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FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings,

Here we go again, Easter is almost here. Your council looked at “where are we.” It was decided that as a congregation we need to be looking for new members. The council felt as if the members were giving all they could. Getting new members was the way to go. This isn’t always the easy way to go, but we must. As I explained last month it costs about \$60,000. a year for a half time pastor. This is what it takes to get a first call pastor. No experience. If you want an experienced pastor with a few years in the ministry, it will take more dollars. A pastor with my years’ experience, the base salary is about \$59,000 plus benefits. As you can see, we have some work to do.

In other things the council worked on was a new contract for me. I have been here two years already. They decided to extend me a new contract for another year. There were only a couple of changes. The supply rate went up from \$175 to \$210 plus 67 cents a mile. These are the IRS and the synod guidelines. My salary and benefits stayed the same. I am serving 1/3 time at \$34,230. This includes my salary and benefits. I am to preach 2 Sundays a month. I supply the balance at supply rate.

Blessings, Pastor Brent

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Spring is upon us. The time for growth and new birth of things, like the new life that our Savior Jesus Christ gave us by his death and resurrection.

We need to increase our membership so we can get a permanent halftime pastor. I welcome any ideas from you, the congregation, on how to do this. One idea is to have a booth at this year's Main Street Mania. I know some of you think that if we get a new pastor our membership will increase, but our membership needs to grow and thus our offerings before we can get a half time pastor. I don't think anyone will want to take on a church only one third time. The council needs your help.

April is our month to host the food pantry. Please sign up for a shift or two. Wednesday 7-8pm or Saturday 9-10am. This is a great family activity. I need at least four people for each shift. Thank you in advance.

With summer coming means the end of school and the end of Sunday School and Confirmation classes. I ask the parents of the children in these classes that you continue bringing your families to church. Christian education doesn't end with the summer vacation. Please supplement the education they get at church at home.

Keep Holy Trinity and its people in your prayers.

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

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION *submitted by Kathy Schluter*

Holy Trinity has hired a new office manager. Her name is Holly Davidson. She began training last week. Her office hours are mid-week (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday) from 9:00-1:00. If you are ever in the building during those times, feel free to poke your head in and introduce yourself. Welcome aboard, Holly!

THE EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE *submitted by Stephanie Woodley*

Committee members met on Wednesday March 13. Six members were present. Finalization of the pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday was discussed. The event followed the 9:30am church service in the fellowship hall. Flyers had been placed in the bulletins each week.

WELCA sponsored a green carnation distribution on March 17, St Patrick's Day.

The Spaghetti dinner is April 25th from 4:30-6:30. Again, anyone is welcome to help with the event and it would be appreciated. Why not join the fun and support the church, any amount of participation is appreciated. I know we're all busy, but even an hour or two would help to continue making the event a GREAT SUCCESS like it has been every year. Support the members that always participate in the events. You don't have to go to the meetings to participate. There is generally a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and details can be explained with a member to contact.

Next meeting dates April 10 and 17th to plan the Spaghetti drive thru event. Thanks in advance.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

About 55 people attended the Fellowship Pancake Breakfast following worship on Palm Sunday. A delicious breakfast was served. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this happen and to those of you who attended. A total of \$375 was raised in generous free will offerings.

DRIVE THRU SPAGHETTI DINNER *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Looking ahead! The popular Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru will happen this year on Thursday, April 25th from 4:30-6:30 pm in our church's parking lot. As before, orders will be taken on the spot and prepared fresh for each driver. For \$9 each, a full spaghetti dinner, with lettuce salad, French bread and dessert will be brought to each car. Please think about helping with this event: Early prep on the

day of the event: prepare food in our kitchen, afternoon of the event: assemble carry-out containers with dinner items, during the event receive dinner orders and prepare the food bags for delivery to the cars, at the close of the event help with clean-up. There will be many opportunities to be involved in making this another great community event that also benefits Holy Trinity. Look for the sticky note board in the narthex that will post the supply items needed. Take one or many sticky notes and bring the items to the church kitchen by Wed, April 24. Please be a part of this special event. There will be a volunteer worker sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Right now: spread the word to friends and relatives. Questions? Contact Linda Baldridge 608-655-4178 or the church office.

MARCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *submitted by Carolyn Madaus*

Meeting was called to order on March 12th by Gary Waalkens at 6:35 PM. Everyone was there except Karen Browne. Opening Devotion: Pastor Brent

Motion by Pastor Brent to move the Boy Scouts representatives speaking to Council to the beginning of the meeting, 2nd by Carol. Gary began with a request that all be able to speak. There were several representatives from the Boy Scouts available to discuss an issue. The Scoutmaster acknowledged we are all in this together and asked how we move forward. Pastor wants to resolve and move forward as well. The Council member involved explained his view of the disagreement. Pastor suggested having the Council Member involved not be present in the building when Boy Scouts are having meetings or events. Gary suggested that another person should be liaison to the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scout meetings are on the church calendar. The Boy Scouts would like to have the new liaison attend their leadership meetings. The Scoutmaster suggested Matt Stensven may be a good fit as the liaison.

Gary stated we are not getting help from the synod because of our budget. We need to ask people to give more and or try to increase membership. You need to have \$60,000 for a half time pastor.

The Treasurer's Report from February 2024 was reviewed and approved.

The Pastor reported that he has to attend webinars about anti racism training starting in April.

Larry provided detail on various property items. The property report was read and approved.

Gary provided a list of rates for church usage. There was an interview today for the church secretary job. The candidate is hoping for Tuesday through Thursday and 4 hours a day. For the dishwasher Carol and Stephanie looked at the manual. Repair estimates will be gathered.

Pastor's contract is coming up for renewal. Everything will stay the same. The mileage amount will change for Sundays when supply pastor. Candy is now an admin for the Facebook page. Candy will write up the procedure for the Facebook page. Gary asked if we can meet at 6:00pm starting next month.

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, second by Pastor.

The meeting ended with prayer. Next meeting is at 6:00PM on Tuesday, April 9th

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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CATECHISM classes are set for every Wednesday in April at 6:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

This past month in Sunday School we got egg-cited for Easter by preparing our own Easter eggs for Holy Week. We filled each egg with the Bible scripture to read for the day and a little bit of candy. Then, during Holy Week the kids could open their eggs on the assigned days to follow the story of Easter with their family.

Thank you to WELCA and the Sunday School teachers for helping to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to our wonderful congregation for donating eggs and candy for the hunt.

There will be no Sunday School on April 21st.

Coloring Contest! During the month of April there will be a coloring/drawing contest for children 4K through 5th grade. To enter the contest, pick up a coloring sheet from the table under the Sunday School bulletin board anytime in April. The theme of the coloring is for children to share what caring for God's creation means to them. Coloring sheets should be turned in on Sunday, April 28th prior to 9:30 service. The winners of the contest will be announced during service. Must be present to win. Thank you!

FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

<i>Income received in February</i>	<i>\$ 9,169.00</i>
<i>Obligations paid in February</i>	<i>6,609.41</i>
<i>Balance for February</i>	<i>2,559.59</i>
<i>BALANCE ON HAND</i>	<i>\$14,885.04</i>

MARSHALL-WATERLOO FOOD PANTRY 117 E. Madison Street (Hwy 19), Waterloo

April is Holy Trinity’s month to host the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry. At least 4 volunteers are needed for each shift. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Volunteers are needed for each Wednesday night in April for the 7:00-8:00 shift and for every Saturday in April for the 9:00-10:00 shift. Volunteers should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the shift. This is a great family volunteering opportunity. Thanks so much for your support of this important ministry.

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 – April 8	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday – May 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-June 10	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

Every Wednesday	Catechism class at 6:30 pm
Wed April 3	Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry, 12:00-1:00 pm
Tue April 9	WELCA 12:30 pm/Council meets, 6:00 pm
Wed April 10 & 17	Event Planning Committee meets, 7:00 pm
Tue April 16	Quilt Tieing at 12:30
Sat April 20	Quilting Day 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sun April 21	No Sunday School
Thur April 25	Spaghetti Drive Thru 4:30-6:30 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.

A handwritten-style cursive script that says "thank you". The letters are fluid and connected, with a decorative flourish at the end of the word "you".

Thank you also goes out to those who serve on our Church Council, Call Committee, and the Event Planning Committee. Thank you to our volunteers for the blood drive, 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. Thank you to the volunteers who helped on the pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to our snow plow guy always at the ready. 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 –April 8 at 3:30 in the HS parking lot.

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.

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