



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!”*

June, 2024

A Time of Transition

June 9.

This day will mark the end of my 11-year season of ministry at Holy Trinity United Methodist Church. By then my office will be packed up, computer files backed up, and email set to a message that indicates who will be receiving messages in the future. I will have held my final Core Team, SPRT, Care Team, and staff meetings. At 9:30am on that day I will step into the pulpit to lead my final worship service and preach my final sermon here. And before I walk out the door after the Farewell Party, I will leave my keys in the church office. I will no longer be the pastor of Holy Trinity United Methodist Church.



June 9 will be a bittersweet day. I have enjoyed the past 11 years as your pastor immensely. We have accomplished much together, and I have grown to love the members of this church and community. It will be hard to say good-bye and walk out the door for the last time.

But I will. And on June 24 I will walk into a different office in a different church building and begin ministry in a different community. I will begin a new season of ministry as pastor of The Well: A United Methodist Community located in Rosemount, MN.

Change is hard. And transitions can sometimes be messy. So let me share with you a couple of reminders:

- After June 9, I will no longer be your pastor. I will not accept invitations to perform services (weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.) here. That will be the responsibility of Pastor Leigh. Please consult with her when occasions like these arise.
- Pastor Leigh and I are two different people. We will likely preach differently, teach differently, lead differently, relate to people differently. Be prepared to receive Pastor Leigh’s gifts without judgment or comparison.

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Pastor Chad continued...

- After June 9 I will no longer be in communication with members and friends of this church. This does not mean that I don't care; it means that I have a whole new set of people to begin relationships with, and you will have a new pastor to relate to.
- I will, however, covet your continued prayers, and I will continue to be in prayer for this church. Remember the words of James 5:16b – *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

I truly believe that the best is yet to come for all of us – members and friends of this church, Pastor Leigh, members and friends of The Well, and myself. God is good...all the time. And all the time...God is good!

Thank you for your faithfulness and partnership over the past 11 years. I will miss you and this church, but trust that God will lead you and me into a grand future!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Chad



**Sunday June 9th
11am-1pm**

Please join us on Sunday, June 9 to bless Pastor Chad Gilbertson as he takes on his next role as Pastor at The Well (UMC) in Rosemount.

Pastor Chad will be preaching his final message at Holy Trinity during worship (9:30 am), and at 11am we'll begin serving wood-fired brick oven pizza made by our own Bread Oven Ministry team, with sides and beverages. Pray for good weather and join us if you can!



**Get to Know
Rev. Linda
Leigh Brown**

Family

Pastor Leigh is single and lives with her two cats: Otis and Roxy. Her sister, Debby, is an artist and lives with her husband in Davenport, IA, their 4 sons and grandkids. Her brother, Mark, is single and has secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

Passion for Ministry

Pastor Leigh enjoys collaborating with a congregation to discover their calling and vision and grow into the fullness of that call as a church community. She works best in a positive and enthusiastic environment, as those are strengths that she brings.

She strongly believes in the inclusive message of the gospel and is committed to spreading the news to all people that they are loved by God: bold, beautiful and amazing just as they are. She has led two churches in their process to becoming Reconciling congregations and in living into their Reconciling identity within the community.

What She Does for Relaxation and Fun

Any of these with her friends:

- Movies and theater
- Coffee houses and restaurants
- Concerts and listening to music
- Pub quiz!
- Hawkeye women's basketball and football games
- Walks
- Travel



Your Whole Heart

Sometimes in a romantic movie the main character finds someone they instantly care about, are excited to connect with and can't wait to be more and more a part of their life. "Love at first sight" stories can be about a passion that grows and stabilizes, or one that burns out and falls apart. Other movies feature a situation in which the main character has a "boy or girl next door" kind of friend, and be glad they are there, but keep them at arms' length and kind of take them for granted. Usually something happens that makes them question, have I been missing out on something important? Sure, maybe this guy does not dress the coolest, but hasn't he been there for me when I needed him? Or maybe this girl doesn't draw every eye in the room, but isn't she one who cares about the real me?

