



HOLY TRINITY GATHERS ON THE SACRED LAND OF THE DAKOTA PEOPLE

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

Statement on ICE in Minnesota

Friends in Christ, grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus, our comfort and our salvation.

As I've watched the events unfold across the Twin Cities and our state, the killing of Renee Good, and the unaccountable and indiscriminate targeting of immigrant neighbors by ICE and the Department of Homeland Security, the story of Jesus visiting the grave of his friend Lazarus has been ringing in my ears (John 11). The cry of Mary and Martha, "Lord if you had been here..." and the deep grief and weeping of Jesus for his friend feels particularly resonant.

I, too, weep for our own cities and communities in the Minneapolis Area Synod and around Minnesota. I weep for Renee Nicole Good and her family, and I weep for all who have been impacted by the chilling actions of ICE in our community—immigrant families fearful and separated and facing impossible decisions, children who have been witness to violence, black and brown neighbors unjustly profiled, congregational leaders and everyday neighbors struggling to respond to an unprecedented crisis.

This past Sunday we celebrated the baptism of Jesus and remembered our own baptismal identity as God's beloved. With this belovedness, comes inherent dignity, the knowledge that every person bears the image of God, and the power to uplift the common good and love of neighbor. In that spirit, we call for justice and accountability. We call for a thorough and impartial investigation of the shooting death of Renee Good, and we call for ICE to cease their cruel surge and leave our state immediately. We call for our members of Congress to hold the Administration accountable and exercise their oversight powers. We call on our local leaders, at the State and City level, to do everything in their power to protect **every** Minnesotan from unlawful harassment and targeting by ICE. We make these calls consistent with Scripture, our church's social teaching, and our Synod's resolutions.

Amidst this all, I am grateful, proud, and encouraged by the way neighbors across our Synod have shown up for one another through mutual aid, serving as observers on the street, and adding voices to vigils and calls for justice. Thank you. We are showing the world what it looks like to lead with love, to trust that we are better together, and to proclaim our hope for justice. We know that the targeting of our communities will continue and is likely even to intensify. In this moment,

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7; PSALM 40:1-11;

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

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 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!

January 25 "Palm Sunday Path"

Join Pastor Doug and Palm Sunday Path leaders in a conversation about this major initiative to resist authoritarianism. We'll talk about the three phases of the work:

- The Palm Sunday afternoon march by thousands of Christians in MN (including you, we hope!) and hundreds of thousands across the country
- Sustained actions on Medicaid Cuts, SNAP Benefit Cuts and Immigration
- A mass action in Washington, DC, on July 4th

~ 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; Angel Blanco.**

PARISH INFORMATION

we must continue to rely on one another – to stay rooted in the resilience of community, the power of prayer, and the hope of God.

We trust that in Jesus, God comes near to us in our joys and sufferings, in the incarnation we proclaim at Epiphany, and the cross we walk toward in Lent. But death does not have the final word. Our story, rooted in Christ, is a resurrection story. We remember that while Jesus wept for his friend Lazarus, he also called him out of the grave, into resurrection life. Beloved ones, the events of these last weeks are not the end of our story. We stand firm in our faith that justice is stronger than injustice, that community is stronger than division, and that love is stronger than cruelty. We have hope that our weeping will be transformed into resurrection, and that, like those at Lazarus' graveside, we too will "...see the glory of God." (John 11:40)

In Christ,

Bishop Jen Nagel

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!



Tamales & Candies Sale!
(San Miguel) (Fiesta Mexicana)
Sunday, January 18 | 11AM-Noon
Community Room | Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sliding-scale donations to support folks most affected by the current militarization of our neighborhood.

Come and remember that we are fed as a community and that our life together is **SWEET**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18—SHOWING OF SUGARCANE, 11:30 A.M., BARTSCH ROOM

SUGARCANE, the award-winning debut feature documentary from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie, is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school, shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation, and abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of Church and government. This urgent and timely film brings the hidden story of cultural genocide to audiences worldwide while celebrating the resilience of Native people as they work to overcome cycles of intergenerational trauma. There will be time for discussion following the film. See the website for more information: www.sugarcanefilm.com.



PARISH INFORMATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 — BUILDING CLOSED, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

Right now, our city and our neighborhood are in the middle of an “ICE surge” targeting our neighbors, and we are seeing immediate needs as families try to navigate detentions, legal questions, and the fear of simply going to work, school, or the grocery store.

Dr. King didn't just dream; he organized. If you want to honor his legacy today, you're invited to join us in that kind of steady, real-world work.

There are many ways to be part of it: learn what's happening, share accurate information, offer accompaniment, support “know your rights” efforts, make calls to elected officials, pray, and show up with care for the people most affected.



