



# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

*The 2020 nominating committee has nominated the following four people for the four open council positions. The congregation will vote on these candidates at the annual meeting on January 31, at 12:00 p.m.*

**Allison Johnson Heist** joined Holy Trinity as a member in 2012. She has been active in the launch of Exodus Lending, racial justice efforts, the Opening Doors campaign, and in the oversight of Trinity Apartments as a congregational board representative. She completed a masters degree in Leadership for Social Transformation at United Theological Seminary in 2019 with the support of HTLC. She is currently the board chair of Resource Generation, a multiracial national organization led by and for young people dedicated to the equitable distribution of wealth. Allison works at Headwaters Foundation for Justice and lives in the Seward neighborhood of Minneapolis with her husband Kevin and their son Wesley.

**Erin Henry** found her way to Holy Trinity in 2016, when she and her now-husband George sought out a congregation that would engage genuinely with current events in our society. As an adult, she took a circuitous path back to the church, studying math and science at St. Olaf College and spending the next decade in the Twin Cities building a career in math research and software development. In the past few years, Erin has been grappling with the challenges of raising children to find faith while asking questions; connecting with God through nature while living in a culture of environmental destruction; and living out values of empathy, equality, and teamwork in the technical fields where she works.

**Gretchen Lund** has been a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for 20 years. She is a teacher of English to multilingual students, a wife to Jeff Weiss, and a mother to three kids; Maggie, Peter, and John. Gretchen has gleefully served as a Trinity Village teacher for a number of years—the last of which she taught in conjunction with her newly-minted church member daughter Maggie and the incomparable Sara Christians. Ms. Lund has sung with Trinity Singers at the 8:45 service for most of her years at Holy Trinity.

**Mike Nevergall** grew up in Ohio and attended Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he met his wife Rachel. After college, Mike and Rachel spent nearly a decade in Chicago, where they began their careers, completed graduate school, and started their family. They have three children—Caroline (8), Elliott (almost 6), and Leo (2 1/2). Mike has spent his entire career in the not-for-profit sector. He currently serves as a Gift Planner at Gustavus Adolphus College, the job which brought the family to Minneapolis in Summer 2017. Since joining Holy Trinity in early 2018, Mike has participated on the stewardship work group, the Council nominating committee, and the Stepping Out in Faith task force.

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

### ADULT FORUM

**SUNDAYS, 9:30 A.M.**

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#)  
Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

To view the recorded Adult Forum from January 17,  
[click here.](#)

### JANUARY 24 “Preview of the Annual Meeting” Pastors and Council Representatives

There’s a lot of business to cover during Holy Trinity’s annual meeting, which will be held Sunday, January 31, at 12:00 p.m. Join us on Zoom to preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. At the Annual Meeting, we will vote on the Stepping Out in Faith Proposal, elect new council members, vote on the proposed 2021 budget, and vote on a Congregational Statement on the Care of Creation. Bring your questions!

### JANUARY 31 “Lutheran Volunteer Corps” Rachel Kennedy, Program Manager, LVC

Rachel comes to Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) with a passion for community, connecting, volunteerism, and social justice. Rachel has a degree in Political Science and made the decision to use her degree specifically in the nonprofit setting. With experience in both volunteer management and direct service, past work has included working as a case manager for a shelter for immigrants, a volunteer coordinator for a local shelter for those experiencing homelessness, a connector of resources to those experiencing hunger, and a leader of interns at the Minnesota Historical Society, helping to connect history to the present.

### HOLY TRINITY (AND LAKE STREET) IN THE NEWS

Read “[Seven months after Floyd unrest, Lake Street business owners optimistic, anxious about rebuilding](#)” in the MinnPost. Pastor Ingrid is quoted, and local business owners talk about their experiences since the unrest over the summer.

### WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

The worship video for Sunday, January 17, can be found [here](#).

