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“Publicly,
boldly
and honestly”

The long arc of Lutheran activism

By Brenda Martin

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- Ingrid Arneson Rasmussen, a pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, was handcuffed and arrested in January for kneeling in the middle of a road at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Along with about 100 other clergy members, she was protesting at a site used by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to dispatch immigrants and asylum-seekers to detention centers around the country during Operation Metro Surge, a three-month escalation in ICE enforcement in the area.
- Lori Wise participated in a No Kings rally in York, Pa., in March. Drawn to the rally with other members of Zion Lutheran Church in York, she was protesting for personal reasons. She had watched her adopted son, an immigrant, struggle while growing up in the United States. She uses her voice now because she believes civic leaders have emboldened cruelty toward immigrants.
- At 93, retired ELCA pastor Joseph Ellwanger is still recovering

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-29*

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.

SUMMER ADULT FORUMS

TODAY “The Bible from 10,000 Feet”
Pastor Doug

Have you ever wanted to know more about how all these biblical stories, poems, instructions, laments, letters, reflections, and all the rest fit together? Have you struggled with how to read the bible in the world of today? Over the course of four Sundays, we'll consider the bible's key stories and truth claims and consider at least some of the lenses through which we might faithfully read scripture today. We'll be especially focused on some of the through lines, the great stories and themes that seem to recur time and again. We'll use Daniel Erlander's *Manna and Mercy: A Brief Guide of God's Unfolded Promise to Mend the Entire Universe* as a rough guide for our journey. Join me on June 21, July 12, July 26, and August 9 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the library.

JUNE 28 “Steelman Project: Reflections from Antigua”
Join Andy Martin and Cantor Phil to learn more about the Calvin Grant steelpan project. They will share photos and videos from their recent trip to Antigua, as well as ways we hope to integrate steelpan into worship here at Holy Trinity. Attendees will also learn about the steelpan culture in the Caribbean—its history and significance.

~ 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 Sulzbach**, recovering from a broken arm; **Senem Yumsak**; **Ayhan Yumsak**; Deb Anderson's brother, **David**; **Marlene Peterson**; **Merlin Wells**; **Wilson Murray**; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Mary Petersen**; Mary Petersen's friend, **Barb Nygaard**; Tre Tellor's mom **Jill**; Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie**; **Josie Tober**; **Stella Townsend**; **Herb Hanson**, in hospice care.

from a stroke, but he rallied with others in Milwaukee on the Sunday after Easter to protest the detention of a Muslim man who'd lived and worked in the United States legally for more than 30 years. The man had been targeted for detention, protesters argued, because he had been vocal in his support of Palestinian rights. Ellwanger is no stranger to civic activism: the first church he served, from 1958 to 1967, was in Alabama, the center of the civil rights struggle.

All three have been called to action by faith. They carry on a long tradition of Lutheran activism rooted in Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors.

During Operation Metro Surge, residents of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area—including many Lutherans—made news around the world for establishing a rapid-response network to monitor ICE arrests and protect potential detainees. But the network was only a natural extension of the ways ELCA congregations had been caring for their communities for years.

Rooted in the Protestant Reformation, the Lutheran faith has been expressed through civic activism throughout its history. Protests against slavery in the United States were organized in the 1830s by the Frankean Synod and Daniel Alexander Payne, the first African American admitted to a Lutheran seminary. A resolution at the 1862 General Synod denounced slavery.

In the following decades, Lutherans supported and welcomed waves of immigrants as they arrived in the United States. They were also part of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s.

"As long as there is injustice, we have to stand up against it," Ellwanger said. "Love of neighbor requires that we stand up for fair and just treatment of our neighbor, and everyone is our neighbor. And especially everyone in need . . . This is part of living the gospel."

All hands on deck

In the aftermath of Operation Metro Surge, Rasmussen believes it will take years, if not decades, for portions of the city to recover.

"What we are living in right now is the economic crisis that follows what I would describe as an experience of wartime, in at least our area of Minneapolis," she said. "Many people in our community were necessarily sheltering in place, not leaving their homes and not working. The byproduct of that is fewer people were doing things like buying groceries or eating out. What we find ourselves in at this moment is a serious rent crisis, utility crisis, small business crisis."

At the height of ICE activity there, Holy Trinity members responded in myriad ways.

"We had a lot of congregants involved, whether they were on street corners [checking] license plates or on school watch at drop-off and pickup times, doing legal observing down at the federal building, food distribution to thousands of families who were receiving groceries at their doorstep, medication distribution," Rasmussen said.

"Congregants who are less able to leave home because of age or ability were finding ways to participate in the public outcry by calling senators or representatives, saying this is not the way the world has to be and that we can imagine more for our communities.

"It was 'all hands on deck' in a thousand different ways for this community. This congregation is deeply connected to the wider neighborhood." Rasmussen said Holy Trinity spent its entire pastoral discretionary fund in the first 14 days of the year, responding to individual and communal crises among residents.

One of the ways the congregation responded financially was by hiring lawyers. "The legal aid that is required by people who were touched by the occupation is like nothing I've seen before," she said.

Local congregations helped those who had been wrongfully detained to file habeas petitions, which are used to challenge unlawful detention or imprisonment. "In all of our cases that we were able to have an attorney work on a habeas, the judge deemed the arrest unlawful and released the person from detention," Rasmussen said.

The legal case against Rasmussen ended in April when she and many of those arrested with her pleaded guilty to a petty misdemeanor and paid a fine.

