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THE TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



KYRIE

by Pastor Josh Martyn

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:25-28, NRSV

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

I miss you all. As we continue to journey through this time of the Covid pandemic, I hope you all know just how much you are missed and we cannot wait for the day when we will gather back for in person worship. We know that this day will come, however it cannot come soon enough.

During this time of social distancing and quarantine I have found myself lifting up Kyrie's on a daily basis. Kyrie is a Greek word which means "Lord have mercy." You may remember singing our Kyrie's to God in the beginning of our worship services. For example, "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have Mercy."

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"ALTHOUGH THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES, MAY THIS BE A TIME FOR YOU
TO LIFT UP TO GOD ALL YOUR WORRIES AND CONCERNS."

The Kyrie is an ancient practice of people lifting up anything and everything that is weighing on their lives and offering them to God's care. We hear Kyrie's all throughout the Bible with the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15:22 and the ten lepers in Luke 17:13.

Over the past several months I have been lifting up many Kyrie's that have been weighing me down. For people who have been sick from COVID and dying. For families who have had to grieve while not being able to say goodbye to their deceased loved one and hold a funeral. For couples who have had to postpone their weddings. For individuals who have lost jobs. For parents who don't know if they should send their children back to school or have them stay home. For those who don't believe COVID is a major issue, as well as those who are terrified to go outside of their home. Every time I find myself pausing and thinking of a situation or terrible news, I lift it up to God.

Recently in her online devotion, The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, lifted up this prayer that really resonated with me.

"I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord. So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in The Key of Life Album, that it be counted as praise. (Happy 70th Birthday, SW!)

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as a hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion. Amen."

Although these are difficult times, may this be a time for you to lift up to God all your worries and concerns. Spend time in prayer with Jesus who is always listening and always guiding. Spend time with Jesus and feel the power of God's love rush over you as you remember your identity as a beloved child of God.

See you in online worship,
Pastor Josh

STAY CONNECTED



Join us for worship each Sunday at 9:00 A.M. as we join together giving thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. We will join our Siblings in Christ from Lord of Life, St. Matthews, and Emanuel in celebration.

If you are not able to join us, do not worry. We upload our worship services to our Facebook page.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wartburgseminary.zoom.us/j/887508411>

Or you can dial in at 1-312- 626- 6799

Meeting ID: 887 508 411

VIRTUAL YOUTH MINISTRY

AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th grade thru Sr. High School

Connect with us!

Visit our Youth & Family Ministries page on our website for details on when and how youth groups meet online.

Go to:

<https://htlcdbq.com/youth-%26-famliy-ministries>

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

Join us in these ministries
via ZOOM

Go to: <https://zoom.us/j/696504258>

Meeting ID: 696 504 258

OR

Dial to listen to the service on your phone

1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago)

1-929-205-6099 US (New York)

1-346-248-7799 US (Houston)

1-669-900-6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 696 504 258

ADULT STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

Join us in a conversation on current events, relatable topics and more.

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 11:30 A.M

Simply coming together, from different churches, to study the Bible as our common text.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Friday at 6:00 A.M.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY NEWS

GET THE NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX

Sign up for our weekly e-news, monthly newsletter and important updates [here](#).

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

by Sue Tigges, Council President

Hello Dear Friends,

Prayers to you all that you are healthy during this unique time of our lives! I wanted to let you know that Council discussed reopening possibilities at our July meeting and again it was unanimously agreed that we remain closed with another review to take place at our August 18th meeting. I hope you know that your safety and well-being will always be our utmost concern!

I was happy to hear that the Outreach Committee has planned another food giveaway to take place. If you can, please stay diligent with keeping the pantries here at HTLC filled with food and love for our community and those in need.

It was reported that the Audio Video special appeal has been fully funded! Thank you, thank you to all that donated – what an amazing congregation! The equipment has been ordered and we remain hopeful that the installation process will be finalized this fall. To go along with that is the news that fiber optic has now been run into our building!

Noah's Ark has been working diligently to provide safe and quality educational opportunities for families and have made the adjustments necessary for childcare and preschool opportunities. If you know of someone looking for quality care, you can confidently refer them to Noah's Ark.

