
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE FALL 2025

Dear ones,

“We cannot flirt with despair. It is an unaffordable luxury,” writes Aurora Levins Morales. “We need to tell each other stories that remind us of what we already know in our bones—that we are made for these times, and demanding the impossible is the only realistic choice.”

This summer, we set out to make belonging our central practice. Inspired by theologian Willie Jennings, who teaches that “belonging is the beginning of justice,” we leaned into the power of community. From a spirited book study on my front lawn to full-to-capacity cottage meetings; from youth trips to Asheville and Chicago to worship that remained strong even on the most beautiful Minnesota Sundays—you showed up. Thank you for finding your way to one another. Thank you for choosing to create and nurture community. This is such a robust and beautiful church. I am so grateful to be part of it.

In our gathering, we’re tending a sacred ecosystem—a place where people of different languages, life experiences, abilities, and beliefs come together and find that they are seen, known, and loved. That work grew even deeper this summer as we partnered with the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation, Soup for You!, and Metro Work Center on a grant-funded storytelling initiative that will lift up honest, local stories of courage, connection, and faith—from the soup kitchen to the sanctuary to the sidewalk. These stories, shared through murals, short films, podcasts, and public art, will help us—and others—imagine what the church can be when no one is left behind.

Hope, as Morales reminds us, is not a passive feeling. It is a decision: to act every day on what our bones know, to imagine the world we want in such detail that we can always find our way back to it. It is the decision to choose one another—and keep choosing—trusting that if we leave no one behind, we can build that world together.



In compassion,

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Pastor Ingrid

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY from Pastor David Larson-Martínez

The summer months are quickly moving through, and I am grateful for the many experiences we have had as a community: Music in the Garden, youth trips to North Carolina and Chicago, cottage meetings hosted by members, and weekly worship which brings us together. It is a joy to be one of your pastors here at Holy Trinity!



As we begin to look toward the autumn months, I look forward to the many experiences we will continue to have as a community: Wednesday evening meals and music-making, regular education hour for all ages on Sunday mornings, youth and adult retreats, as well as weekly worship which will bring us together. It will be good to get into familiar rhythms.

Over the summer I have had the opportunity to travel by airplane, car, and train alongside our youth. This has allowed me some time to read books that I have been meaning to get to but had simply put aside until I had the opportunity. One of these literary works has been *When God Was a Bird* by Mark Wallace. In this eco-centric, avian-loving, a bit heretical book I encountered language that has expanded my view of the Divine and of our role as followers of Jesus.

Wallace writes that in “the song of the wood thrush [there] is a kind of duet ... in which it simultaneously produces two independent musical notes that reverberate with each other.”

As I think about our Children, Youth, and Family ministries I am filled beyond gratitude for the good, hard work which has been done in the last five years. You all have been resilient, as we have built our ministries back up following the pandemic and Uprising. It has been a joy to see families show up for our Education Hour, participate in services, get to know other families, and find their own way in this faith journey. You all have helped to create a wonderful, faith-filled CYF Ministry. Thank you!

And, the Holy Spirit is still working among us. SHe is singing a song of various melodies at the same time: reminding us that we have worked hard to where we are and inviting us to continue to expand our vision. This fall will bring about some changes to the way we approach Faith Formation. Our Spark Position, Rev. Anna, is helping us to put into place the feedback we received from many of you this past summer. This is all to create a more robust, more sustainable, more flexible, and continuing to be faithful to the Good News of Jesus Faith Formation hour. I am excited!

Alongside you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Martínez".

Pastor David

WORSHIP AND MUSIC from Cantor Phil Radtke

Some Sundays I am grateful that I am playing at instruments where people don't get to see my facial expressions while I am playing. Yes, I have been told on occasion from choir members that they see me making faces during hymns and postludes, and I do! Aside from the face of the *wrong note* or the look of wonder and anticipation during the dismissal hoping the kids will get all the words "Go in peace. Love your neighbors," I do also make faces of joy during some hymns. Or at least that's what I'll call it!



This past summer while playing the hymn *Tell Again the Joyful Story*, I experienced moments of this joy which caused me to smile, laugh at times and live in the movement in a wonderful way. The tune, from the late renaissance, gives a strong lilting and dance-like quality. The text gracefully takes us from creation to Easter and beyond.

*...So that we may join her dancing, feed the hungry, clothe the poor,
Sweep away debris of anger, silence desperate shouts of war.
In the music of her voice, weary dancers may rejoice,
For she sends our sadness reeling in the rhythms of her healing.*

The author, Jeanette Lindholm, skillfully pairs a feminine God who dances and has rhythms of healing with a tune that so well embodies the sentiment of the text. Every time I get to play it and hear people sing, I get to dance along with the truly joyful story it tells. I get to laugh and smile at the news that it proclaims. What a joy!

As we begin a new school year with questions, exciting times, nervous beginnings and everything in between, I hope you can find the moments that bring you a smile. I hope you can find moments that show that joy exists and it's okay to make a face about it!



Cantor Phil

BUILDING, COMMUNITY, AND COMMUNICATIONS **from Kathy Ekwall**

As the days of summer get shorter and we move closer to fall, I find myself reflecting on the first half of 2025. January brought a new administration and the beginning of a political climate that has many of us worried about the future. In the months that followed, policy changes and executive orders flooded the news, causing fear; fear for ourselves, for our friends, and neighbors, especially those who are immigrants, LGBTQ+, and BIPOC.

March marked the fifth anniversary of COVID lockdown. May brought with it the fifth anniversary of the murder of George Floyd and the Uprising that followed. June had us talking more intently about ICE and forming response plans. June also moved this concern closer as several enforcement agencies descended on Lake Street and our very humble and brave pastors joined in the crowd and confronted the Minneapolis police chief about broken promises of doing better.

All of this can feel so daunting, so heavy to consume and live with. But it brings me back to this building, this community, this congregation. In 2020 when COVID lockdown hit, we didn't know what was going to happen, how church was going to go on. And yet it did happen, it did go on. When, amid that lockdown a man was murdered at the hands of a police officer and an Uprising that spanned the globe and burned our neighborhood ensued, we didn't know what was going to happen, how was the neighborhood going to go on. And yet again, we did go on. As a congregation, as a community, we went on. We opened our doors and came together to do what was needed, what was right, and just. Through all of these things, we have been able to rise, to share our space, to create community, and even find moments of joy.

This building, this space that we share, goes beyond church, beyond religion. When we maintain, improve, and imagine new ways to use and share this building, we are creating a place of belonging, a place for community, and growth, and love. When that is here and real and genuine, joy can happen, and faith will follow.

I am grateful to be a part of a staff that sees the need and potential of the building we gather in. I'm grateful to be part of a congregation that gives so generously to support this need and graciously invites all who stand at our steps into this space. I'm excited and hopeful for what the next months and years will bring as we continue to work together to create belonging, community, and joy.



Kathy

Communications and Congregational Coordinator



WEEKLY WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FOOD, PSALMS, AND YOGA

Sunday Worship—

We gather in the Sanctuary every Sunday for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. The service is live-streamed and recorded. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. through this link: <https://htlcmpls.org/watch/> or through HTLC's Facebook page. You can access recordings of past worship services through this link: <https://htlcmpls.org/sermon-archives/>



Children and Youth Education—



Every Sunday before worship service, following the Minneapolis Public School's academic year (September-May), we will have the following available:

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time (9:00 a.m.):* All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. (This does not include Godly Play participants, who report directly to their room at 9:00 a.m.)
- *Godly Play (ages 4–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Trinity Village (grades K–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Confirmation (grades 6–9):* Meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.

Registration

Please take a moment to register your child(ren) by [clicking on this live link](#) or by picking up a paper copy in the Community Room and returning it to the church office.



Adult Education—

Adults of all ages meet in the second-floor Library on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. September through May for an Adult Forum.



- The presentations are also available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. ID and password: ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879 // Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85856871594?pwd=MjErUEQrTnhpTlhFV3VOZ0dsc3d1Zz09>
- Link to view past recordings: <https://htlcmpls.org/adult-education/>
- A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in-person and via 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).

Food—

Monday-Friday—Soup For You!

Soup For You! serves a free meal of homemade soup, sides, coffee, and water from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You are welcome to come and eat or volunteer.



Wednesdays—Soup For You! Grocery Distribution

On Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m., Soup For You! distributes bags of produce and groceries (depending on availability). The food is donated to SFY! by their partners through food rescue programs keeping perfectly good food from being discarded.

Last Thursday of the Month—Sisters' Camelot Food Distribution

Sisters' Camelot will share food from 2:30-3:30 p.m. or until gone, outside at the North entrance of the building. Please stand outside the door and someone will hand you a bag. If you have clean paper grocery bags to donate, please bring those with you. Please bring a reusable shopping bag/box/cart/something sturdy to help you carry both the paper bag of groceries they pass out as well as the extra produce that is usually available.

