



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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REFLECTIONS ON A 2024 CONFIRMATION

By Emma Murray, Lydia Belusa-Niesen, and John Buzza

The pandemic upended so many, many things! Both Emma and Lydia were caught up in all the uncertainties. For Emma the confirmation process never really began. For Lydia it never really ended. So it was that both of them decided early this year that they deeply wanted to be confirmed and that they were ready for whatever “classes” were needed to do so. At the time the only confirmation class was made up of students considerably younger and whose interests and questions were different than Emma’s and Lydia’s.

Pastor David and family members of these young women wanted to find someone who might be interested in leading a “catch-up-tutoring” series with them. Since I had a long-term relationship with Emma’s family and had been a part of Lydia’s earlier classes, it seemed well to volunteer.

It has been a wonderful, Spirit-filled and inspiring experience for me. Our “classes” have been conversations of significance and poignancy. We shared openly with each other and no question was out of order. Our shared stories were points of growth for all of us.

Perhaps the most telling thing about Emma’s and Lydia’s confirmation journey is that both of them want to continue our “classes” even though they were confirmed in a very moving worship service on October 27. They understand that “confirmation” is not the end of a process, but the beginning of a new and deeper journey. So the three of us will continue our spiritual journeys over the coming months.

~John B

Being confirmed two years late was not what I had envisioned when I started confirmation and was something I hated. I wanted to be normal and get confirmed with my friends, and be the same age as everyone else. But I realized when I started confirmation classes again that if I had been confirmed two years ago, I would not have been the same person. I would not have experienced the same things in life that shaped my feeling on God and my faith. I got confirmed two years wiser and that was the greatest gift God gave me on my confirmation journey.

~Lydia B

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

*Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16;
Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8*

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.

November 17 “Special Appeal: BIPOC Education Grants”

This special appeal encourages individuals to contribute to the education grants fund for BIPOC students. Allies in both the Twin Cities Native American and African American communities strongly support such efforts as a concrete step in closing the wealth gap. Education, they contend, enables BIPOC students to prepare for a future with realistic hopes. Many scholarship programs do not provide for cost-of-living expenses, which can lead to the student leaving academic programs prematurely. Two of our ministry partners—the Tiwahe Foundation and the Mother St. James Scholarship Fund—are prepared to distribute the funds raised through the special appeal. Learn more at today’s adult forum.

November 24 “New Member Welcome”

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We’ll hear from two delightful current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We’ll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation, including Sophie Breen, Alex Brandt, Lori Lathrop, Madeline Burbank, Chloe Gil, Mason Gil, Jess Yarger, David (Dave) Herrera Santacruz, Emily O’Brien, Carol Poster, Paul Poster, Grace Basler, and Rick Lathrop. A photographer will be taking pictures of members for the directory. Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room at 10:00 a.m. and join in the fun!

The beginning of my confirmation journey is a blur, but what I do know is that going to New Orleans for the ELCA youth gathering and talking with Lydia and John has refined my belief and has helped me feel more connected to the church. Continuing these classes after getting confirmed feels important because getting confirmed was only the start of our journey of faith.

~Emma M



~ 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 **Jackson Murray**, recovering from a tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy; **Marilyn Miller**; **Mark Horning**, friend of Tony Wald; **Chris Engen**; **Merlin Wells**; **Ann Schrooten**, having foot surgery; **Katie Schroeder**, recovering from back surgery; **Nancy Arnison**, recovering from surgery; Kathy Ekwall's aunt, **Mickie**, and friend, **Jim Farnes**; **George Madich**; **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 Biebigbauer's mom **Jo**; **Juliet Williamson**; and Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker**.

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2025

We invite members and friends to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2025. Your gifts will allow us to support our dedicated staff, offer our space for community use, sustain our commitment to neighborhood recovery, and continue organizing for the wellbeing of all—especially in divisive times. You may pledge online or by filling out one of the pledge cards found in the Community Room.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

COOPERATIVE ENERGY FUTURES REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17

Join a Cooperative Solar Garden!

One way to address the likely cuts on climate change legislation is to join a local community solar garden. A representative from Cooperative Energy Futures will be in the Community Room Sunday between services and after the second service to explain how to join. They are particularly focused on low- to moderate-income apartment dwellers and homeowners. And remember to rake leaves from the street before snow to prevent water pollution! From the Caring for Creation Committee.

