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MEET THE PASTOR

Hi, I'm your new pastor and I can't wait to meet you! Some opportunities for us to meet are:
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. worship and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. worship

AND please join me, parents and caregivers of Sunday School age children, on Wednesday, September 4 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. This will be a chance for us to talk about what you, as parents, want for Sunday School and what might work for you. Bring your kids, and we'll have pizza.

But let me tell you a little about myself right here. I went to college at Fresno State. Go Bulldogs! Then, straight to seminary at Luther in St Paul. My first call was to Wiotra Lutheran in Wiotra in the southwest corner of Wisconsin. My second call was to Bethel Lutheran in downtown Madison.

I was married to my husband, Robb Kosky, in 1998. He was a pastor at St Paul's Lutheran for a long time. And we moved to Sun Prairie in 1999. I left Bethel to stay home with our twins, who were born in 2001. Our third son was born in 2005, making us part of the My Three Sons Club.

In 2008, I took a call to Faith Lutheran in Columbus and in 2019, I left there and went to St Mark's Lutheran in South Madison. I work 15 hours a week with the people of St Mark's, and now I work 15 hours a week with you all at Holy Trinity.

I am also a certified life coach and a mentor to Wartburg Seminary students via zoom. Right after high school, one of our twins went into the Marines and the other became a firefighter in Sun Prairie. The Marine got out after four years and is now a firefighter in Sun Prairie as well.

Our youngest son is starting his second year at UW Whitewater, studying biology. Robb is an interim pastor and currently serving at North Cape Lutheran in western Racine County. We also have a dog named Gandalf, whom we adore, even though he's a bit antisocial.

We're enjoying the empty nest, but we also enjoy that all three boys come by to visit quite often. We both love gardening and reading and traveling. We drove to Yellowstone this summer, and last summer, we drove to New York.

I'm looking forward to meeting you,

Pastor Lisa

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

PRAISE THE LORD!! we have a part-time regular pastor. The council and Pastor Lisa Nelson came to an agreement and a contract was signed. I encourage everyone to make her feel welcome. I look forward to working with her for the future of Holy Trinity. I hope all of you will too.

We need a property committee. These people will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the church inside and out. Someone with mechanical knowledge should be one of the members. Two or three members should be on the committee. Larry Legro has stated he will be willing to mentor the committee as needed. He will also be the liaison between the committee and the council. Now that we have a pastor, I am positive about the future of Holy Trinity. She seems to have some good ideas.

Keep Holy Trinity and its congregation and new pastor in your prayers.

God bless you all. Yours in Christ,

Gary Waalkens, Council President

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

The final tally of money from the Garage Sale and Bake Sale is \$4,463. This figure includes the money from items sold on Marketplace after the end of the garage sale and after worship on Sunday, Aug 4. Thank you to Stephanie Woodley for her skills using social media to sell our leftover items. The parking lot lunch stand earned \$1,548. Total money earned during this event is \$6,011. Three Thrivent grants for \$250 each were applied for and awarded. The grants were used for advertising and supplies for the lunch stand.

Carol Woldt and Linda Baldrige were chairpersons for the garage and bake sale. Laurine Martin, Dennis Woelffer, and Cheri Harwood 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. A special "Thank You" goes to all those who contributed a variety of baked goods to sell and, also, cookies that were sold at the brat fry. Once again, Holy Trinity 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.

FALL FUNDRAISER 2024 *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Upcoming event: **Chili Drive-thru**. Really? In the past there has been a Chili and More Event in our church after worship on a fall Sunday. However, since the dismissal of our Sunday worship service is about 9:30 AM, a Sunday morning chili event probably would not be popular. Our planning committee decided to plan a chili drive-thru event that will happen on Thurs, Oct. 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM. Planning is in the beginning stages so there are no details to share at this time. If you have ideas to share, are interested in planning and/or want to work at this event, please join the group at the next Plan Committee meeting on Wed, Oct 9 at 6:30 PM. A successful event is our goal. Please think about how you can contribute. All your ideas and thoughts will be appreciated.

NEW BENCH *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Please notice the attractive, new bench located between the double doors of our church's entrance. The bench is made partly of recycled plastic material. A recycling company, Trex®, upcycles approximately 400 million pounds of plastic waste material annually (shopping bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap and other plastic material) which is collected through retail partners and other

participating community groups. If a team collects more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics and packaging in a 12-month span, Trex® will award a Trex® furniture bench to the organization. The Marshall Lion's Club has teamed with Trex® and serves as a plastic collection location and was awarded a bench. Cheryl and Dave Kiersten have participated hugely in the collection of plastic material and requested that the bench awarded to the Marshall Lion's Club be presented to Holy Trinity. That request was honored and we now have a Trex® bench. Thank you, Cheryl and Dave, for your dedication to this recycling program and for your part in Holy Trinity being selected as the bench recipient.

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. It is an "Essential Service" that continues even during a pandemic such as COVID. 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.

Carol Johnson-Hohol is the American Red Cross Blood Program Leader for Holy Trinity Blood Drives. Carol and husband Larry are Red Cross volunteers at the Holy Trinity Blood Drives. If you have questions concerning donating blood, please call the local Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or ask your local volunteers.

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting was called to order by Gary Waalkens at 6:02 PM. Attendees: Gary Waalkens, Larry Legro, Carolyn Madaus, Kathy Schluter, Karen Browne. Candy Lauby and Carol Woldt arrived at 6:30pm. Opening Devotion by Larry.

