



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

The month of August is quickly flying by, which means that Vacation Bible School (VBS) is starting soon! Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, August 19-22. After some thinking, planning, and conversation, we feel confident that this VBS can be accessible to most age groups. Please register your child (potty-trained and verbal through age 12) by emailing [david@htlcmpls.org](mailto:david@htlcmpls.org).

Also, make sure to consider volunteering time and energy to helping if you are age 13 through 99. We will need help with child-supervision, craft-making, set up/clean up, making lunch, and serving lunch! Please let me know how you can help by emailing me at [david@htlcmpls.org](mailto:david@htlcmpls.org).

We are excited to be using the ELCA World Hunger's VBS curriculum called *God's New Creation*. Throughout the four days, attendees will meet chickens, cows, goats, and pigs who remind us that the Creator cares about all of Creation. We will also grapple with age-appropriate wonderings of how we can help our local neighborhood as well as the wider world in addressing food insecurity. Each day will allow us to enjoy skits, story time, games, playground time, and connecting the Way of Jesus to faithful living for the sake of neighbor. The congregation will provide morning snacks, a hot lunch, and afternoon snacks every day.

A recent NPR article titled *Not your parents' VBS: How vacation Bible schools are changing to meet new needs* highlighted a few important things that I have been thinking about and want to share with you all as well. I encourage you to read and/or listen to the article.

One of the things that the article reminds us of is that knowledge of Bible stories is no longer the norm. However, people still want children to learn about what shapes the morals and values of communities. I know that our congregation is committed to our neighborhood and to walking the Way of Love-Made-Flesh. VBS allows us the opportunity to teach (in very fun ways) the youngest among us about what we find valuable in navigating life. Every day, attendees will learn bits of Scripture, learn music that lifts biblical themes, and engage in crafts/games that make faith formation fun. I think that it is an important part of our congregational life, and hope that you can help.

The article also mentions that faith is messy, and that folks are not necessarily looking to become a part of a faith community. We are all too aware of the many negative ways that religion (especially Christianity in our context) has been (Continued on next page)



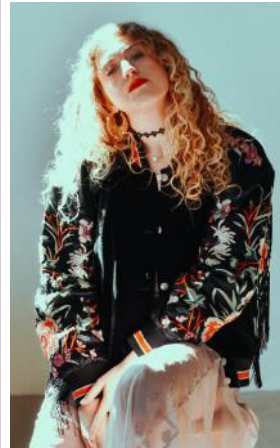
## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8;  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

## REMINDER

### MUSIC IN THE GARDEN THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). All are welcome! Our guest musician will be Nina Luna. ([www.thisisninaluna.com/](http://www.thisisninaluna.com/))



*Nina Luna is, simply put, a force of nature. Born into the mystery of the hills of New England, raised on the spirit and the myths of the North Country in Minneapolis, she cut her teeth on legends of artists come before and forged her own path through the bright lights and dive bars of New York and Los Angeles. The unique influence of her bond with these places comes through in Luna's music—a natural mysticism and sacred sensuality combine with a lust for life and a fiery edge into a shape-shifting alt-pop sound. Her lyrics are honest and vulnerable while her production is often cinematic and other worldly, her voice at once ethereal and powerful. Like the elements, Nina Luna is hard to pin down and not so easy to define yet that captivating allusiveness is exactly what keeps the listener coming back for more.*

## ~ 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**; **Shawn Barry**; Katie Murray's mom **Pat Wilson**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Cori Gershon**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker**; **Arlene Mirelez**, who has entered hospice; the family of Mary Petersen's friend **Joe Hughesdon** upon his death; the family of **Joyce Hanson** upon her death.

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used to oppress. This is real! Of course, I understand when people are wary of churches. And I also believe that faith formation for the youngest among us is of vital importance because not only is faith messy, but so is life. Our children deserve to have options of how to navigate the world. My hope for VBS through our congregation is that we can remind all the attendees that they are loved by their Creator, and that She desires life for them.

So, dear Holy Trinity folks, I am excited for our upcoming VBS! I hope that you will truly consider volunteering to help. And I also hope that you will sign up your children to be attendees. It promises to be a week full of fun, learning, and faith forming activities.

~ Pastor David



## SOUP FOR YOU! IS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

The addition of our newest building partner, Soup For You! has been successful, so much so, that they are in need of more volunteers. There was expectation that they would grow being in our space, but that growth has happened quicker than expected. They have been serving an average of 100 bowls of soup a day! This affirms the need for this service in our community. But with growth comes the need for more help. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the team ([soupyou@ymail.com](mailto:soupyou@ymail.com)) or visit their website, [soupyou.info](http://soupyou.info). There are a variety of opportunities available from hosting and welcoming folks into the building, to meal prepping and serving, dishes, and more.



