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Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Dear Friends,

Well, I'm a week into my time with you as your Interim Pastor. So far, so good, from my view! I'm enjoying meeting people, learning names (which often takes me two or three or five tries), learning your particular ways of worship, and just generally settling in.

One of the first things I've noticed already is your warmth and friendliness. Sure, you've been welcoming to me; the point where I really have seen your warmth and caring has been during the passing of the peace at worship. It takes you so long to pass the peace! Make no mistake, this is a very good thing.

I can recall a time when the church I was part of as a boy had a bit of a church fight over the passing of the peace. Many members did not want to take part in this time at worship. Mind you, this is decades before Covid19 and social distancing - that wasn't a reason. I don't know, maybe it was because we were a bunch of shy, stoic Norwegians; for whatever reason, my church stopped passing the peace at worship. Now that's a sad thing.

When we pass the peace at worship, it's more than a greeting or, "Hey, how ya doing?". It's not our own peace that we're passing. That's good news because sometimes we might not feel peaceful, and we have no peace to pass. When we pass the peace at worship it's the peace of the Lord that we're passing. Christ not only has peace, he is the source of peace, and he has plenty to pass. We take it in faith, then, that it is Christ's peace we pass to each other. This is a peace which can bring healing for inner turmoil, or even mend a broken relationship. Good news, indeed.

See you in Church!

Pastor Darin

Holy Trinity Members:

I have a question for you. **CH----CH** What is missing from this church? **UR!** I know that the COVID-19 virus made it hard to follow services, especially when we had to close for a year. We are, and have been, back inside since Easter and attendance is extremely low. We currently have over 150 active members on the roster and lately we've had 30-35 people on Sunday and less on Wednesday. I hope you did not stop attending because Pastor Raabe left. I know she was a wonderful pastor, but you must give our interim pastor a chance and later our new pastor when we call one. The call process will begin soon, and the call committee will need input from the congregation as they prepare to call a new pastor. Holy Trinity depends upon the offerings of its members to operate and meet its expenses. Most importantly we all need God's word and God in our lives. We need young families to bring their children to church and Sunday school. Today more than ever our children need to be shown the right way to go. With other groups telling them to go this way or this is what is right, we need to make sure that God's way is the only way they go. We need to get our youth more involved in our church also. It seems that after confirmation they are done with church. Perhaps the leadership in our church is partly to blame. We do not have anything for the youth to keep them interested in coming to church. The council will be taking up this matter soon. It all starts with parents coming to church and encouraging their children/youth to come too. Please consider coming back to Holy Trinity and worship with us. We miss you. I pray to God that he will inspire you to come back to church.

Yours in Christ,  
Gary Waalkens, Council President

**IT'S ALMOST HERE! HOLY TRINITY GARAGE AND BAKE SALE, AUGUST 12-14, 2021 UPDATE**

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

Our annual Garage and Bake Sale on **August 12-14** is fast approaching. We urge you to tell family and friends to continue bringing clean donations of gently used items in good condition. Holy Trinity has a great reputation for offering a well-organized sale that offers a grand display of worthwhile, valuable items. These items are popular with our customers: small and large furniture, tools, fishing equipment, sporting goods, books, and games. Please look around your homes and garages and ask your family and friends to do the same to discover no longer used or needed items to donate. These items should be placed in the east hallway of the church near the classroom on the right and outside the Sunshine Room. It may be possible to make special arrangements for the restricted items listed here. **We cannot accept TVs, entertainment centers, mattresses or box springs, sofa sleepers and reclining sofas, futons, baby items (such as car seats, cribs, and walkers), large appliances, items that are prohibitively large and heavy to handle, and hazardous or construction materials.**



Proceeds from the sale of **baked goods** add greatly to the success of our event. Donations of baked goods can be brought to the church kitchen on all 3 days of the sale. And, the garage sale display will be open to our members to shop before and after worship on Sunday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. Find it, buy it! It will be free or you can make a free-will donation.

**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 from 10:00am-2:00 pm every day of the garage sale. Laurine Martin and her committee have a menu of tasty foods that will be available in the food tent: brats, hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks and a “meal deal”. If you can provide cookies that will be sold in the food tent, please call or text Laurine at 608-712-4069.