And what about Vacation Bible School – I cannot wait to see their daily videos beginning August 2! This group has been very creative and adaptive in making the necessary changes during this pandemic.

Financially we are doing well at this time. We are at 94% of pledged vs unpledged giving (compared to last year we were at 97% tithing). If you are able, please continue to fulfill your pledge because historically this is the time of year when pledges tend to drop.

The Finance Committee will be meeting to review our current budget (in some areas we are down and some areas we are up). But I remain optimistic! Again, I want to thank our amazing church family for their continual and prayerful support.

On another note, I must say that when I attend “zoom church”, I am always happy when I get to see the inside Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. I have not stepped inside of church since March 8th – that's five months! Again, I really miss seeing my church family! If you ever have any concerns with the council's decisions, please feel free to speak to any council member or email me at stigges@rothlawdbq.com. I can then either call you back or respond via email.

God's peace to all of you,
Sue Tigges



THANK YOU

THANK YOU to those of you who have remained faithful in your contributions to Holy Trinity. Your financial generosity is important for continuing the congregation's commitments to the world and community and for sustaining our operations. To support the church and its ministry while we are not meeting in-person for worship, you are encouraged to give your offering in the following ways:

Personal check mailed to: 1755 Delhi St, Dubuque, IA 52001
Give online at: <https://htlcdbq.com/give>
Text to give at: 833-720-0716

WE HAVE UPDATED OUR WEBSITE

Check out our updated website at www.HTLCDBQ.com. The "connect" tab has the latest News & Announcements, Faith at home and member resources such as council meeting minutes, change of address forms and more.



SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, September 13th

Open to all

The Family Ministry Team invites you to a Scavenger Hunt. You don't want to miss this fun event that will get you out of the house and give you a change to make new friends and visit old friends all while social distancing! Go to our website at [Connect/News & Announcements](#) to learn more or contact Sara McCaw at sara.mccaw@gmail.com.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR NINTH-GRADE STUDENTS

We look forward to celebrating with our confirmands on Reformation Sunday. Isabel Brauhn, Nathan Droessler, Rosalynd Hoefflin, Cameron Lovett, Sarah Martyn, Soren Obermueller, Sydney Wersinger and Violet Widner will affirm their baptism.

Saturday, October 24, 10 A.M. —Worship Practice / Pictures
Saturday, October 24, noon—Banquet for students and families
Sunday, October 25—Affirmation of Baptism, service TBA



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KICK-OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

On Sunday, September 13, we will kick-off our Christian Education program. If we meet in person, we will hand out Bibles to our Three-year-olds, our Third Graders, and our Seventh Grade Confirmation Students. We will commission our Sunday School teachers and celebrate our upcoming year of learning. If we are not meeting in person, we will adjust our celebration; plans to be announced. Watch your email and website for updates.

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL PROGRAMING AND SCHEDULES

- 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation begins on September 9th or 10th - visit website for details.
- Bible Explorers for 5th and 6th Grade Students begins September 9th - visit website for details.
- Sunday School for Elementary Students Sunday Mornings - details will be posted on the website when made available
- Bible Study for Youth will be offered - details will be posted on the website when made available
- High School Fellowship - Sunday evenings starting at 7:30 pm. via Zoom

Details, calendar and zoom links for all Youth and Family Programming can be found on our website at [Youth & Family Ministries](#).

Be sure to visit our [Youth Events and News](#) page for the latest news and updates.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TOUCHED BY JESUS

by Dave Assmus

During this pandemic time we are encouraged to keep at least 6 feet from other persons. There is a good reason for this physical distancing as the covid-19 virus is passed from one person to another through respiratory droplets or by contact with someone. So, we keep this physical distance to protect others and ourselves.

But God has created us to live in community, a key part of any community is members supporting one another. Touching is a very important way to communicate our concern for one another. And when we need support, a hug, an arm around our shoulder or a handshake means a lot. And of course, sharing the peace with others is a very important part of our worship experience.

We are living in a time when we are asked to not physically touch others. So how do we take care of ourselves when we must keep our distance from others?

