



## 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!"*

**September, 2023**

### ***"Come Home"***



I attended Apple Valley High School from 1978-1982. Each year, like most every high school I am aware of, they celebrated Homecoming Week. The week was filled with activities like dress-up days, pep fests, intermural sports events, the coronation of royalty, the big football game on Friday night, and a dance on Saturday night. It was a lot! And, honestly, I didn't get into the spirit very much. I would attend the football game, but I did that even when it wasn't Homecoming.

The year after I graduated, 1983, I made it a point to come home from college in Bemidji for the event. I attended the football game, where I sat in the stands with people from my graduating class. I even attended the dance on Saturday night – a first for me, I think!

But it was that year that the meaning really clicked for me. I was "coming home." I was coming home to a place that held some very special memories, and to the people with whom those memories had been made. "Homecoming" meant something more after I had been away for a bit and was now returning.

This year, we will be celebrating "Homecoming Sunday" at Holy Trinity United Methodist Church. On September 10, beginning at 9:30am, we will come together to worship, to bless, to eat, to fellowship, to sing, and to play. And I'm hoping to see YOU there!

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- If you have been absent from the church for whatever reason, I hope that you will "come home" and be reminded of why you once connected with this church.
- If you spent the summer months traveling or trying out a new Sunday morning routine, I hope that you will "come home" and get back into a regular pattern of weekly worship and fellowship.

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## Pastor Chad continued...

- If you have been worshipping online (Thank you!), September 10 would be a great day to “come home” to see “live” the faces you’ve only seen on screen, and take in all that you can in person.
- If you’ve been attending Holy Trinity regularly, I hope that you will “come home” to help greet both the familiar faces as well as the new ones, and to celebrate together our Homecoming.

There are countless stories in the Bible about God’s people who returned home after some time away. And the thing that strikes me about those stories is that the people who return are welcomed with open arms – no questions asked, no judgment. As a matter of fact, in some cases, a huge celebration is held because loved ones have come home.

So here’s a quick reminder to those who have never left “home”: when you see a new face in church, or someone that you haven’t seen for a while, don’t ask questions or be critical. Simply smile and say, “Welcome home!”

I hope that you’ll join us in “coming home” on September 10. And if you know of someone who could use a place to call their church home, I hope that you’ll invite them to join you. Or better yet, tell them that you’ll pick them up and bring them with you. Remember, ALL are welcome!

Blessings,  
Pastor Chad

## CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program at Holy Trinity is a 2-year program for students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Older students who have not been through a Confirmation program are also welcome.

Over the course of two years, students will learn about:

- Our Journey – the journey of following Jesus
- Our History and Heritage – the early church and the United Methodist Church
- Our Life Together – what makes the United Methodist Church unique?
- Our Beliefs – how we understand the Bible, God, and prayer
- Our Theology – the things we believe as Christians
- Our Faith and Calling – how we will live out our faith

Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:00pm in the Parsonage (house next to the church – upper level).

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (as well as any older students who would like to be a part of this year’s Confirmation class) and a parent/adult are invited to an **Introductory Meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:15pm**. This meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) at church.

For more information, please contact Pastor Chad ([pastor@htumc.org](mailto:pastor@htumc.org)/952-356-4616).



Join us on Sunday, September 10th!



9:30AM—Worship/Live-Stream/Chancel Choir

*\*Please bring your backpack, briefcase or personal bag for a special blessing.*

10:00AM—Families will be together in the sanctuary for worship until the sermon, then kids up through 5th grade will have the option to go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for a simplified version of the sermon (**Kids' Church!**) and some free choice activities until their parents come down to join them.

10:30am—Fellowship Time with Fresh Cinnamon Rolls provided by our Bread Oven Ministry, Potluck Lunch including Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Yard Games, and Live Music!

For more information or to sign up to provide food for the potluck go to: <https://htumc.org/events/homecoming-sunday/>



## Children, Youth and Family...

Vacation Bible School is a Lot Like Life

Vacation Bible School, I have decided, is a lot like life. It begins with a lot of possibility and uncertainty. You have some resources, and a general sense of what you want to do, and a lot of questions, like how? How does this all work? Who? Who will come and care about this? The when is maybe the easiest question to answer, but the answer you get doesn't work for everybody. The why is the question with the most solid answer. We VBS (yes, that is a verb, I just decided) and we live because we are created to live, and to grow in understanding our identity as beloved children of God. Henri J. M. Nouwen says, "...life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but, most of all, to say "yes" to the One who calls us the Beloved."

