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FROM THE PASTOR

I'm getting settled here at Holy Trinity. I work 15 hours a week with you and have office hours on Tuesdays from 11 to 2 and Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 and worship following at 6:30.

There are times when my other duties will keep me from being at the office during those times, but you'll usually find me there. Being there on Tuesdays gives me a chance to visit with the quilting ladies and lead the Bible Study with the WELCA ladies.

I'm getting to know the confirmation students and hope to get to know the Sunday School children as well. Right now, we have Sunday School once a month from 10 to noon--which Sunday to be announced.

I'm also thinking about leading Sunday School on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 with a Bible story and craft or game. I also could make that Wednesday worship completely kid friendly—with kid friendly music and musical instruments for the kids to play and a children's sermon instead of a regular one.

Before I decide to do anything, I'd like to hear if parents think this would be something they'd like. I'd also want someone to help me during that time. We could even have dinner at 5:30 if the parents would be willing to join me for that. Parents, what do you think?

One of my mottos is "Do what works!" That's why Sunday School is once a month from 10 to noon. Because that's what works for the parent leaders. If we get more volunteers, we can have Sunday School on more Sundays. I apply this motto to almost everything, including raising my own children. It doesn't make sense to do things that aren't working.

I also visit people who are homebound or in the hospital. So, if you know someone who is, please let me know who and where. I'm not bad at detective work, but it's better if someone just tells me.

One last thing: I believe that God is at work in our world and not just within the walls of the church building. God is at work at home and school and work, in your neighborhoods and communities. I encourage you to take a walk in your neighborhood or beyond and ask yourself what you notice. What might God be up to because God is surely up to something.

Then, ask yourself if God is inviting you to join in that work somehow. You may not know how—not yet. But ask the question anyway. Maybe someone in your neighborhood or community, workplace or school needs to know someone has noticed them, that someone cares. You never know how you might make a difference in the life of another.

Enjoy the fall! Pastor Lisa

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is Holy Trinity's month to host the food pantry. I need volunteers for Wednesday 7-8pm and Saturday 9-10am. Please sign up for a few shifts. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The installation service for Pastor Lisa will be on October 27 with the Reverend Walter Baires officiating. Please plan on attending that Sunday.

We are still looking for a property committee. Please consider being a part of this.

Our Wednesday evening service is going well. It was met with enthusiasm.

God Bless you all and keep Holy Trinity and its congregation and Pastor in your prayers.

God bless you all. Yours in Christ,

Gary Waalkens, Council President

FALL CHILI EVENT FUNDRAISER 2024 *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Fall is here and coming soon is the chili event at Holy Trinity. In the past, our fall chili event happened around noon on a fall Sunday. This year there will be a Chili To-Go event on Thursday, October 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM. For \$9.00, each customer can drive through the church parking lot and pick up a Chili To-Go meal or meals that includes a generous bowl of chili, crackers, bread, sour cream, grated cheese and 2 homemade cookies. It is a great "meal deal" so spread the word to your family and friends. Take a flyer from the Welcome Desk to remind yourself and a friend of this event. And **mark your calendar so you won't miss it.**

Please support this fall fundraiser. If you would like to be involved in planning and/or working at this event, please check the church bulletin board for a worker sign-up sheet. Our next planned meeting will be on Wed, October 9th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome at the meeting.

HOLY TRINITY LABYRINTH *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Did you know that there is a labyrinth located on our property on the grassy area south of the Holy Trinity parking lot. Just take a short walk up the slight hill and you will come to a mowed area where you will see a circular design in the grass that is created by mowing the grass at 2 different levels. This is the Holy Trinity labyrinth that was created years ago by the work of Robin Anderson, wife of former Pastor Paul Anderson, and other Holy Trinity members. In recent years, our members, Steve and Laurie Weisensel, have been up keeping and mowing the grass of the labyrinth. Laurie and Steve have indicated that they would like other members to share in this task (a thank you to Larry Legro for mowing recently). If you are interested in the labyrinth and/or would like to help with its upkeep, please contact the church or Laurie and Steve.

