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Newsletter

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.

ANTIGUA—STEELPAN TRIP

Last week, seven members of Holy Trinity traveled to Antigua and Barbuda to listen, play and learn more about steelpan and its ties to the culture of the small Caribbean island. Over the coming weeks, we will feature voices of those who went along on the trip, sharing their stories and experiences. For now, I will share a brief overview and some of my own highlights of the trip.

We visited pan yards of legacy groups, schools and churches and visited the beach a few times! I enjoyed seeing people again who I met on my first visit and deepening connections with them. I enjoyed grabbing a bite to eat from a roadside stand and tried goat water for the first time. I promise that it tastes much better than it may sound!

One unique experience we had was to meet a steelpan builder and learn how the instruments are made and maintained. There were dozens of empty, used steel drums sitting around the unassuming building when we arrived. There we met Veron Henry, a second-generation steelpan builder. He was inspired and learned his craft from his father, Eustace, and has been building and maintaining steelpans for over thirty years. He shared how a pan is made from cutting and hammering each one to size, drawing where each note would go and making a quasi-first draft of the instrument. At this time, the pan would be playable, however, since the metal is still somewhat pliable each note would not stay in tune. That's where heat treatment comes in to harden the metal. After that point, one more tuning would take place. This is done with hammers to carefully stretch and contour each note so that it is in tune and sounds pleasant. This process takes an upward of two hours per pan! Over time with much use, pans do need tuning and therefore go back to a builder to be tuned with the hammer again.

Alongside learning about the history of Antigua and listening to steelpan groups, we also had the chance to work with three

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

ADULT FORUM

9:00 a.m. each Sunday beginning September 13 (live and on Vimeo / https://vimeo.com/event/6114261)

OCTOBER 18 INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Please plan on joining us for an intergenerational (Trinity Village-Adults) education hour from 9:00-9:50 a.m. in the Community Room. Forrest Wasko will give a tutorial on how to create zines, which is short for 'magazines'—we will be creating small booklets to tell a faith story important to us. Pastor David will give a lesson on sharing our faith stories to spark inspiration. Godly Play will meet as usual.

OCTOBER 25 "SAFEGUARDING OUR ELECTIONS"
Keith Ellison

It is an anxious time. The current administration is continuing its efforts to interfere with elections, intimidate voters, and create false narratives. Deportations continue. Our beloved Somali neighbors are once again under attack. In addition to the grassroots efforts so critical to pushing back, the Minnesota Attorney General's Office has led on the legal efforts to protect our neighbors and prevent interference in our election processes. Join Attorney General Keith Ellison at 9:00 a.m. in the library for a conversation on the work his office is doing to safeguard our elections and protect our neighbors.

~ Concerning People ~

We pray for healing for all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially **Wayne Vetter**, recently hospitalized; **Lyle Steinfeldt** as he recovers from complications following a surgery; **Carol Kelly**; Jim Langworthy's brother, **David**; Maelene Krig's brother-in-law, **Jeff Ramsdell**; Carol Masters's son, **Paul**; **Ron Duty**; Donna Heyer's grandson, **Jeremy**; **Senem Yumsak**; **Ayhan Yumsak**; **Aysel Yumsak**; **Marlene Peterson**; **Merlin Wells**; **Dorothy Kelly**; Tre Tellor's mom **Jill**; Karen Batdorfs sister **Marie**; **Josie Tober**; **Stella Townsend**; **Linda Jury** and her family upon the death of **Phil Jury**.

October 24, 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Rick Lathrop
Coffee and sweet treats following the service.

of the best instructors on the island. We laughed, we tried our best learning by rote, and learned a lot along the way. Each instructor taught a song or two which stretched our minds and challenged each one of us in new ways. By the end we were making music and starting to feel how it all came together. However, the grade-school kids could still play circles around us!

I look forward to sharing more about this wonderful trip in the coming weeks and invite you to be curious, ask questions and if you are interested in playing, please reach out! We are hoping to play in a couple of services over the next few months leading up to mid-January when Zahra Lake, director of Pandemonium Steel Orchestra will visit Minneapolis and work with musicians here and play with us in worship.

~Cantor Phil

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 21—HOLY TRINITY OCTOBERFEST AT ARBEITER BREWERY

Join us for HTLC Octoberfest—a casual evening of connection and good cheer at Arbeiter Brewery! Whether you're new to Holy Trinity or have been around for years, this is a chance to relax, laugh, and build community over a beer or nonalcoholic drink. Led by members Alyson Sorensen and Ryana Holt, the night promises low-key fun with great people. We'll gather on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m.—come as you are and bring a friend!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22—PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If we are rained out, we will meet on Thursday, October 29 instead.) Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 18.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23—PARENTS' NIGHT OUT, 5:30-8:30PM