Surprise! Or maybe not if you know me; I am talking about the church. I have attended my small church for almost 30 years and I have worked here for over nine years, coordinating children's, youth and family activities and doing a bunch of other church things. When my husband and I first brought our infant son, Sam, to Holy Trinity it felt right. It was a comfortable environment with a familiar setup, and the people were gentle and kind. There were other parents of kids our son's age, who seemed nice. It felt homey. I jumped right in, teaching Sunday school (to middle schoolers!) and taking roles on various committees. I smiled and helped wherever it seemed like help was needed and never let on that actually I was struggling to keep work, parenting and all the other life things together. I kept at it, doggedly, determined to give both our boys a life that included Sunday school, children's messages during worship, and a community of people who followed Jesus.

But no matter how much energy I put in, how often I attended, how hard I tried to fulfill any role I took on, I didn't feel a sense of belonging. It was draining. I did not, and do not, blame the people at Holy Trinity for this. Many of us (maybe most of us?) struggle with feeling connected in group settings. I was awkward over cookies and coffee after worship, feeling I should act a certain way to be accepted and fearful of rejection. Maybe it would have been easier to quit going to church but even if I wasn't feeling blessed,

I believed church community is a source of blessing. I wanted more. I wanted the post-Pentecost community described in the book of Acts where people who were filled with the Spirit gathered to worship and praise God and care for each other. (Seriously, read the book of Acts, it is beautiful.) I wanted that in my church setting. After years of arms-length connection I wanted to know if I could fall in love with my unassuming friend, Holy Trinity.

In any romance movie, the main character has to take some risks. And so did I. Where I had been pouring in time and energy, trying to forge belonging and maintain some kind of acceptable, superficial image, I needed instead to open my heart, be the real me, allow myself into other people's lives and let them into mine. Where I had been trying to prove myself to God by doing all the things and trying to be or appear perfect, I instead had to accept my own imperfect self, re-acknowledge God's power instead of mine, and embrace worship of God as a privilege and a joy, not a burden. Being able to accept my own flawed self as God's beloved made it easier to stop holding others at arm's length and to see them as beloved children of God. When I could truly welcome the Holy Spirit to work in me, I found I was less worried about rejection by others.

In romance movies there is often a makeover, in this case the makeover was all in how I viewed the relationship. It started as something worthwhile, but difficult and awkward and became something tender and wonderful. It became more real. In a world where things are often difficult or disappointing, where there are many reasons to grieve, and so very much to do, I needed something hopeful and real to sustain me. A true love with God, through Jesus, grows best in community, like the ordinary, imperfect, but also miraculous Holy Trinity community. Maybe you need a new look at something that has been right by you this whole time. I invite you to take a new look at your church. If you have felt guarded, or that something is missing, ask God to show you if the thing that is missing is your wholehearted self.

Lynnette Dobberpuhl

Children, Youth & Family Coordinator
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June Mission of the Month



Reconciling Ministries Network celebrates that LGBTQ+ persons are a good expression of God’s diverse creation and exists to advocate for the affirmation of all of God’s children in the Church and the world. They are committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church. They envision a transformed Church that ensures justice, equity, and dignity for all of God’s children in their diverse intersecting identities.

Thank you for supporting the Reconciling movement! Your generosity makes LGBTQ+ justice and inclusion in our Church a possibility and a reality.



Building an
INCLUSIVE
Church
in Minnesota

Minnesota Reconciling
Congregations

Thank you for donating
**\$756 to The Disability
Ministries Committee**
during the month of April.



THANK YOU

Through advocacy, education, and empowerment, the Disability Ministries Committee strives to fully include people with disabilities in worship, missions, leadership and ministry – throughout the United Methodist Church.

