



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.

Foundations Course About White Privilege For Men

In an effort to continue and deepen our work on “white privilege/supremacy” and their toxic effects on our communities, the Holy Trinity Racial Justice Committee will host White Men for Racial Justice (WMRJ) for a course called “Foundations” each Monday evening this May¹ and June. The series meets in the gym and kitchen from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. I personally found this course deeply challenging and rewarding, and believe other white men of Holy Trinity would find it powerfully helpful in understanding privilege and deepening initiatives for creating a more just and equitable world.

I completed the Foundations series at the end of March this year. About twenty-five men participated, an engaging group that ranged in age from twenty-something to seventy-something. Similar numbers participated at two other sites. They came from throughout the Twin Cities: some single, others partnered, some had young children, others had grandchildren. Some had experience with anti-racism work; others seemed new to it. I personally found the leadership and coursework truly excellent, but it was the community of men enthusiastically engaging in deep conversation and learning that was most rewarding.

Each two-hour session began with a meal prepared by volunteers, shared while discussing questions presented by our leaders. We grounded ourselves in being brave, truthful and open. Our leaders led us into provocative looks at pervasive racism in our society. Our leaders were welcoming, affirming and challenging, but also willing to be vulnerable and transparent about their own lives. They used various methods for presenting material, and ensured ample time for small groups where we could share and probe more deeply. I left every session feeling both challenged and grateful. The Foundations course leads men to examine a full range of racist dynamics with particular emphasis on unpacking white privilege and supremacy. We were challenged to use our privilege for greater justice and equality.

There was one to two hours of preparation to do for each weekly session. I found this “homework” immensely helpful. After engaging with segments from the “Seeing White” radio series as well as selected articles or essays, I went to each session looking forward to conversation about what I had heard or read.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS

*Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10*

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.

April 26 One identity, different lives: Living in Palestine/Israel

High school exchange students Somia and Ward talk about how Palestinians share the same culture and identity but live different daily lives depending on where they live. They compare life in the West Bank and life as Palestinians inside Israel, focusing on identity, movement, education, opportunities, and everyday experiences. Through simple explanations and personal perspectives, the goal is to help us better understand these different realities and the shared culture that connects them.

May 3 Song Circle: singing together about the earth, belonging and community.

Holy Trinity member Kari Kleven has been part of a community song circle led by local song leaders, including Annie Schaefer, who helped lead the Singing Resistance this winter. Kari invited Annie to come lead us during the forum on May 3. Songs will be taught call and echo, and will be simple to learn. No previous musical experience is necessary, all voices and all ages are welcome and cherished.

Annie Schlaefer has been collecting songs and facilitating song circles for 13 years in various communities (Northern Minnesota, Maine, Wisconsin) and has been co-facilitating a weekly local community song circle in Minneapolis for 4+ years. She continues to be awed by the beautiful ways that singing together brings connection and community. She learned about this style of singing in 2012 in Decorah, Iowa from a song-leader and now mentor, Liz Rog.

PARISH INFORMATION

WMRJ has a local chapter in which men can participate while doing the Foundations course and can continue to meet afterwards. I found it to be a warmly welcoming community, one which I'd love to be in with other Holy Trinity men. Please feel free to contact me for more conversation: 612-940-1534. Use [this link to register](#) for Foundations at Holy Trinity.

~Keith Olstad

[L](#) Except for Memorial Day, May 25.

~ 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 **Mike Miller; David Berg; Betty Anderson; Marlene Peterson; Lynn Fagant; Darren and Sarah; Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Carol Kelly; Mary Petersen;** Tre Teller's mom **Jill; Tina and Neela; Rick Lathrop;** Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend;** Mary Gunderson's friend, **Mary;** Kathy Ekwall's aunt, **Mickie,** entering hospice care; all people deeply hurt and affected by ICE activity.

