



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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Longfellow Neighborhood Partners Statement

A Statement from Longfellow Neighborhood Partners on the Inaccurate & Harmful Portrayal of Minneapolis by Donald Trump.

Since Vice President Harris named Governor Tim Walz as her running mate, images from the aftermath of the police murder of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis have been circulating with a variety of news sources. Those pictures are of the neighborhood where we live, work, and worship. To say those were hard days would be an understatement.

Former President Trump has been using these images to incite fear in the American public. We'd kindly ask him to stop using the events that unfolded in our immediate neighborhood for his own gain. We are real people with real stories; if you'd like to hear about our experiences, please come and talk with us. To be clear, the former president does not accurately represent us on the national stage.

In short, Minneapolis did not burn to the ground in the wake of the police murder of Mr. George Floyd. Minneapolis isn't a hellscape; it's also not a community without hardship. Political polarization causes us to think that it has to be either-or, but regardless of where we live, none of our communities is all or nothing. All of our communities—urban, rural, suburban, and tribal—experience the deepest joys and the deepest sorrows and everything in between.

The signatories on this document have met weekly since the life-altering events in May 2020 because we love our neighborhood and our city. We are committed to accompanying each other as we seek to build a community grounded in mutual respect, equity, and deep belonging. We are very clear that we need leaders on the national level who can stand with us—leaders who have the emotional depth to empathize with what we have experienced, leaders who can advocate for us when tragedy strikes, and leaders who can celebrate with us when joy once again finds its way to our doorsteps.

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Meena Natarajan, Pangea World Theater
Chris Mozena, Hook and Ladder Theater
Kate Winkel, Arbeiter Brewing Company
September 12, 2024



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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.

October 13 “Stewardship Breakfast Celebration”
Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room and then join us at 10:15 a.m. for a program to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2025. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today.

October 20 “Presentation from Longfellow Student” Sarai Hernandez
Watch for more details in next week's newsletter.

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 <https://graceattheu.org/contact-us-directions/directions-parking-map/>).

Monday, October 14, 7:00-8:15 p.m., on Zoom (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86069414273?pwd=TxXOuJSRCzuxKOi2GK3VSGmbhY6wnX1>).

~ 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 Kathy Ekwall's friend, **Jim Farnes** (and family) who is in hospice care; **Mike Kelly; Christine and Michael Scanlan** (Theresa Duty's brother); **Amy Johnson; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis**; James Nysse's cousin, **Eric Steckling**; Katie Murray's mom **Pat Wilson**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker**. We rejoice with the family of **Jeremy and Breon Spratt** upon the birth their son, **Jeremy Lawrence Spratt**.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

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. in the Bartsch Room. 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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13—STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

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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).



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14—INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

The church office and Soup For You! are closed. See you Tuesday.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15—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 15—TH!RD ACT PROTEST

The next TH!RD ACT sponsored anti fossil fuel protest will again be at the Wells Fargo bank branch at 26th and Franklin. Day change; Tuesday, October 15, time change, 12:00-1:00p.m. All are welcome! Signs and posters provided. Wear orange if possible.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17—PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding, and trimming. We'll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Thursday, October 24 if rain). Sign up in the Community.

CHOIR: NOT JUST FOR SINGING

Ensembles have kicked off and it is great to be making music together once again! I have enjoyed hearing the voices of the choirs in rehearsals and worship and look forward to hearing Gloria Ringers in a couple of weeks. Of course we learn the notes and laugh at the mistakes we make and share the joys of our music making as well. One thing you may not expect is that we vote as well!

A couple of years ago some pianos in the building were moved around leaving a different piano in the choir room. The old piano was named but this new one was not.



So I collected names from the Children's Choir, added them to a ballot and we voted. All music ensemble members were invited to vote and "Petunia was overwhelmingly chosen as the winning name. Starting last year I collected names from the Adult Choir to name the piano in the sanctuary. This fall ballots have, once again, been given to ensembles to fill out with their choices. I might add that these ballots are ranked choice and mimic those of actual November ballots!

