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I'd like to raise up one of the things that impresses me as the "new guy" here at Holy Trinity. That is your willingness to take steps to protect each other and all our neighbors. The world (and therefore, we) is experiencing what is counted as the fourth wave of the Covid 19 pandemic; and this is proving to be the quickest and worst one. We had begun to experience the relief of not needing to wear masks at all times and being once again able to gather indoors. But the Delta variant has pulled that out from under us. Dane County has reissued a mask mandate in order to once again attempt to quell the rise of Covid in our communities. This has been disheartening, to say the least. And yet, I have witnessed a willingness at Holy Trinity to step back into Covid precautions. Let's look at the things that drive us, as Christians, to make these choices. There are three questions to ask ourselves when faced with the call to go back to restrictions.

Is it truthful? Are our precautions based on the truth of a deadly virus (based on the reality of the data and overwhelmed hospitals) or on our own pursuit of personal comfort (which is not inherently truthful or reality)? The virus does not (and has not ever) care about whether we are comfortable with the vaccine or masks. It's just a novel virus that is highly contagious with severe outcomes (both hospitalizations/death and long COVID-19 after-effects). Delta has changed the game - the other variants were not near as contagious. One person with Delta can infect 6-10 others (the previous variants were 1-3). Hence, it can spread quickly. Our precautions based on the truth that the Delta is quickly spreading around the world.

Is it faithful? Given the transmissibility of Delta that is exploding in nearly every state, is it faithful to wear a mask in your church? Faithfulness according to the Cross of Christ is loving God *and* loving neighbor - of living out as ambassadors to *God's* Kingdom that calls us to align our comforts, allegiances, and freedoms according to the Cross. Faithfulness *proves* our allegiance according to that Cross - not according to how people feel about masking and vaccines. Would Jesus display his faithfulness with a mask and vaccine if He were physically walking the earth today? He gave up his freedom and power as *God's* son, and took up the Cross. It's not a big leap to realize that he would also take the vaccine and wear a mask in these days. This raises the third question.

Is it loving? Is it loving to our neighbors in our congregation, community, cities, towns, and friends to choose masking in our church? Loving our neighbors means taking the Cross-centered road of wearing a mask and getting a vaccine to protect the most vulnerable - those that you see in your congregation and those you see in the grocery store and those in the hospitals. Delta has made this even more evident.

It's not easy and it's certainly not comfortable to live with these choices but, aligning ourselves with the Christ of the Cross, it is faithful and loving. SO, I'm grateful to see our church taking these steps – as a matter of living out our faith.

See you in church.
Pastor Darin

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Hello Holy Trinity Members,

Due to the rise of COVID -19 cases because of the Delta Variant we have had to make some changes in the way we worship at Holy Trinity. The Dane County Public Health Department has issued a mask mandate that went into effect at 12:01 am on Thursday August 19. Everyone over the age of 2 must wear a mask inside Holy Trinity. Also, as a result of that mandate we have gone back to the individual cups and wafer for communion. We also have decided to discontinue the coffee and treats after the service on Sundays. I know you all are disappointed about this but it is a precaution to keep everyone safe. For now, we will still be worshiping inside on Sunday and Wednesday. We have also had to limit the number of people that can gather in the fellowship hall to 40. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

We persevered and with God's help made it through the first COVID outbreak and we will also come through this one with God's help.

On another note, we are in the process of putting together our Call Committee for calling a new pastor. I will keep you posted as to how that is proceeding.

Let us all keep the faith and know that this, too, will pass.

Yours in Christ
Gary H. Waalkens Council President

HOLY TRINITY GARAGE & BAKE SALE/BRAT FRY RECAP

Linda Baldrige & Carol Woldt, Garage Sale Co-Chairs
Laurine Martin, Brat Fry Chair

Final tally of money from the Garage Sale/Bake Sale/Brat Fry is \$4,867.27. This figure includes the money from items sold on Marketplace after the end of the garage sale. Thank you to Stephanie Woodley for her skills using social media. You ask, "Was it worth the weeks of planning and hours of work by many members that produced this money for our church."



You be the judge. Of the total money earned during our 3-day event, \$1,070.00 was the profit from the brat fry. Tiffany Chadwick applied for and received a \$250 Thrivent Grant to help with food and other supplies for the brat fry. Linda Baldrige applied for and received a \$250 Thrivent Grant that was used to pay for advertising in the Hometown Advertiser and The Courier, for a cash tray, updates to our garage sale banners, postage and print supplies.

