

TRINITY TIMES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Weekly News

November 27, 2022

1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA

A NOTE FROM BISHOP JONES

Dear Friends,

My staff and I continue to hold you in prayer during this transitional time for Holy Trinity. We are aware of the concerns the congregation carries in such times and the additional burdens picked up by the staff and leadership. I pray that you are comforted and strengthened by the continued presence of Christ in your midst, and that we can shorten the time you are without regular pastoral leadership. We continue to reach out to other synods, and pastors seeking someone to serve as an interim pastor. I will personally be working with the Call Committee in the call process, meeting with them in November to get them started in discerning who God is calling (and already at work preparing) to serve as your pastor.

I am grateful for the work being done by the President and Council leadership, and for the pastors who have stepped up to lead worship and provide pastoral services in these months. Continue in the good work you are doing to be the Body of Christ in the world. I am honored to walk with you in this time.

Rev. Kevin Jones, Bishop
Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA

FALL STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't had a chance to turn in your 2023 pledge cards, those would be greatly appreciated to assist in budgeting purposes. Cards are available on the usher stands.

If you've turned in your 2023 pledge card, Thank You!

SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will be no choir practice November 17, 23, or 30th.

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FUND

This time of year can be especially hard to make ends meet. The Pastor's Emergency Fund is running low on resources. Council has established a continuing resolution so delegates from the executive committee can help those in need in the absence of a pastor. Consider making a donation to this fund so we can help those with dire, emergent needs this winter. Questions? Contact the church office. Thank you for making a difference!

Advent and Christmas 2022



Wednesday Worship Series
Holden Evening Prayer
November 30, December 7th and
14th
Worship 7:00 pm

Wednesday Supper
A casual meal is served 5:15-6:45
pm

Christmas Eve Services
4:00 Contemporary
8:00 Traditional with communion

Christmas Day
Joint service 10:00 a.m. St. Luke's UMC



HELP DECK OUR HALLS!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING
December 19th 9:30 in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR CLEAN UP
January 4th 6:00 Sanctuary

HAVE EXTRA DÉCOR?

We could use some larger wreaths (approximately 18" +) and artificial trees for the patio. If you happen to have any to loan or donate contact the office or Mary Strom.
Thank you!



**Holy Trinity Family Ministry &
Noah's Ark
Invite you to join us for a viewing
of The Star!**

The Star shares the classic nativity story through the eyes of some silly animated animals and the Biblical characters we know so well.

Watch the trailer here: [The Star Trailer #1 \(2017\) | Movieclips Trailers - YouTube](#)

Join us with your family for a special advent evening - fun for ALL ages!

Thursday, December 22 - 5:00-6:30 in the HTLC Sanctuary.

Popcorn will be served. Wear your pajamas or something cozy, bring a blanket and a stuffed animal, and pick out your favorite pew.

GIFT WRAPPING STATION

Christmas gifts are symbolic of the tributes made to baby Jesus by the Three Wise Men.

Need a place to wrap those gifts away from prying eyes?

A gift wrapping station is available in the conference room or library anytime you're in the building from now until December 24th. Paper, bows, tape, scissors, ribbon and a nice big area are all available.



TRANSITION UPDATES

Look for this section each week in the Trinity Times for current information about the interim and call process.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF INTERIM PASTOR

The Synod has given us some names. Personnel is pursuing these leads and will update us as information is available.

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Many thanks to Pastor Jason Davis who has agreed to serve pulpit supply again for the month of December. He will be with us for Advent and Christmas services as well!

CALL TEAM NOTES:

Our initial meeting was held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 3:00-5:20 p.m.

Present from Council: Amanda Matson, Mary Emily Duba, Erin VanLaningham, Ed Borchert, and Tami Ernster

Present from Call Committee: John Chesterman, Marla Quinn, Martin Lohrmann, Paul Lewis, Carol Baumann, Jenifer Montgomery, Jason Duba and Sue Tigges.

Others: Bishop Jones and Kate Stierman

Bishop Jones took us through the process of a Call, including completion of a Ministry Site Profile.

Interesting stats: 33 congregations are presently looking for an interim; 3 interims are available in the synod; 650 pastors are retiring per year and either 204 or 240 are being ordained each year.

CONFIDENTIALITY was stressed. Potential interviewee's names are not to be discussed outside of the committee.

We concluded with the hope of having a completed and approved Ministry Site Profile in six months; and with a goal of interviews taking place in the Spring of 2023 (depending on availability of candidates).

John Chesterman will be the chairman of the Call Committee; Sue Tigges will be the secretary/recorder of the Call Committee.

