TRINITY TIMES



SUNDAY, JUNE 29 & JULY 6, 2025

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Save the date for HTLC's Summer Connection Series!

June 8-Aug 3

Each Sunday will feature a

10:00 am unity service

followed by a one hour fellowship event (11:30-12:30pm) intended to bring our congregation together in fun and connection. Examples of our Summer Connection events will include an openmic concert, congregational hymn-sing, trivia, a community impact event, and congregation connection conversations. This summer promises to be a ton of fun as we foster community at HTLC!

REMINDER - NO AFTER WORSHIP EVENT JULY 6



SUMMER
CONNECTION
SERIES



MARY STROM
SHARES HER LOVE
OF GARDENING
WITH NOAH'S ARK
FRIENDS

SYNOD UPDATES





Rev. Jennifer Thomas Assistant to the Bishop for Shared Ministry and Development

The Northeastern Iowa Synod Council is pleased to announce that a Synod Call has been extended to Rev. Jennifer (Jen) Thomas to serve as Assistant to the Bishop for Shared Ministry and Development. Pastor Jennifer (Jen) Thomas was ordained in 1998. She is an alumna of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and religion from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Her internship from 1996 to 1997 was at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

She began her ministry as Outreach Pastor at Lake Park Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 2007, she was called as Senior Pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Jen has since served in a variety of roles, including Alumni Engagement Manager and Gift Officer at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, as well as Interim Pastor at both St. Paul's and St. Matthew's in Nevada and Butler, Missouri. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked as a financial associate at Thrivent and later served as a mid-level gift officer for the Churchwide Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Jen currently serves as Treasurer for the Association of White Lutherans for Racial Justice. She and her family are members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa. She is married to Vance, the Library Director at the University of Dubuque, and they have two young adult children who attend the University of Kansas. Rock chalk!

Jen is passionate about organizing, fundraising, education, and advocacy. This summer, she's exploring cooking with fresh produce from their CSA box and local farmers market, while learning about native plants and birds of Eastern Iowa.



Katie Stierman Vice President of the Northeastern Iowa Synod Council

Kate Stierman of Dubugue was elected Synod Council vice president at the 2025 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly. Stierman is a long-time member of Holy Trinity, Dubugue, where she has served on the council and various committees. Most notably she enjoys her work on the board of Noah's Ark Child Development Center. "I joined the board when it became apparent we needed to really discern how that ministry served the community. Over the last 7 years the program has evolved from 17 part-time students to 91-full time students. Our building is bursting with energy and the most beautiful chaos!"

In 2022, she stepped in as "temporary" administrator during a time of major congregational transition for Holy Trinity. "That 'interim' role has evolved into a rewarding vocation of support and witness," Stierman said. "I enjoy a dynamic, collaborative lay/clergy partnership with Pastor Jason Davis. We watch in awe as the Spirit has revitalized energy and fostered new, creative approaches to ministry at Holy Trinity."

Growing up, Stierman attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church in Waverly. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in finance and moved to Dubuque to work as a financial analyst. She is married and has three teenage children. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the driving range, sewing quilts, reading non-fiction, and traveling. She and her family have visited 49 states.

"As VP I look forward to seeing what God is up to among us in the Northeastern Iowa Synod and really hope to approach my service with joyful curiosity."

Photo: Kate and Pastor Jason heading out to supervise "The Waldo Group" at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans 2024



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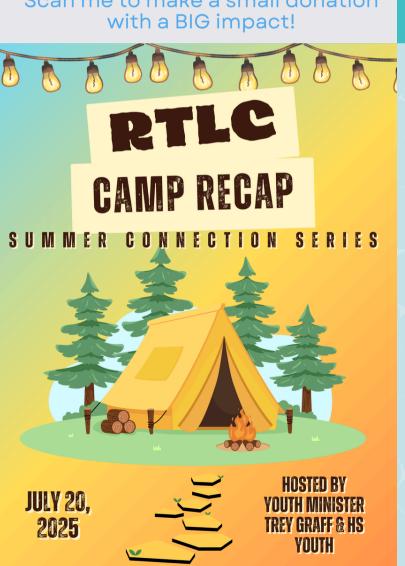
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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The death of a loved one can be painful and overwhelming as we navigate the changes by the loss in our lives. A Grief Support Group provides a communal place of support and compassion, reminding one another they are not alone in their grief.

Using the resource *Understanding Your Grief* by death educator and grief counselor Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, the group will learn basic principles and actions to take to engage with their grief and move toward healing.

The first group will meet weekly at Holy Trinity on Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm, from August 4th to October 27th. Books and journals will be provided. If interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jeanette at pastorjeanette@htlcdbq.com or fill out the interest form at htlcdbq.com

HALFWAY THERE

Summer Connection Series



Yoga with Pastor Jeanette

JULY 27 - 11:15

