THE COMMUNITY CHURCH Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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Reparative Justice thru BIPOC Educational Grants

LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY

We have a chance to make an incremental step of progress in reparative justice...a concrete way of repairing the racial



wrongs of the past and present. We all know that education is a major key to a meaningful and ndigenous productive life in this country. Education teaches us to think, to seek facts, and to make good choices. It is also a primary means through which families reach economic security, provide for their well-being and help close the wealth gap in our society.

One of the congregational goals adopted for 2024 was our commitment to..."grow in competency and commitment to racial justice..." As a part of that commitment to reparative justice the church's line item budget provides \$1250 each to the Tiwahe Foundation (Indigenous) and Mother St. James Scholarship Fund (African American) to support the educational costs of BIPOC students. Both agencies have a process in place for the distribution of these funds which can be used for cost-of-living expenses such as food, transportation and housing. Most educational grants do not cover these expenses.

Which brings us to our opportunity: Holy Trinity's Special Appeals Offering. By giving generously and sacrificially to this offering, we can significantly increase the line item funds already committed to support educational work of the Tiwahe Foundation and Mother St. James Church. While we can never fully compensate for generational harm and injustice, we can take this incremental steps forward.

Through the BIPOC Educational Grants Special Appeal Offering we can put words into action; the joy of giving; the faithful response of gratitude...we hear these admonitions appropriately often at HTLC...gratefully so.

Gifts to this special appeal offering can be made online at the HTLC website or by check or cash in the offering plate with a note marked BIPOC Education Grants.

A fund-raising breakfast will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, November 9th. Watch for information about this additional opportunity to give!

~Thank you, members and friends of Holy Trinity

REFORMATION AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

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 (meeting ID:858 5687 1594; passcode:31787 for those unable to attend in person.

October 27 "Uprising Story Project" **Dr. Amy Levad**

Amy Levad will provide an update about the Uprising Story Project, including discussion of the materials she has collected and plans for next steps for sharing and publication. Please join to share your thoughts and ideas for going forward.

November 3 Adult Forum to Honor the Saints

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour (10:00 a.m.). During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

~ 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 Bob Brose and his family on the death of his brother, Paul; Jamie Bistram and his family on the death of his father, Dennis; Kathy Ekwall's brother Steve and friend, Jim Farnes; 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; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29-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).

SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church Sunday morning!

WORSHIP GATHERINGS DURING ELECTION WEEK

• Monday, November 4, and Wednesday-Friday, November 6-8 Join Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, Pastor Doug, and Cantor Phil for a Soup for You! lunch in the church basement at noon. At 12:30 p.m., we will move upstairs to the sanctuary for a 20-minute prayer service.

*Please note: we will not meet on Tuesday, election day.

• Monday, November 4—Election Worship with Longfellow Congregations at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peder's Lutheran Church Longfellow congregations will gather together for prayer at St. Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. on November 4 at 7:00 p.m. We will be using an adapted Healing of the Nations liturgy developed in Holden Village. All are welcome, regardless of religious or political affiliation, as we bring our prayers for the future and wellbeing of the United States and all of creation to God. Holy Trinity is assisting with sweet treats for this gathering; sign up in the Community Room if you can bring one dozen cookies or bars. We need ten bakers!

MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4-8—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS



Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, November 4-8. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about

one hour. Contact Mary Engen (<u>engenmary@yahoo.com</u>) to sign up for part or all of the week.

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. 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 4, 11, and 18). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese and one household would pick up bread from Laune Bread (already ordered and paid for). We are also in need of volunteers for set-up and clean-up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2025

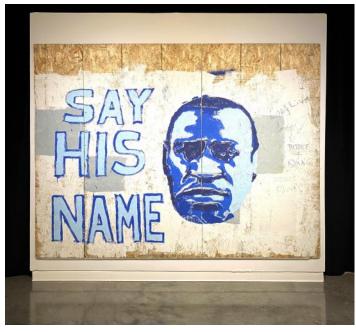
Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special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

ART AND ARTIFACT: MURALS FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS UPRISING

Art and Artifact: Murals from the Minneapolis Uprising <u>opened</u> 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.



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

ANNOUNCING THE SYNOD YOUTH CHOIR!



When young people are connected to one another and to their faith, they have a deeper sense of self, compassion, and justice. As church staff and caring adults in the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS), join us in exploring how we can help young people thrive through making music together.

Musicians and youth workers Alyssa Schwitzer and Kent Goodroad (*LK-ArtsAcademy.com*) are partnering with the synod and its congregations to launch a Synod Youth Choir. The youth choir is intended to support the already incredible faith formation happening within congregations and will be more "pop-up" in practice.

Participating congregations and youth will gather once a month between January and June to learn songs, meet other young people from Lutheran congregations, and prepare to sing with a larger youth choir at the Synod Assembly (May 2-3, 2025) as well as one other gathering (to be determined).

The choir is designed for any and all young people ages 5-18 regardless of musical experience. Participating congregations are asked to make a financial sponsorship to support the choir. All young people are invited to participate.

If you think that youth members of your congregation would be interested, please fill out <u>this brief interest form</u>. Alyssa or Kent will follow up with you. If you have questions, please reach out to them at <u>MASYouthChoir@mpls-synod.org</u>.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork	
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala	
Caren Hiatt	Assisting Minister	Confirmation Youth	
	Crucifer	Confirmation Youth	
Sue Roberts	Communion	Confirmation Youth	
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Council and Personnel Committee	Coffee Servers	Council and Personnel Committee	
	Counters	John Sulzbach	
	Closer	Bob Hulteen	
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen	

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 2, 2024			
Sunday, October 27		Worship Service of Holy Communion	
Reformation and	10:00 am	Adult Education	
Confirmation	11:00 ам	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	2:00 рм	Swahili Service	
Monday, October 28		Adult Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 PM	Discussion on Christian Zionism with Teresa Butel	
Tuesday, October 29	11:00 ам	Worship Readings Discussion	
Wednesday, October 30	5:00 PM	Choir Family Meal	
	5:30-6:30 PM	Worship Schedule Discussion	
		Jubilation Youth Bell Ensemble	
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
		Supervised Play Time	
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Rehearsal	

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services <u>here</u>.

