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FROM THE PASTOR

From Pastor Lisa Nelson:

We have five catechism students this year: Lilly Poster, Zach Aguero, Brody Chadwick, Kayleen Aguero, Sierra Stensven, and Blake Blaschka. They meet with Kathy Denean every other Wednesday and every other Sunday. I thought you might like to learn some of the things they've been learning, such as the names of the parts of our church building and worship space.

- When you come into the church building, you enter the **Narthex**, which is the gathering space that leads into the church. Narthex is Greek for enclosure.
- The **Nave** is the central part of the sanctuary where people sit. Sanctuary refers to the whole space where we worship.
- The **Chancel** is the area around the altar where you find the altar, pulpit, lectern, and often the baptismal font.
- The **Eternal Flame** represents the eternal presence of God.
- The **Altar** is where the pastor consecrates the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.
- On the altar, there is usually a **dish (paten)** for the bread and **cup (chalice)** for the wine.
- The **Baptismal Font** holds the water with which people are baptized.
- The **Pulpit** is where the Gospel is read.
- The **Lectern** is where the other Bible readings are read.
- The **Paraments** are the liturgical cloths on the altar, pulpit, and lectern. The different colors represent the different seasons of the Church year.
- The **Paschal or Christ Candle** is lit for the Sundays of Easter, as well as baptisms, and funerals.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Things are starting to fall into place. We have a new pastor, attendance is up, we have resumed our Wednesday evening service, and it is being well attended. There is only one thing missing. Children. I don't see that many children in church anymore. Sunday School is once a month, but I would like to see children in church on the other Sundays or Wednesday evenings. Jesus said of children "Of such is the kingdom of God". If we could get more teachers, we could have Sunday School every or every other Sunday.

We are coming to the end of the year, and the council will be turning their attention to the 2025 budget and looking for nominations to fill two empty seats that will be open for 2025. Please consider serving on the church council.

If you have a child or children in the fifth grade this year let me, or the office know so I can order enough material for First Communion classes which I will start after the first of the year. I would also like your input on what day works better for you. If Wednesday doesn't perhaps Saturday or another day.

Let's keep Holy Trinity going in the right direction. Keep the church and its people in your prayers.
*God bless you all. Yours in Christ,
Gary Waalkens, Council President*

FALL CHILI TO GO FUNDRAISER 2024 *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Fundraiser total: \$1066.00. This fall on Thursday, Oct 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM Holy Trinity provided a tasty "Chili to Go" meal in a bag. Cars started arriving early at our church parking to order chili. Efficiency was the name of the game as volunteers took orders and delivered the meals, served the chili, and bagged the chili. Certainly, our customers appreciated the quick turn-around time in receiving their meal. The church voicemail even received a "shout out" exclaiming praise for the food and volunteers. The event organizers thank everyone who contributed in some way to this event.

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE *submitted by Stephanie Woodley*

Our group met at 6:30 PM on Wed, October 9 to finalize the Chili Drive-thru event that happened on Thurs, October 17. This will be the last of the fundraising events for this year. No planning committee meetings are scheduled for November and December. We will resume meeting on Wed, January 8, 2025, at 6:30pm. Thank you for the commitment of this group to provide special Holy Trinity events.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *submitted by Carolyn Madaus*

Meeting was called to order by Gary Waalkens at 6:00 PM. Attendees: Gary Waalkens, Larry Legro, Carolyn Madaus, Kathy Schluter, Karen Browne, Pastor Nelson, Candy Lauby and Carol Woldt. Opening Devotion by Kathy.

Council Minutes from August 2024 Were Reviewed

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Candy. The minutes were approved.

President's Report- Gary asked we cooperate and compromise. We all must be willing to do what we can. Please raise your hand with questions or concerns.

Treasurer's Report-The August 2024 Financial Report was reviewed. Ask Owen about the stained-glass amount of 18,052.52 and the difference from the contract. Motion made to approve both the July and August Financial Reports...Pastor Lisa and Carol 2nd.

