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

REFLECTIONS ON CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, our middle daughter, M.A., plans to affirm her faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Being our middle child, with Bea having been confirmed two years ago and Rosie having just started confirmation this fall, we can't help but reflect on the spectrum of confirmation journeys in our family. As parents, we contrast our 1990s, rigid religious education and expectations of our own confirmation classes with the experiences of our children here at Holy Trinity. We're grateful for all the ways our kids are invited to question and thoughtfully find God in their lives, in our community, and in the world.

Although raised in different faith traditions (Andy as a Catholic and Andrea as a Lutheran), we agree that our confirmation journeys were not particularly faith-forming. Andrea primarily recalls weekly lectures, rote memorization of key texts, and written exams testing the students' abilities to recite creeds and doctrines. There was little opportunity to explore what any of it meant in our individual lives or raise questions about the bible or the role of religion in the world. According to Andy, "I wasn't given a choice in the matter as the priest told me that getting confirmed was necessary if I ever wanted to get married (which I did), and that if I didn't get confirmed, I could never go to heaven. Standard pressure tactics for the time as I recall. Was I sure about confirming my faith at the time? No, but I'll never forget my dad telling me that I should just get confirmed because it's better to be safe than sorry." Instead, for both of us, the true "confirmation" of our faith continues to this day through exploration, reflection, and community.

Unlike the inflexible memorization and psychological threats of our youth, the confirmation experience of our own children at Holy Trinity has afforded space to wonder, question, observe, and grow. The world our children face is tumultuous and uncertain in ways we could have never dreamed of as youth. Allowing confirmation students the space to explore their faith, religion's roses and warts, and how those ideas interact with the current issues facing young people provides agency and meaningful context in these difficult times. Bea and M.A. have both found great connection and value the community bonding experiences confirmation has offered them, which has fostered faith as they continue to tussle with questions. They know they needn't have all the answers today, and likely never will. In the meantime, while M.A. affirms her baptism this weekend and Rosie sets forth on her journey, all three of our kids know they have the support of a lovely community while they continue to form their individual faith.

~Andrew and Andrea Martin

REFORMATION SUNDAY

READINGS

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46;
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36*

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.

October 26 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.

November 2 "Remembering 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 (9:00 a.m.). During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

~ 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 **Mary Petersen**, recovering from Covid; **Donna Goodlaxson**, recovering from pneumonia; **Mike Miller**; **Mary Heltsley**; Tre Teller's mom **Jill**; **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**; and Ron Duty's friend, **Marie Failingner**, in hospice.

PARISH INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 3, 10, and 17). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese and one household would pick up bread from Laune Bread (already ordered and paid for). We also need volunteers to set up and clean up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2026

We invite members and friends to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2026. Your gifts will allow us to support our dedicated staff, offer our space for community use, sustain our commitment to neighborhood recovery, and continue organizing for the wellbeing of all—especially in divisive times. You may pledge online or by filling out one of the pledge cards found in the Community Room.

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

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 trips in 2026. Start planning now and sign up in the Community Room to make your contribution. The



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.

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.

THIS WEEK

THE PATH TO KINDNESS BOOK DISCUSSION WITH RYANA HOLT MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Join us for a soul-nourishing discussion of *The Path to Kindness*, a luminous anthology edited by poet James Crews, led by Ryana Holt. We'll reflect on how these tender, accessible pieces can ground our spirits and shape our communities. All are welcome to participate on Monday, October 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Let's walk the path to kindness—together. Sign up in the Community Room.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28—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).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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."

SMALL GROUP EVENT: EXPLORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY SOCIAL NOVEMBER 5, 6:00 P.M.

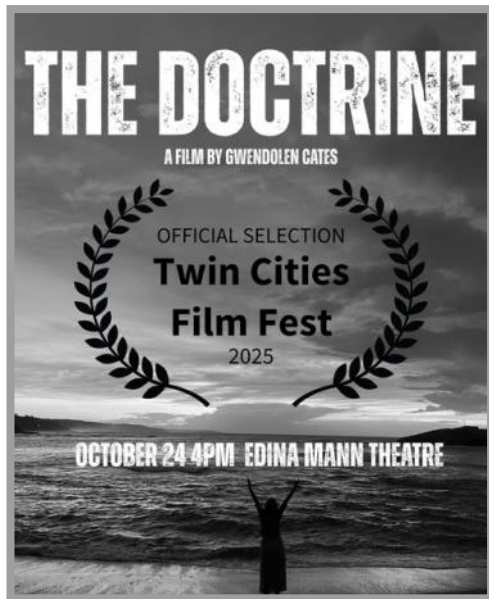
Are you constantly wondering if you're still a youth? Does your spirit tell you "Yes!" But your back says "heck no!" Does your body lose control when a mid-2010s pop song comes on? Well then, this group is for you!