Carol Woldt and Linda Baldrige were chairpersons for the garage and bake sale. Laurine Martin, Dennis Woelffer, and Larry Legro organized and ran the Brat Fry. And, as in the past, Deb Percy was busy at church all summer long organizing the garage sale donations.

Holy Trinity again hosted a worthwhile community event that benefited the Marshall community and our congregation. Kudos to all who contributed time, effort and money to making this important fundraiser a success. A special "Thank You" to all those who contributed a variety of baked goods to sell and also cookies that were sold at the brat fry. The bakery selection was especially great this year.

Perhaps you have suggestions for a 2022 garage sale/bake sale/brat sale. Or, you have suggestions for another event that would benefit Holy Trinity. Share your thoughts to one of us or to a church council member. Again a huge Thank You to everyone who participated in any way!

CONFIRMATION BEGINS! Confirmation will begin on September 22 at 5:00 pm. We will once again gather in person (YAY!) and with masks. We will be focusing on the Apostles' Creed this year using a fun curriculum called re:form. It uses humor, hands-on experiences, and general silliness to dig into deep aspects of the Christian faith. Kids will receive an "AntiWorkbook" which will be tattered, stapled, glued, drawn in, and quite effective throughout our time together. A detailed schedule will be sent to families soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE by Susy Pawl, Superintendent

Mark your calendars as Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept 12th! Sunday School will be held during the 10:00 Sunday morning service with children attending the first ~10 minutes of service to hear the Children's Message and then heading to class. School will end when service completes so families do not need to wait around.

Children grades 4K to 6th are invited to attend. We have an exciting new curriculum this year with fun activities and games and our teachers are ready to go!

Please register your child/children today, by filling out the attached form and returning either by: email to susypsnuffles@gmail.com or mail to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 52 - Marshall, WI 53559 ATTN: Sunday School. You may also drop off the completed form at church in the folder attached to the Sunday School bulletin board in the narthex. It helps to know the numbers of children attending so we can have learner packets ready.

Interested in teaching but not every Sunday? Consider helping out as a substitute teacher or assistant teacher. Not yet 18? Don't worry, you can still help out and we would love to have you! Contact Superintendent Susy Pawl by email at susypsnuffles@gmail.com or text at 608 345 5832.

Sunday School Fall 2021 Registration Form

Please fill out all information

Parent/Guardian Information	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip code:	
Email address (church use only):	
Best Phone Number:	
Parent/Guardian Signature & Date:	

Child #1 Information	
Child's Name:	
Grade:	
Age:	
Special needs/allergies/concerns:	

Child #2 Information	
Child's Name:	
Grade:	
Age:	
Special needs/allergies/concerns:	

Child #3 Information	
Child's Name:	
Grade:	
Age:	
Special needs/allergies/concerns:	

- I have been notified of Holy Trinity's Child Protection Policy.
- I agree that my child/children will adhere to current COVID requirements as applicable.
- I am interested in learning more about becoming a Sunday School teacher or substitute teacher.

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 the 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 nonprofits 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 very grateful to members who have chosen this option as a way to make a sizable annual gift. You may now use our online giving, through holytrinitymarshall.com, to make a gift directly to our Endowment.

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. Please contact Endowment Investment Committee Chair Jack Erb with any questions at jackaerb@gmail.com or 608-215-5098

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Second Harvest Food Bank has taken over operation of the Marshall mobile food bank. They have decided to change the food bank dates to the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the high school parking lot. Therefore the dates for the remainder of the year are:

September 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
October 11	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
November 8	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
December 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot

If Holy Trinity members still wish to volunteer, they should report to the high school parking lot at 2:30 to bag individual items before distribution.

MISSION QUILTS FOR LWR Come and See! On Sunday, September 12th, the mission quilts that are made by Holy Trinity's quilt groups will be on display in the nave during worship service. During the service, Pastor Darin will bless the quilts. On Saturday, Sept 18th, Laurie and Steve Weisensel will take the boxes containing the quilts to the rail car waiting in Madison. This is the site of the "ingathering" of donations to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) from area churches that will be distributed around the world to people in need. The train goes to Baltimore where the quilts are stored until they are sent

where needed. The count of our quilts for this shipment is 48. Thank you to the women who participate in every phase of making these quilts here at church and at home. Thanks also to the many church members who have donated money and supplies to the quilt project. The quilting group typically meets at the church on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm. We welcome anyone who wants to get involved in making quilts. LWR mission quilts connect hands and hearts around the world.

