

THE TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



THE PATH OF HEALING

by Pastor Derek Rosenstiel

"In 2 Corinthians 7:10, Paul says, 'For godly grief produces repentance that leads to salvation without regret'(ESV).

This kind of grief is a natural response to the suffering of others. ...The ability to weep with those who weep is necessary for true healing."

-Jemar Tisby, The Color of Compromise

So much has happened over the past months; our lives, our communities, and our world has been turned on its head in more ways than one. So many difficult trials have bombarded even those of us who are the most isolated from the effects of the turmoil of our time. Our grief is heavy, and the weight of our world is hard to bear. Yet, amid all this I have seen sparks of hope and glimpses of God's renewing work appear right within the life of our community of faith here at Holy Trinity.

We continue to gather digitally and in small, socially distanced groups 'to love and serve all' in the name of Christ our Lord! We take hope in the truth that 'Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God' even while we grieve our losses and face the trials of this time. I have been inspired and empowered by the bold acts of faith that I continue to experience each day as people work together to come up with amazing responses to the hardships of our time. Communities as well as individuals have found ways to care for and connect with others sharing the burdens that we all bear. I pray that you have found joy in these responses as well and have experienced a relief of some of your own burdens.

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"THE CALL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IS NOT ONE-OF-THE-MANY CONVERSATIONS THAT NEED OUR FOCUS, BUT INSTEAD IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR OUR NATION AND FOR ALL OUR LIVES."



With courage, tenacity, humility, and trust in Christ, I have seen people not turn away from the exceedingly difficult issues that face us in this time. One example of that which I pray continues to grow and transform all our lives and our communities (of faith or otherwise), is the fight for racial equality and justice that has risen up since the death of George Floyd earlier this year. Movements such as Black Lives Matter have for so long called out the injustices that our siblings of color experience due to the broken systems, structures, and relationships in our world and nation. Yet, these calls have gone mostly unanswered and the cries of those who have deeply suffered at the hands of racism continue to be silenced or ignored by the wider population.

We all are suffering in this time, to one degree or another: health struggles, financial hardship, natural disaster, grieving the loss of a loved one, and so much more. Yet, it cannot be denied that those who already were facing hardship prior to the pandemic are being disproportionately affected by the chaos brought on by COVID-19. We must as people of faith cry out Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy- not only for ourselves in our despair, but especially for our siblings of color who face suffering that is compounded by the death dealing forces of racism.



Our prayers for God's healing, deliverance, and reconciliation give us hope and comfort, but also lead us to action. What is God leading us to in this time as we so desperately yearn for healing? It has been both challenging and encouraging to take part in the online adult forum's conversation surrounding the sin of racism over these past few months. There is so much that can lay claim to our attention nowadays, and rightly so- there are so many important issues we face in this pivotal moment in history. Yet the call for racial justice and equality is not one-of-the-many conversations that need our focus, but instead is of utmost importance for our nation and for all our lives. What we do in this moment to address this issue will decide our very future. That is why we continue the conversation in our community to see where God is leading us to in this work.



The Church has led the charge in many civil rights movements over the years. This is only right as the call to witness to Christ is the call to witness to the very image of God that all people bear within their own bodies. We as the body of Christ have fought successfully in this calling to social justice over time, but there is still so much more that can be done. The way of Christ that is the path to true healing is both an eternal gift and continual calling in our lives. May we continue to travel this path together and see where Christ is leading us dear siblings in Christ. We can trust that God's kin-dom is already breaking into our world through the work of Christ. Let us take joy in the ways in which the Holy Spirit gifts each of us to take part in this kin-dom work each day and experience the grace and healing that come through God's love made present in and through us all!

Grace & Peace to You Always,
Pastor Derek Rosenstiel

WORSHIP

**Now One Link
for both!**

or call

1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 696 504 258

Each Sunday

Worship at 9:00 A.M.

Coffee Hour following at 10:00 A.M.

Starting Sunday, September 6th, we will have **one link** for worship, coffee hour and adult ministries.

To join, click here or go to our website at
htlcdbq.com

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Can't connect with us online? Just call 1-312-626- 6799 and use Meeting ID: 696 504 258

ADULT FORUM

Wednesday, September 2
6:30 P.M.