We love, not because it is the nice thing to do, or the right thing to do, but because we are loved. God's love of us makes it possible to love others we don't know well, or who are difficult to love. VBS is a loving act that is possible because we know that God has done so much for us, and we want our kids to experience that love too. And they do! The loving kindness shown between the adults, the youth helpers, and the children in the VBS program this past month was astonishing. We ate and laughed together, encouraged each other, and learned about God's word and acts of creation together (Psalm 104).

The team of adults and youth working together really made the whole thing beautiful, taking ideas and lessons and shaping them to fit our group and the space we were in. And that is another thing that makes me think VBS is like life. How we interact with each other in community is one of the most important ways we say "Yes" to our creator. Nouwen says that if we are living life as if it is a painful test to prove we deserve to be loved, we only need to accept God's unconditional love for us and then live life as an unceasing "Yes" to the truth of that Belovedness.

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When we know and truly accept that we are the Beloved, and when we live and share that Belovedness with others, we grow ever closer to living in the kingdom of God. For four days in August, the kingdom of God and Holy Trinity came together in the people you see in the photos below. Who will we be the Beloved with, and for, in the weeks ahead?



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## September Mission of the Month



### Build-Up Campaign for the NEW Simpson Community Shelter and Apartments

The Simpson UMC building has sheltered thousands of people over its years of operation, but the 130-year-old structure was never built to accommodate shelter guests. It's time to build something better on the site: the new **Simpson Community Shelter and Apartments**.

Plans for the four-story facility include 70 shelter beds; two floors (42 units) of deeply affordable housing; and extensive on-site services, including a 24-hour front desk, a commercial kitchen capable of serving 100 people, and offices/clinic space for Health Care for the Homeless, service staff, and community and cultural partners.

Simpson plans to break ground on the new shelter later this year. They are in the final phase of a \$45 million campaign. They have raised funding from several public and private sources but have \$13 million left. **They are asking the UMC community to join them in making a financial gift to fully fund the shelter's Build-Up Campaign.** UMC Aldersgate is providing a \$75,000 fundraising challenge match so **each gift received from the UMC community by December 31 will be doubled!**

**A  
MODEL  
FOR  
MORE**

Simpson  
Community Shelter  
and Apartments



Thank you for donating **\$1,378** to CAP's **Project Student Success** during the month of July, as well as various school supplies.

Your donations will help CAP provide students in need with a new backpack filled with school supplies to help them thrive this school year.



### Don Hartley/Otti Castriotta Memorial Garden



As of 8/28/23, 610 pounds of produce and herbs 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.

Our United Women in Faith unit is collecting **specific** kitchen items for the **CAP Agency Warehouse** to help keep their supply inventory stocked. These specific items are needed when a housing situation is set up for a CAP client. **Please join us in collecting these items until October 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**SILVERWARE (no plastic)**

**DISHES (plates, bowls)**

**CUPS (ceramic)**

**GLASSES**

**STORAGE CONTAINERS (such as Tupperware, etc.)**

These items can be used (in good condition) or new. There's a large box in the Narthex for your donations. Please donate **ONLY** these items.

**CAP**



### Southern Valley Alliance (SVA)

accepts all old cell phones and smartphones. These can act as an

emergency 911 phone, as well as offer access to the internet via Wi-Fi to use maps/GPS or order Uber/Lyfts. These phones can be a huge help to those in domestic violence situations. Please consider donating any you no longer use. Before donating, SVA asks that you reset the phone to the factory setting. If you're unsure how to do this, they can take care of it when they get the phones. They also ask for the charger (they will still take them if you don't have it.) There's a box on the ledge in the Narthex to collect any phones you wish to donate.





## Core Team and Finance Updates...

The Core Team met on Monday, August 21. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Finance shared the news that transferring accumulated interest from some of our investment accounts has improved our income vs expenses standing. We are currently doing better than we were last year at this point. This is a temporary but helpful tool. We continue to look at options for online credit card giving.
- Vic Noer is taking over the job of chairing Trustees as Tom Grund is stepping back for health reasons.
- Big events coming up include Radical Hospitality training and appreciation night (August 31), Homecoming Sunday (Sept 10-hospitality), the Community Fall Fest (Sept 18-outreach), and a Fresh Expressions workshop (Sept 30) for learning how to expand our hospitality in church and in the community.

