



# THE HOLY TRINITY HERALD

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Hello fellow Holy Trinity members,

Now that we are getting back to a somewhat normal life at Holy Trinity, I would like to talk to you about that. Let us not go back to the old normal but let us find a new normal. A more kinder, gentler normal. A more loving, caring normal. The way we all cared for one another during the pandemic and called one another to see that everyone was okay. The way we made sure the ones who could not get out got what they needed. Let us keep this going as a part of our daily Christian lives. Remember Jesus' commandment for the disciples and for all of us. "Love one another as I have loved you, and love your neighbor as yourself." We need to also put God back where he has been taken out of. Our schools, our halls of justice, our government and most of all our hearts. God bless you all as we strive to do this with God's help.

*Gary Waalkens, Council President*

**UPDATE ON INTERIM PASTOR** *submitted by Council President Gary Waalkens*

The Council was informed that there would be a meeting with Pastor Darin Wiebe (husband of the Bishop) on Tuesday June 22 at 5:00pm. At that meeting, the Council unanimously voted to accept Pastor Wiebe to serve as our interim pastor. Thank you and God Bless you.

**BRIEF INTRODUCTION FROM INTERIM PASTOR**

Hello there! My name is Darin Wiebe and I'm pleased to begin as your interim pastor soon. My wife, Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, and I have been pastors for 29 years. We began our ministry serving together at Grace Lutheran, Tomahawk in 1992. Since then, I have also served congregations in Oshkosh and West Bend. I've been a hospice chaplain at St. Camillus in Milwaukee for about 1 ½ years. Bishop Joy and I have two adult daughters: Elida lives and works in Lubbock, TX with her husband, Zach. Julia lives and works in Madison. This is an exciting new chapter in Bishop Joy's and my life. I am eager to help the people of Holy Trinity as you enter a new chapter in the life of your congregation, seeking out where God will take you next and whom you will call as your next pastor. See you in church!

*Pastor Darin*

## **UPDATE: HOLY TRINITY GARAGE AND BAKE SALE, 2021**

*By Linda Baldrige & Carol Woldt, Garage Sale Co-Chairs*



Weeks ago, we announced that our Garage and Bake Sale is scheduled for August 12-14. Our planners are stepping up the preparations. We need your help and suggestions with a key planning task. It has been hard in the past to schedule a truck from a resale store, like Goodwill, that

would come pick up our leftover sale items. Is there anyone who has a large truck or has access to a large truck who could come a few days after our garage sale and pick up our leftovers and take them away to a resale store? Please call Carol Woldt, 608-712-8947 or Linda Baldrige, 608-655-4178.

Deb Percy has been organizing garage sale donations for weeks. You may bring your donations for the garage sale to the church during the hours that office staff is present, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Small furniture and other household items are very popular sale items. Donated items should be placed in the east hallway outside the large classroom and Sunshine Room. Unfortunately: **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, and hazardous or construction-type materials.** We ask that you adhere to these restrictions. **If you can't bring your donations to the church during the times mentioned, you may call Linda at 655-4178 to arrange a drop-off time.** All donated items should be clean and in good condition. Please do NOT leave any items outside the church doors.

**Update: Parking Lot Brat Fry:** The planners for the brat fry are also gearing up for this great added feature of our fundraiser that will happen every day of the garage sale. Laurine Martin and her committee have a tasty list of food items that will be available in the food tent. There will be individual food items like brats, chips, drinks, homemade cookies and a "meal deal". Laurine would like names of people who will provide homemade cookies for each day of the brat fry. You may call or text Laurine at 608-712-4069.

In the weeks ahead, you will see sign-up sheets for volunteer workers at the church. A snappy, revised flyer advertising this event will be available at the church as well. Please take a few flyers and share them with family, friends, and the community. We ask all of our members to promote and support this important fundraiser in some way. **A planning meeting is tentatively set for Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the church; please come and join us.** If you would like to take on a task that you can do at home, contact one of the planners.

