



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!”*

October, 2024



Do Unto Others

Campaign season begins on October 6! No, I’m not talking about the cacophony that is our political campaign season – we all know that has been well underway and is reaching a deafening and discordant crescendo. At Holy Trinity UMC this October, we embark on a campaign for kindness! Our campaign is called *Do Unto Others*. There is a well-known saying, referred to as the Golden Rule, which states “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” This is a teaching of Jesus, stated clearly in Matthew 7:12: *Therefore, you should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this is the Law and the Prophets*; and fleshed out throughout Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

And indeed a version of this teaching can be found in almost every major religion. This universal rule holds the power to bring people together. This teaching has the power to heal relationships, bridge political chasms, and transform our community in a world torn by division. This fall we will discover how the simple, yet profound principle of kindness can be our catalyst for positive change.

We are not alone in this campaign – many United Methodist churches are joining in the movement this fall. *Do Unto Others* is a grassroots movement launched by Resurrection, a United Methodist Church in the Kansas City area, led by Rev. Adam Hamilton. I’m traveling to Resurrection this week with three of our church leaders to learn more about this movement that encourages intentional acts of kindness, fosters civility and respect, and counters the polarization in our society.

As diverse as our viewpoints are, we all agree that there is much at stake for the wellbeing of our lives, our families, our communities, and our world. These are anxious and

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turbulent times, but Jesus lived in an anxious and turbulent time as well. In his time, he called together friends and foes and offered the grace and love of God indiscriminately. He showed us how people of faith can model caring for one another in the midst of hate and distrust. And he called us to, in our own time, in our own deliberate actions and interactions, model what it looks like to live by the Golden Rule.

Our faith equips us to survive, and perhaps even thrive spiritually, in this moment. Find oasis in the storm and together we will navigate these coming weeks in the way that Jesus offers. Join the *Do Unto Others* movement this fall at Holy Trinity UMC!



Inclusion Starts with I

By Carol Ottoson

Unless your family background is from the Native American tradition, you and I come from an immigrant background, and we all have immigrant stories. In some cases our relatives came here decades or even centuries ago, and in other cases they are much more recent. I was lucky enough to meet my immigrant grandfather who came from Scotland. My husband Keith not only met three out of his four Swedish immigrant grandparents, but two of them lived down the street, and the third lived with his family, so he spent most of his life nearly surrounded by immigrants. I know that you have stories too, which we hope to hear in December.



I Team stands for Inclusion, and we are beginning a quarterly calendar that will focus on a related theme each quarter. This is the new calendar:

- Jan-March. *Love Your Neighbor* (Racism/Black Lives Matter, Native American, Poverty)
- April-June. *Golden Rule* (Domestic Violence, Bullying, Gender, Pride)
- July-September. *Let's Think Differently* (Differently abled, neurodiversity, memory loss)
- October-December. *A Place at the Table* (Immigrants/Refugees, One Table)

From now through the end of the calendar year we will be focusing on *A Place at the Table* and specifically sharing factual information on immigrants, refugees, migrants, and undocumented immigrants. Our goal is to separate fact from myth and try to create an understanding of people who leave their country to become part of our country. A member of the I Team will give a short talk on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of October and November, and fact sheets will be included in those bulletins, as well as in the church. December is dedicated to One Table, which includes tying together the previous talks on December 8th, culminating in our **Second Annual One Table Event**, in which you are invited to bring a dish from your heritage (or a heritage you are interested in), sharing your recipe, and sitting with others to share your family immigrant experiences. Mark your calendar for December 15th for this very exciting meal.

Many verses in the Bible tells us to welcome the foreigner, the stranger or the immigrant. Hebrews 13:1-2 is one of my favorites: *Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* **Remember, Inclusion starts with I.**



A Conspiracy

We were on a long, ugly drive in an ice storm on our way to a middle school retreat some years ago, when one of the students in my car started explaining all the wild and spooky conspiracy theories she had been learning about from a show she had been watching. The two other girls in the car, very good friends of hers, were laughing at her. She laughed too, but persisted in saying all these theories were true. I did not buy into any of the wild theories she shared that night, but I have to admit, once in awhile a dark and complicated explanation for “why are things this way?” does catch my attention. What is it about these theories that are so fascinating and convincing for so many?