Wednesdays—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 this weekly gathering grounded in the ancient practice of chanting the psalms. Each Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, we take up a handful of psalms, surround ourselves with candlelight, and pause in silence after each one for reflection. Over time, we'll sing through all 150 psalms in order—no commentary, no contextualizing—just allowing the psalms to speak what they will to our spirits. This gentle, lyrical form of prayer has long been a source of comfort and resistance in the face of despair. Note: Beginning September 4, gatherings will shift to Thursday evenings. To learn more, contact Ann Schrooten.

Yoga with James—Watch the Community Church for start dates!

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We are thrilled that beginning this fall season, James will be regularly offering a variety of classes at Holy Trinity. Watch the Community Church for start dates and plan to join us!



Mondays at 5:00 p.m. (75-minute class)

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. (60-minute class)

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (60-minute class)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (75-minute class)

Fridays at 5:00 p.m. (90-minute class)

Sundays at 8:50 a.m. (60-minute class)

FIND US ONLINE

Holy Trinity-sponsored groups on Facebook—

- *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*
- *Holy Trinity Encore! (of interest to those 50+ years of age)*
- *HTLC 20s, 30s, and 40s Group*
- *Holy Trinity Family Ministry*

Holy Trinity on other social media platforms—

- *Holy Trinity website:* <https://htlcmpls.org/>
- *Holy Trinity Facebook page:* <https://www.facebook.com/htlcmpls>
- *Holy Trinity Instagram:* [htlcmpls](https://www.instagram.com/htlcmpls)
- *Vimeo:* <https://vimeo.com/user19826941>



2025 SPECIAL APPEALS

Each year, Holy Trinity's Standing Committees are invited to propose organizations for our congregation's Special Appeals. These appeals focus our shared generosity on a few causes that align with our values and where our giving can make a real impact. Preference is given to organizations that have had contact with Holy Trinity in the past year, are supported by church members, reflect our faith-based mission, and are small enough that our contributions can make a meaningful difference. Final selections are recommended by the Financial Stewardship Committee and approved at the Congregational Meeting each January. This process helps us avoid fragmented fundraising and allows us to give together, with purpose and clarity.

Organ Care Special Appeal

Our beloved Casavant pipe organ is turning 50 this year! It's a powerful instrument that supports our song and uplifts our shared worship each week. Like any complex machine, it needs some care to keep it in good shape—including repairs to the pipe box, blower motor, and leather stops. We're hoping to raise \$25,000 for this essential work. Please consider a special gift this season to support the Organ Care Appeal—every contribution helps!

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Hunger is about more than food—it's about access, opportunity, and justice. Through health care, clean water, education, advocacy, and more, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable, life-giving solutions around the world and here at home. Your gifts help get at the root causes of hunger and poverty in real, lasting ways. This summer and fall, we invite you to make a gift that feeds both body and spirit. Every donation makes a difference—thank you for your generosity!

Bright Stars of Bethlehem Appeal

This season, we're lifting up the work of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, nominated by our Palestine-Israel Committee. Through Dar al-Kalima University and related ministries, Bright Stars promotes peace and justice by supporting the education, creativity, and wellbeing of the Palestinian people—from children to older adults. Your gift helps raise up a new generation of leaders and fosters hope in a place longing for peace. Join us in this vital work by making a contribution today. Every gift brings us closer to life in abundance for all.

Want to Give?

Go to the donate page on Holy Trinity's website (<https://htlcmpls.org/donate/>). 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. Thank you!



FALL OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, August 13—Outdoor Yoga with James

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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 17—Worship with Holy Communion

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.



Sunday, August 17—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). It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome!

The artist for today is [John Swardson](#). Swardson is a true lyricist with [original songs](#) known to reach deep into the soul, delivered with a wry smile and unique brand of classic comfort. He does throw a few covers in here and there. You might be familiar with them if you liked the B sides of old 45's including “You Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me Lucille” and “Pancho & Lefty.”

August 18-October 13, 2025—Kathy Ekwall on Sabbatical

I am excited, blessed, and grateful to have a sabbatical this year. I have been working since I was 14 and in all but in the last couple of years I've been in this role at Holy Trinity, I have had two jobs. Many of those years I had three or more jobs and/or classes. So, the thought of having several weeks off has been a bit hard to grasp. What was I going to do, so many possibilities. I have decided to take a big road trip. I'm planning to travel through several states, taking in sights, catching up with old friends, maybe making new ones, just living in the moment. I hope to find time for music, laughter, reflection, and rest. I look forward to seeing where the road takes me during this time. But I will also look forward to returning to work I love and a congregation that does so much good in the community. —Kathy Ekwall

Tuesday, August 19—Minnesota State Fair: History on a Stick with Longfellow Healthy Seniors

Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors in the Community Room from 10:30-11:30 a.m. From cheese curds and butter sculptures to Dan Patch and Machinery Hill, come learn about the history and traditions of the Minnesota State Fair. Presented by Kate Roberts, Senior Exhibit Developer at the Minnesota Historical Society. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Tuesday, August 19—Worship Readings Study

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Wednesday, August 20—Outdoor Yoga with James

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Thursday, August 21—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 goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

Thursday, August 21—Low Impact Exercise Program with Longfellow Healthy Seniors

The Arthritis Foundation Low-impact Exercise Program (AFEP) is a low-impact, recreational exercise program for people with or without arthritis. Trained AFEP instructor Julia Ockuly will cover range-of-motion and endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics. All exercises can be modified to fit your activity level. Class runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Suggested donation of \$2.00 per class. Join at any time! Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Thursday, August 21 — Ring Out! Auditions



Ring Out! handbell ensemble will hold auditions starting at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Contact Logan Olson for mor information and how to sign up! Founded in 2024, Ring Out is a handbell ensemble created by and for LGBTQIA+ ringers and allies. Ring Out is one of the first handbell groups in the nation dedicated to LGBTQIA+ inclusivity. They believe that handbells are a powerful medium for building strong connections and aim to make the artform accessible and welcoming to those wo may not be comfortable with the church, where the majority of handbell ensembles are based. They explore the rich world of secular handbell music and

support the composition of more inclusive and representative music through commissions and collaborations.

Sunday, August 24 — Summer Pop-up Choir

Our final Pop-up Choir of the 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 both young and old.

Sunday, August 24 — Worship with Holy Communion

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Today's featured music comes from the pop-up choir.

Sunday, August 24 — All-Congregation 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 playground. Sloppy joes, watermelon, and ice water provided; bring your own beverage and a dish to share. Sign up in the Community Room.

Monday-Friday, August 25-29 — Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, August 25-29. 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.



Tuesday, August 26—Worship Readings Study

A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in-person and via 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, August 27—Outdoor Yoga with James

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Thursday, August 28— Low Impact Exercise Program with Longfellow Healthy Seniors

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Sunday, August 31—Worship with Holy Communion

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 1—Labor Day

The church office is closed. We’ll talk to you tomorrow!

Tuesday, September 2—Worship Readings Study

A fluid group of congregants meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in-person and via 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, September 2—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 needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood.

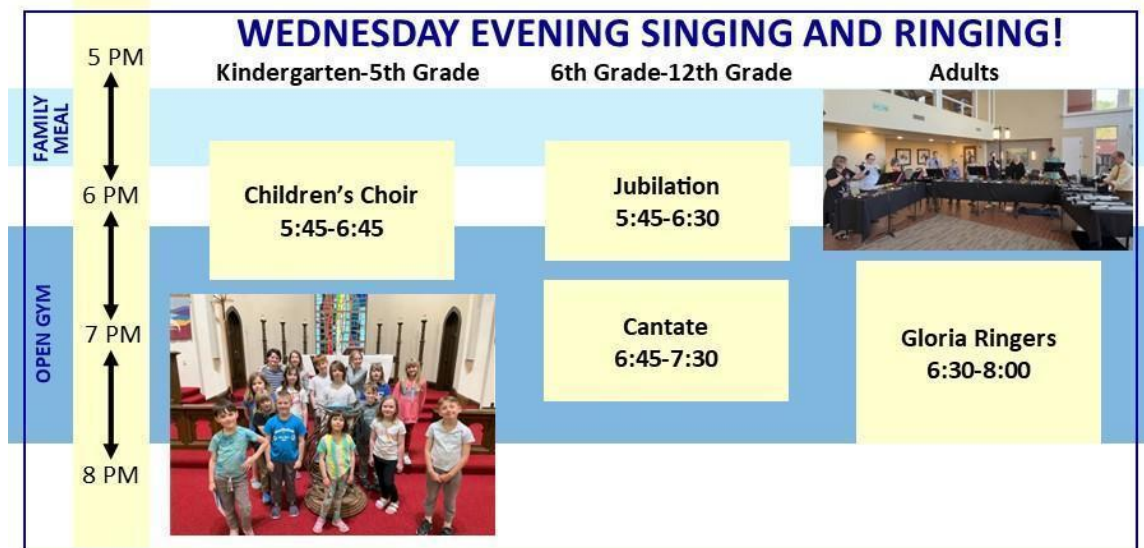
Wednesday, September 3—Children's Choir, Jubilation, Gloria Ringers and Cantate Kick Off

Children's Choir (5:45-6:45 p.m.) is open to kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade and rehearse most weeks during the school year and sings in worship every 4-5 weeks. Children's choir rehearsals focus on basic music and singing skills as well as the importance of being leaders during worship.