POP-UP CHOIR AT THE 8:45 A.M. SERVICE

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

HELP MAKE CARE PACKAGES SUNDAY MORNING

Join Council member Margaret Kolden in the Community Room Sunday between services as we make 60 care packages filled with noodles, sweets, protein, pens, and Kleenex for students. These packages will be delivered to Lutheran Campus Ministry students at the University of Minnesota and to Holy Trinity college students across the nation. (See more information about Lutheran Campus Ministry on p. 3 of this newsletter.)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19—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).

THIS HERE FLESH BOOK DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 6:30 P.M.

Join Pastor Doug in person on Thursday, November 21, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss Cole Arthur Riley's book *This Here Flesh*.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

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). There is no agenda. Breakfast goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Racial Justice is co-hosting a game night with Mother St. James AME on Saturday, November 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Pizza and some games will be provided. We encourage you to bring a friend, a game or two you'd like to play, and willingness to try a new game with others! Sign up in the Community Room.

SAVE THE DATE

HONORING SACRED VOICES

Join Pastor Doug on Tuesday, November 26, 5:30 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2315 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis, for a gathering to support All Nation's Indian Church, UCC. There is a sign-up in the Community Room, including some opportunities to bring snacks or bake cookies if you would like. The event begins with a pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a program. Please indicate on the sign-up if you would like to ride together from Holy Trinity.

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. We are also in need of volunteers for set-up and clean-up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Time to begin planning and honing our culinary and crafting abilities for the youth Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 8, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Community Room. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other youth activities. Favorite baked goods and treats, jelly and other canned goods, or your special handmade crafts will be graciously accepted. Sign up to contribute in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 6 or Saturday morning, December 7. It's okay to just plan on shopping too! For questions, please contact Pat Libra (612-729-5172) or Amy Froiland-Parada (302-419-8124).

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Join the National Lutheran Choir at the beautiful Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for the Christmas Festival tradition. This year's program, *Healing: of the Nations*, seeks to bring a beacon of hope to all who open their hearts and listen. The festival will include the premiere of a new Christmas Suite by Taylor Scott Davis as well as works by James MacMillan, Galina Grigorjeva, Nancy Grundahl, Roland Carter, Anne Krentz Organ, and more. Concerts will be held on December 13 & 14. Tickets at NLCA.com.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

HOLIDAY SHARING WITH LONGFELLOW SCHOOL 2024

All of the Longfellow moms have been adopted for Christmas. Thanks to everyone who volunteered!

THIRD ACT EVENTS THIS WEEK

- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:30 A.M.**

Meet and protest at the Wells Fargo Center, 90 S 7th St, Minneapolis, at 7:30 a.m. Just bring yourself. Signs, Banners and other materials provided. We will join students from the Macalester College chapter of the Sunrise Movement, a youth and young adult climate initiative.

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20. 7:00 P.M.**

Part 2 of the Move Your Money webinar. Complete details and registration information in previous newsletter.

Questions on either of these events, call Dennis O'Brien, (309) 251-1683.

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."

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Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is a Christian community by students, for students. We are the largest Christian queer affirming ministry on the campus of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Our community centers the unconditional love of God and is marked by a commitment to integrity, curiosity, and creating belonging for one another and our neighbors.

At a time when your lives as students are in flux, our ministry helps you as students at the University of Minnesota grow in your faith, ask big and beautiful questions about God, your vocation, your emerging identities, and experience the healing power of belonging and the transformational nature of Christ's welcome.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Larson-Martínez	Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Andrea Hansen	Cantor	Andrea Hansen
Jean Swanson, Amy Hanson	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
	Crucifer	
Karen Kunze, Linda Berglin, Aaron Hanson	Communion	Zoe Martinez
	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
Hendrickson Family	Coffee Servers	Pat Farris
	Counters	Deb Helmel
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 17-23, 2024

Sunday, November 17	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Education
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, November 18	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 19	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, November 20	5:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Rehearsal
Thursday, November 21	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	6:30 PM	<i>This Here Flesh</i> Book Discussion

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](#).