During his ministry Jesus shared his healing touch with all who were ill or who needed relationships to be restored. We can't forget that Jesus has not abandoned us, he is still present in our lives, and his touch still heals.

During the church service, even when we are worshiping via Zoom, we are reminded through the liturgy, scripture, songs, the sermon and prayers that God touches us through Jesus.

So, I invite you to remember that even though we cannot physically touch or be touched by others, our lives are still being touched by Jesus. And we can touch others through our prayers. And we are being touched as others pray for us.

MINISTRIES

JULY'S 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. 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. 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.

Paul Dettmann for the Stewardship Committee



Our Little Food Pantry and Blessing Cabinet

In the midst of the pandemic we have seen an increase in visits to our food pantry and blessing cabinet. Please consider purchasing extra food when you shop and bring it inside the front entry of the church. If you are making a large contribution, please call Pastor Derek at 608-556-0206 and he will bring it inside the church building to add to our stores of food.

A special thank you to the families of Noah's Ark who collected a wagon of food for our pantry!



We served 190 families at our last Food Distribution!

Next distribution is at Westminster Presbyterian, 2155 University Ave at Loras Blvd.

Saturday Aug, 22 at 9:00 A.M.

FROM THE OFFICE

COUNCIL MINUTES AND REPORTS

Current & past Council Minutes can be found on our website at: [Connect/Sign-up Sheets & Reports](#)

ONLINE GIVING

Electronic giving is a safe, convenient, and easy solution to support our ministry. It takes just a few minutes to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year.

- Give a fast, one-time donation.
- Schedule and manage recurring donations.
- Give while at church, home or anywhere!

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website at <http://www.htlcdbq.com/give-1.html>

We appreciate your generosity!

Moved? New email?

Update your information!

Go to <https://htlcdbq.com/member-resources>

Pastor Josh is on vacation

July 27th - August 10th.

Please contact Pastor Derek during this time at associatepastorderek@gmail.com or 608-556-0206.

Our Sympathy

To the family & friends of Phyllis Cooper who died July 22nd

Congratulations!

Arlo Michael Krause Arlo was born May 1st to Kyle and Renee Krause. Welcome to the Holy Trinity Family!

PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like a pastoral visit by phone during this time of social distancing, please contact one of our pastors.

Pastor Josh Martyn (563) 613-4337 or htlcdbqpastor@gmail.com

Associate Pastor Derek Rosenstiel (608) 556-0206 or associatepastorderek@gmail.com

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

JANUARY -JUNE 2020

YTD INCOME	\$ 342,710.01*
YTD EXPENSES	\$306,415.10
YTD Net Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$36,294.91

Wowza, yippee, amazing, awesome, etc! I'm almost running out of words to describe the generosity of this congregation. Despite the building being closed for services, many ministries continue and are able to meet the needs of many during these challenging times. We even reached our goal to fully fund the upgrades to the sound system of \$28,000. Once the equipment is installed later this fall, it will allow streaming of worship and events for years to come.

Your gifts are making a difference –thank you!
Wendy Einsweiler & The Stewardship Team

*The above income figure includes over \$59,000 from our PPP Funds secured through the CARES Act, the \$13,800 towards the sound system upgrades, as well as over \$18,000 support towards the upgrade to the telephone & internet system throughout the building. Regular giving is over 93% compared to budget –fantastic!

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLE FOR THE
FOLLOWING MONTH IS THE
20th of each month**

