

THE TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



What Is Humility?

PASTOR JOSH MARTYN

“Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” - Mark 9:33-37, NRSV

I absolutely love this time of year. The air is getting colder, trees are changing colors, the smell of wood-burning in fireplaces once again. I just love the changing of the seasons.

Although a change in life is difficult, the changing of the seasons signals that it is a new time, a new day where we can look deep within ourselves and find ways to love and serve others with humility.

Yet, what is humility? The gospel according to Mark written above challenges us to measure greatness with humility, servanthood, and gentleness. And this is a tough thing to do. Humility is a tough trait to acquire because it forces you to place yourself last and others first. Now I know some of you may be thinking that it's pretty simple to serve others, but take a minute and think about it.

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Many of us truly do go out of our way to welcome and serve others. However, that's the easy part. The question that gets to the center of our hearts is, why do we serve others? Have you ever asked yourself that question? Do you serve others because you feel that you have to or that it makes you feel good? Do you serve others so that people may think you are great? Or are you serving others to lift them and show them the love of Christ? Over the years I have often heard volunteers say they love serving the homeless not because they need help and hope, but because it makes them, the volunteer, feel good about themselves. Is that humility?

As Jesus shows us in Mark's gospel, humility and servanthood are the ability to think less of oneself and more about the other. It's the ability to serve others, not in the interest of self-promotion, but promoting the love of God found in Jesus Christ. It's the ability to go out and give all of yourself to those in the community and to see the cross of Christ in their eyes. Poor and rich. Young and old. For this love that we share with others pales in comparison to the love God has for you and all of creation. God loves you so much that God came to us in Jesus, a carpenter's son who lived in one of the poorest places. God didn't come to us as a king, but a slave. Jesus served others and always put himself last, so much so that Jesus went to the cross, died, and rose from the grave for you and me. This is the amazing love of Christ that is freely given to us, and we get to go out and share this selfless and unconditional love with others.

As this season continues to change, I invite you to find some time to discern and find ways you can serve others with the same humility and gentleness of Jesus. There are a lot of people in need of help, and they may be sitting next to you right now or in church. Remember the radical love God has for you in Jesus, and go out and share that love with all.

Peace in Christ,

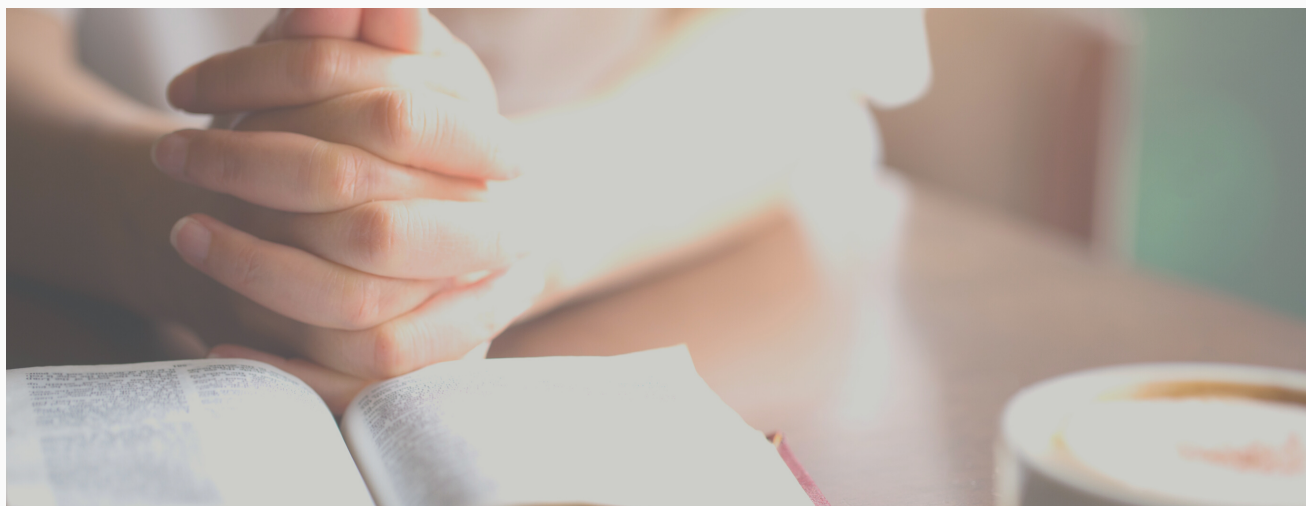
Pastor Josh

PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like a pastoral visit in person or by phone, please contact:

Pastor Josh Martyn - (563) 613-4337 or htlcdbqpastor@gmail.com

Associate Pastor Derek Rosenstiel (608) 556-0206 or associatepastorderek@gmail.com



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in praying for the Church, the World, and all who are in need of God's healing touch in their life.