She didn't imagine her life as a pastor looking this way.

"I'm a farm kid who grew up in a small town, and now I have the great joy of serving in the center of the city. I never imagined this for my own vocation or for my life or my family's life," she said. "I think living in this time as a Lutheran leader or any public leader requires courage. I don't think any of us are born with that. We learn it in the context of community. To my great delight, I have been placed in a congregation and in a neighborhood and in a city that is passionate about acting collectively for the common good. That's the Spirit's call to us in this particular time."

BULLETIN COVER ART

If you would like to submit art to be used for bulletin covers, please sign up in the Community Room. The art can be inspired by readings for the day (sent to you by the office), or it can be something that you choose. Drawings, paintings, photos—all are welcome!

EACH SUNDAY THIS SUMMER—GOT FLOWERS?

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.

THIS WEEK

JUNE 2026—HAPPY PRIDE! AND QUEER FAITH

The Christian tradition is full of queerness, and we get to celebrate it! We invite you to notice the rainbows flying all around the building during this month as well as the ways our preaching and singing will lift up the diversity God has created.

We encourage you to find ways by which to celebrate queerness in our world. There are many opportunities for all ages, sexualities, and life-experiences that can be found at: tcpride.org/pride-festival/. Consider joining the Holy Trinity delegation in the parade, June 28 (sign up in the Community Room). We also invite you to remember that Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation that has been advocating for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and community life. Check out reconcilingworks.org/ric/ as we continue to affirm the place of all people in our community. Happy Pride!

FRIDAY, JUNE 19—JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining “June” and “nineteenth,” it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas. Originating in Galveston, Juneteenth has since been observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating African American culture. The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, Opal Lee, and others. In 2022, the Personnel Committee and Church Council named Juneteenth a church holiday. The church office is closed so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families and participate in community events. We’ll be back in the office on Monday.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24—NEIGHBORHOOD MEETUP

Join CYF Ministry Coordinator Taryn for a visit to Minnehaha Scoop and a saunter around the neighborhood! All ages are welcome, especially children and youth. Meet outside Holy Trinity’s cul-de-sac entrance at 6:00 p.m., and RSVP to Taryn Meyer.

CHRISTIANITY AND LUTHERANISM 101 WITH PASTOR DOUG JUNE 24, AND JULY 1

What do I mean when I say I’m a Christian—or a Lutheran? What are some of the big ideas and practices of Christian communities, including this one? What are some of the differences between different Christian traditions? These questions and others will be our topic for this three-part introduction to Christianity. There will be lots of space for conversation and even the specifics of what we cover will be shaped by the participants. We’ll meet Wednesdays: June 24 and July 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. You do not need to attend all three to participate, you can just show up as you are able.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25—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.

SAVE THE DATE

FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY: GRANOLA FUNDRAISER FOR THE CAMINO, JUNE 28

The youth who will walk the Camino are doing one more fundraiser for their trip, and they’d love your support. On Sunday, June 28, pick up delicious granola made by the youth and adult helpers. The group will make two kinds of granola, a tasty mix of oats, nuts, seeds, and dried fruit, sweetened with maple syrup and brown sugar—a great way to start your day.

The granola will be sold in quart-size bags for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Cash, check, or Venmo preferred for payment. Youth will sell their creations after the church service on Sunday, June 28. Call or email Nicki Hines at 612.638.7600 or nickinelsonhines@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting the walkers!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28—HOLY TRINITY IN THE TWIN CITIES PRIDE PARADE

Join Holy Trinity members walking and rolling in the Twin Cities Pride Parade! Watch the Community Church and Community Room for details.

FRIDAY, JULY 3—INDEPENDENCE DAY

The church office is closed on Friday so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families. We’ll be back in the office on Monday.

SUNDAY, JULY 5—SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. Everyone is welcome, from those who can’t commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed! This will be an intergenerational pop-up choir offering music accessible to both young and old.

TUESDAY, JULY 7—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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8—BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY

All are invited to join Sheryl Udem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at a location TBD at 6:30 p.m. and ride for 10 to 15 miles, including a stop for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room. (If it rains, we’ll meet on Friday, July 10.)

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

Please note, single rooms are full, if you’d like to attend and haven’t signed up yet, space is available in shared rooms Contact Helen Norheim (hpnorheim@gmail.com) for more information. 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. If finances are a problem, please contact Pr. David.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)
Guest Organist	Brad Althoff (he/him)
Cantor and Guest Musician	Abs Trewin (they/he)
Crucifer	Tre Tellor (he/them)
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf (she/her)
Communion	David Broberg (he/him), Kris Christians (she/her), Pam Blomgren (she/her)
Ushers	Bob Peschiutta (he/him), Jeff (he/him), Frances (she/her), and Robin (he/him) Olsen Biebighauser
Coffee Servers	Arlene Helvig (she/her)
Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

BIKE TO CHURCH MONTH SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 28

Ride your bike to church. Don't forget newly re-mulched bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

PARISH EVENTS JUNE 21-27, 2026

Sunday, June 21	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Summer Adult Forum: "The Bible from 10,000 Feet" Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, June 22	5:30 PM	Foundations Course About White Privilege For Men
Tuesday, June 23	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, June 24	6:00 PM 7:00-8:00 PM	Neighborhood Meet Up—Minnehaha Scoop <i>Christianity and Lutheranism 101</i> with Pr. Doug

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](#).

