



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

## THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY Holy Trinity's Fiscal Sponsorship of a Film

In March the Church Council of Holy Trinity approved the church becoming the fiscal sponsor for a film by Gwendolen Cates, an award-winning photographer and filmmaker. The purpose of the sponsorship is to provide a non-profit sponsor for grants and donations to the film.

Holy Trinity has a history of bringing attention to the Doctrine of Discovery, most recently through an adult forum by Ron Duty. The Doctrine had its beginnings at the time of the Crusades, as a justification by the Papacy for the European taking of non-Christian lands. However, it came to fruition in a series of papal bills promulgated from 1452 to 1493 which provided the legal justification for European powers to colonize lands in the Americas and elsewhere in Africa and the Pacific. The premise of the Doctrine was that these lands were considered to be empty prior to European "discovery," and that imposing the religion and civilization of Europe was a fair trade for the land, property, and sovereign rights of the "heathen." The Doctrine thereby became the basis in European, American, and public international law, for the taking of lands, the doctrine of Manifest Destiny, and the genocide against indigenous peoples. It was this loss of land and destruction of peoples and cultures that created the historic trauma that affects indigenous peoples to this day. If one wonders how the federal government can impose a pipeline on otherwise "sovereign" land, the reason lies in the Doctrine of Discovery which, throughout our history, has placed limits on indigenous sovereignty.

In recent years the Doctrine of Discovery has been "repudiated" by a number of church bodies, including the ELCA at its Churchwide Assembly in 2016.

The goal of the film is to be an educational tool for understanding the history of forced colonization, both in the Americas, North and South, and in places like Australia, New Zealand, and other lands which were also "discovered" by Europeans.

The filmmaker, Gwendolen Cates ([www.stewardshipreport.com/beyond-the-lens](http://www.stewardshipreport.com/beyond-the-lens)) has already done filming in Minnesota and has just returned from a trip to Rome with indigenous youth and elders in an attempt to discuss the Doctrine with Papal officials. While Gwendolen is the principal in the project, an advisory committee has been created to receive periodic reports and to comment and advise on the project. The committee consists of:

Laura Waterman Wittstock, Seneca, Founder, Migizi Communications, Author; Educator ; Kelly Morgan, PhD, Hunkpapa Lakota, Lakota Consulting, LLC; Elaine Salinas, Ojibwe, CEO, Migizi Communications; Freida Jacques, Onondaga, Clan Mother (Turtle Clan), Educator; Robert J. Miller, Eastern Shawnee, Professor of Law, Author; Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen, Michael Miller, Chuck Jordan, and David Berg, Holy Trinity.

My involvement in the project actually started some 45 years ago at the time of the Occupation of Wounded Knee. As a young staff person on the Health and Welfare Planning Council in St. Paul, I became involved with the American Indian Movement, the American Indian Center and the Red Schoolhouse. At that time I met Laura Waterman Wittstock, a Seneca from Upstate New York who was teaching and working at the Red School House. Laura subsequently came to us with a request that we work together on a major study of Indian alcoholism, which we did, and the study was published by CURA (the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs) at the University.

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## THE HOLY TRINITY

*When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.*



READINGS  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

ADULT FORUM  
10:00 am – in the Library

MAY 27

NO ADULT FORUM

JUNE 3 "Basic Bicycle Maintenance and Bikes That Give Back: The ABC's of Basic Bike Maintenance and an In-Depth Look at How One Small Non-Profit Bike Shop Supports Youth Experiencing Homelessness"

Lucy Roberts

Full Cycle Bike Shop employee and HT member Lucy Roberts will share the story of how a small non-profit bike shop in Minneapolis is on a mission to support and connect with youth experiencing homelessness. She has worked professionally as a bike mechanic for many years and will be demonstrating basic bicycle maintenance on a demo bike as well. Feel free to peruse the shop's website in advance at [FullCycleBikeShop.org](http://FullCycleBikeShop.org).

ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 27, AT 10:00 A.M.  
There will be one service only on Sunday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m.

### ANGELA KHABEB TO SERVE AS HOLY TRINITY'S ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The congregation met after worship on Sunday, May 20, to consider the recommendation from the Church Council that Pastor Angela Khabeb serve as Holy Trinity's Associate Pastor. The meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes and included biographical information about Pastor Angela, a video greeting from Pastor Angela, a preaching clip from Pastor Angela, and ample time for Q & A. A vote was then taken. Over 92% of the congregation voted to affirm the Council's recommendation that we call Pastor Angela Khabeb. Following the meeting, Lisa Martens, Chair of the Call Committee, contacted Pastor Angela, who joyfully accepted the call! We look forward to Pastor Angela's beginning at Holy Trinity, sometime in early August.

(cont. from previous column) Recently Laura and I have been working on another project during which she asked if I knew of a local non-profit that might be a fiscal sponsor for the film. Given its history of involvement in justice issues, I thought of Holy Trinity. With the enthusiastic and capable assistance of Chuck Jordan, Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Hans, and Vicki Mann, a contract was prepared and subsequently passed by the Church Council.

—Mike Miller, Holy Trinity Member

## PARISH INFORMATION

### FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS GOES BIKING JUNE 1

Join Lisa and Bruce Martens for an evening bike ride. We will meet at the Martens' at 6:15 p.m. and enjoy a casual 10-15-mile bike ride along the bike trails of the Mississippi. We will plan to stop for a treat at Sea Salt to finish the evening. Please bring your bike, helmet, and lights. This event is hosted by the 20s, 30s, and 40s group; all ages are welcome to join the fun. Sign up in the Community Room.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (note the time change). Sign up in the Community Room by May 27 to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

### SAVE THE DATE: TRAVEL TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE NOV. 6-16, 2019

This congregation's next global trip will be to Israel and Palestine. The trip is scheduled for November 6-16, 2019. More information will be available at the Adult Forum on June 24.

### SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 17

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. The first one will be Sunday, June 17. 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 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

### ACOLYTE TRAINING SESSION JUNE 3, 10:00 A.M.

All current acolytes as well as those who would like to become an acolyte are encouraged to attend this session in the Sanctuary with their parents. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the summer dates.

### JOINT SERVICE WITH MN SWAHILI CONGREGATION JUNE 17

We will worship with the MN Swahili Christian Congregation at 11:00 a.m. and share a meal following the service. The Swahili-speaking congregation has graciously offered to cook! Sign up in the Community Room by June 10.

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#### PARISH EVENTS May 27-June 2, 2018

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday		Building Closed for Memorial Day
Friday	6:00-8:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:15 pm	First Fridays with Friends Biking

Special gift in memory of Vern Michaelson by Joy and Randy Nelson  
 World Hunger in memory of Vern Michaelson by Margaret Peterson

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for **Stanley Fosse**, who entered hospice care this week; **Sheldon and Marge Torgerson**, whose son was found three months after going missing while skiing and being caught in an avalanche; **Bud Dixen**, recovering from surgery.

#### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 27, 2018

<b>10:00 AM</b>	
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister
Emma Murray, Wilson Murray	Acolytes
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer
Zoe Martinez, Kathy Ohler	Communion
Dianne Mascher, Erin Arifin	Altar Guild
Bob Peschiutta, George Madich, Chris Engen, Alan Libra	Ushers
Gary Johnson	Coffee Servers
Julie Cahoy, Pam Kildahl	Counters
Deb Sodt	Closer

Financial Report	May 20	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	301,038.46
Budget Receipts	9,868.00	297,217.40
Opening Doors	560.00	53,938.39
World Hunger	30.00	2,693.00