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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.

Possibility and Hope

Temple Talk from Reece Gray, October 18, 2026

I came to know Holy Trinity during exceptional times, and I don't think that I will ever tire of telling people about the spectacular generosity I witnessed within this community during Operation Metro Surge. The countless hours of service to neighbors, the hundreds of thousands of dollars directed where they were most needed—I was blown away.

But I think exceptional times make it really easy to recognize generosity. It's the so-called ordinary times when I find myself forgetting to be astonished by the miracles of generosity happening around me. And my friends, Holy Trinity is so good at generosity in ordinary times.

The quiet touches facilitated by your time and gifts can be the very things that make it feel possible to find a place in this faith community. Congregational nametags, communal meals, exquisite bulletins that guide newcomers through the finer points of a service. (Truly, thanks be to God for that little italicized paragraph that filled me in on how communion would work my first week here.)

Of course, there is also life outside of worship. Before I was a Holy Trinity member, my life was enriched by the way this congregation shares its resources with its broader community. In fact, I attended a mayoral forum on housing and healthcare in this sanctuary months before I felt like it might be possible for me to worship here.

Beyond what we encounter on Sunday or in the weekly newsletter, there are so many "ordinary times" generosities that go unseen. Let me offer you one: in August, I realized that I was ravenous to study theology in an academic setting. A lovely dream, I figured, but basically impossible for a two-time community college dropout with a day job and bills to pay.

But just for kicks, I sent a text to a church friend with an Augsburg connection. She moved so fast that in days, I was emailing Pastor Ingrid, explaining that I was in the middle of trying to go back to school and might need someone to help me plead my case.

A week later, Pastor Ingrid was sitting beside me in the Augsburg campus ministry office, and a couple weeks after that, I found myself leaving work early to attend the first session of my biblical interpretation class. Every time I set foot on campus or crack open an assigned reading, I can hardly believe my good fortune.

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REFORMATION FESTIVAL

READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

ADULT FORUM

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

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.

OCTOBER 25 "ADULT FORUM TO HONOR THE SAINTS

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in Library the during the adult forum hour at 9:00 a.m. During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring. Following the adult forum, the photos can be brought to the sanctuary for the All Saints worship service.

~ Concerning People ~

We pray for healing for all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially **Wayne Vetter**, recently hospitalized; **Lyle Steinfeldt** recovering from complications following 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 Batdorf's sister **Marie**; **Josie Tober**; **Stella Townsend**.

As I was finding my scholastic rhythm this fall, I received another Holy Trinity email, suggesting I could reach out to the adult education committee for support in paying for my class. (Adult Ed committee members, I had already figured it out for this semester, but stay tuned.) I was a little shocked to know that was even an option. After all, the gifts of time, connection, and web-weaving that had gotten me this far were already so generous.

But then, I probably shouldn't have been surprised. Holy Trinity is a congregation deeply devoted to enriching the lives of one another and our shared community. I love watching fellow congregants bless us with their insights, passions, and expertise; from Adult Forum sessions to beautifully written prayers to Latin dance classes. I love that whenever opportunities for growth, adventure, or respite appear in the newsletter, there's always a line about scholarship options. I love our skillfully maintained library and the copies of book club books that appear there each month. How wonderful, that these marvelous things are mundane facts of our congregation's life together, made possible by our generosity with one another.

Being a part of this community has helped me see possibility and hope in both ordinary and exceptional places. Thanks be to God for that, and thanks be to all of you, too.

THIS WEEK

REFORMATION

More than 500 years after Martin Luther opened a conversation that both began a reforming of the Church and also led to a split in the Church, we pray for the Triune God's healing and continuing reformation of the Church of Christ. Today, with Luther's joyful proclamation of God's grace in our hearts and voices, we celebrate the heart of Christian faith: the Gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! God has made a new covenant with us, written on our hearts, that together we might know God's forgiveness and calling. In the waters of baptism, we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at Christ's Table, and that the Spirit would continue to unite the Church in its proclamation and witness in the world.

WELCOMING FILMMAKERS TO HOLY TRINITY

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary has invited Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen and her friend, Pastor Hierald Osorto of San Pablo Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, to be part of a documentary series called Luminous Christians. The series tells stories of people living out their faith in ways that bring hope and healing to their communities.

Our two congregations supported one another during the federal occupation of Minneapolis, and we'll gather again in December to celebrate the Feast of Sankta Lucia and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe together. While the film will feature pastors Ingrid and Hierald, the story is really about the communities that gather week after week in our connected neighborhoods, seeking God's vision for the life of the world.

Sunday, we welcome filmmakers Ryan Stopera, Lorenzo Serna, and Bhavana Goparaju. They won't have cameras with them yet. They're simply here to listen, learn, observe, and get to know our congregation. We hope you'll extend a warm Holy Trinity welcome and share a little about what makes this community so special!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27—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 28—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 HTLC members and their freinds 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

TAMALES SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 11:00 A.M.

