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## Announcing Our Four SPARK Leaders

Several months ago, I shared that a comprehensive staffing review revealed opportunities for growth in a variety of areas in our life together. Responding to those opportunities, church leadership created and advertised four time-limited positions that would tend to the hopes identified by the congregation. We decided to call these short-term, micro-investments “sparks,” knowing that the congregation would then tend the flame.

I’m delighted to introduce our four SPARK leaders, who will be with us for the next few months! Please join me in welcoming them.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Ingrid

### SPARK LEADER: Dinkenesh Coltvet

*Job Summary: The Sunday School Curriculum Spark will help prepare for inquiry-based learning for our members ages 3-12.*



Hi! My name is Dinkenesh Coltvet. You pronounce my name Dink-uh-nesh Colt-vet. I was born in Ethiopia, and I was adopted in 2010 with my younger brother. I moved from Ethiopia to Chicago, and I was baptized there. A year and a half later, our family moved to Minnesota where I have grown up for most of my childhood in Saint Paul and Roseville. I have been a member of Christ on Capitol Hill for 10 years. I affirmed my baptism there and have participated and led in many ways in that congregation over the years, including in Sunday School, youth programs, offering music and service.

I graduated from Roseville Area High School in 2022. Throughout my school years, I have been involved in cross country and track and field. I have been playing the violin for 12 years and have been in each of my school’s orchestras.

I have enjoyed running ever since I was young. I like to be outdoors and go on hikes and adventures, playing board games. I’m a big puzzle fan. I enjoy making handmade cards, hanging out with my family and friends. I love helping others, hanging out with children, and love dogs and other animals.

I attend California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. I will be going into my third year with my major being psychology. My hope is to become a therapist that works with children and families. I enjoy helping others and I’ve been told that I would be a good therapist. I’m a really good listener, my family and friends would say. When I’m really comfortable, I open up. I continue to run with the cross country and track and field teams, and play with the orchestra at my university. This summer, I will play in the pit orchestra (for the second summer in a row) with Rosetown Playhouse.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

*1 Chronicles 11:15-19, 21:17-26; Psalm 133;  
Philippians 2:5-11, 14-17; Matthew 7:24-29*

### ~ 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 **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; Lois Eid’s niece, Kathleen Siebrands** who has entered hospice.

## REMINDERS

### THE CHURCH IS CLOSED JUNE 19

The church is closed June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. Consider attending the Soul of the Southside Festival June 19, 10:00-8:00 p.m. More information can be found here: [www.SoulOfTheSouthside.com](http://www.SoulOfTheSouthside.com).

### 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.

### 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.

### ONLINE DISCUSSION ON INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

An online discussion of Indian boarding schools, the broader context of federal policies, and their past and future effects will be held on June 23, 7:00- 8:15 p.m. If you want to participate, first read "Primer on American Indian & Alaska Native Boarding Schools in the U.S" [access at <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/NABS-Newsletter-2020-7-1-spreads.pdf>] from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. Then join the online discussion on Zoom June 23: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85470189357?pwd=gWBYwblSbnBvz1rGkhVhalhYHhog.1> The discussion will be hosted by the ELCA Truth-Seeking and Truth-telling Initiative. (Ron Duty, Holy Trinity Indigenous Justice Task Force)

# PARISH INFORMATION

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This summer's production will be *Beauty & the Beast* in mid-July at the Como Pavilion.

Last summer, I was grateful to have an internship with Lutheran Social Services through the Saint Paul Area Synod Planting Hope initiative and that helped me become more aware of my interests. I got to help with archiving adoption files, serving food to children, and delivering food to the community. I learned about programs that are working to help people in need.

I am looking forward to working on the Sunday School Curriculum and making it a curriculum that makes every student and everyone else feel included. I am also excited to be part of the team for Music in the Garden events throughout the summer. Thank you for welcoming me to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!

## **SPARK LEADER: Jody Liedholm**

*Job Summary: 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.*



We are excited to welcome Jody Liedholm to our staff for the summer. Jody has accepted the Volunteer Engagement Spark position and will be starting this month.

Many of you know Jody, she's a longtime member and volunteers in various ways, from baking communion bread to serving as worship cantor to designing spaces for some of our special services.

Jody has been an occupational therapist for the past 41 years (38 of those years with Fairview) but is retiring. What better way for Jody to ease into retirement than working with us over the summer to help us better align our congregants with volunteer opportunities that match their gifts and talents. Jody's skills as an OT will serve her well in this spark position as she engages in one-on-one conversations with members to discover their hopes for living a fulfilling spiritual life and how the church can better support them on that journey.

If you know Jody, you already know she is a great listener and conversationalist. That combined with her joyful personality make her perfect for this role.

