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JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

ELCA RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE

~Letter by Bishop Eaton, introduction by Donna Goodlaxson

Last April HTLC Church Council passed a resolution/memorial on Palestine that went on to be adopted at the Minneapolis Area Synod. Across the country, many other synods passed related memorials. These were combined and edited, then proposed as one Memorial. But, it had lost the original intent of the synods. Through a huge effort by Lutherans across the country, a substitute Memorial was presented and accepted for a vote at Church-wide. It passed overwhelmingly with over 95% in favor!

Along with other 'Resolveds,' this landmark Memorial, [Toward Ending the Occupation of Palestine](#), directs the Bishop to write to ranking federal officials. Here is our beloved Bishop's [letter](#) from August 13. Below you will find the ELCA's pleas. And, at Sunday's Adult Forum, our Palestine/Israel Committee will share more about the Memorial process and what we can do to support this ELCA policy and the people of Palestine.

The letter begins with "Dear Mr. President and esteemed leaders of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives" and closes with 5 requests.

"Therefore, I urge that you take all necessary steps to:

1) Suspend all financial and military assistance from the U.S. to the Israeli state until it meets two critical conditions: agreeing to a permanent ceasefire and allowing, without restriction or hindrance, humanitarian aid to Gaza through credible, longstanding aid mechanisms such as the UN and its affiliated international nongovernmental organizations.

2) Initiate an investigation into whether U.S. military aid to Israel has been and is being used in compliance with U.S. and international human rights law.

3) Announce publicly that under no circumstances will the U.S. government endorse an Israeli policy that forcibly displaces Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank, including the Israeli government creating conditions on the ground that make Gaza and the West Bank fundamentally uninhabitable for Palestinians to live.

4) In line with U.S. allies, recognize Palestine as a sovereign state that can live in peace side by side with Israel, and support Palestine's full membership in the UN.

5) Redouble efforts and pressure on the Israeli government to ensure freedom of religion, worship and movement for people of all faiths, be they Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Druze or Baha'i.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via [Zoom](#) (meeting ID:858 5687 1594; passcode:317879) for those unable to attend in person.

September 28 "Synod Resolution"

Palestine Israel Committee

We will explore a recent resolution passed by the Minneapolis Area Synod: *Response to the Destruction of Palestinians* (copies are available in the Community Room). 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 anti-semitism, Islamophobia, and the misuse of U.S. military aid. Come learn, reflect, and consider faithful responses in a time of urgent need.

October 5 "Exodus Lending"

Come hear the story of Exodus Lending, a powerful nonprofit born 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.

~ Concerning People ~

We pray today for all those in need of God's tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times. We pray especially for Tre Tellor's mom **Jill**; **Lyle Steinfeldt**; **Mary Heltsley**; **Tina and Neela**; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Rick Lathrop**; **Mary Petersen**; Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie**; **Mike Kelly**; Katie Murray's mom **Pat**; **Josie Tober**.

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Lutherans honor public service and pray for those in authority. We understand and teach that the work of government is an essential way in which Christians love God and serve their neighbor. I pray fervently that you will use the power of your offices — as you did recently, to negotiate a peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia — to ensure a safe future for all our siblings in the Holy Land.”

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

cc: The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House;
The Honorable John Thune, Senate Majority Leader;
The Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader;
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader

SEQUEERITY AT HOLY TRINITY

Beginning this Sunday, you may notice a new presence on Sunday mornings: a staff member from **Sequeerity**, a Minneapolis-based de-escalation team. They’ll be here from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., walking through the building and grounds. Their staff wear T-shirts that say *Sequeerity*, so you’ll be able to recognize them easily.

Sequeerity is a team owned and operated by queer and POC women whose mission is to create and maintain safe spaces for all, especially for LGBTQIA+ and immigrant communities. They are not armed, and their focus is on relationship-building and de-escalation. They already partner with congregations such as Shir Tikvah and First Universalist, which share similar values and commitments.



We are not making this change out of fear, but as a way to extend care to our volunteers, staff, and everyone who comes through our doors. Having Sequeerity present provides another layer of welcome and support for our community, and we anticipate the same staff person will be with us week after week so they can get to know the congregation.

This student just started last week at Longfellow High School. She is from Ecuador. She says thanks for the backpack and all the supplies. She has a 4 month old baby girl.



THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—WORSHIP READINGS STUDY

Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on [Zoom](#) to study the assigned worship readings for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary (to join on [Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

HOME, HEALTH, HOPE: NONPARTISAN MINNEAPOLIS MAYORAL CANDIDATE AND VOTER EDUCATION FORUM Tuesday, September 30, 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity

Build community and hear from Minneapolis mayoral candidates about their commitments to representing and protecting a diverse, affirming, and accessible city to call home. A community meal will be available. Register to attend: bit.ly/2025homehealthhope. Contact Bob Hulteen if you can volunteer to help (bhulteen@htlcmpls.org/612-729-8358).

HOLY TRINITY OCTOBERFEST AT ARBEITER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7:30 P.M.

Join us for HTLC Octoberfest—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 at Arbeiter (3038 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis) on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m.—come as you are and bring a friend!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7:00 P.M.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT: CHANTING THE PSALMS IN HOPE

Join Ann Schrooten on Thursdays to lean into the ancient practice of chanting the psalms. Ann says, “In the coming days and weeks, our intention will be to sing through all 150 Psalms in order, beginning to end.”