## PARISH INFORMATION

### ISAIAH TO LAUNCH WE MAKE MN JAN. 24, 2:00-5:00 P.M.

ISAIAH continues to lead in building a caring economy in which every Minnesotan can thrive, a democracy that honors every person's dignity, and bold climate action to ensure our children's future. We will be pushing for raising the revenue we need to achieve those goals, focusing on funding affordable childcare and creating a new state Department of Early Care & Education, Paid Family and Medical Leave, as well as continuing to press for urgently needed COVID relief measures for small businesses and families.

The purpose of this virtual event is to convey this vision in partnership with top elected leaders and to energize our base. Governor Walz and Speaker Hortman have committed to attend; that portion of the meeting will be between 3:15-4:00 p.m. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY FEBRUARY 1-5

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of February 1-5. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square Condominiums (at delivery dock) on 35th Ave. S. and 50th St. at 11:15 a.m. Volunteers are needed for 1-5 days of the week. Delivery takes about 1-1 1/2 hours. Contact Mary Engen ([engenmary@yahoo.com](mailto:engenmary@yahoo.com)) if interested.

### ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 31 AT 12:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

All members are invited to join the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 31, 12:00 p.m. via Zoom, as we celebrate the 117th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, approve the 2021 budget, vote on a Congregational Statement on the Care of Creation, and vote on the Stepping Out in Faith recommendations for the money we received from the Trinity Apartments transaction. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on progress made toward our congregational goals. The annual report and a link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members prior to January 31.

### INVITATION FROM OUR SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

All are invited to attend a virtual workshop series that Our Saviour's is co-hosting with Church of All Nations called "Jubilee Pathways: Healing Our Relation to Land." The series will explore how growing food and medicinal plants in regenerative ways for earth, self, and community is one faithful and fruitful response to climate crisis, highlighting the living example/witness of Church of All Nations, who have implemented a permaculture design on their church grounds over the past couple of years. We will also dive into the history of colonization and capitalism that has broken our relationship to the land, and we will explore biblical concepts like jubilee. John Nelson and Laura Newby from Church of All Nations and their Underground Seminary will be leading us, and they are excellent teachers.

This series will be held on Zoom three Tuesdays in a row: **January 26, Feb 2, Feb 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** You don't need to participate in all three. Learn more and register here: <https://www.undergroundsem.org/upcoming-workshops>.

### REPARATIONS: AN INTRODUCTION AND A CHALLENGE

Sponsored by the Racial Justice and Doctrine of Discovery Groups, this discussion series will be offered Wednesday evenings, January 20 through February 10, from 7:00 to 8:15p.m. via Zoom. Reparations for racial injustice involves much more than possible financial compensation for past deeds. One of the first steps is "truth telling" and hearing the stories of the victims of racial crimes. Participants will have short podcasts or articles to review before the meetings and guests from the congregation or community will present and facilitate discussions. This is the start of several series on reparations this year which we hope will include planning for actions we can take as individuals or as communities.

The first session of the discussion series, *Reparations: An Introduction and a Challenge*, will be held **Wednesday, January 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** via [Zoom](#). (Click the link to attend, or call 312-626-6799: Member ID 838 8193 4677, Passcode 830967.) Allison Johnson Heist, a member of Holy Trinity, will share her paper "Taking Responsibility for Reparations: A Call to Action for Non-Black People of Faith" to introduce us to the series. Her paper can be found [here](#) and on the Holy Trinity website. Those planning to participate in the discussion will find it helpful to read it before joining the conversation on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20.

The second session of the discussion series on reparations, *Reparations for Native Nations*, will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m.**, via [Zoom](#). (Click the link to attend, or call 312-626-6799: Member ID 838 8193 4677, Passcode 830967.) Jody Beaulieu, enrolled member of the Red Lake Nation and long-time activist will be the presenter. The session will address both the physical (land loss) aspects of reparations as well as the spiritual costs of a history of genocide, broken treaties, boarding schools, and the other ways Native nations have experienced oppression—and what might be done about it at this time.

Prior to the session, participants are encouraged to watch the Mark Charles video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYZ2rj2Jooc>.

### CONCERNING PEOPLE