Jubilation (5:45-6:30 p.m.) is open to kids entering 6th through 12th grade who want to learn and play handbells. Jubilation rehearses most weeks during the school year and plays in worship 4-5 times per year. Gloria Ringers (6:30-8:00 p.m.) is the adult hand bell ensemble and rehearses weekly during the school year and plays in worship every 6-7 weeks. Cantate (6:45-7:30 p.m.) is a choir open to kids

entering 6th through 12th grade and sing in worship every 6-7 weeks. Sign-up in the Community Room or send an email to Phil (pradtke@htlcmpls.org) for vocal choirs or Logan (lolson@htlcmpls.org)

for handbell ensembles. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil.



Wednesday, September 3—Wednesday Evening Meals and Gym Time Return

Each Wednesday when youth ensembles are in session, volunteers—supported by staff—will serve a community meal in the lunchroom from 5:00-6:00 p.m. After dinner, the gym will be open for all ages from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with adult supervision provided. We warmly encourage parents and guardians to consider enrolling their children in the youth ensembles—and perhaps even joining the bell choir themselves! Whether or not you're involved in music-making, the weekly meal and gym time are open to all and have become a beloved part of our shared life together. You're invited to come enjoy good food, connect with others, and simply be part of the community. Some parents also gather at Arbeiter Brewing during this time for conversation and connection over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. You're welcome to join there too!

Thursday, September 4—Big Meeting Night via Zoom

Pastoral and Council leadership provide a very brief update at 6:45 p.m. to interested persons. All participants are together for this update. Committees meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in their own break-out rooms.

Thursday, September 4—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch Room Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Sunday, September 7—Faith Formation (Sunday School and Confirmation) Kick Off

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time (9:00 a.m.):* All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. *(This does not include Godly Play participants.)*
- *Godly Play (ages 4–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
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Sunday, September 7—Adult Forum Kickoff: "The Way It Looks from Here"

As we begin a new program year, Pastor Ingrid will offer reflections on congregational and community life in a special Adult Forum titled *"The Way It Looks from Here."* She'll reflect on our shared calling to cultivate a community where everyone is known, needed, and loved. In a world marked by disconnection, the church can be a powerful place of belonging—if we choose to build it that way. Come hear what's emerging in and through our congregation, ask questions, and join the conversation. Whether you've been at Holy Trinity for decades or are just getting to know us, you are warmly invited to be part of this time of reflection and visioning. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

Sunday, September 7—Renewal Sunday

Freedom flows through all the readings this day. In Christ, freedom comes from letting go. Freedom comes through giving away and trusting Jesus. In Christ we are free people. Free to choose life, free to choose faithfulness, and free to open our arms wide and receive the free grace of God. This is the God who chooses to never stop loving us. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 7—Celebration on the Front Lawn

After worship, join us on the front lawn for a joyful celebration to kick off the new program year! There will be something for everyone: a bounce house, face painting, breakfast and carne asada tacos, music, and plenty of fun. Whether you've been coming for years or are brand new, come be part of the joy and community. All are welcome!



Monday, September 8—Adult Choir Kick Off

Adult Choir (6:30-8:00 p.m.) will kick off starting Monday, September 8. The Adult Choir sings most Sundays throughout the school year and sings a wide range of repertoire from ancient chants to newly composed anthems. Their presence in worship helps lead congregational singing and offers music that complements themes for that day. Can't make all the rehearsals or Sundays? No problem, we don't expect you to! Join us when you are able and raise your voice with others who love to sing! Look for a sign up in the community room or contact Cantor Phil (pradtke@htlcmpls.org) if you are interested in singing!

Tuesdays, September 9-October 14—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Tai Chi for Health

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Tuesday, September 9—Big Meeting Night via Zoom

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Wednesday, September 10— Giving Statements Emailed to All Active Households

Please watch for your giving statement by email the week of September 11. This statement will include all giving between January 1 and August 31, 2025. Please pay special attention to the amounts given, dates, and categories. If you have any questions, please contact Kaia Ellis (kellis@htlcmpls.org). As always, thank you so much for all of your generous support of Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, September 10— Longfellow Healthy Seniors Card Making Class

Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors and artist Robbyn Overall from 2:30-4:00 p.m. for a card making class. Use mixed media materials to create one-of-a-kind greeting cards to keep or mail to friends or family. \$3.00 for supplies. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Wednesday, September 10—Bike Ride Wednesday

All are invited to join Sheryl Undem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at a location TBD at 5:30 p.m. 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, September 12.)



Wednesday, September 10— Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
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Thursday, September 11— Ring Out! Rehearsal

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Saturday, September 13— Ring Out! Retreat

Ring Out! handbell ensemble will hold a retreat for their members from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Holy Trinity with lunch to follow.

Sunday, September 14—Adult Forum with John Buzza

Feeling the need for a Bible refresher or a spiritual anchor in chaotic times? Join John Buzza for an engaging overview of the Bible, with a special focus on the thread of love woven throughout scripture. Whether you're new to the Bible or simply looking to reconnect with its central message, this session offers a grounding introduction. Come to the library at 9:00 a.m.—all are welcome.

Sunday, September 14—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday, September 14—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Healing Station

Today's readings give witness that God has a heart for sinners. This faithfulness of God, shared with overflowing grace in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, is patient, forgiving, energetic, and ready to celebrate. Take the bread and cup—Jesus hosts the worshiping assembly again this week to welcome sinners and eat with them! Suddenly, "sinner" is no longer the best name for us. Try "guest," "graced," "gifted," "loved," and "empowered." 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 leads us in worship this week.

Sunday, September 14—Bibles to First Year Confirmands

As a community of faith we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Bible and are committed to cherishing it, struggling with it, and engaging it at all ages. To that end, we want to make sure that all incoming confirmation students have a Bible. All incoming confirmands will be presented a Bible during the 10:00 a.m. service. We encourage all families to be in attendance!



Tuesday, September 16—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Tai Chi for Health – NO CLASS TODAY

No class September 16, please attend the Senior Social in place of Tai Chi.

Tuesday, September 16—Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid with Healthy Seniors

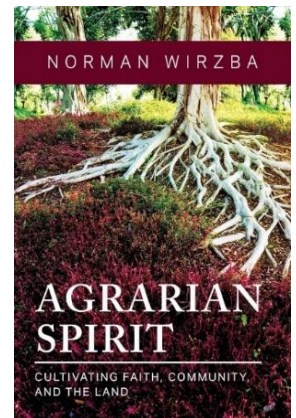
Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid have dominated headlines. Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity to find out how proposed changes to Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid could impact you. Presented by Tom Beer, former president and member of the Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council, AFL-CIO. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Tuesday, September 16—Worship Readings Study

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Tuesday, September 16—Join Bob Hulteen and Alex Brandt in a Book Study

Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land by Norman Wirzba
Norman Wirzba, a Wendell Berry devotee and professor at the Duke Divinity School, has crafted a deep dive into the intersection of and interaction between our relationships to land, community, and spirituality. Wirzba steers clear of nostalgic romanticism about an agrarian lifestyle that is almost extinct. Instead, he brings agrarian principles to sharpen our resistance to body/mind dualism. His Manitoban realism emphasizes the “on earth” part of “as in heaven” for people tempted to think the other way around. Wirzba gives pragmatic suggestions that renew a deeper connection to dirt. Alex grew up on a farm in Northwest Iowa and now works for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Bob was born on a farm near Bemidji and was radicalized by agrarian movements in North Dakota, where he grew up. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group on Tuesday, September 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Wednesday, September 17—Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
- *Supervised open gym* (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
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Thursday, September 18—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly on the third Thursday 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. Talk to Pastor David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

Thursday, September 18—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Sunday, September 21—Adult Forum with Longfellow Alternative High School Leaders

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library or on Zoom for a conversation with the Principal and Dean of Students from Longfellow Alternative High School, a school dedicated to supporting teenage mothers as they pursue their high school diplomas. They'll share updates about our congregation's partnership, the new challenges their students face, and concrete ways we can offer support. In a time when the political climate has made resources even more scarce, our accompaniment is more critical than ever. Come learn how we can show up with compassion and solidarity.

