



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

You might have seen **Erin and Kent Erdahl** at Holy Trinity services over the past few years, but they have added to their family since COVID put a stop to in-person worship. Elias James Erdahl was born on June 20th, and the entire family is now thrilled to officially join the congregation! Erin is an activities director in long term care and Kent is a journalist, and their careers took them to Indianapolis and Denver before returning to home to Minnesota in 2016. The Erdahls have been married for nine years and are grateful to have connected with some strong church communities in other cities, but they have never found a congregation as welcoming and purpose-driven as Holy Trinity. They are excited to join in fellowship and share their talents for the benefit of this community and ministry.

Hi Holy Trinity family! I'm **Jess Daniel Hart**, mom to seven-month-old Cedar, wife to Donny, sister to Becky and Cameron, daughter to Margie and Scott, originally from California, current resident of Longfellow in Minneapolis. Right now I'm staying at home taking care of Cedar full time. Besides playing with the babe, these days I spend time gardening, cooking, meditating, playing outside, and volunteering on small projects here and there, including with the church. I found my way to Holy Trinity through a dear friend, Allison Johnson Heist, when we were expecting Cedar, just after moving into the neighborhood. We felt an immediate connection and feel blessed to be part of this community.

Greetings Holy Trinity! I'm **Donny Hart** – Jess's husband and Cedar's dad. I'm originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan, living in Minneapolis for the last 3 years. I work at 3M doing supply chain analytics. In the warmer months I love to sail, play soccer, and rock climb – though after spending a lot of time on the cross country ski trails of Theodore Wirth, I've come to realize that winter might actually be my favorite season in Minnesota. I grew up going to a Lutheran church but hadn't attended church for quite a while, so when we first attended Holy Trinity it felt both familiar and new. Looking forward to connecting further with people at the church.

Hi, I'm **Mary Heltsley**. I have been a life-long Episcopalian and was a member of St. James on the Parkway for about five years. That church has closed, and I did not choose to go with them to a church near Lake Harriet. I want to be involved in this neighborhood as I live at Becketwood.

I know several people who are Holy Trinity members. I support Holy Trinity's involvement in the community, particularly on human rights issues. I hope I can participate in some of the activities.

I came to Minnesota in 1970 from Ohio. I taught second grade in a Cincinnati suburb school for five years and then worked in libraries for 30 years.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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 22 "Reflections on Community Ministry"

Rev. Dr. Tracey Gibson, St. James AME Church

The Rev. Dr. Tracey Gibson's appointment as pastor of Mother St. James in September 2019 has ushered in an era of spiritual growth and vitality. "Mother" Saint James's first pastor with a doctorate, Rev. Dr. Tracey Gibson is a change agent and has inspired the church to come together and reflect on its history, as it strives to keep moving forward.

NOVEMBER 15 "Post-Election Reflections on What's Next for the United States" Open Conversation

- 1) What are your hopes for the next year?
- 2) What important issues face our country going forward?
- 3) What can be done to bridge the rural/urban divide in Minnesota?

I'm **Kris Holm**, recently widowed. Together David Louwagie and I shared 14 children and 35 grandchildren. After retiring as a social worker, I spent 4 years as a part time nanny. Some of my hobbies have done better during Covid than others. Audio books, mysteries, and British TV have thrived. Work with local food shelf and time with family have suffered. I am drawn to Holy Trinity by the ministry in the neighborhood following George Floyd's death.

Ryana Holt's love for the church and faith communities is rooted in growing up in the Lutheran church but has been most significantly shaped by 3½ years serving with ELCA Global Mission in Mexico and Chile post graduation. She is grateful to have found a faith community in walking distance that not only shares her values but invites her to grow in them and act on them. Ryana currently works at Hope Community in the Phillips neighborhood. In her free time you can find her spending time outdoors, with friends and family, doing a (not so hard) crossword, and weaving.

***This is a partial list; the rest of the new members from October will be featured in next week's Community Church Newsletter.*

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

We pray for **June Prange** and the family and friends of **Carolyn Schurr**, who died last weekend. Carolyn's memorial service will be held (via Zoom) on Saturday, December 5. Service time TBD. A link to the Zoom event will be sent to everyone on the Community Church email list and on Pastor Ingrid's worship service email list prior to December 5. You can read Carolyn's obituary [here](#).

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.



WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The worship video for Sunday, November 15, can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/479311152>. 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.

ADULT FORUM RECORDING FROM NOVEMBER 15

Sunday's forum with Joe Hesla can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/479938166>.

ADVENT BOX DELIVERY NOVEMBER 19-21

The worship staff have created a special surprise this Advent. Holy Trinity elves will deliver an Advent box to every active member household between November 19-21. If you know you'll be away that week, please call or email the office and let Pam know (pwetterlund@htlcmpls.org/612.729.8358). If you live in an apartment building or condo, please let the office know the easiest way to ensure you receive your box of goodies.

OPTING OUT OF PAPER ENVELOPES

If you offer a financial commitment (either by pledge 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).

THANKSGIVING DINNER (TOGETHER/APART)

Will you be on your own on Thanksgiving? The HTLC Nurturing Relationships Committee invites you to be part of a virtual group (via Zoom) for connection and conversation at 3:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day while enjoying a holiday meal together.

The committee is pleased to offer a turkey dinner to those who wish. The meal will be delivered to you from Crossroads Deli at no charge, fully cooked and ready to reheat. Please contact Nancy Madich (651.788.0064/nam2233@msn.com) by Friday, November 20, to reserve your meal. Zoom details will be sent prior to November 26. *All are welcome to join the Zoom event with or without a meal!*

THE UPPER ROOM AND THE WORD IN SEASON ARE AVAILABLE

Just a reminder to contact Pam at the church office if you would like a copy of *The Upper Room* and/or *The Word in Season* devotional booklets sent to you. We've recently begun receiving large-print copies of each of these publications, if that better fits your needs. Did you know that *The Upper Room* is also available as a daily recording? Just call **1-877-600-7218**. You can choose to hear: 1) the daily devotional, and/or 2) the daily bible passage.

LONGFELLOW STUDENTS NEED WINTER OUTERWEAR

Winter outerwear is being collected for Longfellow moms and their children (children's outerwear to fit babies through size 6). Wool socks are also needed for the moms. Donations can be dropped off at Zoe Martinez's porch. Zoe will store the donations until they are needed by a student.