Inclusion Starts with I

By Carol Ottoson



June is Pride Month, and I have to admit, that after the results of the recent General Conference, I can finally say that I am proud to be a United Methodist with no exceptions due to the now former policies and language concerning the LGBTQ+ community. The Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) began in 1984 as a direct result of the United Methodist’s official statement that “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teachings.” Over the years the RMN has expanded its mission to include all marginalized communities, and at Holy Trinity one of our major goals has been to provide education, financial support, and programs for all marginalized communities. The question has been asked that, now that the United Methodist Church has changed its language and its policies about the LGBT+ community, why should we continue to be a Reconciling Congregation? Isn’t the need now over? I would like to respond with what our incoming pastor Leigh Brown shared with the SPRT group as a response to this very question. *Someone asked me what it means to be Reconciling after General Conference. I believe that being Reconciling is to embody the spirit of inclusivity and to intentionally act in ways that reflect that spirit - something that a congregation lives into. Thus, while General Conference is something to celebrate, the work continues!* Yes, the work continues. As we move into a new season, we are hoping to add more events and opportunities to “embody the spirit of inclusivity” as a Reconciling Congregation. In the meantime, if you are interested in finding out about Pride Events in the area during the month of June, be sure to check out the information in the narthex and downstairs. **Remember, Inclusion starts with I.**



Church Announcements...



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Gathering for JUNE

Tuesday, June 11th 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.

Be A Greeter!



Holy Trinity **Needs More Greeters** in order to continue this important Ministry. The greeter is the first point of contact for someone coming to church on Sunday. Greeters are stationed at both the front and back doors, and they open doors, extend a warm welcome (high-five, smile, hug [with permission], etc.), and offer directions as needed. The greeter can also be available to help operate the lift, if needed. Please contact the church office if you are willing to volunteer.



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/SignUpToGarden>



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>

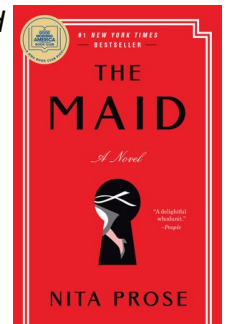


Trinity Readers
Tuesday, June 25
1:30pm Church Library

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, join us!

The book for June: *The Maid*
by Nita Prose

A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, The Maid explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.



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/>

Church Announcements...

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH HAPPENINGS!

Holy Trinity's United Women in Faith **May Gathering** was a **Spring Luncheon** at Dangerfield's in Shakopee. Springtime and fellowship were celebrated by all. An added moment of fun with lots of laughter was the "What's in your Purse?" game!



The Grand Opening of **Emma Norton's Restoring Waters** was held on May 14 at their new location in the new Highland Bridge development. Sara Modders, Nancy Iverson and Sharon Dougherty from our unit attended the event. Restoring Waters is home to more than 60 individuals and small families. It was designed as a trauma-informed environment offering physical and mental health support, in addition to programming and services to help those recovering from homelessness. From the use of natural light, colors and artwork inspired by nature, and programming spaces of artwork, gardening, meditation, exercise, and more—Restoring Waters will help people thrive.

Restoring Waters also will offer the "Living Room Model" as an alternative to emergency room care for mental health support, serving not only the people living there but also residents with proximity to the Highland Bridge development. Restoring Waters is the next step in Emma Norton Services' more than 100-year history of supporting women.



Sara Modders, Sharon Dougherty, & Nancy Iverson



Originally founded in 1917 as the Methodist Home for Girls thanks to a generous gift from their namesake, Emma Norton, Emma Norton Services has seen significant change and growth over the last century, continuing to transform to better serve the community's needs.



A team of Nina Keza's friends will be hosting a graduation open house for her at Holy Trinity on **Saturday, June 15 from 4-7pm**. All are invited to come, enjoy a taco bar and desserts, and celebrate Nina's accomplishment!

