



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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REFLECTION FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you were walking the halls of Holy Trinity this past week, you might have seen or heard:

- youthful voices singing about God’s muddy, muddy ground, and
- cheering young friends rooting each other an in an obstacle course, and
- curiosity coming alive in questions around Bible stories, and
- laughter while creating animals from these Genesis Bible stories, and
- silliness in action while “chicken dancing.”

Pastor David shaped a safe and respectful space where our 4 to 7-year-olds were invited in to a Vacation Bible School to feel loved, be reminded that they were important, and learn to help and honor others.

When asked their favorite part of the week, here’s how the kids responded:

- Being here with everyone. ~Robin
- Crafting and the table cloth game. ~Landon
- The obstacle course. ~Will
- Everything! ~Solweig
- The Chicken Dance! ~Maren
- Spending time with my friends. ~Lorelei
- The Chicken Dance and being champion of the obstacle course. ~Lars

These precious children in our community demonstrate wonder, exude energy, and radiate joy!

With deep gratitude to the HT community who believe in these children and their faith formation, especially Pastor David Larsen-Martinez, Phil Radtke, Logan Olson, Kathy Ekwall, Zoe Martinez, Marcia Floding, Dennis O’Brien, Lydia Belusa, Alison Johnson Heist, Bea Martin and Frances Olsen Biebighauser for sharing your time and love with our children.

~Lynda Nordholm

What a joy it was to gather for four days of Vacation Bible School (VBS) this past week! Over the course of our time together, we met a variety of barnyard animal friends: chickens, cows, goats, and pigs. These critters reminded us important

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

REMINDERS

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 Falls Park. *Please note, this area is a different location than previous years and has a playground and wading pool for kids to play.* Plan to join us at 12:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for potluck.

REQUEST FROM LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks to all who have helped with backpacks so far, we are halfway there. Longfellow is still looking for about 25 backpacks filled with school supplies for young moms. You can bring them to the church office or to Zoe Martinez’s front porch or hte church office by Friday, September 6. Each back should have 3 spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, highlighters, hair ties, comb, hairbrush, hand sanitizer, lip balm, and wipes. Please help these young moms to start the new school year. Talk to Zoe Martinez (zoenan52@yahoo.com) if you have questions or need more information.

~ 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 **Alex Jury**, whose funeral was held yesterday.

PARISH INFORMATION

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lessons about being created by God to be helpers for those around us. Scripture reminded us that we are freed from fear to be able to help our neighbors. It was a lot of fun to be able to create crafts, enjoy the playground, try our hands at music, and have dance parties while building forts on the side. I count it a joy and privilege to be able to work alongside y'all's kids!

~Pastor David

Please enjoy photos from the week!



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27—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).

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.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—LAST SUNDAY OF ONE SERVICE ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

This is the last weekend for our summer worship schedule. Next week, we are back to two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with education for all ages at 10:00 a.m. Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (*John 6:63*). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts. Our featured musician, Jan Mehlhoff, will share music on her flute with us during worship.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—LABOR DAY

The church office is closed.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2-6 SOUP FOR YOU! CLOSED

Soup For You! Has decided to close this entire week of Labor Day to give their chefs and volunteers a break. They will be back to serve soup Monday, September 9, Noon-1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—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).

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 needle-work and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

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

Welcome to a new season of singing and ringing! Beginning September 4, Wednesday nights will be filled with music again.

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Choir family meal
- 5:45-6:45 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
- 5:45-6:30 p.m. Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble rehearsal
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Gloria Ringers rehearsal
- 6:45-7:30 p.m. Cantate rehearsal

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 25, 2024

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Assisting Minister	Abs Trewin
Crucifer	
Communion	Deb Anderson, Zoe Martinez, Allison Johnson Heist
Ushers	Alan Libra, Julie and Tom Cahoy
Coffee Servers	The Hendrickson Family
Counters	Annie Hines
Closer	Roberta Shaw
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen
Cantor	Cathy Alpizar

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

What a week, lots happened at Holy Trinity. It was hard to find a space in the building yesterday that was not being used. The week was one of faith, hope, learning, growing, and emotion. Sunday we made promises to one of the youngest among us to walk with them on their baptismal journey. Thursday we carried another on the final leg of his baptismal journey. The days in between children and adults grew and learned together during Vacation Bible School. All of this took work of volunteers; worship assistants, bakers, teachers, helpers, servers, ushers and many more. Thanks to all who shared their gifts this week and throughout the year. When we share our gifts with each other in these meaningful ways, we create a community of hope, love, learning, and compassion. Thank you to all who so generously give in so many ways. For you we are grateful.

DISCOVERY OF GIFTS

As we prepare to ramp up with fall activities, move back to our two service worship schedule, and get closer to using our new information system, we'd like to remind you to fill out the Discover of Gift survey. This is not only to help with matching volunteer opportunities with your gifts and interests, but it will help us set up the new system (REALM) with up-to-date and accurate information. You can complete the survey two ways:

1. Easy online format: <https://htlcmpls.org/discovery-of-gifts/>
2. In person: Fill it out during Sunday's service and drop it in the offering plate or basket in the Community Room. If needed, we can mail you a hard copy, contact the office by email (kekwall@htlcmpls.org) or phone (612-729-8358).

PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 25-AUGUST 31, 2024

Sunday, August 25	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, August 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, August 29	6:30 PM-8:30PM	Ring Out! Auditions

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](#).

