



# Trinity Times

Pentecost 1 (June – July 2021)

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## WE DID IT!

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$20,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS



What an amazing month May was at Holy Trinity. Many people probably didn't believe we would meet the \$17,500 goal but we smashed it – raising \$21,000 from the campaign and using \$21,000 in matching funds from equity. That means we reduced our debt by \$42,000 – amazing! With the sale of stock

and this campaign, we are now down to about \$56,000 as our new balance. There is still about \$20,000 in COVID PPP money that will eventually be moved there as well and our final total appears to be close to \$36,000. That's an awesome improvement in just a few months – nicely done! Our leaders have done a good job of developing a plan and you, the people of the congregation, have all stepped up to make our congregation stronger.

This means two things. First is the obvious – our debt balance is lower. This will reduce our interest and free up other resources for the more important work of ministry. Our real focus is not just keeping the bills paid. It is continuing the ministry of Jesus here in our time and this campaign increased our ability to do that.

The second is even more important. What this also shows is the deep commitment to the work of this congregation that its members share. The people who make up Holy Trinity are the body of Christ in this place.

No congregation will ever perform better than the faithfulness of the people. You have shown that this congregation is important to you and that you are willing to step up to keep it vibrant and effective. While the debt retirement is important, the commitment of all of you as God's people is even more important. Thanks for stepping up. **And thanks be to God!**

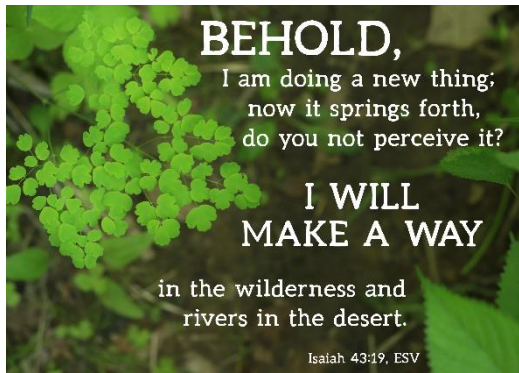
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### **Newsletter Changes...**

The newsletter is undergoing some intentional changes in regard to the content offered. There will still be updates on congregational activities and news, but a larger portion will be devoted to our spiritual life. Because of COVID, health challenges, and just life being busy in general it is our hope that this newsletter can be another place you can learn and grow in your life in Christ.

The newsletter will be formed around the Christian Church year (Pentecost, Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.) so there may be articles based around a particular season. There also may be issues devoted to a specific spiritual practice, church history, Lutheran theology, social issues the church is addressing, and more.

So...if there is a particular topic you would like featured (like a prayer practice, Bible basics, etc.), contact Deaconess Andrea. OR if you feel called to share a particular practice you would like to share with the community, it would be most welcome!



## Summer is Time for Visioning Work

### (And YOU Are Invited!)

To be a part of building the future, it helps to have some idea of where God is leading us. We can never know everything about it – some of it becomes visible only as it happens. But vision work is still an important part of what it means to be the church. As scripture reminds us, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

As we work through the next phase of the interim work here, we want to spend time thinking and dreaming about God’s dream for our ministry together. That vision is grounded in scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and connects with the context in which we find ourselves called to join in with God at work in the world.

To do this well, we want to involve as many people in this as want to be involved. That means inviting each of you to set aside some time to join in a group event where we ask some key questions and listen to your responses. We hope to do so in a way that encourages us to listen to God together. This will help us all discern what might be next for our congregation.

There will be five listening sessions in June and July. They are on site and online – you pick the date and format that works best for you. Here are the dates:

- **Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – at HTLC**
- **Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM – on Zoom**
- **Wednesday, July 7 at 9:30 AM – at HTLC**
- **Wednesday, July 7 at 7:00 PM – On Zoom**
- **Saturday, July 30 at 9:00 AM – at HTLC**

You are invited to participate in one of these sessions. They will give us a chance to explore what we hear God saying to us as a congregation, how we are being called to participate in God’s ongoing work in Christ, and share a vision of what we believe God is calling us into in our next chapter of ministry moving forward.