THIS WEEK

APRIL 25—CREATION CARE TEAM PLANS EARTH DAY EVENTS

As we celebrate the 56th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Creation Care Team is planning several events to lift up planet earth and our privilege AND responsibility to care for it:

Saturday, April 25: 3:00 p.m. Family Friendly Water Quality Walk, led by Sean Gosiewski, starting at the junction of West River Parkway and the Lake Street Bridge. More details forthcoming!

Contact the Creation Care Team through Dennis O'Brien (revdmo@gmail.com or (309) 251-1683).

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 3 - 4PM—FAMILY FRIENDLY WATER QUALITY WALK

See how our homes and streets connect to the river! We'll start at the entrance to the **Minneapolis Rowing Club, 2965 W River Pkwy, Mpls, 55406** near the Lake Street Bridge.

- We'll walk down to the Rowing Club and take the Winchel Trail 1/2 mile north to the **White Sands Beach** to visit a stormwater pipe outflow on the south end of the beach.
- Led by Resilient Cities and Communities (Executive Director Sean Gosiewski).

[Event Details](#) / [RSVP](#) to receive updates

PROTECT OUR WATER! ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

Looking for a tangible way to care for creation in your neighborhood? Adopt a neighborhood storm drain! Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities. Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. Sign up [here](#) or in the Community Room on Sunday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26—RING OUT CONCERT

Ring Out, the Twin Cities LGBTQIA+ handbell ensemble, founded and directed by Logan Olson will present a collaborative concert with the Treble Tones Women's Chorus at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity. Tickets are available online (ringoutmn.org) or at the door.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29—BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID, DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Due to the federal occupation, our schedule has shifted. Pastor Ingrid's book study will meet Wednesday, April 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for dinner and discussion. Please mark your calendars and sign up in the Community Room so we know to expect you. Sunday is the last day to sign up!

We'll be discussing *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by John A. Powell. This congregation-wide study invites us into a hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Join us!

THURSDAY, APRIL 30—PROPERTY WORK DAY (RAIN DATE)

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, April 30, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

RECONCILINGWORKS RECEPTION AND FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY, MAY 2

Join the staff and Board of ReconcilingWorks for a special evening of gratitude, connection, and fellowship, Saturday, May 2, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Urban Growler. Light hors d'oeuvres, mocktails, and beer will be served. This gathering is a chance for us to celebrate the growing impact of the Reconciling in Christ movement and to thank you, the partners, donors, and community members who help make this ministry possible.

Together we will share updates from ReconcilingWorks, connect with friends old and new, and celebrate the faithful work happening across our church to ensure LGBTQIA+ people and their families experience welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy. Register [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 3—GRADUATE BLESSING

We will bless our high school graduates—Elena Alpizar and Peter Weiss—during worship on May 3. This is a time of exciting transition in their lives and the lives of their families. We would be honored by your presence and grateful for your prayers.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS MAY 4-8

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, May 4-8. Volunteers pick up the meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen to sign up for part of all of the week.

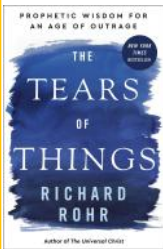
TUESDAY, MAY 5—KNITTING GROUP

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood.

SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG, MAY 5 AND 12

The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage by Richard Rohr.



I have been a fan of Franciscan friar Richard Rohr for decades, ever since my sister-in-law sent me a box of cassette tapes of some of his lectures almost 40 years ago. Wise, compassionate, always interested in life in community and how to live as a Christian in the world. Sign up in the Community Room, and join me for this two-part discussion on Tuesdays, May 5 and 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

THE PALESTINE/ISRAEL COMMITTEE BOOK STUDY, MAY 19

The Palestine/Israel Committee is planning a book study of *Theology After Gaza* by Rev. Mitri Raheb. Rev. Raheb has written many books on theology and the Palestine/Israel situation. We previously read his book “Decolonizing Palestine”. If you are interested, sign up in the Community Room or contact Mary Engen. Books will be available next week. We will meet Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. for discussion in the church library. We hope to have Tala AlRaheb, Dr. Raheb’s daughter discuss the book with us. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL— JUNE 15-JUNE 19

