



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.

LILLY GRANT STORY TELLING PROJECT

Earlier this year, the Lilly Endowment invited charitable organizations across the U.S. to submit concept papers for its new Storytelling Initiative, which aims to identify, produce, and share stories about Christian faith and life. More than 1,100 organizations submitted proposals representing a wide spectrum of Christian traditions.

We are thrilled to share that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (HTLC) was selected as one of just 50 organizations invited to move forward to the next phase of the process. This stage includes a planning grant of up to \$50,000 to develop a full proposal for a five-year storytelling project.

At the heart of HTLC's concept is the vision of an *ecosystem of belonging*—a diverse, intergenerational community rooted in Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood and sustained by deep partnerships. For more than twenty years, HTLC has shared ministry and space with the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation, as well as with Metro Work Center (serving adults with developmental disabilities) and Soup for You (a daily, community-centered soup kitchen). Together, these groups form a vibrant hub that challenges the national narrative of the church as dying, disconnected, or irrelevant. HTLC and its partners are well-positioned to lift up honest and hopeful stories of resilience, faith, and community.

Over the next two months, Holy Trinity staff and leaders, as well as leaders from our building partners and wider community, will be developing a plan to put together a strong storytelling proposal that is consistent with the ministry we already do. This plan includes conversations with congregants. The proposal would explain how the congregation and our building partners would seek to build skills and capacity for telling our story in new and effective ways. In order to meet our deadline with the Lilly Endowment, Bob Hulteen's position has morphed from a Spark position into project management of the proposal writing.

We are asking congregants to stay after the worship service on Sunday, June 8, for lunch and a community conversation.

We will provide some prompts for table conversation and feedback loops. We will aim to be done by 1:00 p.m. Please consider holding the time in your calendar for this important discussion. Please RSVP by signing up in the Community Room or by emailing Bob at bhulteen@htlcmpls.org.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS

Acts 16:16-34 ; Psalm 97;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

MOMENTS OF LEARNING, JOY, GRATITUDE

During the summer months while we take a break from Adult Forum and Sunday School, I'd love for us to stay connected by sharing moments of learning, joy, and gratitude. If you have a moment you'd like to share, please send it to Kathy (kekwall@htlcmpls.org) and we will share them in the Community Church during the summer months. It can be anything from something that brings you joy, gratitude for someone, something, or an experience, to a moment of learning or reflection.

On the Friday before this past Memorial weekend, I thought I best mow my lawn of it's tall grass and weeds as I peered up and down the street of all the pristine yards. My excuses were that it had been either too cool, then too hot, then we had gotten the rain, and the grand daddy of them all, my knees were sore. I dragged out the lawn mower, filled it with gas and then primed it. After it seemed like 100 pulls on the cord and repriming it, nothing, not even a sputter! I half chuckled and raised my eyes to the sky and said "Lord, I could use a little intervention here." On my fifth pull, it started up!

~ David Rediger

~ 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**; Kris Christians' dad **Milan**; **Rick Lathrop**; thanksgiving for a successful valve replacement for **Joyce Besser**; **Bruce Axelrod**; 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**.

THIS WEEK

JUNE 2025—HAPPY PRIDE! AND QUEER FAITH

The Christian tradition is full of queerness, and we get to celebrate it! We invite you to notice the rainbows flying all around the building during this month as well as the ways our preaching and singing will lift up the diversity God has created.



We encourage you to find ways by which to celebrate queerness in our world. There are many opportunities for all ages, sexualities, and life-experiences that can be found at: tcpride.org/pride-festival/. We also invite you to remember that Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation that has been advocating for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and community life. Check out <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/> in preparation for the celebration on June 25. Happy Pride!

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 29—BIKE TO CHURCH MONTH

Ride your bike to church. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!



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.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 3—SOUP FOR YOU! CELEBRATING ONE YEAR AT HOLY TRINITY

Soup For You! is a gathering space for the Community of Minneapolis and beyond. Guests enjoy a homemade soup lunch complete with sides of bread, salad, and desserts. But more than just a hot meal, guests enjoy a sense of community and a place for social connection. All are welcome whether you are experiencing homelessness and poverty, a local neighbor or businessperson, a student, or someone looking for a luscious meal and a warm welcome space. Soup is served 12:00-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. We are grateful to share space, ministry, and community with Soup For You! Being able to offer this resource to our neighborhood and beyond is a beautiful lesson in humanity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3—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 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

JUNE—JULY 2025: COTTAGE MEETINGS FOR ALL MEMBERS

This summer, during June and July, we will host 12 cottage meetings across our congregation—gatherings designed to bring together longtime and newer members in fellowship and conversation. These informal get-togethers will be hosted in homes and backyards and parks, with food, fun, and the opportunity to connect more deeply with each other.

