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

## *Sugarcane* Testimony on Indian Boarding Schools

Please join us for a showing of *Sugarcane*, an award-winning documentary about Indian boarding schools. *Sugarcane* will be shown at Holy Trinity on Sunday, January 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the Bartz Room. Sign up in the Community Room.

*Sugarcane* testifies to the tragic legacy of Indian boarding schools, which operated in the U.S. from 1819-1969. More than 500 boarding schools operated for some time during that period in 37 states or territories. Over half of them were sponsored and operated by churches, including Lutherans. More than 400 of these boarding schools were partly supported financially by the Federal Government.

Attendance at these schools was mandatory. Indian children were forcibly removed from their families and tribes. The purpose of those schools was to extinguish the children's Indian cultural identity and to assimilate them into American life. This was expressed as "Kill the Indian; save the child." Coercion and intimidation were used to do this. Verbal, physical, and sexual abuse by staff were common.

Overcrowded dormitory living made it easy for infectious diseases to spread. Deaths of children from disease or abuse were fairly common, and often were not reported to their families. In many instances, deceased children were buried either on school grounds or in nearby church or municipal cemeteries. Their graves often were not individually marked. The effects were profound and continue to affect survivors and their families today. Former President Biden publicly apologized for the Federal Government's role in boarding schools at the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona in 2024.

The ELCA is responding to the tragedy of Indian boarding schools with its Truth Seeking and Truth Telling Initiative on Indian Boarding Schools. The aim is to find boarding schools run by Lutheran congregations of ELCA predecessor churches, recover their boarding school's records, and to tell the truth about those schools by making any records they find available to survivors and their families.

This past Summer's ELCA Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly passed a Memorial that endorsed: a) holding a day of remembrance of Indian boarding schools in congregations; b) preparing educational materials on these schools for youth and adults in congregations; c) recognizing and encouraging

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## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD READINGS

*Isaiah 42:1-9; PSALM 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17*

## 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.

### January 11 "Space for Trauma"

In this past week, Minneapolis has once again experienced the trauma of a neighbor being killed by those supposedly assigned to serve and protect our community. This on top of countless abductions, threats to immigrant and BIPOC communities, trans neighbors under direct attack...It's all been too much.

When things are overwhelming, it can be good to come together for support and to share the impact. Katie Murray, clinical psychologist, and Nicole Lange, certified acupuncturist and herbalist, are inviting you to meet from 9:00-9:50 to reflect on the impact of these events on your whole person and hopefully leave with a few strategies to regulate your nervous system in the face of collective trauma.

### January 18 "Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership"

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom as we prepare for this year's annual meeting. There is a lot of business to cover during the annual meeting, which will be held following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 25. Come and preview the meeting agenda with the pastors and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

## ~ 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 **John Stumme; Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Nikki Randolph-Martinez; Carol Kelly; Mary Petersen**; Mary Petersen's friends, **Jean Ebrahimi and Lenny Garber**; Tre Tellor's mom **Jill; Tina and Neela; Rick Lathrop**; Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie; Mike Kelly; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; Jeremy Spratt** upon the death of his Aunt Dee; **Angel Blanco**.

the research about Lutheran involvement with boarding schools; d) encouraging "ELCA affiliate ministries to commit to learning the truth of their [own] involvement with Indian boarding schools"; e) organizing and caring for the records of Lutheran boarding schools and making them available to survivors and their families; and f) find some funding for the work of the Initiative. For more information about the ELCA's Initiative see, [click here](#).

~ Ron Duty, Indigenous Justice Committee

## THIS WEEK

### WELCOME TARYN MEYER!

We are so excited to welcome Taryn Meyer (she/her) as our new Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Coordinator!

Taryn was raised in Caledonia, MN, where, from an early age, church and faith community were a significant part of her life. Today she is especially passionate about creating inclusive spaces where children, youth, and their families can experience belonging, safety, and joy.

Taryn graduated with a bachelor's degree from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where she studied Psychology, Dance, and Exercise Science. She brings several summers of Bible camp and outdoor ministry experience, including work at Ox Lake Bible Camp, Camp Wapo, and as a Boundary Waters canoe guide and Family Camp Coordinator at Wilderness Canoe Base. These roles helped her grow as a leader who builds meaningful relationships, supports young people through challenges, and nurtures community in thoughtful and creative ways.

