs – A number of local companies including Wells Fargo, Best Buy, and Medtronic match employee donations. You are encouraged to check with your employer to see if they offer matching opportunities. We are grateful to companies that choose this way to partner with their employees in making a difference in the community.

CURRENT NEEDS AT SOUP FOR YOU'S FREE PANTRY:

- Chef Boyardee meals in a can (e.g. Ravioli w/ pop top)
- Canned Chili / Canned Soup
- Canned Tuna / Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit (esp. pears, apricots, peaches, purple plums)
- Canned Legumes (e.g. black beans, navy beans)
- Cans of Tomato sauce (organic appreciated)
- Salsa
- Boxes of Cereal (Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios, Frosted Mini-Wheats (but really, anything would be great!). Our folks tend to like cereals with a bit of sweetness.
- Bags or containers of Oatmeal
- Crackers
- Peanut Butter without hydrogenated oil (both Skippy and Jif offer natural peanut butter, otherwise, natural organic peanut butters will work)
- Jars or bags of nuts any kind
- Spices in small containers
- Can Openers
- Hand and toe warmers
- Paper towels
- · Toilet paper

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PENTECOST SUNDAY READINGS

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 92; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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.

May 19 "The Action Project"

Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown

This Sunday will feature Rev. Dr. Pastor Jia Starr Brown and Holy Trinity participants in the ACTION Project (A Commitment To Inclusion in Our Neighborhoods). Pastor Jia is an African American queer pastor, educator and activist with more than two decades advocating for underrepresented communities. Equipped with a Master of Divinity from Luther Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary, she is ordained in The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Pastor Jia is a dynamic leader at the intersection of faith, education and justice. She is director of the ACTION Project, a three-year program designed to reflect and act on racial justice. Jia is married to her wife, Jennifer, and mother to five children and grandma to one. Several members of Holy Trinity who are participating in ACTION will also share from their experiences.

~ 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**; Katie Murray's mom, **Pat Wilson**; Mary Ann Sheets's sister, **Lorrie Blain**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Joyce Hanson**; **Cori Gershon**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker**; the family of **Matt Floding**, upon his death; **Linda** and **Phil Jury**, whose son Alex died of a heart attack last week.

Cards and condolences for the Jury family can be sent to their home address, found in the church directory.

Services for Matt Floding will be held Monday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. with a lunch to follow. You can livestream the service here: https://vimeo.com/event/4307575.

We are looking for volunteers to help bake treats, set up, serve, and clean up for Matt's service on Monday. Please let Kathy (kekwall@htlcmpls.org) know if you can help.

PARISH INFORMATION

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If you wish do donate items from the list on the previous page, you can bring them to the church office, beginning the week of June 3.

We have a lot of opportunities to get involved! If you have a couple hours each week, you can help with cooking, cleaning, serving, packing groceries, washing dishes, or doing supply pickups. Let us know what you are interested in and what your availability is.

You can find more information about Soup For You! and how to volunteer here: https://soupforyou.info/



SPECIAL GIFTS—THAT ALL MAY BE FED

The congregation's two special appeals this spring underscore the reality that food scarcity remains a pervasive problem in our neighborhoods and around the world. You can help by supporting the refurbishment of Holy Trinity's basement kitchen in preparation for Soup for You!, which will host free lunches five days a week beginning in early June. Additionally, the ongoing wars in Gaza and North Africa and indeed throughout the world have created displacement and dire food shortages. The ELCA World Hunger Program continues to respond to poverty and hunger across our country and other nations through direct food aid as well as projects intended to address root causes of hunger. Click here to support either or both of these special appeals (https://htlcmpls.org/donate/). Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

YOUTH END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION FRIDAY, MAY 17, 6:00-10:00 P.M.

We're excited for our final monthly 6-12th grade youth activity of the year on Friday, May 17, 6-10 p.m., we'll meet at church for an end-of-year celebration with pizza, games and the run of the church.

The youth had such a fun time doing this at the start of the year last September that we're doing it again. All are welcome, friends too! To rsvp, or for more information, contact Nicki Hines (nickinelsonhines@gmail.com).