SAVE THE DATE

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS OCTOBER 6-10

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.

SMALL GROUP EVENT: 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 Thursdays, October 30, November 6, and November 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 9, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

WHAT THE COUNCIL IS UP TO:

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Holy Trinity is preparing for a renovation project—an effort that we believe will strengthen our ministry and our presence in the Longfellow neighborhood for years to come. The project was recently priced out by Miller Dunwiddie and Watson Forsberg and is projected to cost between \$4–5 million. Renovation plans include reconfiguring the sanctuary level gathering spaces to create more flexible gathering areas and adding accessible, gender-inclusive restrooms on all five levels.

This renovation reflects our calling to be both a church home and a community hub. Every week, our building is alive with activity: two congregations—English- and Swahili-speaking—gather for worship and fellowship; children come to learn at the cooperative preschool; neighbors share meals at the daily soup kitchen; adults with disabilities and seniors take part in programs that nurture health and connection; and organizers meet to advocate for workers' rights. Our partners rely on us, and we rely on them. This project will ensure that our building remains a safe, welcoming, and functional space for everyone who walks through our doors.

At our August 2025 council meeting, we voted to move forward with a feasibility phase for a capital campaign. This is the important first step toward determining what is possible. We know from experience that our congregation is generous—our 2016 capital appeal raised about \$1 million, almost entirely from within our own membership. We already have \$750,000 earmarked for improvements, and we believe we can raise significant funds from within our own community. If we cannot raise the full amount, we will scale the project accordingly—but our goal is to carry out the renovation in its entirety.

To guide us in this feasibility phase, we are partnering with Staiger | Vitelli and Associates (SVA), consultants who specialize in values-based fundraising—an approach rooted in integrity, racial equity, and authentic community relationships. The study will run approximately through the end of the year and will include:

- Crafting a compelling case for support. SVA will facilitate discovery conversations with staff, leaders, and partners to articulate why these renovations matter. Together we will shape a written case statement to share during the study.
- Interviews and listening sessions. About 15–20 one-on-one interviews will be conducted with current contributors (including households with potential to serve as lead donors), along with two to three listening sessions with building and community partners.
- Community input. Volunteers will carry out short “person-on-the-street” interviews with building users and visitors to test the broader community's interest in supporting the project.
- Data and funding analysis. The study will include a review of Holy Trinity's giving history, analysis of donor capacity, and research into corporate and foundation grant opportunities.

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All of this information will be compiled into a comprehensive feasibility report and presentation with projected campaign contributions, recommendations for leadership prospects, and campaign strategy guidance. We hope this information will be ready to present at our annual meeting in January 2026.

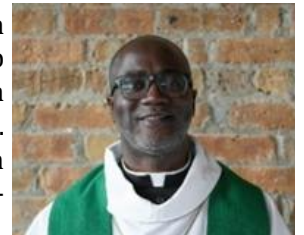
With the right preparation, we believe this project can become a gift not only to our congregation but also to the wider community. These renovations will allow us to continue welcoming, feeding, organizing, and worshipping together in a space that is safe, accessible, and alive with possibility. We are grateful to be entering this phase together and look forward to discerning our path as a congregation.

With gratitude,

Anne Beschnett, Council President
Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, and Pastor Doug

INSTALLATION OF ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2:00 P.M.

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!



LIBRARY NOTES

As the new season opens for members doing the bulletin art, the kids are gearing up their imaginations to portray our weekly texts. Several of their pieces from last year are displayed on the youth library wall. Come and see. And while there, take a look at the new books which two of our young people — Peter and Franny — chose for our library on a trip to Moon Palace Books. They encourage adults to read them, too! We will also have a couple of youth review our collection for current-day interest.

On Saturday, October 4, Holy Trinity is hosting the semi-annual meeting of the Twin Cities Area Church Library Association, featuring Shari Seifert telling the story of Calvary Lutheran's (39th & Chicago) work after George Floyd's murder and Augsburg Fortress Publishers talking about the world of religious publishing, featuring some of their best books for adults and children. You are invited to attend (read more [here](#)). Or contact Roberta Shaw, Annie Hines, or Caren Hiatt.

As always, if you are looking for the next good read, you can check out the library's catalog from home at <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Cantor	Abs Trewin (they/he)
Altar Guild	Amy Hanson (she/her), Jean Swanson (she/her)
Crucifer	Tom Cahoy (he/him)
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf (she/her)
Communion	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Zoe Martinez (she/her)
Ushers	Alan Libra (he/him), Chris Engen (he/him), Chuck Jordan (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Andrea Hansen (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Counters	Chris Engen (he/him)
Closer	
Video Operator	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Amy Hanson (she/her)

PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4, 2025

Sunday, September 28	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, September 29	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir
Tuesday, September 30	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	5:00 PM	Voter Education Forum (Mpls. Mayor Candidates)
Wednesday, October 1	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers
	6:30-8:00 PM	Open Gym
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate
	7:30 PM	HTLC Octoberfest at Arbeiter
Thursday, October 2	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
	7:00 PM	Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope
Friday, October 3-Sunday, October 5		Adult Retreat
Saturday, October 4	2:00 PM	Installation of Bishop Yehiel Curry at Central Lutheran

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m.
You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