According to an article in Scientific American (March 2019,) studies have shown people are more likely to believe conspiracy theories (ideas that people or groups are colluding in hidden ways to produce a particular outcome,) when they are anxious, and when they feel alienated or rejected. People want to understand the reasons bad things happen, and they are comforted when blame falls on people or groups they already feel are against them. There is a tendency to think “those other guys” are trying to restrict my rights, are hatching nefarious plans to do so, and lying about it. An anxious and oppressed person is much more likely to be defensive and angry, and to generalize these feelings toward others. For instance, when you aren’t having a great day and someone next to you in traffic swerves toward your lane, are you more likely to think, “Gosh, something just happened in that car, I hope it is under control,” or to think, “That idiot probably doesn’t even care that there are people around him!” In a divisive culture, people start viewing others with suspicion and antagonism.

An atmosphere of fear, suspicion and acrimony discourages people from living compassionately and with faith. Looking for secrets and scapegoats is an attempt to find control during complex and frightening developments. That sense of control may be comforting, but it is an illusion. If we can’t control what is happening in the world, what can we do? We can work on controlling our own thinking and actions, to avoid feeding into, and spreading the fear and

chaos to our friends and our families. As tension builds around important events such as an election, global conflict, etc. this can be difficult to do. This is why a growing faith and seeking God has never been more important. I am very much looking forward to the *Do Unto Others* series beginning Oct 6. In the meantime, here are a few verses that have been helpful for me lately, as we enter October, a time of spookiness AND election overload:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not (yet) made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

We aren’t fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and, after you have done everything possible, to still stand. (Eph 6:10-13)

A final thought: in a way, my student with the conspiracy theories did have a lesson for me. If I spent as much time seeking the life-giving hope we have in Jesus, and had her enthusiasm for sharing it, I would be spreading a much different kind of conspiracy.

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October Mission of the Month



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Refugee Services

Mission:

Refugee Services is an ecumenical ministry welcoming persecuted people from around the world into new lives of freedom, hope, and opportunity in Minnesota.

Vision:

Refugees are abundantly supported as they move from addressing basic needs to achieving their dreams, and faith communities are transformed by partnering in this ministry of hospitality.

Refugee Services has been a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches since 1984. Since that time, Refugee Services has welcomed more than 10,000 refugees from around the world to lives of freedom, hope and opportunity in Minnesota. They offer abundant support to new comers through four lines of service: Case management, Immigration, Employment and Education.

People with refugee status have fled their home countries because of persecution based on their identity—race, religion, ethnicity, membership in a social group, or political opinion. They are unable to return to their homes for fear of further persecution, imprisonment or death. Refugees who resettle in the United States come by invitation of the US Department of State and have a direct path to US citizenship. They are authorized to work and remain in the US indefinitely.

Minnesota has long been a leader in refugee resettlement, and has welcomed more than 100,000 refugees since 1970. Today, most refugee arrivals to Minnesota are from Burma, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and Ukraine. Refugees are survivors who bring hope and invaluable life experience to Minnesota.



Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services is expecting to welcome nearly 1,000 newly-arrived refugees to the Twin Cities in 2024—almost twice as many as they did in 2023. With summer coming to a close, they are looking for coats to provide to refugee families to help keep them warm for their first Minnesota winter! They will accept any new or lightly used child and adult coats, up to size XL.

Do you have any new or lightly used winter coats that you're interested in giving a new home? Please drop them off at the church anytime during the month of October and we will get them to refugees in need.



Thank you for donating **\$834.91 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace** as well as **lots of bedding and pillows** during the month of August.

As of 9/10/24, 680 pounds of produce have been donated to the CAP agency food shelf.



Thank you to our gardeners (and those donating from their personal gardens) for your dedication to this important ministry.



Thank you to those who volunteered at Lakefront Music Fest in July and earned \$3240 for our Costa Rica Strong Missions Team.

Core Team Corner and Upcoming Events...