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

08/01	Jim Neumeister	08/18	June Swanson
08/02	Jennifer Powers	08/18	Sara Ernster
08/02	Elisabeth Gessner	08/18	Glenn Pauly
08/02	Samuel Engbrecht	08/19	Irene Jecklin
08/02	Toby Hensley	08/20	Cortini Walen
08/03	Barbara Schultz	08/22	Joyce Hughes
08/04	Jonathan Helmke	08/23	Greer Bonn
08/04	Bennett Hoff	08/24	Robin Weinbender
08/05	Easton Brazier	08/24	Owen Eikamp
08/05	Martin Lohrmann	08/24	Charlie Hinders
08/05	Tye Stierman	08/25	Jeremy O'Rourke
08/05	Kurt Stierman	08/25	Karen Smith
08/06	Patricia Goffinet	08/25	Emily Rose-Tolstedt
08/06	Emma Neiss	08/25	Adeline Roling
08/07	Betsy Wild	08/26	Bruce Wilke
08/09	Dale Bird	08/26	Mary Esmann
08/09	Gaa Holdiman	08/26	Sandra Schult
08/09	Joy Bode	08/26	Matthew Droessler
08/09	Sharlene Waskow	08/26	Susan Zozaya
08/10	Wayne Wohlers	08/26	Amy Linenfelser
08/11	Susan Fair	08/27	Serica Rowley
08/12	Nancy Patrum	08/27	Ethan Day
08/12	Rachelle Vize	08/27	Winston Persaud
08/13	Daniel Harry	08/28	Linda Palmer
08/13	Bryant St. Aubin	08/28	Ronda Powers
08/13	David O'Brien	08/29	Sydney Bonn
08/13	Jack Studier	08/30	Oliver Michel
08/13	Wil Quinn	08/30	Wendy Einsweiler
08/14	Daniel Morris	08/30	Mary Bjerning
08/14	Evan Norton	08/30	Megan Lembke
08/15	Connie Harry	08/30	Reuel Persaud
08/15	Sydney Noonan	08/31	Phyllis Cooper
08/16	Micky Paulson	08/31	Cody Kauffman
08/16	Caitlyn Neuwoehner	08/31	Barb Rank
08/16	Jack Einsweiler		
08/17	Logan Weinbender		

ANNIVERSARIES

08/02	Joshua & Natalie Martyn	17 years
08/03	Ryan & Marissa Michel	8 years
08/05	Andrew & Kimberly Lee	20 years
08/05	Gregory & Kathy Lindenberg	31 years
08/06	David & Lisa Kragenbrink	32 years
08/08	Norman Anderson & Kris Spiegler	17 years
08/09	Glenn & Diane Lichti	40 years
08/11	Mark & Shelly Gessner	30 years
08/11	Philip & Maureen Larsen	57 years
08/12	Jessie & Laura Goldsmith	14 years
08/13	Adam & Megan Hoffman	15 years
08/14	Robert & Mary Clark	60 years
08/14	Roy & Barbara Hansen	44 years
08/14	Benjamin & Pieper Lundell	10 years
08/19	Gary & Gail Cording	48 years
08/20	Chris & Amy O'Rourke	15 years
08/20	Wayne & Betty Wohlers	54 years
08/21	Amy & Mark Pasker	32 years
08/23	Tom & Pam Boland	45 years
08/23	James & Michelle Lembke	34 years
08/23	Dan & Betsy Wild	34 years
08/30	Gerald & Julie Reuter	34 years
08/31	Andrew & Katina Busch	12 years

In Our Prayers

Kerin Moldenhauer, Gretchen Kueter's mother, Shari Martelle, Nathan Kelly.

HTLC Military personnel serving our country:

Army: Kyle Salmon, Christina Fink, Col. Karl Anderson, Kyle Osborne.

National Guard: Eric Bowman

Air Force: Chris Barajas

Marines: Staff Sgt. Rossetti

Air Force: Michael Osborne, Logan Knobbe

If you, or someone you know needs prayers during this time, let us know! We have a group of people who who pray for our community every day. Call the church office, Click [HERE](#) or go to our website at htlcdbq.com - Connect - Member Resources and complete the online request.

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Pastor Josh on Vacation	Pastor Josh on Vacation					
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Vacation Bible School @ Online - See below						
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9am - Online Worship @ 10am - Coffee & Fellowship 7:30pm - Highschool	Pastor Derek's Day Off Sara McCaw's Day Off	11:30am - Ecumenical Bible 5:45pm - All Committee	Adult Forum @ via Zoom 6:15pm - Bible Explorers @ 6:15pm - Confirmation @	Stephen Ministry Meeting 4pm - Praise Team	Pastor Josh's Day Off 6am - Men's Bible Study @	
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