



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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PASTOR DAVID'S IMMIGRATION STATUS

When I began my work among you in May of 2020, I worried that this congregation (although well-meaning), did not truly understand what it meant to accompany an under-documented immigrant staff person. By that point, the Churchwide expression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Indiana-Kentucky Synodical expression of the ELCA had proven to me that they were incapable of accompanying me as an under-documented immigrant seminarian. I began my time with you all with many doubts about the future.

We have all lived many experiences as a community since May of 2020, and throughout these last four years you all have proven that you meant what you said when you invited me to be a staff person among you. This has been especially true during the month of August 2024. This is why I want to share my gratitude with you all, and give you all – my community – an update of joy.

Firstly, some of you may be aware that I fell out of legal immigrant status on August 2, 2024. It is important to say that this is due to the backlog of the U.S. immigration system. Holy Trinity as my employer (as well as the lawyers we are working with) turned in the necessary paperwork and paid the filing fees on time. This is an example of how the system needs humane reform.

When falling out of legal immigrant status, one is not allowed to legally work in the U.S. Important documents like real ID driver's licenses, employment authorization documents, and other proofs of legal residency are terminated. This affects access to healthcare, travel, and leisure. I experienced many days of frustration, anger, sadness, and shame.

To make matters worse, on Sunday August 11, our church office suite was broken into during the one worship service. The individual took my bag from my office because it had many of my personal and work electronics which are valuable. Unbeknownst to him however, it also carried my passport, original immigration paperwork, and other pieces that I had been in the process of scanning to send along to the lawyers. The burglary added a sense of violation, and created headaches of trying to regain all of my important paperwork.

On the evening of August 26, I received an update from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that my paperwork (most importantly to me my Employment Authorization Document) had been renewed! I was once again legally able to work, live, and play in the U.S. for the next two years. This is the joy I want you all to know!

During these 2 years, HTLC will accompany me in a process

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

*Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54;
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37*

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via [Zoom](#) for those unable to attend in person.

September 22 "Conversation with Rev. Hieraal Osorto, today's preacher"

Today's preacher is Rev. Hieraal Osorto, pastor of San Pablo / St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Phillips neighborhood. San Pablo is an ELCA, Reconciling in Christ congregation founded in 1887 (18 years before Holy Trinity!) to meet the spiritual needs of the Swedish Lutherans in that neighborhood. Now, St. Paul's is a multicultural, multilingual congregation worshipping in Spanish and English. We are delighted to participate in a "pulpit swap" today. Pastor Hieraal will be at Holy Trinity for both services, and Pastor Ingrid will be with the congregation at San Pablo / St. Paul's this morning!

September 29 "Longfellow Alternative High School"

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom for an update on Longfellow Alternative High School and ways Holy Trinity members can continue to support their work.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 22-28

Check out Holy Trinity Library's collection of challenged and banned books on the cart in the Community Room for the next two weeks.

As always, you can explore the library catalog at

<https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>



~ 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 especially Amy Johnson; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; Mary Petersen**, recovering from a fall; James Nysse's cousin, **Eric Steckling; 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.**

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that will move me into a different immigrant category which we hope will be more permanent. I want to reiterate that there is no pathway for me to “become legal” as some might suggest. We are hoping that we will be able to begin what will be a 10-15 year process towards U.S. citizenship. One step at a time, knowing that many things could change at any given moment. For the time being I have become re-energized to serve as your pastor, to champion immigrant rights, to work alongside people and organizations who are caring about the neighbor, and to work for a Minnesota that we can all call home. Thank you all for caring.

Alongside you all,
Pastor David

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).

SOUP FOR YOU! CLOTHES CLOSET DONATIONS NEEDED

Soup for You! will be operating a small clothes closet starting October 1st on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the gym. They are looking for donations of gently used winter items; coats, hats, gloves, socks, etc. This is something they did when they were located at Bethany and we wanted that to be able to continue here. You can drop off donations to the office anytime between now and October 1. Once the clothes closet is operating, we ask that you drop off donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Feel free to contact the office ([612-729-8358](tel:612-729-8358)) if you have questions.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 8:00 A.M.

You are invited to join a pop-up choir at 8:00 a.m. which will sing for the 8:45 a.m. worship service.

ORIGAMI FOLDING FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE

Have you ever folded an Origami form? Would you like to learn to fold a paper dove? Join Juliann at the Dove Table in the Sanctuary after the 11:00 worship service this Sunday to fold our prayers and hopes papers into doves for the growing sculpture in our worship space. This activity would be especially appropriate for older youth and adults of all ages.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WE MAKE OUR FUTURE: BUILDING A MULTIRACIAL DEMOCRACY —SEPTEMBER 22

Join Pastor Doug Mork for a powerful conversation and training organized by ISAIHAH. Sunday, September 22, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Minnesota Islamic Center, 12119 16th Ave S, Burnsville, MN 55337. In the face of rising Islamophobia and White Christian Nationalism, how will I lead to create a future that advances a multi-racial democracy? What does it look like to show public love to my neighbors? Join us as we get equipped to understand the political moment we are facing and what it will take to move our agenda for a multi-racial democracy and caring economy. We will include narrative training on concrete skills to foster hope and agency among members of your congregation / network and strategically combat fear and hate in our public messaging.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—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).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26—20S AND 30S HAPPY HOUR AT ARBEITER BREWING

Hey, members in your 20s and 30s! Let's meet up at Arbeiter. If it's nice, we'll be on the patio. If it's cold, we'll be inside. We plan to be there from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully there will be a food truck there, too! James Nysse, one of our hippest Council members, is hosting!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—YOUTH FUN AND PIZZA NIGHT

All youth sixth grade through twelfth grade are invited to an evening of food, games, and overall fun on Friday September 27 from 6:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m.

