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FROM PASTOR LISA

I love autumn leaves! They turn beautiful right before they turn brittle and brown. And we know the trees will blossom with new green leaves in the spring. They teach us about endings and beginnings

Have you ever felt stuck? Or been in a situation you wanted out of? Have you ever been in a state of mind or had a feeling you just needed to shake. Learn from the trees as they shake their leaves off their branches and then turn over a new leaf in the spring.

This time of year, people are getting in their last vacations, getting ready for work, and coming back to church. Whether you've been traveling, enjoying time with family, or simply taking a needed rest this summer, know that we've missed you—and there's a place waiting for you here.

September is a time of new beginnings. Children return to school, routines take shape again, and our church life enters a new rhythm. In church, we're reminded of the gift of community and the joy of worshipping side by side. We hear familiar voices, share prayers, and are nourished by Word and Sacrament—together.

As you'll hear from a couple of others in this newsletter, we are kicking off this new church season on September 14th with an outdoor worship service at 8:30 a.m. followed by food and fun! This will also be the first day of Sunday School, and we can't wait to join the kids in the fun and games!

In Romans 12, Paul reminds us: *"For just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* As we return this fall, remember: Church is not just a building, but the body of Christ—alive, connected, and called to love.

We are excited to see you and to worship and grow with you this season. Let's step into this fall with hope, gratitude, and open hearts.

REMINDER:

If you need to reach Pastor Lisa, email her at nelsonkosky@gmail.com. The pastor@holyltrinity-marshall.com email is no longer checked on a regular basis. Thank you.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT *not available as of the date of this printing*

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Submitted by Carolyn Madaus

Meeting was called to order and there was an opening devotion.

June minutes were approved

June Treasurers report was approved

Matt and Candy met to discuss the lighting

Discussed the meeting about the Women's Shelter in Marshall. For Pregnant women who have nowhere to live. Provide Housing and education support. They will need volunteers.

Pastor Lisa spoke about the Church picnic in September.

Carol Woldt is stepping down from the Council. Candy is checking the bylaws if we wait till January or if we need to appoint someone now.

Bingo at the Mobile Home Park this fall. Need to check regulations.

WELCA would like to replace the Maple tree. Plant in the spring

Kathy mentioned the garbage disposal isn't working and maybe Dave can fix it. WELCA mentioned a gate that they want to put in the kitchen and asked how it would be paid for. Made decision to take funds out the building maintenance fund.

Meeting ending in Prayer.

AUGUST COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – No Council meeting for August

2025-2026 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 Candy Lauby if you would like to be the voice for youth in our church.

Owen Raisbeck, Treasurer: 608-225-3149 owenraisbeck@yahoo.com

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GARAGE SALE, BAKE SALE & LUNCH *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Final tally of money from the Garage and Bake Sale is \$4,615. The parking lot lunch stand earned \$1,400. The total money earned during these three days is \$6,015. Two Thrivent grants for \$250 each were used for purchasing lunch stand supplies and updating the banners.

A special "Thank You" goes to Deb Percy who was busy at church all summer long organizing the garage sale donations. Appreciation is extended to those who contributed a great variety of treats for the bake sale and, also, cookies that were sold at the lunch stand. These combined events benefit Holy Trinity financially as well as providing a worthwhile community event. Our members who devoted time, effort and money to make this important fundraiser a success deserve applause and thanks from our congregation.

Most of the leftover garage sale items were picked up following the garage sale by St. Vincent thrift store in Lake Mills. But there are a few garage sale leftover items that need to be moved out of the church. Perhaps you or someone you know would like to have one of the items. These items can be viewed and picked up by contacting the church office between 10-2:00 PM on Tuesday-Thursday or by contacting Linda Baldrige 608-655-4178. Donations will be appreciated. These are the available items: lift chair; large, dark wood dining table; large dresser; 3 student desks; 1 mirror; 1 highchair.

SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

Sunday School will be kicking off another fun year beginning this fall on Sunday, Sept 14th! Children in K-6th grade will attend service and then following the children's sermon, the kids will leave service to attend Sunday School and will be in class for the remainder of service. Our first lesson will be on God's creations, and we will be having a special guest attend to help us learn. Many thanks to Diane for helping teach again this year! Feel welcome to contact Susy at susypsnuffles@gmail.com with questions.

Confirmation Class *submitted by Kathy Deneen*

Class will begin September 17th @ 6:00pm-7:00pm Every Wednesday. It is open to all who would like to be confirmed. This is a two-year class. The students will lead Church Services the 2nd Sunday of every month. Also participate in bake sales, Christmas program, Easter Egg Hunt, service projects and work at the Food Pantry in Waterloo. They also need to take 12 sermon notes. It can be from any church. Our first Sunday to usher will be October 12th. Any questions please call me Kathy Deneen. 608-279-0588.