It’s critical that there be adequate help throughout the prep days and sale days of this event. Look for the worker schedule on the WELCOME desk in the church entry way. Note that we will need workers for cleanup and haul away on Monday, Aug 16 and Tuesday, Aug. 17, as well. Please commit to some work time so to make certain that all hours of the prep and sale days are covered. Also, take a few flyers and share them with family, friends, and the community. We ask all of our members to promote and to support this important fundraiser in some way. This “fund-raising” event is also **FUN**. See you there!

**\*\*\*\*ATTENTION: Due to set-up for the garage sale, the fellowship hall will not be available until after August 16. \*\*\*\***

## **SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

*Submitted by Gary Waalkens, Council President*

I am sad to announce that July will be the last month that Holy Trinity will formally be hosting Second Harvest Food Bank. This decision was made for several reasons. One reason was based on a change in the distribution of food. It is no longer pre-boxed so volunteers must bag or box up the food prior to its distribution. Another reason for discontinuing the Second Harvest sponsorship here was lack of volunteers to help distribute the food. Many of the volunteers were older and/or came from other places besides Holy Trinity. Due to COVID and its changes, many of those older volunteers did not return. A small core of “regulars” had been doing the boxed distribution but it is impossible for them to continue the new distribution system on their own. Therefore the difficult decision was made to discontinue the Second Harvest distribution in Marshall with Holy Trinity as its partner. It is my understanding that the Second Harvest distribution will continue in the high school parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of August (**August 27**). If there are Holy Trinity members who still wish to volunteer, they should arrive at the high school around 2:30 p.m.

**\*\*A special “shout-out” to all the Holy Trinity Second Harvest volunteers past and present. Thank you so much for all of your hard work on behalf of this ministry..\*\***

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

We are excited to introduce a new Sunday School curriculum with fun activities and detailed easy to follow guides for teachers. Students will also have new informative educational bibles to work with.

Please contact Susy Pawl call/text at 608 345-5832 if you are interested in teaching Sunday School this Fall, either as a weekly teacher or substitute.

This Summer I have sorted through some of the leftover learner packets from previous years and I will be setting them out for families to take if they like. The reason they are leftovers is that the learner packets are not complete sets for a season of Sunday school and these materials have since been discontinued so they cannot be used as part of a future program.

More information coming soon for Sunday School sign up and fun!

**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.*

### **Thank you Lynn Weyer for agreeing to be Holy Trinity's Web Master**

**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**

Minutes from June 8, 2021 were corrected. Added to minutes 1. Gary is working on a diagram to show placement of fire extinguishers in the building. 2. Dan is getting quotes for the servicing of fire extinguishers.

It was noted on treasurer's report that Pastor's salary is lower because there is no need for housing allowance during the substitute pastor.

Pastor's Assistance Fund was discussed. Council decided to look into using a grant system.

Other churches use this type of system when help is needed. Dan will look into this.

Owen submitted a report on the copier lease we had planned to use. He found that the lease isn't financially good for our needs at this time. The printer we have is capable of running 5 million copies and we have 2.5 million left to use. Kathy now knows how to fix the recurring problem, with no recent service calls since September 2020.

The contract for the interim pastor is complete. He officially starts July 18th. Office hours Monday thru Thursday to start.

Dennis Woelffer has told Gary that Second Harvest will be done after July. Changes in the way food is put out and a lack of volunteers are two main reasons. Discussion was had with no solution.

Working on Call Committee.

Question was asked if we could change council meeting time to 6:00pm all agreed that would be ok.

*Respectfully submitted by Carol Woldt*

### **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.*

### **DEADLINES!!!!**

If you wish to submit an announcement for the bulletin, you must submit it to the office ([htcstaff@holyltrinity-marshall.com](mailto:htcstaff@holyltrinity-marshall.com)) by the Wednesday prior as the 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. Our "goal" is to have the newsletter in your hands by the first of the month if at all possible. Thank you!

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

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to provide a treat to share following our Sunday 10:00 worship service . 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 **August 3 at 1:00 pm** at the church for a bible lesson and dessert.

**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. (August 17).** 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. (August 21).** 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.

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**Our website, [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, 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.

**Red Cross Blood Drive at the church from 1-6 pm on Thursday August 19.**

**FoodShare Helpline 877-366-3635**

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