



Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

The Sail

Our Vision: *"To love God, uplift people, inspire hope, and grow disciples of Jesus Christ in our community and everywhere we go!"*

July, 2024



Change, Transition, and Transformation

"Sometimes, God brings times of transition to create transformation." – Lynn Cowell

"When you transition, everyone kind of has to transition around you." – Chaz Bono

Change is an event where something old ends and something new begins. I sit amidst an ever-decreasing scene of chaos. A change has certainly happened! The remaining boxes that surround me – the view outside my window – these are evidence.

Change is an event. Transition, on the other hand, is the physical, emotional, and psychological process that happens around that event. It is in the process of transition that we navigate the impact of change. Right now, physically, I can find any item in any room by opening 2 to 4 drawers randomly. Outside my door, I've found a new pharmacy and I'm trying out nearby grocery stores. I try to navigate without the help of Google Maps – I've found that if I always use Google Maps, I never learn my way around.

Emotionally, I have said blessed and tearful goodbyes to one beloved faith community, and I look forward with increasing excitement to saying hello to a new beloved faith community. I know you have said blessed and tearful goodbyes to Pastor Chad, and I hope you too are excited for what is to come! It's good that we have these pastoral changes in the summertime, when the pace of life is a bit more leisurely. In times of transition I have to remind myself to slow down. I will not know everyone well in my first few weeks at Holy Trinity. I will open drawers and cupboards in the church randomly looking for items, just as I'm doing in my new home. My most frequently spoken words will likely be, "Tina, where is...?"

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Pastor Leigh continued...

We will not know each other, and we will not accomplish all of our goals together, in a few weeks – or even a few months. But we will have fun! I look forward to sharing more of my own story with you, and I especially look forward to the times when you can share your stories with me. I look forward to new adventures!

And I'm eager to delve more deeply into the story of Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity's stated values include the words love... uplift... inspire... grow... and community. Holy Trinity's logo incorporates the value of inclusivity. These are the core ideals that we will bring to the table as we continually discern God's will for us. Our worship series for this summer will focus on community, following scripture from Ephesians. In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul outlines how we are relational beings created by God to live in community. He offers keys to living as a community of faith, in the way of Christ. As we get to know one another, we will explore together what it means to form a new community: What we should bring, what we should leave behind, and what it means to have a God-sized vision, among other things.

In this time of transition, I invite you to take some time in your prayer life to name your hopes and dreams, and to listen for God's voice. What is God calling you to be and to do in this time? What do you hear in God's call for Holy Trinity? What are the calls you hear from the community? All of the prophets and saints throughout the church's history have responded to the cries of the people in their midst. Whose cries do you hear?

Transition is the process that happens around change. We transition, with God's help.

Transformation is a passage to a new state of being – the work that God does, in us, throughout the process of transition. God transforms, with our help. May God bless us as we walk together in faith and love, and may we, transformed by God, bless this community with all that we are.

And may we have fun along the way. See you next week!

In God's love,
Pastor Leigh

Walk to Emmaus

Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat designed by Upper Room ministries to dive deeply into the mystery and everyday miracle of a lively faith in Jesus Christ. If your faith has come to feel routine or flat, or if you feel a calling toward a re-invigorated communion with God, then you may find what you need in the supportive Emmaus community. Each day there will be worship, music, time for private reflection, sharing by leaders, and opportunities for discussion and sharing with other people in attendance, known as pilgrims. People stay in modest but private rooms at the retreat center in Fairmont and will be provided with meals and snacks throughout the event.

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination, for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

Questions? Speak with past pilgrims: Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Larry Nace, Paula Green, Carol Ottoson, Connie Scott, Kay Petterson, and Karen Nau, or you can find more information at <https://www.mnemmaus.org/page/what-is-mn-wte>

The next Men's Walk is September 12-15, 2024.

The next Women's Walk is September 19-22, 2024.

Many sponsorships are available.

If you feel that God is calling you closer, and that an Emmaus Walk might help you find your way, please contact one of the people listed above for help signing up, or just to let us know your intentions so we can be supportive!



Be and Grow

I am amazed at all the opportunities to be involved and grow as individuals and community in Christ at Holy Trinity. What does that mean, to BE a community in Christ? To me, it means that we practice living and believing as Jesus taught, together, so it is easier to live and believe that way out in the world. To GROW in Christ is to challenge and push back against the powerful ways the culture tries to mold us all to be consumers, to buy into “them and us” thinking, to try to fit in. We don’t grow by going with the flow; we must dig into the possibilities the community of Christ offers us.

Why would we want to grow in this way? Aren’t we fine and busy enough? Yes, there is no lack of busyness, for me or for anyone I know. But there is, possibly, a lack of life-giving opportunities, the kind that really help spark awareness of life, that turn our attention away from all the ways we are getting it “not quite right, could do better, strive, strive, strive,” and to the ways that we and our fellow humans are blessed and can be a blessing just as we are, transforming our world, and the world around us. I went through a frustrating and chaotic time recently, and my response: fear, lashing out, and discouragement, was NOT what Jesus would do. I recognized the signs, and turned back toward what I know God wants: trust, surrender, and hope. The pivot was healing to me and to people around me.