In addition to her ministry background, Taryn has experience in schools and youth programs, including working as a licensed substitute teacher and teaching dance to children and teens. These experiences have strengthened her ability to support young people with a wide range of learning styles and abilities—and she brings a deep commitment to creating spaces that are compassionate, affirming, and attentive to the diverse needs of our community.

Taryn also loves organizing and working behind the scenes. She brings strong skills in planning, building systems, and breaking big projects into manageable steps, especially in ways that empower volunteers and invite many hands into shared ministry.

Whether she's in a canoe in the Boundary Waters or in the gym at Holy Trinity, Taryn looks forward to meeting you and spending time with you!

### ROSES IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM (ALL MORNING)

Lake Street businesses are taking a real hit right now, and many of our neighbors—shop owners, workers, and families—are feeling the strain. This Sunday, we're responding with a small act of beauty and solidarity: we'll be selling roses from Miguel Sanchez at Mercado Central. Roses will be available with a sliding-scale donation of \$15–\$100, and proceeds will go toward immigration support. Come by, take home something lovely, and help keep Lake Street's resilience blooming.

### PICK UP YOUR SEASONAL CALENDAR, BOOK, AND 2025 GIVING STATEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

This Sunday, congregants are invited to pick up their seasonal calendars, which share about congregational happenings from January through May. Along with the calendar, each household will also receive a copy of our February all-congregation read, *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by john a. powell. In February 2026, we will lead a congregation-wide book group exploring powell's hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Together, we'll reflect on what it means to bridge across differences and practice simple, meaningful actions that strengthen connection in our daily lives. Thousands across the region have already joined this movement through the Bush Foundation's book club, and we're excited to add our voices to the conversation. Your 2025 giving statements are also included in the packet—thank you!

### NICOLAS JARAMILLO BEGINS VIDEO PROJECT ON DREAMS (10:00-12:00)

Remember when we wrote our dreams on little cards during December? Holy Trinity artist, Anna Kleven, is turning our dreams into an art piece that will hang in the church building and remind us that we follow a God who is more interested in tending our dreams than in fueling our despair. In addition to the art piece, over the next month or two, Nicolas Jaramillo—a local videographer and visual storyteller with Nigoja Productions—will be creating a video to share our dreams. With a background in community-centered filmmaking, Nicolas brings a collaborative spirit to every project, often amplifying voices that are underrepresented or overlooked. Grounded in the belief that storytelling can be a tool for connection and change, Nicolas uses his lens to highlight the beauty, complexity, and resilience within every community he serves. Bring your dreams—big or small—on Sunday and we'll start to collect them on video!

### BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

Curious about getting involved at church? Join us for Big Meeting Sunday, beginning Sunday, January 11. After worship, we'll gather in the Bartsch Room for lunch and committee meetings from 11:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (lunch provided). Everyone is welcome—whether you're on a committee already or simply interested in learning more. The first 10 minutes will include a shared congregational update, followed by committee conversations. Big Meeting Sundays happen on the second Sunday of each month. This month's committees include Immigration Committee, Children and Family Committee, Youth Committee, Financial Stewardship Committee, Nurturing Relationships Committee, Palestine/Israel Committee, and Adult Education Committee.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11—POST-CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION, SERVICE IN WORSHIP, AND FUN AT CAN CAN WONDERLAND

Post confirmation/high school youth will join John Buzzia for spiritual conversation in the Community Room at 9:00 a.m., serve as worship leaders in the 10:00 a.m. worship service, and then head off to Can Can Wonderland for lunch, video games, and mini-golf. They will return to the church building by 2:00 p.m. Please reach out to Nicki Hines for more information.

# P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 – WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS, MUSIC, AND GYM TIME RETURN

### *Wednesday Evening Meal*

Volunteers, supported by staff, will offer a community meal in the Lunchroom from 5:00–6:00 p.m. each Wednesday that ensembles are in session. This shared meal has become a meaningful time to build relationships, and everyone is welcome—whether or not you or your loved ones participate in music-making.