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12–THIRD ACT MONTHLY PICKETING

THIRD ACT's monthly picketing of Chase Bank continues on Monday, August, 12, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the St. Paul Branch, 1039 Grand Ave. Wear ORANGE if possible, signs and banners will be provided. Contact Dennis O'Brien ([revdmo@gmail.com](mailto:revdmo@gmail.com)) with questions.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13–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](https://zoom.us/j/87275043389): Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14–CARING FOR CREATION SUMMER BOOK READ

The Caring for Creation Group is holding a book read on *The Good Ancestor: A Radical Prescription for Long-Term Thinking* by Roman Krznaric. This week we will meet at the home of Kathy Hollander and Rod Johnson, 1996 Langton Lake Drive, Unit 411 and discuss chapters 7-8. August 14, 7:00 p.m. For questions call Dave Howe at (541-525-6778).

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

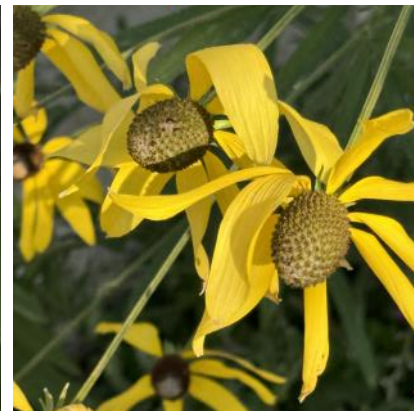
Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JOYCE HANSON

Funeral services for Joyce Hanson will be Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation at 10:00 a.m. A lunch will be served following the service. Please contact the office or sign up in the Community Room of you are able to help serve or bake treats.

### BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS

Sharing some of the beautiful blooms in the church gardens this week, thanks to our caring volunteers. Hope you enjoy!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY, AUGUST 19-22—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to learn important stories, songs, and themes in our Christian tradition! Children ages 7-12 are encouraged to attend. Older children can volunteer as helpers. Adult volunteers are needed to help with child supervision, preparing/serving lunch, and pitching in as needed. To volunteer or register, contact Pastor David ([david@htlcmpls.org](mailto:david@htlcmpls.org)).

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ALEX JURY AUGUST 22, 11:00 A.M.**

Alex died very unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 7 at the age of 39. His wife, children, and brothers will be in town for a service in celebration of his life at Holy Trinity on Thursday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m. The Jurys extend a warm invitation to any Holy Trinity members who knew Alex and his family to celebrate his life on August 22. Please contact the office or sign up in the Community Room of you are able to help serve or bake treats.

**SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

Our final Pop-up Choir of the summer! Everyone is 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.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25—ALL CONGREGATION PICNIC AT WABUN PARK**

As summer wanes, Holy Trinity families will gather for fun, food, and frolic at Wabun A Picnic Area, 4655 46th Ave S, Minnehaha Fall Park. Plan to join us at 12:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for potluck. Sign up in the Community Room.



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29—RING OUT MN AUDITIONS**



Ring Out! is a new group founded by Logan Olson, who also directs Holy Trinity's Gloria Ringers. Ring Out! is an LGBTQIA+ handbell ensemble with roots at Holy Trinity. The group will rehearse at Holy Trinity and share our bells. Auditions are Thursday, August 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. For more information about auditioning or other ways to support the organization, visit their website at [ringoutmn.org](http://ringoutmn.org).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR, JUBILATE YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE, GLORIA RINGERS, AND CANTATE YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Welcome to a new season of singing and ringing! Wednesday nights will be filled with music again. Choir families will gather for a meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m., Children's Choir will rehearse from 5:45-6:45 p.m., Jubilate Youth Bell Ringers will rehearse from 5:45-6:45 p.m., Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and Cantate will rehearse from 6:45-7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 4. Contact Cantor Phil Radtke ([pradtke@htlcmpls.org](mailto:pradtke@htlcmpls.org)) or Handbell Director Logan Olson ([lolson@htlcmpls.org](mailto:lolson@htlcmpls.org)) if you have any questions.



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, IS THE FINAL DAY OF THE SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

This is the last weekend for our summer worship schedule. Next week (September 8) we will be back to two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with education for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-22—ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY**

Save the date and plan to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for a retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John's. We'll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John's Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 participants. This year we will stay two nights! (You will have the option of staying for only one night).



<b>WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024</b>	
<b>Preacher</b>	David Larson-Martínez
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rick Liedholm
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Berglin, Aaron Hanson, Abs Trewin, Roberta Shaw
<b>Ushers</b>	Helen Norheim, David Broberg, Bob Peschiutta, Chris Amundson
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Kathy Ekwall, Jamie Bistram
<b>Counters</b>	Deb Helmelt
<b>Closer</b>	Kathy Ekwall
<b>Video Operator</b>	Bob Hulteen
<b>Cantor</b>	Caren Hiatt

#### **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](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.

#### **PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 11-AUGUST 17, 2024**

Sunday, August 11	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Music in the Garden Swahili Service
Tuesday, August 13	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, August 14	7:00 PM	<i>The Good Ancestor</i> Book Discussion at the home of Kathy Hollander and Rod Johnson (ch. 7-8)
Thursday, August 15	8:00 AM	Encore! At Turtle Bread
Saturday, August 17	11:00 AM	Funeral Service for Joyce Hanson, Visitation at 10:00 a.m.

#### **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](#).

