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WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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FALL SPECIAL APPEAL: STUDENTS!

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear members.

The seasons are changing, and students are returning to classrooms. As a congregation we seek to be attentive to the specific challenges facing young people in and beyond the congregation.

This year we voted in our annual meeting to include two special appeals that prioritize young adult learners, who are bravely navigating higher education after COVID disrupted their lives and the Uprising further revealed racial disparities in so many areas of public life. The two appeals highlighted below address, in modest ways, these circumstances. We urge you to offer your support through contributions this fall to these two important efforts for students:

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM), located in the heart of the University of Minnesota, creates a sustaining gathering site for an ever evolving, inevitably transitory faith community on a campus with over 50,000 students. LCM provides multiple ways for students to explore their faith even as programs create opportunities to build leadership skills and engage in social justice projects. The goal of the ministry is to provide a haven for reflection and conversation about living a faithful life. Sharing her thoughts about how the campus ministry provided a haven for self-reflection, long conversations, and safe space to ask tough questions, one self-described queer participant wrote, "though my faith is still evolving...one thing that I am absolutely certain of is that God loves everyone, no exceptions, and LCM has helped me realize that."

To learn more about LCM, join Holy Trinity member Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Professor Emerita, for a campus tour the evening of November 6, which will allow us to glimpse the ways that campus ministries offer students music, art, conversation, along with quiet spaces and time for reflection. Sign up in the Community Room to indicate your interest in the outing!

BIPOC EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The Racial Justice and Indigenous Justice Committees of our congregation extended our collaboration with the Tiwahe Foundation and Mother St. James AME Church to provide educational grants to BIPOC students. Education is one critical key to closing the wealth gap for Native American and African American communities. As part of our congregational commitment to reparative or restorative justice for racial wrongs, these special appeals funds will award grants to BIPOC students to provide the resources needed for those who might otherwise leave academic programs prematurely.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Newsletter

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1; Mark 9:38-50

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via <u>Zoom</u> for those unable to attend in person.

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.

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.

FORUM ON INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS OCTOBER 13 AND 14

Grace University Lutheran in Minneapolis will have an Adult Forum on Indian boarding schools with two opportunities:

Sunday, October 13, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Grace, 324 Harvard St. SE, in the peace chapel. (See <u>https://graceattheu.org/contact-us-</u> directions/directions-parking-map/).

Monday, October14, 7:00-8:15 p.m., on Zoom (Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86069414273? pwd=TxXOuJSRCzuxKOi2GK3VSGmbhY6wnX.1

~ 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 the family of Arlene Mirelez, who died last week and whose funeral was Friday; Kathy Ekwall's friend, Jim Farnes (and family), diagnosed with cancer; David Broberg; Amy Johnson; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; Mary Petersen; 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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PARISH INFORMATION

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To learn more about this special appeal, plan to attend a special brunch with the leaders of St. James AME on Saturday, November 9, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There will also be an adult forum on this special appeal effort on Sunday, November 17.

Your contributions to these two programs are an investment in the self-understanding and leadership of young people. Paul Wellstone reminded us, "We all do better when we all do better" and that certainly is compounded when we help our youth. Click here to support either or both of these special projects. Please select the designated fund to specify which appeal you are giving to. You may also give a general gift to support the ongoing ministry of Holy Trinity.

Thank you for your generosity!

George Henry, Chair of Financial Stewardship

Scott Cole, Council Treasurer

Steve, Murray, Financial Stewardship

Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Financial Stewardship

Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

Pastor David Larson-Martínez

Pastor Doug Mork

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1-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).

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. Sign-up in the Community Room.

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)716-6338 or engenmary@vahoo.com)

BUILDING PARTNERS

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 in operating, we ask that you drop off donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Feel free to contact the office (612-729-8358) if you have questions.



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 (soupforyou@ymail.com) or visit their website, soupforyou.info. There are a variety of opportunities available from hosting and welcoming folks into the building, to meal prepping and serving, dishes, and more.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30-METRO WORK CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Please join our building partner, Metro Work Center at Arbeiter Brewing , Monday, September 30, METRO WORK CENTER 2:00-6:00 p.m. There will be an art display, their Anthology Book, and apparel sales. Funds raised will go towards transportation needs to help gain access to the community.



- 2:00-6:00 p.m. Raffle Ticket Sales
- 6:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing for a \$200 Visa Gift Card
- A portion of all beer proceeds (2:00-10:00 p.m.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8-METRO WORK CENTER ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

Metro Work Center presents their 3rd annual Talent Show, Tuesday, October 8, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Join them for light refreshments and entertainment.

Thes are great opportunities to get know and support our building partners. Both Soup For You! and Metro Work Center are non-profit organizations that support various needs of the broader community.

SAVE THE DATE

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 (<u>Understanding the impact of white privilege and supremacy</u>) 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

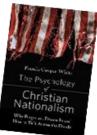
NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2025

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.*



There are a few copies of the book in the Community Room. Part one will be a discussion on Christian Nationalism, based on the book, Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. Part two will be a discussion on Christian Zionism led by Teresa Butel, Monday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

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: <u>https://htlcmpls.org/discovery-of-gifts/</u>
- 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).

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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Doug Mork	Guest Preacher	Doug Mork	
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez	
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke	
	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala	
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold	
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer		
Pam Blomgren	Communion	Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Skold	
Bob Peschiutta, Tom and Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Helen Norheim, Chris Amudson	
Nancy Madich	Coffee Servers	Nicki Hines	
Pam Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helmel	
	Closer	Roberta Shaw	
	Video Operator		

PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 5, 2024			
Sunday, September 29	8:45 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	10:00 ам	Adult Forum	
	10:00 am	Youth Education	
	11:00 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	2:00 рм	Swahili Service	
Monday, September 30	6:30-8:00 рм	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, October 1	11:00 ам	Worship Readings Discussion	
	2:00 рм	Knitting Group	
Wednesday, October 2	5:00-6:00 рм	Family Meal	
		Jubilation Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	
	5:45-6:45 рм	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
	6:00-8:00 рм		
	6:30-8:00 рм	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
Thursday, September 26		Indoor Property Work Day	
	6:45 рм	Big Meeting Night	

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

