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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.

Palestine/Israel Committee Events with Maddi Froiland from Sumud



Maddi Froiland

The Palestine/Israel Committee of Holy Trinity invited Maddi Froiland, Program Director for Sumud, to speak at 2 events this past weekend. Sumud (formerly known as Peace Not Walls) is an organization within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America committed to accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising between partners in the Holy Land and the U.S.A. *Sumud* is an Arabic word meaning “steadfastness” in English and is used in nonviolent advocacy related to the State of Israel’s occupation of Palestinian lands and people.



During a gathering on Saturday evening that was sponsored by the Palestine/Israel Committee and Minnesota Christians for a Free Palestine, Maddi spoke about the work of Sumud and the history of the Israel/Palestine conflict. After her presentation, groups of attendees discussed questions presented by Teresa Butel as to what has motivated us in our actions concerning issues in Palestine/Israel. People from different churches and backgrounds were able to connect and learn from each other about their connections to advocacy/learning about Palestine/Israel.

Participants enjoyed Palestinian food from Mims restaurant in St. Paul. The food contributed to an atmosphere for discussion of Palestinian issues.

On Sunday morning during the Adult Forum hour, Maddi Froiland presented about Sumud and her experiences in Palestine/Israel. Since the Adult Forum hour was divided into 3 groups with a focus on Holy Communion, Maddi’s presentation was an example of how to take the message from Holy Communion into the world. Confirmation students and Sunday School students joined the presentation at different times. The questions and comments of the students brought new thoughts and inspiration for those present.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

READINGS

*Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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:317879) for those unable to attend in person.

March 30 “An Introduction to the Southwests Indigenous Site Visit Trip”

Doug Mork, Randy Nelson

Doug and Randy will provide an introduction and overview of the Indigenous Site visit trip that begins on Monday, March 31.

April 6 “Now That I Am Old, What Do I Wish I Knew When I Was Young?”

Roberta Shaw

In the second session of this series, Roberta Shaw will briefly reflect on the winding path of her faith journey. Then, with the help of some prompts, we will share our experiences, questions, doubts, certainties. Because we seldom hold fast to the teachings/beliefs of our early childhood, and may begin asking questions at an early age, people of ALL ages are invited to attend and participate in whatever way is most comfortable. We all perceive the presence of a holy one differently—as individuals, through various ages and stages. Holy Trinity is a safe place to voice whatever is our spiritual reality.

~ 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 Pastor David’s mom, **Margarita Martinez**, receiving ongoing treatment; **Margaret Peterson**, recovering from hip surgery; **Bruce Axelrod** (Uncle Bruce), dealing with sciatica; Breon Hutchins-Spratt’s mother, **Allison**; **Rev. Sekou**; **Betty Anderson**; **Carol Kelly**; **Jenni Vaillancourt’s stepdad**; **Mary Petersen**; Karen Batdorf’s sister, **Marie**; **Mike Kelly**; **Aric Sorenson** and **Ty Inglis**; James Nysse’s cousin, **Eric Steckling**; Katie Murray’s mom **Pat**; Jan Mehlhoff’s friend, **Margie Guelker**.

It was good to hear of the work of the larger church body in addressing the needs of the people of Palestine/Israel and we hope to remain in connection with Sumud as we continue our goals of advocacy and awareness-raising at Holy Trinity.

Please consider joining the Palestine/Israel Committee at its usual meeting time on the first Thursday of each month during the Big Meeting Night gathering. These meetings happen on Zoom most often, but we also gather in person over a meal occasionally. Let Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) know if you are interested. Another way you can connect is to join our advocacy alert network. Connect with Donna Goodlaxson at (40acreslcs@gmail.com). Through this network you will receive emails about ways you can participate in direct actions towards the liberation of Palestinian peoples.

PALESTINE/ISRAEL COMMITTEE ACTIONS IN 2024

March 24 - Adult Forum with Sarah Myers from Anar, an organization that provides support for Palestinian children.

Development of advocacy alert network via e-mail regarding events and calls to action regarding Palestinian issues.