Future meetings: Sunday, December 4, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. AND Monday, December 12, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

By: Sue Tigges

Please thank the following people for agreeing to serve on our call committee:

John Chesterman
Jason Duba
Jenifer Montgomery
Sue Tigges

Carol Baumann
Martin Lohrmann
Paul Lewis
Marla Quinn

The following Transition Team has agreed to keep HTLC running between pastors:

Joann Kopp – Retired Office Manager

Mary Emily Duba – Worship Team

Chuck Barland – Worship/Music Staff

Amanda Matson – Council President/Pulpit Supply

Kate Stierman – Interim Office Manager/Communications

If you have questions for the Transition Team feel free to reach out at holytrinkluth@gmail.com or call the office at 563-582-3228

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT HTLC:

MEN'S TUESDAY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread on JFK

BOY SCOUTS

HTLC charts BSA Troop 51. This troop is the largest in our council. Boys ages 11-18 are welcome to join. The troop meets Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 in the LFC and Scout Room.

Questions? Contact John Chesterman

MEN'S FRIDAY BIBLE BREAKFAST

6:00 HTLC Conference Room

CONFIRMATION AND BIBLE EXPLORERS

Classes have resumed on Wednesday Nights! Join us for supper!

Casual Meal 5:15 – All are welcome!

Class 6:00-7:30

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELCA)

Women of Holy Trinity will gather for Bible Study as listed in the GATHER Publication, ELCA at 9:30 am on the 3rd Wednesday monthly in the Conference room. All are welcome!

CHOIR

Wednesdays

6:45 in the Choir Room

Questions? Contact Director Chuck Barland32

CBarland@dbq.edu

BELL CHOIR

Thursdays

6:00 in the Choir Room

Questions? Contact Director Chuck Barland32

CBarland@dbq.edu

TRINITY KIDS:

Storytelling between services on Sundays.

HTLC Library at 9:45

COFFEE HOUR:

Sunday between services

Have an activity to add? We'd be happy to share!

Contact the church office with details

ALTAR GUILD – CAN YOU HELP?

What is Altar Guild? – in simple terms, the Altar Guild prepares the place for the Eucharistic celebration. We are following Christ's directive (Luke 22: 7-13) to go ahead to find a place to prepare the Passover meal. We check candle oil, linens, prepare the cups of wine and plates of bread, and put out the proper paraments for the Church Season and of course, do laundry as needed. It's not difficult to perform these tasks.

We have 6 very faithful volunteers and one more just joined. We could use 5 more people to assist us. That would mean we'd only have to volunteer for one month a year! That's only 4-5 Sundays, depending on the month! We try to schedule members with months they will be available (avoid vacations) and we all act as backup when that sudden change of plans occurs. Please consider becoming a member. The 2023 Altar Guild schedule is now being completed. If you'd like more information regarding Altar Guild and specific duties, please feel free to contact Diane Kalms at 920-344-6148.

NOW OPEN!

The HTLC Equal Exchange Shop is now open! Visit the new shelf in the hallway outside the office!

Questions? Contact Barb Rank or
Kate Stierman



God's Word, Our Story

Join us Sundays 9:45-10:15

In the HTLC Library for a story and a project. All ages are welcome!

More information at htlcbdq.com

Or email Mary Emily Duba (maryemily.duba@gmail.com) or Tami Ernster (djernster@mchsi.com) to learn more.

Troop 51

“Helping the poor... without hesitation”

On Saturday, November 12, many Scouts and leaders joined 200 Dubuque-area residents in packing food for distribution to the country of Haiti. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Troop 51 Scouts and leaders helped to pack and prepare for shipment over 41,000 meals of rice and beans. They willingly took time away from their previously-scheduled campout at Camp Burton.

Volunteering isn't something that comes naturally to many people. It is even more unique in that this was done for people who will never ever have the possibility to “pay them back”. Yet, this cheerful service was done willingly and without hesitation. Congratulations to the Scouts, and to the adults who help teach such values to the young people of Dubuque.

Paul Lewis
Charter Rep, Troop 51



LITTLE PANTRIES & HUNGER OUTREACH

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Despite extreme cold and snow, the November 19th food distribution was a great success! HTLC members and Scouts from Troop 51 served 138 families in cooperation with St. Stephen's Food Bank!



LITTLE PANTRIES

“Take what you need, Give what you can”

Unfortunately, our Little Food Pantries are very popular, and we are having a hard time keeping them full! Please consider helping us stock them. I have become addicted to stocking these shelves. Every time I am at the grocery store I find great deals and buy for the pantries. Ready-made meals, canned meats, combinations of pasta and meat sauce, fruits and vegetables, protein bars, and hygiene products are just a few examples of what we want to fill our shelves.

Important Note: Please place all food items on the shelves inside the entryway. This help keeps food fresh and safe. Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our Mission!
Living Christ Call to Love and Serve All!
Gretchen Kueter, Outreach

SMALL GIFTS, BIG IMPACT!

Want to support hunger but don't have time to shop? Consider giving a one-time or regular gift to the Hunger Outreach Fund. We have dedicated volunteers who are more than happy to shop and fill shelves! This is a great way to make a big impact even with a small contribution! Together we make a difference for those who visit our shelves!

