



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.

2025 FALL SPECIAL APPEALS

Dear members,

Individually and as a congregation, members of Holy Trinity enjoy many blessings and share those locally, nationally, and internationally. Each year, we identify special giving opportunities at our annual meeting that allow us to extend our compassion and generosity beyond our immediate community.

This fall, we invite your support for two critical initiatives that reflect our commitment to global accompaniment and justice: **ELCA World Hunger** and **Bright Stars of Bethlehem**. Both programs respond to human need with tangible hope and long-term vision.

“The place where people meet God is the place where people meet people. If there is no meeting with the other, there is no meeting with God.”

~Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Working through congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—as well as with Lutheran churches overseas and other trusted partners—**ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. This program offers a comprehensive response to hunger and poverty, supporting health clinics, microloans, water wells, animal husbandry, community meals, and advocacy. Your gifts help the ELCA pursue sustainable, community-driven solutions that get at the root causes of food insecurity and economic hardship.

BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM

Nominated by Holy Trinity's Palestine Israel Committee, **Bright Stars of Bethlehem** is a U.S.-based nonprofit that promotes peace and justice in Palestine through education, arts, and human development. It supports *Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture* in Bethlehem and a range of outreach programs for children, youth, and older adults. These initiatives empower Palestinians to become creative leaders who can shape a future rooted in dignity and abundance.

Bright Stars' key programs include:

- **Dar al-Kalima University** – educating young adults for leadership in the arts, culture, and civic life
- **Diyar Academy for Children and Youth** – nurturing creativity and well-being in young people
- **Ajyal Senior Center** – providing care and community for older adults

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15;
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42*

MOMENTS OF LEARNING, JOY, 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.

We're seven months now into becoming a family of five! The first half was idyllic, sweet and cozy and it felt like everyone was adapting well. The second half has been more challenging. For our family, the entry to spring and summer have meant lots of big feelings catching up with our two older kiddos, less sleep all around, my own hormones going bananas, and reengaging with a world that often feels hard and scary. I was craving support and wisdom and deeper connection to spirit to ground me and timidly reached out to Pastor Ingrid to see if she'd be up for a supportive chat. I'd never asked a pastor or priest for that kind of 1:1 talk before, and I'm so happy I did. We walked for three miles and talked about parenting, finding our spiritual “tethers,” what God looks like for each of us and how we access her. We talked about the difficulty of metabolizing and understanding “evil” in this moment, if God is everything, what is “evil” and how does it fit in? She shared so much wisdom and so much love, I felt filled up and more easy and more courageous all at once.

~ Jess Daniel Hart



~ 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 **Sally Kohlstedt**, recovering from knee surgery; Tracey Baubie's mom, **ShaRon**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Rick Lathrop**; Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mom **Allison**; **Jenni Vaillancourt's** stepdad; **Mary Petersen**; Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie**; **Mike Kelly**; Katie Murray's mom **Pat**; **Josie Tober**; **Tina** and **Neela**.

PARISH INFORMATION

Your contributions to these two appeals—whether large or small—will help sustain and expand critical work in places where hope and resources are scarce, but the human spirit endures.

[Click here to support either or both of these special projects.](#)

Please select the designated fund and specify which appeal you are giving to. You may also give a general gift to support the ongoing ministry of Holy Trinity.

Thank you for your generosity and witness to God's justice and love.

Sincerely,

George Henry, Council Treasurer

Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Financial Stewardship Committee

Scott Cole, Financial Stewardship Committee

Steve Murray, Financial Stewardship Committee

Ben Koch, Financial Stewardship Committee

Mary Engen, Palestine Israel Committee

Donna Goodlaxson, Palestine Israel Committee

Bob Brose, Palestine Israel Committee

Meghan Hendrickson, Palestine Israel Committee

Kaitlin Scott, Palestine Israel Committee

Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

Pastor David Larson-Martínez

Pastor Doug Mork

WEEKEND REMINDERS

SATURDAY, JULY 19—CAROL KELLY, CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please plan to join us on Saturday July 19, 2025 for a 10:00 a.m. visitation and an 11:00 a.m. worship service. At this time, we as a faith community will carry Carol on the final leg of her baptismal journey. A luncheon hour will follow. All are welcome. To join the livestream, use this link: <https://vimeo.com/event/5249308>

SUNDAY, JULY 20—POP UP BELL CHOIR SUNDAY

Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday to hear summer ringers ring in some joyful music, led by Logan Olson.

SUNDAY, JULY 20—MUSIC IN THE GARDEN



Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. service). The music for this Sunday will feature Julius Collins and Brian Ziemniak of [Dr. Mambo's Combo](#). Dr. Mambo's Combo has been performing

weekly at Bunkers Music Bar and Grill since 1987. It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome!

WE NEED YOUR VOICE AS WE IMAGINE A NEW MODEL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HTLC!

Stop by the Community Room over the next few weeks to share your thoughts. What do you love about Sunday School? What would you change? Your responses will help us give thanks for the connections children are making today and dream together about the future of Sunday School. Interested in a one-on-one to share your ideas and experience? Reach out to Pastor Anna (anna.helgen@gmail.com) to schedule one.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JULY 22—WORSHIP 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).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23—CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT: CHANTING THE PSALMS IN HOPE

If your spirit has been longing for an opportunity to pray and sing for God's redeeming love to prevail, please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to lean into the ancient practice of chanting the psalms.