JOB OPENINGS AT HOLY TRINITY (**all volunteer positions, but you get the fancy-sounding title!)
Please contact a Council member or the church office if you are interested.

Tech Director This position may include making videos of worship services and posting them to our YouTube channel; creating PowerPoint slides and running the projector during worship; or other innovations that would put technology to work for the benefit of the Holy Trinity community.

Volunteer Coordinator Work with our Council and leadership teams to help recruit ushers, readers, communion servers, and other volunteers as needed. A great way to get to know people better!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Carol Woldt

At the Council meeting on August 3, 2021 the Pastors Assistance Fund was discussed. It was decided that we would explore using a grant system for distribution of these funds. More discussion will follow as we learn more about this plan.

Covid 19 is again a concern. It is recommended at this time that we begin to wear masks during church service. It was also recommended that we limit the number of people who come to the altar in groups.

Our computer system is being upgraded.

Second Harvest will continue at the High School parking lot. High School students will help serve those who come.

Attendance at church was discussed. We will be reaching out to the congregation in all areas of media.

The electronic piano is being looked at to see if it can be repaired. The council will be meeting soon to put a Call Committee together.

YOUR 2021-2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

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

DEADLINES!!!! If you wish to submit an announcement for the bulletin, you must submit it to the office (htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) by the Wednesday prior as the 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. Our “goal” is to have the newsletter in your hands by the first of the month if at all possible. We know that doesn’t always happen, but we try. (NOTE: It didn’t happen this month due to computer issues.) Thank you for your cooperation!

TREATS TO GO In view of the uptick in COVID cases and the Dane County Public Health mandate, there will be no formal fellowship in the narthex following 10:00 a.m. sanctuary worship until further notice. So no treats or coffee for now. Sorry.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday – September 12 at 10:00 a.m. is Rally Sunday. There will be a blessing of the 48 quilts assembled by our quilting group which will be shipped out on September 18 for Lutheran World Relief.

Sunday School resumes on September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

The **Women of the ELCA (WELCA)** will meet on **September 14 at 1:00 pm** at the church for a bible lesson and dessert.

Quilts for LWR Please continue to provide new fabric that can be cut into squares for making quilts. It’s possible, also, for someone to take the next step and cut 11-inch squares of fabric and donate them. **Quilting Day is usually the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. However, there will be no Quilting Day in September or October.** Come and join us in November when it resumes. All skill levels are welcome; you can stay all day or for part, as your schedule allows. A great time for fun and fellowship.

Quilt tying is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (September 21). Our quilters are thankful for all who have supported Holy Trinity’s mission to make quilts that are sent around the world by Lutheran World Relief.

Confirmation Classes for all confirmation students will resume in-person with masks on **September 22 at 5:00 pm.** Our four rising 9th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, October 31, 2021 by the interim pastor.

Offering Envelopes If you are giving electronically we will no longer be sending you weekly offering envelopes as well. However, if you DO wish to receive weekly offering envelopes, please e-mail htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com and let us know that. Thank you.

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 organist and secretary and custodian, Sunday and Wednesday ushers and worship leaders and those who serve at drive-in worship. Thanks to the handlers of our Facebook and website. Thank you to volunteers who continue to work the Second Harvest mobile food bank, our quilters, again to everyone who made the August garage & bake sale/brat fry fundraiser a huge success, our dedicated Council members, those who assemble the newsletter for mailing, those so willingly donating time and materials to maintain the church, and those who keep our grounds looking so well-manicured. Apologies if anyone was missed. You all are appreciated more than you know.

thank you



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. Hours are Wednesdays from noon-1:00 p.m. and again Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday hours are from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you or someone you know needs help, please make use of this community ministry.

The Red Cross Blood Drive held at the church on August 19 had 33 people presenting as donors, with 29 units of blood collected. The next blood drive at the church is scheduled for October 21 from 1:00-6:00 pm. Thank you to Carol Johnson-Hohol and Larry Legro for assisting with the blood drives.

FoodShare Helpline 877-366-3635

Wisconsin Home Energy Plus Program at 1-866-432-8947 or 608-267-8601