Pastors Report- Worship at 6:30pm Wednesday, Confirmation at 6pm. No worship when there is no school that Wednesday or it is 20 below or more. Question came up if a pastor would be needed if Pastor Lisa is off. Pastor had a conference on October 10th. No Sunday off in September. Off Sunday 10/6/24. Off November 15-17 and November 18-25 and off December 8th. Pastor will keep track. Karen made a motion to allow Pastor Lisa to defer 6 days of vacation till next summer, 2nd by Carol.

Property Report-

Old Business and New Business- October 17th we will have a drive thru chili event. Larry mentioned sponsoring a youth ball league. There was a brief discussion about the Labyrinth. The center needs to be weeded. Larry will mow the center of the Labyrinth. The insurance inspector had a list of items that need to be addressed. Larry has taken care of all the items. For communion cards we can leave them out with a sign saying fill out a card once a year. Kathy asked about Sunday school. Pastor met with Kristie, Diane and Susy and Kathy Deneen. Susy will talk to other parents.

At 6:50 pm Carol made a motion to adjourn. Candy 2nd the motion. Gary has opening prayer in October. The meeting ended with prayer. Next meeting is at 6:00PM on Tuesday, October 8th.

YOUR 2024-2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

In October, the children explored lessons from the book of Matthew regarding our feelings and how God wants us to act/choose what to do with our feelings. We learned some techniques to help us realize our needs and feelings and be mindful of our words and actions. We also made a delicious snack of 'monster mouths' which involved apples, marshmallows and candy corn. (Many thanks to Diane Leathers for helping teach Sunday School!)

Our next Sunday School will be Sunday, November 17th from 10-12 in the fellowship hall in which we will have a 'regular' lesson and also hope to do a little Christmas prepping with the kids.

Speaking of Christmas, the pageant is tentatively scheduled for the 'usual' date of Sunday, December 15th. We plan to hold a couple practices so the children feel prepared; these practices will take the place of Sunday School as we focus on the birth of Jesus. We are also tentatively planning a caroling event as we'd like to provide a fun opportunity for kids to help others and spread some Christmas cheer. Dates and times TBD.

CONFIRMATION: EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY FROM 6 TO 7 P.M. (see calendar)

EVERY WEDNESDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP IS AT 6:30 PM UNLESS MARSHALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED OR THE TEMPERATURE IS 20 BELOW OR MORE.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

<i>Income received in September</i>	\$ 5,727.50
<i>Obligations paid in September</i>	5,970.29
<i>Deficit for September</i>	-242.79
<i>BALANCE ON HAND</i>	\$12,373.47

MARSHALL-WATERLOO FOOD PANTRY 117 E. Madsion St. (Hwy 19), Waterloo

Two to three volunteers are needed to serve the 12:00 noon-1:00pm shift the first Wednesday of every month. Someone is needed on November 6. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

October was Holy Trinity's month to host the Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry. Thank you so much to those who gave of their time and service in this ministry during October.

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 –November 11	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-December 9	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-January 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, 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

Wed Nov 6	Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry, 12:00-1:00 pm
Sun Nov 10	Sunday School Bake Sale
Mon Nov 11	Second Harvest in HS parking lot, 3:30 pm
Tue Nov 12	WELCA 12:30 pm/Council meets, 6:00 pm
Wed Nov 13	Event Planning, 6:30 pm
Sat Nov 16	Quilting Day 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sun Nov 17	Sunday School 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tues Nov 19	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 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.) 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 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 October. 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 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.

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is Monday –November 11 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.



Thanksgiving



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| Thanksgiving | pilgrim | pumpkin | turkey | dressing | cranberries |
| pilgrim | indian | autumn | pie | cornucopia | feast |
| mayflower | november | stuffing | rolls | cornbread | drumstick |
| gratitude | thankful | Massachusetts | Plymoth | squash | wishbone |
| yams | grandma | grandpa | uncle | aunt | cousin |
| family | mother | father | brother | sister | carve |
| gobble | traditions | fall | leftovers | acorns | |