Throughout the centuries, followers of Jesus' way have turned to the singing of psalms to pray, to praise, and to lament the pain and brokenness in our world. In doing so, we are united with the Church throughout time and space. And as in ages past, people of faith today may find comfort and strength in summoning these ancient texts to speak to us yet again. The act of raising our voices to God together in a gentler and more lyrical resistance at the end of the day seems like a beautiful way to counter the despair that confronts us.

Our time together will be simple. We'll take up a handful of Psalms each time we meet, surround ourselves with candlelight, and set aside a moment or two of silence following each psalm for reflection. In the coming days and weeks, our intention will be to sing through all 150 Psalms in order, beginning to end. No commentary. No contextualizing. We'll let the Psalms speak what they will to our spirits.

Please sign up in the Community Room this or email Ann Schrooten at annlarayne@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

THURSDAY, JULY 24—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.



THURSDAY, JULY 24—LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING

This third annual Summer Sing's music is themed around finding and sharing radical joy. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a time of sharing our music.

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JULY 27

This is your second opportunity 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!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5—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).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6—OUTDOOR YOGA WITH JAMES

Regardless of who you are, what you look like, or whom you love, James Orione believes that creating a space for everybody is very important. Society places many expectations and roles as to how, what, when, where, and why you are doing something instead of simply being. Through conscious movement connected to breath, you have an opportunity to learn how to be in this moment. Yoga is an opportunity to create, rediscover, and connect to the experience of being human and overcome the obstacles that stand in your path. Join us!



If you have your own mats, blocks, blankets, straps, or bolsters, please bring them. We have more than enough for those who need them. Classes are free and open to everyone—members and non-members. Invite a neighbor. 90-minute class begins at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10—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, August 10, and Sunday, November 9, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24—9TH ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL PICNIC AT WABUN PARK

As summer wanes, Holy Trinity families will gather for fun, food, and frolic at Wabun Picnic Area, 4655 46th Ave S, Minnehaha Fall Park. Plan to join us after worship (12:00-3:00 p.m.). Wabun Park features a covered gazebo, splash pad, and play ground. Sloppy joes, watermelon and ice water provided; bring your own beverage and a dish to share. Sign up in the Community Room.

EXTRA NOTES

HYGIENE KITS FOR NEW HOMELESS SHELTER

The Valiance, a new homeless shelter from the Agate Housing Facility, is collecting hygiene kits for its residents. Holy Trinity has offered to donate 50 kits. We need your help. We need the following (travel size only): bar soap, shampoo and conditioner especially for textured and curly hair, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, razor and shaving cream, body wash, shower shoes, lotion, non-alcohol-based mouth wash, no-rinse body wash, no-rinse shampoo, washcloths, combs and brushes. There will be a box in the Community Room where you can put your donations. The donations are needed by August 1. Thank you!

CREATION CARE ACTION OPPORTUNITY

Have you been thinking of making home energy improvements or asking your landlord to make them? Now's the time to get them done, since home energy tax credits will be gone in 2026. Adding insulation, air sealing, a heat pump or replacing your water heater are great ways to reduce CO2 while making your home more comfortable summer or winter 3 easy steps:

1. **Schedule a Home Energy Squad visit** (or look at the home energy fitness report from your recent Home Energy Squad visit to see the recommended actions <https://www.mncee.org/home-energy-squad>)
2. **Decide the actions you want to take and how to pay for them.** CEE Home Energy Advisors can help you walk through the incentives. Zero percent interest loans available from CEE (612-335-5858) (80% AMI) <https://www.mncee.org/how-get-started>. Use our handy reference guide to see the utility rebates and IRA tax credits that will apply
3. **Schedule the work to be done this summer or fall** with an insulation or HVAC contractor recommended by CEE. Then ask the contractor to turn in the paperwork to the IRS for the project they did and you will receive up to 2K back from your 2025 taxes owed.

Creation Care team volunteers will be available in the Community Room at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in July to answer your questions and to share our handy home energy project funding sheet. [Click here](#) for an electronic version.

Or you can also call or email Sean with your questions. Sean Gosiewski, 612 250-0389 seangosiewski@gmail.com.

ENJOY PHOTOS OF SOME BLOOMS AROUND THE CHURCH!



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Cantor	Phil Radtke (he/him)
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Crucifer	
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf (she/her)
Communion	Andrea Martin (she/her), Allison Johnson Heist (she/her), Sue Roberts (she/her)
Ushers	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Lunch and Music in the Garden
Counters	John Sulzbach (he/him)
Closer	Rod Johnson (he/him)
Video Operator	Jeff Weiss (he/him)

COTTAGE MEETINGS—LAST CALL

The remaining summer cottage meetings are all happening this coming week. There are a few spots left for Monday, July 21 and a few spots left for Saturday, July 26. Sign up on Sunday!

Please enjoy photos from the gathering hosted July 11, by Deb Sodt and Dennis O'Brien



PARISH EVENTS JULY 20-26, 2025

Sunday, July 20	10:00 AM 11:00AM 12:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Music in the Garden Swahili Service
Monday, July 21	6:00-800 PM	Katie and Jeremy Schroeder's Cottage Meeting
Tuesday, July 22	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, July 23	6:30 PM 7:00-8:00 PM	Arlene Helvig and Ann White's Cottage Meeting Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope
Thursday, July 24	6:00-7:30 PM	Longfellow Summer Sing Concert
Friday, July 25	5:30-7:30 PM	Tom and Kari Kleven's Cottage Meeting
Saturday, July 26	9:30 AM	Anne Beschnett and Josh Becker'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](#).