Parents' Night Out is back! No need to worry about childcare this evening, as your kiddo(s) will be entertained and well taken care of. Student leaders, supported by adults, will guide children in hands-on activities, and there will be screen-free opportunities to wind down. Registration is a free will donation, which will support Confirmation and Post-Confirmation trips next summer! Snacks will be provided, and you are welcome to send along a bag dinner. Children must be potty-trained, and caregivers are welcome to drop off and pick up their child(ren) at any point between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Register on Realm starting in September; contact CYF Ministry Coordinator Taryn for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29—AN EVENING WITH GLOBAL REFUGE

Holy Trinity welcomes Krish Vignarajah, President and CEO of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran and Immigrant Refugee Services) for an evening of conversation about welcoming newcomers, refugee resettlement, and the work of building communities of belonging, particularly in partnership with congregations and faith-based communities across the United States. A panel discussion with local voices may also be part of the evening. More information to come. Everyone is invited to the 7:00 p.m. event.

WE VOTE FOR MANY REASONS

We vote for many reasons-for people we trust, on behalf of our neighbors, with thoughts toward children we care about. Sometimes we vote strategically; sometimes we are committed to principals we can't let go of.

But we trust that voting is important-for us, for our neighbor, for democracy. There is an election upcoming on Tuesday, November 3. Absentee balloting has started; in-person voting begins on Friday, October 16. If you want to vote early, check here for the sites that will open in the county in which you i live. If you prefer to vote by absentee ballot, check here soon to receive and return your ballot in time.

The Minnesota Secretary of State's election web page is a trusted source of information, as is the League of Women Voters of Minnesota site.

Voting is not the whole of democracy, but democracy cannot be whole without the vote.

~ Rev. Traci D. Blackmon

PRE-ELECTION WORSHIP GATHERING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 P.M.

Longfellow congregations will gather together for prayer at Saint Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, regardless of religious or political affiliation, as we bring our prayers for the future and wellbeing of the United States and all of creation to God.

COME CELEBRATE WHAT WE'RE BUILDING TOGETHER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

You're invited to the Community Launch of Rooted in Place, Open to All! Join us on Thursday, November 5, for a festive evening celebrating Holy Trinity, our building partners, and the community that brings this place to life. Come for refreshments, conversation, stories, and a chance to imagine together what's possible as we invest in a building that can welcome and serve our community for generations to come.

6:30-7:00 p.m. I Gather & Celebrate

7:00-7:30 p.m, I Stories, Vision & Impact

7:30-9:00 p.m. I Explore, Connect & Dream Together
Stay for as much or as little as you'd like!

Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and come celebrate with us! This is a moment to give thanks for all that has taken root here and to imagine together what comes next.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5—2027 COMMITTEE GOALS, BUDGET REQUESTS, AND SPECIAL APPEALS NOMINATIONS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE

Active committees, it's time to submit your 2027 committee goals, budget requests, and special appeals requests! If you need a reminder of what these might look like, contact Kathy Ekwall or Sue Roberts for a copy of last year's annual report. All committee chairs can submit their information through the form provided by the Financial Stewardship Committee. We need to receive them no later than November 5, 2026 .

MY FAITH STORY, MY LIFE STORY WORKSHOP WITH MARCELLA PROKOP

Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The small details of your life are interwoven with the sacred. In this one-day workshop, participants will turn personal memory into story, exploring the places where life and faith intersect. Using a "Where I'm From" poem template as a starting point, writers will start to craft poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction that traces these rich threads of connection. Through literary examples, writing prompts, and conversation, writers of all backgrounds, beliefs, and skill levels are invited to develop drafts of their origin stories during this free workshop. Join Pastor Ingrid and Marcella for this heart-centered event by signing up in the Community Room to participate.

DEPOLARIZING WORKSHOP—NOVEMBER 10

If you anticipate recovering from the election or possibly preparing for holiday gatherings that might involve differences of opinions this event might be for you. **November 10th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** the Racial Justice/Indigenous Justice Committee will sponsor a 90-minute workshop presented by Braver Angels on Depolarizing Ourselves. Braver Angels is a civic organization that develops educational tools to build bridges between political and societal differences. The presenter is Tammy Levi from Braver Angels. The event will be in the Holy Trinity Library. There will be a **light meal from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.** Sign up in the community Room.

What participants learn in the workshop

Over the course of approximately 90 minutes, participants explore:

- Why political polarization has become so intense.
- How each of us has an inner polarizer-the tendency to stereotype, dismiss, or assume the worst about people with different political views.
- The difference between criticizing ideas, policies, or leaders and demonizing entire groups of people.
- Practical techniques for speaking about political opponents with greater accuracy, fairness, and respect.

How to respond when conversations among friends, family, or coworkers drift into contempt, ridicule, or sweeping generalizations.

What makes this workshop different?

Many depolarization efforts focus on conversations between people who disagree politically. This workshop starts somewhere else. It asks participants to examine **their own habits** before trying to change anyone else's. Rather than persuading participants to moderate their political beliefs, it encourages them to become more thoughtful about **how** they express those beliefs and how they describe fellow citizens who see things differently.

