



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The 2020-21 school year is off to a great start, under the circumstances. We had a successful, socially-distanced and mask-wearing outdoor event in August where students received curriculum, backpacks, school supplies, equipment, diapers and clothing for their children. It was so special to see students and their children after all that time!

Enrollment is strong, and students are getting used to their online courses and Google meetings with their teachers. Child-care is open at both Longfellow and North High School for our students, and we have a Virtual Health Clinic established. Students can make appointments through the school nurses and are still being provided resources and support through the MN Visiting Nurses Association and wonderful partners like Holy Trinity, Project Success, and Dorsey Whitney Law Firm.

Longfellow had a beautiful virtual Latina Heritage Celebration on Tuesday, October 13, the day before conferences. We have students and staff representing various Latin American countries, including Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ecuador, and The Dominican Republic. Our Latina students had the opportunity to create "My Culture Projects." Students shared and presented their projects and held a student and staff discussion. We also listened to the personal story of Longfellow's school nurse, which included her background as a Latinx woman growing up in the United States. It was a lovely celebration of culture, learning, and sharing.

The staff of Longfellow are working diligently every day to make this experience as beneficial as possible for students and their children. Longfellow continues to provide a flexible learning model and tries to meet students where they are in their learning. Our support staff continues to call students and families daily to ensure engagement and that their needs are being met.

The district provided families with a survey in October to gauge interest in staying on full distance learning, moving to a hybrid model, or moving to full in-person learning. We will see what happens as we move through the school year, but we feel confident that the systems are in place to help our students and their children learn and grow.

Lastly, Longfellow wants to share our thanks and gratitude to Holy Trinity for their support in our Spring graduation. It felt as close to the "real thing" as possible with an overwhelming turnout of Holy Trinity members who cheered on our students with signs and support. Our students are also very grateful for the cozy pajamas which are coming in extra handy while doing their schoolwork from home. Longfellow appreciates your continued support, generosity, and love.

—Brooke Eichele, Staff

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#)

Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

NOVEMBER 8 "Doing School in a Pandemic"

Dr. Padmini Udupa, Principal, Longfellow HS

Holy Trinity has an ongoing partnership with Longfellow Alternative High School, the school for pregnant and parenting teen women located a few blocks east of the church. Join us and learn about the school's challenges in the midst of a pandemic, and hear about ways this faith community can build relationships with the students, staff, and administration.

NOVEMBER 15 "In Search of Affordable Housing"

Joe Hesla, who works for a coalition of faith communities, neighborhood associations, and non-profits, will share his experience in working on issues of rent control and affordable housing.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR INTEREST IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

The Public Voice and Organizing Committee has put together [a questionnaire](#) to learn about the social justice issues you're most interested in, your communication preferences, and more. To help the committee better meet the needs of the congregation, please [complete the questionnaire](#). It should take only a few minutes. You will also have the option to let us know if you would like to learn more about the church's many social justice working groups, and how you can get involved.

If you prefer a paper copy of the questionnaire, contact Sue Roberts (sroberts@htlcmpls.org/612-729-9277) to have one mailed to you.



Longfellow High School

PARISH INFORMATION

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2021

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. 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 letter which is sent to all the giving units 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(c)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 ELCA World Hunger Fund 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 December 1, 2020. The congregation will be informed of the 2021 special appeals at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Steve Murray (stevemurray0803@gmail.com) until December 1, 2020.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please don't hesitate to contact us with pastoral care emergencies (Church Office: 612.729.8358; Pastor Ingrid: 612.875.6679; Pastor Doug: 612.310.5752). We will do our best to care for you from a distance.

Do you need help with an errand? Please let us know. Several members have volunteered to assist those in need. [Simply click here and fill out the form](#) or call the church office. Someone will contact you within 48 hours.

Do you need help voting on Tuesday, November 3? Call the office (612.729.8358) or Pastor Ingrid (612.875.6679). Volunteers will help you get to your polling place or to a location where you can drop your ballot.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On this All Saints, we remember the imperfect saints, both living and dead, who have given us a glimpse of the One who creates, redeems, and sustains this beautiful and broken world. In this week's worship service, we will invite you to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died. The worship video for Sunday, November 1, can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/474173144>. 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 us.

BIG MEETING NIGHTS NOVEMBER 5 AND 10

Big Meeting nights in November are Thursday, November 5, and Tuesday, November 10. If your committee plans to meet one of those nights, please let Pam know (612.729.8358/pwetterlund@htlcmpls.org).

ADULT FORUM RECORDINGS

Recordings of the Zoom adult forums will be available to view. Yesterday's forum honoring the saints can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/474823064>. Links to older adult forums will soon be posted on the website (htlcmpls.org).

OPTING OUT OF PAPER ENVELOPES

If you offer a financial commitment (either by paper card or by using [this link](#)), you have the option of opting in (having the envelopes mailed to your home) or opting out (for those of you who prefer to give online). Thanks for the suggestion, and thanks to member Carol Kelly for helping us find a more flexible alternative.

PRAYER FROM CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY

The world needs community like never before. In that spirit, we offer this series of prayers.

2 November 2020

God of childhood stories,
God of grownup concerns:
democracies are about faith.
We choose to believe,
not just in ideals,
but in people.
We choose to trust
something as unpredictable
and unreliable as ourselves.
Democracy rests on the faith
that we ourselves can rule ourselves
not only when we get what we want
but also when we don't.
Be with us in this test
as you have been with us in the past
so that we might reward the faith
you place in us.
Amen.

www.corrymeela.org