



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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PASTOR DAVID'S IMMIGRATION UPDATE AND WAYS TO HELP

Dear ones,

I felt your prayers and good wishes deeply as Pastor Ingrid and I sat in the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offices yesterday morning. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being my community and walking this journey with me, reminding me that I am never alone.



At my interview, we received the good news that I have been approved and granted emergency permission to travel to Mexico and return to the United States. This trip is a critical piece of the jigsaw puzzle that is my immigration path. I need to travel to Mexico and come back to the United States, so this approval is a good thing. We celebrate this!

Unfortunately, this emergency travel allowance is much shorter than what we had hoped for, and this means that a series of interviews that can only happen in Mexico will need to be scheduled and completed successfully within a shortened timeframe.

Our lawyers are hopeful that this can be done, and we are working to make it happen! Holy Trinity continues to be committed to accompanying me through this process and congregational giving facilitates this. Many of you, near and far, have asked if financial giving is helpful. Yes, it is. You can feel free to donate to Holy Trinity's "Immigration Justice" Fund (<https://htlcmpls.org/donate/donate-online/>).

This also means that I will be leaving the U.S. this week. We hope that all will go smoothly and I can return to the U.S. with a more permanent status by Christmas, but this timing is subject to change. Holy Trinity has approved a visa acquisition leave for me during this time. I am grateful for our Council and Personnel Committee!

During this visa acquisition leave, I will be unavailable by phone and email. All questions can be directed to Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Doug. I will have one weekly Zoom call check-in with Pastor Ingrid where we will address any questions that come up. I am grateful for our pastors!

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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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 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, Carrie Poster, Paul Poster, Grace Basler, and Rick Lathrop. Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room at 10:00 a.m. and join in the fun!

December 1 "Clare Housing" Thomas Page

In the ongoing effort to end the HIV epidemic, why does housing matter? How does housing radically improve HIV health outcomes? And why is it a crucial element in stopping the epidemic for good?

Join us for a 45-minute HIV & Homelessness 101 learning session to find out. This program explores how the Housing First model not only enhances the lives of residents with HIV but also plays a key role in preventing HIV transmission within the community. Read more about Clare Housing at clarehousing.org.

~ 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 **Marilyn Miller; Jackson Murray; Mark Horning**, friend of Tony Wald; **Merlin Wells; Bill Blood; Ann Schrooten; Katie Schroeder**; Kathy Ekwall's friend, **Jim Farnes; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Christine and Michael Scanlan; Eric 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**.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Of course, this impacts a very busy season in our life together. I know that I can count on all of you to help! Here are a few ways you can offer tangible support for this justice journey:

- We are so grateful that Jeff Olsen-Biebighauser has agreed to be the lead teacher for Confirmation during my absence. He needs a second adult in the classroom (who is willing to complete a very easy background check) on Sundays November 24, December 1, and December 22. We also need someone to provide snacks and help with set up/clean up each of those Sundays. Please contact Andrea Hansen if you can assist with any of these things.
- We have Sunday School teachers confirmed for all classrooms until December 22. For each of the Sundays until then, we need extra loving adults who are able to assist the teachers with supervision (and who are willing to complete a very easy background check). This is a particular need for Sundays, November 24 and December 1, 8, and 22. Please contact Jenni Vaillancourt if you can assist with these needs.
- Let's make this year's Holiday Bazaar on December 8 the best one yet! We could still use 20 people willing to bake or share a homemade craft. Please contact Amy Froiland-Parada if you have something you can share. The funds raised will help with Summer 2025 Youth Programming. We look forward to not being stuck in New Orleans airports!
- This year's Children and Youth Advent/Christmas Program will happen on Sunday December 15 at 11:00 a.m. We have an all-student rehearsal on Saturday, December 14 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. and need 10 loving adults to assist Cantor Phil, Pastor Ingrid, and Jody and Rick Liedholm, who are helping us rehearse, costume, and supervise a fun and meaningful program. If you can be one of these adults please contact Pastor Ingrid.
- For the congregational committees to whom I relate (Palestine/Israel, Nurturing, Indigenous Justice, Youth, and Caring for Creation) please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Doug with questions that need answered before the new year. Although no staff person will necessarily join, all the committees are welcomed and encouraged to meet during my leave!

There is no Wednesday evening programming on November 27. There will be no open gym and no open Sky Room on Wednesday evenings during the month of December. Children, youth, and guardians are encouraged to attend congregational soup suppers and Advent worship. Cantor Phil and Director Logan will continue to communicate regarding music schedules.

