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SHARING FROM OUR ABUNDANCE

At the annual meeting on Sunday, we approved the Stepping Out in Faith proposal. The Stepping Out in Faith Committee was tasked with recommending ways to disburse the funds we received as a result of the Trinity Apartments sale. The committee decided to give away 15% of the funds (\$810,000) to 8 different organizations whose work focuses on racial, economic, and social justice. Seven of the eight organizations will receive unrestricted donations of \$75,000. The organizations will be showcased in the next few Community Church Newsletters.

American Indian Development Corporation

The American Indian Community Development Corporation's mission is to provide culturally unique initiatives, housing, and entrepreneurial programs that will strengthen American Indian communities. Their goals and objectives include:

- Provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing within a primarily American Indian community to homeless persons and provide permanent affordable housing for low and moderate income persons.
- Provide training and technical assistance to persons within a primarily American Indian community in the areas of housing, rehabilitation, upkeep and maintenance, and management of residential housing units.
- Conduct research, and gather data to be analyzed to formulate policy in the area of housing. Serve as an information clearing house by providing quality technical assistance and advice to other organizations and persons with similar goals.
- Engage in demonstration projects which will develop experimental and creative approaches to provide housing within a primarily American Indian community for homeless and low and moderate income persons with special needs such as chemical dependency, mental health problems, HIV/AIDS-afflicted, and other debilitating conditions.
- Combat community deterioration in an area primarily populated by American Indian persons by rehabilitating poorly-maintained residential housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income persons.
- Provide information and advice to homeless, low- and moderate-income persons as to their rights and responsibilities under applicable housing law.
- Work in cooperation with American Indian tribal governments in social, educational, and housing projects which are designed to inform homeless and low- and moderate-income persons about the availability of such programs on or off Indian reservations.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20d;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

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 31, [click here](#).

FEBRUARY 7 "My Life Story, My Faith Story" Don and Joyce Besser

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from members Don and Joyce Besser. Come and hear Don and Joyce tell their life stories, their faith stories.

FEBRUARY 14 "Bridge of Reconciliation" Pastor Richard Coleman

The Rev. Richard Coleman, Pastor of Wayman AME Church in Minneapolis and Executive Director of Hope United Community Development Corporation (HUCDC) will share information about the Bridge of Reconciliation, a growing movement of racial healing in our cities



PARISH INFORMATION

TELL ME ANOTHER

In the coming weeks, as part of our Communities of Calling initiative, Holy Trinity will introduce a new Intergenerational Conversation Project; one that begins with individual stories shared between the adults and young people in our congregation. "Opening Night" is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. You do NOT have to share a story; log on to hear from all kinds of folks, young and old. Linnea Krig will host these monthly sessions. Click here <https://signup.com/go/vnRvzaC> to sign up.

AARP TAX AIDE AT HOLY TRINITY

AARP Tax Aide will again be available at Holy Trinity to provide assistance with 2020 tax preparation for seniors and low-income taxpayers. Because of COVID 19 protocols, the process will be different. Here are the steps to take:

- Make an appointment to come to Holy Trinity to have your tax documents scanned. To make an appointment, have your 2019 tax return available, and call between 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.:
 - ◊ Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays call **763-245-2885**
 - ◊ Tuesdays and Thursdays call **612-203-1697**
 - ◊ **DO NOT call the church office.** They are unable to make appointments.
- Prior to your appointment, please pick up and complete an Interview Sheet which is available outside the east (cul-de-sac) door at Holy Trinity.
- Bring the completed interview sheet, your tax documents, and a mask to your appointment. Arrive at Holy Trinity no more than five minutes before your scheduled appointment. Masks are required and physical distancing of at least six feet will be enforced. A Tax Aide volunteer will review your Interview sheet and scan your tax documents. You will then be able to leave.
- Your tax return will be prepared at a later date using the online documents that were scanned. Once your tax return is completed, you will be called to set up an appointment to pick it up and sign the standard release form. Your return will then be filed electronically.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

The Church Council for 2021 welcomes new members Allison Johnson Heist, Erin Henry, Gretchen Lund, and Mike Nevergall. Outgoing members are Nicki Hines, Ben Martinez, Katelyn Hollaway, and Donna Scott. Our new officers are Steve Murray, President; David Broberg, Vice-President; Connie Lien Adams, Secretary, and Scott Cole, Treasurer. Thanks to all for the leadership you provide(d) Holy Trinity.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Don't hesitate to contact us with pastoral care emergencies (Church office: 612.729.8358; Pastor Ingrid: 612.875.6679; Pastor Angela: 612.248.9121; Pastor Doug: 612.310.5752). We'll do our best to care for you from a distance.

REPARATIONS: AN INTRODUCTION AND A CHALLENGE

Sponsored by the Racial Justice and Doctrine of Discovery groups, this discussion series will be offered Wednesdays, January 20 through February 10, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.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.

- Click [here](#) to view the first session from Jan. 20, 2021.
- Click [here](#) to view the second session from Jan. 27, 2021.

You may have seen information about Wednesday's Zoom session for [Reparations from an African American perspective](#). Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on February 3 and facilitated by Courtlandt Butts and Keith Olstad, the session can stand on its own (if you missed the first two sessions) but builds on the previous two sessions. The link above contains the invitation for participating or call 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 882 9409 7143, Passcode: 675560. **Please note this is a different link than the one used for the previous sessions. USE THIS ONE.**

From Keith: *I've been working with Courtlandt for a couple of weeks now in preparation for this session, and think it will be especially productive if we have a good number of Holy Trinity members participating who are committed to working on racial justice and equity. This is a very busy time for many of us, so our expectation that participants watch the 32-minute "Spark: The Systemic Racism Story" video is a bit daunting. But the quality of the video is truly excellent, and using the Wednesday evening session to work through the implications of the video will make the whole experience much richer. If you are inclined to do more in preparation for the session, you may also read the transcript of "The Fight for a True Democracy" from the New York Times 1619 Project podcast.*

I hope you will be willing to make room in your full life to join us virtually Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m., for another session of our congregation's reparations series. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

PASTOR ANGELA ON GOOD MORNING AMERICA (AGAIN!)

