



Expectations

Regular attendance is very important. Please notify me in the event of illness, family emergency, or other unusual circumstances. I can be reached by text or cellphone at 614.214.2639, by email at pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com, or at the church office at 655-4246. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing your child every week.

Worship reports: 10 per semester. I am looking for thoughtful responses, not “IDK.” ☺ I value your child’s input. Is the message of the sermon getting across? Did it raise questions? Is the service welcoming and inviting? How can it become more so?

Service points: 15 first semester, 20 second semester. This reflects the service-oriented focus of our program. There are many ways to earn service points:

- Be a worship helper – greeter, crucifer, reader, usher, communion server, technical assistant. *Please sign up on the bulletin board!*
- Help in Sunday School. All teachers will welcome helping hands.
- Participate in our Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank on the last Friday of every month (except in November, when it’s Nov. 22). Volunteers check in at 1:30 p.m.
- Help at the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry during our assigned month.
- Any community or school service project your child can think of.
- Any pastor-approved project around the church they can see that needs doing.

To receive service points, students must fill out and return service point slips signed by a parent, mentor, teacher or the pastor for each act of service.

Chili Cook-Off, September 29, 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

We are asking all confirmation students to participate as helpers in some aspect of this event. Jobs include working in the tasting room, helping with children’s activities, and busing tables. Each different job is worth one service point!

A Night in Bethlehem, December 18 from 5-7:30 p.m.

We are happy to welcome back this Wednesday evening celebration of Christmas featuring our confirmation students. This is a community hands-on experience of what it was like to be in Bethlehem that first Christmas night. It takes the place of our Wednesday night worship service that week. Students will earn a service point.

Holy Trinity Youth Group

Our Youth Group this year includes children in older elementary school. The group meets periodically for activities and service projects. The next event will be fall neighborhood leaf-raking. Students earn service points in all youth group projects.

Thank you for all you do to support Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!

Worship helper descriptions

Greeter: Arrive 15 minutes early before church. Stand just inside the main entrance and welcome those who come in with a smile and handshake.

Crucifer: Carry the cross into the sanctuary, processing in front of the pastor during the opening hymn. This symbolizes how we are all following the cross of Christ in our worship and our lives.

Reader: Read the first and/or second lesson. Pastor Raabe will practice with students ahead of time and encourage them to practice at home during the week. (8th graders, good practice for Confirmation Sunday!)

Usher:

1. Stand next to the doors to the sanctuary and hand out bulletins.
2. Take the offering: Come forward together to get the plates; each person takes a side and passes the plate down the row, moving back row by row. Make sure the far sides receive the plates as well. Stand at the back and when the pastor comes to the center, come forward with the plates.
3. Count the number of people in church and make a note of the attendance on the usher clipboard.

Communion helper: Carry the tray for the empty cups and bring it to the altar when communion is finished.

Technical director (as needed): Assist Pastor Raabe with music playback or the projection system.