



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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SOUL OF THE SOUTHSIDE

At the Soul of the Southside, we celebrate the legacy of Juneteenth and Black Liberation by embracing the vibrancy of Black culture through a dynamic fusion of history, art, music, food, education, and creativity. Our annual festival serves as a transformative platform that unites our community and fosters unity, respect, and appreciation. Through inclusive programming and meticulous curation, we showcase the talents of Black creatives, Black-owned businesses, and community organizations while highlighting the invaluable contributions of Black Americans. By nurturing creativity as a tool for liberation and providing opportunities for learning and connection, we aim to inspire, empower, and leave a lasting legacy of celebration, education, and cultural enrichment for generations to come.

ABOUT

Soul of the Southside (SOTS) is an annual Juneteenth celebration curated by the local hip-hop duo iLLism, who also own and operate The Legacy Building—one of the few Black-led creative spaces in the state. This free-entry festival commemorates Black Liberation and honors the legacy of Juneteenth.

Held on June 19 in south Minneapolis, MN, SOTS centers Blackness, kinship, and community at The Hook and Ladder Theater, Moon Palace Books, Arbeiter Brewing, and The Historic Coliseum Building 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Immerse yourself in a vibrant celebration of Black history, art, food, music, and artisans that unite our community and center the invaluable contributions of Black Americans. SOTS fosters unity, respect, and appreciation for the richness of Black culture. Discover how you can support this empowering event through sponsorships, donations, or volunteering by visiting the we site www.SoulOfTheSouthside.com. RSVP is encouraged. Celebrate with us and be part of a community that honors the resilience and creativity of Black Americans, embracing our rich heritage and fostering a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

As children growing up in Minneapolis, the organizers of the Soul of the Southside Festival eagerly anticipated the annual Juneteenth celebration at Theodore Wirth Park. Now, they carry forth this tradition, celebrating Blackness and our collective power and liberation.

By bringing our community together in celebration of Juneteenth, we hope to inspire and uplift while creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

The African-American observance of Juneteenth is an oppressed people's response to the news of liberation. Some of our enslaved ancestors received the news of the Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. The holiday of Juneteenth represents that act and much more. Even the coining of the term "Juneteenth" represents the expansive creativity of a people that make a way out of no way. Foundational Black American freedom is the reason for the Juneteenth season.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



June is Pride Month! [Click here](#) for more information on the 2024 Twin Cities Pride Festival and other events happening during the month of June. We will be celebrating as a congregation during worship on June 30.

COTTAGE MEETINGS FOR ALL MEMBERS HAVE BEGUN

June through August, we will host 12 cottage meetings for all members of this congregation. The pastors and Council leadership invite you to participate in one of the gatherings, which will allow us to build connections between seasoned members and newer members of the community. Look for a personal invite to attend one of the events soon.



TUESDAY, JUNE 18—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, JUNE 19—JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining “June” and “nineteenth,” it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas. Originating in Galveston, Juneteenth has since been observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating African American culture. The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, Opal Lee, and others. In 2022, the Personnel Committee and Church Council named Juneteenth a church holiday. The church office is closed so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families and participate in community events. We’ll be back in the office on Thursday.



THURSDAY, JUNE 20—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! 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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22—OUR REDEEMER OROMO CHURCH ONESIMOS NESIB DAY CELEBRATION

Our Redeemer Oromo Church is planning to celebrate Onesimos Nesib day on June 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Onesimos was enslaved and sold many times. But he escaped slavery with help of Swedish missionaries and translated the Bible into Oromo language. We are celebrating the 125th year anniversary of the Oromo Bible and our Lutheran heritage. The Holy Trinity congregation is kindly invited to join the celebration and share in stories and delicious traditional Oromo food with a coffee ceremony. Our Redeemer Oromo Church, 4000 28th Avenue South in Minneapolis.

FEATURED MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT COLTON BALDUS, BASS

I recently moved up to the twin cities after graduating from Luther College in 2023. I work as a community organizer which means that I help communities build collective democratic power to bring about change in their neighborhoods. When it comes to dog or cat person it’s actually both, I have a nifty ability of getting along with most animals, I’ve been told it’s because I give off “golden retriever” energy by my friends. Rent is crazy right now, so I currently live in my grandpa’s basement in Cottage Grove. Other than that, what you should know about me is that I love a good Carne Asada Burrito, so if you know any places, please let me know!

So how did I get into the double bass? I used to play cello back in elementary school because I wanted to learn music and be a part of an orchestra. By the time middle school came around, I really wanted to learn bass, but my orchestra teacher told me no. So, I quit! I would only rejoin if I got to learn how to play the bass. My teacher at the time did not like that. Fortunately, my mom stepped in and advocated on my behalf, and I got reinstated in the orchestra as a string bassist. The rest is history!