**\*\*\*\*ATTENTION: Due to set-up for the garage sale, the fellowship hall will not be available during the period of July 25 through August 16. \*\*\*\***

**SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY: Always “fourth Fridays,” new time is 3:30 p.m.**

*Submitted by Gary Waalkens, Council President*

We need more help for 2nd Harvest Food Bank! We were informed that the food will no longer be pre-boxed. It will come in bulk and we will have to bag it up before distribution. The volunteers that help now cannot do it themselves; there aren't enough of them. If we don't get more volunteers we may have to discontinue 2nd Harvest. Please, if you can help we would appreciate it. The next date is **Friday July 23**. If you are volunteering, please be at the high school parking lot between 2:15 and 2:30. (Volunteers should park in the church parking lot.) If you are there for food distribution, please do not arrive to get in line before 2:30 p.m. Food distribution starts at 3:30.

If you have questions, please notify me at [gwaalkens1952@yahoo.com](mailto:gwaalkens1952@yahoo.com) or 608-655-4989 **OR** Dennis Woelffer at [denniswoelffer@yahoo.com](mailto:denniswoelffer@yahoo.com) or 608-655-4577. Thank you in advance for your help.

**FREE COVID 19 VACCINATION CLINIC** from 2:00-5:00 PM at the church, in conjunction with the Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank on **July 23**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE** by *Susy Pawl, Superintendent*

I hope you are enjoying summer! I am happy to share that I have taken this time to update the curriculum for this coming Fall. The new curriculum is from Spark House and offers a great mix of activities for the kids with easier to follow instructions for teachers that require little to no prep. I am also working on some special activities including registration day.

We are looking for individuals willing to be class teachers and substitutes for the next Sunday school season. Please contact Susy Pawl at [susyasnuffles@gmail.com](mailto:susyasnuffles@gmail.com) or 608-345-5832 (text is best) if you would like to learn more about the program, activities, or are interested in being a teacher or substitute teacher.

**JOB OPENINGS AT HOLY TRINITY** (\*\*all volunteer positions, but you get the fancy-sounding title!)

*Please contact a Council member or the church office if you are interested.*

**Web Master** Holy Trinity is looking for someone with an adventurous spirit to make weekly updates to our web site. The platform we use is Wix. The site is easy to manage, fun to work with, and if you make a mistake you can just press “undo.” ☺

**Tech Director** This position may include making videos of worship services and posting them to our YouTube channel; creating PowerPoint slides and running the projector during worship; or other innovations that would put technology to work for the benefit of the Holy Trinity community.

**Volunteer Coordinator** Work with our Council and leadership teams to help recruit ushers, readers, communion servers, and other volunteers as needed. A great way to get to know people better!

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The council met with Bishop Mortenson-Wiebe and her assistant at our meeting June 8. She assured us they were looking into a candidate for our interim pastor. She said she would get us the name of a candidate sooner rather than later.

At the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting the church's finances were discussed, along with ideas to improve giving. Property report was read and Larry has been busy improving our church. Pastor Raabe's report was read and she has been busy getting the church ready for the next steps to be taken when she leaves. Council thanked her for her dedication to Holy Trinity these past 3+ years. Covid-19 stats are improving. The Growing Our Future campaign was a great success.

\*\*At a special meeting of the Council on June 22, the Council met with Pastor Darin Wiebe. At the end of the meeting, the Council voted unanimously to accept Pastor Wiebe to serve as our interim pastor.

### YOUR 2021-2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

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*We are still in need of a Council youth representative. All confirmed members up to age 30 are eligible. Please contact Gary Waalkens if you would like to be the voice for youth in our church.*

### TREATS TO GO *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Now that we are back at worship inside, we will be sharing fellowship following the 10:00 a.m. sanctuary service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to provide a treat to share. Treats can be homemade or not: cookies, donut holes, cut-up donuts, kringle, or any kind of

pastry. Basically, anything you can eat with your fingers while balancing a cup of coffee is good. Treats should be placed on the coffee serving table and ready to eat following worship.

