



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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The Importance of Pride Month and Supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community

On June 28 of 1970, on the first anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, thousands gathered for the very first Pride marches in cities across the United States. The Pride Parade tradition continues in its celebration and protest and honors the LGBTQIA+ community's joys and accomplishments. In 1999 Bill Clinton declared "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" and drew attention to the violence perpetrated against the LGBTQIA+ community. Today we celebrate Pride Month in an ever-growing community of queer folk and allies alike, but the work to establish spaces of affirmation and trust continues.

This work continues in Holy Trinity and more broadly in the ELCA. ReconcilingWorks, an independent Lutheran organization, continues to advocate for the equity and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Lutherans in our faith community. While the importance of the work done by the ELCA and ReconcilingWorks cannot be overstated it is necessary that we can take steps in our own communities to support the LGBTQIA+ folks in our lives.

One of the most important things we can do to support LGBTQIA+ folks is to take the time to educate ourselves. This could be by talking to a trusted friend about something you do not yet understand, perusing the ever growing LGBTQIA+ section at the library, or by using an online resource. If you have questions or if there is something you would like to learn more about, I highly recommend taking a peek at the resources available on the Trevor Project, ReconcilingWorks, and OutFront Minnesota websites. It is important to remember that nobody (myself included) gets it right all the time. Showing that you care, and helping to create a more welcoming community is what is most important, the rest will come with time.

One of the most accessible learning materials we have at our disposal are pronouns. Pronouns are an important part of self-identification used by many in the queer community. When you use the pronouns chosen by your LGBTQIA+ friends it shows them that you trust them to know themselves and that you value and respect them. At our last annual meeting, those who attended in in-person were given the opportunity to add a pronoun sticker to their nametag. Showing one's own pronouns is an easy way to make space for others to share their pronouns with our community without apprehension.

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

*Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30;
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43*

~ 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 **Wayne Vetter**, hospitalized after suffering a stroke; **Shawn Barry**; **DeWayne Townsend III**, in hospice; **Pat Lundquist**; 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**, upon her death; Jody Liedholm's family, upon the death of her father **Larry**.

REMINDERS

LIMITED STAFF AND OFFICE CLOSURES NEXT WEEK

Our building partners are closed next week (July 1-5) so staff will be taking advantage of this time to do some work in other parts of the building and may not be readily available in the office. The office will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

TWIN CITIES PRIDE FESTIVAL

June is Pride Month and the annual Twin Cities Pride Festival is this weekend, June 29-30 at Loring Park. [Click here](#) for more information. The Twin Cities Pride Parade will take place Sunday, June 30 at 11:00 a.m. [Click here](#) for details.



PARISH INFORMATION

Listening is also another way we can show our support. When discussing difficult topics, it is important to verbalize our care and encouragement because in many places these are not a given for queer folks. The space to speak out may not always be available to those in the LGBTQIA+ community, and by providing this space to our friends and neighbors we also provide our support.

Another important way we can show our support is by speaking up. Bullying and harassment of queer folks is unfortunately still commonplace in our society. In spaces like school, the workplace, and even at home, people in the LGBTQIA+ community may be subject to the prejudice of their family members and peers. Speaking up for our friends and neighbors should not be about winning points or arguments but about showing love and support. It is an opportunity to empower our neighbors and demonstrate to them that we care.

One of the reasons I chose to make Holy Trinity Lutheran Church my church home is because here, more than in spaces I have visited in the past, I felt that I was welcome. When we educate ourselves, listen, and speak up, we make space for our friends and neighbors in the LGBTQIA+ community to come join us in our journey and in celebrating that God's love is for everyone. Thanks be to God!

James Nysse (he/him), Holy Trinity member



NO TIME TO WASTE

"No Time To Waste" is the theme and call to action for the Third Act. Founded by renowned environmental scholar and activist, Bill McKibben for folks 60 years and older (in the third act of life), it's goals are to protect our climate and safeguard our democracy.

