



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Holy Trinity,

As summer winds down, I find myself inspired by all the activities our youth have experienced over the past few months. Some of our kids went to overnight summer camp at Camp Wapo, where they formed lasting friendships and deepened their faith. Our high schoolers traveled to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, building grit and resilience when their flight was delayed for four days—with Pastor Ingrid and Pastor David serving as absolute champs as chaperones. Our littlest ones enjoyed a special week together at Vacation Bible School, learning and playing in a nurturing environment.

As we look ahead to the new school year, let us take inspiration from these youthful adventures and consider how we, as adults, can continue to learn and grow while supporting the development of the youngest among us. This fall, I encourage us all to be bold and brave as people of faith, tackling the challenges in our world with courage and hope. Together, we can face the pressing issues of our time, work toward meaningful change, and find strength and inspiration in our shared faith.

Over the past year, we have seen significant progress in various areas of our church life. We've made strides in our building projects, including improvements to our sanctuary sound and lighting, the rehabilitation of the Soup for You! basement kitchen, and starting to put dreams into plans for the second-floor renovation. These projects not only enhance our physical space but also reflect our commitment to creating a welcoming and functional environment for our congregation and community.

This fall, I encourage us to continue to foster deeper connections and understanding of our faith practices. Let us continue to question the "why" behind our traditions and embrace the joy and relationships that come from simply being together.

Our staffing review has led to positive changes, including the outsourcing of our social media and the creation of new positions for children, families, and youth. These roles are now filled and are actively contributing to our vibrant community life. Additionally, our engagement with neighborhood leaders and the ethnography project with Dr. Amy Levad have deepened our connections with both congregants and neighbors.

As we gather for worship and various activities this season, I

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

*Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

REMINDER

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JOYCE HANSON TOMORROW

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.

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) or visit their website, 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.



~ 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 **Joyce Hanson,** whose funeral is tomorrow.

We celebrate with Bruce and Lisa Martens upon the baptism of their son **Torsten** this Sunday.

PARISH INFORMATION

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invite you to reflect on these accomplishments and consider how we can continue to build on them. Whether through shared meals, book studies, Sunday School, worship, or social action, there is a place for you this season in the life of Holy Trinity.

In hope,



Katie Schroeder, Council President

FEATURED MUSICIANS SPOTLIGHT

ABS TREWIN, VOCAL SOLOIST

When I was little, I wanted to do everything my older brother Sean did, including and especially anything involving music. It didn't take long for my independent journey of music to blossom into a lifelong love affair. Much like my faith journey, my personal relationship with music has informed my musical relationships with others, and vice versa. Through music, I was able to meet beloved friends such as James Nysse and Logan Olson (whose musical journey led us all to Holy Trinity) as well as my partner Colton Baldus. I stay involved in music because I continue to find community in musical spaces, and music gives me a feeling of confidence and strength to continue living my best life. "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

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 (pradtke@htlcmpls.org).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20—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, AUGUST 21—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 the Jordan's with Dennis O'Brien hosting, 3628 36th Ave S. and discuss chapters 9-12. August 21 7:00 p.m. For questions call Dave Howe at (541-525-6778).

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP

The annual BWCA canoe trip, led by Tom and Julie Cahoy was last August 9-13. A wonderful time was had by all. Please enjoy some photos of the trip courtesy of Sean Gosiewski.



SAVE THE DATE

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. *Please note, this area is a different location than previous years and has a playground and splash pad for kids to play.* 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.

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.

KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1:30 P.M.

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).

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) or Handbell Director Logan Olson (lolson@htlcmpls.org) if you have any questions.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM EVENT

The Palestine/Israel Committee of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to hear Palestinian educator and peace advocate the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. He will be speaking at the Bright Stars of Bethlehem Solidarity gathering and annual fundraiser, Saturday, Sept. 7 at Westminster Presbyterian church, 1200 S. Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis. Palestinian dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a special in-person briefing from Mitri at 5:30 p.m. The fundraiser program starts at 7 p.m. Register at: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/westminstereventgala2024>.

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).



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

Preacher	Doug Mork
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf
Crucifer	
Communion	Zoe Martinez, Sean Gosiewski, Dennis O'Brien
Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Coffee Servers	Adam and Amber Lewis
Counters	Pam Blomgren
Closer	Bob Hulteen
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen
Cantor	Phil Radtke

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 AUGUST 18-AUGUST 24, 2024

Sunday, August 18	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, August 19	9:00 AM-3:00PM	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, August 20	9:00 AM-3:00PM 11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, August 21	9:00 AM-3:00PM 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School <i>The Good Ancestor</i> Book Discussion at the home of the Jordans, Dennis O'brein hosting (ch. 9-12)
Thursday, August 22	9:00 AM-3:00PM 11:00 AM	Vacation Bible School Celebration of Life for Alex Jury

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](#).

