

TRINITY TIMES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Weekly News

October 16, 2022

1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA

IT'S PANCAKE WEEK!

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



Did you know?

Troop 51 is now the largest in the Northeast Iowa Council!



INSTALLATION OF NICHOLE D'ONOFRIO

Welcome Nichole D'Onofrio who was installed as
confirmation leader on September 25!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us for a single, church-wide service to celebrate reformation Sunday, October 30
at 11:00!

Potluck lunch to follow in the Living Faith Center
(Please note no 8:30 worship)

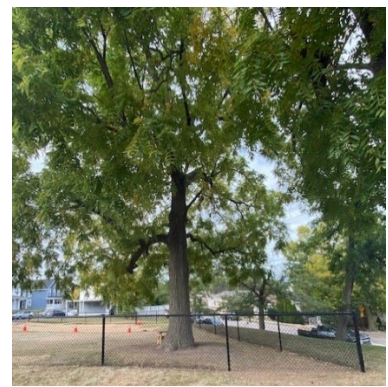
WE CELEBRATE BAPTISMS

We share in celebrating the baptisms of Joanna Duba and George Parker. Joanna and George were baptized on October 9th in the Bee Branch, our church's watershed. One early Christian teaching about baptism known as the Didache recommends that we baptize in "living" water – cold and flowing, like a river or a stream. Baptizing in living water connects us with the waters of creation, our upstream and downstream neighbors, and God's saving "flood of grace" (Luther). Thanks be to God!



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The play area and fence have been updated and expanded for Noah's Ark and church use. The new fence was purchased as part of a childcare grant and installed by Heiar Fencing. A huge thank you to Chad Morerand and Troop 51 for prepping the area for this project!



SPOTLIGHT ON QUILT, KIT, AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES!



Did you know?

Since April, Lutheran World Relief has been distributing quilts and kits at six centers for displaced Ukrainians, sheltering families fleeing bombs, violence and uncertainty. In addition, they are subsidizing the cost of emergency housing for more than 15,000 people. Most arrive with only the clothing on their backs, so providing these families with food

and essential supplies like folding beds, pillows, heaters, laundry detergent and personal hygiene items is of the utmost importance. Your quilts and kits are a ministry of love to families in Ukraine.

In February, 161 students at Isede Primary School in Tanzania received LWR School Kits. Not only did the kits provide pencils and notebooks they need to continue their education, but student attendance also improved significantly because they had the supplies they needed. By U.S. standards, the value of a school kit is around \$20, but the value of a school kit is priceless for these children, thanks to your love.

We are collecting items for Personal Care kits in the month of October. Lutheran World Relief provides us a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our neighbors around the world. Thank you for your donations and participation!



PRAYER SHAWLS

A dedicated group knit and crochet prayer shawls to give as a sign of comfort and a reminder of God's love during hard times.

These shawls are available in the cabinet in the sanctuary. Please take one to someone who might need a reminder of God's faithful presence during hard times.

TRANSITION UPDATES

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

UPDATE ON STATUS OF INTERIM PASTOR

The synod office is now indicating that the soonest we may have an interim would be mid-November. While this isn't the news we had hoped for, our Transition Team has anticipated this possibility and met on Friday the 16th to work on planning for the rest of calendar year. The team will meet again in two weeks.

THINGS TO KNOW FROM TRANSITION TEAM:

- A big thank you to Martin Lohrmann who has agreed to serve pulpit supply for October!
- Confirmation and Bible Explorers will be led by Nichole. Calendars and dates have been approved.
- Advent worship will be at 7:00 pm
- Leadership will be working with Stephen Ministry to help provide care while we are without a pastor.
- More detailed notes of the most recent transition meeting available in this month's council packet.

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

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Have you applied to do a community project this year?

Thrivent members get 1-2 \$250 community action project grants per year depending on the type of financial services. These are a great way to make an impact and the process is simple! Projects such as hunger outreach and LWR kids are great options.

Contact the church office if you'd like to learn more!

We would be happy to help with ideas!



God's Word, Our Story

Listen my people,
mark each word.
I begin with a story,
I speak of mysteries
welling up from ancient depths,
heard and known from our elders.

We must not hide
this story from our children
but tell the mighty works
and all the wonders of God.

Psalm 78:1-4¹

Trinity Kids welcomes the whole family to an intergenerational biblical storytelling series we're calling, "God's Word, Our Story." Starting on September 25th, each Sunday from 9:45-10:15 we will gather in the Library to spread the storytelling blanket, open the Bible, sing, and enter the story of God's creative love and mending mercy. Then we'll join our hands in a project (art, activity, or act of service) that responds to the story and involves participants in the life of the church. All ages are warmly welcomed!

This model of sharing the Word with children is inspired by the Godly Play and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculums but is not a direct product of either one. After hearing a Bible story told by heart, children are invited to wonder aloud about what they heard and experienced. This model is rooted in our trust that:

- God is already active and present in the lives of children;
- When we gather around the Word, the living God promises to meet us and speak to us;
- Children are capable of hearing, wondering about, and being formed by Scripture;
- Children experience the God's Word as a story to which they belong when their hearts and imaginations are engaged and when the story is told by caring community members.