Third Act is organized in statewide groups, with each group developing actions, protests, and events in pursuit of those two goals. Third Act Minnesota has been active for the last two years and is headquartered on Lake Street not far from Holy Trinity. It has initiated several programs, one of which is monthly protest actions outside of Chase Bank branches in the Twin Cities (see picture below).

"Summer of Heat" is the focus for Third Act and a host of climate justice groups across the country. It is centered at the Citibank corporate headquarters in New York City. Hundreds of protesters will be there throughout the Summer, demanding that Citibank stop investing in fossil fuel companies. Citibank is joined by Chase, Wells Fargo and Bank of America as the world's biggest investors in fossil fuel companies, to the tune of billions of \$ annually. During Elder Week, July 8-13, elder climate groups are organizing support actions throughout the US.

Third Act and others will be staging a nonviolent direct action at the Wells Fargo regional headquarters in downtown Minneapolis on Wednesday, July 10, beginning at 7:30 am.

This is open to EVERYONE, not just seniors. If you are interested please find Third Act Minnesota at its Facebook site or website, get the full details and sign up! You may also talk with Dennis O'Brien or Kathy Hollander.

Why is our involvement urgent? How about this excerpt from Bill: "So far, 2024 is beating even 2023 for heat—and 2023 was the hottest year in the last 125,000."

Why is the involvement of "third actors", senior citizens, SO CRITICAL? Also from Bill, "...we older Americans, taken together, have powerful financial resources. Because we've been saving our whole lives, we have something like 2/3 of the country's wealth—enough that banks and asset managers have to pay attention to us...let us demand that Wall Street banks and financiers stop using our resources to bankroll the climate crisis." Let us be a "Rocking Chair Rebellion!"



Look for more on this and other Third Act initiatives in upcoming Community Church issues.

~Dennis O'Brein, Care of Creation Committee

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JULY 2—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).

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.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10—SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Let's take advantage of the lingering sunny days and come together from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a night of food, fun, and friendly connections. Today we will have water games and remember our baptism! Wear clothes that can get wet. We'll provide everything, just bring your family. Hosted by the Children and Family Team.

LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING REHEARSALS BEGIN JULY 11

This second annual Summer Sing will take place on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and will provide a space for singers to join together. This year, music will center around peace (worldly peace, inner peace, and the like). To sign up, contact Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org). A short concert will be shared on August 8 at 7:00 p.m.

JULY 16-20—ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

A group of Holy Trinity youth will join more than 30,000 Lutherans in New Orleans from July 16 to 20. On these jam-packed days, our youth will spend time in interactive learning, daily worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship with thousands of others and our own local group. They will grow in faith and will be challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. We invite you to keep them in your prayers. They will be chaperoned by Pastor David, Pastor Ingrid, and Jeff Olsen Biebighauser.

WHERE OLIVE TREES WEEP—THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED

Over 70 people attended the viewing of Where Olive Trees Weep. The event facilitated meaningful discussion and relationship building. Close to \$1000 was raised to support 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. Thanks to all who participated.



CONGREGATIONAL BIKE RIDE WAS A SUCCESS!

About a dozen riders participated in the congregational bike ride, hosted by Sheryl Udem and Pat Libra.

“What a great bike ride and dinner at Sea Salt last night! Thanks for the shared fellowship on such a beautiful evening!”

~Sheryl Udem, Holy Trinity Member



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Altar Guild	Libby and Kieth Olstad
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf
Crucifer	
Communion	Sean Gosiewski, Katy Benson
Ushers	Tom and Julie Cahoy
Coffee Servers	Ginny and Chuck Jordan
Counters	Abs Trewin
Closer	Roberta Shaw
Video Operator	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).

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, June 30. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

PARISH EVENTS JUNE 30-JULY 6, 2024

Sunday, June 30	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, July 2	11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Thursday, July 4		Building closed for Fourth of July holiday
Friday, July 5		Building closed for Fourth of July holiday

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](#).

