



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M., YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION AT 9:00 A.M.

Immigration, Executive Orders, and Our Church Building

Dear siblings,

In the wake of recent executive orders from the new administration, we, your pastors and council leaders, want to reaffirm our commitment to building and nurturing the communities that find a home in our building. Our building partners have a shared foundation of trust and mutual support. This foundation will sustain us in these challenging times.

We recognize that the current political climate may bring fear and anxiety, especially for those among us who are undocumented or under-documented. Even those with secure documentation may feel uncertainty about how these changes could affect their lives. Let us assure you: we see you, we honor your God-given dignity, and we stand with you as siblings in Christ. While the new executive orders may attempt to diminish the protections offered by spaces like schools and churches, we remain steadfast in our commitment to being a sanctuary—a place of safety, welcome, and love for all.

To that end, we are taking proactive steps to ensure our church continues to serve as a safe harbor. This includes refamiliarizing ourselves with the rights we have regarding entry into our space and preparing clear action plans in the event of immigration enforcement activity near our church. We will also create a calling tree to respond quickly to emergencies and post these resources in the building.

We also acknowledge and celebrate the resilience and joy present in our congregation, even amidst a broken immigration system. Together, we recommit ourselves to building a beloved community where joy is abundant, fear is diminished, and all experience the fullness of life God desires for us.

If you are willing to be trained to respond in the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Ingrid. All ages and abilities are welcome. No prior experience with immigration is necessary. The more people familiar with our congregational plan, the better we will be able to respond should the situation ever arise.

As we move forward, we anchor ourselves in our shared mission: to worship God, extend hospitality to all, and live the gospel in love and solidarity. May we be a source of hope for one another, replacing fear with trust and anxiety with steadfast faith.

May God grant us strength, courage, and love as we continue this journey together.

In Christ's peace,
Rev. Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Rev. David Larson-Martínez,
Rev. Doug Mork

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY

READINGS

*Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*

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.

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.

FEBRUARY 9 NO ADULT FORUM

All are invited to the pancake breakfast in the gym this morning.

~ 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 Liz Blood, having knee surgery this week; 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; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; the family of Sara Jensen, who's sister is nearing end of life; the family of Juliette Williamson, upon her death.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2—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 (grades 6-9) meets from 9:00-9:50 a.m. in the Sky Room

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5—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, FEBRUARY 5—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.

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.

HOLY TRINITY MEMBER GEORGE MADICH TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

George Madich turns 100 years old on February 12, 2025. If you would like to send him a greeting, you can mail it to: George Madich, C/O Holy Trinity, 2730 E 31st St., Minneapolis, MN 55406.

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.

SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

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 February 2, as



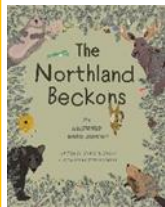
well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering, sign up in the Community Room. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

BIG MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11:30 A.M.

While it has been wonderful to have the ability to meet online for committee work, some committees have expressed a desire to meet in person on occasion. With our new worship schedule, we now have an opportunity to experiment with new offerings, including quarterly in-person gatherings. Each quarter, we will hold a Big Meeting after worship, starting at 11:30, Feel free to grab a plate from the pancake breakfast in the basement and then join us. Committees can decide whether to opt in based on their own needs and preferences. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sundays, February 9, May 18, August 10, and November 9 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BIG MEETING BREAK OUT DISCUSSION, FEBRUARY 9, 11:30 A.M.

You are warmly invited to a worship conversation on Sunday, February 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as we explore the theme **Our Deepest Belonging** for the season of Lent. This is a one-time opportunity to reflect together on how we might shape our worship through music, prayers, preaching, and visuals. Whether you have ideas to share or simply want to listen, your presence is welcome—no commitment to a committee required! Phil Radtke will moderate the discussion. Feel free to grab a plate from the pancake breakfast in the basement and then join us (location TBD). We hope you'll lend your voice as we seek to strengthen our shared worship life.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16—ADULT FORUM: HOLY TRINITY MEMBER SANDRA HISAKUNI

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom for the adult forum. Sandra Hisakuni will be presenting on her book, *The Northland Beckons: An Illustrated Haiku Journey*.

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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 2—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Bartsch room. Breakfast will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor David or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

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

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Doug Mork
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Guest Organist	Brad Althof
Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf
Communion	Carol Masters, Lori Lathrop
Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Coffee Servers	Pat and Alan Libra
Counters	John Sulzbach
Closer	Bob Hulteen
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS FEBRUARY 2-8, 2025

Sunday, February 2	9:00 AM Children and Youth Education 9:00 AM Adult Forum —Library Open House 10:00 AM Worship Service of Holy Communion 12:00 PM Swahili Service
Monday, February 3	6:30-8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 4	11:00 AM Worship Readings Discussion 1:30 PM Knitting Group
Wednesday, February 5	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
Thursday, February 5	6:45 PM Big Meeting Night
Saturday, February 8	6:30-8:00 PM Game Night

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](#).