How Could a Slaveholder Write "All Men Are Created Equal"?

Join us as we watch the second half of an interview with two historians who give background and insight into Thomas Jefferson. [Click Here to join.](#)

Wednesday, September 16
6:30 P.M.

Checking in: How are you doing with the uncertainty of the pandemic?

It has been over 26 weeks since the Covid-19 virus has changed our lives. Let's support one another by "checking in" and having a conversation about ways we are coping. [Click Here to join.](#)

Wednesday, September 30
6:30 P.M.

How our stories meet.

Join us in a conversation on the topic of intersectionality. Different social categorizations such as race, class, and gender can create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage. [Click Here to join.](#)

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday at 11:30 A.M.

Simply Coming Together.....

from different churches, to study the Bible as our common text. [Click Here to join.](#)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Friday at 6:00 A.M.

Rise and Shine!

Start your day off with fellowship and bible study on zoom. [Click Here to join.](#)

YOUTH MINISTRY

5th grade through Sr. High

Check It Out!

We offer many ways to connect online. [Visit our website HTLCDBQ.COM](http://HTLCDBQ.COM) for the date, times and links to connect with our ministries and learn about upcoming youth events and more.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following:

Kerin Moldenhauer, Gretchen Kueter's mother
Nathan Kelly
Shari Martelle

HTLC Military personnel serving our country:

Army: Kyle Salmon, Christina Fink, Col. Karl Anderson,
Kyle Osborne.

National Guard: Eric Bowman

Air Force: Chris Barajas

Marines: Staff Sgt. Rossetti

Air Force: Chris Barajas, Michael Osborne, Logan Knobbe

OUR SYMPATHY

We pray with thanksgiving for the witness of faith by those who have died and we pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one.

We pray for those who grieve the death of Gloria Steilher, especially Duane Ernster and family as they mourn.

We pray for those who grieve the death of Neil Keith, especially the Keith family as they mourn.

We pray for those who grieve the death of Karen Wehinger, (Rebecca Rosenstiel's grandmother) especially Rebecca and her father Jeff as they mourn.

We pray for those who grieve the death of Brian Krug, especially for Jan and Ron Appleby & Family.

Our "Little" Food Pantry and Blessing Cabinet

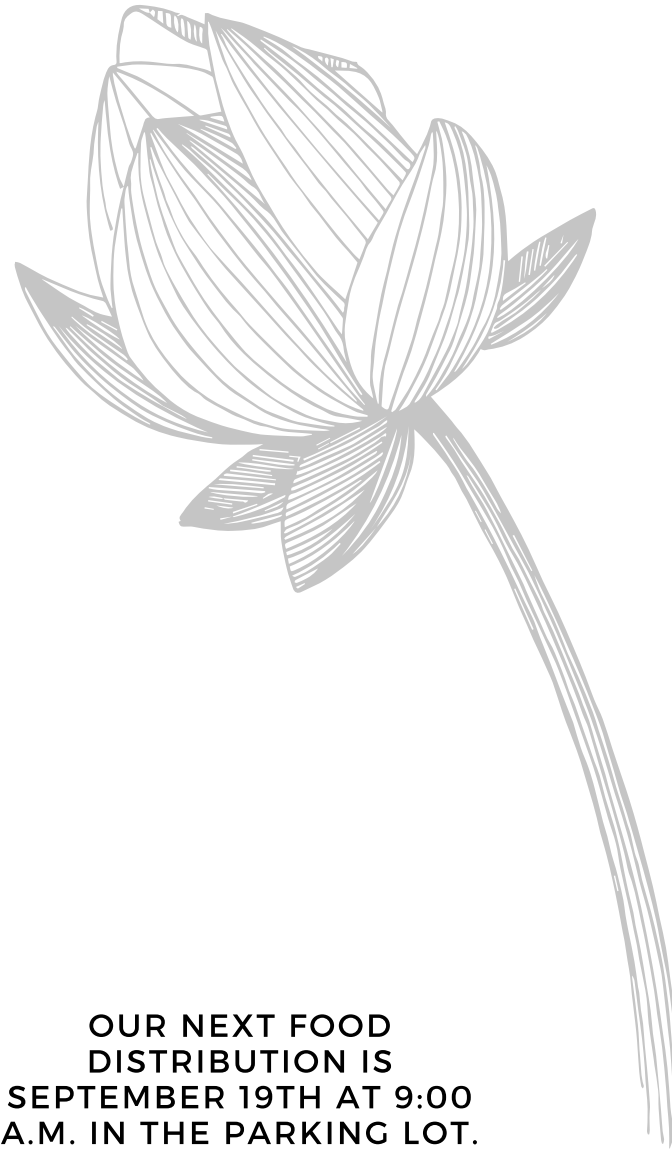
Thank you to those who have contributed to our "little" food pantry and blessing cabinet this past month. This is an important ministry of Holy Trinity that reaches out to our community that is in need.