Supporting local food businesses owned by minoritized groups continues to be a goal this fall. Many of these businesses were severely challenged during Metro Surge last winter. They still face obstacles with employees who have been deported, customers who fear leaving their homes to shop, and increased prices of ingredients for their products. This morning, you can help by buying tamales in the Community Room!

COMMUNAL VISIONING FOR MURAL WITH OLIVIA LEVINS-HOLDEN

Sunday, November 1, following worship

Following worship, all are invited to join local artist and muralist Olivia Levins-Holden as we continue to collaborate on the design process for a community mural through the Our Deepest Belonging Storytelling Project. Across the coming months, Holy Trinity and each of our building partners will participate in visioning and storytelling experiences—sometimes within their own communities and sometimes together. Through questions about belonging, place, and interconnection, participants will help uncover the stories, symbols, and shared aspirations that will shape a mural reflecting the many communities who call this space home. Light food and beverages will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE

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 principles 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 began 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.

CELEBRATE WORKER POWER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 6:30-9:00 P.M.

Join Pastor Ingrid at CTUL's annual gala! CTUL (Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha) brings workers together to organize for better wages, working conditions, and a more just economy—and this is a night to celebrate that work.

Worker Power Means All of Us / El poder de los trabajadores incluye todas nosotres Thursday, November 12 | 6:30–9:00 p.m. First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S. There will be an invitation to give during the evening, but there is absolutely no expectation that you do so. Holy Trinity has already made a gift on behalf of our whole faith community. Sign up in the Community Room for a guest spot.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 2, 9, and 16). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese and one household would pick up bread from Laune Bread (already ordered and paid for). We also need volunteers to set up and clean up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9:00 A.M.

The youth are spreading holiday cheer to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. Contact Pastor David or CYF Ministry Coordinator Taryn to make your contribution. All proceeds help to support summer 2027 programming for confirmation and post-confirmation youth. The bazaar takes the place of the adult forum this day.

MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFTS

We invite you to plan for and make your final contributions for the current fiscal year at this time. Please allow for additional processing time with consideration to the holiday season if you are anticipating requesting funds from retirement accounts. This will give us all adequate time to deposit and post gifts before the close of the tax year and also get year-end statements out to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much for all you share with Holy Trinity!

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2027

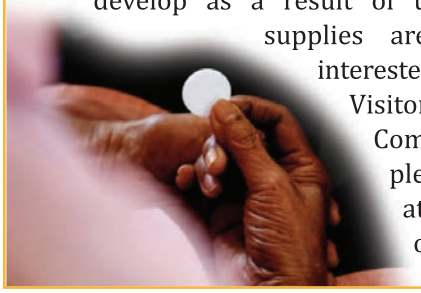
Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal email which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

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.

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.



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.

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.

REFLECTIONS FROM ANTIGUA

This was an amazing travel experience and so many things made it this way. The people gave us such a warm welcome everywhere. One of the standouts was the unhurried, easy pace that everyone seems to live by. Yet, within this the people of Antigua demonstrate an energy and passion for what they do in their lives. I was especially in awe of the steelpan players and leaders, especially the students, who show such enjoyment and connection to their playing and to those around them. During rehearsal, students would be helping others out, those needing to learn something new would be attentive and watching others play the music on the steelpan and then try it for themselves - no music notation! The leaders were patient and showed their love for the music and art of playing. They were definitely patient with us as they taught us in our practice time with them. Their energy and dedication to this part of their lives was so wonderful to experience.

~Jody Liedholm, member

THANK YOU WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS

It was a beautiful day to be working outside Thursday. Thanks to the volunteers who helped rake and bag over 60 bags of leaves. I missed getting pictures of the volunteers, but look at all these leaf bags, wow! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not early to church in the morning!

Worship Participants for Sunday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.	
Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Crucifer	Rick Liedholm (he/him)
Cantor	
Altar Guild	Carrie Poster (she/her), Connie Adams (she/her)
Assisting Minister	Hanna Beshai (she/her)
Communion Servers	Carol Berg (she/her), Katie Hill Brandt (she/her), Pam Blomgren (she/her)
Ushers	David Kohlstedt (he/him), Sally Kohlstedt (she/her), Karla Elmberg (she/her), Peder Kjeseth (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Meghan Hendrickson (she/her)
Counters	Chris Engen (he/him)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Closer	Roberta Shaw (she/her)

Parish Events October 25-31, 2026		
Sunday, October 25	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 26	6:30-8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Study
	6:00 PM	Dearly Beloved Book Group
Wednesday, October 28	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
Thursday, October 29	7:00 PM	Global Refuge Event

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.