In the Middle Ages, walking a cathedral labyrinth was a substitute for going on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Not everyone could make the long and arduous journey to the Holy Land, so walking a labyrinth in a church was a devotional activity. Today meandering labyrinths are often used as walking meditations, to focus the mind and put the walker in tune with the greater reality metaphorically represented by the labyrinth.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity has hosted Marshall area blood drives for the past several years. The blood collected at these events contributes to those people in need of critical blood. A drive was recently held on August 15, 2024, at the church and resulted in a collection of 27 units of blood. The next blood drive

will be held at Holy Trinity on October 10, 2024. If you are able, please consider donating much needed blood to help people in need of this life-saving product.

AUGUST 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 and Pastor Nelson. Candy Lauby and Carol Woldt arrived at 6:30pm. Opening Devotion by Carolyn.

Gary requested if you want to speak, please raise your hand and Gary will call on you.

Council Minutes from Jul,2024 Were Reviewed

Correct to Pastor Lisa, not Mary. Correct names for Sunday school Susy and Cheri. Strike the item about Karen.

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

President's Report- Gary requested we work with Pastor Nelson and let's work with cooperation.

Treasurer's Report-The July 2024 Financial Report was reviewed. Need to ask Owen about the stained-glass amount of 18,052.52.

Property Report- We need to have a property committee. Kathy asked if we should put in the bulletin about needing a property committee. Larry will be a mentor. VP should be a liaison to the property committee. Gary will write an article and place it on Facebook. Larry worked on the plumbing freezing item and Larry will get a second guy to look at it from Fort Atkinson. Larry will do a little cleaning. There is mold. He explained about the copper pipes, and they will break even in July. The dishwasher is now operating.

Old and New Business- Rally Sunday was September 8th. The Superintendent could also teach. Last year it varied on the number of students. Pastor Lisa is willing to work with children at services. Kathy explained the kids came into church for the first part, got the children's message and left for Sunday school. Laurie Wiesensel may be interested in teaching again. For insurance purposes, we should document that we do background checks. Kathy asked what if we have no Sunday school teachers? Gary will get a letter off regarding our need for teachers. Maybe we should delay it till later. Pastor talked about her meeting with parents to get ideas. Could meet in the evening soon. Possibly September 4th. Pizza and lemonade, bring your kids. 6pm. The new service time was pretty well attended this time of year. Carol mentioned being involved with MABA. Are we interested in setting up a booth possibly. Pastor Lisa is willing to remove the 6 months within the contract. Pastor Lisa doesn't want it to be interim pastor. Also, she would like more flexibility so take out the 2 times per week in the office. Pastor would like one established day. Pastor will probably be here two times per week but there will be times when not because of other church activities. Will work Tuesday 11-2pm. Carol brought up the chili dinner. It is after church and with the church time changing should we eliminate it? Maybe breakfast in place of chili. Gary asked if we are all agreeable. Steve and Laurie take care of the labyrinth. Carol is wondering if it's good to keep it up. Larry mentioned putting in the Courier. Larry said there is a stake right in the middle of it for measuring. Kathy asked about the volunteer appreciation event, Gary will talk to the event committee and Kathy said WELCA had discussed.

Karen made a motion to accept the changes to Pastor Lisas contract. Second by Carol. Motion passed.

A refrigerator has been purchased per Carol. Pastor asked how many confirmands there are. Kathy said 5 last year.

At 7:15 pm Candy made a motion to adjourn. Karen was second. The meeting ended with prayer.

Next meeting was at 6:00PM on Tuesday, September 10th. (No Sept. highlights @ this time). The next meeting is Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00PM.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

We are excited to have had our first Sunday School lesson on Sunday, Sept 29th from 10-12! Diane Leathers and Susy Pawl are teaching and are ready for fun! The next date for Sunday School is **Sunday, October 20th from 10-12** in the fellowship hall. 'School' is **open to youth 4K through 5th grade** as Communion doesn't start until spring.