If it feels as though your life is being slowly sapped away by negativity, or unrelenting competition, or simply a lack of joy, consider a pivot. For me it starts with:

1. Realizing that the way I have been going is no better than surviving day to day.
2. Breathing and asking God to help me find the right path.
3. Surrendering something I am unable to control (no matter how hard I try) and asking God to take that over. Then LETTING God take that over, repeating as often as needed.
4. Asking, is there any activity I am currently enduring that can be put down for a time to let me try something different and life-giving?

5. Opening my eyes and heart to the opportunities at hand, watching for a spark.
6. Asking someone a question, such as “what does this involve?” or “is there a way to make it possible for me to be involved (for someone it might be provide childcare, or adjust a schedule, or provide a scholarship)?” Speak aloud the possibility.
7. Inviting someone to go with me, even if I don’t know them well enough to trust they’ll say yes. If that seems impossible, we can ask, “who else is involved I can talk to?” The New Testament is full of stories of people in community. We don’t have to do this alone.

I hope that you find some potentially life-giving opportunity to try in the Holy Trinity community in the days ahead. It would be good to BE and GROW with you.



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Camp Firelight VBS (August 5-8)

invites us on a summer adventure where we learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings!

There is no cost for this program! VBS includes dinner each night, a T-Shirt and lots of fun activities! T-shirts can only be guaranteed for kids who register by July 25. Visit link below to register...

<https://htumc.org/events/vacation-bible-2024/>

July Missions of the Month



Each August & September, the CAP Agency provides students in need with a new backpack filled with school supplies to help them thrive. This community project is called **PROJECT STUDENT SUCCESS**. It's open to current CAP clients living in Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties with children in school.

Donations of new supplies & new backpacks are needed by no later than July 31. Supplies can be placed by the Mission display in the Narthex.

NEW school supplies most often requested:

Notebooks and Folders
Glue and Glue-Sticks
#2 Pencils and Mechanical Pencils
Red, Blue and Black Pens
Crayons and Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Highlighters
Sharpies
Erasers
Index Cards
Rulers
Scissors
Calculators
Box of Tissues

In addition to school supplies, we will be collecting monetary donations for R.O.C.K. throughout the month of July.



R.O.C.K.'s Mission

To help break down barriers to learning by working to meet the basic needs of our community's kids by sending home meals (Power Packs) over the weekends.

Inclusion Starts with I

By Carol Ottoson

We are officially halfway through the calendar year and ready to embark on a new journey with Pastor Leigh Brown. We look forward to meeting her and to all that she has to offer Holy Trinity. As a Reconciling Congregation our goal is to welcome all, and as Christians our goal is to follow Jesus and his philosophy of Radical Hospitality. With a new pastor coming in and new visitors nearly every Sunday, the I Team's focus for the month of July is Radical Hospitality. 1 Peter 4:8-10 says, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." We encourage you this month to be even more welcoming to all and to take time to welcome anyone you haven't met (yet). Be sure to offer Pastor Leigh not only your warm welcome, but also your open heart. Finally, note verse 10 which states that we should "use whatever gift we have received to serve others." Our display materials this month are an open invitation to all of you to get involved in some activity that is going on in the church. Information is available about immediate needs, such as the garden and helping out with nursery for infant-kindergarten in July. Check the sign-up for coffee hour, and be sure to add your name. Information is also available for small groups and volunteer opportunities that run throughout the year. Consider joining choir or the bell choir this fall. If you are interested in social justice and great camaraderie, look into the United Women in Faith. Trinity Readers is an active book club, and the Holy Helpers and Care Ministry team are always looking for volunteers. The I Team is also looking for new members and new ideas to keep inclusion at the forefront. Standing church committees include the Staff-Parish Relationship Team (SPRT), the Trustees, and the Core Team. There is something for everyone – and if there is something you are interested in starting, go for it! Church is more than a building and more than just Sunday mornings. The more involved you become, the more connected you will feel. **Remember, Inclusion starts with I.**

Core Team and Finance Updates...

The Core Team met on Monday, June 17. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Vic Noer brought forward a request from Prior Lake business owner Manny Perez, to use some spaces in our parking lot in the evening hours for valet parking for his new restaurant, Chula's, opening in the current T-shirts & More location in 2025. Holy Trinity would receive a portion of the valet fees in thanks. We agreed to work out some details and go ahead, with the option to re-examine after six months.
- Lynnette reported that STORM Camp and VBS are coming soon. One project that has been needed for some time is the addition of more special playground mulch, which has been compacting since the playground was installed in 2016. The Core Team approved \$1920 for 60 cubic yards of mulch from SMSC's Organics Recycling, who will give us free delivery to arrive during STORM camp, so campers can help install it. This will be great for our neighbor kids and for VBS and Night to Unite.
- Reviewed activities to welcome Rev. Leigh, and ease her transition into pastoring at Holy Trinity.
- I Team and Gardening with Grace activities reviewed (see elsewhere in newsletter.)
- Patrick reported that the annual conference has reduced apportionments, which is helpful. He also reported that he and Connie will be moving to Mankato in September, so a new Finance person is needed by August to transition into this important role. If you have experience reading a budget please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to step into this role. Training is provided.

