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Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY YOUTH MINISTRY REFLECTION

Hi everyone, I'm Katie Schroeder. I'm the parent of two great kids in our congregation—Julian, who is 11, and Peter, who is 12.

I was asked to share a little about my experience chaperoning the confirmation trip to Chicago this summer with six of our youth, Pastor David, and Margaret Kelly.

On this Stewardship Sunday, as we reflect on how our gifts invest in our values and the future we imagine, I'm excited to lift up these young people—and what it means to invest in them.

I'll start with a little caveat: I can't speak for all families at Holy Trinity, but I can speak for ours. It's a choice to raise kids in a faith context in 2025. It's not one Jeremy and I take lightly—and it's certainly not one our kids accept blindly, either.

These youth are wise. They're tuned in to current events, social inequities, and the complexity of the world around them. They're boldly inclusive of gender identity and sexual orientation. And they are completely allergic to inauthenticity. (Is that even a word? It should be.)

And I love them for it.

We choose this specific community for our kids because we find value in them being here—wrestling with faith and meaning, and being in community with you as they grow.

Pastor David talks with them about bricks. That the adults in their lives—many of us—have found this faith tradition meaningful. And so confirmation is a brick. Trinity Village is a brick. The children's choir, the handbell choir, dance, school—all of it.

They may choose to hold onto that brick, set it aside for later, or throw it far, far away. (That's usually when the youth giggle.) But these bricks are gifts—things they get to hold, examine, and ultimately decide what to build with.

Chicago was a brick.

Six confirmation kids spent a week exploring, learning, and experiencing what faith in action looks like. They got a taste of independence—making their own lunches, negotiating meal preferences, taking public transportation, and figuring out how to navigate a big city together.

We stayed in a youth hostel downtown. We visited the DuSable Museum of African American History and the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

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 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).

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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 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

We met with elders from Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood who had lived through the riots after Dr. King was assassinated. Our kids shared what it was like to live in Minneapolis during the uprising after George Floyd was murdered. It was a powerful moment—people of different races and generations coming together around shared grief, shared hope, and the ongoing work of justice.

We also met Pastor Eddie—a queer pastor serving in Humboldt Park, an historically Puerto Rican neighborhood. He walked us around personally, introducing us to local business owners, to food and music, and to stories of both struggle and resilience.

He brought us to the Trans Empowerment Center, where three generations of queer folks sat with us and shared their stories—vulnerably, beautifully, bravely. For many of the kids, that conversation was one of the most powerful moments of the trip.

Later that day, we helped Pastor Eddie—who is a part-time staff of one, at a little church without many financial resources—clean out closets, power wash tables, and mow the grass.

And that mattered—not because of what we accomplished, but because we were doing it with him. We weren't parachuting in. We were in relationship, practicing service in community, with gratitude and respect.

That week in Chicago wasn't just a trip. It was a formation experience. It was joy and discovery and connection—and it was made possible because this congregation values young people enough to invest in their spiritual lives.

We have something really special here. And we have an opportunity to build on it—by creating a part-time youth coordinator position. Someone who can help nurture the next generation of kids and teens, support families, and create more of those moments where faith feels alive and embodied —in questions, in service, in laughter, and in community.

Your giving makes that possible.

When I think about our youth, I think about the bricks they're gathering: belonging, curiosity, justice, and love.

And I imagine what they might build one day—because of what we choose to build now.

Thank you.

(excerpted from a speech given by Katie Schroeder, October 26, 2025)

~ 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; Marilyn and Mike Miller; 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

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11—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).

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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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

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 this day.