Sunday, September 21—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, September 21—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need. In worship today the Adult Choir will serve as music leaders.

Tuesday, September 23-October 14—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Tai Chi for Health

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Tuesday, September 23—Worship Readings Study

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Tuesday, September 23—Soup for You! with Pastor Doug

Haven’t been to Soup for You! yet? Meet Pastor Doug and the Worship Readings folks for a bowl of soup and live music today at 12:00 p.m.!

Wednesday, September 24— Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
- *Supervised open gym* (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- *Jubilation rehearsal* (5:45-6:30 p.m.)
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NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2026

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until November 12, 2025. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will be informed of the 2026 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

Thursday, September 25 – Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Friday, September 26 – Reminder from Caring for Creation Committee

The Caring for Creation Committee wants to remind everyone to clean out their storm drain this week. For more information, or to adopt a storm drain, go to <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org>.

Sunday, September 28 – Adult Forum with Palestine Israel Committee

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library for an important Adult Forum led by the Palestine Israel Committee as we explore a recent resolution passed by the Minneapolis Area Synod: *Response to the Destruction of Palestinians*. The resolution urges Christians to reject silent complicity and calls for advocacy rooted in justice, human rights, and a refusal to fund violence. Together, we'll examine how the resolution addresses antisemitism, Islamophobia, and the misuse of U.S. military aid. Come learn, reflect, and consider faithful responses in a time of urgent need.

Sunday, September 28—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, September 28—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel evokes our sympathy. It opens the possibility—described as an impossibility—of place-sharing, trading, or sharing places with each other. It also echoes a common theme: the pursuit of wealth in this world can lead us into idolatry and away from faith in Christ. Instead, as the reading from 1 Timothy reminds us, we should pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, so that there is no “poor man named Lazarus” dying at our gates. The Adult Choir will lead us in singing during worship today with guest director and member, Abs Trewin!



Tuesday, September 30–October 14—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Tai Chi for Health

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Tuesday, September 30—Worship Readings Study

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Small Group Beginning Soon: Explore Spiritual Practices

Are you looking to deepen or refresh your spiritual life this fall? Join us for a four-session small group exploring a variety of spiritual practices—simple, grounding ways to connect more fully with God in everyday life.

Led by Nicki Hines and Marge Higgins, this group will meet weekly in late October and early November. Three sessions will take place on weekday evenings (6:30–8:00 p.m.), and one session will be held after worship on a Sunday to allow for a daytime gathering—perfect for practices like walking meditation or using the labyrinth. Join us on Wednesday, October 29; Wednesday, November 5; Sunday, November 9 (after church); and Wednesday, November 12.

In our first session, we'll get to know one another, share about current spiritual practices, and try out a simple practice together. In each of the following sessions, we'll explore a different type of spiritual practice, with time for reflection, sharing, and resource suggestions. Whether you're just beginning or seeking to grow, all are welcome. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 26.

Wednesday, October 1—Holy Trinity Oktoberfest at Arbeiter Brewery

Join us for HTLC Oktoberfest—a casual evening of connection and good cheer at Arbeiter Brewery! Whether you're new to Holy Trinity or have been around for years, this is a chance to relax, laugh, and build community over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. Led by members Alyson Sorensen, Jess Yarger, Dave Herrera Santacruz, and Grace Basler, the night promises low-key fun with great people. We'll gather on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m.—come as you are and bring a friend!



Wednesday, October 1— Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
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Thursday, October 2—Ring Out! Rehearsal

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Thursday, October 2—Big Meeting Night via Zoom

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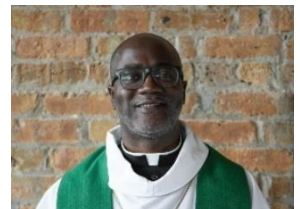
Friday-Sunday, October 3-5—Adult Retreat at Benedictine Retreat Center, Maplewood



Save the date and plan to join us at the Benedictine Retreat Center of Saint Paul's Monastery in Maplewood from Friday-Sunday, October 3-5. This is a retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming, opportunities to connect with one another, walking trails to enjoy, and opportunities to reflect on spiritual practices. We have booked 19 rooms with twin beds in each. The rooms can be booked as singles, but all rooms have shared bathrooms in between two rooms. If finances are a problem, please contact Pr. David.

Saturday, October 4—Installation of ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's new Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will be installed in a festive worship service at 2:00 p.m. on October 4 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. All are welcome to attend!



Sunday, October 5—Adult Forum with Exodus Lending

Come to the library at 9:00 a.m. to hear the story of Exodus Lending, a powerful nonprofit born right here at Holy Trinity in response to the predatory lending crisis on Lake Street. Now celebrating ten years, Exodus Lending continues to fight for fair lending and equitable access to credit for all Minnesotans. In this forum, we'll reflect on the recent anniversary celebration and lift up the community members and values that have shaped this work from the beginning. Join us as we honor a decade of giving credit where credit is due—and dream together about what's next.

Sunday, October 5—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday, October 5—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving. Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. Gloria Ringers will share their talents on hand bells and Cantate will raise their voices today in worship. We'll pray for all of the runners participating in the Twin Cities Marathon today!

Monday-Friday, October 6-10—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, October 6-10. 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.



Tuesday, October 7-October 14—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Tai Chi for Health

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Tuesday, October 7—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 needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood.

Wednesday, October 8—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Technology Clinic

Do you have questions about your computer or cell phone? Join us from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity for a free technology clinic for older adults! Bring your device, and volunteers will be on hand to help you with your questions. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

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Sunday, October 12—Adult Forum with Doug Mork, Part One

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library or on Zoom for the first of two adult forums exploring “Christian Economics.” Together, we’ll consider how faith shapes our understanding of wealth, labor, justice, and community—and how Christian values can inform economic life in a complex world. All are welcome for this thoughtful and timely conversation.

Sunday, October 12—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

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- Parents/guardians please note that only for today, children who are participating in the Children’s Choir will be dismissed ten minutes early (9:40 a.m.) from their class. Please plan accordingly.

Sunday, October 12—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Healing Station

Today is a day of unexpected blessings and miracles, signs of how God is active and alive and present in our world and in our lives when we are open and receptive to the possibilities. We hear, read about, and experience healing. Fragile relationships are restored. Hope is experienced in profound ways. Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. 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 young voices of the Children’s Choir return to share their music this Sunday.



Monday, October 13—Indigenous Peoples’ Day

The church office is closed. We’ll talk to you tomorrow!

Tuesday, October 14—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Tai Chi for Health

Tai Chi is often described as “meditation in motion.” Tai Chi is low-impact, slow-motion exercise that’s adaptable to individual abilities. Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors on Tuesdays, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., through October 14. The classes, led by Howard Root, vary between sitting and standing and include slow, easy movements aimed at quieting the mind, improving breathing, coordination, flexibility and strength. \$2.00 per class. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Tuesday, October 14—Worship Readings Study

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Tuesday, October 14—Cut Paper Artwork with Longfellow Healthy Seniors

Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for “Cut Paper Artwork.” Use patterns, a cutting board, and a small knife to create cut-paper artwork and cards. Supplies and instructions provided! Cost: \$2.00 for supplies. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Tuesday, October 14—Big Meeting Night via Zoom

Pastoral and Council leadership provide a very brief update at 6:45 p.m. for interested persons. All participants are together for this update. Committees meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in their own break-out rooms.

Wednesday, October 15—MEA Break

Wednesday rehearsals, meal, and open gym time are all canceled due to MEA break.

Thursday, October 16—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 goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

Thursday, October 16—Property Work Day

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding, and trimming. We’ll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If we are rained out, we will meet on Thursday, October 23 instead.) Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 12.

Thursday, October 16—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Sunday, October 19—MEA Weekend Faith Formation Activity

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

We will be having a Faith Story Time hour that will have activities for children and youth of all ages.

Sunday, October 19—Adult Forum with Doug Mork, Part Two

Continue the conversation at 9:00 a.m. in the library or on Zoom as we dive deeper into “Christian Economics.” Building on insights from the first session, we’ll explore practical implications for our lives today: How might Christian ethics guide our personal financial choices, our advocacy, and our communal priorities? Come reflect, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue.

Sunday, October 19—Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Please join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Choir will sing during worship.



Sunday, October 19—Palestine-Israel Committee Tabling for Bright Stars of Bethlehem

A representative from the Palestine-Israel Committee will be in the Community Room with information about [Bright Stars of Bethlehem](#), one of this year’s special appeals. This organization’s vision is for all people of Palestine to have life in abundance. They do this through their mission of raising awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university of arts, culture, and design in all of Palestine. Come learn and discern how you can help!