LIBRARY NOTES

As the sun sets early and cooler weather sets in, it is time to get cozy with a book or two. We just added three interesting, unique books to the "New Books" rack in the hallway.

In ***A Collection of Life Stories,*** you will find reminiscences of our very own Mike Mann, storyteller extraordinaire.

In July, Roberta Shaw and Phil Radke attended the Augsburg Fortress annual music clinic. There Bret Hesla, local musician and songwriter, introduced us to ***A Dazzling Bouquet: Songs on the Path of Justice and Community***. You might want to take the book home and try out some new tunes on piano, guitar, tuba, voice. Or just read through the wonderfully inspirational grassroots lyrics. Many of the lyrics are inspired by local events.

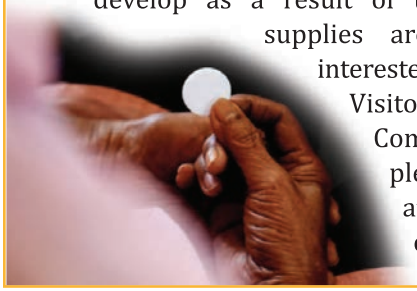
Kelly Waterman brought us ***An Encyclopedia of Radical Helping***. Each entry of a page or two tells of how everyday people help and heal each other. A few topics: bike and auto repair collectives, drumming, forest bathing, deep organizing, street newspaper, arts-based research. It's a fascinating collection of the familiar and the totally new-to-you. Kelly has an entry!

Your librarians Annie, Caren, and Roberta

Remember that you can access the online library catalogue holytrinitylutheran.libraiy.site/ or through the QR code.

LAY COMMUNION VISITS AND VISITORS

Holy Trinity needs more Lay Communion Visitors. We welcome new Visitors as well as persons who wish to be visited. Visitors bring communion on a monthly basis to those persons who are unable to attend church on a regular basis because of health, transportation, or other considerations. This is usually a long-term commitment, and meaningful friendships may develop as a result of these visits. Training and supplies are provided. If you are interested in being a Lay Communion Visitor, or desire to have a Lay Communion Minister visit you, please contact Nancy Madich at nmadich@gmail.com or 651-788-0064.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2—DIA DE MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD)

Día de Muertos, celebrated each year on November 1-2, is a tradition of remembering and celebrating the lives of loved ones who have died. Coinciding with All Saints Day, it invites us to gather, share stories, and honor those who came before us. As we celebrate, purchasing food from local Latinx-owned businesses is one small way we can support our neighbors and honor the vibrant cultures that enrich our community.

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2027

Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal email which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501©3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until November 5, 2026. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will vote on the recommended 2027 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED

As the weather changes so do the needs of our neighbors. Longfellow School is looking for donations of underwear, socks, shirts, pants, sweatshirts, and winter clothes in sizes 2T-5T. Baby wipes are also an ongoing need. Donations for new or clean, gently used clothing and wipes can be put in the labeled basket in the Community Room by the sign up table.

LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHARING

Zoe Martinez will be in the Community Room, Sunday, November 15 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.

COMMUNITY MURAL PLANNING

Who knew planning a community mural could be this much fun? The Holy Trinity community brought incredible energy to our visioning session, from playing games with the kids to collaboratively sketching out big ideas on the floor. We'll spend the rest of the year dreaming up the design with the neighbors in the building before rolling up our sleeves to start painting together early next year. Thank you to all who participated!

EAST AFRICAN HAND CRAFTED ITEMS

Chris Engen will a small fundraiser Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Vintage East African handicraft items (e.g. sisal baskets, Maasai necklaces) will be available for purchase at modest prices. All proceeds will be donated to the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation.

Worship Participants for Sunday, October 18, 10:00 a.m.	
Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Crucifer	
Cantor	Katie Hill Brandt (she/her)
Altar Guild	Mary Engen (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
Assisting Minister	Tom Skold (he/him)
Communion Servers	Karen Kunze (she/her), Linda Berglin (she/her), Lori Lathrop (she/her)
Ushers	Chris Engen (he/him), Kathy Hollander (she/her), Chuck Jordan (he/him), Bob Peschiutta (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Katy Benson (she/her)
Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)
Video Operator	Amy Hanson (she/her), Aaron Hanson (he/him)
Closer	Rod Johnson (he/him)

Parish Events October 18-24, 2026		
Sunday, October 18	8:30 AM	Family Coffee in the Community Room
	9:00 AM	Godly Play
	9:00 AM	Faith Formation and Adult Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 AM	Swahili Service
Monday, October 19	6:30-8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Study
	6:00 PM	Dearly Beloved Book Group
	6:45 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, October 21	5:00-6:00 PM	Wednesday Evening Family Meal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Handbell Rehearsal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:30-8:00 PM	Supervised Pay Time
	6:45-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	HTLC Octoberfest at Arbeiter Brewery
Thursday, October 22	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day
Friday, October 23	5:30-8:30 PM	Parents' Night Out

LIVESTREAM LINK FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

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.