

# TRINITY TIMES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Weekly News

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December 4, 2022

1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA

## **FALL STEWARDSHIP**

2023 is full of exciting possibilities for HTLC!

If you haven't had a chance to review your annual gifts and turn in a pledge card, those are greatly helpful as we plan for the future!

Cards are available on the usher stands or online. They can be submitted in the pledge card box near the usher stand, in the offering plate, or to the office.

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

## **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!



## **READ ME A STORY!**

Do you have a Christmas story you'd love to share with our Noah's Ark friends? We'd love to have you read to one of our classes! Contact Jenifer Montgomery!

# Advent and Christmas 2022



## **Wednesday Worship Series**

Holden Evening Prayer  
November 30, December 7<sup>th</sup> and  
14<sup>th</sup>  
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 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 in the Sanctuary

### **CHRISTMAS DÉCOR CLEAN UP**

January 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Paper, bows, tape, scissors, ribbon and a nice big area are all available.



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# TRANSITION UPDATES

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

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## 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](mailto: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](http://htlcbdq.com)

Or email Mary Emily Duba ([maryemily.duba@gmail.com](mailto:maryemily.duba@gmail.com)) or Tami Ernster ([djernster@mchsi.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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



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!

Help Us  
"RATSC" the Roof  
on our  
LIVING Faith  
Center

ALMOST THERE!  
Together we have raised  
\$48,328.42





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 Wlochal 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



## **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.

## **ST. JOHN'S GUEST HOUSE DECEMBER SPECIAL APPEAL**

### **Mission Statement**

- a warm bed on a cold night.

### **Description**

In November of 2011, the Dubuque Rescue Mission issued a cry for help. As the weather grew cold, more men arrived nightly than there were beds available. Could one of the downtown churches possibly help?

St. John's Lutheran Church, a small congregation with a sizable building, answered that call.

"The Guest House at St. John's" officially opened on December 2, 2011. What was anticipated to be only a couple of beds every week or so became 450 beds provided by April 6, 2012. When fire codes threatened the permanent closure of St. John's, the community rallied to provide financial assistance, materials and labor to ensure the Guest House would again open its doors. With the updates complete, the Guest House officially reopened on January 21, 2013 and sheltered five men that same night. By May 1, 2013, the Guest House had provided over 250 beds.

Following on this success, the Guest House at St. John's is currently planning for its future and how it may serve other under met needs for shelter in Dubuque, including the possibility of sheltering men with children and entire families.

St. John's Lutheran Church, led by Pastor Jay Ilten, is not a wealthy church but has nevertheless made a conscious decision to "bloom where (they) are planted" and serve the needs of the people in downtown Dubuque.

*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.*

### CATHY NOLAN

Financial Assistant



Moving here from southern Illinois in the mid 70's I encountered a beautiful landscape of rolling hills, much different than the flat farm land I knew. The beauty of it, gave me a new appreciation of God's wonderful creation and the joy of spending time in nature.

In 1981 I joined HTLC, and began volunteering in a variety of areas. Teaching Sunday school, serving as the Superintendent, and VBS leader. When my daughter was preschool age, I enrolled her at Noah's Ark and served

on the Board. In later years, I was a mentor to some of our youth that took part in the Chimes Choir. Later I organized a youth mission trip to Michigan where we performed a number of jobs throughout the community. I've played in the bell choir, participated in Crop Walk, serve on the Altar Guild and volunteered to record member giving (manually on paper forms).

In 1993 I was hired as the Financial Assistant, from 1993 – 2004, managing the accounts receivables and payables as well as payroll and other duties. Beginning in 2004, the position was split and I began doing only the receivables, payroll and a variety of other duties. Over the 29+ years that I have worked in the church office I have seen a lot of change, Pastors have come and gone as well as other staff members. Duties have changed, we have gone from doing things manually to 3 different software management programs and countless council changes. Through all the changes I have been blessed to be a part of and to serve this community.





## 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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