



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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HOLY TRINITY WILL BE MOVING TO ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. BEGINNING JANUARY 26, 2025, EDUCATION HOUR AT 9:00 A.M.

REALM CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

We announced last year that we would be moving to a new volunteer management software. In searching for a better program, we discovered *Realm*, a full church management software. We met with some other Twin Cities churches that are using the software successfully and determined it would be a good fit for us. One of the nice things about *Realm* is it is a full church management software and offers a wide range of features that will help us in many ways, beyond volunteer management. It will replace a couple of other programs we use and allow us to better integrate and manage member information and profiles, groups, committees, giving, and more. Thus, the reason the process has taken longer than expected. As you can imagine, anytime changes like this are made, it's a process to ensure everything goes smoothly.



With that said, we are finally ready to launch *Realm* and timing aligns well with the transition to our single service schedule, beginning January 26. We will offer a *Realm* Training Adult Forum on January 12. During this time, we will do an overview of the software and some basic training for things like worship volunteer scheduling, member profiles, giving, and communications using the program. We will also be setting up other training opportunities, so don't worry if you can't make it during this time.

In the coming weeks, we will be scheduling worship volunteers for January 26 and beyond through *Realm*. I will be reaching out to and working with volunteers to get you started on the new system and make sure you are comfortable with the process. In the coming weeks we will also be sending invites out to all congregation members to join *Realm* to get the transition started. We look forward to utilizing the many features *Realm* has to offer to help us better our congregational experience as a community. I'm confident that once we are up and running, we'll find this to be a valuable and fun tool.

~ Kathy Ekwall

EPIPHANY READINGS

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*

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.

JANUARY 5 "ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE HIAWATHA GOLF COURSE"

Following a forum in December, the conversation continues with some additional perspectives on the Hiawatha Golf Course. [Click here](#) to watch the previous adult forum regarding Hiawatha Golf Course.

JANUARY 12 "REALM TRAINING"

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom. Kathy Ekwall will be leading a training on the member portal of our new church management software, *Realm*. If you would like, bring your laptop, tablet, or phone and follow along on your own device.

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.

~ 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 **Gerry Berglin**; Karen Batdorf's sister, **Marie**; Pam Kildahl's sister, **Wendy**; **Mark Horning**, friend of Tony Wald; **Merlin Wells**; **George Madich**; **Mike Kelly**; **Rev. Amy Schifrin**; **Michael Scanlan**; **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**; **Meghan Hendrickson**.

PARISH INFORMATION

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5—GODLY PLAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND CONFIRMATION STARTS AGAIN

Join us from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. for faith formation. We have taken time to celebrate the birth of Christ and now we rejoice in the gift of Epiphany!

Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 10:00- 10:50 a.m.

Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the 4th-floor Sky Room from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7—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, JANUARY 7—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, JANUARY 8—KNITTING LESSONS FOR LONGFELLOW MOMS

Once a week you're invited to teach knitting to Longfellow High School students who are pregnant or parenting. Help students learn the basics of knitting and help with beginning knitting projects while getting to know students and the volunteer knitting teachers. Meets every Wednesday at 1:20 p.m. at Longfellow High School during the school year. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com). All volunteers need to complete a brief background check.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8—WEDNESDAY MEAL, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND OPEN GYM RESUMES

Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on January 8. For more information on choral and instrumental opportunities, talk to Phil Radtke. Children's Choir meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and sings in worship every 4-6 weeks.

The Children, Youth, and Family Committee will offer a community meal from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday that choirs are in session. After the meal, there will be an open gym time with adult supervision until 8:00 p.m. You need not be in choir to participate.

If you would like to help provide a Wednesday evening meal, please contact the office for more information or sign up in the Community Room.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11—WINTER FUN FOR YOUTH

Bundle up and join us for a winter fun day with Confirmation and High School youth! Meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of snowy adventures and seasonal treats, returning by 6:00 p.m. If there's no snow, we will plan on tubing at Elm Creek.

SAVE THE DATE

RING OUT PRESENTS "RING OUT!" CONCERT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00 P.M.

Join Ring Out Handbell Ensemble, directed by Logan Olson, at Westminster Hall in Downtown Minneapolis for a celebration of music and community. Tickets (\$10) are available online [here](#) or at the door. Pay-what-you-can tickets will be available at the door.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19—ADULT FORUM WITH PASTORS AND COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

There is a lot of business to cover during next week's annual meeting, which will be held after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 26. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, Pastor Doug, and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JANUARY 26, 2025

Beginning Sunday, January 26, 2025, Holy Trinity will move to a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. Your voices shaped this decision, and your hopes for deeper connection, shared worship experiences, and creative ministry inspired us to embrace this new chapter.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26—ANNUAL MEETING

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 121st year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2025 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9—PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our 6-12th grade youth (confirmation and high school students) and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, and Sunday, February 2, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering! This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 27-31—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, January 27-31. 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 or sign up for part or all of the week.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Abs Trewin	Guest Preacher	Abs Trewin
Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen
	Cantor	
Vicki Bergman	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Tre Tellor
David Broberg	Communion	Dennis O'Brien, Libby and Keith Olstad
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Kris Christians	Coffee Servers	Joy and Randy Nelson
	Counters	Deb Helmelm
	Closer	Rod Johnson
	Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff

PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 5-11, 2025

Sunday, January 5	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Children and Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Adult Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, January 6	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 7	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, January 8	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Playtime in the Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Youth Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 11	2:00 PM	Winter Fun For Youth

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](#).

Please note, beginning January 26, 2025 the live-stream will be at 10:00 a.m.

