



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

REALM CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE ROLL OUT



We will begin using the new Realm software this week! This will be a phase in process. By the end of the day, Friday, January 24, all members should have received an email invite to create a login for your Realm account. You are welcome to login and start exploring. This Sunday, during the Adult Forum time (9:00 a.m.), Caren Hiatt and I will be available in the library to help members get logged in and answer any questions you may have. We will also be available for 30 minutes after the Annual Meeting. Once you are logged into your account, you will be able to review your personal information, including contact details. We ask that you take some time to ensure all information is correct and update it if it is outdated, or let the office know and we can update it for you. The primary goal this week, is to get folks set up with their accounts and profiles, and to start scheduling Sunday worship volunteers through the new software.

Once you log in, you will also have access to your giving information. A reminder that this is a work in progress and we are still in the process of migrating that data into Realm. That should be completed by the end of next week. Once it's complete, you will be able to review your giving history and your 2025 financial commitment information.

In the coming weeks, the pastors and staff will be working with council, committees, and other groups to set up communications and groups in Realm. Then we will begin to add events, news, and other information.

As each of these phases happen, we will be sure to communicate to the congregation. 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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19, 13-14
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21*

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 9:00 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 26 "REALM HELP"

In place of the Adult Forum time (9:00 a.m.) January 26, Kathy Ekwall and Caren Hiatt will be available in the library to help members get logged into the new volunteer and church management software, Realm. We will also be available for 30 minutes after the Annual Meeting, in the gym. This is a follow up to the overview given on January 12. All members will receive an email inviting them to Realm by no later than Friday, January 24. This is in-person only due to the Annual Meeting. A reminder this is the first Sunday of our new schedule. Education hour at 9:00 a.m. and worship service at 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2 "LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE"

Annie Hines, Caren Hiatt, and Roberta Shaw, Librarians

All are invited to an open house on Sunday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with a brief presentation at 9:00, then give you time to browse, ask questions, make suggestions, try for a door prize, and borrow a book or two. It's a good way to celebrate Groundhog Day and enjoy a groundhog cookie!

Visit <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/> to view our library catalog, new titles, even reserve a book.

~ 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 **Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; 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; Juliet Williamson;** Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker; Meghan Hendrickson.**

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26—GODLY PLAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND CONFIRMATION, NEW 9:00 AM START TIME

Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 9:00- 9:50 a.m.

Confirmation does not meet at 9:00 a.m. today; instead all Confirmation students and High School Youth are invited to join the annual meeting at 11:00 a.m.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JANUARY 26, 2025

This 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.

FEBRUARY 2025: THE MODERN SAINTS BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

In *The Modern Saints*, Gracie Morbitzer depicts a wide variety of Christian saints in present-day context. In her contemporary iconographic paintings, their faces are lifelike, colorful, and expressive. Alongside the images are original reflections, compiled by Morbitzer and written by James Martin, Eve Tushnet, Tsh Oxenreider, Laura Kelly Fanucci, Christena Cleveland, and many others. Taken as a whole, this thick, beautiful book makes a powerful argument for the saints as edgy, relevant, and fully alive to God and the world. We’ll gather one time for a discussion—date and time will be sent out to those who sign-up for the group! Sign up and pick up a book in the Community Room.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28—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).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29—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 30—WEDNESDAY MEAL, CHILDREN’S CHOIR, AND OPEN GYM

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30—SISTERS’ CAMELOT GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

Sisters’ Camelot is a collectively run nonprofit founded in 1997 that is focused on food justice, waste reduction, sustainable living, community building, and youth education. They share free organic groceries and free organic meals with the community. January’s distribution is the 30th, 2:30-3:30p.m. outside by our pizza oven.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31—SOUP FOR YOU! CELEBRATES 10 YEARS FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

On Friday, January 31, Soup For You! will celebrate 10 years of nourishing bodies and souls—feeding the community. Consider helping them celebrate by volunteering, coming to eat soup, or making a donation.

AARP TAX AIDE—FEBRUARY 3-APRIL 9

AARP Tax Aide will again be available at Holy Trinity to provide assistance with 2024 tax preparation for seniors and low-income taxpayers. Tax assistance is available at Holy Trinity on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, February 3, 2025, and running until Wednesday, April 9. The procedures necessary to receive tax assistance will be the same as those used in 2024. The steps to take are described below. You will need an appointment to have your tax documents prepared at Holy Trinity.

FOR APPOINTMENTS: Call **612-567-2368** between the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. When you call, please have your 2023 tax return available. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. They are unable to make appointments.

ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



The Advocates for Human Rights (AHR) is working on a project called WATCH. This is a court monitoring project focused on gender based violence. They are holding a new comprehensive training for volunteers in a few weeks and would love to expand their volunteer base beyond law school students (and students generally). Below is a link to the training information, registration, and an information sheet on the program.

https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/WATCH_Volunteer_Training

SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2—ADULT FORUM: LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Greetings from your three librarians (Annie Hines, Caren Hiatt and Roberta Shaw)! We keep busy several hours a week cataloging new titles, re-arranging things, installing new shelf labels, and keeping up with the many routine library tasks in both the adult and youth rooms.

