



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.

## Pride, What Does It Means, What Does It Look Like?

I recently logged into legal zoom for the first time in, well, 13 years, to be exact. I was caught off guard by the last document that had been done. It was the health care directive and power of attorney signed while I was pregnant with Francis. Eileen and I weren't legally married. We were married, but our legal right had not been established in Minnesota. That wouldn't happen for another year. If Eileen and I had been legally married, we would not have needed the documentation proving she could make choices for me. When Francis was born on September 9, 2012, the birth certificate only allowed for heterosexual parents. Obviously, I could not put a father down. But, I also, could not put another mother down. It was just me. I felt unexpected grief about that. I knew that we would need to do a second parent adoption, but it felt so terrible in that moment. This moment of celebration and yet the relationship that led to choosing to have a baby could not be honored in any sort of legal way. It did not feel like Pride.

Pride means I don't wonder if when I tell a colleague that my kids have two moms and a step mom, if it is safe to do so. Pride is not worrying that my kids will hear that their family has no value. Pride is knowing that the experience of being a rainbow family is valued in the communities I engage in. Pride is not worrying each and every time I tell someone that I am queer.

Pride looks like the weird little world I came of age in. As a kid, even in NW Minnesota, I was surrounded by hippies and people who just didn't really seem to care about sexual orientation. I flunked out of church summer camp. It was a pretty terrible experience. I got a scholarship at age 9 to go to Concordia Language Villages for camp. They didn't have as many language choices in 1990. From the ones available, I chose French. I was a villager for 8 years. And during high school and college, I worked my way up from kitchen helper to Head Cook of the French Village. French camp, even in the '90s, was fairly free flowing, a variety of gender expressions, and no assumptions about who you liked. I never really knew a world where it might not be okay to be queer. I suppose that is the joy of being young, naive, and spending a bit too much time in an idyllic setting.

I wonder if, that little world, where you could dress how you wanted, kiss (obviously this was when I was on staff) who you wanted, and explore a different culture, is really what

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### READINGS

*Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28;  
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39*

### MOMENTS OF LEARNING, JOY, GRATITUDE

If you have a moment you'd like to share, please send it to Kathy ([kekwall@htlcmpls.org](mailto:kekwall@htlcmpls.org)) and we will share them in the Community Church during the summer months.



It was a joy to see the turn out for the first Music in the Garden last Sunday, especially after the news of the tragic events that had occurred. It's beautiful to be able to offer space for the congregation and community to enjoy music, food, conversation, and a sense of peace in the times we are experiencing. Hearing comments of how nice it was to relax and catch up with old friends, or how good the pizza was, or some of our unhoused neighbors being able to enjoy a meal, a moment of joy, and being welcomed in. All of it was a joy to watch and be a part of. All of it filled me with gratitude. I'm looking forward to the next one on July 20.

~ Jamie Bistram  
Music in the Garden Coordinator

### ~ 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 **Randy Nelson**, recovering from surgery; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; Kris Christians' dad **Milan**; **Rick Lathrop**; 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**; the family and friends of **Jim Marshall**, including wife **Sue**; **Beth Holger**, and everyone at **The Link**; and **Josie Tober**.

Pride leads us to. It isn't that I want to have rainbow flags everywhere (though I do like a rainbow), it is that I want my queerness to be uninteresting. I want it to be unremarkable in the best ways. The ones that mean the birth certificate honors my family without extra hoops, that I don't wonder if the disclosure of my family make up will be judged harshly, where I don't need to justify my concerns about being welcomed into community. So for now, I will lean into the Pride that fights to protect my rights and my family's rights. The Pride that fiercely protects my kids from hearing that their family is of less value for being queer.

~Margaret Kelly, Holy Trinity Member

## WEEKEND REMINDERS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 21—SHINE A LIGHT ON HER 2025, MAMA PARADE

Join us this Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m. at the neighborhood's inaugural Mama Parade, where Pastor Ingrid will receive a Shine The Light on Her award. The event is hosted by Alicia Belton and Mary Kay Ziniewicz.

**SHINE A LIGHT ON HER 2025 MAMA PARADE**

The inaugural Shine Light on Mama Celebration Parade, where we'll share inspiring stories of mothers who contribute significantly to our community as parents, professionals, and business owners.

**JUNE 21, 2025 | 8:00 AM | THE HISTORIC COLISEUM**

bus stop mamas  
dogwood coffee  
Presented By SHAKE  
Lake Street Lift  
My Very Own Bed  
visit lake street  
SCAN TO LEARN MORE

## EXTRA NOTES

### LIBRARY NOTES

At an adult forum several years ago, a woman who worked hard on a political campaign observed that the people who ran out of steam and dropped out of the work were the ones who had no spiritual grounding to keep them going. They were depleted.

Whether one is a super-activist or a more of a working-behind-the-scenes kind of person, we are all weary and often discouraged these days. Sometimes a good book can feed our souls and refresh us.

Our church library has plenty of books that offer encouragement, rest, and spiritual nourishment. Here are a few.

Richard Rohr: *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*.

Joan Chittister: *The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage*

John Lewis: *Carry On: Reflections for a New Generation*

Sybil MacBeth: *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God* (crayons required!)

Joan Murray, Ed.: *Poems to Live By in Uncertain Times*

J. Philip Newell: *Celtic Prayers from Iona*

Henri Nouwen: *Live of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*

Joyce Rupp: *The Star in My Heart: Experiencing Sophia, Inner Wisdom*

Jan Karon: *Mitford* novel series — a pleasant, upbeat diversion

For a few weeks, the library cart in the Community Room will feature such nourishing works. And, of course, you can visit the library to find more.

