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PASTOR'S COLUMN: The Holy Spirit is on the move!

News. Do we ever have it for you this month! On May 31, we welcomed in the season of Pentecost, the day each year when we turn our attention to the movements of the Holy Spirit and go on to ponder Jesus' life and ministry on earth. Here is what's happening at Holy Trinity this month:



- We are launching our first drive-in service, **“Worship on Wheels,”** on June 14 at 10 am. Read all about it in the next article.
- Starting June 19, come to **“Campfire Conversations”** in the parsonage back yard on the 3rd Friday of each month from 7-8:30 pm. Bring your own lawn chair and a beverage of your choice. Because we're outdoors, face masks are recommended but not required. If the weather looks inclement, check the web site for an alternate date.
- We are now hosting **Second Harvest Mobile Food bank** twice a month. This month it will be on June 12th and 26th from 1-4 pm in the same drive-up distribution we've been using. Second Harvest asked us if we could do this because they have a lot of food, in great variety, to distribute this summer. If you haven't volunteered before, please do! The drive-up process is efficient and impressive; it's great to be outside; and we can visit with each other through our masks at a safe distance. Please notify Pastor Raabe or leave a message at church if you can help, because we need to coordinate volunteers. Bring face mask and gloves.
- Starting June 10, Pastor Raabe will be holding **“Lawn Chair Office Hours”** outside the church every Wednesday from 2-3 pm or as long as is needed. Bring a chair and we'll sit in the parking if it's nice, or drive up if it's raining lightly. In bad weather we'll look forward to the next week. Face masks are recommended but not required.

- Be watching for news about a fresh approach to **Summer Sunday School** with fun outdoor activities we can share with each other.
- We plan to continue our **online services** (holytrinitymarshall.com) even when we are back together in the building. This will allow those who cannot attend for reasons of illness, disability, or distance, the invitation to remain with us in weekly worship.

Even with all this, the question hangs heavily in the air: When *will* we return to the building for worship? Be assured your Congregation Council appreciates the strong desire to come together again. We have convened a Task Force on Re-Opening, and at our June 9 Council meeting will lay the groundwork so that the Task Force can start working through the network of safeguards that need to be in place when that time comes. For now we are proceeding with caution, as advised by our Interim Bishop, Peter Rogness, in the May 26 synod newsletter: “We continue to be in the midst of a still-active health crisis. Some indicators go down, and others are on the rise. While Dane County and others have already classified religious organizations as ‘essential,’ that does not lessen the safety concerns.” We also recognize that some of you may choose not to come back to church for a while even when we do re-open. In that event I will do whatever I can to help you feel connected to the life of our community.

Please feel free to bring me your questions or concerns anytime by phone or email, around the parsonage campfire, during the Lawn Chair Office hours, at Second Harvest, or during the weekly Pastor’s Coffee Hour. I look forward to being with you in these ways.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nancy Raabe

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY: SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AT 10 AM, “Worship on Wheels”

We are excited to announce this first step in returning to worship together! The plan is to see how it goes and hold it again as there is interest. For this service, the Council has determined that you must remain in your cars. No bathroom access, sorry; the building is closed. And of course, please stay home if you are ill. Here’s what you need to know:

Before you leave home

- Bring this newsletter along, which contains texts of the songs we’ll sing. **See page 9 for the lyrics.** The bulletin will also be posted on our web site for downloading and printing.
- Bring grape juice, small cups, and bread from home for communion.
- Come in your PJs and bring your coffee!

Entering the parking lot

- Our ushers will direct you to a parking space.



- Please indicate to them if you have special hearing needs, and they will park you as close to the front as they can.
- You may drop your offerings into a receptacle at the entrance either as you come in or when you leave. Please make sure *your name and phone number* are on your envelope. We need to keep a record of all attendees, and this is the best way.

During worship

- Only the driver's side window may be opened to ensure the safety of other cars.
- Face masks are not required.
- A reminder, please stay in your vehicle for the entire time. No restrooms. The service length (ca. 30 minutes) is gauged for your comfort.
- We prefer that engines be turned off, but you may keep your car running if needed.
- Please sing along and pray, but at a moderate voice level.
- Have your communion elements ready for when we reach that part of the service.
- We do not yet have a radio transmitter than can broadcast to car radios, but the PA system we'll be using for this service is powerful. The bulletin and sermon text are posted on our home page, holyltrinitymarshall.com, if you want to follow along on your smart devices.

Leaving worship

- Our ushers will guide each car out, so please wait for their instructions.
- Again, you may deposit your offering as you leave.
- Feel free to wave at friends through your driver's side window, but please follow the usher's instructions for entering and exiting -- no detours!
- If you need to leave before the service is over, wave to an usher and they will escort you out. We'll park the cars so there is room to maneuver.

Please call or text Pastor Raabe with any questions (614-214-2639). Be there, share comments afterward, and we'll see what God has in store for us as we move forward. Thanks to the Council for its careful planning!



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: August 13-15

GREAT NEWS! It's a GO for the Annual Garage and Bake Sale on August 13-15.