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### Local Mission Trip

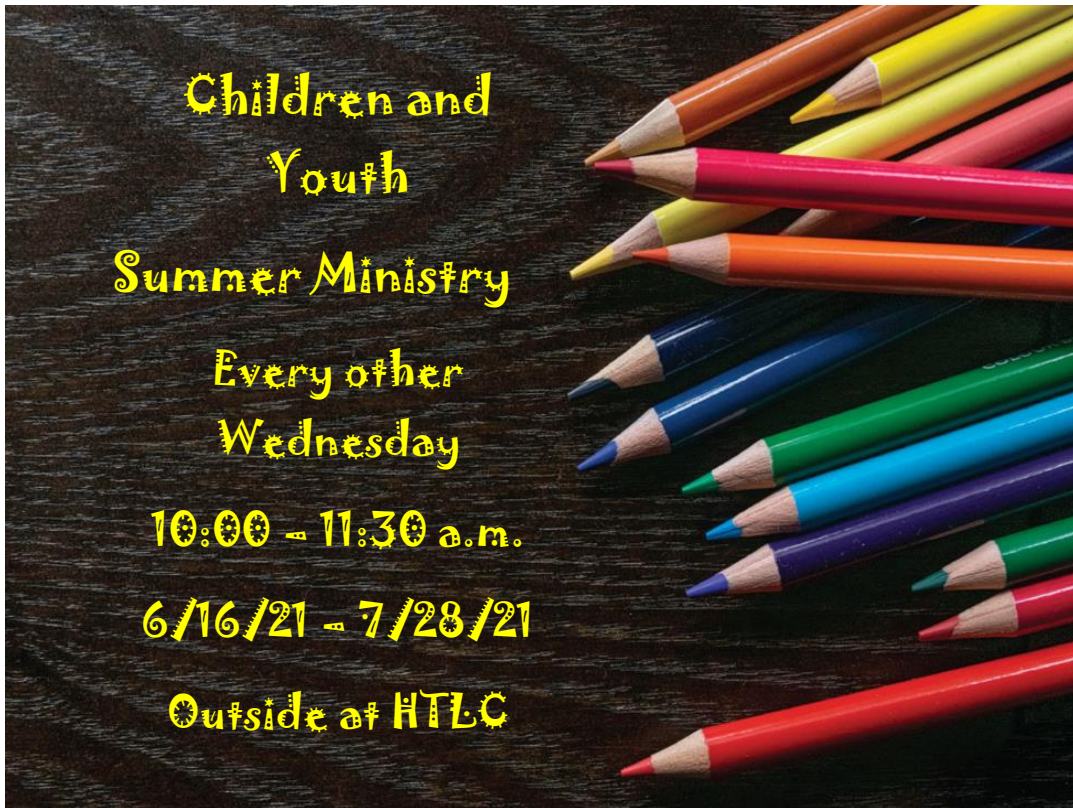
Grades 6 and up

July 6-10

Contact Deaconess Andrea for more info!

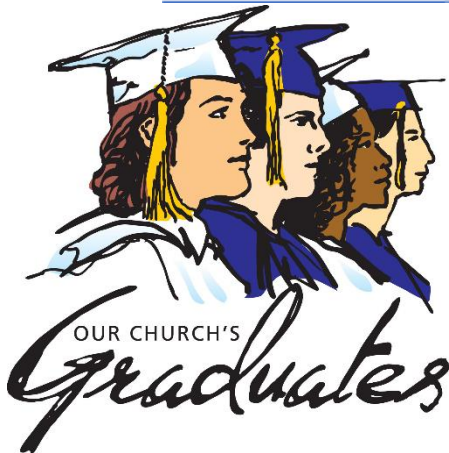


**LOCAL MISSIONS**



**August 2 – 5**

**Outside at Holy Trinity**



Congratulations to the following graduates:

**High School**

- Matthew Kolakowski
- Devin Sitz
- Elizabeth Delaney
- Paige Ehmen
- Meghann Ehmen

**College**

- Jakob Woerner
- Lilly Woerner

**Council**

- Bob Langlois
- Brian Janz

- (term expires Jan 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- (term expires Jan 2023 - 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Candace Grzadziel	(term expires Jan 2022 - 1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Heather Friedel	
Scott Kolakowski	(term expires Jan 2023 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Ursula Digman	(term expires Jan 2022 - 1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Bruce Cook	(term expires Jan 2022 - 1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jackie Kutina	(term expires Jan 2022/2 <sup>nd</sup> term)

#### Staff

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## *Spiritual Formation Focus...living into Affirmation of Baptism daily*

The Affirmation of Baptism provides faith practices to integrate into our daily life.

- **live** among God's faithful people
- **hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord's supper
- **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- **serve** all people following the example of Jesus
- **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth

(Affirmation of Baptism, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

**Why is this important?** It is good to read and reflect on the above words because it can ground us in our faith in Christ. The actions connect us to God, the church community, and our world.

#### **How can we do this daily?**

Reading and studying Scripture,  
Praying for the church and community  
Seeking out ways to serve your neighbors  
Caring for fellow members with visits, phone calls, and meals  
Attending worship in-person or virtually  
Participating in Bible studies in-person or on-line  
Reading spiritual books  
Mentoring new Christians  
Receiving Holy Communion  
Inviting new people to worship  
Talking about your faith with family and friends