The pastors and Church Council warmly invite every member and interested visitors to attend one of these gatherings. In the invites mailed with the Summer Seasonal Calendar, have highlighted the gathering that we would love for you to attend! If that date, time, or location does not work for you, you are welcome to choose another gathering. There are three ways to RSVP, including (1) sign up in the Community Room; (2) call the church office at 612-729-8358; or (3) email the church office (office@htlcmpls.org). The first gathering happens this week!

LORI LATHROP AND RICK LATHROP'S COTTAGE MEETING – THURSDAY, JUNE 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

Lori and her uncle Rick invite you to Lori's cozy abode (835 Montana Ave. W., St. Paul) for a small, relaxed evening of connection and conversation. They'll provide light refreshments and can host up to 6 adult guests.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7—"THE DOCTRINE" FILM SHOWING

Film about the Doctrine of Discovery: "[The Doctrine](#)", will be shown on June 7, 6:30 p.m. at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th St., Minneapolis. This is a documentary about the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery on Indigenous peoples and the planet today. The film follows the journey of indigenous youth to the Vatican to advocate for repudiation of the Doctrine. The website includes a link to the film trailer. The filmmaker, Gwendolen Cates, will be present. Holy Trinity has been a fiscal sponsor for this film production.

EXTRA NOTES

EACH SUNDAY THIS SUMMER—GOT FLOWERS?

Are you a gardener? Or maybe your neighbor is always inviting you to enjoy the flowers they grow? This summer, we're bringing back the tradition of having flowers on the altar table each Sunday. They don't need to be big, fancy, or expensive—just a small offering of beauty from your garden, your windowsill, or the farmers market. Anything you bring will be beautiful. And beauty reminds



us of God's marvelous gifts. Sign up in the Community Room to bring flowers for one or more Sundays this season. No need to deliver them in advance; you can place them on the altar table on Sunday morning when you come for worship.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11—BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY

All are invited to join members Sheryl Undem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm and ride for 10 to 15 miles, including a stop for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room. (If it rains, we'll meet on Thursday, June 12.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12—INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

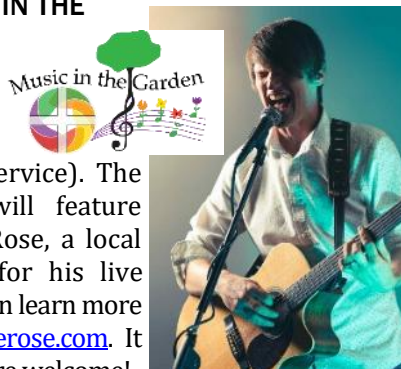
Volunteer for the monthly indoor workday on the second Thursday of each month to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

ALYSON SORENSEN AND GRACE BASLER'S COTTAGE MEETING – THURSDAY, JUNE 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Alyson and pewmate Grace invite you to Alyson's backyard (3428 5th Ave. S., Minneapolis) for a relaxed summer evening of conversation, snacks, and fun. Expect a beautiful spread of charcuterie, desserts, and drinks—including wine and Italian sodas. If there's interest, card games may make an appearance! They can host up to 8 adult guests and look forward to connecting with both familiar faces and new friends.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15—MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). The music for this Sunday will feature acoustic music by Vinnie Rose, a local singer-songwriter known for his live looping performances. You can learn more about him here: www.vinnierose.com. It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome!



We are in need of volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up. If you can help, please sign up in the Community Room or contact the office.

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/>.



THURSDAY, JUNE 19—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month 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.

ZOE AND MIGUEL MARTINEZ'S COTTAGE MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 21 AT 12:00 P.M.

Join Zoe and Miguel at their home (3321 32nd Ave. S., Minneapolis) for a family-friendly lunch featuring tostadas and lemon bars. Kids are warmly welcomed, and the gathering will be casual and welcoming. They can accommodate up to 6 guests and are excited to host a mix of new faces and long-term friends.

MARGARET KOLDEN'S COTTAGE MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 23, FROM 6:30–8:30 P.M.

Margaret invites you to her backyard for a sweet summer evening on the deck. Enjoy a variety of desserts and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. She can host up to 8 adults, and children are welcome to join.