We would also like someone to make coffee on Sunday mornings when Larry is not able to do that. The sign-up sheet has a space to sign up as a coffeemaker, too. Thanks for your help.

### **Planned Giving to Holy Trinity**

One way to ensure a bright future for our church is to make a planned gift that names Holy Trinity in your will. A bequest is a meaningful way to support the church's ministry without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime. Your attorney can include it when you prepare or revise your will or you can add a codicil at any time.

Gifts that do not restrict the use, or **unrestricted gifts**, allow Holy Trinity to use these resources where they are most needed. Of course we are also grateful for gifts that are designated for a specific purpose that advances our mission, **restricted gifts**, such as support to a specific initiative or program. Or you could make a gift to the church's Endowment Fund. At a time when secular nonprofits are realizing the need to build their endowments, churches are still asking for operating support only. An endowment gift helps move us into a more sustainable position.

You could also choose to designate a portion of the proceeds of your IRA to Holy Trinity each year. We have been very grateful to members who have chosen this option as a way to make a sizable annual gift. You may now use our online giving, through [holytrinitymarshall.com](http://holytrinitymarshall.com), to make a gift directly to our Endowment.

Another way to help Holy Trinity is to name the church as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. This could convey assets in larger amounts without disrupting your current cash flow. Please contact Endowment Investment Committee Chair Jack Erb with any questions at [jackaerb@gmail.com](mailto:jackaerb@gmail.com) or 608-215-5098.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

**Date change!** The **Women of the ELCA (WELCA)** will now meet on **July 6 at 12:30 pm** for a **Summer Potluck Picnic** on Linda B's deck. If you have questions, please call her at 655-4178.

**Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank:** The next drive-up distribution date is **July 23 at the new time of 3:30 p.m.** Volunteers, please come between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m.

**A free vaccination clinic will be held on Friday, July 23, at the church from 2:00-5:00 pm.**

**Looking ahead to Confirmation Sunday:** Our four rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed on Sunday, October 31, 2021 by the interim pastor. Classes for all confirmation students will likely resume September 15, while the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will meet separately with the pastor for six weeks through October 20 to prepare their faith statements. Pastor Raabe will be praying for you all!

**Quilts for LWR** Please continue to provide new fabric that can be cut into squares for making quilts. It's possible, also, for someone to take the next step and cut 11-inch squares of fabric and donate them. **Quilt tying is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (July 20).** 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. **Quilting Day returns on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (July 17).** Come and join in. All skill levels are welcome; you can stay all day or for part, as your schedule allows. A great time for fun and fellowship.

**Offering Envelopes** If you are giving electronically we will no longer be sending you weekly offering envelopes as well. However, if you DO wish to receive weekly offering envelopes, please e-mail [htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com](mailto:htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) and let us know that. Thank you.

**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](mailto:htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) and let us know that.

**Our web site, [holytrinitymarshall.com](http://holytrinitymarshall.com),** is regularly updated with all the latest news and information that you might need. And share the link to our online services with family and friends!

Our thanks and gratitude to those who continue to give so much for the sake of this body of Christ such as our organist and secretary and custodian, Sunday and Wednesday ushers and worship leaders and those who serve at drive-in worship. Thank you to our hard-working Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers, those who helped at the vaccine clinic, everyone who volunteered at the Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry in June, our quilters, everyone planning and working hard on the August garage and bake sale, dedicated Council members, those who assemble the newsletter for mailing, those so willingly donating time and materials to maintain the church, and those who keep our grounds looking so well-manicured. Apologies if anyone was missed. You all are appreciated more than you know.

*thank you*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry** The Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry is 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-1:00 p.m. and again Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday hours are from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you or someone you know needs help, please make use of this community ministry.

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**FoodShare Helpline 877-366-3635**

**Wisconsin Home Energy Plus Program at 1-866-432-8947 or 608-267-8601**