



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.

FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

Feasibility Study Update: Listening, Learning, and Preparing for What's Next

Over the past two months, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has been engaged in an exciting and important process: a community-centered feasibility study that will help us discern the scope and timing of a potential capital campaign to fund building renovations. This work is about more than bricks and mortar—it's about ensuring that our physical space reflects our shared values and supports the ministry, partnerships, and community life that take place here every day.

We are conducting this study in partnership with Staiger | Vitelli and Associates (SVA), a consulting firm led by Sarah Staiger and Laura Vitelli. Both bring decades of nonprofit leadership experience and a deep commitment to values-based fundraising—an approach grounded in equity, relationship, and community. Their work with us has been thoughtful, engaging, and shaped by the belief that fundraising can be an act of spiritual and communal care.

The Process So Far

The feasibility study began in late September. The first step was to craft a case statement—a concise, compelling description of why these building renovations matter, what difference they will make, and how they align with our congregation's mission. This document has become the foundation for conversations with members, partners, and friends of Holy Trinity as we listen for their hopes, questions, and capacity to support this work.

Next comes the interview phase. Staiger and Vitelli have begun scheduling and conducting one-on-one interviews with about twenty member households. These conversations have explored not only people's willingness to give but also their excitement about Holy Trinity's vision and their ideas for strengthening relationships across our community.

In the coming weeks, the consultants will lead listening sessions with our building partners and community collaborators, as well as "person-on-the-street" interviews with people who regularly use our building. These conversations will give voice to the many ways our shared space serves the broader community—through worship, meals, mutual aid, art, learning, and advocacy—and help us imagine how it might do so even more fully in the future.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*A reading from Robin Wall Kimmerer; Psalm 148;
Philippians 4:4-8; Luke 6:31-38*

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 16 "Refreshing Our Understanding of Trans/ Non-Binary Identity" Abs Trewin

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.

November 23 "Welcome New Members"

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from current members Carol Lerdal, Kari Kleven, Jeremy Schroeder, and Jess Yarger, 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!

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.

Looking Ahead

Alongside the interviews, SVA is completing an analysis of donor data and a foundation and corporate giving landscape study to identify possible sources of additional support. All of this information will come together in a comprehensive feasibility report, summarizing what we've learned and offering recommendations about campaign readiness, timing, and strategy.

Staiger and Vitelli plan to present their findings to staff and leaders in early December. The Church Council will then review the report and discern next steps in preparation for bringing a campaign proposal to the congregation at our Annual Meeting in late January.

We are grateful for the thoughtfulness, enthusiasm, and honesty everyone has brought to this process. Each conversation and listening session reflects our shared desire to ensure Holy Trinity's building and ministries embody our call to love God and neighbor. Thank you for participating in this work of discernment and imagination. Together, we are helping shape the next faithful chapter in Holy Trinity's story.

~Executive Committee Members—Anne Beschnett (President), Sandra Hisakuni (Vice President), George Henry (Treasurer), and Liz Conway (Secretary)

HOLY TRINITY SEEKS CYF MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Associate Pastor and provide organization and leadership for children's faith formation and support for youth programs and events throughout the year. Candidates will work consistent with the congregation's values. Learn more [here](#).

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHARING

Friday December 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym.

Zoe Martinez will be in the Community Room Sunday at 9:00 a.m. to start the Holiday Sharing with Longfellow. Please support a Longfellow mom and their child to brighten their holidays this year.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

An evening of games, pizza, and connecting in community, join the Racial Justice Committee and Mother St. James AME on December 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the library at Holy Trinity. Bring a game or two you would like to play and an openness to try a new game with new people!

~ 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 Teller's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Josie Tober; and Jeff Olsen Biebighauser**, upon the death of his mother.

Karen Batdorf is grateful for prayers for her sister. Marie is doing better and has been able to move to maintenance treatments and her quality of life has improved.

THIS WEEK

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18—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, NOVEMBER 20, 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."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 8:00 A.M.

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 goers simply get to know one another.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 6:00-9:30 P.M.

YOUTH PIZZA PARTY AND BOARD GAMES

Pizza in the Community Room followed by board games and other games throughout the building.

THIS IS NOT A DRILL CONCERT FILM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1:00 P.M.

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.!

SAVE THE DATE

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR

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

This is a special invitation to share your culinary and crafting abilities for the upcoming youth benefit Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other HT youth activities. Favorite baked goods and ethnic treats, jams and other canned goods, or your special hand-made crafts will be graciously accepted. To contribute, sign up in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 5, or Saturday morning, December 6. Look for a follow-up email a week ahead with more donation details. It is certainly okay to just plan on shopping, too!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Altar Guild	
Crucifer	Tom Skold (he/him)
Assisting Minister	Andrea Hansen (she/her)
Communion	Karen Kunze (she/her), Dennis O'Brien (he/him)
Ushers	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Jane Aldrich (she/her)
Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)
Closer	Rod Johnson (he/him)
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 16-22, 2025

Sunday, November 16	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Family Coffee Hour Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, November 17	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 18	11:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Church Council Meets
Wednesday, November 19	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Choir Family Meal Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble Children's Choir Gloria Ringers Open Gym Cantate
Thursday, November 20	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Encore! at Turtle Bread Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope
Friday, November 21	6:00-9:30 PM	Youth Pizza Party and Board Games

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](#).