The Core Team met on Monday, Sept 23. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Finance: Tanya Alemu will be stepping out of the role of Core Team Chair and taking on the Chair of Finance that has been vacant since August. Paula Green agreed to act as Core Team Chair for the immediate future. Locating the title to the van has held up our ability to sell it, but progress has been made on our copier expenses and we expect to be leasing a new device for less cost soon.
- Fresh Expressions: Don Oram has had good success taking garden produce to lower income apartment complexes, and the team has plans for an even better year while harvest is winding down.
- Shakopee Community Assistance and the Toy Corner are two local helping organizations looking for space to distribute diapers, clothes for small children, feminine hygiene supplies and toys for free. The Core Team approved the potential rental of the lower level of the parsonage, pending approval by Trustees and the satisfactory answers to a few questions.

Full minutes will be added to <https://www.htumc.org/core-team/> The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 14.



Haunted House Youth Event & Outdoor Movie

Saturday, October 26 6-8pm
Best for middle school & older

Come walk through our spooky haunted house and then take a seat to view the movie *Coco* in our outdoor theater. Fresh popped popcorn, candy, soda and delicious pizza from our wood-fired oven will be served. This is a FREE event. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please contact the church office or Lynnette if you can help with this event.

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27
10:30am-12pm

Best for elementary age
& younger and their adults



Come for lots of fun activities including games with prizes, fall crafts, trunk or treat, and the movie *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. Donuts, apple cider and fresh popped popcorn will be served and fresh baked pumpkin bread from our wood-fired oven will be available for a free will offering. Lots of help will be needed for this event. Please contact the church office, Lynnette or sign up on the board in the Narthex at church if you can help.



All Women Invited!

Holy Trinity UMC and Lydia Zion UMC
United Women in Faith
FALL GET-TOGETHER



Saturday, November 9th at 11:00am

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church
16150 Arcadia Ave – Prior Lake MN 55372

COME TO: *Enjoy a tasty lunch (free)!

***Hear from Emma Norton's Advancement Director
Shawna Nelsen-Wills about all the good things
happening at Emma Norton.**

***See your friends and make new ones!**

RSVP to Sharon Dougherty at

sdsrdougherty@gmail.com or 612-280-2103

We are collecting these essential items for when a housing unit is set up for a new resident at Emma Norton. Please join us in collecting these **NEW** items and place in the laundry basket display in the Narthex at Holy Trinity UMC.

Queen size sheets & comforters (new)

Brooms/dust pans

Vacuums/dust busters

Bath towels

Shelf liners

Non-stick frying pans

Drawer organizers

Food storage containers

Silverware organizers

Throw blankets/quilts

Thank you for your generosity!

More Upcoming Events...

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

South of the River CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 06, 2024

APPLE VALLEY, MINNESOTA

Join us for the 12th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk! The walk steps off at 2:00 pm, but plan to come early to enjoy our pre-walk activities beginning at 12:30. There will be a free community meal, a bake sale, and live music. This is a family-friendly event, and pets are also welcome if they are leashed.

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
14401 Pilot Knob Road
Apple Valley, MN

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the South of the River CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

The route is approximately 3 miles, with a shorter option of less than 1 mile. Help keep us "green" by bringing your own refillable water bottle; fill stations will be available at the beginning and the half-way point.

Bring non-perishable food items to support the Rosemount Resource Center food shelf. Our local agency, designated to receive 25% of funds raised, is Second Harvest Heartland.

Pastor Leigh would like to get a team together to participate in the South of the River Crop Hunger Walk. Please contact the church office or Pastor Leigh directly if you'd like to join her team!



CANDY CRAWL 2024

Thursday, October 31, 10am-1pm

Candy Crawl is a daytime trick-or-treat event for Prior Lake's youngest residents. Start your Candy Crawl at Prior Lake City Hall and make sure to stop by Holy Trinity for a fun photo booth and lots of candy!



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Gathering for October

Tuesday, October 8th 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.

Lakefront Bible Study

October 1 & 15

from 1:00-2:30pm

Lakefront Plaza Commons Room



The group is currently studying *Everything Happens for a Reason* by Kate Bowler.

This book can be purchased from the church for \$10 or is also available on Amazon.

This is a non-denominational group. All are welcome! Call Barb Bollinger with questions at 612-670-1847.

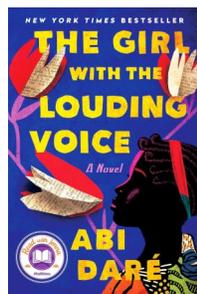


Trinity Readers
Tuesday, October 29
2:00pm Church Library

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, join us!