We are in need of vegetables and fruit (canned or fresh) and personal hygiene items like shampoo, deodorant, soap and toothpaste.

These items can be placed inside the front entry of the church and we will distribute them. If you are making a large contribution, please call Pastor Derek at 608-556-0206 and he will bring it inside the church building to add to our stores of food.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to 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

Sunday, September 13th
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Open to all

SCAVENGER HUNT

Are you ready to get out of the house? The Family Ministry Team is hosting a Scavenger Hunt! This fun event will get you out of the house and give you a change to make new friends and visit old friends all while social distancing! Click on the link below or contact Sara McCaw at sara.mccaw@gmail.com.



Sunday, September 13th

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KICK-OFF

We are kicking off our Christian Education program and distributing Bibles to our Three-year-olds and Third Graders. We will also commission our Sunday School teachers and celebrate our upcoming year of learning.

**Saturday, October 24 &
Sunday, October 25th**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR NINTH-GRADE STUDENTS

We look forward to celebrating as our ninth-grade students affirm their baptism on Reformation Sunday.

Isabel Brauhn, Nathan Droessler, Rosalynd Hoefflin, Cameron Lovett, Sarah Martyn, Soren Obermueller, Sydney Wersinger and Violet Widner will affirm their baptism.



Schedule as follows:

Saturday, October 24, 10 A.M. - Worship Practice & Pictures
Saturday, October 24, Noon - Banquet for students and families
Sunday, October 25 - Affirmation of Baptism, service TBA

Saturday, October 24th
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Mark Your Calendar! The Family Ministry Committee is planning a fun event for our families. We will post the details as they arrive on our website.

Saturday, April 17
Starting at 9:30 A.M.

CROP WALK

The Dubuque Area CROP Walk has been postponed until the spring. Be sure to mark your calendar for this great event.

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL SCHEDULE

Visit our Youth and Family page on our website at <https://htlcdbq.com/youth-events-%26-news>

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL PROGRAMING AND SCHEDULES

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation begins Thursday, September 10th.

Bible Explorers for 5th and 6th Grade Students begins Wednesday, September 9th

Sunday School for Elementary Students begins Sunday, September 20th.

High School Fellowship begins Sunday, September 13th.

Details, calendar and zoom links for all Youth and Family Programming can be found on our website at [Youth & Family Ministries](#).

WE ARE GRATEFUL

Some of our members like working behind the scenes but here in the office we noticed and we are grateful!

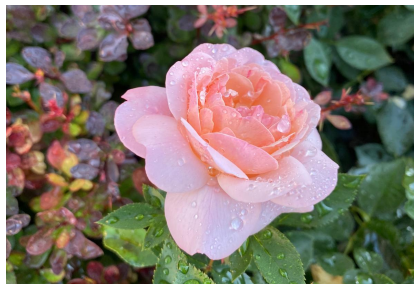
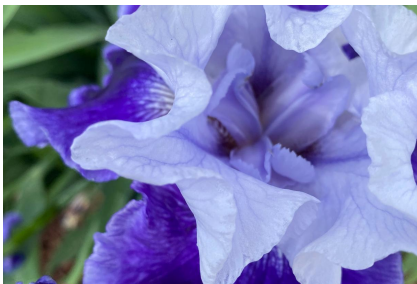
Darrell and Diane Kalmes have been hard at work. Diane makes sure the paraments (the hangings around the altar) are changed for each church season and she decorates the entry making us all feel welcome.