Ordinary Time, Advent, and Christmas Seasons 2022

This fall, we begin with stories from the Old and New Testaments about the ancestors of Jesus and the prophets that prepared the way for him. Each week, following the story, we will place a card representing that ancestor on our "Story Tree." During Advent and Christmas, we will heighten our anticipation and celebration by focusing on those who testified to and witnessed Jesus' birth.

Storytellers

Adults and older youth, would you like to share your love of Scripture with our children? We are seeking volunteers to tell one Bible story by heart. This is a one-time commitment and a beautiful way to share your love of God's Word with our children. Email Mary Emily Duba (maryemily.duba@gmail.com) or Tami Ernster (djernster@mchsi.com) to learn more.

¹ *The Psalter* (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1995).



JOIN US FOR A FA-BOO-LOUS TIME!

Decorate your trunk (or not!) and hand out candy to all the witches, goblins, and football players!

... or bring your own little mummies and superheroes to fill their bags with goodies!

Saturday, October 29th 3-5:00pm
HTLC parking lot

NOAH'S ARK HALLOWEEN PARADE!

Ducks, superheroes, and pumpkins... OH MY!

The sweetest Halloween Parade in town!

Come watch along our parade route by the LFC and office!

Noah's Ark friends love to show off their not-so-scary Halloween Costumes!

Monday - October 31

8:45 a.m.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Sign-Up in the entryway!

In coordination with

St. Stephen's Food Bank & River Bend Food Bank

Our next food distribution is:

November 19th

Volunteers can meet in the alley 8:00



LET'S MAKE MUSIC!

If you can't sing, maybe you can ring?!

Our choirs would love to see you!
Questions? Contact Director Chuck
Barland32
CBarland@dbq.edu

CHOIR

Wednesdays
6:45 in the Choir Room

BELL CHOIR

Thursdays
6:00 in the Choir Room

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!

LITTLE PANTRIES

“Take what you need, Give what you can”

Important Note: Please place all food items on the shelves inside the entryway. This help keeps food fresh and safe. Thank you!

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the Cupboard,
To give the poor Dog a bone;
Went to the Cupboard,
To give the poor Dog a bone;
When she came there,
The Cupboard was bare
And so the poor Dog had none.
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This English nursery rhyme is sweet, but hunger is not. 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.

Thank you for supporting our Mission!
Living Christ Call to Love and Serve All!
Gretchen Kueter, Outreach



HELP US RESTOCK!

Stop by the LFC bulletin board, grab a post-it of items needed for the pantries, and return the item at your convenience. Thank you!

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
- Amy Pasker
- Mark Ryan
- Bennett Lewis
- Deb Massey
- Harlan & Marge Baack
- Robert Schaeffer Jr. &
Family
(Cousin of Liz Engbrecht)
- Susan Dralle
- The family and friends of
Martha Wlochall 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

- For the family and friends of Betty Jungk,
Aunt of Darrell Kalmes, who passed away
September 28th
- Reid Michel and his family

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
are in need of God's healing.

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

2023 STEWARDSHIP

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



Help Us
"RAISE" 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!

UPDATE:

Together we have raised \$27,750!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF NEWS

Thank you! With your donations and help from Thrivent, we collected enough school supplies in the month of August to complete eighty school kits! HTLC youth will be assembling the kits as a service project on November 16 to be sent around the World to help refugees!

In October we will be collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits:

Light-weight bath-size towels, bath-size bars of soap, individual adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging, sturdy combs, and metal nail clippers.

There is a box in the hallway for your donations. Thank you for taking part in this important opportunity to help others and share God's love beyond our community.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Barb Rank 312-304-4037 or email: barbmartinrank@gmail.com

OCTOBER SPECIAL APPEAL

People In Need [PIN]

PIN is a program developed by Dubuque Area Congregations United [DACU]. Holy Trinity is a member of this organization. Their office space is donated and overhead is paid by volunteers. The program is administered completely by volunteers. As a result all gifts are used completely to aid clients.

Assistance is given to individuals or families facing difficulties and have nowhere else to get help. Assistance is given by direct payments to creditors for rent, utilities, medical or other basic needs. This program helps people in a similar way that our pastor's emergency aid fund does, but on a broader scale helping people throughout the city.

More information is available at cgim.org/dacuonline using the PIN tab. Gifts may be sent to P. O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811. Gifts to PIN are a great way to help the needy in our community get back on their feet.

Paul Dettmann for the Stewardship Committee

NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to extend sincere appreciation to the HTLC community for all the love and support you have shown us during our son's medical emergencies and related ongoing challenges. – The Stierman Family



Thanks to all who participated in last week's Crop Walk! Holy Trinity raised \$1,120 to help fight hunger in the community and throughout the world. Thanks for helping stop hunger one step at a time!

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

WELCOME TO THE TRINITY TIMES!

Have an update? We'd love to share! 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. Submit the form online, email at holytrinluth@gmail.com, or call 582-3228. We're happy to help!

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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