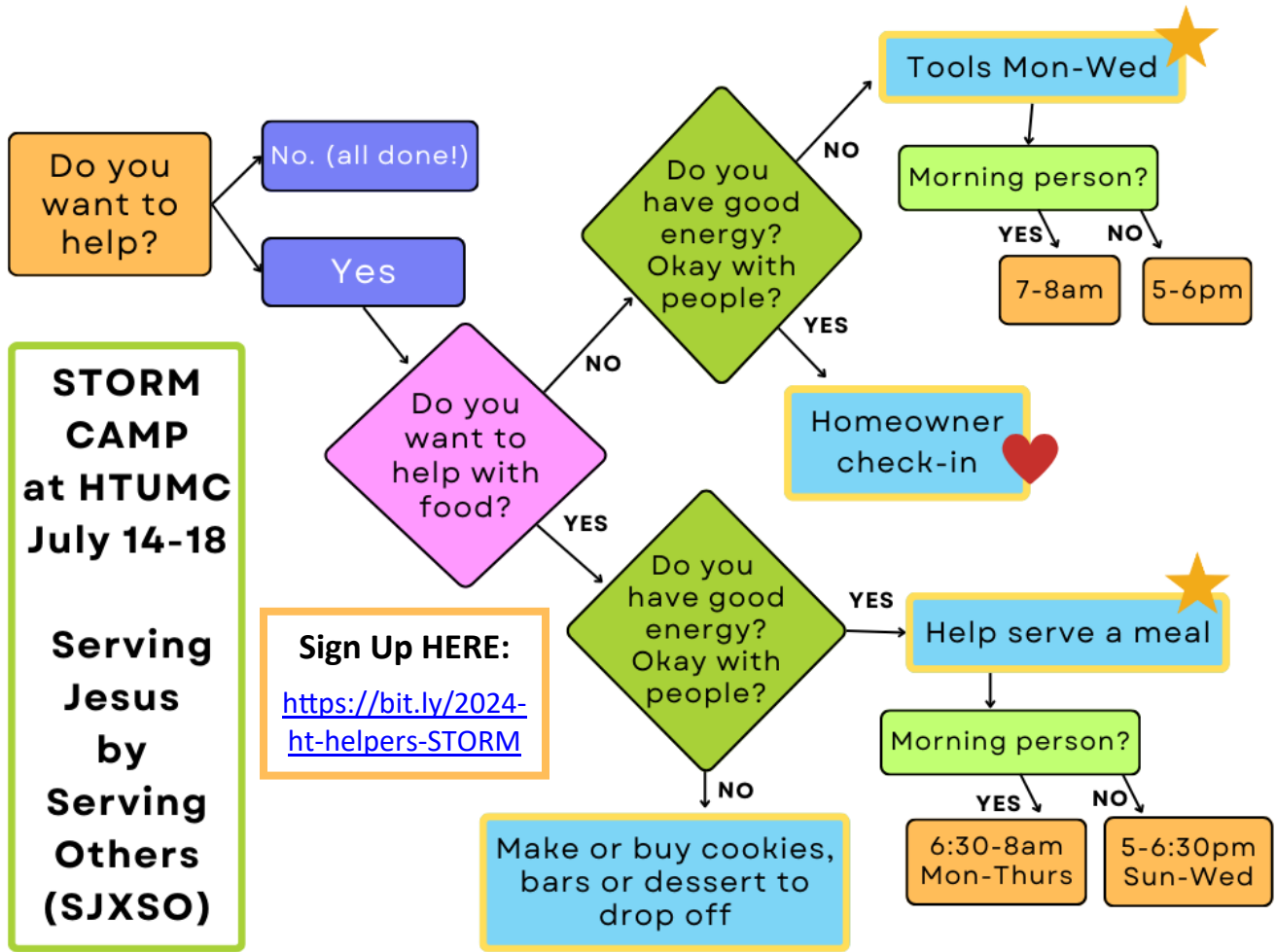
You're Invited!



If you would like to help provide food for the celebration, please contact Lynnette at kidsandfamilies@htumc.org and she will reach out to you when the sign up is ready.



Church Conference
to approve the new pastor's salary.
Sunday, June 30
10:30am (after worship)
Fellowship Hall



Jobs with a star are multi-day jobs that get easier and more fun the more you do them. If you can't do all the days, you can still help! We will sign up others to fill in.



