

TRINITY TIMES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Weekly News

November 13, 2022

1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA

A NOTE FROM BISHOP JONES

Dear Friends,

My staff and I continue to hold you in prayer during this transitional time for Holy Trinity. We are aware of the concerns the congregation carries in such times and the additional burdens picked up by the staff and leadership. I pray that you are comforted and strengthened by the continued presence of Christ in your midst, and that we can shorten the time you are without regular pastoral leadership. We continue to reach out to other synods, and pastors seeking someone to serve as an interim pastor. I will personally be working with the Call Committee in the call process, meeting with them in November to get them started in discerning who God is calling (and already at work preparing) to serve as your pastor.

I am grateful for the work being done by the President and Council leadership, and for the pastors who have stepped up to lead worship and provide pastoral services in these months. Continue in the good work you are doing to be the Body of Christ in the world. I am honored to walk with you in this time.

Rev. Kevin Jones, Bishop
Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA

FALL STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't had a chance to turn in your 2023 pledge cards, those would be greatly appreciated to assist in budgeting purposes. Cards are available on the usher stands.

If you've turned in your 2023 pledge card, Thank You!



THANK YOU TROOP 51!

Thanks to our dedicated scouts who cleaned up the grounds and prepared them for the winter through a torrential downpour!

Advent and Christmas 2022



Wednesday Worship Series

Holden Evening Prayer

November 30, December 7th and 14th

Worship 7:00 pm

Wednesday Supper

A casual meal is served 5:15-6:45 pm

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 Contemporary

8:00 Traditional with communion

Christmas Day

Joint service at St. Luke's UMC

WELCA BRUNCH

Mark your calendars for the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) annual Christmas

Brunch! Save the date! Details to

Follow!

December 14th – 9:30 a.m.

**Please note the corrected date*

Blue Christmas

A Community Service of Healing and Hope
for anyone feeling blue this season

**Wednesday
December 14th
6:30 PM**

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church
1684 Iowa St | Dubuque, IA

Childcare Provided

Participating Churches:

First Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's UMC,
First Congregational Church UCC, Immanuel UCC,
Holy Trinity ELCA, Westminster PC(USA)...**All are welcome**

LOOKING FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

Try ordering from Scholastic! The Holiday Gift Book catalog has some excellent selections this year!

Your purchase helps earn points for free classroom materials for Noah's Ark. Orders must be placed by Thursday, November 17. Mark "school pick up" in your order and we will have your order in the church office in time for Christmas!

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Code: WTDD4

TRANSITION UPDATES

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

- The Transition Team met on 10/27 and have the following updates.
- Pastor Jason Davis, WTS Development, has agreed to serve pulpit supply in the month of November. Please give him a warm welcome!
- No updates on interim pastor
- Wednesday meals have started, well attended by confirmands. Meals are served 5:15-6:00.
- Advent Worship will be at 7:00 on November 30, December 7th and 14th
- Wednesday meals will be served 5:15-6:45 on Wednesdays with the Advent Service
- Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 and 8:00. 4:00 will be a contemporary service. 8:00 will be traditional.
- There will be one joint worship service Christmas Day at St. Luke's with First Presbyterian, Westminster, 1st Congregational, St. Luke's and HTLC.
- Call committee has been formed and is waiting to meet with Pastor Brackett from the synod office
- In the coming weeks, council will be sharing responses to the questions posed at the September 18th forum.

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.

Please thank the following people for agreeing to serve on our call committee:

John Chesterman
Jason Duba
Jenifer Montgomery
Sue Tigges
Carol Baumann
Martin Lohrmann
Paul Lewis
Marla Quinn

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

If you have questions for the Transition Team feel free to reach out at holytrinluth@gmail.com or call the office at 563-582-322

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT HTLC:

MEN'S TUESDAY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread on JFK

BOY SCOUTS

HTLC charts BSA Troop 51. This troop is the largest in our council. Boys ages 11-18 are welcome to join. The troop meets Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 in the LFC and Scout Room.

Questions? Contact John Chesterman

MEN'S FRIDAY BIBLE BREAKFAST

6:00 HTLC Conference Room

CONFIRMATION AND BIBLE EXPLORERS

Classes have resumed on Wednesday Nights! Join us for supper!

Casual Meal 5:15 – All are welcome!