Place any amount in the little green envelopes marked “Hunger Outreach”

or

Designate in-person gifts to Hunger Outreach or give online at htlcdbq.com/give under the “gift now” button select “Little Pantries”



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Thanks to our confirmation students who helped pack Lutheran World Relief kits as a service project! Good work!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer List



THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS
AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS. -PHILIPPIANS 4:7

We Pray For

- Rose Tolzmann
- Mark Ryan
- Bennett Lewis
- Deb Massey
- Robert Schaeffer Jr. &
Family
(Cousin of Liz Engbrecht)
- Susan Dralle
- The family and friends of
Martha Wlochall who
passed away August 1,
2022
- Ryan Keel
- For D.D. Bowman on the
death of her sister G.G.
Oliver
- Meghan Younkin and
Olive Younkin cousins of
Laura Waltermire
- James Stierman

- Reid Michel and his family
- Brad Schilling, Brother-in-law of Diane
Kalmes
- Nancy Leonard
- Brian and Robin Leib on the death of Brian's
sister Patti Leib
- Charlotte Hudson
- For Jenny Goodno and her family on the death
of her father, Norman "Huck" Muehleip
- Craig and Cheryl Rose

For Those 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

Please join our community of faith in praying for the Church, the World, and all who
need God's healing.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8

HTLC PRAYER CIRCLE

We have a group of faithful people who pray for our community.
Can we pray for you? Submit your prayers online or call the church office at 563-582-3228



Hello HTLC Family! As we approach the end of the year, I'm excited to hopefully reinvigorate the spirit of stewardship. When most people hear the word stewardship, they automatically think of money. However, the dictionary states that it's the job of conducting, supervising or managing something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. In my opinion, it's learning how to manage the life that God has given to us and realizing that we are managers versus owners. What a liberating thought knowing that everything we have is given to us by God so we can be stewards of what has been entrusted to us! This mindset helps us get out of the rat race, the never ending accumulation battle. It shifts us to how we can use what we have been given (time, talent, resources) to build God's Kingdom. I truly believe that the secret to living is giving. Below you will find an opportunity to not only make your annual pledge but also get involved with our church. Thank you all for your time and support of our church!

-Cris Houlihan, Stewardship

2023 TIME & TALENT

Want to get involved? Please consider filling out a 2023 Time and Talent card found at the usher stands or online!



RAISE THE ROOF ON THE LIVING FAITH CENTER!

After years of leaks in the LFC, we've learned that parts of the roof were never built to the blueprints or code. Consider helping protect our building with a contribution to a new roof. Grab an envelope in the entry to include with your offering or click "Give" online. Thank you for your generosity and for keeping us dry!

ALMOST THERE!

Together we have raised \$48,328.42





LFC ROOF UPDATE

Better Roofing has completed half of the LFC roof. Materials are on backorder and the project will be finished when those are available in the spring.

PRESENTATION LANTERN CENTER

NOVEMBER SPECIAL APPEAL

This November the stewardship committee is inviting our members to support one of the newer non-profit organizations in our community.

Who We Serve:

Since opening in 2002, The Presentation Lantern Center has welcomed over 1,000 adult immigrants from 69 countries. The Center welcomes all who would like to learn English or improve their current English language skills in the areas of: reading, writing, speaking or listening. Research shows that conversational English and befriending a native speaker of a language is one of the most effective ways to teach or learn a new language. It's also more fun! This is where we excel and what sets us apart from other places in the tri-state area where adults can go to learn English. We also welcome any eligible adult (i.e., legal permanent resident) to prepare for their interview and study for their citizenship test with us. Our students, staff and volunteers work hard and have fun together as partners in the learning process for weeks, months and sometimes even years – often becoming life-long friends. Thorough relationship-building and hard work, we are proud that the more than 105 students who have studied for their citizenship test with us thus far have ALL passed their tests.

I would encourage you to visit their web site, TheLanternCenter.org to learn more about the organization and what they do. There are many volunteer opportunities to help them carry out their mission. Please consider a financial gift either on their web site or by direct mail to Suite LL5-1, 900 Jackson St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Paul Dettmann for the stewardship committee

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Look for this section in the coming months to learn more about HTLC staff, council, and other leaders.

JENIFER MONTGOMERY

Jenifer is the director of Noah's Ark Child Development Center.

While I grew up attending various ELCA churches in Connecticut and the Chicago area, HTLC is the one church I've been to every year of my life. We used to plan summer visits with my grandparents (Ray and Alice Martin) so we could attend VBS at Holy Trinity. My husband Jeff and I joined HTLC when we moved to Dubuque in 2015. We have two kids, Elizabeth and Christopher who are both students at Noah's Ark. My parents Dan and Barb Rank are also active members of the HTLC community.



I have an elementary education degree from Illinois Wesleyan and a master's in education administration from St. Ambrose. I joined Noah's Ark as director in the summer of 2019. Since then we have faced unimaginable challenges but seen incredible growth. I am blessed to be a part of this special place and to see God working in our children's lives

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Friday 9:30 A.M. - Noon
Saturday & Sunday Closed

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