There are changes to our usual preparation for this event. Since our church building will be closed to social events in the fellowship hall during the summer, we will be accepting early garage sale donations and will sort and organize them there.



Starting the week of June 8, donations may be brought to the main entrance of the church on Thursday and Saturday between the hours of 10 am and 12 noon. If you cannot drop them off

then, leave a phone message at church at 655-4246 or call Linda Baldrige at 655-4178.

The Council and Garage Sale Team will be creating safe guidelines by which the sale can take place and sharing those with you in the coming weeks.

We are accepting gently used and clean items in good condition. Small furniture and other household items are very popular. Please note that we cannot accept VCR tapes, TVs, entertainment centers, mattresses or box springs, sofa sleepers and reclining sofas, futons, exercise equipment, baby items (such as car seats, cribs and walkers), large appliances, items that are prohibitively large and heavy to handle (such as large furniture items), and hazardous or construction materials. If you have large items to donate and you aren't able to make donations during the listed times, you can arrange a time for drop off by calling the numbers above.

We will need many member volunteers to attend planning meetings and carry out garage sale preparation tasks in the weeks ahead. The first planning meeting is tentatively set for Monday, June 8th at 6:30 in the church entrance area. Please consider how you can support this wonderful community event that also offers a financial benefit to Holy Trinity. We welcome suggestions for making our event successful, and expressions of a willingness to help in any way.



DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM PASTOR RAABE

I began writing “A Room With a View” in early May. Initially these scripture-based meditations were sent to our entire membership email list (so you could become acquainted with them) and are now sent on request. Call the office or notify Pastor Raabe if you would like to be added to the list. You can also find them on our web site in the menu at the top.



YOUR OFFERINGS

Did you know that we depend entirely on your regular offerings to support Holy Trinity—to pay our staff, to keep the lights, heat and AC on, to do whatever it takes to keep a church running?

Like many other smaller congregations, we are fortunate to have received a loan through the Small Business Administration’s Payroll Protection Program to cover eight weeks of salary for our paid employees. This should get us through the summer, but not beyond.

We know that many of you are experiencing economic hardship at this time. But even a small amount will make a huge difference – \$5 a week or even \$10 a month—if many of you do the same. I invite you to **become part of our active ministry by supporting us financially** if you are not already. God gives us everything we have—our homes, our health, our families, every hair on our heads, the jobs we are furloughed from and to which we long to return. Your offerings to the

church are a response to this abundance, none of which we have earned. They are gifts of praise and thanksgiving to God, so that this church can continue to be a vibrant body of Christ, doing Christ's work in the world.

We can easily enroll you in our direct deposit program, but there is also now the option of giving by credit or debit card. We worked hard last year to implement this form of safe and easy giving. We can't dive into our public swimming pools yet, but take the plunge into a more active life at Holy Trinity via the "Give" page on our web site. Or you can give by text message—one-time or recurring—simply by texting a dollar amount to our special number, **608-709-0483**. If you're not signed up already it will take you through a few simple steps. It will ask you whether this is a one-time gift or a recurring one. You can text additional one-time amounts to that number anytime. Think of it as a way of saying, "Amen!"



Thank you for all you do to help spread the good news that the kingdom of God is in our midst (Luke 17:21).

Peace be with you,
Pastor Raabe

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

Bishop Election: The election of a new bishop will take place on August 1 (backup date: August 29) at 11 different locations throughout the Synod with a maximum of 50 allowed at each location. The nominees are Rev. Ramie Bakken, Rev. Stacie Fidler, Rev. Naomi Garber, and Rev. Joy Mortenson-Wiebe. (Those of you present for Pastor Raabe's installation service on January 28, 2018 may remember that she was installed at Holy Trinity by Pastor Mortenson-Wiebe, who was serving as the Synod's interim Director of Evangelical Mission at the time.) The first online candidate forum has been held, and can be viewed at <https://scsw-elca.org/2020bishopelection>.

NEWS FOR YOU

Your **Church Council** is now meeting twice a month on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm via Zoom. Any active member may join in (you'll need Zoom). The next meeting is June 9. If you would like to sit in, let Pastor Raabe know ahead of time and she'll send you an invitation.



The Pastor's Coffee Hour takes place Thursdays at 12 noon using Zoom technology. Download it for free at zoom.us and [send Pastor Raabe a note](#) if you'd like to participate. The discussions are always lively, plus it's nice to simply see (or hear) one another.

Quilts for LWR Please continue to provide new fabric that can be cut into squares for making quilts. Many friends and members of Holy Trinity have donated fabric that had accumulated at the homes of friends and relatives. Others have purchased fabric at fabric stores, resale shops and garage sales that they in turn donate to this project. It's possible, also, for someone to take the next step and cut 11-inch squares of fabric and donate them. Our quilters are thankful for all who have supported Holy Trinity's mission to make quilts that are sent around the world by Lutheran World Relief.

Offering Envelopes If you are giving electronically and no longer wish to receive weekly offering envelopes, please e-mail htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com and let us know that; otherwise you will continue to receive them. Thank you.