To explore the library catalogue for more options, here is the link: <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>

Peace to all, your Holy Trinity Librarians

### COTTAGE MEETINGS

Cottage meetings are filling up fast, limited spaces are left. Call the office or sign up in the Community Room, if you haven't done so yet.

Please enjoy a photo from last week's hosted June 12, by Alyson Sorensen and Grace Basler.

*Such a lovely cottage meeting!! ~Ryana Holt*





## 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/](http://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!

### TUESDAY, JUNE 24—WORSHIP READINGS STUDY

Join 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).

### 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, 4–5 p.m. : [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 3 p.m.

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

### 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.

### LGBTQIA+ CELEBRATION AT ARBEITER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 7:00 P.M.

Join us for a joyful evening of community and celebration at Arbeiter Brewing (3038 Minnehaha Ave.) as we honor Pride Month together! For over forty years, our congregation has boldly advocated 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.

We believe in inviting all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness—and we know the journey is ongoing. We're always learning. How can the church continue to widen its welcome to more expressions of gender and sexuality? How do we celebrate the diversity among us more fully? Come share in conversation, laughter, and pride. Allies warmly welcome. We'll meet at 7:00 p.m. RSVP in the Community Room, so we know how many to expect!

### THURSDAY, JUNE 26—SISTERS' CAMELOT GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

Sisters' Camelot is a collectively run nonprofit founded in 1997 that is focused on food justice, waste reduction, sustainable living, community building, and youth education. They share free organic groceries and free organic meals with the community. They deliver groceries at Holy Trinity on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Distribution takes place outside by our pizza oven.

### THURSDAYS, JUNE 26, JULY 3, 10, 17, 24—LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING

This third annual Summer Sing will take place on Thursdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the evening and will provide a space for all singers to join together. We will sing sacred and secular pieces in varying styles by composers local and abroad that promote community and music making. This year's theme will surround finding and sharing radical joy. Questions and sign up can be directed to Phil Radtke ([pradtke@htlcmpls.org](mailto:pradtke@htlcmpls.org)).

### 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 NYSSSE'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.



## SAVE THE DATE

### SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 29

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed! This will be an intergenerational pop-up choir offering music accessible to all ages.

### MONDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 30-JULY 3 HOLY TRINITY BUILDING CLOSED

The church office along with all building partners will be closed June 30-July 3 ahead of the holiday weekend to allow for work to be done in other areas of the building. Regular programming during this week will be cancelled as well, including Tuesday text study and Thursday Big Meeting Night.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

The church office is closed on Friday so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families. We'll be back in the office on Monday.

### JULY 6-11 FOR WAPO YOUTH (COMPLETED GRADES 4-9) AND JULY 11-13 FOR WAPO SEEDS (COMPLETED GRADES 1-3)

Save the date for Camp Wapo in 2025! Scholarships are available, please contact Pr. David if you are interested.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9—BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY

All are invited to join Sheryl Udem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at a location TBD at 6:30 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 Friday, July 11.)

### THURSDAY, JULY 11—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.

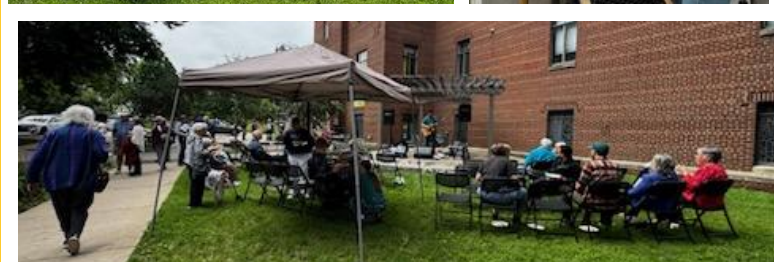
### SUNDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 13-19 – CONFIRMATION SUMMER TRIP

Confirmation students and adult chaperones will be traveling to Chicago! They will be partnering with various progressive, faith communities which address food insecurity and homelessness in the Chicago Loop area. This will be a trip with a mix of service, fellowship, and exploring that part of the world. We are grateful for the congregation's prayers, financial support, and encouragement of our youth.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 14-18—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, July 14-18. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50<sup>th</sup> St. and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen to sign up for part or all of the week.

Please enjoy some photos from last week's Music in the Garden.



Worship Participants for Sunday, June 22, 2025, 10:00 AM	
<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
<b>Guest Organist</b>	Jen Baker-Trinity (she/her)
<b>Cantor</b>	Drew Lindorfer (she/her)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Engen (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
<b>Crucifer</b>	Tre Tellor (he/they)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rick Liedholm (he/him)
<b>Communion</b>	Karen Kunze (she/her), Amy Froiland-Parada (she/her), Bob Hulteen (he/him)
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Jordan (he/him), Helen Norheim (she/her), Bob Norheim (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Pat Farris (she/her)
<b>Counters</b>	
<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)



#### 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.

#### PARISH EVENTS JUNE 22-26, 2025

Sunday, June 22	10:00 AM 12:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, June 23	6:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Kolden's Cottage Meeting
Tuesday, June 24	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, June 25	7:00 PM	LGBTQIA+ Celebration at Arbeiter
Thursday, June 26	6:00-7:30 PM	Longfellow Summer Sings
Friday, June 27	4:00-6:00 PM	Katy and Scott Benson's Cottage Meeting
Saturday, June 28	10:00 AM 4:00-6:00 PM	Phil Radtke and James Nysse's Cottage Meeting Deb Anderson and Tracey Baubie's 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](#).

