



Greetings Holy Trinity Members!

I write to you today to share some exciting news! This spring the HTLC Council approved a process for the recasting and reclaiming our congregation's shared mission, vision, and values. These are our overarching statements that articulate the congregation's unique purpose in a community, how the Triune God's kingdom is revealed as it lives into that purpose, and the most essential and unique characteristics of our congregational life together..

The mission, vision, and values become a framework through which everything is built upon. These statements will guide our budgets, staffing, time, energy, and creativity as we pursue being a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ grounded here in the heart of Dubuque.

To begin this work, I want to invite you into a process called Appreciative Inquiry. Appreciative Inquiry is an approach that seeks to garner and collect the best stories, themes, and life-giving attributes of a place. Through this process, your best and most meaningful experiences throughout our history are lifted up and carried forward into the re-visioning. It's critical that we reflect in gratitude on what God has done in our lives and point out examples of our congregation as it has lived into the image of Jesus Christ.

Therefore throughout the summer, there will be five chances for members to join one Visioning Event so you can participate in this important congregational process. These events will feel like house parties, but make no mistake—we've got work to do! During each event a team of facilitators from the congregation will lead us through a time of gratitude, reflection, and listening to one another. Through each of these events, your shared stories will be collected helping to shape the new language that will guide us for years to come.

Please sign up for one Visioning Event at htlcdbq.com/visioning or by contacting the office. Events at homes will allow a maximum of 20 participants. HTLC will provide staffed childcare at the church for the meetings on July 24th and September 11, so adults with young children can participate. The event on September 11th at HTLC will not have a participation limit.

Visioning Events

July 14- Glenn and Diane Lichti's, 6pm-830pm

July 21- Dan and Barb Rank's, 6pm-830pm

July 24- Jeff and Jenifer Montgomery's 5pm-7:00pm, childcare provided at HTLC

August 25- John and Kari Chesterman's 6pm-8:30pm

September 11- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 5pm-7:30pm, childcare provided at HTLC

Thank you for taking an active part in these faith-filled and informative conversations. I trust the Holy Spirit will continue to shape our visioning process and guide us into a new future as we pursue sharing the love of Christ together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jason