

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church News

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LITTLE PANTRIES

“Leave what you can and take what you need”

The little pantries in the entryway and out front serve many of our food-insecure neighbors every day. Most of those visiting our shelves are elderly or have children with them. The following items are most needed: peanut butter, ready-to-eat meals (such as ravioli), canned meats, cereal, granola bars, fresh produce, and personal hygiene products. Items can be placed on the shelves, the mini fridge in the entry, or in the donation boxes near the church entry. These donations are a blessing to the community! Questions? Contact Glenn Lichti or Gretchen Kueter

GREETINGS FROM THE INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER

Hello from the office! In my dozen or so years as a member of HTLC, I never dreamed I'd be working here; God calls us in such unexpected ways! I am a lifelong Lutheran, born and raised at St. Paul's Waverly. I attended the University of Iowa where I met my husband Matt. I focused my studies on finance, management, analysis, and received a degree in Finance in 2005. After moving to Dubuque I spent time working as a financial analyst with Dupaco Community Credit Union. Most recently I was self-employed online while home with my three kids. We joined HTLC when Julia (15), James (13), and Jack (10) began attending Noah's Ark. Since then our lives have been blessed and enriched by the many ministries and wonderful members of HTLC. In our time here I have served on Stewardship, Parish Ed, Fellowship, and the Noah's Ark Board. I sincerely hope you will all stop in and see me as we walk prayerfully through this transition time together! – Kate Stierman

COMING SOON!

Details for these events coming soon!

Outdoor Worship and Fall Kick Off

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Fall Education Info

Ladies Night Out

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in praying for the Church, the World, and all who are in need of God's healing touch in their life.

WE PRAY FOR

Rose Tolzmann
Amy Pasker
Mark Ryan
Joel and Amanda Martyn
Bennett Lewis
Deb Massey
Harlan & Marge Baack
Katie Bjerning
Don Freiburger
Robert Schaeffer Jr. & Family
(Cousin of Liz Engbrecht)

The family and friends of Martha Wlochall who passed away August 1, 2022
Samantha Weiland and Ryan Keel

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE 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

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

We have a group of faithful people who pray for our community every day.
Submit your requestion online or call the church office at 563-582-3228

A NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL

council@htlcdbq.com

The Holy Spirit is actively stirring our congregation. Please reach out to Council with questions, requests for reassurance, and insights for the good of God's Church. We are here together. Amanda Matson, Council President

JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

Sundays 9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

There are many Sundays available for Coffee Hour volunteers in June and July. Please sign up online within the "Sign-Up Sheets" section of the church website. If you are unsure how to run the coffee machine (yes, it is intimidating at first!) or need any other assistance, please reach out and we can coordinate to have a member of the Fellowship Committee run Coffee Hour with you! Contact Amanda Kelly at a.kelly2902@hotmail.com with questions.

AUGUST SPECIAL APPEAL

ELCA World Hunger

It is hard to imagine anyone being at risk of going hungry in this rich agricultural region where we live. However, the COVID pandemic has caused many in our area and throughout our country to not have access to adequate food for themselves or their families. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has answered the call to be part of the solution by setting up 2 small, direct access food pantries. There is also a small refrigerator that allows perishables to be donated as well. These new options have seen daily use. All of us need to buy extra food to bring to church to help with this unprecedented demand. This method of food distribution is available any time of the day in contrast to the Dubuque Food Pantry that has limited hours.

However, hunger is more of a problem in other areas of the United States and our world. More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. Since the onset of the COVID pandemic these numbers continue to grow as all countries struggle to control the virus. Most countries do not have access to the vaccines in an adequate manner. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Since the ELCA is working through many relief agencies, both within our ELCA and others around the world, the ELCA efforts can reach people in places not possible by one organization alone. In addition, very few ELCA funds are used for administrative purposes. Thus, a high percentage of the funds go directly to address the needs in local areas.

Please use the gold stripe envelope for August to donate to the ELCA hunger program or online noting it is a special appeal gift.