### *Music Ensembles (rehearse most weeks during the school year):*

- Children's Choir (K-5th grade): 5:45–6:45 p.m. Focuses on basic music and singing skills and leadership in worship; sings every 4–5 weeks.
- Jubilation Handbells (6th–12th grade): 5:45–6:30 p.m. Youth handbell ensemble; plays in worship 4–5 times per year.
- Gloria Ringers (Adults): 6:30–8:00 p.m. Adult handbell ensemble; plays in worship every 6–7 weeks.
- Cantate (6th–12th grade choir): 6:45–7:30 p.m. Sings in worship every 6–7 weeks.

To sign up, email Phil for vocal choirs or Logan for handbell ensembles. For more information about choral, instrumental, or solo opportunities, talk with Cantor Phil.

### *Open Gym Time*

Following rehearsals, open gym time with adult supervision will be available from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Parents and guardians are encouraged to have children participate in youth ensembles—and to consider joining a bell choir themselves!

Some parents choose to head to Arbeiter Brewing for fellowship (with beer and NA options) during the evening—feel free to join in.

Come for the meal, stay for the music, enjoy the gym, and be part of this life-giving midweek community!

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would like to help provide a Wednesday evening meal for children and youth (and parents) attending choir and bell rehearsals, and supervised play time, please sign up in the Community Room. You can reach out to Cantor Phil or Kathy for more information. We will reach out to you with details before your assigned date.

## THURSDAYS, JANUARY 15 AND 29, FEBRUARY 12 AND 26—EXPLORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES – WINTER SMALL GROUP INVITATION

Are you looking to deepen or refresh your spiritual life this winter? Join us for a four-week small group exploring a variety of spiritual practices—simple, grounding ways to connect more fully with God in everyday life.

Led by Grace Basler and Julie Cahoy, this group will meet every other Thursday in January and February. Meeting Dates: January 15, January 29, February 12, February 26.

Each session will include time for reflection, sharing, and trying out a different practice together. Whether you're new to spiritual practices or hoping to grow, all are welcome.

Sign up in the Community Room by January 11. Grace and Julie will reach out to all who signed up with final details. We hope you'll join us!

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15—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. No sign up necessary.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16—ANNUAL REPORT IS EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS

The 122nd Annual Meeting of this congregation will be held on Sunday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m. (following the one 10:00 a.m. service that day). In preparation for that meeting, the annual report will be emailed to all members on Friday, January 16. Print copies will also be available for those who need them on Sunday, January 18, and Sunday, January 25.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# SOUTHSIDE STRONGER TOGETHER

## SHOW YOUR ICE WHISTLE FIRST BEER IS ON US

(HOLY TRINITY, MOON PALACE, & ARBEITER)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 6-9 PM



## AARP TAX AIDE—FEBRUARY 2-APRIL 8

AARP Tax Aide will again be available at Holy Trinity to provide assistance with 2025 tax preparation for seniors and low-income taxpayers. Tax assistance is available at Holy Trinity on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday February 2, 2025, and running until Wednesday, April 8. The procedures necessary to receive tax assistance will be the same as those used in 2025. The steps to take are described below. You will need an appointment to have your tax documents prepared at Holy Trinity. Watch the Community Church newsletter for details on how to make an appointment.

## AARP TAX AIDE—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

AARP is looking for a volunteer to answer phones on either Thursday or Friday, once a week, taking tax appointments. Email Bruce [manonib@yahoo.com](mailto:manonib@yahoo.com) for more information.

## SAVE THE DATE

### SUPPORT LAKE STREET BUSINESSES: BUY TAMALES!

We're sponsoring another round of tamale sales January 18th after the worship service in the Community Room. This time tamales come from El San Miguel Bakery on Lake and 16th Ave. Choose from chicken, pork or cheese and peppers. (Sorry, no vegetarian options available). Tamales have a basic price of \$3.34 each which we'll round up \$4.00 or whatever you choose to pay in addition. All profits will go back to El San Miguel. This family owned business says they are deeply endangered economically by the decrease in sales due to patrons fearful of ICE. Your purchase of tamales will be a tremendous help to El San Miguel.