JULY FINANCIALS

Income received in July	\$4,603.00
Obligations paid in July	\$5,898.39
Balance for July	(\$1,295.39)
BALANCE ON HAND	\$4,206.43

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. **If you wonder if there is a cancellation or not,**

go to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, Find Food, Mobile Pantry Schedule. The next few distribution dates are:

Monday-September 8	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-October 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-November 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.**

SIMPLY GIVING

On September 14, you will have the opportunity to talk with people who use Simply Giving as a way of contributing to Holy Trinity. The program was created by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and is operated by Vanco Services, LLC

Simply Giving is an easy-to-use and trusted platform for you to give money online through electronic giving. This program allows you to set up automatic, monthly withdrawals from your bank account. If you aren't able to pick up a form on Sept 14, you can get the form from the church office, fill it out, and return it to the office.

PLANNED GIVING TO HOLY TRINITY

1. 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.
2. Gifts that do not restrict their use (**unrestricted gifts**), allow Holy Trinity to use these resources where they are most needed.
3. **Restricted gifts** are monies designated for a specific purpose that advances our mission, such as support to a specific initiative or program.
4. Give to the church's **Endowment Fund**. You may now use our online giving, through holytrinitymarshall.com to make a gift directly to our 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. (Dan Timpel has joined the Endowment Committee, replacing 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.)
5. You could also choose to designate **a portion of the proceeds of your IRA to Holy Trinity** each year. We are grateful to members who have chosen this option as a way to make a sizeable annual gift.
6. Naming Holy Trinity **as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy** can convey assets in larger amounts without disrupting your current cash flow.

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

M/W Food Pantry Sept 3rd 12:00-1:00

Quilt Blessing Sept 7th at 8:30

Second Harvest (HS parking lot) Sept 8th at 3:30

WELCA Sept 9th at 12:30/Council meets at 6:00

Event Planning Sept 11th at 5:00

Church Picnic Sept 14th – 9:30

Quilting Tying Sept 16th 12:30

Confirmation Class Sept 17th 6:00-7:00

Quilt Day Sept 20th 9:00-3:00

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. **

Quilts Distributed by LWR (Lutheran World Relief) submitted by Linda Baldridge

This year **58 quilts** were made by our quilting groups here at Holy Trinity. The quilts will be displayed and blessed at our worship service on Sunday, Sept 7 at 8:30 AM. Cars filled with quilts made by

members of Lutheran churches from this area of Wisconsin will be in line at the rail car site in Madison on Sat, Sept 13 to drop off donations. The site will be busy with volunteers accepting boxes

of donations and loading them onto the rail car. This is the first leg of the quilts' journey to the collection sites of LWR (Lutheran World Relief).

There are 4 Holy Trinity women and our friend, Diane Patrick, from Columbus who regularly meet at our church on the third Tuesday of the month to assemble the layers of the quilt and tie the layers together. Please join our quilters who meet at church to assemble quilts. You only need to know how to tie a knot to join in this phase of quilt making. It's a social and work time that includes refreshments! Some of our volunteers work at home sewing quilt parts and binding the edges of the quilts.

The LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry: Our Longest Running Program

LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. An average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly made and distributed in the US and worldwide each year. Quilts from Wisconsin churches are first sent to central Lutheran World Relief (LWR) warehouses, such as the one in Minneapolis or the Brethren Service Center in Maryland. *The LWR statistic for 2024 states that 370,818 quilts were distributed.

Pictured in LWR literature is Natalia Chernenka who displays the LWR Quilt she received in May 2023 near her home in Tsyrukun, Ukraine, where she lived through Russian occupation last year. Corus has distributed more than 35 metric tons of quilts and personal care, school and baby care kits across Ukraine. Corus is a faith-based organization that unites an array of nonprofits and businesses, each with specialized expertise in economic development, impact investing, health, humanitarian assistance, and technology for development.

This information has been taken from the LWR website.

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, which is not a contribution of record. We need to know if your contribution came from you. There are extra contribution envelopes on the Welcome Desk in case you need one.) 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 manager, treasurer, financial contribution secretary, custodian, ushers, readers, communion assistants, WELCA, Altar Guild, those who lead Sunday School, provide catechism instruction and First Communion instruction, and worship leaders. Thank you also, goes out to those who serve on our Church Council and the Event Planning Committee.

thank you

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 helped at the Food Pantry during the month of April. Thank you to those who care for our grounds and parking lot. 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 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.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in April. Our next month to host is October.

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is Monday –July 14th 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.