"MOTHER" SAINT JAMES AME CHURCH OPEN HOUSE SAT., MAY 18, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

As the oldest Black Church in Minneapolis, and the entire state of Minnesota, "Mother" Saint James AME Church (3600 Snelling Ave. S., Minneapolis) is participating in Doors Open Minneapolis (doorsopenminneapolis.org) on Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free activities include face painting, food, scavenger hunt, community resources, karaoke, basketball, and more. There will also be presentations throughout the day. All are welcome!

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**. Youth and adult education classes will take place at 10:00 a.m. The adult forum will feature Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown and Holy Trinity participants in the ACTION Project (A Commitment To Inclusion in Our Neighborhoods). All are welcome.

SUCCESSFUL LONGFELLOW SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

Thanks to the crew that helped with the Longfellow Alternative School health fair (Zoe Martinez, Ginny Jordan, Katy Benson, Nancy Young and Stephanie Sulzbach—not pictured). We remember Matt Floding who was part of the crew last year. Stephanie gathered the recipes. All healthy smoothies, no added sugar. Two of them had spinach, people were surprised.



PARISH INFORMATION

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 21–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).

TUESDAY, MAY 21-"THE LAND IS NOT EMPTY"

Zoom session with the author of "The Land Is Not Empty," Sarah Augustine, Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82937637492? pwd=Z0dmdkREUUxLcUU5TFhiTDRhVVptOT09

Meeting ID: 829 3763 7492 Passcode: 594955

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 AND THURSDAY, MAY 23 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 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! Join us, Wednesday, May 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the library.

REMINDER: 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.!

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, JUNE 4-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).

SUNDAY, JUNE 9-MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome.

MONDAY, JUNE 10—LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduation will be held at Anne Sullivan School, June 10, 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in the celebration as 20 students receive their diplomas. Contact Zoe Martinez for more information.

HTLC MEMBERS TOUR EUREKA RECYCLING CENTER

On May 10, I joined a group of Holy Trinity members for a tour of the Eureka Material Recovery Facility in Northeast Minneapolis. Since then, I have a much clearer mental image of what happens to my bottles, cans, and boxes after I drop them in the bin.

Like Charlie Bucket in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, I marveled at rapidly flowing streams of refuse, metal cans flying from magnetic repulsion, unrecyclable appliances dropping from the sky, and arms (robotic and human alike) sorting materials at lightning speed.

Eureka Co-President Miriam Holsinger generously answered our many questions and offered this advice:

- Reduce consumption and reuse items as much as possible, so there's less waste to handle in the first place.
- Don't worry about minor details like caps on vs. caps off, plastic windows in junk mail, or a bit of food residue left in a jar. Recycle the obvious materials with basic awareness of what's OK and not.
- Keep the worst contaminants out: plastic bags, cords, string lights, batteries, electronics, fuel canisters, and scrap metal. Some of these things are recyclable through other services, just not the blue cart.
- Support legislation that promotes corporate responsibility—reducing the complexity of packaging and promoting the use of recycled materials in production.

Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to talk about recycling with your friends and neighbors in a gentle and non -judgmental way. Public awareness grows one conversation at a time.

Many thanks to Ginny Jordan, Kathy Ekwall, and the Creation Care committee for organizing this eye-opening event!

~ Shaun Morrell



Worship Participants for Sunday, May 19, 2024		
11:00 AM		
Preacher	Bishop Ann Svennungsen	
Altar Guild	Julie and Tom Cahoy	
Assisting Minister	Carol Masters	
Crucifer	Aedan Herman	
Communion	Aedan Herman, Keith and Libby Olstad	
Ushers		
Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson	
Counters	John Sulzbach, Annie Hines	
Closer	Bob Hulteen	
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for the summer months. Please sign up in the Community Room or the office (kekwall@htlcmpls.org).

We could use more folks on the volunteer list. Please contact the office (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.

PARISH EVENTS MAY 19-MAY 25, 2024			
Sunday, May 19	10:00 ам	Adult Forum	
	11:00 ам	Joint Worship Service of Holy Communion with the	
		Swahili Congregation	
	12:00 рм	Lunch	
Monday, May 20	11:00 ам	Matt Floding Funeral	
Tuesday, May 21	11:00 ам	Worship Readings Discussion	
	6:45 рм	Executive Committee	
	7:00 рм	Church Council	
Wednesday, May 22	12:00 рм	Yoga	
3,		Palestine-Israel Book Group	
Thursday, May 23		•	
	7:30 рм	Yoga	

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>.