For Kids:

Join us for this year's *Building Beloved Community* South Minneapolis Day Camp, Monday, June 15, through Friday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. As we sing, pray, and listen to stories from Scripture together, our kids will be grounded in the Spirit’s work in building community. Camp is for children entering kindergarten through high school, with a separate middle school track and opportunities for high school leadership with the younger kids. We ask families to pack a lunch from home for each day of camp; snacks will be provided at camp. Register [here](#) for grades K-8, and apply [here](#) as a high school leader.

For Adults:

Day Camp is looking for adult volunteers! If you have a heart for kids and time to serve June 15-19, we would love to have you join us. We need adult volunteers all week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and a special crew for take down and clean-up on Friday. *We welcome you to sign up for the week, a day, a morning or afternoon, or just a few hours on Friday evening.* Click [here](#) to sign up and indicate your availability!

ADULT RETREAT AT SAINT JOHN’S ABBEY FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-20

Save the dates and plan to join us at Saint John’s Abbey in Collegeville, MN. This is a retreat for adults of all ages. We’ll have wonderful programming, opportunities to connect with one another, walking trails to enjoy, and opportunities to reflect on spiritual practices. More information for sign up and cost will be forthcoming. If finances are a problem, please contact Pr. David.

EACH SUNDAY THIS SUMMER—GOT FLOWERS?

Are you a gardener? Or maybe your neighbor is always inviting you to enjoy the flowers they grow? This summer, we’re bringing back the tradition of having flowers on the altar table each Sunday. They don’t need to be big, fancy, or expensive—just a small offering of beauty from your garden, your windowsill, or the farmers market. Anything you bring will be beautiful. And beauty reminds us of God’s marvelous gifts. Sign up in the Community Room to bring flowers for one or more Sundays this season. No need to deliver them in advance; you can place them on the altar table on Sunday morning when you come for worship.

SATURDAY, MAY 9—JAZZ FOR RENT

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has long been a place where music, community, and justice meet — where showing up for one another takes many forms. On Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m., we invite you to gather for an evening of jazz that reflects that spirit of connection and shared creativity.

ONES and TWOS

Anthony Cox (bass) | Jeremy Walker (piano)

Anthony Cox and Jeremy Walker offer an evening of solo piano, solo bass, and collaborative duos. Having played together for nearly two decades, they share a deep musical conversation shaped by a love of chamber music and the legacy of Duke Ellington, as well as bass greats like Ray Brown and Jimmy Blanton.

Tickets are free, but a free-will offering will be taken to support Holy Trinity’s Immigration Justice Fund, which provides rent relief and other supports to neighbors in our local community.

Join us, and bring a friend!



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Cantor	Drew Lindorfer (she/her)
Crucifer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)
Assisting Minister	Mickey TerLouw (they/them)
Communion	Karen Kunze (she/her), Nicki Hines (she/her), Kris Christians (she/her)
Ushers	David Rediger (he/him), Helen Norheim (she/her), Chris Engen (he/him), Chuck Jordan (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Carol Masters (she/her), Mary Beth Bierwagen (she/her)
Counters	Chris Engen (he/him)
Closer	Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)

PASTURES A PLENTY DELIVERS SAUTRDAY, MAY 2

The next Pastures A Plenty next delivery will be on Saturday May 2nd. Please have your order into us by Thursday April 30th. You can always email your order to shop@pasturesaplenty.com or you can go to our website www.pasturesaplenty.com. Delivery at Holy Trinity is scheduled from 2:25-2:45 p.m.

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2026

Sunday, April 26	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Family Coffee Time Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, April 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, April 29	5:00 PM 5:30-8:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 5:45-6:25 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Family Meal Supervised Playtime Children's Choir Rehearsal Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal <i>The Power of Bridging</i> Book Discussion with Ingrid Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate Rehearsal

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](#).