Homeowner Check-in gets a heart because it requires eyes to see if a job has been done well, ears to listen to the homeowner share, and a heart that wants to share kindness and

encouragement. One team of two people will visit up to three job sites, for about 2 hours total. Schedule is flexible.



Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates...



Jason Green

Son of Paula and Pat Green, graduating from Prior Lake High School.
He will attend University of Tennessee to major in Business.



Caitlin Taggart

Daughter of Tina and Jim Taggart, granddaughter of Kaye Erbes, graduating from Prior Lake High School.
She is considering a career in the trades (Electrician, Welding, Theater Lighting.)

Brenna Scott

Daughter of Tia and Scott Service, granddaughter of Connie Short, graduating from Prior Lake High School.
She will attend University of Minnesota-Moorhead to major in Child Psychology and minor in Art Therapy.

Max Anderson

Son of Tina and Seth Anderson, graduating from Prior Lake High School.
He will attend Lewis University in Romeoville, IL to study Aviation Business and play lacrosse.

Parker Erickson

Son of Karen and Chris Erickson, graduating from Prior Lake High School.
He will attend Hennepin Technical Center to pursue welding.

Owen Castriotta

Son of Rachel Castriotta, graduated from Bridges Area Learning Center and is working until this fall when he
will be apprenticing to be a lineman with Excel Energy.

Grant Broze

Son of Sara and Mike Broze, graduating from Shakopee High School.
He will attend Minnesota State University-Mankato to major in Health & Physical Education
with a minor in Developmental Adaptive PE.

CJ Sheffield

Son of Heidi and Bart Sheffield, graduating from Prior Lake High School.
He will attend Iowa State University to major in Business.

Jaden Chant

Son of Tina and Mark Chant, graduate of St. Olaf College with Bachelor's degrees in Computer Science and
Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics and Data Science.

Nina Keza

Daughter of Darlington Nsengiyumva and Chantal Uwaneza, graduate of University of Minnesota-Rochester
with a Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences. She will later pursue a master's degree in Child Psychology.

Abby Grund

Daughter of Angie and Tom Grund, graduate of University of Minnesota School of Nursing.
She will begin working in the cardiac unit at Regions Hospital in St. Paul in July.

Josie Harris

Daughter of Corinna and Mike Harris, graduate of Bethel University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary
Education and a minor in English Literature and Special Education.
She will begin teaching 4th grade at Eagle Ridge Academy in Eden Prairie this fall.

Bre Dobberpuhl

Daughter (in-law) of Lynnette and Bryan Dobberpuhl, graduate of Edward Via College of Osteopathy.
She begins her residency as a Doctor of Osteopathy in Internal Medicine
at the University of Kansas Medical Center in June.

Kierstyn Turzinski

Granddaughter of Kay Petterson, daughter of Susan and Kevin Turzinski, graduate of the University of
Wisconsin- La Crosse with honors, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

Shawn Kes

Grandson of Marla and Steve Fulkerson, son of Holly and Jim Kes, graduate of Dunwoody College of
Technology with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical Construction & Maintenance.



June 2024

Holy Trinity UMC
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream 10:30am I-Team Meeting 	3 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	4 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	5 4pm Bells Practice	6 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	7	8
9 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream 11am-1pm Chad's Farewell Pizza Party 	10 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	 United Women in Faith 2:00pm UWFaith 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	12	13 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	14	15 4-7pm Nina Keza Graduation Open House
16 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream 	17 6:30pm Core Team Meeting 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	18 1-3:15pm Quilters 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	19	20 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	21	22
23 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream	24 7pm Al-Anon at the parsonage	 1:30pm Trinity Readers 7pm CoDA at the parsonage	26	27 6pm Veterans AA at the parsonage	28 Happy Birthday John Wesley! June 28, 1703	29
30 9:30am Worship/ Live-Stream 10:30am Church Conference						

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church



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

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