

# TRINITY TIMES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Weekly News

October 23, 2022

1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA

## 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)

## 2023 TIME & TALENT

Want to get involved? Please consider filling out a 2023 Time and Talent card found at the usher stands or online!



## JOIN US FOR A FA-BOO-LOUS TIME!

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

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

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 3-5:00pm  
HTLC parking lot

*\*Please consider decorating your car (or not) and handing out candy to make this a great time for the kids!*

## 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.



## WE CELEBRATE BAPTISMS

We share in celebrating the baptisms of Joanna Duba and George Parker. Joanna and George were baptized on October 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Morarend 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.

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# TRANSITION UPDATES

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

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- Please welcome Rev. Jason Davis who has agreed to serve pulpit supply for the month of November! Pastor Davis is the Development Officer at Wartburg Theological Seminary.
- Leadership is working with Stephen Ministry to help provide care while we are without a pastor. Please contact the church office if you would like a visit!
- A call committee has been established by council. More details soon!
- In the coming weeks, council will be sharing responses to the questions posed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> forum.
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## **UPDATE ON STATUS OF INTERIM PASTOR**

It is unlikely that an interim will be available in November as we had previously hoped. No updates on possible dates are available at this time.

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

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## **WELCA BRUNCH**

Mark your calendars for the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) annual Christmas Brunch! Save the date! Details to Follow!  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

## **CONFIRMATION AND BIBLE EXPLORERS**

Classes have resumed on Wednesday Nights! Join us for supper!  
Casual Meal 5:15  
Class 6:00-7:30

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Council welcomes Amanda Kelly as secretary. Previously Amanda had served as Fellowship Liaison.

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

LFC following 11:00 worship  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Lunch and Trunk or Treat Display planning!



## **LWR QUILTERS, KNITTERS & CROCHETERS**

We will meet as usual on **November 1**, from 9:00 to 11:30

Our next meeting will be **November 8**, from 9:00 to 11:30.

We will plan to do our crafting until 10:30, followed by end of year brunch. An egg hot dish will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. This will be our last large group meeting until 7 February, 2023 when we'll resume our 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month schedule – weather permitting. There is NO meeting on 15 November as originally scheduled.

Questions, contact Diane Kalmes 920-344-6148.

## **ALTAR GUILD – CAN YOU HELP?**

What is Altar Guild? – in simple terms, the Altar Guild prepares the place for the Eucharistic celebration. We are following Christ's directive (Luke 22: 7-13) to go ahead to find a place to prepare the Passover meal. We check candle oil, linens, prepare the cups of wine and plates of bread, and put out the proper paraments for the Church Season and of course, do laundry as needed. It's not difficult to perform these tasks.

We have 6 very faithful volunteers and one more just joined. We could use 5 more people to assist us. That would mean we'd only have to volunteer for one month a year! That's only 4-5 Sundays, depending on the month! We try to schedule members with months they will be available (avoid vacations) and we all act as backup when that sudden change of plans occurs. Please consider becoming a member. The 2023 Altar Guild schedule is now being completed. If you'd like more information regarding Altar Guild and specific duties, please feel free to contact Diane Kalmes at 920-344-6148.



## 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 78:1-4<sup>1</sup>

Trinity Kids welcomes the whole family to an intergenerational biblical storytelling series we're calling, "God's Word, Our Story." Starting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Psalter* (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1995).



## **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 19<sup>th</sup>

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

## **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!

## SMALL GIFTS, BIG IMPACT!

Want to support hunger but don't have time to shop? Consider giving a one-time or regular gift to the Hunger Outreach Fund. We have dedicated volunteers who are more than happy to shop and fill shelves! This is a great way to make a big impact even with a small contribution! Together we make a difference for those who visit our shelves!

*Designate in-person gifts to Hunger Outreach or give online at [htlcdbq.com/give](http://htlcdbq.com/give) under the "gift now" button select "Little Pantries".*

## 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;  
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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

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 28<sup>th</sup>
- Reid Michel and his family
- Brad Schilling, Brother-in-law of Diane  
Kalmes

## **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 at 312-304-4037 or email: [barbmartinrank@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:a.kelly2902@hotmail.com)

## WELCOME TO THE TRINITY TIMES!

Have an update? We'd love to share! We include what you all send us! Have an event, regular group meeting, or something to share? Send it to the office and we'll include it!

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](mailto: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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