Diane and Susy are planning to run this similar to Vacation Bible School; with a central theme and lesson and then do activities that help us put the lesson into practice. Also, we will be planning on holding a Christmas pageant with some additional fun activities so please stay tuned! Feel welcome to contact Susy with any questions or feedback at susy@snyffles@gmail.com or 608 655-3437.

If you're wondering why Sunday School is currently just once a month, here is the story.... In early September Pastor Lisa held a meeting for families to discuss what to do about Sunday School as there was no one available to commit to teaching and to inquire about the change in time of service. At the meeting, Diane Leathers and Susy Pawl offered that they could commit to teaching once a month for a longer lesson. It was also considered that some children live outside the village and a Wednesday night would not work for them. Some of the present families also expressed concern over the kids getting to church on time and their ability to enjoy it with the earlier service time, so it was decided that we would test out holding Sunday School after service, from 10-12. We are still open to having additional Sunday School options if anyone becomes available to teach so, please reach out to Pastor Lisa or Susy if you're interested!

Coloring Pages & Books Now Available!

There is now a basket of coloring materials and books for children to use during service as needed. The basket is located at the back of the sanctuary on the wooden chair by the door. Please feel welcome to take home the coloring sheet and return the supplies following service. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION: EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY FROM 6 TO 7 P.M.

Catechism started on Sept 11th, but students are still invited to join us. Kathy Denean will be teaching classes every other Wednesday at 6pm and every other Sunday at 8:45. Pastor Lisa will be getting to know the students on Wednesdays. If you know of a 7th or 8th grader who should continue their spiritual journey, please have them come join us.

AUGUST FINANCIALS

Income received in August	\$ 3,675.00
Obligations paid in August	4,365.84
Deficit for August	-690.84
BALANCE ON HAND	\$12,616.26

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

The exterior overhang outside the kitchen sinks was reinsulated with a plan recommended by an onsite consultation with an insulation company, and the copper pipe that ruptured in August was repaired by the licensed plumber. Larry donated his time and materials used.

The insulation project was pending prior to the pipe breaking and was taken care of by Larry, AFTER he resigned from the property committee July 31, 2024. Over 10 hours were spent removing siding, drying the wet interior, insulating, replacing, and resealing the siding.

All 5 furnace rooms were reorganized, and all unnecessary storage was removed due to our insurer's demands. These cannot be used as storage space anymore, but with a few exceptions.

The Council VP is charged with Chairing the Finance Committee. In accordance with our ELCA Constitution and Bylaws, it is required we audit our treasuries prior to the annual meeting in 2025. The net worth of Holy Trinity will then be presented at the Annual Meeting with hopefully a new budget. Please consider volunteering for the Audit Committee, we should have up to three people to look at all the bank accounts, including the Memorial fund and the Endowment fund.

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 October 2. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

October is also Holy Trinity's month to host the Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry. Wednesday evening shifts are from 7:00-8:00 and Saturday morning shifts are from 9:00-10:00. At least 3, if not 4, volunteers are needed for each shift and should arrive 15 minutes prior to the shift start. A sign-up sheet is also posted on the bulletin board for these shifts. Please help if you can. This is a great volunteer opportunity. Thank you to those giving their time and service in this 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 –October 14	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-November 11	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-December 9	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 Oct 2 Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry, 12:00-1:00 pm
Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 9:00-10:00 am

Tue Oct 8	WELCA 12:30 pm/Council meets, 6:00 pm
Wed Oct 9	Event Planning, 6:30 pm
Thurs Oct 10	Blood Drive 12:00-5:00 pm
Mon Oct 14	Second Harvest in HS parking lot, 3:30 pm
Tues Oct 15	Quilt Tying
Thurs Oct 17	Chili Drive Thru Fundraiser 4:00-6:00 pm
Sat Oct 19	Quilting Day 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sun Oct 20	Sunday School 10:00 am – 12:00 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.) 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

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 September. 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 –October 14 at 3:30 in the HS parking lot.

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Holy Trinity on Thursday – October 10 from noon to 5:00 pm. To register, go to their website.

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 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.

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 17 4:00-6:00 Come enjoy Chili & More!