The next Core Team meeting will be at 6:30pm, Monday, September 25. Full minutes of Core Team meetings can be found at <https://htumc.org/core-team/>

### Finance Update as of July 31, 2023

Operating Income	2023 Budget	2023 YTD	percentage	Variance
Pledged	\$171,866.00	\$107,796.96	63%	\$64,069.04
Regular Unpledged	\$27,000.00	\$20,567.00	76%	\$6,433.00
Gifts	\$5,000.00	\$3,593.14	72%	\$1,406.86
Plate	\$3,800.00	\$2,119.00	56%	\$1,681.00
Misc	\$4,400.00	\$2,222.14	51%	\$2,177.86
Interest from accounts	\$30,000.00	\$20,700.00	69%	\$9,300.00
Designated Gifts		\$10,000.00		-\$10,000.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$242,066.00</b>	<b>\$166,998.24</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>\$75,067.76</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Administrative & Salaries	\$91,000.00	\$52,988.72	58%	\$38,011.28
Pastoral Ministries	\$102,498.00	\$68,130.38	66%	\$34,367.62
Apportionments	\$32,953.00	\$19,222.00	58%	\$13,731.00
Property & Maintenance	\$48,906.00	\$30,841.65	63%	\$18,064.35
Program Ministries	\$8,644.00	\$1,855.30	21%	\$6,788.70
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$284,001.00</b>	<b>\$173,038.05</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>\$110,962.95</b>
<b>Net Operating income/Loss</b>	<b>-\$41,935.00</b>	<b>-\$6,039.81</b>		<b>-\$6,039.81</b>

It seems like I am making changes to my monthly report...well monthly. This month is no different. What has changed is the amount of pledged money for this year. I recently was made aware of additional pledges for 2023. When you look at the spreadsheet you will see that our pledged money is now at \$171,866.00. And that really helps. And, thanks to Tina, I now get an accurate report on regular unpledged giving. Next month, the report may have a different look again. I am thinking of pie charts.

The following information was just given to me. I hope you find it informative. Of every dollar you give to the church, 84 cents stays with the church, 1 cent goes to other general funds (ex: World Service Specials and Special Sundays), 2 cents go to general apportionments and 13 cents go to jurisdictions, annual conferences districts. (This information is from the United Methodist Handbook.)

If you have any questions, you can email Patrick at: [prasmussen68@gmail.com](mailto:prasmussen68@gmail.com), or talk to him after church.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith Gathering for SEPTEMBER

*We believe love in action can change the world.*

**Tuesday, September 12th at 2:00pm**

**-Meet in Fellowship Hall at the church-**

Executive Director Bethany Tjornhom  
from the local **FISH Network** will join us  
to talk about the organization.

You won't want to miss her presentation!  
Join us as we support local & global missions  
and gather for devotions, prayer, study,  
fellowship & mission business.

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

**SAVE THE DATE - - ALL WOMEN!**

## FALL SOCIAL EVENT

**Holy Trinity United Women in Faith  
JOINT EVENT with Lydia Zion UWF**

When: Saturday, October 14

Where: Lydia Zion UMC, 1026 E 205<sup>th</sup> St, Jordan

Time: 11:00am

Enjoy Lunch – it promises to be tasty!

Hear CAP Agency Speaker – he's energetic!

Meet RVD President Cindy Saufferer – she's cool!

Meet other Sisters-in-Christ, form new friendships!

**Watch the October SAIL for more details!**

Mark your calendar!

## Strong Missions Costa Rica 2024 Update

It is not too late to donate items for our Costa Rica mission team **silent auction that will run Sept 10-17**. Please drop off any items at the church or contact Maia at 612-618-8230 by **September 5th**.

We will be having our first Food, Fellowship and Fundraising (FFF) Event on **September 12th at Davanni's**. Dine in or carry out anytime between 4-8 and mention you are there for the HTUMC mission team. We hope you will be able to dine in and enjoy some fellowship time with others from our church!