Full minutes will be added to <https://www.htumc.org/core-team/> The next meeting will be Monday, July 22.

HELP WANTED

I believe that is now common knowledge that Connie and I are moving to Mankato this September. It is with mixed feelings that we are leaving, but it needs to be done.

This means there is an opportunity for someone to take over as Head of the Finance committee. My last day will be at the CORE Team meeting in August. I would like to have someone in place before I leave so there can be a smooth transition. As I was told when I started in January of 2023, this position is what you make it. If this is something you would like to do, please contact me or Tanya Alemu.

Now for the Nitty-Gritty: For the first time in the eighteen months that I have been on the finance team, we are in the black. Our net income through May is: \$31,661.26, but our income for May is a -\$4200.12. That is expected, as we head into the summer months.

Although I would like to be dancing in the streets over this news, it's a bit too early for celebration.

I am confident that under Pastor Leigh's leadership, this trend will continue. If it does, I will dance in the street in January.

Patrick Rasmussen (prasmussen68@gmail.com)



The garden has been planted, but we still need help with weeding, pruning, watering and harvesting throughout the summer and fall. Please sign up here if you can help—even just once or twice would be greatly appreciated!

<https://bit.ly/SignUpToGardenWithGrace>



Scan me
to garden!

Strong Missions Fundraiser



We would love help spreading the word about our upcoming fundraiser. We will once again be **reserving parking spots at the church during Lakefront Music Fest, July 12 & 13.**

Here is the link to reserve a spot that you can help circulate: <https://bit.ly/LMF2024parkingHTUMC>

Strong and Courageous. Joshua 1:9

LEADERSHIP

INSTITUTE 2024

equip.strengthen.inspire.

Wednesday 9/25/24- Friday 9/27/24

Leadership Institute is for people:

- who work for or volunteer at a church,
- are passionate about sharing God's love with our community
- are eager to meet others who share this purpose.

Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS is uniquely designed to equip, inspire, and remind you—*whose* you are and who we're *called* to be. Experience a diverse community, ready to connect and learn, powerful worship, four dynamic and relevant keynote speakers, practical featured sessions to choose from, and time for renewal, networking, team building and more.

Registration and hotel paid for by Holy Trinity if you RSVP by Noon on Monday, July 15 and choose:

- ⇒ In-Person + Four Pre-Conference Workshops (\$278) Pre-Conference Workshops begin at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, lunch is provided
- ⇒ In-Person (\$199) 6:30 PM Wednesday-12:15 PM Friday, lunch is provided on Thursday
- ⇒ Online (\$79) 6:30 PM Wednesday-12:15 PM Friday

Carpooling and hotel to be arranged.



Adam Hamilton is the founding pastor of Resurrection, A United Methodist Church in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most visible churches in the country.



United
Women
in Faith

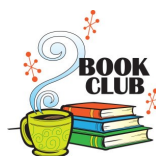
United Women in Faith Gathering for JULY

Tuesday, July 9th at 2:00pm

-Meet in Fellowship Hall at the church-

We welcome all women to join us as we support local & global missions and gather for fellowship, devotions, prayer, study & mission business.

Please contact Sharon Dougherty for questions at sdsrdougherty@gmail.com or 612-280-2103.



Trinity Readers

Tuesday, July 30

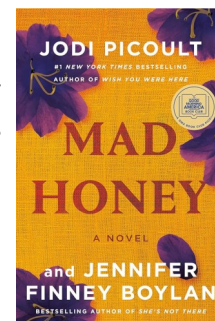
1:30pm Church Library

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, join us!

**The book for July: *Mad Honey*
by Jody Picoult**

A riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.

A soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past, and what we choose to leave behind.



No Kids' Church in July

Kids' Church is taking a summer break during the month of July! We will still have worship clipboards each week, and parents are welcome to use the nursery during the service. There will be a QR code posted to link you to the Livestream so you can even watch the service on your mobile device while your child plays. We will be back in action in August!

If you have interest in being part of how we do Kids' Church, nursery and other Kids' Ministries, contact Lynnette (kidsandfamilies@htumc.org)



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**\$878 to Midwest Mission
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the month of May.







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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	2 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	3	4  6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	5	6
7 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream Welcome Pastor Leigh 	8 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	 United Women in Faith 2:00pm UWFaith 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	10	11 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	12  	13
14 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream	15	16 1-3:15pm Quilters	17	18	19	20
						
	7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	7pm CoDA at the parsonage		6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage		
21 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream	22 6:30pm Core Team Meeting 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	23 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	24	25 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	26	27
28 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream	29 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	 1:30pm Trinity Readers 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	31			

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church



16150 Arcadia Avenue SE
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Worship: 9:30am (in-person & online)

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