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FROM PASTOR LISA

Remember back in the old days when we had to find our way using maps. And they'd start tearing where they'd been folded and refolded. Pretty soon they've fallen apart, but you still use it, even if it's in pieces.

Has anyone used a Plat Map? Someone gave me a Wisconsin one when I arrived at my first church in the southwest corner of the state. One time, I got lost. It was dark, but there were actually street signs. I managed to find this little road that went nowhere in the Plat Map and to work my way back home. It felt like a map miracle!

If you look at a picture of a labyrinth, you can see the way to the center and the way out—like on a map. But once you move into the labyrinth, you can no longer see the way to the center. You twist and turn along the path, trusting that you will get there. And it's the same thing on the way out. That's the point of the labyrinth. It's circuitous, meaning it doesn't take a direct way to your destination, in this case the center. Looking back at your life, how much of it did you plan? Or if you did plan it, did it go the way you wanted? Did you take a longer path than the direct way there? Were you surprised by where you ended up or how you got there?

Christians have been using labyrinths for over a thousand years as a tool for prayer and self-reflection and to be closer to God. The center of the labyrinth represents God, and as we twist and turn our way to the center, we're moving toward God. While we walk, we can pray for ourselves, our friends and family, and the world.

Even though we can't see the path to the center, to God, we eventually get there. And there we can stop and pray for our relationship with God and ask God to help and guide us. I find that walking the labyrinth brings me peace every time. That's because time with God soothes our soul. It helps us find our center and gain perspective. It helps us remember the peace we have in Jesus.

There's no wrong or right way to walk the labyrinth. I've seen kids run the labyrinth or skip and sing. Often for the sake of time, I take the circuitous route to the center, stay there a few minutes, and then walk straight out. There's no right or wrong way to God, and God promises to walk with you and to be there for you, no matter what path you're on.

This summer, give the labyrinth behind the church a try. It's mowed right into the grass. Christians have been using labyrinths for over a thousand years as a tool for prayer and self-reflection and to be closer to God. Maybe I'll see you there! —Pastor Lisa

REMINDER:

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

OFFICE MANAGER

Karen Browne has started as Holy Trinity's office manager. Her office hours are, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. If you are at church during these times, peek your head in and say hello!

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT *submitted by Candy Lauby*

Greetings!!! Spring has arrived. I was able to attend the Synod Assembly with Pastor. It was a very nice meeting and learned much about being a part of the ELCA from behind the scenes. While there, it reminded me that I love our saying "All are Welcome". For me, it feels good knowing I and everyone else are welcome at Holy Trinity. To know you won't be judged for who you are or what you do. To have a safe place to go and embrace your faith. To know we work together when there are good and bad times. And if you are going through a rough time in your life, a wonderful place to find peace and strength. How great is that?! Please remember we offer Wednesday night services the first 3 Wednesday's in June, July and August at 6:30.... All are welcome.

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

2025-2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Student Representative	VACANT

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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Laurine Martin, Financial Secretary: 608-712-4069 laurinemartinbk1010@gmail.com

DRIVE-THRU SPAGHETTI DINNER *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Final tally of our event: \$2,300.00. Dinners delivered: 216. There was a steady flow of cars through the Holy Trinity parking lot on May 8th as “dinner guests” came to pick-up a delicious spaghetti dinner. Thank you to those who offered their time, talent and financial support to make this an event that benefits our church while providing a worthy community event. The money from the sticky note envelopes was used to update banners and purchase dinner supplies, containers, etc. Your generosity is appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

This past month we celebrated the last day of Sunday School for the current school year with a service event. Our wonderful children hosted a fellowship hour for the congregation following service complete with hand-drawn placemats, an array of delicious treats, and of course, many smiles. The kids helped set up the room for the event, catered to tables, and helped clean up doing dishes and putting away chairs. Each child did a spectacular job. Thank you to the congregation and families for supporting our amazing youth. Thank you, Diane, for helping with running the event!

As usual, Sunday School will be out for the summer. Please stay tuned as we are looking to provide some special summer activities to stay in touch.

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Garage and Bake Sale and Brat Fry-2025

Looking ahead! The dates of the Garage & Bake Sale and the parking lot Brat Fry are Thurs, July 31-Sat, Aug 2. You can start now bringing GS donations to the church during these hours: Tues-Thurs from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Or arrange a drop-off time with Linda Baldrige, 608-655-4178. This is our major fund raiser so please consider how you can support these events. Ways to give support now: attend planning meetings and spread the news about the event to family and friends. There is a planning meeting set for Thurs, June 5th at 5:00 PM...you are invited to join the group!

APRIL FINANCIALS

Income received in April	\$8,646.50
Obligations paid in April	\$7,080.50
Balance for April	\$1,566.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$13,008.28

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-June 9	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-July 14	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-August 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.**

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, 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) 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.

CHURCH NEWS

Every Sunday Worship at 8:30

Wednesday Worship is on June 4th, 11th, & 18th at 6:30

M/W Food Pantry June 4th 12-1

Event Planning June 5th at 5:00

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

WELCA June 10th at 12:30/Council meets at 6:00

Quilting Tying June 17th 12:30

Quilt Day June 21st at 9:00-3:00

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 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 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 –June 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.