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FROM PASTOR LISA

The Singing Revolution

Most of us don't think of singing as a political act. We sing in church, the car, or the shower. We sing along to the radio and at concerts. We sing happy birthday to friends and family. We sing because it lifts our spirits. Singing can be a gentle ordinary act.

But singing can also change the world.

In the late 1980s, three small Baltic nations — Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania — were still under the control of the Soviet Union. For decades, their languages, traditions, and national identities were suppressed. Public protest was dangerous. Armed resistance was impossible. Yet people longed for freedom.

So they sang.

At first, they sang at cultural festivals, celebrating folk music. Hundreds of thousands of people joined their voices in traditional songs that carried history, identity, and hope. And as they sang, something deeper began to happen. The music grew into a peaceful form of resistance.

Even as reforms began under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the crowds grew larger and more courageous. In 1989, nearly two million people joined hands across the three countries in a human chain stretching hundreds of miles — singing together. Within a few short years, all three nations regained independence.

Historians now call this movement the *Singing Revolution*.

What makes this story so compelling is its simplicity. Singing did not overthrow governments by itself, but it created connection and courage. Music allowed people to gather safely, express their shared identity, and realize they were not alone. The act of singing together transformed individuals into a community.

And hope sung together is strong enough to change the world.

Next time you sing, imagine how it connects you to others, human being to human being.

REMINDER:

If you need to reach Pastor Lisa, email her at nelsonkosky@gmail.com. The pastor@holyltrinity-marshall.com email is no longer checked on a regular basis. Thank you.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT *Submitted by Candy Lauby*

Hello – Last month we held our Annual Meeting after the January 25th service. Thank you to all who were able to attend. We voted to change our quorum of 25 voting members of the congregation to 20. The council will work to get this changed with the Synod prior to next year's annual meeting. Our new budget of \$102,222.00 is down quite a bit from our 2025 budget primarily due to better pricing on insurance. Carol and Larry have volunteered to attend the Synod Assembly on May 15th and 16th, thank you for representing Holy Trinity. We voted at our last meeting on February 10th: President is Candy Lauby, Vice President is Matt Stensven and Secretary is Carolyn Madaus. Thank you for working in these positions for 2026. We will be holding a couple of fundraisers throughout the year to help build up the building maintenance fund. This will help us replace the remaining furnaces, A/C units, and water heater when their time comes, along with any other maintenance projects that come our way. Thank you for your continued support for Holy Trinity, where all are welcome.

JANUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Submitted by Carolyn Madaus

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Candy Lauby. Matt Stensven was absent.

Dec. minutes were accepted and approved

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Two furnaces were replaced in January. There are still three furnaces that will need to be replaced as well soon.

February 18th, Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm.

Bingo is March 14th at the Trailer Park either at 1 or 2pm. Sue, from the park, will post flyers. We will need prizes and snacks donated. All ages are Welcome. Pastor will check for the Bingo supplies needed. Pastor will be gone January 30th till February 11th. Suzy Pawl will cover Feb 4th evening service and Kathy Deneen will cover February 11th. Gary Waalkens is checking for a pastor for the Sunday Service.

New Chairs are needed and will use \$300 to buy some.

Discussed the Annual meeting. Discussion re. changing the annual meeting Quorum to 25% of members from 25 members. This will be brought up at the Annual meeting and voted on. If members agree on an amount, the Constitution and By Laws must also be updated.

Currently we are using bulk rate to mail out newsletters, but we must send 200 and we are down to 205. If we go below 200, we will no longer get a discount rate.

Discussed if we need new ushers and readers since the same people have been doing it for a while.

Get rid of old TV's, try and sell at garage sale or give away free.

Discussed flameless candles for Christmas Eve service. We talked about getting some for the kids to prevent wax getting on the chairs and floor. Talked about flameless candles on the Altar also, but Kathy Deneen is looking into getting some plexiglass to put under the candles.

