



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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### CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT SHALOM HILL FARM

The sun rose in its bright blanket of colors that snuggled into all the crevices around Shalom Hill Farm. Steam rose in wisps above my coffee cup while sheep stirred in the pasture and the day began. As the smell of fresh pancakes filled my nostrils, I also heard the stirring of our confirmation students making their way upstairs to the dining area. I whispered a prayer of thanks to God for the opportunity to journey alongside the youngest among us.

From Friday through Sunday of last week (October 11-13), many of our confirmation students and their families gathered for the fall retreat which will become our annual ritual. I hope that this brief article will help begin to explain the ways we are approaching faith formation, and also give you a glimpse of the wonderful weekend we spent together!

To begin with, I believe that faith formation must begin in the family unit (whatever that might look like). As an aside, I hold a tender spot in my heart for those who do not fit the 'traditional' family unit, especially after being disowned by my father and sisters when coming out as queer; and so I have learned that family can be with those friends who surround me in love. It is from love that faith formation flows! I want to be clear that 'family' is essential for understanding our faith, and that it can look very 'non-traditional'.

This past weekend I was able to witness parents surround their children with love. I watched a dad and daughter work as a team to dig up potatoes from the garden before the frost sets in. I delighted in observing a mom and daughter duo harvest lavender together, stopping to literally smell the flowers while they worked. These moments will be a part of the memories that will nurture a sense of love and belonging as we move forward in our confirmation programming. And I had the pleasure of catching glimpses of the students becoming better friends to each other. I am hopeful and prayerful that God will show up through this love!



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### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS



Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16;  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

### 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 20** "Presentation from Longfellow Student"  
**Sarai Hernandez**

Sarai Hernandez, a student at Longfellow, will tell her story of her journey from El Salvador to Minnesota, including how she crossed the border into the United States and how going to Longfellow has changed her life.

**October 27** "Uprising Theology Presentation"  
**Dr. Amy Levad**

Watch next week's Community Church for more details.

### ~ 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**; Jamie Bistram's dad **Dennis**, in hospice; **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**.



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I also believe we can only move forward if we appreciate that which precedes us. To this end (in our confirmation program) we learn about the stories, the symbols, and the creeds which have nurtured our ancestors of the faith. This does not mean that we do not question or wrestle with them, but it does mean that we have a foundation upon which to build. Last weekend we were able to sit around a campfire and discuss what we believe (or not) and why. We recited old words and read new interpretations. It was a joyous time of learning together in old and new company.

Of course, I wholeheartedly believe that faith formation must be enjoyable if it will be a life-long thing. Our confirmation retreat had plenty of downtime for individuals and families to enjoy the beautiful grounds. Some folks decided to go on hikes, others chose to hunt for pumpkins, and still others (maybe just me?) decided to nap. We allowed ourselves the pleasure of chasing after the barn cats, baaing back at the sheep, and going to see local sites like the [Jeffer's Petroglyphs](#). Overall, I hope that the confirmation students and their families had as much fun as I did. Truly, I continue to whisper prayers of thanks for the opportunity to work with the youngest among us here at Holy Trinity.

~ Pastor David



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22—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, 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.



### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25—PROPERTY WORK DAY RESCHEDULED

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 3:30 to 6:30 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: <https://htlcmls.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@htlcmls.org](mailto:kekwall@htlcmls.org)) or phone (612-729-8358).



**SAVE THE DATE**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28—SECOND OF A 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*. 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.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9—BIPOC EDUCATION GRANT FUNDRAISING BRUNCH**

The Racial Justice and Indigenous Justice Committees of our congregation extended our collaboration with the Tiwaha 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. You can sign up in the Community Room, copies of the book are also available there 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, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Further details will be sent to participants.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15—SUBMIT COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2025**

Active committees, it's time to submit your 2025 budget requests! You can email your requests to Pastor Ingrid. We'd love to receive them by Friday, November 15!

**BUILDING /COMMUNITY 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.

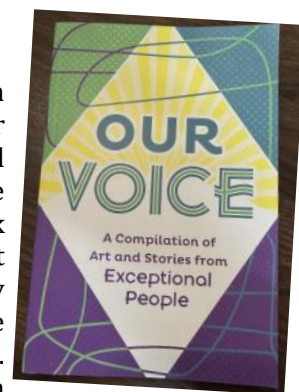
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19—SOUP FOR YOU! ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**



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](mailto: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](mailto:CNelson@metroworkcenter.org)) at MWC to purchase a copy.

*These 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.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26—PASTURES A PLENTY**

The next Pastures A Plenty delivery will be Saturday, October 26. Please have your order in by Thursday, October 24. Email your order to [shop@pasturesaplenty.com](mailto:shop@pasturesaplenty.com), or go to the website ([pasturesaplenty.com](http://pasturesaplenty.com)) and order from there. Delivery at Holy Trinity is scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.



**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 20, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Larson-Martínez	<b>Preacher</b>	David Larson-Martínez
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
Jody Liedholm	<b>Cantor</b>	Jody Liedholm
Amy Hanson	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Roberta Shaw
Rick Liedholm	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Abs Trewin
	<b>Crucifer</b>	
Aaron Hanson, Margaret Kolden	<b>Communion</b>	Sean Gosiewski, Stephanie Cole
Sally and David Kohlstedt	<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Annie Hines	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Arlene Helvig
	<b>Counters</b>	
	<b>Closer</b>	Rod Johnson
	<b>Video Operator</b>	Doug Mork

**REMINDER—NO YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMING THIS SUNDAY, DUE TO MEA WEEKEND**

### PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 20-26, 2024

Sunday, October 20	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Education NO YOUTH EDUCATION—MEA WEEKEND Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, October 21	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 22	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, October 23	5:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Choir Family Meal Jubilation Youth Bell Ensemble Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate Rehearsal
Thursday, October 24	5:30-8:30 PM	Documentary <i>'Til Kingdom Come</i>
Friday, October 25	3:30-6:30PM	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](#).

