Holy Trinity Lutheran Church September 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope this finds you well! As you know, we are in a period of transition at HTLC. During this time we are making communication a priority. In an effort to get all announcements, news, events, and updates in one place, we have created the "Trinity Times". The "Trinity Times" is published weekly online, sent via email, and printed for worship. Copies are always available outside the office on the newsstand. Enclosed is the latest edition, with some extra monthly information.

If there is anything else we can help with during this time, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 563-582-3228 or email anytime at holytrinluth@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you and hope you'll stop in and see us soon!

In Christ, Kate Stierman Interim Office Manager





August 28, 2022

1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA

WELCOME TO THE TRINITY TIMES!

The Sunday Times/Announcements is now the "Trinity Times". In an effort to promote communication, all news and announcements will appear here in the weekly news. The Trinity Times will be available on the website, a link will be emailed Fridays, and printed copies will be available at worship and near the office.

Help us make The Times a success by submitting news, updates, and event information to the office. The deadline for the following week is Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m.

TRANSITION UPDATES

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

CONFIRMATION & BIBLE EXPLORERS

Staff and the personnel team are collaborating to hire an Interim Confirmation Leader to start Wednesday religious education classes September 14th as originally scheduled.

The objective of this position is to hold classes according to HTLC's established curriculum and to assist an interim in assessing these programs when he or she arrives.

See details of this position on the website.

SEPTEMBER PULPIT SUPPLY

Pastor Mark Oehlert has agreed to serve as pulpit supply this weekend and for the month of September! Please be sure to extend thanks and give a warm welcome for graciously accepting this big task!

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

CURRENT STATUS OF INTERIM PASTOR

The synod office hopes to have an interim pastor at HTLC starting sometime in October. The transition team is working to schedule pastors for worship (pulpit supply) through September and program/worship planning through the end of the calendar year. This will keep us moving forward in the event an interim is not available in October but could also make for an easy transition should one arrive.

UPCOMING FORUM

Want to get involved in shaping the future of our church? Please join us for conversation about the upcoming call process!

> September 18th - 9:45-10:45am Living Faith Center



A NOTE FROM NOAH'S ARK

The largest ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Noah's Ark is thriving in no small part due to the support of folks like you! For the 2022-2023 School Year we are serving 42 children for full time childcare and another ten who join us for preschool. Our wait list exceeds our enrollment, and we are confident we are providing one of the best early childhood learning communities in Dubuque. THANK YOU to everyone who holds us in your thoughts, prayers, and giving.

We have two families attending Noah's Ark this year who are seeking a need-based tuition reduction. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to Noah's Ark Scholarship Funds to help us support two very deserving children to continue in our care. Donations can be made through the church office or at www.htlcdbq.com and select the "Give" tab. Checks can be made payable to Noah's Ark. Thank you!

BAPTISMS

Please join rejoicing for the baptisms of Cruz Houlihan – Baptized at 8:30 on August 14 Graham Garman – Baptized at 11:00 on August 28

FALL KICK-OFF AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Join us for a great opportunity to reconnect and recharge with our church community!

September 11th at 8:30 a.m. One outdoor service in the HTLC playground (Please note location change) Brunch Potluck to follow worship Bring your blanket or chair and a dish to share! Table service provided Rain Location – Indoors at HTLC

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Join us for the Second Annual Ladies' Night Out! Dodge Street – Los Aztecas September 12 – 7:00pm Have a meal, chips and salsa, or even just a quick beverage! All ages are welcome, we can't wait to see you!

COMING SOON!

Details for these events/programs coming soon Food Distribution – November Trunk or Treat - October

TROOP 51/RAISE THE ROOF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

October 16th 7:30am-12:30pm Living Faith Center Come and enjoy pancakes served by our very own Boy Scout Troop! Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Raise the Roof LFC Fund and support for Troop 51 activities. Suggested donation \$8/person or \$20/family



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

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!