Darrell undertook the upgrading of our internet. The office found it hard to zoom, upload videos and work with the internet speed we had. At times we would just sit at our desks, staring at our computers, waiting for the internet. Not anymore! Now it is blazing fast! Darrell (and his assistant Diane) used his skills at woodworking. He designed and built a media console that will house the equipment we need to bring the church to a new level.

Mary Strom shares her passion for gardening by taking care of the flower beds at the church. We often find her tending the flower gardens regardless of how hot the weather is. She is so dedicated that even when she goes out of town she makes sure Al, our custodian, waters the flowers. We enjoy the work of her hard labor and praise God for her.

Ever wonder who stacks and organizes the little food pantry and blessing cabinet? That would be **Gretchen Kueter**. She shares her passion for caring for others by making sure food and other items are available to those in need.

We are grateful for the dedication, hardwork and commitment our volunteers have to continuing the mission of the church.



STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER'S SPECIAL APPEAL LUTHER MANOR

“Enriching lives through a continuum of quality services guided by Christian love and compassion.”

What are the options for people who find that there are barriers to living safely in their home, like basement steps and shoveling snow, among other things, which may be hazardous to their health and well being? Luther Manor offers several options, depending on your needs. Do you need nursing care, three prepared meals a day, laundry and cleaning services, someone to make the bed and tidy up, or an in house opportunity to socialize and worship? How about skilled nursing or therapy after a stay in the hospital? Luther Manor has a staff of professional nurses and certified nursing assistants/utility aides, full dietary staff and people who will provide you with a clean and comfortable environment for your long term care.

Luther Manor apartments offer maintenance free living space with as much independent life style as you wish. More information is available on their web site, luthermanor.com, especially about the new options available at the growing west campus in Asbury. New units provide rehab housing and memory care. Care at home service provides valuable assistance to many who need this service to continue to live independently in their own residence.

Our monetary gifts continue to be important to Luther Manor and its residents. Many of the life enrichment services cannot be met within the normal budget. Our gifts now can help provide electronic contact means that can replace some of the in person visits that have always been vital to the residents. Please be generous as you fill the September gold stripe envelope.

Paul Dettmann for the Stewardship Committee

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

JANUARY - JULY 2020

YTD INCOME **\$ 377,466.29**
(Regular/Pledged giving \$258,504.01 92% of budget)
(Special Projects Giving transfers \$ 32,625.96)
(PPP Funds for HTLC Staff Payroll \$59,188.49)

YTD EXPENSES **\$349,267.65**
(includes budgeted expenses and special projects)

YTD Net Surplus/(Shortfall) **\$28,198.64**



The Stewardship Team, council and pastors continue to be amazed by the generosity of this congregation. Regular/Pledged Giving remains over 92% compared to budget, despite all worship and ministries being done online and through new and creative ways. Members provided over \$46,000 to support the upgrades to the telephone and internet infrastructure throughout the building and audio & sound system upgrades in the sanctuary. Neither of these projects were anticipated and included in the budget for 2020 but the needs were met – amazing!

The Finance Team is meeting soon and will take a look at how the 2020 budgeted expenses may be adjusted due to the extended closure, and how that may affect the budget shortfall we planned for at the Annual Meeting. Watch for more information in the next Tidings.

If you are interested in seeing the detail of all the financial activity at HTLC, feel free to ask a council member for more information, we're happy to answer your questions!

Your gifts are making a difference
– Thank you!

Wendy Einsweiler & The Stewardship Team

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

As the number of covid-19 cases and covid-19 deaths increase I ask myself when will we be able to safely gather together for worship, fellowship time and family activities with other Holy Trinity members? I am thankful for technology as it does keep us connected, but it is not the same as being able to physically be with one another.

At times I feel like I am alone.

We don't know the circumstances that the writer of the book of Hebrews was addressing when he wrote his letter. But his letter was a letter of encouragement. He reminded the people receiving his letter of all that God has done for them. But he didn't stop with talking about the past. He talked about their current situation, he clearly said 'you are not alone.'

