



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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COMMUNITIES OF CALLING:

BIRDING

Group Description: Birds are wonderful to see and hear simply for what they are, but they are also a telling indicator of the health of their environment. This small group will meet for several field trips to metro birding hot spots throughout the year, as well as meet occasionally for coffee or lunch in order to discuss environmental topics related to birds. We will consider possible policy or political action for advocacy and conservation of both resident and migratory birds. Keith is chair of the board for the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis.

"It doesn't look like much in the shade," I told the group, but then it popped out into the sun. A couple of people caught their breath. The Red-bellied Woodpecker is one of Minnesota's truly beautiful birds, even if it does not have a red belly. During this part of the year—the mating season—a mature male bird may have a slight pink blush on his lower tummy, but that's as far as it goes. But its bright red cap, its lily-white cheeks and breast, and the dandy black-and-white ladder pattern on its back make it strikingly attractive. This encounter occurred during our second field trip. As we watched the bird together, we shared more information about this species. Although some Red-bellies stay in the metro area through the winter, most are now migrating back into town from warmer climes. Having seen and learned about it, members of our group will now be watching for it.

Several of the eight people who initially signed up for the "birding" small group—as part of the "Communities of Calling" initiative at Holy Trinity—have continued to meet by Zoom at least monthly and have done several field trips observing strict social distancing while observing birds. Now that the song bird migration is in full swing, our field trips have become a bit more frequent, and we may observe fifty species in just two-and-a-half hours together. Apart from the leader, all group participants are novices, so we discuss everything from how to tell a Red-bellied Woodpecker from a Red-headed Woodpecker, to reflecting on the numerous references to birds in scripture, to talking about why the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis has sued the Minneapolis City Council for approving the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan without scrutiny of the Plan's likely environmental impacts. We've reviewed research informing a "best practices" management plan for oak savanna needed by Red-headed Woodpeckers, and we've played bird trivia games with multiple choice answers. Through it all, by complementing field trips with Zoom discussions, we've come to know each other and find ourselves enjoying our time together learning more about God's creative eloquence.

Keith Olstad, Communities of Calling Group Leader

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799

Zoom Link ID: 858 5687 1594

PW: 317879

Adult Forums have resumed. Join us Sunday at 9:30 a.m., when Pastor Doug Mork will engage us on Zoom for the second of a two-part series.

JULY 19 "Work: Punishment Or Opportunity?" Doug Mork

In the second session, we'll consider the ways in which work gets distorted, and we'll listen to some of the prophets throughout scripture as they call us back. There will be time for discussion and we will wrap up within an hour.

JULY 26 & AUGUST 2 "Contemplative Spirituality: Centering Presence and Sacred Activism"

Scott McRae, founder of Sojourner Institute

The mounting demands of our external world require an equally dynamic response in our inner worlds. Contemplative spirituality is required of churches and people who seek to stay centered and faithful amidst the overwhelming pressures of these times. The sessions will include presentations, contemplative practices, and group discussions.



Red-bellied Woodpecker
Photo by Keith Olstad

PARISH INFORMATION

DIALOGUES ON RACE DISCUSSION SERIES CONTINUES

Please join members from the Racial Justice Committee and Doctrine of Discovery Task Force for continuation of the discussion series based on the short book, *Dialogues on Race*. The book consists of seven distinct chapters from diverse writers covering issues around race, the Bible, whiteness, African American and Native American experiences in the U.S., the role of women in racial justice movements, and more. The bi-weekly series will discuss one chapter each session. The second chapter will be discussed Wednesday, July 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like the discussion questions ahead of time or a copy of the book (no charge), email Randy Nelson at rnelson1941@yahoo.com. All Holy Trinity members and friends are welcome to participate.

ZOOM MEETING WITH ALICIA SOJOURNER JULY 28, 7:00 P.M.

Our eyes have been opened these past months to ever-widening gaps in racial equity in our community and to the violence rained down on siblings of color. We've watched our Holy Trinity community respond with miraculous energy to the resulting emergent needs of our community. We also know in our hearts that the pain of racism is not just "out there" in our neighborhoods, but also in our beloved congregation. Attending to neighbor is a priority. Attending to changes in equity and inclusion within Holy Trinity is also important and something we can control.

Members of Holy Trinity are invited to attend a presentation given by Alicia Sojourner, Holy Trinity's consultant on institutional racism, Tuesday, July 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. An email with the Zoom link will be sent to members with the meeting link and password. Alicia will share her preliminary report reflecting her work over the past 11 months. Her report has been shared with staff and congregational leadership.

Alicia's report as well as details for accessing the Zoom meeting will be available on the Members-Only section on Holy Trinity's website. Alicia's preliminary report will also be available to you in the next week with both a shorter summary and a more detailed report. You're strongly encouraged to read one of these before the presentation on July 28. The content is rich and will be of great help in our efforts to promote equity and inclusion within Holy Trinity. When it's safe with the pandemic, we look forward to talking face to face about the results and the actions we need to take.

PASTORAL CARE

Please don't hesitate to contact us with pastoral care emergencies (Church Office: (612) 729-8358; Pastor Angela: (612) 248-9121; Pastor Doug: (612) 310-5752). We will do our best to care for you from a distance. Please contact one of the pastors if your household is suffering because of COVID-19 or the effects of social unrest; we have resources to help.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12

The Rev. John Buzza is our guest preacher. You can find the service here: <https://vimeo.com/437528056>. We invite you to find bread or crackers, wine or grape juice (or any morsel of food and sip of liquid) in your house and celebrate Holy Communion with all of us.

SCHEDULE FOR DONATIONS & DISTRIBUTIONS JULY 13-17

Monday, July 13

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—receive donations
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.—distribution (food boxes, cooking oil, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper products)

Wednesday, July 15

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—receive donations
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.—distribution (food boxes, body soap, hand soap, shampoo, and Gatorade)

Friday, July 17

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—receive donations
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.—distribution (food boxes, diapers, wipes, and maxi pads)

To volunteer, sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4da5a829a0f85-holy7>

HOLY TRINITY IN THE NEWS

Minneapolis Star Tribune: Minnesota 'crisis mode chaplains' seek to heal trauma of George Floyd's death
<https://m.startribune.com/crisis-mode-chaplains-seek-to-heal-trauma-of-floyd-s-death/571647852/>

NEW LEARNING SERIES BEGINS JULY 18

All are invited to join First Covenant Church Minneapolis and a collaboration of churches and organizations for the virtual learning series, "Journey to Freedom: Embracing God's Cultural Mosaic of People." Designed by Rev. Jia Starr Brown, this six-week series is comprised of sermons, discussion, art, and study around the theme of "Intersectionality." Six guest preachers (including Pastor Angela) will each preach from the same passage through their own cultural lens. Experience the beauty of original art, music, and poetry created by local artists and participate in additional learning experiences through online trainings/workshops, Bible and book studies. Join us for ANY and ALL of the events that work for you! [Click](#) for a detailed schedule and to register.

PASTURES A PLENTY MEAT DELIVERY JULY 23

Pastures A Plenty Meat & Farm Co. will deliver meat in the Holy Trinity cul-de-sac on Thursday, July 23, from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Orders need to be placed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20. Visit their website to see what is available, then email (shop@pasturesaplenty.com) or call them (320-367-2061) to place your order.

