



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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THIRD ACT

You've seen, heard and maybe even participated in some Third Act events and initiatives, but many may still be wondering, *what is Third Act?* We thought this would be a good time to provide more information about Third Act and what they do.

ABOUT

Third Act Minnesota is a diverse community of older citizens (60 and older) who know our planet and our democracy are increasingly endangered by unjust laws and economic practices. Together we are committed to harnessing the political and economic power of our generation to change the course of history and leave a better world for generations to come.

MISSION

We mobilize older Minnesotans to act collectively on local and national climate and democracy issues. We are committed in principle to diversity, equity, and inclusion, knowing as well that diverse organizations create a more representative, just, and productive working environment. We need your skills, talents, and time to be successful in all these matters. Together we will prevail!

WHAT WE DO

Fossil Free Finance Campaign

By flexing our economic and political might and exercising people power, we pressure local and national banks and institutions to stop funding fossil fuel projects, insisting in various ways that large entities and influencers take rapid, effective climate action to protect our environment. Among other actions, [we sign the Banking on our Future pledge](#), write letters to editors, corporate officers, and government officials, organize protests, and constantly spread the word. [Learn more about Banking on our Future.](#)

Safeguarding our Democracy

We oppose the suppression of voting rights, the gerrymandering of congressional districts, and any action that obstructs or subverts the fair representation of our citizens. The crippling influence of big money, the intimidation and harassment of election officials, and the interference with vote counting and certification of elections is undermining our democracy. While we work both locally and nationally to combat these and other unfair and/or illegal intrusions, we also work to increase voter registration, especially among young and aspiring voters. [Learn more about Safeguarding our Democracy.](#)

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Ezekiel 2:1-5; PSALM 119:87-96,97-104; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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LOCAL INITIATIVES

May 2023, Governor Tim Walz signed into law a \$2 billion environment, energy, and climate budget that will help Minnesota combat climate change and move toward a carbon-free economy. We aim to work with our state government to mandate official assessment of climate change impacts before any policy decisions are made, including those involving transportation, infrastructure, housing, and clean energy. We will also collaborate locally with other mission-aligned organizations working on climate and democracy issues, including any involving the protection and conservation of the Upper Mississippi River, Minnesota's ecological and cultural treasure.

As Minnesotans, we acknowledge we inhabit the ancestral homelands of the Dakota, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, Cheyenne, Oto, Iowa, and Meskwaki people. We honor the ancestors and descendants of these distinct tribal nations, knowing how much historical, spiritual, and personal significance this land held and holds for them. We also commit to work with Third Act Central to stop the anti-democratic schemes aligned against our native communities as they work for sovereignty and cultural recognition.

Holy Trinity Members, Kathy Hollander and Dennis O'Brien, along with others have been involved with Third Act for some time now. Feel free to reach out to either of them for more information about the group and how to get involved. Watch for Third Act initiatives in upcoming Community Church issues.



THIRD ACT

MINNESOTA

Please join Third Act Minnesota for a Summer of Heat protest calling on Wall Street big banks to stop using our savings to burn up our planet and instead invest in a livable future for coming generations. As heat waves, fires, hurricanes, and floods ravage communities around the world, we elders—together with youth and families—can make a difference.

Bringing the Heat to Wells Fargo

July 10, 2024 from 7:30–9:30 AM

Wells Fargo Corporate Tower

[600 S. 4th St. Minneapolis, MN](#)

[Summer of Heat](#) is 12 weeks of sustained protest and civil disobedience in New York City focused on disrupting Wall Street financial institutions that are funding the climate crisis, including big banks like Citibank and Wells Fargo, insurance companies like Chubb, private equity, and others. These efforts are led by a coalition and more than 93 endorsing organizations, including Third Act. We want to “turn up the heat” and escalate pressure on the financiers who are earning big profits while people and the planet burn.

Our **local Minneapolis action** is planned in solidarity with Summer of Heat Elders Week actions happening in New York City this week at Citibank’s global headquarters. We Third Actors are elders—retired teachers, health care professionals, lawyers, union members, as well as parents, grandparents, great aunts and uncles, and now activists—with decades of life experiences, backing up youth fighting for a peaceful, just, and healthy world.