God continues to promise new life, dear ones. We will journey to the manger together once again this year — in person, online, and thousands of miles apart. The Christ Child will find our hearts opened and tender as we lean into the story of God-Among-Us-Here-And-Wherever-We-Are.

~ Alongside you all, Pastor David

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please contact the church office (612-729-8358 or office@htlcmpls.org). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$0-30. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.



WEEKEND REMINDERS

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 Library and Youth Library (please note room change). 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!

PHOTOGRAPHER AT HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY TO TAKE PICTURES FOR THE DIRECTORY

Bill Capman will be set up in or near the Community Room on Sunday morning to take photos of the newest members. Any other member who would like a new photo for the directory should plan to visit Bill Sunday between services.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26—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).

HONORING SACRED VOICES NOVEMBER 26

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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

All of our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening programming is canceled this week.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28-29—OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you next week.

SAVE THE DATE

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3—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).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4—REHEARSALS

Jubilation Ringers will rehearse (5:30-6:00 p.m.). Advent/Christmas program rehearsal will be at 5:45 p.m., all kids with speaking roles plan to meet in the sanctuary. Gloria Ringers will rehearse (6:00-6:55 p.m.). Soup Supper (in the Community Room) and Advent Wednesday night worship (in the Bartsch Room) happening this night too.

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 hand-made 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 or Amy Froiland-Parada.

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 4, 11, 18—ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

All are invited to partake in the free Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. People of all ages are invited to worship. Please note: The service on December 18 will be a *Longest Night Service*, honoring the reality that for those experiencing losses or grief, this can be a difficult time of year.

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!

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL LEGISLATION

An important bi-partisan bill to establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools is before Congress and needs both a hearing and a vote soon in the House of Representatives where it has strong bi-partisan support. Holy Trinity members are encouraged to contact their congressperson in the House of Representatives and urge them to support the bi-partisan Bill HR-7227 to establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policy Act.

Backers of the Bill—a coalition of Indian organizations, tribes, and religious organizations—including the ELCA—hope the bill will be passed soon. The commission would be tasked with: a) conducting a comprehensive investigation of Indian boarding schools; b) holding safe, culturally appropriate public and private meetings to receive testimony; c) making recommendations to Congress based on its investigation; d) locating grave sites where deceased children in boarding schools are buried; and e) submitting a final report of findings, recommendations, and conclusions to Congress, which will be publicly available. For further background information go to https://mailchi.mp/nabshc.org/truth_and_healing?e=4313d46830.

SOUP FOR YOU! NEEDS PAPER BAGS

Soup for You! has a constant need for brown paper bags. If you can spare a few (or a lot), bring them to the office.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9—GOD & COUNTRY FILM SCREENING

Second Monday Movie Presents...GOD & COUNTRY Monday, December 9, 2024, 7:00pm, 4200 Cedar Ave S.

Christian nationalism is the belief that America should be defined as a Christian nation, with government adherence to this ideology. GOD & COUNTRY takes a closer look at the dangerous implications and explores how a base of Christians has radically stoked a movement erasing the line between Church and State.

Connecting the dots...discussion. Always FREE and open to the public. ALL ARE WELCOME! Free refreshments! Sponsored by the WAMM Movie Committee. Reach out to Donna Goodlaxson with questions.

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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Angela Two Stars	Preacher	Angela Two Stars
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Kris Christians
Sue Roberts	Communion	Zoe Martinez, Dennis O'Brien
Julie Cahoy, Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	David Rediger, Chris Amundson, Alan Libra
Sue Roberts	Coffee Servers	Pat and Alan Libra
	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Roberta Shaw
	Video Operator	Amy and Aaron Hanson

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped in the office while I was on vacation, especially Sue Roberts and Dennis O'Brien. You are appreciated. It was a wonderful 2 week long road trip that provided so much...time with Jamie, time with friends, time with family, and time for solitude. People often ask why I drive a lot of places... I truly enjoy road trips. You can see so much beauty, discover new places, and experience things you can't when you fly. I enjoy the diverse landscapes, the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, cool skies, golden fields, snow dusted mountains, and so much more. Never underestimate the amount of therapy than can happen with a road trip and a radio. A reminder of how blessed I am.

~ Kathy Ekwall



PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 24-30, 2024

Sunday, November 24	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	New Member Welcome
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, November 25	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 26	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, November 28		Building is closed for Thanksgiving.
Friday, November 29		Building is closed for Thanksgiving

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](#).

