

# TRINITY TIMES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Weekly News

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November 20, 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!

### Schedule Change

There will be no choir practice November 17, 23, or 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Noah's Ark  
Christmas Craft Party**

Saturday, December 3 9:00-10:00 A.M. Downstairs Big Room

*Bring your family and friends!*

*Targeted ages Kindergarten and under.  
Parents please plan to stay with your  
children and enjoy our Christmas Coffee Bar!*

# Advent and Christmas 2022



**Wednesday Worship Series**  
Holden Evening Prayer  
November 30, December 7<sup>th</sup> and  
14<sup>th</sup>

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 10:00 a.m. St. Luke's UMC



## HELP DECK OUR HALLS!

### ADVENT DECORATING

November 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 in the Sanctuary

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

December 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 in the Sanctuary

### CHRISTMAS DÉCOR CLEAN UP

January 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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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## **CALL TEAM NOTES:**

Our initial meeting was held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 3:00-5:20 p.m.

Present from Council: Amanda Matson, Mary Emily Duba, Erin VanLaningham, Ed Borchert, and Tami Ernster

Present from Call Committee: John Chesterman, Marla Quinn, Martin Lohrmann, Paul Lewis, Carol Baumann, Jenifer Montgomery, Jason Duba and Sue Tigges.

Others: Bishop Jones and Kate Stierman

Bishop Jones took us through the process of a Call, including completion of a Ministry Site Profile.

Interesting stats: 33 congregations are presently looking for an interim; 3 interims are available in the synod; 650 pastors are retiring per year and either 204 or 240 are being ordained each year.

CONFIDENTIALITY was stressed. Potential interviewee's names are not to be discussed outside of the committee.

We concluded with the hope of having a completed and approved Ministry Site Profile in six months; and with a goal of interviews taking place in the Spring of 2023 (depending on availability of candidates).

John Chesterman will be the chairman of the Call Committee; Sue Tigges will be the secretary/recorder of the Call Committee.

**Future meetings: Sunday, December 4, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. AND Monday, December 12, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

By: Sue Tigges

## **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](mailto: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



## 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](http://htlcdbq.com)  
Or email Mary Emily Duba  
([maryemily.duba@gmail.com](mailto:maryemily.duba@gmail.com)) or Tami Ernster  
([djernster@mchsi.com](mailto:djernster@mchsi.com)) to learn more.

## THANK YOU TROOP 51!

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



# 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)

## Troop 51

### **“Helping the poor... without hesitation”**

On Saturday, November 12, many Scouts and leaders joined 200 Dubuque-area residents in packing food for distribution to the country of Haiti. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Troop 51 Scouts and leaders helped to pack and prepare for shipment over 41,000 meals of rice and beans. They willingly took time away from their previously-scheduled campout at Camp Burton.

Volunteering isn't something that comes naturally to many people. It is even more unique in that this was done for people who will never ever have the possibility to “pay them back”. Yet, this cheerful service was done willingly and without hesitation. Congratulations to the Scouts, and to the adults who help teach such values to the young people of Dubuque.

Paul Lewis  
Charter Rep, Troop 51



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

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](http://htlcdbq.com/give) under the “gift now” button select “Little Pantries”*

# 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
- 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

- 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
- For Jenny Goodno and her family on the death  
of her father, Norman "Huck" Muehleip
- Craig and Cheryl Rose

## **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  
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!

## ALMOST THERE!

Together we have raised \$46,487.42!





## **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](http://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



## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Thanks to our confirmation students who helped pack Lutheran World Relief kits as a service project! Good work!



The HTLC Office will be closed November 23-25 so staff can enjoy the holiday. If you need assistance during this time, we'd be happy to help. Email: [holytrinluth@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinluth@gmail.com) for assistance anytime.

## **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 [holytrinkluth@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinkluth@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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