

# VISIONS

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Dear Trinity family and friends,

I hope this reaches you after having enjoyed a good portion of summer rest and relaxation. I know however, that for quite a number of us, summer has brought unexpected illness, pain and loss, including the deaths of dear family members. As I write, we are also joined in sorrowful witness to the suffering of those most directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina. One theme that has emerged from those who have suffered losses this summer is the importance of community, the

healing power of family and friends who come together, who lift up the value of lives well-lived and well loved, and who offer support that is emotional, spiritual and material.

In many ways, this is central to our calling as a congregation:

- + to come together around story and table
- + to bear witness to life in the midst of death
- + to give generously of ourselves for the sake of each other, our neighborhood, city and earth.

This fall will be a time with much to do in the church and probably a busy time for many of us in our personal and professional lives. How can we keep it all together? How can we keep the pace with grace, rather than frantic busy-ness?

*Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.* This commandment is not a legalistic charge, but God's loving invitation for us to enter a space of renewal as a people for the sake of all creation's rebirth. We come together in that space every Sunday for worship. Please join us!

- *Pastor Heidi Neumark*