KATY AND SCOTT BENSON'S COTTAGE MEETING – FRIDAY, JUNE 27, FROM 4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

Katy and Scott welcome you to their home for a poolside happy hour! Enjoy a variety of appetizers, wines, beers, and non-alcoholic beverages in a relaxed outdoor setting. Children are welcome to swim or splash around, and up to 12 guests can join in this cheerful summer gathering.

PHIL RADTKE AND JAMES NYSSÉ'S COTTAGE MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 28, AT 10:00 A.M.

Join Phil and his friend James Nysse in Phil's backyard for a festive morning gathering. Enjoy a build-your-own brunch buffet with mimosas, yard games, and time to connect. They can host up to 12 guests, and children are warmly welcomed. Please note: there are stairs leading to the backyard.

DEB ANDERSON AND TRACEY BAUBIE'S COTTAGE MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 28, FROM 4:00–6:00 P.M.

Deb and Tracey invite you to their home just north of Como Lake for a relaxed, adults-only late afternoon in their backyard gazebo "sanctuary." Expect light snacks, drinks, and lawn games (weather permitting). They can host 15 guests. Their friendly dog Ohana will be around, and if it rains, the gathering will move indoors—note that they also have two cats.

JUNE 20-23—BREAKING THE CYCLE: JUSTICE AND HEALING FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS

Holy Trinity's Palestine/Israel Committee is co-sponsoring the Twin Cities dates for this event and invite you to join. It's a public event to share the story of **Anar**, a nonprofit operating in the West Bank that provides arts-based healing for **Palestinian children and caregivers** with **Rami Khader**, Founder & Executive Director of Anar for Empowerment & Psychosocial Support.

- Friday, June 20, 4–5pm : [WAMM](#) Free Palestine Rally
- Friday, June 20, 7:00–8:30 p.m. : presentation and Q&A at [New City Center](#)
- Saturday, June 21, gallery space open 2–5 p.m. (CT), program at 3p.m.

Find the full schedule and details [here](#).

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)
Altar Guild	Annie Hines (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
Crucifer	
Assisting Minister	Tom Skold (he/him)
Communion	Roberta Shaw (she/her), Kathy Skold (she/her), Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her), Sean Gosiewski (he/him)
Ushers	Alan Libra (he/him), Michael Sorum (he/him), Chuck Jordan (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Sally Kohlstedt (she/her), David Kohlstedt (he/him)
Counters	Deb Helmelt (she/her)
Closer	John Sulzbach (he/him)
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)



WELCOME REVEREND ANNA KITT HELGEN AS ONE OF OUR SUMMER SPARK POSITIONS

We are beyond excited to have the Reverend Anna Kitt Helgen as one of our Summer 2025 Spark Positions! Pastor Anna has served as co-pastor at Edina Community Lutheran Church (Edina) and as associate pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Minneapolis). She has a background in children, youth, and family ministry, serving in that capacity at both Saint Timothy Lutheran Church (Saint Paul) and Christ the King Lutheran Church (White Bear Lake) in addition to summer camp experience at Wilderness Canoe Base in the BWCA and Camp Christikon in Montana. Pastor Anna is currently taking a hiatus from full-time ministry to spend more time with her two young children and her husband Kurt. She is a graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary. She lives in Bloomington and enjoys exploring the trails in Hyland Park Reserve or wrangling her kids at Chutes and Ladders.

Pastor Anna is going to be working alongside Pastor David in re-energizing, re-invigorating, and re-imagining the ways that the Holy Spirit is working through our Sunday School programming. Over the summer months, Pastor Anna is going to be meeting with Sunday School teachers, parents/guardians/caring adults of Sunday School aged children, and dreaming up possibilities to continue the good work that is already being done in our midst. To that end, We need your voice! To kick off these important conversations we are inviting you to join us on Sunday, June 15 from 9-9:50am in the library to share your thoughts about Sunday School and children's ministry at Holy Trinity. What do you love? What would you change? Who is one person who is a part of your faith story? Pastor Anna will lead us through several interactive stations as we give thanks for the meaningful connections our kids are making today and dream together about the future of Sunday School. Treats will be provided. Parents and caring adults are encouraged to attend with their child(ren).

PARISH EVENTS JUNE 1-7, 2025

Sunday, June 1	10:00 AM 12:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, June 4	11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Thursday, June 5	6:30-8:30 PM 7:30 PM	Big Meeting Night Rick and Lori Lathrop Cottage Meeting

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](#).