Book reading group for Mitri Raheb's "Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, the People, the Bible". Sessions were May 8, May 15, and May 22. Mitri Raheb is the Founder and President of Dal al Kalima University in Palestine and is an author of many books on Palestine and Christian theology.

Encouraging people to attend caucuses and bring resolutions related to Palestine/Israel.

Ceasefire Pilgrimage in Minneapolis: Holy Trinity sponsored one of the snack stops, provided shuttle service, along with Pastors Doug and David speaking at the event. The event was organized by MN Christians for a Free Palestine.

Showing of documentary "Where Olive Trees Weep" - June 26
The film describes the crisis in Israel/ Palestine in the West Bank before the present War on Gaza.

Connecting with events with Rev. Munther Isaac of Bethlehem, Palestine.

Rev. Isaac participated and spoke at an event around George Floyd Square on August 7, 2024.

Recommending that Holy Trinity Lutheran contribute to the Bright Stars of Bethlehem which supports Dar Al Kalima University in Palestine. We also encouraged attendance at the September 7 Gala for Bright Stars.

Adult Forum - September 15 - Report back from Rabbis for Ceasefire Delegation to Palestine.

Showing of Film "Til Kingdom Come" on Christian Zionism on October 24 - sponsored with MN Christians for a Free Palestine.

Worked with Adult Ed Committee for a 2 part series in October 2024 on Christian Nationalism and Christian Zionism. Teresa Butel presented on Christian Zionism.

Congregational Statement: We began review of a congregational statement about our combined response to the situation of the Palestinian people.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 1—WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS STUDY

Join Pastor David 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, APRIL 1—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, APRIL 2—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.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 2, 9

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the following opportunities:

- Lenten suppers from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room
- Service of Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room, where we sing and hear God's story read aloud. At each of our Evening Prayer service, we will hear a someone share a story from their own life on the theme of "Deepest Belonging."

April 2—Readings on the theme of Attuning to God: "The Practice of Paying Attention" by Barbara Brown Taylor and Psalm 130

Reflection by Madeline Burbank/Special music by Jan Mehlhoff, flute

April 9—Readings on the theme of Hoping: Even If: Jan Richardson's "Blessing When the World is Ending" and Romans 8:31-39

Reflection by Fiona Carson/Special music by Laura Hicks, violin and viola

- Children's Choir will rehearse from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Jubilation Ringers will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., and Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:00 to 6:55 p.m.

SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED DURING LENT WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 2 AND 9

For each Wednesday during Lent, four households are needed to prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people, one household is needed to prepare 4 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, and volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each of these Wednesdays. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

SAVE THE DATE

**APRIL BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DAVID
(POST EASTER DATE TO BE DETERMINED)**

Join Pastor David in a discussion of *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement* by Angela Y. Davis. Davis, who, in these collected essays, interviews, and speeches, illuminates the connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world. She highlights connections and analyzes today's struggles against state terror, from Ferguson to Palestine. Facing a world of outrageous injustice, Davis challenges us to imagine and build the movement for human liberation, and, in doing so, she reminds us that "Freedom is a constant struggle." Sign up in the Community Room. Copies of the book are available on the sign up table.

PALESTINE LIBERATION PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY, APRIL 13

On Saturday, April 12, you're invited to participate in the 2025 Palestine Liberation Pilgrimage, organized by MN Christians for a Free Palestine and the worldwide Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage movement. This event will be a place to grieve the genocide and overwhelming loss of life in Gaza, repent of our religion's and nation's contribution to the violence, stand in solidarity with Palestinians in the face of ongoing military occupation and apartheid, and mobilize in support of Palestinian liberation beyond a ceasefire. Use [this form to sign up as an individual](#), or gather a small group to [sponsor a section of the 14-mile route](#). For more info about the route and schedule, or to donate toward pilgrimage expenses: www.peacecatalyst.org/gcpilgrimage.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 13

A letter was emailed and mailed to the congregation this week sharing important news about a decision before our congregation and to invite you to participate in an upcoming meeting where we will discern our next steps together. At our Church Council meeting on Tuesday, March 18, we voted to call a congregational meeting to consider the sale of the former MIGIZI parcel at 3017 27th Avenue South and the donation of the proceeds to Pangea World Theater. You can find more details about the background of this and the proposed plan in the letter that was sent via email March 26th and physical mail yesterday.