Discussed a fundraiser to build up the building fund since three more furnaces and two AC units will need to be replaced in the future.

2025-2026 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 Candy Lauby if you would like to be the voice for youth in our church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Submitted by Susy Pawl

Our big lesson for February was the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37. If your child couldn't attend Sunday school this month then this is a great lesson to read and consider as a family, given recent events and thinking about the lesson Jesus has for us in who we consider our neighbors and how we treat our neighbors. To go along with our lesson we tried some new foods from different cultures and made some folk art.

In March, Sunday School will be on Sunday, March 15th during service. We are planning to have the kids make treats for the congregation - so be sure not to miss this Sunday! We will also be doing another folk-art project with our lesson.

We will also be having a game night on Wednesday, March 18th from 6-6:30 in the library - kids and their families are welcome!

CATECHISM CLASS Submitted by Kathy Deneen

Thank you to everyone that purchased from the February Bake Sale. It was a great success. Next Bake Sale is March 15th, right after Service (date change!)

EVENT PLANNING Submitted by Linda Baldrige

The Event Planning Committee met Thurs, February 12 at 5:00 PM at the church. There was a discussion of the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast to be held following worship on Palm Sunday, March 29. A brief discussion was also held regarding the selection of the date for the Spring Spaghetti Drive-Thru.

Our next meeting is set for Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 pm. Please come and join our planning committee, all are welcome. We need more Holy Trinity members to be involved. Bring your ideas and your energy.

Our task: Bring our church members and friends together to enjoy special events that will benefit our church and our community.

JANUARY FINANCIALS

Income received in Jan	\$8,841.15
Obligations paid in Jan	\$6,888.34
Balance for Jan	\$1,952.81
BALANCE ON HAND	\$9,667.54

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Second Harvest Food Bank has taken over operation of the Marshall mobile food bank. They have changed the food bank dates to the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month at 3:30 pm in the high school parking lot. **If you wonder if there is a cancellation or not, go to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, Find Food, Mobile Pantry Schedule.** The next few distribution dates are:

Monday-March 9	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-April 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-May 11	3:30 pm	high school parking lot

RENTALS OF FELLOWSHIP HALL The fellowship hall is available to rent. The price for active members is a one-time event fee of \$25.00. The fee for all others is **\$50.00 per hour**. If you are thinking you may be interested in renting the hall, please contact the church office by calling 608-655-4246 or sending an email to htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com, to check on scheduling and details. **REMINDER: No beer, wine, or alcohol of any kind is allowed in the building or anywhere on the church property.**

SIMPLY GIVING

The program was created by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and is operated by Vanco Services, LLC. Simply Giving is an easy-to-use and trusted platform for you to give money online through electronic giving. This program allows you to set up automatic, monthly withdrawals from your bank account. You can get the form from the church office, fill it out, and return it to the office.

PLANNED GIVING TO HOLY TRINITY

1. 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.
2. Gifts that do not restrict their use (**unrestricted gifts**), allow Holy Trinity to use these resources where they are most needed.
3. **Restricted gifts** are monies designated for a specific purpose that advances our mission, such as support to a specific initiative or program.
4. Give to the church's **Endowment Fund**. You may now use our online giving, through holytrinitymarshall.com to make a gift directly to our Endowment Fund. At a time when secular non-profits 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.

(Dan Timpel has joined the Endowment Committee. If anyone has questions or wants to make a donation to this fund or the Memorial Fund, they should contact Dan Timpel, Todd Madaus, or Owen Raisbeck.)

5. You could also choose to designate **a portion of the proceeds of your IRA to Holy Trinity** each year. We are grateful to members who have chosen this option as a way to make a sizeable annual gift.
6. Naming Holy Trinity **as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy** can convey assets in larger amounts without disrupting your current cash flow.

CHURCH NEWS

Worship every Sunday at 8:30

Worship every Wednesday at 6:30/Catechism at 6:00

First Communion celebrated March 1st

M/W Food Pantry March 4th 12:00-1:00

Second Harvest (HS parking lot) March 9th at 3:30

WELCA March 10th at 12:30/Council meets at 5:30 (time change!)