The book for October:
The Girl with the Louding Voice
by Abi Daré

A powerful, emotional debut novel told in the unforgettable voice of a young Nigerian woman who is trapped in a life of servitude but determined to fight for her dreams and choose her own future.



Holy Trinity will be celebrating "All Saints Sunday" on **November 3** during worship. We will be honoring all loved ones who passed away in the last year. If you have someone you would like to include, please send an email to the church office by **Monday, October 28** and include the person's name, date of death, relationship to you as well as their picture. In addition, you are welcome to bring a memento (picture, item, candle) to place on the altar on November 3 to honor any other loved ones who passed away more than a year ago.



Building an INCLUSIVE Church in Minnesota

Minnesota Reconciling Congregations

Minnesota Reconciling Congregations are hosting a Fall Zoom Learning Event on Thursday, **November 7th** starting at 7pm featuring Dr. Ellie Krug's presentation on "Welcoming LGBTQ+ Congregants." You are invited to attend a "Watch Party" at Carol Ottoson's house, 16399 Itasca Ave. S.E., Prior Lake. We will meet in the lower level, but you can come either upstairs or downstairs. Please join us early -- **starting at 6:15pm**. You can build your own small pizza (6 or 10 inch), which will be made on Carol's "phenomenottoson" crusts (there is a reputation). She will also prepare a few gluten-free crusts. Please sign up by contacting the church office or by adding your name to the paper sign up at church.



We are pretty proud of our church, and we hope you are too! We have lots of options on some great swag items, but we are wondering if there is a different style/ something new you'd like to see. Maybe a half-zip pullover, a sports jersey, or a warm fleece hoodie? Check out our current offerings at local business F&B Companies, and let us know what we should add!

Come check out the **NEW** books we have in our church library!



FICTION

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop Fannie Flag
The Secret Keeper of Jaipur Aka Jashi
Between Sisters Kristin Hannah
Lessons in Chemistry Bonnie Grams
Horse Geraldine Brooks
The Gendarme Mark T Mustian
Flight Lynn Stewart Strong
The Night Ship Jess Kidd
The Water Dancer Ta-Nehisi Coates
I cheerfully Refuse Lief Anger
The Rose Code Kate Quinn
The Kids are Gonna Ask Gretchen Anthony
The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie Alan Bradley
March Geraldine Brooks
Mystic River Dennis Lehane
The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency Alexander McCall Smith
The Namesake Jhumpa Lahiri

The Whole Town's Talking Fannie Flag
The Henna Artist Aka Joshi
The Paris Bookseller Kerri Maher
The Lincoln Highway Amor Towles
The Painted Drum Louise Erdrich
The Golden Son Shilpi Somaya Gowda
Home Marilynne Robinson
Good Grief Lolly Winston
Crew Mary Kathleen Grissom
The Night Watchman Louise Erdrich
The House in the Orchard Elizabeth Brooks
Washington Black Esi Edgyan
Cold Sassy Tree Olive Ann Burns
The Marsh E.L. Doctorow
An Irish Country Doctor Patrick Taylor
Losing Gemma Katy Gardner
The Pact Jodi Picoult

BIOGRAPHY

The Lance and the Shield Robert M Utley
In My Own Words Mother Teresa

Thomas Jefferson Willard S. Randall

WORLD RELIGIONS

You Are Here Thich That Hang
Wisdom for Life and Afterlife Prophet Mohammad

DIVERSITY

The Bible of Human Sexuality Ellen A Brubaker
Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality Jack Rogers
Living Faithfully UMC
Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigrations Ben Daniel

Together at the Table Karen P Oliveto-
Unafraid and Unashamed Will Cantrell
Transgender History Susan Stryker
Holy Love Steve Harper

ILLNESS, GRIEVING AND DEATH

Complications Atul Gawande

Bulletproof Spirit Captain Dan Willis





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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27 9:30am Worship/Live-Stream 10:30-12:00 Fall Fest 	28 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	29  2:00pm Trinity Readers 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	30 4pm Bells Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	31  10am-1pm Candy Crawl 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage		

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