Tuesday, October 21—Fall Risk Prevention with Longfellow Healthy Seniors

Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity. Occupational Therapist, Christine Peterson and Physical Therapist, Barb Wiegand will team up to help us understand when we are at risk of falling, how to help prevent it, and demonstrate how to safely get up off the ground if we do fall. This is an interactive class, so please dress for movement. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Tuesday, October 21—Worship Readings Study

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Wednesday, October 22—Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
- *Supervised open gym* (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- *Jubilation rehearsal* (5:45-6:30 p.m.)
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Thursday, October 23—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Sunday, October 26—Adult Forum with Leaders for Stewardship Sunday

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. In the spirit of the Reformation—a movement fueled by bold vision and faithful imagination—we invite you to a conversation about the world we are called to help shape. Guided by the theme "*I dream of a world that...*", the Financial Stewardship Committee, Council leaders, and pastors will reflect on how our shared financial commitments can support the work of justice, compassion, and belonging—within our congregation and far beyond. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2026. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today. Breakfast tacos will be served!

Sunday, October 26 — Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time* (9:00 a.m.): All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. (This does not include Godly Play participants.)
- *Godly Play* (ages 4–5): Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Trinity Village* (grades K–5): Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Confirmation* (grades 6–9): Meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- Please note: Today is a celebratory day for the confirmands who will be confirmed! All current confirmation students should plan on attending the worship service and actively participating.

Sunday, October 26—Confirmation, Reformation, and Stewardship Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission. Please join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. Two young people from Holy Trinity—Elena Alpizar and Mary Alice Martin—will affirm their baptisms. The Adult Choir and members of the Children's Choir and Cantate will share their music in worship today.

Monday, October 27—Join Ryana Holt in Reading *The Path to Kindness*, Edited by James Crews

In a world that often feels fragmented and fast-paced, how can we nurture gentleness, compassion, and connection? *The Path to Kindness*, a luminous anthology edited by poet James Crews, offers poems and essays that celebrate the quiet power of kindness in our daily lives. With contributions from beloved writers and new voices alike, the collection invites us to slow down, notice beauty, and choose love again and again.

Join us for a soul-nourishing discussion led by Ryana Holt. Together, we'll reflect on how these tender, accessible pieces can ground our spirits and shape our communities. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to participate on October 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Let's walk the path to kindness—together. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 19.

Tuesday, October 28—Worship Readings Study

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Wednesday, October 29—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Mending 101 with Curiosity Studio

Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors to find the meditative power of hand sewing, learn the history of the craft and lessen your consumption by repairing your own clothes! Skills learned: five basic stitching and patching methods to repair your woven garments. Class runs from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cost: \$2.00 for supplies.

Accessibility: This course focuses on hand sewing techniques for community members with physical issues such as arthritis, carpal tunnel, and limited arm/wrist/hand mobility. Instruction will be adapted to meet the needs of people who have pain or differences in arm and hand strength. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Wednesday, October 29— Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
- *Supervised open gym* (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- *Jubilation rehearsal* (5:45-6:30 p.m.)
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Thursday, October 30—Ring Out! Rehearsal

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Small Group Beginning Soon: Living with Purpose in Retirement

What does it mean to live with intention and purpose in retirement? Join us this fall for a four-week small group led by Caren Hiatt and Sandra Hisakuni, where we'll reflect together on the opportunities, questions, and transitions that come with this life stage.

Meeting weekly in late November, this group will offer space for conversation, storytelling, and meaningful connection as we explore what it looks like to shape a purposeful, spiritually grounded retirement.

More details coming soon, including dates. We'd love to have you join us on the journey. More information will be provided in the Community Church. Sign up in the Community Room.

Saturday, November 1—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

Sunday, November 2—Adult Forum to Honor the Saints

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour at 9:00 a.m. During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

Sunday, November 2—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time (9:00 a.m.):* All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. (This does not include Godly Play participants.)
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Sunday, November 2—All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. Holy Trinity remembers aloud all of the saints who have died and all those saints who have been baptized in this congregation in the past year. Worshipers are invited to add their saints to the spoken litany during the service. Additionally, this year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the sanctuary. Please join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Choir and Children's Choir will share music for this All Saints worship.



Monday, November 3—Make Your Year-end Gifts

We invite you to plan for and make your final contributions for the current fiscal year at this time. Please allow for additional processing time with consideration to the holiday season if you are anticipating requesting funds from retirement accounts. This will give us all adequate time to deposit and post gifts before the close of the tax year and also get year-end statements out to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much for all you share with Holy Trinity!

Tuesday, November 4—Worship Readings Study

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Tuesday, November 4—Soup For You! Closed

Soup For You! will be closed Tuesday, November 4, due to the space being used for voting.

Tuesday, November 4—Knitting Group No Meeting Today

The November knitting group is moved to the second Tuesday due to the elections. Join us on November 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5— Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
- *Supervised open gym* (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- *Jubilation rehearsal* (5:45-6:30 p.m.)
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Thursday, November 6—Indoor Property Work Day

Come and help us with dusting, organizing, and cleaning some of our indoor spaces, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Join us for any amount of time that you are able. We won't make you scrape gum from the bottom of the pews. Sign-up in the Community Room by November 2.



Thursday, November 6—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Thursday, November 6—Big Meeting Night via Zoom SHIFTED

The November Big Meeting Sunday will be held in-person on Sunday, November 9, and staff request that all committees attend. There will be no Big Meeting Nights on Zoom in November.

Saturday, November 8—Ring Out! Retreat

Ring Out! handbell ensemble will hold their second retreat of the season at Holy Trinity from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to polish music and strengthen their musicianship.

Sunday, November 9—New Member Orientation

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. Over breakfast and coffee, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

Sunday, November 9—Adult Forum with The Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders on “Practices of Hope and the Cultivation of Community,” Part One

In the aftermath of the Holocaust, Hannah Arendt warned of the role that “organized loneliness” played in the rise of totalitarianism in Germany. Abolitionist geographer Ruth Wilson Gilmore calls attention to the current political and economic practices of “organized abandonment” of communities in our own country. Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy issued a 2023 advisory warning of “Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation” in the U.S., adversely affecting nearly every metric of wellbeing, from cardiovascular health and dementia to depression and anxiety. Biologist E.O. Wilson has dubbed our era the *Eremocene* – the “Age of Loneliness” – as humans contribute to the rapid extinction of so many other forms of life on Earth, making humans a lonely species on an ecologically dying planet.



Loneliness causes harm on individual, communal, political, and ecological scales, causing injuries that have adverse effects on the health of both humans and the wider web of life. In these forums, we will address these concerns of harm alongside the ways that relational and communal practices can increase health and the potential for healing on multiple levels of belonging: to God, to one another in human community, and to the larger ecological web of life. In this pursuit, the forum will move us toward a constructive praxis of relational hope amid the traumas of loneliness in our current era.

The Rev. Cody J. Sanders, Ph.D., is associate professor of congregational and community care leadership at Luther Seminary. He was previously the pastor of a congregation in Cambridge, MA, where he also served as a chaplain at both Harvard and MIT. He has published a number of books, including most recently, *Spiritual Care First Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church and Community* (Fortress, 2025).

Sunday, November 9 —Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, November 9—Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and Healing Station

Today's texts proclaim hope in the face of hopelessness and urge us to do the same. Jubilation youth ringers make their return during worship along with the voices of Cantate. 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. Join us at 10:00 a.m.!

The Color Orange

Following the news of the 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were found in a mass grave in Canada and the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland, The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association invites congregations to place orange cloth in their sanctuaries as a way to remember.

The color orange is symbolic. The inspiration came from a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes which included a new orange T-shirt her grandmother had gifted her.

As a church we acknowledge and confess our complicity in the atrocities committed against the Indigenous peoples of North America and throughout the world where western Christianity colonized Indigenous peoples.

Sunday, November 9—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 a.m., with a simple lunch provided. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sunday, November 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11—Worship Readings Study

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Tuesday, November 11—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. *Please note*: For November it was moved to the second Tuesday due to the elections. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood.

Tuesday, November 11—Big Meeting Night via Zoom SHIFTED

The November Big Meeting Sunday will be held in-person on Sunday, November 9, and staff request that all committees attend. There will be no Big Meeting Nights on Zoom in November.

Wednesday, November 12—Longfellow Healthy Seniors Transportation Tech

Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for “Transportation Tech.” Technology can expand your transportation options! Practice using your cell phone to connect with public transportation, Uber, Lyft, and other services. Learn about accessibility features and safety tips when using transportation applications on your device. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Wednesday, November 12— Meal, Open Gym and Ensemble Rehearsals

- *Community Meal* (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
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Wednesday, November 12—2026 Committee Goals, Budget Requests, and Special Appeals Nominations Due to Church Office

Active committees, it’s time to submit your 2026 committee goals, budget requests, and special appeals requests! If you need a reminder of what these might look like, contact Kathy Ekwall or Sue Roberts for a copy of last year’s annual report. All committee chairs can submit their information through the form provided by the Financial Stewardship Committee. We need to receive them no later than November 12, 2025.