*Strong and Courageous. Joshua 1:9*

## Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Building Event

HTUMC will be participating in a bed build at Sleep In Heavenly Peace in Burnsville on **Saturday, Sept. 9. from 8:30am-10:45am.**

For those who have signed up, please pick up a Holy Trinity T-shirt from Classroom 3 in the lower level of the church building, and plan to wear it to the event.



## Lakefront Bible Study

**September 19**

**from 1:00-2:30pm**

**Lakefront Plaza Commons Room**

Bible Study at Lakefront Plaza will begin again on the 3rd Tuesday in September (Sept. 19). The group meets in the Commons Room from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

The 1st study will be on the book *Common Ground* by Amberly Neese. The 2nd study will be on the book *Beatitudes From the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Both books are available on Amazon and may also be available on eBay.

Starting in October, the group will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

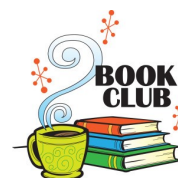
This is a non-denominational group. All are welcome!

Call Barb Bollinger with questions at 612-670-1847.

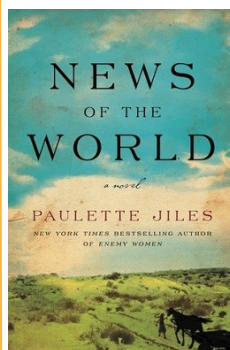
## Trinity Readers

**Tuesday, September 26**

**1:30pm at the Parsonage**



If you enjoy reading and discussing books, join us!



## The book for September:

***News of the World***

**by Paulette Jiles**

Exquisitely rendered and morally complex, *News of the World* is a brilliant work of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

Contact Sandy Feldhake with questions at  
[sfeldha1@msn.com](mailto:sfeldha1@msn.com)

## Church Announcements...



United  
Women  
in Faith

**River Valley District United Women of Faith**  
**Annual Gathering 2023**  
**September 23, 2023 8:45am-2:30pm Cost: \$20.00, Lunch included**  
Christ United Methodist Church—Rev. Jenny Cannon  
400 5th Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902— 507-289-4019



United  
Women  
in Faith

- 8:45am Registration  
9:00am Enjoy Emma Norton Coffee; Browse Resource Tables, Displays, and Lending Library  
9:45am Gather for Singing in the Sanctuary  
Worship and Offering\*\* (all checks made payable to River Valley UMW, please)  
Business Meeting  
Program  
Announcements  
Lunch Enjoy lunch with time to visit Resource Tables, Displays, and Lending Library  
1:00pm Gather for Singing in the Sanctuary  
Program continues  
1:45pm Installation of Officers  
2:00pm Service of Remembrance\* and Closing

\*Bring names or send by Sept. 16 to: Christina Brown, 1610 Greenwood, Red Wing, MN 55066

\*\*Offerings: UWF Mission AND Emma Norton Services / Paper products for Emma Norton

### **TO REGISTER:**

**Send registrations to:** Kathy Lawson, 944 Fox Valley Place, SW, Rochester, MN 55902 **or** email her at klaw427@aol.com

**Checks payable to River Valley District UMW.** Email registrants may pay their fee upon arrival at registration desk.

Registration is \$20.00. **Payment & registration to the registrar by Saturday, September 16.**

Registration required for each person attending.

**Questions?** Contact Kathy Lawson — 507-951-4008

### **DIRECTIONS to Church:**

From Hwy 52 take Exit to 2nd Street SW toward downtown. Turn right if coming from the South and left if coming from the North; turn right onto 5th Ave. SW; turn right into parking lot across from the church between 4th St. and 5th St.

From Hwy 63 (Broadway) turn left on 4th St. SW if coming from the South and right if coming from the North; turn left on 5th Ave. SW; turn right into parking lot across from the church between 4th St. and 5th St.

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**Detach and send**

**Registration Form**

**Due by September 16**

Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name and Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Local/District/MN Conference Leadership—Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies & Dietary concerns OR any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Pre-registered only** — Yes, I need child care for 1 2 3 more children. Indicate number. \_\_\_\_\_

Include children's names & ages with registration form. Include lunch/snacks/allergies list with your child.

**Children must be pre-registered to have child care on site.**

## Inclusion Starts With I...

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By Carol Ottoson

When we became a Reconciling Congregation in April and formed the I Team, our primary goal has been to focus on Inclusion for ALL. We felt that the way to do this was to have each month focus on a different “marginalized” community. So far we have focused on Mental Health (May), Pride (June), Disability Pride (July), and Anti-Bullying (August). At our most recent meeting we discussed how our monthly inclusion emphases relate to our mission.