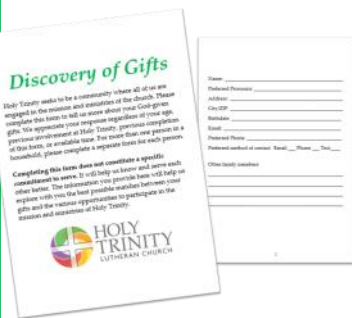
Youth will be asked to put their own pizzas together and these will be baked in our outdoor pizza oven. There will be fruit, drinks, and other snacks. Supper will last from 6:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. This time frame allows for pizzas to be put together, baked, and enjoyed. This will also allow time to help get everything back indoors/cleaned up.

Those in attendance will then transition to board games, pool table, foosball, ping-pong and general fun in the newly renovated fourth floor Sky Room. This will last close to 8:00 p.m. so that we can make sure that the sun has set.

The youth will then have the run of the church building to play sardines, hide-and-seek as well as gym games as they choose. This will carry the group to closing time at 10:00 p.m. when parents/guardians will pick up.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—REMINDER FROM CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE

The Caring for Creation Committee wants to remind everyone to clean out their storm drain this week. For more information, or to adopt a storm drain, go to <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org>.



SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1—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, OCTOBER 3—INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Come and help us with dusting, organizing, and cleaning some of our indoor spaces, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Join us for any amount of time that you are able. We won't make you scrape gum from the bottom of the pews. Sign-up in the Community Room.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6—INTERGENERATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

In lieu of the adult forum, Godly Play, Trinity Village, and Confirmation today, everyone is invited to an Intergenerational Education Hour. We will be focusing on "place," giving thanks for where our community finds its rootedness from which to branch out into the world. We will be blessing the building, walking around the neighborhood, visiting with our building partners, and enjoying fellowship. We apologize that due to the nature of the various activities happening throughout the building, there will be no simultaneous livestream of this event.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12—OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE

The Racial Justice committee will sponsor a workshop on October 12 on "Overcoming White Supremacy and Privilege", 9:00-11:30 a.m. Through this engaging workshop, JUST move will provide interactive learning experiences designed to unpack how we respond to unearned white body privilege. Participants will:

- Develop a deeper understanding of white body privilege and its effects on us.
- Deepen their awareness of white supremacy cultural patterns and how to transform them into more liberative patterns.
- Increase our own awareness of our bodies and discover how to move from shared racialized trauma into healing and justice.
- Sharpen tools of breach-repairing in a white body. We will combine theoretical frameworks and practical tools along with creative pedagogical tools such as music,
- Poetry, storytelling, and conversation.

If you're teetering on whether or not to attend the October 12th workshop on "White Privilege and Supremacy" this short article ([Understanding the impact of white privilege and supremacy](#)) may encourage you to attend. Those of us who are white-bodied have much to learn. The workshop facilitators provide a safe and interesting place to expand our views and apply them to actions aimed at justice. Sign up in the Community Room.

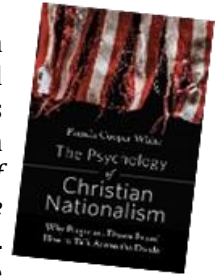
~Libby Olstad, Racial Justice Committee

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12-13—CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT SHALOM HILL FARM

All youth alongside their parents/guardians and immediate family members are invited and highly encouraged to attend this retreat, especially first-year confirmands. All confirmands anticipating confirmation are expected to come to the retreat. We will gather for a weekend of connecting, learning, and rest.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29—TWO-PART SERIES ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND CHRISTIAN ZIONISM

In October the Adult Ed committee will host a two-part series on Christian Nationalism and Christian Zionism. In preparation for this series, you are invited to read Pamela Cooper-White's book *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide*. You can pick up a copy of the book in the Community Room. Watch the Community Church for more details about the series in the coming weeks.



NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2025

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until November 11, 2024. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will be informed of the 2025 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MEALS ON WHEELS BOARD

Our partner in mission, South Minneapolis Meals On Wheels, is seeking new board and committee members. Board and committee positions offer a new way to serve your community and help your neighbors stay in their homes for as long as possible. Perhaps you've wanted to help, but can't take time out over the noon hour? Or you're looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your neighborhood, while building your professional resume? Questions? Ask your Meals On Wheels coordinator, Mary Engen (([612](tel:6127166338))716-6338 or engenmary@yahoo.com)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Rev. Hierarchy Osorto	Guest Preacher	Rev. Hierarchy Osorto
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
James Nysse	Cantor	James Nysse
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
David Broberg	Crucifer	
Andrea Martin	Communion	Katy Benson, DeWayne Townsend
Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Alan Libra
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Amber and Adam Lewis
Annie Hines	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St). Yesterday's group had a lovely time of conversation and community. Join the fun next month, October 17. They'd love to have you.



PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2024

Sunday, September 22	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, September 23	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 24	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, September 25	5:00-6:00 PM	Family Meal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Open Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, September 26	5:00 PM	20s & 30s Group at Arbeiter
Friday, September 27	6:00-10:00 PM	Youth Fun & Pizza Night

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

