



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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 13

Dear Holy Trinity Members,

We are writing to share 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.

In the wake of the 2020 social uprising, Holy Trinity responded to the needs of our neighborhood by forming the *Stepping Out in Faith Community Team*. With a vision of equitable development, we acted as a temporary land bank. The MIGIZI parcel is a direct outcome of this work, allowing MIGIZI, an Indigenous youth-empowerment nonprofit, to reinvest in its new home while securing the property for future community-centered development.

Now, in 2025, as the neighborhood continues to rebuild, we have the opportunity to fulfill our initial vision by transferring the property into the hands of another BIPOC owner. After careful discussions among community stakeholders, a consensus emerged: the best course of action is to sell the MIGIZI parcel at cost to Wilmar Delgado, a Colombian-born developer committed to community-centered, affordable housing development in Longfellow.

This sale will allow Pangea World Theater to establish a permanent home in the neighborhood, ensuring a continued presence for their work in the arts, culture, and community-building. By donating the proceeds from this sale to Pangea, we affirm our ongoing commitment to racial and economic justice, ensuring that spaces for artistic expression and cultural engagement remain accessible to all.

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.

With gratitude,

Anne Beschnett, Church Council President

Rev. Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Lead Pastor

Click [HERE](#) for background and origin information.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

READINGS

*Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8*

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.

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.

April 13 Watch next week's newsletter for details.

~ 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 **Margaret Peterson; Bruce Axelrod** (Uncle Bruce); 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.**

PARISH INFORMATION

GREETINGS FROM YOUR THREE LIBRARIANS!

A month ago, we lost a great Lutheran theologian and historian, Martin Marty. You will find a collection of some of his many books on the library cart in the Community Room.

Have you enjoyed the great children's artwork on our Sunday bulletins? Some of the originals are displayed on the wall in the youth library. We will occasionally change them out so you can see more of them.

We have acquired many books lately; they are on the wire rack in the library. Here are a few titles:

- *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*, Richard Rohr
- *Free Yourself from An Abusive Relationship: Seven Steps for Taking Back Your Life*, Andrea Lissette and Richard Kraus
- *Spirit Wheel: Meditations From an Indigenous Elder*, Steven Charleston
- *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*, Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, Mariann Edgar Budde
- *Our Brother's Keeper: the Indian in White America*, Edgar Cahn
- *Crying in H Mart: a Memoir*, Michelle Zauner
- *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*, Kristin Kobes DuMez
- *Take My Hand: a Novel*, Dolen Perkins-Valdez
- *The Personal Librarian: a Novel*, Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
- *The Women: a Novel*, Kristin Hannah

FINAL LENT SOUP SUPPER AND EVENING PRAYER

SERVICE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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 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.

SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

We are in need of two more households 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 for April 9. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10—MONTHLY WORK DAY MOVING TO SECOND THURSDAY

Volunteer for the monthly workday on the second Thursday of each month to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

PALESTINE LIBERATION PILGRIMAGE, SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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.

SUPPORT FOR PALESTINE LIBERATION PILGRIMAGE, SATURDAY, APRIL 12

The Palestine-Israel Committee is asking Holy Trinity folks to step up on Saturday April 12. People of faith who are walking 15 miles in the Palestine Liberation Pilgrimage will need sustenance! We need someone to pick up food from Mim's Cafe in Saint Paul getting it over to Fort Snelling by 6:15 p.m. We will need folks to help serve the meal at 6:30 p.m. and to help clean up at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Community Room and/or contact Mary Engen.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 8—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, APRIL 9—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.

SAVE THE DATE

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16—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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

MONDAY, APRIL 21—OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY

The church office is closed on Monday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you on Tuesday!

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 21-25—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, April 21-25. 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 to sign up for part or all of the week.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24—PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, April 24, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If it rains, we'll meet on Thursday, May 1, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.) Sign up in the Community Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25—GEOCACHING AND MOVIE NIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Calling all 6th - 12th graders! Join us for a fun-filled evening of adventure and relaxation. We'll kick things off with an exciting geocaching challenge around Longfellow, followed by a cozy movie night in the Sky Room. Arrival time is 6:00 p.m. and pick-up is at 10:00 p.m. And, YES, we can fit in at least one game of sardines!

SATURDAY, MAY 3—ICOM FUND RAISER DINNER

The Interfaith Coalition for Immigration is inviting a table of 10 from Holy Trinity to join their fundraising dinner, Saturday, May 3, 5:00-8:00 p.m. 5011 S. 31st Ave. There will be an Ecuadorian dinner, dance presentation, speakers from the Center for Victims of Torture, and the pastor of St Paul's Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$44 each, contact Joy Nelson (612-860-2952) to order.

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.

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, APRIL 6, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Jon Anderson (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)
Altar Guild	Amy Hanson (she/her), Jean Swanson (she/her)
Assisting Minister	Tom Skold (he/him)
Communion	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Kathy Skold (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Ushers	Kathy Hollander (she/her), David Broberg (he/him), Chris Amundson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson (she/her), Nancy Madich (she/her)
Counters	John Sulzbach (he/him)
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)



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 APRIL 6-12, 2025

Sunday, April 6	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, April 7	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 8	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, April 9	5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Soup Supper Lent Evening Prayer Service (Bartsch Room)
Thursday, April 10	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Monthly Indoor Property Work Day

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](#).