### SUGARCANE SHOWING SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 11:30 A.M.

After purchasing your tamales, please join us in the Bartsch Room on Sunday, January 18, at 11:30 a.m. for a showing of the award-winning debut feature documentary from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie. *Sugarcane* is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school. More information to follow. Sign up in the Community Room.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19—OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK HOLIDAY

The church office is closed in honor of American prophet Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken to the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968. We honor his memory and witness.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22—SISTERS' CAMELOT GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

Sisters' Camelot is a collectively run nonprofit founded in 1997 that is focused on food justice, waste reduction, sustainable living, community building, and youth education. They share free organic groceries and free organic meals with the community. They deliver groceries at Holy Trinity on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Distribution takes place outside by our pizza oven.

### GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, January 18. Please contact Helen Norheim with any questions.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24—RING OUT PRESENTS, “RING TRUE!”

Ring Out, the Twin Cities LGBTQIA+ handbell ensemble, founded and directed by Logan Olson will present a concert celebrating queer identity and the impact of affirming communities at 2:30 p.m. in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University, St. Paul. Tickets are available online ([ringoutmn.org](http://ringoutmn.org)) or at the door. This concert will also be live streamed on [Ring Out's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/c/RingOut).

### ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 11:00 A.M.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 122<sup>nd</sup> year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2026 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

We are holding the annual pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. this day. Confirmation students and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering!

### FAMILY RETREAT AT HUDSON YMCA IN HUDSON, WISCONSIN, FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13-15

Join us for a weekend of rest, renewal, and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages!

Sign up in the Community Room by January 28. The cost is \$50 per person, but there are scholarships available! Simply chat with Pr. Doug. You will be expected to drive yourselves, but carpooling can be arranged!

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, MARCH 1

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Bartsch room. Breakfast will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

### SILENT RETREAT WITH PASTOR INGRID AT PACEM IN TERRIS THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 14-16

(REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14)

Cost: \$280 (includes a basket of breads, cheese, and goodies to eat in your hermitage)



**PACEM IN TERRIS**  
HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

Silent retreats—extended periods of quiet, prayer, and reflection—are growing rapidly across the U.S. as people seek relief from constant connectivity and the pressures of daily life. In response to this deep spiritual hunger, we have reserved ten hermitages at Pacem in Terris, a serene retreat center located one hour north of Holy Trinity. Pacem in Terris is designed for those longing to rest, listen, and simply be. Participants will experience gentle structure for prayer, sitting or walking meditation, journaling, and un hurried rest. Free from small talk, eye contact, and digital interruption, retreatants often discover moments of unexpected grace. We have 8 rustic outdoor hermitages and 2 indoor accessible hermitages available. To participate, participants need to arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. Space is limited. Come rest in the quiet and renew your spirit. Sign up in the Community Room.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 10:00 AM

<b>Guest Preacher</b>	Tre Tellor (he/them)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her), Doug Mork (he/him)
<b>Guest Organist</b>	Brad Althoff (he/him)
<b>Cantor</b>	Drew Lindorfer (she/her)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Beth Beirwagen
<b>Crucifer</b>	Noah Hines (he/him)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Nicki Hines (she/her)
<b>Communion</b>	Emma Murray (she/her), Ben Hanson (he/him), Peter Weiss (he/him), MA Martin (she/her)
<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him), Bob Peschiutta (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Deb Anderson (she/her)
<b>Counters</b>	Annie Hines (she/her)
<b>Closer</b>	Rod Johnson (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Jeff Weiss (he/him)

## PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 11-17, 2026

Sunday, January 11	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:20 PM	Big Meeting Sunday
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, January 12	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 13	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 14	5:00 PM	Choir Families Meal
	5:00 PM -7:00 PM	Young Adult Meal and Arbeiter
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers
	6:30-8:00 PM	Supervised Gym Time
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate!
Thursday, January 15	8:00 AM	Encore! At Turtle Bread
	7:00 PM	Exploring Spiritual Practices Small Group

### 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](#).