Thursday, November 13—Ring Out! Rehearsal

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Sunday, November 16—Adult Forum with Abs Trewin on Refreshing Our Understanding of Trans/Non-Binary Identity

For over forty years, our congregation has welcomed LGBTQ+ individuals, including many transgender people. Abs Trewin (they/he) invites the people of Holy Trinity into further understanding of how trans identity is present in our holy community, and how we best support them in their journeys of self-discovery, medical/social transition, and safety.

Sunday, November 16 —Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation Advent Program Rehearsal

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

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- Please note: Today, we will begin to rehearse our Advent Program during the regular Faith Formation hour. More information will be forthcoming.

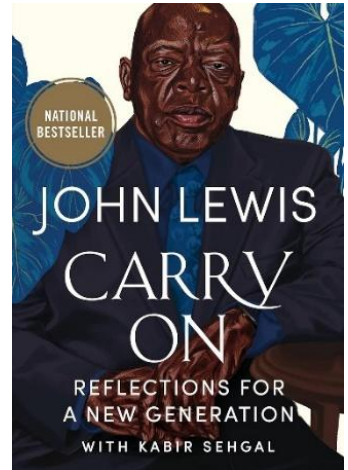
Sunday, November 16—Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

The new life we receive from God is a calling. On any given day we may be called upon to renounce, in some way, the God we serve and love. On any given day, we may be called upon to stand up for life—or for *a* life, or for *our own* life—or for someone’s freedom or safety, or for love, perhaps even under threat of death. Many around the world live that kind of life every day for the sake of the gospel. Jesus encouraged disciples to always be ready for the tests and trials that will somehow surely come. As we grow in the obedience, courage, patience, and love we need to keep the faith in difficult times. Please join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. Today, we remember that we gather on Dakota land. Ceded by the Dakota through a fake treaty, the land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards. The Adult Choir will raise their voices today in worship.

Monday, November 17—Join Deb Sodt in Reading *Carry On*:

***Reflections for a New Generation* by John Lewis**

What does it mean to live a life of conviction, courage, and compassion? In *Carry On*, civil rights icon and longtime U.S. Congressman John Lewis offers a series of powerful reflections drawn from his own remarkable journey. With clarity, humor, and deep moral insight, Lewis shares stories and lessons meant to inspire a new generation to stand up, speak out, and persevere in the face of injustice. Join us as we read and discuss this moving book together. With each short chapter, Lewis invites us to reflect on how faith, hope, and love can guide our lives and our work in the world. Copies are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group on Monday, November 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Let's be inspired to carry on.



Monday-Friday, November 17-21 — Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, November 17-21. 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.

Tuesday, November 18 — Changes to Medicare with Longfellow Healthy Seniors

Medicare can be complicated, and it changes from year to year. Join Longfellow Healthy Seniors from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity to learn about what's new in Medicare from a speaker from TRELLIS (formerly Metro Area Agency on Aging), so you can choose the best plan for your needs. This presentation is offered in the fall of each year during Medicare Open Enrollment. Register by calling Julia at 612-729-5799.

Tuesday, November 18 — Worship Readings Study

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Thursday, November 20— 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 goesers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

Thursday, November 20— Ring Out! Performance

Ring Out! handbell ensemble will perform at Urbana Place Senior Living in Brooklyn Park at 6:00 p.m. Watch for more details from Logan Olson!

Sunday, November 23— Adult Forum Welcoming New Members (with Breakfast Tacos!)

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from two delightful current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation. A photographer will be taking pictures of members new and old for the directory. Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room at 9:00 a.m. and join in the fun!

Sunday, November 23 — Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation Advent Program Rehearsal

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time (9:00 a.m.):* All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. (This does not include Godly Play participants.)
- *Godly Play (ages 4–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Trinity Village (grades K–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Confirmation (grades 6–9):* Meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- Please note: Today, we will continue to rehearse our Advent Program during the regular Faith Formation hour.

Sunday, November 23—Reign of Christ Sunday and New Member Welcome

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we hear the words of the Psalmist, who writes, saying, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. The Adult Choir will lead music in worship today. We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Today, we’ll welcome many new members in worship. We invite seasoned members to sit near someone you don’t know well in worship today!



Monday, November 24—Last Day to Request Reimbursement for 2025 Committee Expense

If you've incurred an expense for committee work this year, today is the last day to submit a receipt for reimbursement. Thank you for your understanding.

Wednesday, November 26—Eve of Thanksgiving Weekend

All of our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening programming is canceled this week.

Thursday-Friday, November 27-28—Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you next week!

Sunday, November 30—Help Make Care Packages!

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

Join us in the Community Room for a fun *intergenerational* event as we pack care packages for Holy Trinity's college students across the country. Each package will include noodles, sweets, protein, pens, and Kleenex—small comforts to remind our students that their church community is thinking of them.

This joyful gathering will take the place of both the Adult Forum and Children, Youth, and Family education this week. All ages are welcome to come share in the fun, connect with others, and enjoy a warm start to the Advent season!

Sunday, November 30—First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season of waiting. Christians await God's reign in its fullness. In the meantime, we live, in the words of some theologians, "already, but not yet." We look for glimpses in the here and now. Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Choir will lead us in song.

Tuesday, December 2—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 needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood.

Wednesday, December 3—Jubilation, Children's Choir, Cantate and Gloria Ringers Rehearse

Jubilation, (5:30-6:00 p.m.) Children's Choir and Cantate (5:45-6:30 p.m.) and Gloria Ringers (6:00-6:55 p.m.) will rehearse together tonight. The adjusted time allows families to partake in the soup supper and worship service.

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 – Advent Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love. Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Advent soup and mac & cheese suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations are accepted. Our meals are an opportunity for us to build beloved community.
- The community then gathers at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Holden Evening Prayer in the candlelit Sanctuary, where we sing and hear God's story read aloud. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will hear a church member or community member share a story from their own life on the theme of "Prophesies, Visions, and Dreams." People of all ages are invited to worship, though we honor that some of our youngest members may need to head home after soup.
- Children's Choir and Cantate will rehearse together from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. while Jubilation Ringers will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. and Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:00 to 6:55 p.m.

Thursday, December 4–Big Meeting Night via Zoom

Pastoral and Council leadership provide a very brief update at 6:45 p.m. for interested persons. All participants are together for this update. Committees meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in their own break-out rooms.

Thursday, December 4 – Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Sunday, December 7 – Makers and Bakers Advent Bazaar

The youth are spreading holiday cheer to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support the summer youth trip in 2026. Contact Pastor David or a member of the Youth Committee to make your contribution. The bazaar takes the place of the adult forum today.



Sunday, December 7 — Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation Advent Program Rehearsal

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time (9:00 a.m.):* All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. *(This does not include Godly Play participants.)*
- *Godly Play (ages 4–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Trinity Village (grades K–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Confirmation (grades 6–9):* The confirmation and post-confirmation youth will be participating in the Advent Bazaar in the Community Room. There will be no confirmation classes.
- Please note: Today, we will continue to rehearse our Advent Program during the regular Faith Formation hour.

Sunday, December 7—Second Sunday of Advent and Music Sunday

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Hymns, anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. All music forces and ensembles will join together to lead this most joyous worship as we make music together as a congregation.

Tuesday, December 9—Big Meeting Night via Zoom

Pastoral and Council leadership provide a very brief update at 6:45 p.m. for interested persons. All participants are together for this update. Committees meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in their own break-out rooms.

Wednesday, December 10—Giving Statements are Emailed and Mailed to All Active Households

Please watch for a giving statement by email on December 10 and by postal mail a few days later. This will serve as an update for giving between January 1 and November 30, 2025. Please pay special attention to the amounts given, dates, and categories. If you have any questions, please contact Kaia Ellis (kellis@htlcmpls.org). As always, thank you so much for all your generous support of Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, December 10—Jubilation, Children's Choir, Cantate and Gloria Ringers Rehearse

Jubilation, (5:30-6:00 p.m.) Children's Choir and Cantate (5:45-6:30 p.m.) and Gloria Ringers (6:00-6:55 p.m.) will rehearse together tonight. The adjusted time allows families to partake in the soup supper and worship service.

Wednesdays, December 10, 17—Advent Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love. Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Advent soup and mac & cheese suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations are accepted. Our meals are an opportunity for us to build beloved community.
- The community then gathers at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Holden Evening Prayer in the candlelit Sanctuary, where we sing and hear God's story read aloud. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will hear a church member or community member share a story from their own life on the theme of "Prophesies, Visions, and Dreams." People of all ages are invited to worship, though we honor that some of our youngest members may need to head home after soup.
- Children's Choir and Cantate will rehearse together from 5:45-6:30 p.m. while Jubilation Ringers will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. and Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:00-6:55 p.m.