Event Planning March 12th at 5:00

Sunday School March 15th at 8:30 following Children's Message

Bake Sale March 15th following worship (date change!)

Quilt Tying March 17th at 12:30

Quilting Day March 21st 9:00 – 3:00

Blood Drive March 26th 12:00-5:00

Palm Sunday Worship March 29th 8:30 (pancake breakfast following)

HEADS UP! WAY UP!!!

If you wish to submit an announcement for a bulletin, you MUST submit it to the office (htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) by the Wednesday prior, as bulletins are printed on Thursdays.

For articles to be included in the newsletter for the following month, they MUST be received in the office by the 22nd or they will not be included! Waiting for late articles puts more stress on office staff and newsletter helpers. Getting your newsletter information in on time is a courtesy to others involved in the process. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated.

Quilts for LWR As quilt-making continues here at Holy Trinity, we always have an ongoing need for the supplies that go into making the quilts. Thank you to all our members and friends who keep an eye out for fabric that family members are disposing of and fabric that is available at garage sales and estate sales. We continue to request new bed sheets, used bed sheets, tablecloths, large pieces of fabric, etc. Even well-worn sheets are useful as the middle layer of a quilt. We welcome anyone who wants to get involved in making quilts either by meeting at church, by sewing at home or by cutting fabric squares at home.

One of our quilt groups meets at church 12:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to sort donations, prepare donations for use in a quilt, and tie the layers of a quilt together. Our other quilt group comes to church on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 am. Sewing machines will be provided.

Please join in various quilt tasks on our quilt days for whatever amount of time you have to contribute. We are grateful for all the support we receive from our Holy Trinity family that allows us to donate quilts to the Lutheran World Relief mission of providing quilts to people in need in the US and around the world. **Please continue to provide new fabric that can be cut into squares for making quilts. It's then possible for someone to take the next step and cut 11-inch squares of fabric and donate them. **

ELCA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS. Per Constitution and bylaws of the ELCA, a person must give a monetary gift and receive Holy Communion at least once every calendar year to be a member. Holy Trinity is required to keep records of both giving and communion. (If you put cash in the collection plate, that is not a contribution of record. We need to know that your contribution came from you. (There are extra contribution envelopes on the Welcome Desk in case you need one.) Please fill out a communion card at least once a year and on the day that you commune. That way we can make a record of it. Place your last name and first name of each person taking Communion on the card along with the date. You may place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also request a visit from the Pastor on this card.

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 website, 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 organists, office manager, treasurer, financial contribution secretary, custodian, ushers, readers, communion assistants, WELCA, Altar Guild, those who lead Sunday School, provide catechism instruction and First Communion instruction, and worship leaders. Thank you also goes out to those who serve on our Church Council and the Event Planning Committee. Thank you to our quilters, volunteers who continue to work the Second Harvest mobile food bank, and volunteers on the Wednesday noon shift the first of each month at the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry as well as those who help at the Food Pantry throughout the year. Thank you to those who care for our grounds and parking lot. We also appreciate the helpers who assemble the newsletter for mailing, and everyone so willingly donating time and materials to maintain the church. Apologies if anyone was missed. Thank you all.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry is on 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. If you or someone you know needs help, make use of this resource. The hours are Wednesdays from noon-1:00 pm and again Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm. Saturday hours are from 9:00-10:00 am.

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is Monday – March 9th at 3:30 in the HS parking lot.

Did you know that Staples will take several electronic items in-store for recycling? Call your local Staples store with questions or check their website.

Foodshare Helpline 877-366-3635 If you are in need, or know someone who is, contact this agency to see if they can help.

Wisconsin Home Energy Plus Program at 1-866-432-8947 or 608-267-8601 is available if you need help with your utility bills. Give them a call to find out if you qualify.

Palm Sunday Word Search

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