Council Minutes from May 2024 Were Reviewed. The minutes were approved.

Council Minutes for June 2024 Were Reviewed.

President's Report- In the process of getting a pastor. We will have church at 8:30am.

Treasurer's Report-The June 2024 Financial Report was reviewed. There are questions and it was not approved.

Property Report- Larry provided detail on various property items. Topics included the thermostats, plugged toilet, carpet stains, Larry cleaning up after old dishwasher removed, doors left open, weeds taken care of, insurance inspection, trees to remove, Scouts not cleaning, power outages, refrigerator issue, furnace filters, highchair donation.

Old and New Business- Carol messaged Linda and Laurine about the communion bread and the refrigerator problem. Next topic discussed was there were some people who were excommunicated by letter by Pastor Brent including the Klevens. Next topic was having a volunteer dinner. The event may be in August. Next item discussed was Pastor Nelson who would be a part time pastor with us. Gary talked to the bishop, and we need to come up with a benefit package. We are looking at staying with what we have budgeted. She is with St Marks. Currently getting insurance with St Marks. Her insurance is around \$15,000. Owen said no taxes were taken out for Pastor Brent. Gary came up with a rough amount for a base salary we could give her of \$28,230. He is wondering about the housing allowance. For insurance possibly we would pay. Pastor Brent, we paid \$6,000 housing allowance. Pastor Brent was a 1/3-time Pastor. Pastor Nelson we are looking at 1/3 time also. Possibly \$9,764 to St Marks for the insurance. We would have to pay towards the pension a portion. Gary was not sure

about the Social Security. Larry mentioned having Owen at the meeting with the new pastor. Gary will set up another meeting with Pastor Mary. We need a new superintendent for Sunday School and Sunday school teachers. Sherry will be stepping away. Candy will put on the Facebook page. Candy put out a flyer about the garage sale. We need to like and share the Facebook page. We should ask the congregation to share also. Carol brought up about WELCA and Carol gave detail for the last 3 years of finances. Event money goes to building maintenance including the dishwasher and refrigerator and general fund. Carol mentioned there was no plumbing estimate and they stayed local. Carol talked to Matt S., and he has not responded back to Carol. Carol will reach out to a different electrician if she doesn't hear from Matt.

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, second by Kathy. The meeting ended with prayer. Next meeting is at 6:00PM on Tuesday, August 13th, Next month open devotion by Carolyn Madaus.

YOUR 2024-2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

The Sunday School program is looking for a **superintendent and 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!

CONFIRMATION: WEDNESDAYS FROM 6 TO 7 P.M., STARTING SEPTEMBER 11TH

Dear Parents,

I am teaching confirmation classes again this year. I have developed a curriculum for Student Impact. This class is designed to be a course in Christianity, looking at redemptive history, creeds, sacraments, and what it means to experience a life-changing and ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The class also covers a little bit of information about the Lutheran Church. This material is fundamental to our faith and is important for everyone to understand. The students will also learn how to be greeters, ushers, and readers. We will also work at the food pantry twice a year.

The students need to complete 14 sermon notes.

We have also added a ***Sunday Class called Youth Connect.***

September 8th will be the first day.

I am anticipating a wonderful year and am looking forward to the time we will get to spend together!

If you have any questions about Confirmation, please contact me, Kathy Deneen.

kldeneen@gmail.com or 608/279-0588.

In His service, Kathy Deneen

JULY FINANCIALS

<i>Income received in July</i>	\$ 4,885.23
<i>Obligations paid in July</i>	3,247.46
<i>Balance for July</i>	1,637.77
<i>BALANCE ON HAND</i>	\$13,307.10

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

Larry Legro has resigned from the Property Committee effective 7/31/2024 but as VP of the Council he is still charged with being the liaison to that committee. This means that while he is no longer to be an active committee person, he will share (mentor) his knowledge of the building and grounds with those who step into this position and report to the council what the committee does monthly. We are looking for someone to fill this position. It involves maintaining the property (inside and outside) as needed such as fixing things within reason and within abilities. Larry has taken all of his private tools home. Feel free to call him at 608-692-4177 and/or leave a voice message as needed.

As a last stand for the Property Committee, Larry will once again try to resolve the annual issue of frozen pipes in the kitchen and has consulted with insulation companies for possible mitigation. The siding has been removed for this work to be done soon. If pipes still freeze, the committee will have to deal with it. Larry will no longer drive to the church to monitor the dripping of faucets nightly or adding heaters to prevent these freeze ups. WE DO NOT and CANNOT have a frozen pipe break and an insurance claim for flooding. There are a few annual things to take care of within the church such as simply recalibrating seasonal timers, furnace filters changed, monitoring the thermostats as seasonal, etc. If questions, please consult with Larry. Larry will still be the "janitor"/maintenance person for cleaning.

Thank You for any consideration you can offer for this important committee.

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 –September 9	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-October 14	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-November 11	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@holyltrinity-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 Sept 4	Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry, 12:00-1:00 pm
Mon Sept 9	Second Harvest in HS parking lot, 3:30 pm
Tue Sept 10	WELCA 1:00 pm/Council meets, 6:00 pm
Wed Sept 11	Event Planning, 6:30 pm

Tues Sept 17
Sat Sept 21

Quilt Tying
Quilting Day 9:00 am – 3:00 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 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 August. 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 –September 9 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 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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