To answer this, we went back to our mission of developing a culture where **all** people feel welcome, safe and, most importantly, loved. This mission contains three important words –All/Safe/Loved. In order for us to build this culture, we need to focus on education, to build our knowledge. How can I learn to accept someone if I don’t really have knowledge about their experiences? I can guarantee you that at least someone in our congregation has **personal** experience with whatever our emphasis for the month is. Honestly, many people in our congregation have experience with many of our months’ emphases. How can we build a culture to make people feel welcome, safe, and loved, if we don’t learn about and understand their story? As an I Team, one of our goals is to provide you with information. Check the monthly Bulletin Board and any pamphlets or hand-outs nearby.

**The emphasis for September will be Memory Loss.** Many, many of us have experienced this with a family member, may be experiencing it personally, or are very worried that we will be experiencing problems in the future. My mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s when she was the age that I am now. She lived another eight years. She didn’t know who we were, but she certainly enjoyed seeing us as we visited. She was physically very healthy until her last year and was fun to visit. What was sad was that her friends and even siblings were “afraid” to visit her in the nursing home. Her father also died from dementia-related issues, so that was part of the problem, but fear can and does drive people away. The Bulletin Board area will have several educational materials on Memory Loss, including pamphlets, advice, and local (Scott County) resources. Please feel free to take whatever you need. Let’s be there for each other. Remember, **Inclusion starts with I.**

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### NEW IN SEPTEMBER

#### 4th Sunday Conversations in the Parsonage

Every 4th Sunday you are invited over to the parsonage from 10:45am-11:30am to engage in conversations. We may focus on the month’s emphasis, we may have “conversation starters,” or we may just tell our stories on a topic of our choice. **Please join us on September 24th for our first “Conversation in the Parsonage.”**



### Leave Us a Review on Google

Lynnette recently heard someone talking about how they had attended church at other locations while traveling around Minnesota and how impressed they are with the community and quality of worship and music at Holy Trinity especially in comparison to some other churches. What a wonderful thing to hear! Now, **we need others to hear what we love about Holy Trinity.** Every month 100-200 people see us on Google by looking for us by name, or searching "churches near me," or for "United Methodist Church." Our reviews on Google are very good, but there aren't very many and they aren't very recent. If you Google us, please leave a review to let others know what positive things we have to offer, and if you think others will find us a welcoming congregation.







# September 2023

Holy Trinity UMC

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream	4 9:30am AA at the parsonage  7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	5 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	6 8:30am Moment of Prayer 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	8	9 8:30am SHP Bed Building Event 
10 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream 	11 9:30am AA at the parsonage 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	12  United Women in Faith 2:00pm UWF Fellowship Hall 4-8pm FFF Davanni's 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	13 8:30am Moment of Prayer 7pm Choir Rehearsal	14 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	15	16
17 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream	18 9:30am AA at the parsonage 6-8:30pm Fall Community Fest PLHS Activity Center 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	19 1-3:15pm Quilters  1-2:30pm Lakefront Bible Study 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	20 8:30am Moment of Prayer 6:15-7pm 7th/8th Confirmation Intro Meeting (F. Hall) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	21 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	22	23  United Women in Faith 8:45am- 2:30pm River Valley UWF Annual Gathering
24 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream 10:45am Conversations in the Parsonage	25 9:30am AA at the parsonage 6:30pm Core Team Meeting 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	26  1:30pm Trinity Readers 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	27 8:30am Moment of Prayer 6:15-7pm 7th/8th Confirmation Class at the parsonage 7pm Choir Rehearsal	28 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	29	30 10:00am- 4:00pm Fresh Expressions Workshop

## *Holy Trinity United Methodist Church*



16150 Arcadia Avenue SE  
Prior Lake, Minnesota, 55372

**Worship:** 9:30am (in-person & online)

**Pastor:** Rev. Chad Gilbertson  
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**Family Ministries:** Lynnette Dobberpuhl  
(651) 492-8188 [kidsandfamilies@htumc.org](mailto:kidsandfamilies@htumc.org)

**Church Admin:** Tina Chant  
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**Church website:** [www.htumc.org](http://www.htumc.org)



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