If you're looking for a concrete way to live this out, we'd love to have you join us.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20—WEEKLY SCRIPTURE 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).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21—MEAL, OPEN GYM AND ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

- Community Meal (5:00-6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom)
- Supervised open gym (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- Jubilation rehearsal (5:45-6:30 p.m.)
- Children's Choir rehearsal (5:45-6:45 p.m.)
- Gloria Ringers rehearsal (6:00-7:30 p.m.)
- Cantate rehearsal (6:45-7:30 p.m.)

Whether or not you're involved in music-making, the weekly meal and gym time are open to all and have become a beloved part of our shared life together. You're invited to come enjoy good food, connect with others, and simply be part of the community. Some parents also gather at Arbeiter Brewing during this time for conversation and connection over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. You're welcome to join there too! For more information on ensemble and solo opportunities, please reach out to Cantor Phil Radtke.

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.

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](#)) or at the door. This concert will also be live streamed on [Ring Out's Youtube channel](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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 122nd 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.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

FEBRUARY 2026: BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

This season, our whole congregation is invited into a transformative book study on *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by John A. Powell. Drawing from years of research and community practice, Powell offers a hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Together, we'll explore what it means to "bridge" across differences and try simple, meaningful actions that strengthen connection in our daily lives.

Across the region, thousands of people have already joined this growing movement through the Bush Foundation's book club, and we're excited to add our voices to the conversation. Whether you're eager to deepen relationships, strengthen our communal life, or practice new ways of engaging across difference, this study will offer inspiration and tools for the journey. We have 250 free copies of this book from the Bush Foundation; please join us! Books are included in the packets you can pick up in the Community Room that include the seasonal calendar and giving statements. Packets not picked up by Sunday, January 25 will be mailed.

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!

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)

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 unhurried 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.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP WAPO SUMMER CAMP OPEN

Camp Wapo Summer Camp registration opens January 15. Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (Camp Wapo) is an ELCA-affiliated camp in Wisconsin that has provided a positive camp experience for many Holy Trinity kids. As with most partner organizations, Holy Trinity does not design the curriculum or program, and elements may not always perfectly align with all of Holy Trinity's theological commitments.

Holy Trinity has reserved guaranteed spots for January 15–February 15. After February 16, any unused spots will be released to the waitlist and general public. Reserved weeks and spots:

- Wapo Youth (completed grades 4–9): August 2–7, 2026 (8 spots)
- Wapo Seeds (completed grades 1–3): August 7–9, 2026 (5 spots)

To register for the correct week and program, please use our church-specific registration link (active January 15): <http://lwlbc.com/holytrinity-mpls>

New this year, Camp Wapo is piloting an optional all-gender housing option for campers in the same age group. Families who choose this option will have their camper placed in a cabin with peers of the same grade grouping, regardless of gender. Traditional boys' and girls' cabins will remain available. All-gender housing is opt-in only and must be selected during registration.

Questions? Contact Katie Schroeder.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Right now, several families in our Longfellow community are unable to leave their homes to access basic necessities.
- To ensure their safety and well-being, community members are organizing to deliver essential supplies—diapers, food, and formula—directly to their doors.
- We need your help to fill the gap.

HOW TO HELP:

- The most effective way to support is by donating a Visa Gift Card in \$20 or \$25 increments.
- Bring or mail giftcards to:
 - Longfellow Front Office
 - 3017 E 31st St, Minneapolis, MN 55406
 - (612) 668-4700

Other Ways to Donate:

- Close to Our Hearts Foundation
 - <https://www.close-to-our-hearts.org/>
- GiveMN.org:
 - <https://www.givemn.org/story/En4m3f>



What Your Donations Will Help Provide:

Food - Medicine - Clothes - Baby Needs- etc

Thank you for showing up for our students and your neighbors!



Close to Our Hearts
Foundation

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 10:00 AM

Guest Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Cantor	Jody Liedholm (she/her)
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman (she/her)
Crucifer	
Assisting Minister	Rick Liedholm (he/him)
Communion	Carol Berg (she/her), David Berg (he/him), John Buzza (he/him), Pam Blomgren (she/her)
Ushers	David Rediger (he/him), DeWayne Townsend IV (he/him), Julie Cahoy (she/her), Tom Cahoy (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Kathy Ekwall (she/her), Jamie Bistram (he/him)
Counters	Pam Blomgren (she/her)
Closer	Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

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.

PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 18-24, 2026

Sunday, January 18	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:30 PM	Showing of <i>Sugarcane</i> Film
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, January 19 <i>MLK, Jr. Day</i>		Church Building Closed
Tuesday, January 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 21	5:00 PM	Choir Families Meal
	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!
Saturday, January 24	7:00 PM	Game Night

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](#).