WE PRAY FOR

Bill Wolslegel, Mary Bjerning's
brother

Leo & Lois Wickman

Cruz Houlihan

Amy Pasker

Joe Kopp

Rose Tolzmann

Craig Rose

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Army: Kyle Salmon, Christina

Fink, Col. Karl Anderson,

Kyle Osborne,

PFC Courtney Stoutes.

National Guard: Eric Bowman

Air Force: Chris Barajas, Michael

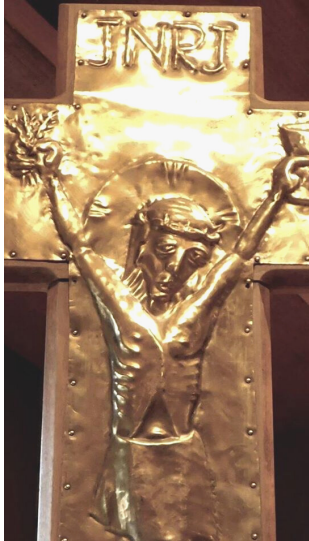
Osborne, Logan Knobbe

Marines: Staff Sgt. Rossetti

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

We have a group of faithful people who pray for our community every day.

Submit your request online or call the church office at 563-582-3228.



Upcoming Events

MARTHA/DORCAS CIRCLE

WELCA - Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Wednesday, October 20th

Each 3rd Wednesday of the month

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Conference Room

For more information call Barb Rank at 312-304-4037 or

Mary Strom at 563-556-7522.

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/>

HTLC ADULT FORUM

OCTOBER 2021 SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:45 A.M.

Living Faith Center (LFC)

Welcome back to in-person Adult Forum meetings!

Beginning October we will host a series of conversations centered on the theme of what it means to be a welcoming congregation.

October 3: Discerning 'Welcome'. What does it mean personally to you and for HTLC?

October 10: Who is HTLC? Who are we and who are we together?

October 17: Is HTLC a neighborhood church? What does that mean?

October 24: We will host the new president of Wartburg Seminary, Pres. Largen, who will share the changing landscape of seminary education in our times.

October 31: Introduction to Reconciling In Christ congregations.

Noah's Ark Piggy Bank Coin Drive!



Start saving! The cute little piggies of Noah's Ark will be collecting coins October 7th-19th to help support the school. Coins can be dropped off in the front entryway of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or inside the Noah's Ark doors.

We appreciate you supporting our mission to offering some of the highest quality childcare and preschool in our community! Any questions can be directed to Jenifer Montgomery at 563.203.7204 or Director@NoahsArkDBQ.com.

DINNER CHURCH

Every Wednesday

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Living Faith Center (LFC)

What is Dinner Church?

It's dinner and casual worship.

Join us each week, enjoy a meal prepared by volunteers, and a short informal worship service. It's a fun way to worship and meet new people.

Announcements



Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for Lutheran World relief! With your contributions, the confirmation class assembled 72 school kits to help children around the world get back to school.

On Friday, September 17th, we delivered 44 quilts, 72 school kits, 30 personal care kits to the First English church in Platteville Ingathering. From there they will go around the globe through Lutheran World Relief.

During the month of October we will be collecting the following items:

Baby Care Kits:

lightweight cotton T shirts (no onesies)
gowns/sleepers
jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts (add a hat if no hood)
flat fold cloth diapers
diaper pins
bath size gentle bar soap
dark color hand towels
receiving blankets
baby socks

Look for the collection box outside the church office and call Barb Rank at 312-304-4037 if you have any questions.

Personal Care Kits:

lightweight bath towels
bath size bar soap
metal nail clippers
sturdy combs

Quilt Fabric:

The quilters are currently very low on fabric, please consider making a donation to purchase material or donate material itself. Due to new regulations from LWR, we can no longer accept wool, stretch knits, or fleece materials. Also, satin or lining materials are not suitable for quilt composition. Cotton and polyester blends work best. Bedsheets in good condition are also welcome – any size.

BLESSING OF QUILTS, SCHOOL KITS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS

On 10th October at both services, we will have a blessing of quilts, school kits and personal care kits that are a small representation of what was already shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Your continued support of these service projects for LWR is greatly appreciated.

OCTOBER SPECIAL APPEAL: People In Need (PIN)

Holy Trinity Lutheran is a member of the Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU). This organization seeks ways that congregations can work together to better serve the community.

One of the programs they have developed is PIN which stands for People In Need. When we give a gift, we may wonder how much of my gift will be spent on administration and how much will actually go to providing service to the people the organization serves. PIN is an exceptional organization as it is totally run by volunteers and their office space is even donated. Because of the commitment of volunteers, there is no overhead. For every dollar given, a dollar's worth of service is provided.

