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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

We are in negotiations with Pastor Lisa Nelson to have her become our 1/2 or 1/3 time pastor. We have to come up with a benefit package that is acceptable to her and us. With the Lord's help we can make this a reality. Pray for it to happen. We are having a meeting with her on The 23rd of July to talk about this. Pray for a positive outcome.

We are in need of a Sunday School Superintendent and teachers. Please if you can, consider filling these positions. We can't let our children's Christian education fall by the wayside. I am sure Susy and Cheri will help orient you into the job if you ask them. Please let a council member know or call the church office if you are interested. I have a printout of the duties of the Superintendent that I will give you a copy of. Please don't let the children down.

I will be discussing with the event committee about having an employee/volunteer dinner to thank everyone for everything they do for Holy Trinity and God's work. I will let you know more when plans are made, and a date is set. I am considering having it catered if it is not too costly. Stay tuned for more details.

We need people to usher and read on Sundays. We would like to be able to have a team for every Sunday every month. The second and third Sundays are already taken. We need a team for the first and fourth Sundays and readers then also. Please search your hearts and help out with these Sundays. Everyone that can needs to step up and help if we want to keep Holy Trinity going.

God bless you all. Yours in Christ,
Gary Waalkens, Council President

THE EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE *submitted by Stephanie Woodley*

On July 10th, 2024, there were 9 members in attendance: Gary Waalkens, Carol Woldt, Linda Baldridge, Cheryl Kiersten, Cheri Harwood, Deb Percy, Darlene Raisbeck, Kathy Schluter, Stephanie Woodley. All working hard to make the garage sale a success as always. In addition to this group there are many others that work behind the scenes and at the events to make these events a success. Just to let everyone know increasingly more of the congregation are assisting in these events. How Wonderful! Garage sale is scheduled for August 1st to 3rd (8am to 5pm Thursday/Friday and 8am to 3pm on Saturday). We will be changing the pricing this year for most items "pay what you think it's worth." A few items will be priced. There will be a sign-up sheet posted at the church for those who wish to assist at the event. On Sunday, August 4th, after the 9:30 service the sale will be open to the

congregation and their families, accepting goodwill donations. Hoping for a Great Event as always!
Thanks to all!

Just to let everyone know there will also be a brat and bakery sale. Come and ENJOY!

2024 GARAGE & BAKE & BRAT FRY *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Weeks ago, we announced that our garage and bake sale is scheduled for August 1-3 and we have been accepting garage sale items. You may continue to bring your donations to our church at 9:00 on Mon, July 29 -Wed, July 31. Small furniture, other household items, tools and sporting equipment are very popular sale items. We need your help to make this fundraiser a success. Please **help on garage sale preparation days, July 29-31** and **sale days, Aug 1-3**. Check the church bulletin board for the volunteer sign-up sheets and help when you can.

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 the days prior to the garage and bake sale and on all 3 days of the sale.

Parking Lot Lunch August 1-3

Laurine Martin and her team will serve grilled brats, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches in the church parking lot from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on all 3 days of the garage sale. The menu will include chips, homemade cookies, and drink. The "special meal deal" will include a sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink.

We ask all our members to promote and support this important fundraiser in some way.

Garage Sale-Two More Things

Holy Trinity members and friends: You are welcome to browse through the leftovers of our garage and bake sale on Sun, Aug 4th after worship. **Find It, Take It!** This will help with the clean-up after the garage sale. Pay?? That's your choice.

Clean up: We will meet at the church on Mon, Aug 5th at 9:30 am to box up/bag up garage sale left-over items and clean up our building. Please help with this final phase of our garage sale event. On Wed, Aug 7th, a truck from St. Vinny's Thrift Store will come to pick up left-over sale items.

Questions can be directed to Linda Baldrige at 608-655-4178.

MAY & JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

On May 14, 2024 the Council met for its monthly meeting. All council members were in attendance. The meeting began with an opening prayer.

Gary stated April was quite a month and was thankful for the help from all. He's asking that we need to think outside the box. Larry brought copies of the Isthmus to the meeting to have the council read the article on page 16. Larry talked to another church about the article.

The property report provided by Larry was reviewed. Discussion focused on church cleaning, outside organizations that use the church and how we best take care of the building and work successfully with the organizations. Ideas such as contracts and deposits were brought up.

Stephanie came as a representative of WELCA to discuss the church dishwasher. DeVere gave two bids to WELCA. One for a used dishwasher and one for a new dishwasher. It was decided to purchase the used dishwasher for \$2,400, which does not include plumbing or electrical work.

For the music licensing council approved paying this bill.

Larry talked about the insurance renewal and the steep rates given and will talk with an agent to see if there is a solution.

Various other items discussed were WELCA and Pastor Brent's vacation. Pricing guidelines for church usage will be addressed next council meeting

The meeting ended in prayer.

June 10, 2024 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-Acting secretary, Larry Legro. Council VP

Meeting started at 6:01 pm-Missing members were Candy Lauby and Secretary Carolyn Madaus
Opening Devotion was provided by Council President.

There were no minutes available to approve from the May meeting.

President's report: called for collegiality and respect during meeting discussions and staying within the subject of the agenda during that topics discussion period.

Property Report: not provided in writing this month. Property replace all 4 d fluorescent bulbs in men's bathroom, and was responsible for finding a flaw in the plumbing for the replacement dishwasher.

Old Business:

Dishwasher: there was no estimate for the plumbing work being done by a local plumber. The electrical work does not seem to have a timeline, and will be performed by Matt Stensven member electrician. An error in the plumbing was discovered and rectified.