Now we want to give you congregants a chance to take another look at *your* library.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4—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 needle-work and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8—GAME NIGHT

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 2.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9—PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the pancake breakfast from 8:30 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, sign up in the Community Room. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20—INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our building is used a lot! Come and help us with some tidying, sorting, purging, dusting, and other indoor work. Let's make it shine! We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon! There will also be pastries and coffee in the morning and snacks in the afternoon. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule. Sign up in the Community Room. Please also note, this will be a kickoff to our new monthly work day. We plan to host a monthly workday on the third Thursday of each month to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23—YOUTH RECITAL

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual recital. Musicians and dancers are welcome to sign up as art and talent comes in many forms! This will serve as our adult forum for the day. Sign up in the Community Room by February 16. For more information or questions contact Phil Radtke.



SATURDAY, MARCH 15—OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE

Join us from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a morning with David Scherer and Joe Davis from the organization JustMove. This workshop is designed for both those who identify as white AND those who identify as persons of color. In the workshop we will:

1. Develop a deeper understanding of white body privilege and its effects on us.
2. Deepen our awareness of white supremacy cultural patterns and how to transform them into more liberating patterns.
3. Increase our awareness of our bodies and discover how to move from shared racialized trauma into healing and justice.
4. Build trust in multi-racial conversation.

David and Joe combine theoretical frameworks and practical tools along with creative pedagogical tools such as music, poetry, storytelling, and conversation.

Sign-up sheet is in the Community Room or call the church office at 612-729-8358.

Sponsored by Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Committee

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA INDIGENOUS SITES TRIP MONDAY, MARCH 31, TO THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Holy Trinity is partnering with Edina Community Lutheran Church (ECLC) for a trip to Southwestern Minnesota sites important in Indigenous history in Minnesota. We are excited to partner with ECLC to both learn and move towards further advocacy with Native People. These dates have been chosen to coincide with Minneapolis Public Schools spring break should families wish to participate. We will be staying in the hotel at Jackpot Junction for three nights and traveling to sites each day with some time in the evenings for debriefing. We should have a cost estimate shortly. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up in the Community Room (where there is also a rough itinerary) or call or email the church office.

Some of the sites we'll likely visit include:

- Jeffers Petroglyphs, Makoce Ikikcupi, and Howwuju Otunwe (Mountain Lake)
- Pipestone National Monument, Blue Mounds State Park
- Lower Sioux Agency, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Ft. Ridgely
- Reconciliation Park (Mankato), Traverse des Sioux, Treaty Site History Center

THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE YOUTH LOCK-IN SOME OF OUR YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN LAST WEEKEND. OUR VERY OWN ANNIKA LINDORFER, FRANCES OLSEN-BIEBIGHAUSER, AND ALICE WELLE ARE THE YOUTH IN THIS POSTER.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

at yeg.woodlakechurch.org for more information

The JUSTMove! Lock-in: One Body was a huge success!

Over MLK weekend, 110+ youth from over 20 churches from the Twin Cities and beyond gathered together at Woodlake Lutheran Church. We had an awesome night, full of learning how we can use our bodies to love and care for the world and for ourselves.

- Joe Davis and Dave Scherer led empowering faith and social justice exploration activities, reflecting on our inherent worth and the stories we all have which we cannot see just by looking at others.

- We connected with friends from last year, made new friends playing games like ultimate rock paper scissors and Real Life Among Us, did karaoke, games, crafts, danced our hearts out with the silent disco, and engaged in thoughtful prayer during Thomas (worship station style) worship.

- This year we incorporated a high school leadership team, and they led us in activities, games, worship and the service project where we made 200 unhoused care kits.
- Joy's Catering LLC, a Black Woman owned business specializing in East African cuisine catered dinner, and Tapestry Richfield provided us with arepas for a midnight snack.



"It was so beautiful to see young people leading other young people. The high schoolers were discovering their voice as they led games with the middle schoolers and I could see a glimpse of the "young people seeing visions" spoken of in revelation. This is what youth ministry is all about!"

-Dave Scherer
(AGAPE* guest artist)

"I will always remember our worship and the activity of group vulnerability. It really helped me introspect and start thinking and talking about hardships and stuff I haven't really started unpacking."

- Youth participant

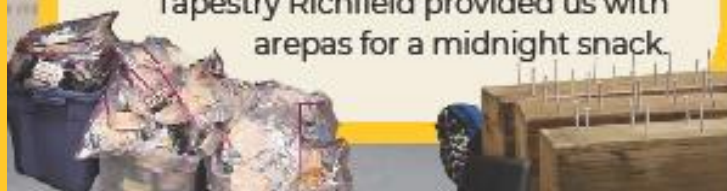


Other Highlights/Takeaways

"Hanging out with old and new friends!"

"I am not alone and I am a beloved child of God!"

"The silent disco was AWESOME."



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Cantor	James Nysse
Altar Guild	Carol and David Berg
Assisting Minister	Rick Liedholm
Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad, Melanie Townsend
Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim, DeWayne Townsend
Coffee Servers	Annual Meeting and Lunch at 11:00 a.m.
Counters	Pam Blomgren
Closer	Jan Mehlhoff
Video Operator	Roberta Shaw

PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Sunday, January 26	9:00 AM	Sunday School (No Confirmation)
	9:00 AM	Realm Help—in the Library (in place of Adult Forum)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:00 AM	Annual Meeting and Lunch
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, January 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 29	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

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