Each week of the summer we will hear a featured musician who is part of the Holy Trinity community that will share their musical talent in worship. Get to know them here! Interested in sharing your talent? Contact Cantor Phil Radtke.

~ 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 Lois Eid’s niece, **Kathleen Siebrands**; **Pat Lundquist**; **Rick Lathrop**; Katie Murray’s mom **Pat Wilson**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser’s mom **Jo**; **Cori Gershon**; **Joyce Hanson**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff’s friend, **Margie Guelker**.

SAVE THE DATE

BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 (RAIN DATE FRIDAY, JUNE 28)

Join Pat Libra and Sheryl Udem for an evening bike ride. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., roll 10-ish miles, and finish at Sea Salt for a bite to eat, a cold beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room by June 23.



WHERE OLIVE TREES WEEP—DOCUMENTARY JUNE 26

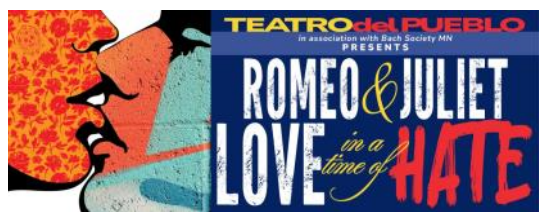
Please join MN Christians for a Free Palestine and the Palestine/Israel Committee for a screening of the newly released documentary, *Where Olive Trees Weep*. (2024) This film offers a searing window into the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people. It explores themes of loss, trauma, and the quest for justice. The event will be hosted at Holy Trinity in the Bartsch room, Wednesday, June 26. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., the program starts at 6:00 p.m., wrapping up by 8:30 p.m. Discussion and refreshments are included. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to support humanitarian efforts*. If you've been wondering about the issue from the inside or have friends and family who want more information, this is an opportunity. We would love to see you there!



*Your contribution supports planting olive trees in Palestine with **Treedom for Palestine**, humanitarian aid in Gaza with **Middle East Children Alliance** and trauma healing in Palestinian communities with **Catharsis Holistic Healing**. It will also help us bring the movie to larger audiences and broaden the understanding of the situation in Palestine, along with the cycles of trauma that perpetuate it.

ROMEO AND JULIET: LOVE IN THE TIME OF HATE —THEATRE NIGHT JUNE 29

The Racial Justice Committee invites you to a theatrical production of *Romeo and Juliet: Love in the Time of Hate* by Teatro Pueblo on Saturday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Luminary Art Center, 700 1st St. This futuristic reimagining of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet addresses pressing social issues of our time with adult language and themes. Tickets are pay-what-you-can-afford from \$20 to \$29. Sign up in the Community Room.



SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 30

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed! This will be an intergenerational pop-up choir offering music accessible to both young and old.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS JULY 1-3, 5



Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Wednesday, and Friday, July 1-3, 5 (no delivery on July 4). 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.

JULY 1-JULY 5—SOUP FOR YOU! CLOSED

Soup For You! will be closed the first week of July to give their staff and volunteers a break after the big move to our space. This will also give us a chance to finish some work in the kitchen that we could not complete prior to them moving in.

TUESDAY, JULY 2—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 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

THURSDAY, JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

The church office is closed Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families. We'll be back in the office on Monday.

UPRISING STORY BOOTH AND PHOTO EXHIBIT

Want to share your story of Uprising with a friend? Want to ask a friend about their experiences? Sign up with Amy Levad for the Uprising Story Booth, and invite a friend to join you. Amy will provide assistance with preparing and recording your conversation. Times are available by appointment. Email Amy at amy.levad@stthomas.edu to sign up.

Over the last few months, Amy Levad has curated an exhibit from photos shared from participants in the Story Sharing Photo Project. Dr. Levad's exhibit is available to view in the Mary Martha Room.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

10:00 AM	
Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Crucifer	
Communion	Roberta Shaw, Kathy Skold
Ushers	Chris Engen
Coffee Servers	Kevin Proescholdt, Jean Swanson
Counters	Annie Hines, Deb Helmel
Closer	
Video Operator	Jeff Weiss

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for the summer months. A reminder we start our Summer Schedule this Sunday. One service at 10:00 a.m. through Labor Day weekend. 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.



BIKE TO CHURCH IN JUNE

Ride your bike to church Sunday, Now - June 30. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

PARISH EVENTS JUNE 16-22, 2024

Sunday, June 16	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, June 18	11:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Church Council
Wednesday, June 19	JUNETEENTH	Office Closed Soup For You! Closed
Thursday, June 20	8:00 AM	Encore! At Turtle Bread

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

