



## THE HOLY TRINITY HERALD

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### HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### FROM PASTOR LISA

Let me tell you something about myself. I don't like being told what to do. At a very young age, my mom told me something like: "We don't do that here." To which I replied, "I'm not from here."

So imagine my reaction when at seminary, we were told we had to give away 10% of our income. My defenses automatically went up. Not because this wasn't a good idea. It's called a tithe in the Bible. It's just that I don't like being told what to do.

Of course, I had always put money in the offering plate, but just a little here and a little there. Then I was called to a church in rural Wisconsin where for the first time, I had a real salary. It was time to write some checks.

I thought I'd resent it, but instead I felt joy flowing through my pen and onto those checks. I felt joy, not because I was doing what I was told or doing the right thing, not even because I was helping others. But because I was letting go of my desire to keep what I thought was "mine."

As I wrote those checks, I felt released from that instinct to guard what I considered mine. The joy was in knowing I could give something away and not be less for it, that I was more than my money or my belongings or my job. And that God was in charge of my life, including my financial life.

Fortunately, I developed the habit of giving early in my adult life--because there have been times when I feared not having enough. Without that habit, I would have had trouble giving that much of my income away because there were bills to pay and children to provide for. By writing those checks, my husband and I learned we could give and still have enough.

Now, I worry more about having enough for the future, for retirement. But I have this habit of giving to fall back on. I don't write checks anymore. I use PayPal or simply giving or online banking to share my money with my congregations and nonprofits that help those without adequate food or housing.

Online giving isn't as satisfying as writing checks, but I don't have to worry about not getting it done. These days, it's better to rely on automatic giving than my own memory, especially in the summer when life is full of fun things to do, and I'm not always thinking about my routines. Plus, summer is a time when most congregations experience a significant drop in giving yet still have bills to pay.

Every little bit counts for congregations these days, and no matter how much you give, your congregation exists because of your generosity. Thank you for remembering Holy Trinity, summer, fall, winter and spring! Blessings to you all.

**REMINDER:**

If you need to reach Pastor Lisa, email her at [nelsonkosky@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonkosky@gmail.com). The [pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com](mailto:pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com) email is no longer checked on a regular basis. Thank you.

**FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT** *submitted by Candy Lauby*

It's almost August! Summer goes by way too fast. With the garage sale a few days away, if you have time, volunteer to help or stop by the garage sale July 31 - August 2 (from 8-5). Lunch is every day from 10-2 and there is also a bake sale if you would like to donate any yummy treats. The next blood drive is Thursday August 14 from 11-4. Another easy way to help those in need. During some of these hot days, remember you are welcome to bring in a cool beverage to worship if it is in a covered container. Thank you for being a part of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. All of you make it a wonderful place to worship. Please tell any family and/or friends to join us because as you know...all are welcome. 😊

**JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – not available as of the date of this printing**

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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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## **GARAGE SALE AND BRAT SALE** *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

**Update: Garage and Bake Sale July 31-Aug 2 from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Thank you! Many garage sale donations have already been brought to the church. This is a great time to clear out items in your home that you and your family no longer want. Check with family and friends, perhaps they will donate items. Most donations will be displayed in the fellowship hall so your bags of donations can be taken there. Furniture and other donations can be placed in the narthex. The church is open during these hours when office staff is present: Tues – Thurs 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. Special arrangements for donation drop off can be made by calling Linda Baldrige, 608-655-4178.

Check the church bulletin board for the signup sheets for workers to help on the garage sale preparation days, July 28-July 30 and sale days, July 31-Aug 2. Thank you to the members who have already volunteered work hours.

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 starting on July 28 and on all 3 days of the sale.

**Lunch in the Parking Lot 10:00 AM-2:00 PM each day**

Laurine Martin and her team will serve BBQ sandwiches, brats and hot dogs in the church parking lot. The popular “meal deal” includes a sandwich, chips, homemade cookie and drink. All items can be purchased separately.

We ask all our members to promote and support these important fund raiser events in some way.

## **JUNE FINANCIALS**

<b>Income received in June</b>	<b>\$4,413.00</b>
<b>Obligations paid in June</b>	<b>\$6,673.48</b>
<b>Balance for June</b>	<b>(\$2,260.48)</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$5,501.82</b>

**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-August 11	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-September 8	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-October 13	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](mailto: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.**

#### **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](http://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, replacing Jack Erb. 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.

#### **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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

Garage Sale & Brat Sale July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Every Sunday Worship at 8:30

Wednesday Worship is on Aug 6th, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20th at 6:30

M/W Food Pantry Aug 6th 12:00-1:00

Second Harvest (HS parking lot) Aug 11th at 3:30  
WELCA Aug 12th at 12:30/Council meets at 6:00  
Blood Drive Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00-4:00  
Event Planning Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00  
Quilt Day Aug 16th 9:00-3:00  
Quilting Tying Aug 19th 12:30

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, which is not a contribution of record. We need to know if 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](mailto:htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) and let us know that.

**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 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 helped at the Food Pantry during the month of April. 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.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in April. Our next month to host is October.

**Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is Monday –July 14th 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.