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## SHARING FROM OUR ABUNDANCE

At the annual meeting in January, 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. One of these organizations is CTUL. ([www.ctul.net](http://www.ctul.net))

### CTUL (Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha)

CTUL began as a program of the Workers Interfaith Network (WIN) in 2007. Any low-wage worker who was facing a problem in the workplace could come to CTUL. CTUL partnered with workers through leadership development and direct action, so that workers learned about their workplace rights and how to exercise those rights to win change. Early fights included workers from Best Brands Bakery and D'Amico's.

CTUL has now expanded their organizing programs to include organizing fast food workers as part of the national Fight for \$15. One CTUL member, Guillermo Lindsay, serves on the National Organizing Committee of the Fight for \$15, making decisions about the future of the campaign.

CTUL is dedicated to a vision of an empowered community of workers, and to that end is working toward increased involvement on the part of our members in determining the direction of our organization and its programs. We see workers coming together to improve their working conditions and strengthen their circumstances as the most effective way to grow and become stronger as a group, and to convince other workers that this is a cause worth joining and a fight they can win.

### CTUL's Mission

CTUL organizes low-wage workers from across the Twin Cities to develop leadership and educate one another to build power and lead the struggle for fair wages, better working conditions, basic respect, and a voice in our workplaces. CTUL is an organization of workers and for workers, committed to securing fair working conditions for present and future generations.

There are no short-term solutions to racial and economic inequity. The problems we face will not be solved by just winning one-off solutions like a \$15 minimum wage or paid sick days. We need long-term solutions that ensure worker voices help shape the decisions that impact our workplaces and our communities. We need permanent institutions of power led by working communities of color that have the vision, the capacity, and the stability to innovate, dream big, and accomplish their dreams. Through our worker-driven campaigns, CTUL is opening the space for workers to have a voice in shaping their workplaces, communities, and politics.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;  
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

### ADULT FORUM

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

To view the recorded Adult Forum from February 14, [click here](#).

**SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M.**

### FEBRUARY 21 "Palestine Perspective" Pastors Gabi and Meghan Alabiouni

Pastors Gabi Alabiouni and Meghan Alabiouni will present the Adult Forum via Zoom at **10:30 a.m. (note the time change)** from their home in Jerusalem where they serve as ELCA missionaries. They will speak to us about their work, life under Israeli occupation, and the effect of the pandemic on the Palestinian people.

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### FEBRUARY 28 "All Creation Sings" David Sims, Cantor

Hand in hand with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, *All Creation Sings* invites us to expand our prayer and song, joining our voices with the praise, and sighs, of the whole creation God so marvelously made. **Join us at 10:00 a.m. (note the new time)**. To see a preview of *All Creation Sings*, click [here](#).

### RECOMMENDATION FROM JOYCE BESSER

I often grab something to read when going down to wait for a washing machine to finish or a dryer to be available. Today I grabbed *All Creation Sings*. I have been reading it through, including hymns; when I went to find some new hymns to read, it opened to "Service after a Violent Event." How timely. I needed the words I found there, the lament, the words of hope in a new day, God's faithfulness.

The closing charge reads:

"Go out into the world in peace;  
have courage;  
hold onto what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak, and help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit."  
Thanks be to God.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### 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.

### WORSHIP SERVICE FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2021

The worship service for February 14, 2021, can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO BE EMAILED

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

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

We pray for the family of **Neil Anderson**, upon his death. [Neil's obituary](#) ran in Sunday's Star Tribune.

### SWAHILI WORDS FOR TODAY

Another quarantine opportunity: Learn some Swahili words! Pastor Andrea will teach us some common Swahili words and phrases.

Hello (informal): **Jambo!**

Goodbye: **Kwaheri**

Goodbye (more than one person): **Kwaherini**

### LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Bishop Jon Anderson of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA has prepared six (so far) videos for adults to learn about—or to review—Luther's Small Catechism. Click [here](#) to find the videos

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS DURING QUARANTINE

At last week's meeting, staff members recommended books, shows, and foods they've enjoyed recently. Here are a few of those recommendations:

Netflix: *The Half of It; Blown Away; Penguin Bloom*

Apple TV: *Ted Lasso*

Acorn TV: *Manhunt*

HBO: *Taking Chance*

And one food recommendation: lobster rolls from Coastal Seafood

If there's a movie, book, blog, podcast, playlist, show, restaurant, etc. you love, send your recommendation to Sue Roberts ([sroberts@htlcmpls.org](mailto:sroberts@htlcmpls.org)).

### ADDENDUM TO HOLY TRINITY'S COVID RESPONSE PLAN

As of February 11, based on guidance offered by the state, we are further restricting all gatherings inside and outside of the building. No more than three households can be present at one time at any indoor or outdoor gatherings (e.g., CYF, rehearsals, committees). Funerals, weddings, and baptisms are excepted from this restriction; 25 participants (from up to 25 different households) can be present at those life events.

### LENTEN SUPPERS

In past years, we would cater our Lenten meals from local restaurants, but this year we hope you will join us in individually patronizing some of the restaurants on Lake Street that have struggled to hold on through the pandemic and the uprising that followed George Floyd's killing. [Click here](#) for a list of local restaurants that would welcome your business.

### ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. On Wednesday, February 17, a link to our Ash Wednesday worship video will be sent.