Paul Dettmann for the Stewardship Committee

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Refuge children around the world are going back to school too!

This summer we will be collecting school supplies to make School Kits for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF.

Each kit needs

Four 70- sheet notebooks

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One pencil sharpener

One 30-centimeter ruler

One pair of blunt scissors

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

Five black or blue ballpoint pens

One 2-1/2" eraser

You may want to donate all the items needed to make a school kit or just individual items. It's up to you!

All items will be assembled into backpacks and readied for shipment in September.

Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the bins in the entryway and outside the church office by August 15.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Friday 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Saturday & Sunday Closed

PASTORAL VISITS If you would like a pastoral visit in person or by phone, please contact the church office (563) 582-3228

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Time of Transition and Discernment - August 4, 2022

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

I had the pleasure of meeting with Bishop Kevin Jones on Sunday, July 31st. He shared with me the Synod's protocol and plans for congregations in transition. He shared with me what he can about seeking an interim pastor and has someone in mind for us. If this person ends up being our interim, they would start in October. In the meantime, we are doing exactly what we need to be doing as a congregation in transition.

We formed a transition team of office staff and volunteers from church. This team will ensure the lights stay on and worship happens as planned. We are seeking people to serve on the call committee. If you are an active member interested in serving, email council@htlcdbq.org to volunteer. Please note, anyone who is a confirmed member of the church actively worshipping is welcome to volunteer.

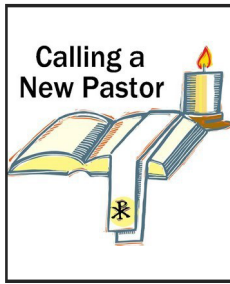
I've seen this congregation serve God with the guidance of different pastors. I've watched over the past few years as God's people stepped up to serve God's people. We transitioned from a congregation led by a pastor to a congregation who speaks up and gets things done on their own. I believe God is leading us through this time. We can do this.

May the love of God go with you.

Sincerely,

Amanda

HTLC Council President



Call Process in the Northeastern Iowa

To many it feels like an uncertain time.

To others it is a source of anxiety.

Fear not! The synod staff is walking with you.

Here is what you can expect in this transition

-The synod staff will work with church council(s) to find an interim pastor and/or supply pastors to serve your ministry needs. An interim pastor may help with some aspects of the call process.

-A call committee will be established according to the guidelines of your constitution.

-The call committee will compile a Ministry Site Profile with the help of the congregation and submit it through the ELCA system.

-The call committee will meet with a member of the synod staff and receive coaching on how to conduct an effective interview.

-The call committee will receive the names of pastors interested in your call from synod staff.

-The call committee will choose who to interview, will check references, and try to view sermons and worship services of candidates.

-After the call committee has voted to recommend a candidate to the congregation council(s), it will meet with the council(s) to share information about the recommended pastor.

-The executive committee or full council(s) will meet and speak with the candidate and will discuss compensation and benefits with the nominee.

-If the council votes to recommend the candidate to the congregation, the council will call a congregational meeting for the purpose of issuing a call.

-The congregation council will formally recommend that the congregation call the candidate to be your pastor.

-Members of the congregation will be given the opportunity to meet the nominee.

-A congregational call vote takes place according to your constitution. Two secret ballot votes are held: one to approve the call of the pastor, and one to approve the compensation package.

-If the congregation approves the call and compensation by the necessary margins, a Letter of Call and Compensation Sheet are signed by the council president(s) and secretary(s) and forwarded to the bishop for signature. These forms are then sent on to the pastor.

-The candidate for call has 30 days to accept or decline the call.

-If the nominee accepts the call, an installation date is set. If the candidate declines the call, the call committee goes back to work with the synod staff to receive additional candidates.

-The call process officially ends after the pastor is installed.

**Through the whole process,
your prayers are essential.**

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you,
your call committee, your council, and your synod
in discerning who God is calling
to serve as your next pastor.



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