Thrivent Choice Dollars -- Attention all Thrivent members: You are now required to register for Thrivent Choice annually. If you are a Thrivent customer, Thrivent Choice Dollars have been accumulating throughout the year. Please direct Choice Dollars several times during the year to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church by simply following these steps:

1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice
2. Click on "Choice Dollars" and log in
3. Search for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Marshall
4. Click on "Direct Now" or
5. Call the Thrivent Member Center at 800-847-4836

When prompted say "Thrivent Choice", then say "Choice Dollars," and a representative will process your request.

Electronic newsletter To save paper, you may prefer to receive this newsletter electronically if you do not already. Just e-mail htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com and let us know that.



Our web site, holytrinitymarshall.com, is regularly updated with all the latest news and information that you might need. Please use it and write to us with suggestions.

Coming Up at Holy Trinity

Garage Sale Planning Meeting on Monday June 8 at 6:30 at the church

Lawn Chair Office Hours Wednesdays from 2-3 pm outside the church starting June 10

Campfire Conversations in the parsonage back yard, 3rd Fridays from 7-8:30 pm starting June 19

Second Harvest drive-up distribution June 12 and 26 from 1-4 pm

CONGREGATIONAL LETTER, May 31, 2020

These go out periodically when there is significant news to share. If you have email and are not receiving them and would like to, please send a note to pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com.

Dear friends,

Today is the Day of Pentecost. Now, more than ever, we need to come together as a faith community. It's no longer Minneapolis, or Atlanta, or New York: Expressions of outrage over the deep racial inequity that has long clouded life in America are now here in our hometown. As difficult as it is to fathom the violent turn that these demonstrations have taken, we are bound as Christians to heed the voices of our brothers and sisters and take to heart the larger message of the protests.

Please join Carol and me in the sanctuary for worship today. She and I worked hard to create a beautiful and meaningful service to mark this day. If you aren't sure where to find our services, simply go to the home page of our web site, holytrinitymarshall.com. It's as easy as that! Bookmark this page on your computer, or after you visit this address on your smartphone just once it should pop up when you begin to type in the web site name.

Worship, even in the online form, *does* bind us together as a faith community. The hymns we select -- with which I hope you'll sing along at home -- are always tuned directly to the church day and the world around us. I think you will find "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" (closing hymn) especially meaningful today. From our home page you can also download today's bulletin, and link to the Children's Message and the Online Sunday School with all its downloadable resources. And yes--Sunday School is still going.

If you find our services worthwhile, please share the link with others. Our viewership remains low, and we believe that what we are offering is of worth to God's people. The great thing about being online is that anyone can come, no matter where they are! And make sure to read your June newsletter when it arrives later this week. The Council has not yet determined when we will physically gather again in the building for worship, but there are some lively plans afoot for other ways in which we can see each other -- in person.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Yours in the hope of Christ,
Pastor Raabe



YOUR 2020-2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

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[One seat remains vacant]

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry The Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry is located in the lower level at 117 E. Madison Street (Hwy. 19) in Waterloo. (Please use the door in the alley.) People may visit the food pantry once each month. Hours are Wednesdays from noon-1:00PM and again Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM. Saturday hours are from 9:00-10:00 AM. If you or someone you know needs help, please make use of this community ministry.

thank you

Our thanks and gratitude to those who gave so much of their energy and time in May for the sake of this body of Christ! These include our secretary Kathy Schluter, our organist Carol Johnson-Hohol, those serving on Council or other leadership teams, our phone tree workers, and our Sunday School teachers. Many thanks to our hard-working Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers. Thanks to those who pulled information for the PPP application. To confirmation parents and students, thanks for a great year. Thank you to our Property Committee for all the work they do to maintain the church and parsonage especially during this time. Thank you to Glen Gollmer for keeping our church grounds looking gorgeous and to Owen Raisbeck for tending to the parsonage lawn, and to all those who are maintaining the landscaping. Thanks to those who prepared the newsletter for mailing, ordered supplies and cleaned the church, watered the plants, kept track of church finances, counted money, put information in the Courier, and took out trash.

Special shout-out to our Larry Legro, John Ray and Owen Raisbeck for their work around the church and parsonage during the shutdown. Many thanks!

Apologies to those who may have been missed.
Know that each and every one of you is very much appreciated!



Contact the church office at 608-655-4246 or htcstaff@holyltrinity-marshall.com

--To schedule weddings, baptisms, or other events

--If your name is spelled incorrectly, your address has changed (post office charges church when things are sent to an old address), you no longer wish to receive the church newsletter, or you wish to have the newsletter e-mailed to you

- Especially to let us know if a member of your family is admitted to the hospital or a nursing home or will be needing surgery
- You know someone who is a shut-in and would like a visit from the pastor
- A baby arrives in your family
- A death occurs in your family
- You know of someone to be added to the prayer list
- A member of your family is deployed

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Staff office hours: Hours may be arranged, as needed

Note: Church is now locked when the office is not open.

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Find us on Facebook and keep up with all the news!

SONGS FOR JUNE 14

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
 He is my light, my strength, my song
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
 My Comforter, my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand. (Repeat)

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now am found
 Was blind but now I see.

Was grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace, my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
 We have already come
 T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
 And grace will lead us home.

(Repeat stanza 1)