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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shawn James enjoys most anything outside, including biking, gardening, and kayaking. He works for the city of Bloomington as a planner.

Hannah James is staying busy starting a nurse practitioner program with the U of M, working full time as a nurse for MHealth Fairview, all while being pregnant.

Both Shawn and Hannah are proud dog parents to Augie, a 5-year-old lab-pit bull mix. They are expecting their first human baby any day now.

Peg Kolden is a new resident of Minneapolis. She moved here last year after retiring from her position as a school administrator in Menomonie, WI. Peg says, "I have a wonderful family in Minneapolis, which includes my son and my daughter, my son-in-law, and two amazing grandchildren. Outdoor activities appeal to me, and I have enjoyed biking, cross country skiing, and walking in the area. I must say that my first year of retirement and life in Minneapolis has been a crazy ride."

After living in South Dakota all of her life, **Carol Lerdal** moved to Minneapolis in June to be closer to family. She was married for over 60 years, and was a stay-at-home mom for her six children. She likes to read, knit, play bridge and mah jong, and do jigsaw puzzles. Carol is anxious to meet her new church family!

Dennis O'Brien moved to Minneapolis two years ago when he retired after 42 years as a parish pastor in the ELCA. He devotes his time to helping his daughter, Marika, care for granddaughter, Lydia, and providing "daycare" for their pooch! He has enjoyed getting involved in worship and other activities at Holy Trinity and has helped lead a small group on the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina.

Lisa Olson is a project manager for a large national client at an architectural firm. For the past nine years, she has played keys/piano for a youth gospel choir Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in north Minneapolis. Prior to that, she accompanied the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir for 13 years.

Lisa is mom of one wonderful adult son, Schuyler, and lucky sister to HTLC member, Sally Parks!

Rachel Shands lives in St. Paul with her husband and daughter, Eve. She loves running, as it "keeps me healthy in all ways—physically, mentally, and emotionally." She also loves cooking (which is a good thing during COVID), and traveling (which has been significantly reduced during COVID). Rachel works at the Minnesota Department of Human Services as a manager in the aging services division. She was raised in a Lutheran church and had been seeking a church home where social and racial justice issues are at the forefront. She is looking forward to meeting other members and walking on this journey with you.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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 29 "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) How can we bridge the rural/urban divide in Minnesota?

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM

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

Meeting ID: 863 5329 7771 / Password: 693691

DECEMBER 2 "Social Media"

Karleigh Crepin and Mollie Varpness

Join our Luther Seminary student-learners for tonight's adult forum. They will be taking a deep dive into our Advent theme of "Belonging" by discussing how they experience belonging through social media (e.g., Facebook, TikTok) and how they use it in a socially distant world.

(cont.) **Adam Welle** and **Anne Applebaum** have lived in the Seward neighborhood since 2010, adding **Alice** (born 2013) and **Russell** (born 2016) to the family since then and trying to get through each week as best they can as two full-time working parents. Adam grew up in Willmar, MN, and works as an attorney in the consumer-protection division at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Anne is originally from Chicago and works on policy related to housing and economic justice for Violence Free Minnesota (Minnesota's anti-domestic violence coalition). Alice is in second grade at Seward Montessori and Russell is an energetic four-year-old. Especially in these times, we have found some comfort and hope in the community at HTLC and are happy to become part of it.

***This is the second collection of new member bios. The first part was published in the previous edition of [The Community Church](#).*

The office will be closed until November 30. If you have a pastoral care emergency, contact Pastor Ingrid (612.875.6679) or Pastor Doug (612.310.5752). They will do their best to care for you from a distance.

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.

OLIVE OIL AVAILABLE

Each year, the Lutheran World Federation Jerusalem Program, located on the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem, receives a special blessing. After harvesting, olives from the 800 trees on the Lutheran World Federation property are pressed into olive oil. Some of the oil is used in the Augusta Victoria Hospital kitchen to feed patients, family members, and staff. The rest is used in kitchens around the world by friends and visitors of the LWF. For more information see: <https://jerusalem.lutheranworld.org/content/olive-oil-91>.

You can purchase 250ml bottles of this oil for \$15 each. Please contact Bob Brose (bob@qbnet.com) to arrange for drop off or pickup. This makes a nice Christmas gift!

CONCERNING PEOPLE

We pray for **June Prange** and the family and friends of **Carolyn Schurr**, who died last week. Carolyn's memorial service will be held (via Zoom) on Saturday, December 5, at 2:00 p.m. A link to the service will be emailed to all Holy Trinity members prior to December 5.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The worship video for Sunday, November 22, can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/482076617>. 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 22

The adult forum from Sunday, November 22, can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/482668014>.

ADVENT BOX

All members of Holy Trinity should have received an Advent box. If you are a member and have not received your box, please email sroberts@htlcmpls.org. If you use social media, be sure to tag Holy Trinity in your posts (#htlcadvent).

COMMUNITIES OF CALLING

"ART + ACTIVISM" WITH SHARON ENGLUND

The Art + Activism group has met a couple of times over the last two months. We have met via Zoom and it has worked out nicely. Everyone gets a chance to contribute; our leader makes sure each have a turn.

We begin our Zoom meeting with an opening by one of the members, then we close with a reading by another member.

The group consists of six women representing a variety of art forms: fiber art, dance, singing, needlepoint, quilting, performance and more over the years.

We have shared our beginnings as artists in our various genres. We have shared our joys and frustrations. We have talked about those who in our lives have encouraged us and/or given us a start in making art.

Throughout our meeting we have a little "Show and Tell," giving us a further chance of knowing each other's art.

It's a great way to connect up with the people of similar talents and interests. It keeps us connected to our congregation during these difficult times of COVID-19. Thanks be to God.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY DECEMBER 14-18

Holy Trinity is scheduled to deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of Dec. 14-18. Volunteers are needed to deliver 1 to 5 days. Pick up meals at Nokomis Square Condominiums, 35th Ave. S. and 50th St., at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes between 1-1½ hrs. Please respond to Mary Engen. If you have not delivered before, Mary will arrange for you to follow another driver to learn the procedures.

BIG MEETING NIGHTS DECEMBER 3 AND 8

Committee chairs should let Pam (pwetterlund@htlcmpls.org) know if you plan to meet and which night (Thursday, December 3, or Tuesday, December 8) your committee plans to meet.

YTD FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF October 31, 2020

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| YTD General Fund Income | \$757,835.75 |
| YTD General Fund Expenses | \$749,671.72 |
| Justice Funds received | \$458,944.45 |
| World Hunger | \$3,560.00 |