We are creating a young adults group for Holy Trinity. A space where we can explore who we are, share a meal, a story, and perhaps unwanted wisdom our mom told us in that one phone call last week. We will convene on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m., sharing a meal at our church. This will be followed by a shared drink at our west campus (Arbeiter Brewery).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9—BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

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. This meeting replaces the two Zoom Big Meetings that would normally take place in November.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Doctrine, a new epic documentary by Gwendolen Cates (Director/Producer) follows a group of Indigenous teenagers to Rome where they confront representatives of the Pope about 15th century Vatican laws known as the Doctrine of Discovery that codified conquest, colonization, racism, and slavery – and became international and U.S. law. Also featuring Indigenous activists in Aotearoa New Zealand, Guatemala, New Caledonia, and Puerto Rico, the film exposes how the Doctrine continues to impact humanity and the planet.

The Doctrine, will have a second showing this **Saturday, October 25** (since the Friday night showing sold out) at **6:30 p.m. at the Marcus West End Theater** (1625 West End Blvd, St Louis Park, MN). Q&A will follow the screening with Gwendolen, Mitch Walking Elk, and Nina Berglund (from cast & crew). Tickets are \$15 and there is a free parking ramp next to the theatre. The showing is part of the Twin Cities Film Festival.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has been the fiscal sponsor of the film since its inception.

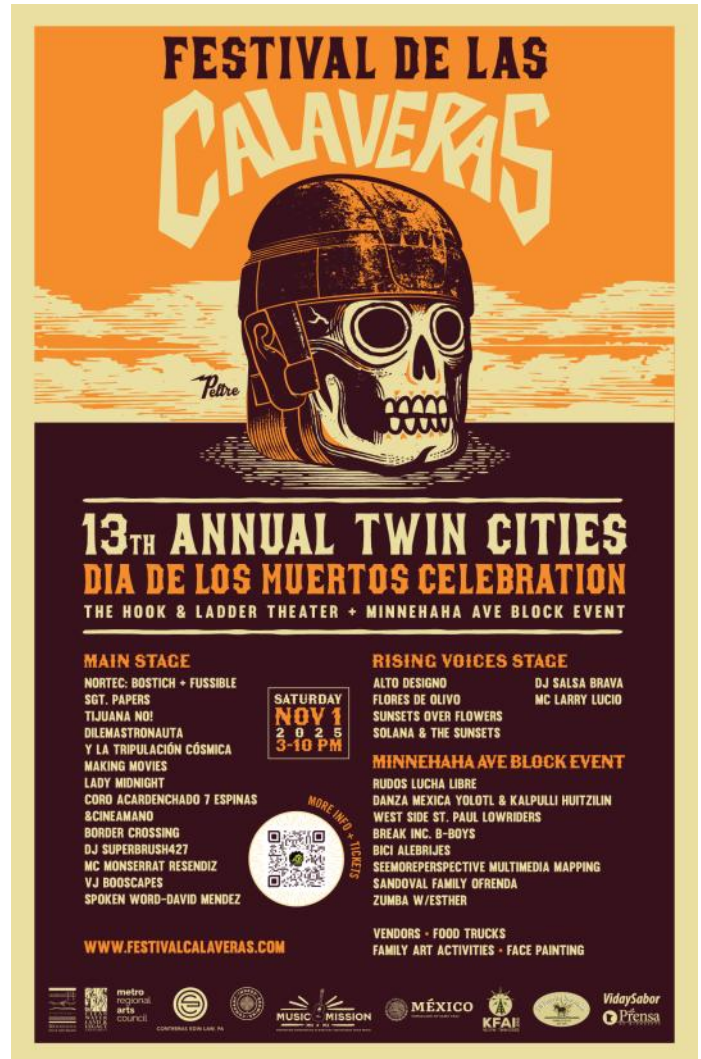


LONGFELLOW SCHOOL REQUEST

Longfellow needs clothes for kids sizes 9 months to size 5. Donations of new or used clothing can be put in a box in the Community Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DE LAS CALAVERAS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Volunteers are needed to welcome people into Holy Trinity during the Festival De Las Calaveras (a Minnehaha Ave. block event) on Saturday, November 1. Shifts are two hours, beginning at 2:30, 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room or call the office if you can help.



NELLY TROCMÉ HEWETT AT HOLY TRINITY October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Nelly Trocmé Hewett grew up in Le Chambon, France, where her parents led their community in an extraordinary act of defiance. When authorities demanded a list of Jews hiding in their village, her father replied, “We do not know what a Jew is. We only know men.”

Between 1940 and 1945, Le Chambon saved thousands of Jewish refugees—many of them children. Ordinary villagers forged papers, hid families, and guided refugees to safety, knowing discovery meant death. They chose to protect the vulnerable when others looked away.

“I was just a teenager, but I witnessed what happens when ordinary people refuse to be complicit with evil.”

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman (she/her), Lori Lathrop (she/her)
Crucifer	Noah Hines (he/him)
Assisting Minister	Will Hansen (he/him)
Communion	Ben Hanson (he/him), Bea Martin (he/him), Katy Benson (she/her), Peter Weiss (he/him), M.A. Martin (she/her)
Ushers	David Rediger (he/him), Julie Cahoy (she/her), Tom Cahoy (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson (she/her), Nicki Hines (she/her)
Counters	Julie Cahoy (she/her)
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2, 2025

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Sunday, October 26	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, October 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00-8:30 PM	<i>The Path to Kindness</i> Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, October 29	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
Thursday, October 30	6:30-8:00 PM	Explore Spiritual Practices Small Group Event
	7:00 PM	Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope

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](#).

