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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.

The MN Swahili Women’s Ministry... Happening!

From Minneapolis Area Synod Blog Post: This post continues the Mission Table’s “Year of Partnership” highlighting the new and strategic ministries of the Minneapolis Area Synod. [Minnesota Swahili Christian Church](#) is one of the strategic ministries and worships in South Minneapolis.

By Lulu

Lulu is a high school senior at Irondale High School in Mounds View. She will be heading to Colorado to join the Airforce Academy next year.

The room is alive with color, music, and the warmth of community. Dressed in vibrant fabrics and glowing with joy, men and women (young and old) gather for what’s become the most anticipated event of our year—the annual Swahili Church Women’s Gala. It’s more than a celebration—it’s a statement of who we are and who we’ve become.

The Women’s Ministry at Swahili Church has grown in ways we never imagined. What started as a small circle of prayer and support has transformed into the strongest and most active ministry in our congregation. The women truly lead, serve, and show up. And through it all, they’ve created a space where women are empowered to connect, grow in their faith, support one another, and spread Good News to “their neighbors”.



Fundraising is crucial for our Swahili Women’s Ministry. Through annual individual financial contribution commitment and the funds obtained from selling gala tickets, the Ministry provides support for women facing pregnancy and health

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

*Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19*

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.

May 4

“Life in Palestine Today”

**Tracie Ortman, Executive Director of
Bright Stars of Bethlehem**

Join Tracie Ortman, Executive Director of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, for a presentation offering insight into the daily realities of Palestinian life under occupation. This session is ideal for those with limited background knowledge who want to better understand the current context in which Palestinians live—or for those who would like an update on Dar al-Kalima University, its staff, students, and the work of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. Through powerful, personal stories from students and their families, you’ll gain a deeper connection to the people behind the headlines—and discover meaningful ways to support justice, dignity, and the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine.

May 11

“Cuba Experience”

Teresa Butel

Teresa will present on her recent experience in Cuba.

~ 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 Jeff Olsen Biebighauser’s mom **Jo; Sally Parks**; Kris Christians’ dad **Milan; Rick Lathrop; Joyce Besser; Bruce Axelrod; Mike Miller**; Breon Hutchins -Spratt’s mother, **Allison; Carol Kelly; Jenni Vaillancourt’s stepdad; Mary Petersen**; Karen Batdorf’s sister, **Marie; Mike Kelly; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis**; Katie Murray’s mom **Pat**.

related challenges, general health issues, the loss of loved ones, and most importantly –offering both emotional and physical help (feeding the sick or care of children, etc.). The amount of support and care this group has for one another is priceless – considering many of us do not have blood-tied family members within the country limits.

By far, besides remaining the most vital fundraising event of the year, the Gala is the coolest and the most fun event. It is the heartbeat of the Swahili ministry. It's a doorway to the community. It is the Swahili way we welcome others into our community: all genders, young and old adults – with open arms. Just as we all prepare our homes for guests, the Swahili Women work hard to make everything just right, from the food and music, to the decorations and conversation and sometimes traditional dances by several aunties. It's the community's way of saying, "Karibu! (Welcome!). Come in and let's connect and have a good time together."



On a personal note, it is an honor to share this fun part of my congregation. At the Gala, we dance, we eat, we laugh—and in the process, we build deeper relationships that stretch across generations and cultures. The Gala, and the ministry behind it, is a bridge between our African roots and the American lives we're building. It's a way of holding both identities with pride, honoring our past while embracing our future.

If you've never joined us before, this is your invitation. Come experience the joy, the sisterhood, and the powerful spirit that fills the room. Come be part of something beautiful on Saturday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at the Mounds View Community Center, 5394 Edgewood. Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

MAY 1 - JUNE 8, 2025 —FIBERS OF MY BEING ART EXHIBIT
Holy Trinity Member, Kelly Waterman is part of an art exhibit at Fresh Eye Gallery, 4238 Nicollet Ave S. The exhibit, "Fibers of My Being" showcases the intersection of fiber art and mental health and wellness and will be on display May1-June 8. The opening reception is May 2, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. You can find more information [here](#).

SUNDAY, MAY 4—SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS TODAY

Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Confirmation (grades 6-9) has completed classes for the year.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 6—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, MAY 6—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).