Join us on July 10, 2024, 7:30 a.m. at Wells Fargo Corporate Tower. Bring the heat and join Elders in the street as we joyfully disrupt Wells Fargo’s business as usual by potentially blocking the entrance to its corporate offices to demand that it stop bankrolling the fossil fuel industry. Wells Fargo is the fifth largest funder of fossil fuels in the world. [RSVP HERE](#).

Please wear orange if you can (Third Act’s primary color), bring water, and if you feel creative, create a sign using foam board examples: Elders against fossil fuels; I’m here to protect my grandkids’ future, Wells Fargo Funds Climate Destruction;

DETAILS:

We will convene in the front of 600 S. 4th St. at 7:30 AM

GETTING THERE:

The US Bank Stadium light rail station is very close to the site of the protest or you can park at Denison Parking, [740 S. 4th St.](#)

To beat the heat, we’ll see you in the streets!

Carolyn Ham and Heather Miller,
co-facilitators for Third Act Minnesota

P.S. Learn more about the Summer of Heat in Bill McKibben’s blog, [This Summer, Join Us In Turning Up the Heat on Big Banks](#)

~ 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 **Susan Barry**, **Carol Berg**, healing from a broken wrist, **Wayne Vetter**, hospitalized after suffering a stroke; **Shawn Barry**; **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**; The family of **DeWayne Townsend III**, who died Tuesday.

We rejoice with **Anna Brelje** and **Jennifer Johnson** on the occasion of their marriage Saturday.

REMINDERS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

FEATURED MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

Sue Roberts, Trombone

Sue began playing the trombone in the fifth grade at an elementary school in Storm Lake, Iowa, where she grew up. She chose the trombone after her twin sister chose the clarinet, because the trombone section is the furthest away from the clarinet section. Sibling rivalry at its finest.

Following high school, Sue earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree followed by a master’s degree in trombone performance. She met Bill Roberts while in graduate school. Sue and Bill were married, moved to Minneapolis, and joined Holy Trinity in 1987. They’ve raised three children (Will, Lucy, and Liza) here.

Sue spent years teaching and freelancing in the Twin Cities, performing regularly with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the North Shore Brass. She also played with local band Women Who Cook and performed twice with Luciano Pavarotti.

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.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Jody Liedholm, our Volunteer Engagement Spark, will begin reaching out to congregation members next week to help discern the gifts and talents of congregants and match them with the gifts and needs of the congregation. During this time we will be asking members to fill out a simple survey. This process will also help us as we migrate to our new volunteer software system that we are preparing to launch in the fall. We appreciate your participation in this process as we work to match members with meaningful opportunities for service within the congregation and community.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JULY 9—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, 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.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, JULY 21

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). The All are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room if you are able to help.



FEATURING NEIGHBORHOOD BREADS FOR COMMUNION, JULY 28-AUGUST 18

We'd like to highlight a variety of different breads from Lake Street for use in communion beginning July 28 and ending on August 18. All these Sundays use bread texts from the bible. Volunteers needed to order the bread, pick it up, and drop it off for worship. Sign up for one of the four Sundays in the Community Room.

THURSDAYS, JULY 11, 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 8—LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING

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SUNDAY, JULY 28—SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

This is your second opportunity 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!

TUESDAY, JULY 30—MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR CONCERT

On their summer tour, the Maryland State Boychoir will offer a free concert at Holy Trinity in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Founded in 1987 the Maryland State Boychoir performs over 100 times each season and on national and international tours that have taken them to over forty states and fifteen countries. They perform a wide body of choral literature that ranges from Gregorian chant through contemporary choral music.



SAVE THE DATE

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.



THURSDAY, JULY 18—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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

Preacher	Doug Mork
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Jean Swanson
Assisting Minister	Rick Liedholm
Crucifer	
Communion	Julie and Tom Cahoy
Ushers	Sally and David Kohlstedt
Coffee Servers	Connie Adams, Roberta Shaw
Counters	
Closer	Bob Hulteen
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for the summer months. 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.

PARISH EVENTS JULY 7-13, 2024

Sunday, July 7	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, July 9	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, July 10	5:30-6:30 PM	Family Fun Night
Thursday, July 11	6:00-7:30 PM	Longfellow Summer Sing

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](#).