People In Need was founded on the belief that the spiritual health of a whole community and of its individual members depends on care for one another. PIN accepts financial contributions from groups and individuals, and it assists those temporarily in need by offering limited help in exceptional circumstances through direct payments to clients' creditors, for rent, utilities, medical, and other basic needs. Since 1983, over 6,000 individuals or families have been assisted by PIN. Assistance is dispensed in amounts that average about \$175. Applicants for assistance are individuals or families who have nowhere else to turn in an emergency. For the month of October, we are receiving funds for People in Need. Their motto is: A dollar to PIN is a dollar to people in need. Please make a gift so that people facing difficult situations can be helped to get back on their feet.

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 5th

First Tuesday of Every Month

6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.

Living Faith Center

Our amazing ministry teams gather to coordinate and plan their ministries. Have you wondered how ministries happen at Holy Trinity? Have you wanted to get involved at church but don't know how? It takes a community of volunteers to make ministry happen. You are able to join whichever group(s) your are interested in so please check them out! We hope to see you there!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

SR. HIGH YOUTH

October 3rd

3:00 P.M.

Join us in the Youth Room at 3:00 pm for Bible Study and games. During this session, we will begin setting a series of Bible Studies based on what the youth want to study and play some fun-filled games throughout the building. Hope to see you there.

Visit our website for more youth and family ministry news.

www.htlcdbq.com.Youth & Family Ministry



Preschool - 4th grade

Have fun while learning bible stories about God's love for you.

[Register Now!](#)



BIBLE EXPLORERS
5 & 6th grade

Exploring the Old & New Testament stories & learning how the Bible reveals God's love and care for you!

[Register Now!](#)

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Report 2020

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) brings women together in Bible Study and work on Mission projects. Through study, discussion, working together and fellowship, women grow in their Christian life and make new friendships.

The Martha/Dorcas Circle meets in the Holy Trinity Library on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 am. Our discussion and focus for study center around the Bible Study as published in Gather, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA. A copy of Gather magazine is available by subscription and can also be found in the church office each month. The circle usually does not meet during the summer months.

Our mission emphasis has been on Lutheran World Relief (LWR) projects. This year quilting was the main project. We provided funding for supplies and shipping costs. Quilting sessions are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am each month with the exception of December and January. Our quilts are shipped in early fall to a distribution point designated by ELCA. Volunteers are always welcome. No special talent is needed and the fellowship is warm and friendly.

Both Bible Study and Quilting were on put hold in March 2020 due to the Covid19 crisis. No quilts were shipped. We hope to resume activities when Holy Trinity resumes its regular schedules. We'll meet according to Holy Trinity's Covid guidelines. The financial balance in our account is \$765.53 which includes a grant of \$100 from the foundation. This will be used in the coming year for quilt supplies & shipping costs and/or personal care or school kits.

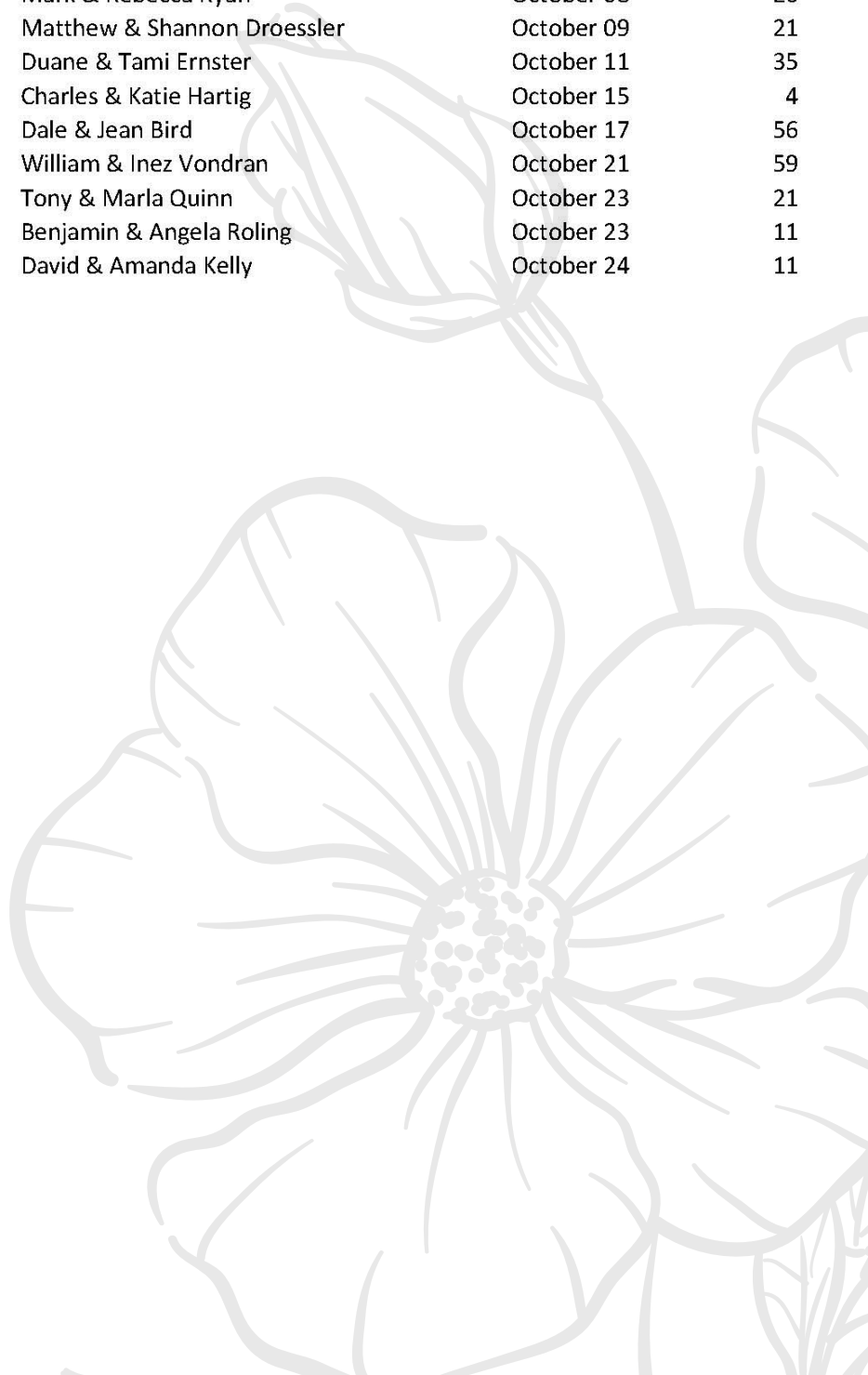
New participants are always welcome.