The Church Council has called a congregational meeting for Palm Sunday, April 13, immediately following worship. We encourage you to attend this important meeting, participate in the discussion, and help shape the future of our shared commitment to justice and community development. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and engagement in this vital work.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, MONDAY, JUNE 16-FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Holy Trinity will join other South Minneapolis congregations in an ecumenical, joint Vacation Bible School/day camp. Building Beloved Community Day Camp will be June 16-20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. Camp is for entering K-middle school, with high schoolers able to serve as leaders (and they will earn a stipend). As a sponsoring

congregation, HTLC encourages all families to participate. If the cost is a barrier, please contact Pr. David. Find more information and registration portals for kids, adult volunteers, and youth leaders, at this website: <https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/>.

AUGUST 8-12—FAMILY-FRIENDLY BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP

Attention campers, (and aspiring campers). We have been busy planning for HTLC's annual BWCA canoe trip. This year, our Boundary Waters camping adventure is scheduled for August 8-12. We currently have a full group of nine signed up to go in at Lake One, a large lake with many route and camping options. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. If you would add your name to the wait list, sign up in the community room or email me. If we have a need, we can try to get another permit. The total cost is approximately \$200 per person. Scholarships are available. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Call or email with any questions or for more details. Please consider joining us this year. Contact Tom at (612) 616-0507, or jtcahoy@gmail.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3-5—ADULT RETREAT AT BENEDICTINE RETREAT CENTER, MAPLEWOOD

Save the date and plan to join us at the Benedictine Retreat Center of Saint Paul's Monastery in Maplewood from Friday, October 3 through Sunday, October 5. This is a retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming, opportunities to connect with one another, walking trails to enjoy, and opportunities to reflect on spiritual practices. We have booked 19 rooms with twin beds in each. If finances are a problem, please contact Pr. David.

EXTRA NOTES

SOUP FOR YOU NEEDS GROCERY BAGS

Soup For You! does a grocery giveaway every Wednesday and has an ongoing need for paper grocery bags. You can bring them to the church office or drop them on one of the tables in the basement lunch room.

JOIN A COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN TO SUPPORT SOLAR AND SAVE MONEY!

Renters and Homeowners - If you pay the electric bill where you live, you can get electricity for less than normal Xcel rates. Cooperative Energy Futures still has openings for modest income subscribers in their Community Solar Gardens. If your income is below \$68,500 for one person or \$78,250 for two, (see the handout for larger families) you could join the cooperative and help support more solar energy. This is a simple act that you can take to resist the Federal rollbacks to addressing climate change.

- Step one is to read [this handout](#).
- Step two is to [join Cooperative Energy Futures](#) for \$25.
- Step three is to fill out this [form](#).

And thanks to those who have already installed roof top solar panels or have already joined a Community Solar Garden!

~Kathy Hollander on behalf of the Caring for Creation committee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Cantor	Drew Lindorfer (he/him)
Altar Guild	Mary Engen (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
Assisting Minister	Tre Tellor (he/him)
Communion	Carol Berg (she/her), David Berg (he/him), Zoe Martinez (she/her)
Ushers	Chuck Jordan (he/him), Chris Engen (he/him), Alan Libra (he/him), Chris Amundson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Amer Lewis (she/her), Adam Lewis (he/him)
Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)
Closer	John Sulzbach (he/him)
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)



EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office (office@htlcmpls.org / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

PARISH EVENTS MARCH 30-APRIL 6, 2025

Sunday, March 30	9:00 AM Youth Education 9:00 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Worship Service of Holy Communion 12:00 PM Swahili Service
Monday, March 31	6:30-8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April	11:00 AM Worship Readings Discussion 1:30 PM Knitting Group
Wednesday, April 2	6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00-6:55 PM Gloria Ringers Rehearsal 7:00 PM Lent Evening Prayer Service (Bartsch Room)
Thursday, April 3	6:45 PM Big Meeting 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](#).