Why go through the hassle? Why not just sing? Building an ensemble has more to it than just teaching notes. People of all ages become more engaged when they feel part of the process. They have a stake in the decision and get excited about it! Sure it's just naming a piano, but I think little things like this can build communities stronger and keep them engaged or lead to more civic engagement outside the rehearsal room.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 28— 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24—DOCUMENTARY SHOWING, 'TIL KINGDOM COME

Thursday, October 24, there will be a showing of the documentary *'Til Kingdom Come* at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Through extensive interviews with Israel-supporting pastors in the southern US and the Jewish Israeli director of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, "Til Kingdom Come" takes a deep look at the ties between Christian Zionist congregations in the US and the Israeli government. This film is important for Christian and Christian-lineage people to see as we learn more about our own ancestral and cultural ties to the ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza. There will be food provided and a facilitated discussion after the documentary showing. This event is sponsored by MN Christians for a Free Palestine, WAMM, and the Palestine/Israel Committee of Holy Trinity.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9—BIPOC EDUCATION GRANT FUNDRAISING BRUNCH

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.

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in between services in the Bartsch Room. Over coffee and snacks, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG NOVEMBER 2024

Join Pastor Doug in reading Cole Arthur Riley's book *This Here Flesh*. In her stunning debut, Riley weaves stories from three generations of her family alongside contemplative reflections to discover the "necessary rituals" that connect us with our belonging, dignity, and liberation. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room. Please sign up in the Community Room. Books are available in the Community Room for those interested in joining the discussion. Pastor Doug will send out a short reflection by email each week. The group is invited to gather for one in-person gathering on Thursday, November 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Further details will be sent to participants.

BUILDING PARTNERS

SOUP FOR YOU! CLOTHES CLOSET DONATIONS, THANK YOU!

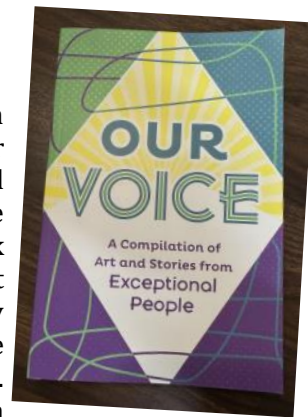
Thanks to all who have donated so many wonderful items. You can continue to drop off donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the fall and winter. Feel free to contact the office ([612-729-8358](tel:612-729-8358)) if you have questions.

SOUP FOR YOU! ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Please consider attending the Vine Arts Center Annual Fundraiser for Soup For You!, Saturday, October 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m. This is a silent auction of art and items donated by local businesses and artists. You're welcome to come, enjoy the music provided by the Grateful Fed, and bid on items. You may also donate items for the silent auction. Items can be any size/amount. Contact the Vine Arts Center for more details (info@vineartscenter.org).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23—OUR VOICE PREMIERE PARTY

Metro Work Center along with partners have published a book "Our Voice." It's a compilation of art and stories of exceptional people. The premiere party celebrating the book is October 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Hopkins Center for the Arts. Holy Trinity's library has a copy of the book now, available for check out. You can also contact Christina Nelson (CNelson@metroworkcenter.org) at MWC to purchase a copy.



These are great opportunities to get to 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.

ART AND ARTIFACT: MURALS FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS UPRISING

Art and Artifact: Murals from the Minneapolis Uprising opened this month at the Katherine E. Nash Gallery at the University of Minnesota. The exhibition catalogs the murals made on the plywood boards that covered Twin Cities businesses during the June 2020 protests following the murder of George Floyd. The exhibition is the largest display of the murals indoors since they were made four years ago. Open through December 7, 2024. Katherine E. Nash Gallery, 401 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke
	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Carol Masters
	Crucifer	Tre Tellor
David and Carol Berg, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Kieth and Libby Olstad
Julie and Tom Cahoy, Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Alan Libra, David Rediger, Chris Amundson
	Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson
Pam Blomgren	Counters	
	Closer	
	Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff

RESULTS ARE IN!

After counting ballots, the winning name voted on by musicians for the sanctuary piano is... Gertrude, garnering 52 percent of the vote. Chrysanthemum was a distant yet hard fought second place followed by others. Some write-in names included Phil Jr., Frank, Figaro, Stein, Erik Jr., Picklz, Black Rose, Pianoelle, Ebony, and Alec (because it's a "Baldwin" piano). Thanks to all who voted and helped come up with names!

~Cantor Phil Radtke

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 13-19, 2024

Sunday, October 13	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Minnesota Water Stewards Rain Garden Party Swahili Service
Monday, October 14	Office Closed	Indigenous People's Day
Tuesday, October 15	11:00 AM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Church Council
Wednesday, October 16	6:30-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 17	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day

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](#).