Class 6:00-7:30

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELCA)

Women of Holy Trinity will gather for Bible Study as listed in the GATHER Publication, ELCA at 9:30 am on the 3rd Wednesday monthly in the Conference room. All are welcome!

CHOIR

Wednesdays

6:45 in the Choir Room

Questions? Contact Director Chuck Barland32

CBarland@dbq.edu

BELL CHOIR

Thursdays

6:00 in the Choir Room

Questions? Contact Director Chuck Barland32

CBarland@dbq.edu

TRINITY KIDS:

Storytelling between services on Sundays.

HTLC Library at 9:45

COFFEE HOUR:

Sunday between services

Have an activity to add? We'd be happy to share!

Contact the church office with details

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 1st and 3rd 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.

NOW OPEN!

The HTLC Equal Exchange Shop is now open! Visit the new shelf in the hallway outside the office!

Questions? Contact Barb Rank or
Kate Stierman



God's Word, Our Story

Join us Sundays 9:45-10:15

In the HTLC Library for a story and a project. All ages are welcome!

More information at htlcdbq.com

Or email Mary Emily Duba

(maryemily.duba@gmail.com) or Tami Ernster
(djernster@mchsi.com) to learn more.

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

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.

HELP DECK OUR HALLS!

And doors... and outsides...

ADVENT DECORATING

November 21st 6:30 in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

December 19th 9:30 in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR CLEAN UP

January 4th 6:00 Sanctuary

HAVE EXTRA DÉCOR?

We could use some larger wreaths (approximately 18" +) and artificial trees for the patio. If you happen to have any to loan or donate contact the office or Mary Strom.

Thank you!

LITTLE PANTRIES & HUNGER OUTREACH

“Take what you need, Give what you can”

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our next distribution is almost here!

Be a part of this great event!

In coordination with

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

Our next food distribution is:

November 19th

Volunteers meet in the alley 8:00

Sign-Up in the entryway!

LITTLE PANTRIES

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.

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

Thank you for supporting our Mission!

Living Christ Call to Love and Serve All!

Gretchen Kueter, Outreach

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!

Place any amount in the little green envelopes marked “Hunger Outreach”

or

Designate in-person gifts to Hunger Outreach or give online at htlcdbq.com/give under the “gift now” button select “Little Pantries”

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
- 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
- Brad Schilling, Brother-in-law of Diane
Kalmes
- Nancy Leonard
- Brian and Robin Leib on the death of Brian's
sister Patti Leib
- Charlotte Hudson
- Norman "Huck" Muehleip

For Those in the Military

Army:

Kyle Salmon, Christina Fink, Col. Karl
Anderson, Kyle Osborne,
PFC Courtney Stoutes.

National Guard:

Eric Bowman

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

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8

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



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

2023 TIME & TALENT

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



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!

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE!

Together we have raised \$41,487.42!





LFC ROOF UPDATE

Better Roofing spent the week working on the parts of the roof they are able to get done now. Materials are on backorder and the project will be finished when those are available.

PRESENTATION LANTERN CENTER NOVEMBER SPECIAL APPEAL

This November the stewardship committee is inviting our members to support one of the newer non-profit organizations in our community.

Who We Serve:

Since opening in 2002, The Presentation Lantern Center has welcomed over 1,000 adult immigrants from 69 countries. The Center welcomes all who would like to learn English or improve their current English language skills in the areas of: reading, writing, speaking or listening. Research shows that conversational English and befriending a native speaker of a language is one of the most effective ways to teach or learn a new language. It's also more fun! This is where we excel and what sets us apart from other places in the tri-state area where adults can go to learn English. We also welcome any eligible adult (i.e., legal permanent resident) to prepare for their interview and study for their citizenship test with us. Our students, staff and volunteers work hard and have fun together as partners in the learning process for weeks, months and sometimes even years – often becoming life-long friends. Thorough relationship-building and hard work, we are proud that the more than 105 students who have studied for their citizenship test with us thus far have ALL passed their tests.

I would encourage you to visit their web site, TheLanternCenter.org to learn more about the organization and what they do. There are many volunteer opportunities to help them carry out their mission. Please consider a financial gift either on their web site or by direct mail to Suite LL5-1, 900 Jackson St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Paul Dettmann for the stewardship committee

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, 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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