MAY 7, 8, AND 16 —LONGFELLOW SCHOOL PLANT SALE

Longfellow School's annual plant sale is Wednesday, May 7, Thursday, May 8, and Friday May 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the NE corner of Longfellow - at the intersection of East 31st St and 31st Ave S. Money raised from the plant sale helps pay for the yearbooks so we can give each student a free yearbook, a portion is reinvested in garden maintenance, seeds, soil, containers, and trays for future use. See more details and list of plants [here](#).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 —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, MAY 7—WEDNESDAY MEAL, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CANTATE AND OPEN GYM

Children's Choir meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and sings in worship every 4-6 weeks. Cantate meets from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. on select Wednesdays and sings once every couple of months. 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, MAY 8—MONTHLY INDOOR WORK DAY—MOVED TO SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Volunteer for the monthly indoor 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.

OUTDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY THURSDAY, MAY 8

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, May 8, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 11—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION, AND HEALING STATION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Teachers for all grade levels and confirmation leaders will also be recognized for their important contributions to our children and youth. Teacher and volunteers, please come and let us express our gratitude to you in worship! Today you are invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world. The Adult Choir will help lead music today.

THURSDAY, MAY 15—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.

FRIDAY, MAY 16—CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

End of year celebration! All 6-12th grade youth are invited for a day of biking, nature, and delicious food! We'll meet at 11:00 a.m. and pedal from the church to the beautiful Minnehaha Falls, where we'll enjoy lunch together at Sea Salt Eatery. Bring your bike and a lock, your appetite, and your sense of adventure—it's going to be a blast! Parent pick-up will be back at the church at 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 18—LAST DAY OF ADULT FORUM FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom for the adult forum. Topic to be announced.

SUNDAY, MAY 18—LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR

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SUNDAY, MAY 18—BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

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, with a simple lunch provided. 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 Sunday, February 9, May 18, August 10, and November 9, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21—GLORIA RINGERS & YOUTH ENSEMBLES END OF YEAR CONCERT

Gloria Ringers, Jubilation, Cantate, and Children's Choir will celebrate the end of their season by presenting a concert at Johanna Shores Senior Living in Arden Hills at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the free concert.

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/>.

JUNE 2-AUGUST 25, 2025—PASTOR DOUG ON SABBATICAL

I am grateful to be looking forward to a sabbatical this summer. This is a benefit extended to all regular staff at Holy Trinity. For me this will be a time to rest, reflect, and reconnect to family and friends. Like weekly sabbath, it is an honoring of God's intent for creation, a recognition that we are creatures deeply loved and treasured by God completely independently from anything we accomplish. We are called by God to rest, to play, to lean into relationships. In so doing, I hope to return renewed for all the wonderful work we do together in this place! Thank you for making sabbatical a priority at Holy Trinity! *Pastor Doug*

EXTRA NOTES

WELCOME BOB HULTEEN

We are delighted to announce that Bob Hulteen will fill our newest Spark position (full position description on the church website). He began his role on Tuesday, April 29. Bob brings a rich history with Holy Trinity and has been active in many, many areas of congregational life. His historical knowledge coupled with his skills in organizing, communications, systems, and people will allow him to hit the ground running. Welcome, Bob!



SPECIAL APPEAL FOR ORGAN MAINTENANCE

Our organ was acquired in the mid-1970s, which means it is celebrating its 50th birthday with us this year. The pipe organ needs some tender loving care to keep it singing. Upon consultation with the Obermeyer Organ Company, we estimate all this work can be done for approximately \$25,000. We hope that congregants and friends might consider an extra gift this holy season to share in the cost. To donate, click the “donate” button at www.htlcmpls.org. Please select “other” for the designated fund and specify which appeal you are giving to (e.g., Organ Care Special Appeal). You may also give a general gift to support the ongoing ministry of Holy Trinity.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Crucifer	
Assisting Minister	Carol Masters
Communion	Dennis O'Brien (he/him), Carol Berg (she/her), David Berg (he/him), Zoe Martinez (she/her)
Ushers	Rod Johnson (he/him), Kathy Hollander (she/her), Chris Amundson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Arlene Helvig
Counters	
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

SIGNS OF SPRING

Enjoy photos of some blooms around the church property.



PARISH EVENTS MAY 4-10, 2025

Sunday, May 4	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, May 5	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 6	11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, May 7	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 5:45-6:25 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Choir Families Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Jubilation Youth Ringers Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate! Rehearsal
Thursday, May 8	9:00 AM-4:00 PM 4:00-7:00 PM	Indoor Property Work Day Outdoor 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](#).