At 6:36 PM member Karen Brown abruptly got up, stated she quit, and walked out of the meeting due to frustration with Larry Legro monopolizing the meeting.

Property and Liability insurance (approx. \$21,000/year) and Workers compensation Insurance (Approx \$925/year) has been obtained. Larry worked on this.

Music license is now also paid for (without the podcast, broadcasting rider).

New Business: Discussion of the idea for hosting an appreciation dinner ended with undecided and move it to planning committee.

Church Wedding Funeral charges: Larry suggested to change word "Custodian" to "Setup and Cleanup" person.

Interim Pastor: discussions with the Synod are ongoing.

Open Discussions: Talked about Pastor Brent's writing of letters of Holy Trinity excommunication to members who have not contributed or communed the past year. This must be looked into further.

Meeting adjourned 7:04 PM.

YOUR 2024-2025 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 Gary Waalkens if you would like to be the voice for youth in our church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

Vacation Bible School was tremendous fun and brought some new friends. We met over two afternoons and read several Bible stories with our main focus being 'The Good Samaritan'. The kids made traditional crafts from various cultures and played a variety of games (including a lot of badminton). We also had a special visit from some educational animals: Jupiter the super-cute corn snake and Franklin the sometimes speedy desert tortoise. It was a lot of fun! Many thanks to Cheri for volunteering to teach again this summer and to the families and congregation for making this possible!

The Sunday School program is looking for **teachers** for the upcoming 2024/2025 Sunday School year which begins in September. No previous experience is needed, just a desire to guide and support the kids in their spiritual journey! The role of **Sunday School Superintendent** is also now open. If you are interested in learning more about either of these fun and meaningful opportunities or how you can help, please contact the church council or call the church office.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will begin sometime in September. If you have any youth who will be in 7th or 8th grade this coming school year to continue their faith journey by preparing for confirmation, please email the church at htcstaff@holyltrinity-marshall.com or call 608-655-4246.

JUNE FINANCIALS

<i>Income received in June</i>	\$ 19,284.50
<i>Obligations paid in June</i>	26,723.31
<i>Deficit for June</i>	- 7,438.81
<i>BALANCE ON HAND</i>	\$11,669.33

PROPERTY REPORT *submitted by Larry Legro – Property Committee Chair*

Upon arrival to the church Sunday morning 7/21/24 at 7:30 AM it was discovered that the outside water faucet that was moved and re-installed last summer by local plumber Mike Pache had apparently broken through its silver solder weld and was spewing water inside the wall under the two kitchen sinks.

A replacement refrigerator was obtained by Cheryl and Dave Kierstan to replace the one that quit working.

The annual organ maintenance and service was completed on Thursday 7/18/24, with the cost of \$410 donated by two of our active members. Mark Snyder of Music Solutions from Jefferson WI does the work.

The timers for the church outside lights and parking lot were adjusted so they do not come on at 4:30 pm in the summer. They will now come on at 8 pm and go off around midnight. They will be adjusted in the fall for winter timing when it gets dark at 4 pm.

Noticed the weeds staring around the landscaping again due to all the summer rain.

Labyrinth was mowed by Steve Weisensel on Saturday 7/20/24. He will mow the milkweed if it is in the way of his mow paths. He left the milkweed in the center but asks that someone weed that area

or else he will have to mow it also. A cordless weed whip might resolve the “weeding” of that center of the Labyrinth. If there is any dispute of the milkweed removal, then he will NOT mow it anymore.

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. Therefore, the next few distribution dates are:

Monday – August 12	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-September 9	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-October 14	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.**

JOB OPENINGS AT HOLY TRINITY

Volunteer Coordinator to work with our Council and leadership teams to help recruit ushers, readers, communion servers, and other volunteers as needed. A wonderful way to get to know people. *Please contact a Council member or the church office if you are interested.*

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 their 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 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.

You could also choose to designate a portion of the proceeds of your IRA to Holy Trinity each year. We have been grateful to members who have chosen this option as a way to make a sizeable annual gift.

You may now use our online giving, through holytrinitymarshall.com to make a gift directly to our Endowment Fund.

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.

The Endowment Committee recently met and Dan Timpel will be joining the Committee. He will replace 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.

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

Thurs Aug 1- 3	Garage & Bake Sale & Brat Fry
Wed Aug 7	Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry, 12:00-1:00 pm
Mon Aug 12	Second Harvest in HS parking lot, 3:30 pm
Tue Aug 13	WELCA 1:00 pm/Council meets, 6:00 pm
Wed Aug 14	Event Planning, 6:30 pm
Thurs Aug 15	Blood Drive 12:00-5:00 pm
Sat Aug 17	Quilting Day 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tue Aug 20	Quilt Tying, 12:30 pm

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 of 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.) This is also why we have begun using communion cards. Please use one card per family each time you commune. 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 secretary, treasurer, custodian, ushers, readers, communion assistants, WELCA, Altar Guild, those who lead Sunday School, and worship leaders.



Thank you also goes out to those who serve on our Church Council, Call Committee, 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 volunteered for Wednesday night and Saturday morning shifts. Special thank you to all the volunteers who worked the food pantry during the month of July. Thank you to the person who cares for our grounds. 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 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. If you or someone you know needs help, make use of this resource.

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 –August 12 at 3:30 in the HS parking lot. The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Holy Trinity on Thursday – August 15 from noon to 5:00 pm. To register, go to their website.

Did you know that Staples will take a number of 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 of 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.

August Word Search



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| AUGUST | BEACH | CAMPING |
| SUMMER | SWIMMING | HIKING |
| SUN | ICE CREAM | RELAXATION |
| HEAT | BBQ | SUNSCREEN |
| VACATION | PICNIC | TRAVEL |