Thursday, December 11—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Saturday, December 13—Children and Youth Advent Presentation Rehearsal

Children and youth will gather in the sanctuary from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to practice their lines, sing their songs, and try on their costumes for their annual Advent gift to the congregation on Sunday, December 14. Caregivers should arrive for pick-up at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, December 14—Godly Play, Sunday School, Confirmation

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m., and all are encouraged to attend the 11:00 a.m. service.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- Please note that today's Faith Formation Hour will be used as our last rehearsal.

Sunday, December 14—Adult Forum Featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. Join us at 9:00 a.m.!

Sunday, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent, Children and Youth Program, and Healing Station

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us. Please join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. Children and youth age 4 through grade 12 will help lead our worship service on this day. 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.

Wednesday, December 17—Children's Choir and Cantate Rehearse

Children's Choir and Cantate (5:45-6:30 p.m.) will rehearse together tonight. The adjusted time allows families to partake in the soup supper and worship service.

Wednesday, December 17—Advent Supper and Longest Night Service

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love. All are invited to partake in the Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. in the Community Room.

At 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for a Longest Night Service. Rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep. It is called "The Longest Night" because in the Northern Hemisphere, the Winter Solstice (December 21) is the longest night of the year. This service of prayers, readings, and thoughtful music is not an all-night vigil, but rather a time to take a moment of holy calm in the midst of our circumstances and reflect. It is a time to pause, breathe, and lament. In our shared discontent, God reminds us that we are never alone.

Wednesday, December 17—Christmas Concert at Becketwood

Gloria Ringers and Jubilation play Christmas concert at Becketwood at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy some songs of the season and sing along with the carol sing along.



Thursday, December 18—Encore! at Turtle Bread

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor David if you need a scholarship.

Thursday, December 18—Ring Out! Rehearsal

Ring Out! handbell ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Bartsch room. Auditions for Ring Out! occur annually.

Sunday, December 21—Intergenerational Cookie Decorating!

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

Join us in the Community Room for a fun *intergenerational* event as we decorate cookies together! All supplies will be provided—just bring your creativity and sweet tooth.

This joyful gathering will take the place of both the Adult Forum and Children, Youth, and Family education this week. All ages are welcome to come share in the fun, connect with others, and enjoy a sweet start to the season!

Sunday, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death. Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Choir will lead us in worship.

Tuesday, December 23—Final Day to Drop Off Financial Gifts to the Church Office

If you'd like to make a final gift to the church for the tax year, please bring it in person no later than December 23 to allow time for processing and bank deposit. Mailed year-end gifts must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31. Thank you so much!

Wednesday, December 24—Church Office Closes at Noon

The church office is closed today, so we can prepare the building for Christmas Eve worship. We'll reopen and answer the phones again on Monday, December 29!

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for worship at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Please join us for a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. featuring members of the Children’s Choir and Cantate and a service led by the Adult Choir at 9:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, December 25-26—Church Office Closed

The church office is closed, so that staff can spend time with their friends and family

Sunday, December 28 – First Sunday of Christmas & Lessons and Carols

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old. This morning’s service will take the form of *Lessons and Carols*—a beloved tradition that weaves together scripture and song to proclaim the good news of Emmanuel, God with us.



Sunday, December 28—No Education Classes All Ages

We rejoice in God with us and enjoy rest. We will meet again on January 4, 2026.

December 29-31, January 2—Holy Trinity Delivers Meals on Wheels

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Wednesday and Friday, December 29-31, January 2. 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.



Wednesday-Friday, December 31-January 2—Church Office Closed

We have very few days when our building partners are on break.... we are closing to attend to the floors that receive over 150 people each day and the more than 40 other spaces in the building that host our building partners, community groups, and organizations. See you on Monday, January 5!

LOOKING AHEAD INTO 2026

December 31, 2025 – March 25, 2026 – Pastor David on Sabbatical

Sabbaticals are a benefit extended to all regular staff at Holy Trinity, and I am grateful and looking forward to mine! For me this will be a time of leaning into rootedness, connecting with heart languages, and traveling to places where friends and family live. It is my hope that this time away will allow me to return re-energized for all the faithful work we do in our community, trusting that God is the One who ever fully accomplishes any work through us, in us, around us, and alongside us. Thank you for making sabbaticals a priority at Holy Trinity! *Pastor David*

Sunday, January 4—Godly Play, Sunday School, and Confirmation starts again

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

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- *Godly Play (ages 4–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Trinity Village (grades K–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Confirmation (grades 6–9):* Meets in Sky Room in the fourth floor.



Monday, January 5—Adult Choir Resumes Rehearsals

The Adult Choir (6:00–8:00 p.m.) will resume rehearsals tonight. Mid-year is the perfect time to give it a try if you have the yearning to sing!

Tuesday, January 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 needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood.

Wednesday, January 7—Children's Choir, Gloria Ringers Resume Rehearsals

Children's Choir (5:45-6:45 p.m.) and Gloria Ringers (6:00-7:30 p.m.) resume rehearsals tonight. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil Radtke.

Wednesday, January 7—Wednesday Evening Meals and Gym Time Return

Each Wednesday when youth ensembles are in session, volunteers—supported by staff—will serve a community meal in the lunchroom from 5:00-6:00 p.m. After dinner, the gym will be open for all ages from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with adult supervision provided. We warmly encourage parents and guardians to consider enrolling their children in the youth ensembles—and perhaps even joining the bell choir themselves! Whether or not you're involved in music-making, the weekly meal and gym time are open to all and have become a beloved part of our shared life together. You're invited to come enjoy good food, connect with others, and simply be part of the community. Some parents also gather at Arbeiter Brewing during this time for conversation and connection over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. You're welcome to join there too!

Sunday, January 18—Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership

There is a lot of business to cover during next week's annual meeting, which will be held after worship on Sunday, January 25. Come and preview the meeting agenda with pastors and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions at 9:00 a.m.!

Sunday, January 25—Annual Meeting

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 122nd year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2025 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.



Sunday, February 8—Pancake Breakfast

We are holding the annual pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. this day. Confirmation students and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering!

Friday-Sunday, February 13-15—Family Retreat at Hudson YMCA in Hudson, WI

Join us for a weekend of rest, renewal, and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages!

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us for supper in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 22—Youth Recital

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

Saturday, February 28—Twin Cities Children and Youth Choir Festival

Children's choirs from around the metro will join together at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church for a day of singing, building relationships and learning from some of the top choir directors in the state... More details to follow.

Saturday, March 7—BellFest at North Heights Church

Ringers are invited to a day of music making with dozens of ringers from all over the state. Esteemed bell director and composer Matthew Compton will be the featured director this year. More info including details about the culminating concert to follow. Contact Logan Olson for more details (lolson@htlcmpls.org).

Sunday, March 8—Confirmation Bowling Outing

All current confirmation students as well as those recently confirmed will join adult chaperones at Memory Lanes immediately following class. The students will be bowling and eating lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Spring 2026—Silent Retreat

Are you longing for stillness, rest, and time to simply be with God? Join Pastor Ingrid for a silent retreat at *Pacem in Terris*, a retreat center in the Franciscan tradition designed to offer solitude, prayer, and renewal in a peaceful natural setting. Each guest stays in a simple hermitage and is gently supported in entering into silence and spaciousness. Whether you've been on a silent retreat before or this would be your first time, all are welcome. More details about dates and registration coming soon.

June 2026—Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We are excited for another VBS alongside South Minneapolis congregations! More information will be forthcoming.

June 2026— Confirmation Trip

All current confirmation students and their families will receive information about a summer trip that will start being planned in September 2025.

July 2026—Camp Wapo

Please know that we are planning on Camp Wapo in 2026! More information will be forthcoming by late fall so that you can plan for your summer.

July 2026—Youth Post-Confirmation Trip

All youth and their families will receive information about a summer trip that will start being planned in September 2025.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

A lot of this congregation's ministries are done through the work of committees and working groups. All the committees and working groups listed below are open to new members and new ideas. If you have questions, please ask the chair, or call the church office. Please note: Committee and working group schedules are subject to change based on participants' schedules. Contact the church office to confirm meeting times.

Meets First Thursday of the Month—

Adult Education Committee (Chair: Randy Nelson) Meets monthly, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: formulating policies that will guide the educational programs of the congregation for adults (e.g., adult forums, Johnson Symposium, occasional travel seminars); coordinating the development of specific educational experiences in implementation of the policies; providing for the care of the library, purchasing appropriate materials, and encouraging library use.