LITTLE PANTRIES

"Take what you need, Give what you can"

The little pantries in the entryway and out-front serve many of our food-insecure neighbors every day. Most of those visiting our shelves are elderly or have children with them. The following items are most needed: peanut butter, ready-to-eat meals (such as ravioli), canned meats, cereal, granola bars, fresh produce, and personal hygiene products. Items can be placed on the shelves, the mini fridge in the entry, or in the donation boxes near the church entry. These donations are a blessing to the community! Questions? Contact Glenn Lichti or Gretchen Kueter

DID YOU KNOW?

Now that our kids are back at school, many middle school students depend on our little pantries for after-school snacks and meals. Their favorites are cereal, granola bars, and Pop-

Tarts! Consider adding a few to your next donation!



HTLC IS HIRING!

HTLC is hiring for the following positions:

Contemporary Music Director

Interim Confirmation Leader

The full job descriptions and details are available at www.htlcdbq.com

COFFEE HOUR

Sundays 9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

Stick around or come a little early for a cup of coffee and snacks with church friends!



Want to help? Coffee hour sign-ups are available on the website. A member of our fellowship team would be happy to show you how! Questions? Amanda Kelly at a.kelly2902@hotmail.com

SCHEDULE CHANGE - LWR QUILTERS

The LWR Quilters will not meet on 20 September due to many of us having personal activities to attend to that day. We will resume in October on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Thank you!

HAVE AN UPDATE?

We'd love to share! Send us the details you'd like the congregation to know about! Submit at www.htlcdbq.com, email holytrinluth@gmail.com, or call the church office. We're happy to help!

PRAYERS

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

WE PRAY FOR

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

-Rose Tolzmann -Amy Pasker -Mark Ryan -Joel and Amanda Martyn -Bennett Lewis -Deb Massey -Harlan & Marge Baack -Katie Bjerning -Don Freiburger -Robert Schaeffer Jr. & Family (Cousin of Liz Engbrecht) -Susan Dralle -The family and friends of Martha Wlochal who passed away August 1, 2022 -Samantha Weiland and Ryan Keel who were married August 19th

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 pray for our church during this time of transition.

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:7

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

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL APPEAL Luther Manor Retirement Community

"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 lifestyle as you wish. More information is available on their website, 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.

The pandemic that we have been living with for more than two years has caused Luther Manor to restrict contact with residents. Much extra effort has been asked of all staff as they try to keep residents in touch with family while doing all the necessary procedures to keep the residents safe and healthy. Since visiting rules can change quickly, it is best to call ahead to confirm the current procedures.

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.

You can donate online at luthermanor.com, using the September gold stripe envelope or directly by mail to 3131 Hillcrest Road, Dubuque IA 52001.

Paul Dettmann for the Stewardship Committee

RUMMAGE SALE RECAP

Darrell and I would like to thank all of you who donated items, worked setup, item distribution and customer service days. A special thank you to the Scouts and their parents for Setup Sunday! It doesn't take them long to get tables brought up from downstairs! A special thank you also to the handful of people that also put in 4+ hours or more during that week. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We didn't set any income records this year, but we did very well for the quantity and quality of items we had. \$3,216.42 was collected. Five carloads of "leftovers" were taken to St. Vincent De Paul, with other items donated to ReStore – Habitat for Humanity and The Blind Society.

This year a change was made to the distribution of the funds. It started as usual, with the money being designated for Youth and Family Ministry. However, when we got to looking at the amount already in that account, due to the shutdown and event cancellations that occurred over the past 2 years, Darrell and I requested the Council consider directing those funds to the sorely needed LFC Raise the Roof Campaign. After consulting with Youth and Family Ministry, they did just that. We are hoping that in the future, this money will not go just to the Youth and Family Ministry, but to where the need is greatest and perhaps even split among several ministries.

Start saving all those unwanted treasures for the next sale – tentatively Aug 2023. Please remember to <u>sign up</u> and volunteer next year. An hour or two of your time helps tremendously!

- Diane and Darrell Kalmes

OFFICE HOURS

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

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