Birthdays

Lisa	Anderson	October 03
Jacob	Bakey	October 23
Ryleigh	Bakey	October 23
Patsy	Ball	October 28
Hannah	Biedermann	October 16
Isabel	Brauhn	October 11
Cheryl	Buesing	October 30
Lucas	Busch	October 09
Emma	Chesterman	October 07
Nathan	Droessler	October 16
Abigail	Duba	October 09
Mark	Einsweiler	October 02
Emily	Ernster	October 28
Kyle	Finke	October 04
Maverick	Finke	October 23
Eugene	Fredrick	October 16
Linda	Hanson	October 27
Matthew	Haug	October 29
Samuel	Haug	October 29
Amy	Hawkins	October 15
Sandi	Johnsen	October 13
Liam	Kelly	October 07
Tyler	Kelsch	October 25
Tricia	Kivlahan	October 08
Ian	Larsen	October 14
Kimberly	Lee	October 12
Janice	Linenfelser	October 24
Brianna	Lovett	October 04
Nancy	McGinnis	October 05
Sydney	Neuwoehner	October 07
Layne	Patrum	October 12
Reed	Patrum	October 07
Caleb	Pauly	October 17
Timothy	Pergande	October 30
Nolan	Rice	October 09
David	Schap	October 02
Jack	Stierman	October 11
Opal	Turner	October 03
Elli	Walen	October 31
Marian	Walker	October 12
William	Wlochall	October 16
JoAnn	Wood	October 07

ANNIVERSARIES

	Date	Years
Mark & Wendy Einsweiler	October 01	27
Steven & Angela Olson	October 01	15
Kyle & Renee Krause	October 02	5
Brian & Amanda Wlochall	October 02	16
Jonathan Brown & Joan Dahlquist	October 03	39
Nick & Ashley Patrum	October 04	6
David & Amy Brauhn	October 06	19
Janice & Vern Linenfelser	October 07	42
Steve & Linda Palmer	October 07	48
Gary & Linda Sewell	October 07	42
Mark & Rebecca Ryan	October 08	26
Matthew & Shannon Droessler	October 09	21
Duane & Tami Ernster	October 11	35
Charles & Katie Hartig	October 15	4
Dale & Jean Bird	October 17	56
William & Inez Vondran	October 21	59
Tony & Marla Quinn	October 23	21
Benjamin & Angela Roling	October 23	11
David & Amanda Kelly	October 24	11



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					6am - Men's Breakfast 8am - Tops Meeting 1:30pm - Praise Team	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Bible Explorers 11am - Worship 3pm - High School Youth	5:15pm - Dubuque Chorale	9am - QUILTERS LUTHERAN 11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 6pm - All Committee Night 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	5:30pm - Wednesday 6pm - NO Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm - Confirmation	6pm - Scout District	6am - Men's Breakfast 8am - Tops Meeting 1:30pm - Praise Team	
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