Nurturing Relationships Committee (Chair: Helen Norheim) Meets bi-monthly, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: coordinating the process through which members are integrated into the life, mission, and service of the congregation; supporting activities of special interest groups (e.g., Encore! First Fridays with Friends); coordinating efforts within the congregation for home-bound persons and those in special need (e.g., Lay Communion, Feeding the Spirit); providing for special congregational events that encourage relationship-building (e.g., retreats, game nights).

Caring for Creation Committee (Chair: Kathy Hollander) Meets monthly, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Promotes self-identification of Holy Trinity as a Caring for Creation congregation. Events and adult forums are intended to inspire more environmentally friendly behavior in individuals, the congregation, and across society.

Palestine/Israel Committee (Chair: Mary Engen) Meets as needed, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

The Palestine/Israel Team's goal is to educate Holy Trinity's members on issues related to the history and present realities of the Palestinian and Israeli people and lands; advocate for national policies that promote peace with justice in the region; and coordinate engagement with congregational partners.

Meets First Wednesday of the Month —

Committee on Children and Family (Co-Chairs: Margaret Kelly, Meghan Olsen-Biebighauser) Meets monthly, hybrid The responsibilities of this committee include the following: coordinating educational programs for children and their parents from birth through Grade 5 (e.g., Sunday School, summer program, baptism classes, communion instruction); coordinating the process of recruiting and training persons to function as teachers in the congregation's educational programs for children; reviewing and evaluating resources used in the educational programs for children.

Youth Committee (Co-Chairs: Nicki Hines, Andrea Hansen) Meets monthly, hybrid

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: coordinating educational programs for children and their parents from Grade 6 through Grade 12 (e.g., Confirmation, summer program, religious instruction); coordinating the process of recruiting and training persons to function as teachers in the congregation's educational programs for youth; reviewing and evaluating resources used in the educational programs for youth; providing programming to support, encourage, and equip the congregation in vocations as a parent or partner; coordinating occasional intergenerational opportunities (e.g., retreats, classes, concerts).

Meets Second Tuesday of the Month —

Committee on Financial Stewardship (Chair: George Henry) Meets monthly 7:00 p.m., Zoom

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: encouraging personal and corporate stewardship practices that are consistent with the teachings of the church; providing for interpretation of the work of the wider church and the use of benevolence monies; monitoring income and disbursements and provide for regular analysis and reporting of same to the congregation; supervising the insurance program of the congregation as it relates to properties and liability; providing for an annual review/audit of all financial accounts of the congregation and programs associated with it; coordinating the development of a budget for the congregation and its interpretation; making provision for the conduct of special authorized financial projects of the congregation; receiving and investing such monies, gifts, or bequests as are referred to the endowment fund by the Church Council with annual earnings from these investments allocated to the general budget of the church.

Racial Justice Committee (Chair: Donna Goodlaxson) Meets monthly 7:00 p.m., Zoom

The Racial Justice Group promotes racial equity and inclusion in the context of our faith, seeks to understand and change individual and institutional racism and engages with community needs related to racial justice.

Meets Third Tuesday of the Month—

Executive Committee and Church Council (Chair: Anne Beschnett) Meets monthly, hybrid

6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively

Executive Committee membership consists of the Church Council Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and the Pastor(s). The Church Council oversees the administration and mission leadership of the congregation.

Meets As Needed—

Property Committee (Chair: Rod Johnson) Meets as needed, in person

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: providing for the maintenance of all property owned by the congregation; providing for the purchase of all supplies related to the normal use of the properties of the church; developing short- and long-range plans for the renovation, replacement, and expansion of church properties.

Committee on Personnel (Chair: Allison Johnson Heist) Meets as needed. This is a closed committee.

Committee membership consists of the three most recent council presidents and three additional members selected by the committee and ratified annually by the Congregation Council. The responsibilities of this committee include the following: providing for the support and evaluation of all staff members; developing recommendations for staff remuneration and benefits; providing for regular evaluation of staffing needs in the light of opportunities for mission and available resources; initiate/evaluate termination procedures for staff workers except for pastors (termination procedures for pastors shall follow guidelines provided in Constitution 9); developing and interpreting 'personnel policies'; negotiating pastoral compensation (interim or permanent) at the time of call and on an annual basis thereafter in consultation with the president of the congregation; reporting monthly to the Church Council on its ongoing work; consulting the Executive Committee of the Church Council when considering staffing changes that would significantly affect any staff member's responsibilities or compensation.

Nominations Committee (Chair: Chosen in summer 2025) Meets as needed

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: provide a slate of candidates from which four will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation to three-year terms on the Congregation Council; providing up to four nominations at the annual congregational meeting for the Committee on Nominations for the following year (these persons would join those council members with expiring three-year terms who are automatically members of this committee).

Worship Committee (Chair: Phil Radtke, interim) Meets Seasonally

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: providing support to and consultation with the pastor and music staff regarding the conduct of weekly and special worship services in accordance with the practices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in a manner that draws upon the resources of the ecumenical community of faith; providing for the availability of worship and devotional resources; coordinating the conduct of fine arts events; providing for the purchase of worship supplies, vestments, banners, and art work.

Indigenous Justice Committee (Chair: Mike Miller) Meets as needed

The Indigenous Justice Task Force pursues the twin goals of education and advocacy: 1) Education of the public to a more accurate history of the relations between the United States and the Indigenous people of this land; and 2) Advocacy for land-based legislation to support the programs of the Indigenous people of Minnesota.

Immigration Committee (Chair: Joy Nelson) Meets as needed

The AMMPARO Working Group commits to identifying unaccompanied minor migrants in our community who are in need of accompaniment in areas such as legal appointments or meeting basic needs or in meeting education and emotional-social needs. This team also prays and advocates for just immigration policy, including responding to the ELCA and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service requests for advocacy. (*Meets as needed.*)

Longfellow Alternative High School Committee (Chair: Zoe Martinez) Meets as needed

The responsibilities of this committee include supporting the ongoing needs of the school including meals, knitting, tutoring, special events, and building relationships.

Music in the Garden Committee (Chair: Pastor Doug, interim) Meets as needed

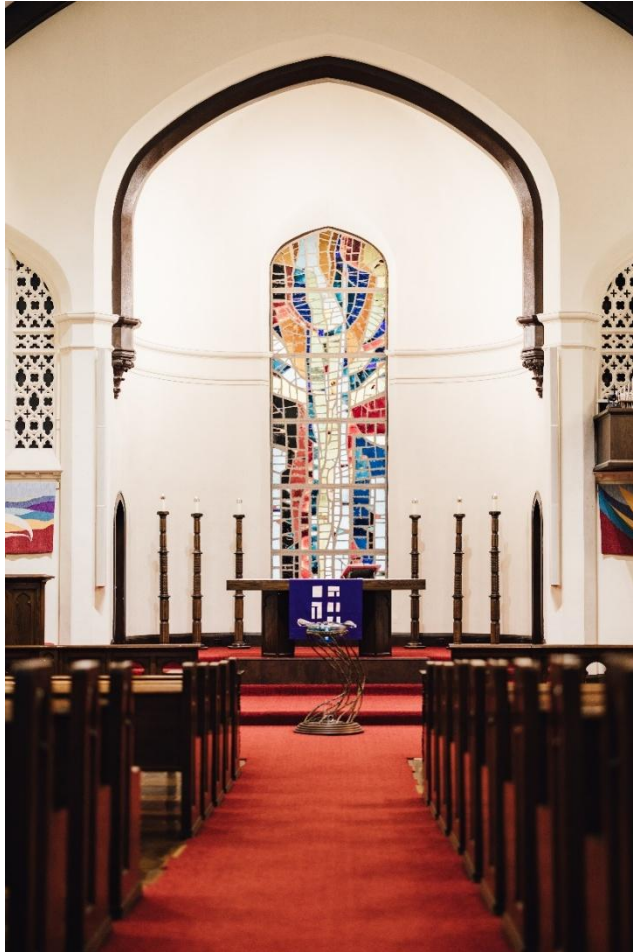
The responsibilities of this committee include connecting with Trinity Apartments, Trinity on Lake, and the broader community through shared meals and live music.

Meets Quarterly—

Trinity Apartments Advisory Board

(Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor David Larson-Martínez, and Kathy Ekwall)

The Advisory Board serves as a resource to Trinity Apartments with the goals of ensuring its long-term affordability and the preservation and stewardship of the physical assets. The Advisory Board offers high-level, non-binding guidance and recommendations to the Partnership on: (i) aesthetic decisions related to the Partnership including the buildings and grounds, (ii) neighborhood partnerships, (iii) services to residents of the Project, and (iv) property management and finances of the Project, and other matters as may be requested by Holy Trinity or the Partnership from time to time. The Advisory Board consists of six (6) members, three of whom are appointed by Trellis and three of whom are appointed by Holy Trinity.



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