PARISH INFORMATION

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vine Deloria Jr. Theological Symposium

CHALLENGED AND TRANSFORMED:
A VISION FOR THE CHURCH



15TH ANNUAL VINE DELORIA JR. THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 10-12, 2025

The theme of this excellent free symposium on November 10 -12, 2025, is "Challenged and Transformed: A Vision for the Church." It includes several speakers from Minnesota, including Rev Robert Two Bulls, All Saints Episcopal Indian Mission; Rev Dick Magnus (retired), Edina Community Lutheran Church; Elizabeth Andress, Co-Lead of the ELCA's Truth Seeking & Truth Telling Initiative on Indian Boarding Schools; and Bishop Amy Odgren, NE MN ELCA Synod. More information is at: https://lstc.edu/event/15th-annual-vine-deloria-jr-theological-symposium/. If attending the lecture and panel presentations virtually, please use the following Zoom link: https://lstc-edu.zoom.us/j/85391987186? pwd=Grf3pw7VhX2UlyVTHpOEbV5MiHhDxq.1#success

AROUND THE BUILDING



LIBRARY NOTE

November is Native American Heritage Month. Our library is well-supplied with books on Native culture, history, and current life. For a couple of weeks, some of these books are featured on the library cart in the community room, and you can find many more in the library (shelved on the left side of the room, near the left window). It's a good chance to learn something new!

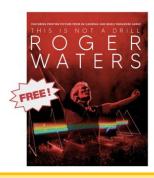
THIS IS NOT A DRILL CONCERT FILM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1:00 P.M.

Against Facism? Come and be inspired by Roger Waters and his film *This is Not a Drill*. Join WAMM and Vets for Peace on Saturday, November 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. Roger Waters will Zoom in for Q&A at 4:00 p.m.!

This Is Not a Drill: Live From Prague is a 2023 concert film by Roger Waters, featuring a live performance by Roger and the band. Roger is the cofounder of Pink Floyd. The film combines songs from his 60-year career with Pink Floyd and his solo work, and is described as a stunning "cinematic extravaganza" with political commentary that includes elaborate staging and visual effects.

The show is an indictment of the militarism, perpetual war, imperialism, settler colonialism, and the "corporate dystopia" we all struggle to survive, and a call to action to love, protect, and share our precious and precarious planet home. , with a message of love, hope and unity, is "dedicated to brothers and sisters all over the world who are engaged in the existential battle for the soul of humanity."

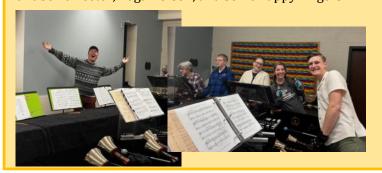
Roger is know worldwide for not only his music, but his work for justice and peace. In 2025 he won the Artistic War Abolisher of 2025 Award from World Beyond War for his "incredibly powerful combination of songwriting, singing, speaking and performing against the horrors of war" in the words of David Swanson, World Beyond War executive director.





NEW SPACE FOR HANDBELL ENSEMBLES

Logan's handbell empire has a new space! Metro Work Center, one of Holy Trinity's building partners, vacated their space on first floor and moved into Room 312, where the handbells have been rehearsing for many years. That means the handbell ensembles (Jubilation, Gloria Ringers, and Ring Out) will be able to rehearse in the same room and will have space to store the bells and accessories. Pictures of happy handbell director, Logan Olson, and some happy ringers.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)	
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)	
Altar Guild	Amy Hanson (she/her), Jean Swanson (she/her)	
Crucifer	Tre Tellor (he/them)	
Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines (she/her)	
Communion	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Linda Berglin (she/her), Scott Cole (he/him), Zoe Martinez (she/her)	
Ushers	David Kohlstedt (he/him), Sally Kohlstedt (she/her), Bob Peschiutta (he/him)	
Coffee Servers	Scott Cole (he/him)	
Counters		
Closer	John Sulzbach (he/him)	
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)	

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 9-15, 2025

Sunday, November 9	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Family Coffee Hour Youth Education Adult Forum New Member Orientation
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Big Meeting after Worship
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service Small Group "Explore Spiritual Practices"
Monday, November 10		Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 11	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, November 12	5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM	
Thursday, November 13		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>.