## **SPARK LEADER: Jamie Bistram**

*Job Summary: The Music in the Garden Spark will coordinate music, food, volunteers, and community connections for four outdoor gatherings.*



After working at the Star Tribune for 20 years in the advertising department in various roles, including Prepress Specialist, Process Engineer and Senior Production Artist, I decided (was prompted by my wife) to go back to school. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in IT with an emphasis in Cyber Security in 2022. That has led me to my current job with Marsden Holding as an IT Software Support Specialist.

I became affiliated with Holy Trinity in 2001, when my wife Kathy Ekwall (whom you may know) and I were married there. She had been working there for a number of years at that point and if you don't know, anyone married to someone who works at a church, usually gets volunteered for something along the way. I have been in the shadows ever since in various

ways. I've helped with youth events, weddings, funerals, Julboard dinners, rummage sales, Annual Meetings, and more. I've also had the opportunity to join some of the intergenerational hiking trips and study trips HT has led over the years. Those trips are some of my greatest adventures and fostered some of my most cherished relationships.

When I learned of the Music in the Garden role, I thought it would be a great way to reconnect with some of the HT members I know and get to know those I don't. It also combines some of my favorite things, music, food (especially pizza), organizing and planning, and community. I'm happy to "officially" be part of the team!

## **SPARK LEADER: Andrea Hansen**

*Job Summary: The Youth / Parent Programming Spark will help prepare for inquiry-based learning and programming for our members ages 12-18.*



In 1996, I moved to the Twin Cities after graduating from law school. A benchmate of mine said I had to check out Holy Trinity. I looked it up in the phone book and had to go back and ask my friend "where" it was located. There were a LOT of Holy Trinity's in the phone books back then. I found our community and have been a member since that time.

I have camped in the Rockies with members of Holy Trinity and learned how to canoe in the boundary waters (in the rain and wind the first time!) with others in our community. I have served on the council, taught Sunday school, sung in the choir, cantored, served as assisting minister and helped with communion. It is the place I chose to get married and have my son baptized. It has been my spiritual home for over 25 years.

After having a child, I noticed opportunities for families. I worked with Pastor Jay to start "open gym" once a week on Tuesdays where families in the neighborhood could bring their kids to run around. I was also one of the people who founded the family retreat. Most recently, I have worked to support our older youth, especially after Covid wreaked havoc on our confirmation program. I have been supporting the confirmation program as a parent for the past four years and been the co-chairperson of the committee for the past two.

When the SPARK position was announced, I felt called to be involved. I was excited to bring my experience to the table and provide some more formal structure to the confirmation and older youth program. We have amazing kids, parents and staff, and the program should honor all of those people. I am ready to begin and look forward to working with this community as we define and grow our program.

A final bit about me . . . I worked at Thomson Reuters (formerly West Publishing) in a variety of attorney roles for about 18 years and then took a period of discernment where I decided to go into education. I got my Masters in Adlerian Psychotherapy in 2016 and have been a licensed school counselor since that time. I live on 32nd Ave. next to Carol Johnson, and we enjoy our backyards together often. I am smiling if I am riding my bike or singing. I live with my husband, Dayn, my son, Will, our dog, JoJo and cat, Callie McBeal. If you are ever on the ave, stop in!



# PARISH INFORMATION

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25—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).

### 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.

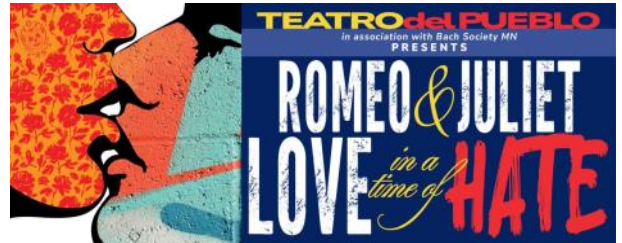
### PASTURES A PLENTY

The next Pastures A Plenty delivery will be Saturday, June 29. Please have your order in by Thursday, June 27. Email your order to [shop@pasturesaplenty.com](mailto:shop@pasturesaplenty.com), or go to the website ([pasturesaplenty.com](http://pasturesaplenty.com)) and order from there. Delivery at Holy Trinity is scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.



### 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.



## SAVE THE DATE

### SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 30

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer, the first one being Sunday, June 30. 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 (50<sup>th</sup> St. and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes

about one hour. Contact Mary Engen ([engenmary@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

<b>10:00 AM</b>	
<b>Guest Preacher</b>	Larry Farris
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kris Christians
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	Aaron Hanson, Sean Gosiewski, Abs Trewin
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Libra, Sally and David Kohlstedt
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Adam and Amber Lewis
<b>Counters</b>	John Sulzbach
<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen
<b>Video Operator</b>	Bob Hulteen

### 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](mailto:kekwall@htlcmpls.org)).

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.



### 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 23-29, 2024

Sunday, June 23	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, June 25	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion

### 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](#).

