

# HOLY TRINITY

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# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

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

## **STEWARDSHIP**

The Scriptures are full of dreamers—Joseph, the Magi, and many others whose lives were shaped by God's call through visions of what could be. Their stories remind us that God plants hopes and possibilities in us, too. Dreams are God's way of reminding us that another world is possible. They give us courage to push back against the forces of authoritarianism and fear, opening space for hope, freedom, and love. As a church, we are called to dream together, trusting that God's vision for us is always unfolding.

You are an important part of these dreams. We are deeply grateful for the faithful generosity of our community. We invite you to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2026. Each gift—whether large or small—makes a difference. Together, they make ministry possible. As we look ahead to the fall and our annual appeal, we invite you to join us once more in supporting this shared work. One of our goals for 2026 is to add a Children, Youth, and Family Coordinator position to support those under the age of 18 who are enrolled in or connected to our ministries. This role will help nurture the next generation of faithful dreamers and leaders in our community.

On **Stewardship Sunday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m. during the Adult Forum**,\* we gathered to hear and share our dreams for the coming year before dedicating our pledges. You can bring your pledge card to worship, mail it to the church, or submit your commitment online at htlcmpls.org/pledge. Your commitment fuels our ministry and helps us live into God's dream for the world: a community where love is made real.

With gratitude for your generosity and hope for the future we are building together,

Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

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P.S. Consider using **SimplyGiving** to set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift to Holy Trinity. Your gift of any amount will be automatically deducted from your bank account, taking the guesswork out of giving.

\*See pictures from Stewardship Sunday Breakfast on p. 3.

# **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

READINGS

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

#### **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.

#### 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.

# November 9 "Practices of Hope and the Cultivation of Community," Part One The Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders

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.

The Rev. Cody J. Sanders, Ph.D., is associate professor of congregational and community care leadership at Luther Seminary. He has published a number of books, including most recently, *Spiritual Care First Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church and Community* (Fortress, 2025).

#### 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.

## 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.

# 2026 COMMITTEE GOALS, BUDGET REQUESTS, AND SPECIAL APPEALS NOMINATIONS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 12, 2025

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.

#### **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. Nominations will be accepted until November 12, 2025. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid.

## ~ 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; Mary Heltsley; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Josie Tober; and Ron Duty's friend, Marie Failinger, in hospice.

## **THIS WEEK**

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4-WORSHIP READINGS STUDY

Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on <u>Zoom</u> 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 <u>Zoom</u>: Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the funeral for Reidun Harris, daughter of Holy Trinity Members Linda and Gerry Berglin. The funeral is Wednesday, November 5, 2:00 p.m. We are looking for 4 people from 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to help set up, 6 people from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to help usher and serve treats and coffee, and 4 people from 3:30-5:00 p.m. to help clean up. In addition we are also looking for 6-8 bakers to help provide cookies and bars. Please sign up in the Community Room this Sunday or call the church office if you canhelp.

#### 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 5:00 p.m., sharing a meal at our church. This will be followed by a shared drink at our west campus (Arbeiter Brewery).

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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**

#### 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.

# 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 bazaar takes the place of the adult forum today.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



# PASTURES A PLENTY AT HOLY TRINITY NOVEMBER 8, 2:15-2:45 P.M.

Farrow-to-finish pork, Free range laying hen, and seasonal pasture-grazed beef available at several Twin Cities food coops, local restaurants, and now ONLINE!. Order your naturally raised Berkshire pork, Grassfed beef, Free range chicken, and organic crops by Thursday, November 6 for delivery on November 8. Pick up your order at Holy Trinity from 2:15-2:45 p.m. Their next delivery will be December 6.

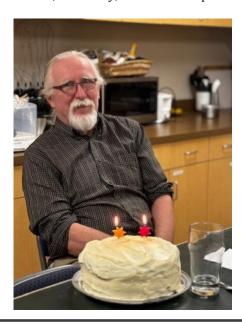
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#### THANKS TO BOB HULTEEN

Today we give thanks for someone who has been, quite truly, the Swiss Army knife of Spark positions—our own Bob Hulteen.

From grant writing to building usage, from community organizing to worship setup, and everything in between, Bob has met each task with grace, creativity, and good humor. Even amid the constant interruptions, which, as we all know, are really the heartbeat of ministry at Holy Trinity, Bob somehow managed to keep this ship anchored—no small feat in Kathy's absence.

We will miss your presence in the office, Bob—your steady hand, your thoughtful spirit, and your ability to hold both the details and the big picture at once. But we hope you'll still hang out with us now and again. With deepest gratitude for your faithfulness, flexibility, and friendship.



# FUNDRAISER FOR CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS FOUNDATION EMPOWERING TEEN MOTHERS

The Close to Our Hearts Foundation is a Minneapolis based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low-income pregnant and parenting students overcome barriers by offering support for higher education, driver's education classes, housing security assistance, and educational materials for financial literacy.

Close to Our Hearts works closely with Longfellow High School and Minneapolis Public Schools. Originally started in 2021 during the COVID pandemic, Close to Our Hearts has worked to create sustainable opportunities for teen mothers. Examples include our annual Close to Our Hearts scholarship for graduating seniors of Longfellow High School and our recent initiative to provide after-school snacks for mothers and children to support their general wellbeing.

Going forward, we will continue to work with our community partners to support these young mothers as they strive to reach their dreams. In addition to our current activities, we hope to expand our financial literacy and housing security programs to ensure that these teen mothers are set up well for success.

#### PHOTOS FROM STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCT. 26, 2025



Chef Judah from Soup For You!



Katie Schroeder



Pastor Ingrid

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)	
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)	
Altar Guild	Libby Olstad (she/her), Keith Olstad (he/him)	
Crucifer		
Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson (she/her)	
Communion	Allison Johnson Heist (she/her), Karen Kunze (she/her), Liz Conway (she/her), Sean Gosiewski (he/him)	
Ushers	Chris Amundson (he/him), Chris Engen (he/him), Chuck Jordan (he/him)	
Coffee Servers	Kris Christians (she/her)	
Counters	Chris Engen (he/him)	
Closer	Roberta Shaw (she/her)	
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)	

# **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

### PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 2-8, 2025

Sunday, November 2	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Family Coffee Hour Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, November 3	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 4	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, November 5	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM	
Thursday, November 6		Explore Spiritual Practices Small Group Event Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope

#### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services <u>here</u>.