In Hebrews 13:5b the author reminds the people of God's promise, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

In chapter 12 the writer reminds them that they are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. I think the writer was referring to those who had died in Christ. But I think we can expand our understanding of a great cloud of witnesses to include those of us who are living.

We are not alone because we have each other. This fall our stewardship program will remind us that we are not alone. We will be reminded of what we are able to do as a cloud of witnesses. We do that together because we are not alone.

Dave Assmus
Stewardship Committee

FROM THE OFFICE

PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like a pastoral visit by phone during this time of social distancing, please contact one of our pastors.

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

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

FAITH AT HOME

We have many resources available on our website for children, families and adults to grow in faith, relationships and knowledge. [Go to our "Connect" tab and click of "Faith At Home" to view or click here.](#)

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate Month/Day
Lindsey	Moeller	September 01
Teri	Zuccaro	September 02
Lillian	Hoefflin	September 03
Frederick	Liaboe	September 05
Madeline	Stoffel	September 05
Cheryl	Bagstad	September 07
David	Solberg	September 08
Jolene	Harry	September 09
Gregory	Lindenberg	September 10
Karin	Anderson	September 10
Todd	Vanderlinde	September 10
Pieper	Lundell	September 10
Steve	Palmer	September 11
Glenn	Lichti	September 11
Dylan	Fair	September 11
Mary	Kvam	September 12
Margaret	Dettmann	September 12
Christy	Davis	September 13
Christopher	Kueter	September 13
Evelyn	Goldsmith	September 13
Keith	Dralle	September 14
Martha	Wlochall	September 14
Cris	Houlihan	September 14
Laura	Goldsmith	September 15
Erika	Matson	September 15
Kathryn	Struck	September 16
Amy	Naumann	September 17
Samuel	Naumann	September 17
Shelby	Wissing	September 17
Cadence	Pauly	September 17
Alice	Martin	September 18
Karlene	Galusha	September 18
Marissa	Michel	September 18
Judith	Bredesen	September 19
Bridget	Prehm	September 19
Cole	Dieter	September 19
Tammie	Paulson	September 21
William	Manos	September 22
Dawn	Eikamp	September 25
Emersyn	Walén	September 25
Samuel	Neiss	September 26
Kristi	Patrum	September 27

Ashlee	Tiernan	September 27
Whitney	Quade	September 28
Paul	Lewis	September 29
Patty	Blunk	September 29
Dean	Vize	September 30

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Debra Stork	September 01	35
Andrew & Rachelle Vize	September 01	7
Christopher & Joy Bode	September 04	20
Jeremy & Kristi Patrum	September 05	10
Keith & Nancy Stocks	September 06	39
Matthew & Robin Weinbender	September 08	7
Joseph & Teri Zuccaro	September 10	26
Steven & Marilyn Rutz	September 11	48
Joel & Torri Janecek	September 21	17
Merville & Jolene Harry	September 23	24
Scott & Charlene Franke	September 24	31
Joel & Amanda Matson	September 24	14
John & Kari Chesterman	September 25	15
Tim & Mary Mills	September 27	22
Alan & Verle Henricks	September 29	57
Ronald & Sue Tigges	September 29	35

September 2020

Sep 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		This Months Special 11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 5:45pm - All Committee	6:15pm - Bible Explorers @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @ 6:30pm - Adult Forum @	Stephen Ministry Meeting 4pm - Praise Team	Pastor Josh's Day Off 6am - Men's Bible Study @	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9am - Online Worship @ 10am - Coffee & Fellowship 7:30pm - Highschool	Pastor Derek's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off	11:30am - Ecumenical Bible	6:15pm - Bible Explorers @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @	4pm - Praise Team	Pastor Josh's Day Off 6am - Men's Bible Study @	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
"God's work Our hands." Christian Education Kick- 9am - Online Worship @ 10am - Coffee & Fellowship 4pm - EVENT Scavenger 7:30pm - Highschool	Pastor Derek's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off	11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 6:30pm - COUNCIL @ Choir	Adult Forum @ via Zoom 6:15pm - Bible Explorers @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @	Stephen Ministry Meeting 4pm - Praise Team	Pastor Josh's Day Off 6am - Men's Bible Study @	9am - HTLC Food
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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