[Click here](#) to see Pastor Angela and her sisters, Amber and Lacey, on the Good Morning America show. Amber and Lacey have recently published a book, [You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey](#), and the three sisters talk about approaching racism with humor.



PARISH INFORMATION

LOOKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Have you recently read a book (or watched a show or listened to a playlist or found a new artist or...) and you want to share your "find" with someone? Send your recommendations to Sue Roberts (sroberts@htlcmpls.org) and they'll be included in upcoming newsletters. The plan is to include your name with the recommendation, so if you prefer to remain anonymous, make that clear in your message.

BIG MEETING NIGHTS FEBRUARY 4 AND 9

Big Meeting Night dates are February 4 and 9 this month. Committee chairs will forward the Zoom link to members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO BE EMAILED

If you prefer to have your financial statements sent by mail, please contact financial administrator Kaia Ellis (accountspayable@htlcmpls.org / 612-729-8358).

VIRTUAL LOBBY DAY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Minnesota is [not on track](#) to reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals. As people of faith, we have a responsibility to make sure bold climate action is a priority for our MN legislators in 2021.

That's why Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light and the Caring for Creation Working Group invite you to a statewide virtual Lobby Day on **Thursday, February 11**. From the comfort of our own homes, you can join with our partners at the 100% Campaign to talk with your state legislators about an equitable, clean energy future for all.

This lobby day begins at 9:00 a.m. with a training; virtual legislator meetings will take place throughout the day. [RSVP](#) here.

OVERVIEW OF LINE 3 CRUDE OIL PIPELINE PROJECT

For a overview of the Line 3 crude oil pipeline project, currently under construction despite a lawsuit that will come before the Minnesota Court of Appeals on March 23, read [this article](#) in the *Minnesota Reformer*.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

The worship video for Sunday, January 31, can be found [here](#).

FEBRUARY 2 IS CANDELMAS DAY

It's no accident that Groundhog Day and Candlemas are celebrated together, for both signify the triumph of light over darkness, spring over winter.

Candlemas was originally a Celtic festival marking the "cross-quarter day," or midpoint of the season. The Sun is halfway on its advance from the winter solstice to the spring equinox. The Christian church expanded this festival of light to commemorate the purification of the Virgin Mary and her presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. Candlelit processions accompanied the feast day.

Sunshine on Candlemas was said to indicate the return of winter. Similarly, "When the wind's in the east on Candlemas Day / There it will stick till the second of May." A bear brought the forecast to the people of France and England, while those in Germany looked to a badger for a sign. In the 1800s, German immigrants to Pennsylvania brought their Candlemas legends with them. Finding no badgers but lots of groundhogs, or woodchucks, there, they adapted the New World species to fit the lore.

FREE FOOD (TWO OPPORTUNITIES)

Every Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., food will be given away in the back parking lot of the **North-Point Food Shelf** (at the corner of Golden Valley Road and Penn Ave. in North Minneapolis). The food is donated by grocery stores and is nearing its sell-by or best-by date. The food will consist of (mostly) breads/baked goods, produce, and dairy. This food is for everyone; it gets thrown away if it's not taken. If the temperature goes below 10°, the free food table will not open.

The **Du Nord Foundation Community Market** is opening February 1. The Du Nord Foundation Community Market is a welcoming place for neighbors to find free, healthy food for their tables and supplies for their homes. All are welcome; no restrictions. Neighbors may come as often as they need, but most will come about once per week. Due to Covid health and safety restrictions, food and household supplies are being offered through an online form. This allows neighbors to have all the choices available to them, while keeping the community safe. Orders will be packed by volunteers and available for curbside pickup on the day and time you select. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. More hours will be added if needed.

To place an order for food and supplies please visit: bit.ly/dunordmarket.

For more information on supporting our efforts by volunteering or donating supplies, please visit our website ([Du Nord Foundation](#)).

MINNESOTA TASK FORCE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN/RELATIVES

"Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people are far more likely to experience violence, be murdered, or go missing compared to other demographic groups in Minnesota. While Indigenous people make up just 1% of the state's population, 9% of all murdered girls and women in Minnesota from 2010-2019 were American Indian" states a new Minnesota legislative Task Force report. For the last several years, Holy Trinity church members have marched in the annual walk calling attention to this terrible problem. This year the Event will be virtual. You are invited to read the [report](#) and participate in a portion of the four-day event. See the Facebook post [here](#)

Day 1: February 11-Feb 14: 4-day Sacred Fire

Day 2: February 12: Virtual Art Workshop

Day 3: February 13: Community Sharing Day

Day 4: February 14: Live Facebook Panel 12:00-1:30 p.m.

ISAIAH MINNEAPOLIS SUMMIT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Join the ISAIAH Minneapolis Summit from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 2, to learn about upcoming work in Minneapolis around public safety and housing, as well as plans to further a statewide agenda of a multiracial democracy and caring economy. Register at <https://secure.everyaction.com/djqkTWssGUmQjZiduHjq8Q2>

ISAIAH unites people of faith to work collectively toward racial and economic equity in Minnesota. To learn more, visit isaiahmn.org.