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FROM PASTOR LISA

My husband went to seminary with Anna Madsen, a theologian of the Church. Her son, Karl, was in a terrible car accident when he was very young and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Now that he's an adult and out of school, she wondered what he could do that would bring meaning to his life and to others. No one thought that Karl could work or contribute to society, except Anna and her husband, David, and grown daughter, Elsie.

Now, Karl helps David create things out of the natural environment. Things like wooden boxes, toys, or lefse flippers. With the help of their laser engraver, Karl helps engrave designs on handcrafted butter knives and ornaments. They also tie dye, silk screen, and make candles and jewelry. Karl sandpapers, finishes woodwork with oil, chooses colors or agates or scents for projects. He packs up shipments and goes on deliveries.

The business is called Karl's Wheelhouse. And it lifts up the fact that we can all contribute in some way. No matter what our abilities or our financial situation or life circumstances, we can all contribute. And we need to contribute. That's one way in which we find meaning in life. That's how community is formed and nurtured. And we were created to be in community.

You probably belong to several communities. One of your communities is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Another is where you live, whether it's Marshall or someplace else. You may have a work or school community. Family can be community. And you can contribute to each of these communities in a variety of ways. One, just by showing up. Another by using your skills, talent, or assets for the betterment of this community.

What can you do for your church community? Well, we need your presence. Your presence makes all the difference in the world. You are why we exist. We also need your thoughts and prayers. Hold your church in your heart. Lift up your church to God. Prayers and presence, please!

We also need your skills and talents. Could you usher or read the lessons or help set up holy communion? Could you help fix things around the church, inside or out or bring something to eat for fellowship time? Could you donate some reams of paper or decaf coffee? Could you send in a special offering from time to time or increase what you give monthly?

Your church needs you. And you need the church. God created us to be in community and to contribute. Let's get together and be who God created us to be.

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 Submitted by Candy Lauby

Hard to believe summer is almost over. Hope everyone enjoyed theirs.

This last month, council approved adding a brighter light outside the fellowship hall. We will be changing out the two lights by the front door as well. This should help illuminate the walkway and front parking lot much better.

As we get closer to the end of the year, we will be looking for people to volunteer to be on the church council. This is a great opportunity to volunteer along with other members of the congregation. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. We will vote on new members in January, so you have plenty of time to make your decision. Carol Woldt has resigned from Church Council, and the Council appointed Karen Browne until the next Annual Meeting. If interested, please contact any council member.

Thank you to Kathy Deneen and to all who helped put together the nice picnic after worship on the 14th. Your ongoing dedication to the church and the children of the congregation is appreciated. Also, I hope all who came enjoyed the outside service and message from the Pastor.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS not available as of the date of the printing

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.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL submitted by Susy Pawl

We kicked off the year with Genesis and the story of creation. Our special guests Sunny the dog and Amelia the bearded dragon helped us learn that God gave all creations unique gifts and abilities and some we may not realize yet! This fall we are taking some time to learn about where the early stories of the Bible took place and what life was like then and comparing it to where we live. We used ink made from walnuts, goldenrod, and mulberries (foraged from the Joyce M. Baer & George J. Socha

Conservancy!) as we learned about early communication and tried our hands at creating petroglyphs. We still have lots more to explore in writing forms, food and games of the time.

For the remainder of 2025 we will be holding Sunday School the first 2 Sunday's of each month, so please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 2, Nov 9, Dec 7, Dec 14. The Christmas pageant will be Dec 14th, so we plan to have a special practice/party on Saturday, Dec 13th.

Bonus! There will be Game Night with Pastor Lisa for kids and their families to come play board games with Pastor Lisa before service on select Wednesday services. Stay tuned for specific dates!

CATECHISM CLASS

Classes will be every Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 for all 7th & 8th grade students.

EVENT PLANNING *submitted by Linda Baldrige*

Fall Chili Event

Summer is a memory as we swing into fall. Cider anyone? Yes, during Sunday morning coffee and treat time. But now we must think “chili” and plan for our major fall fund raiser: **Chili-to-Go**. This year's Chili To-Go event will be on Thursday, October 23 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 fund raiser. If you would like to be involved in planning, our next plan meeting will be on Thurs, Oct 9th at 5:00 pm at the church. Check the church bulletin board for a worker sign-up sheet. All are welcome at the plan meeting, all are encouraged to help when you can and most of all... enjoy a great fall event.

Coffee-Time Treats submitted by Linda Baldrige

Do you agree that the social time after worship that includes hot coffee, hot cider and a treat is a welcoming feature of our Sunday morning experience at Holy Trinity. To keep this tradition going, please consider providing “coffee-time treats” for all to enjoy. Look for the Coffee-Time Treats sign-up sheet on our church's bulletin board and add your name for an upcoming Sunday. Thanks to all our members who have already been providing treats...coffee cakes, donuts, donut holes, cookies, anything that can be held in one hand while balancing a cup of coffee in the other hand. Also, we need people who will wash dishes when the social time is over.

AUGUST FINANCIALS

Income received in Aug	\$13,514.50
Obligations paid in Aug	\$6,446.57
Balance for Aug	\$6,957.93
BALANCE ON HAND	\$11,274.36

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-October 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-November 10	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-December 8	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 Oct 1st 12:00-1:00
Blood Drive Oct 9th 12:00 - 7:00/Event Planning 5:00
Bake Sale Oct 12th After Church
Second Harvest (HS parking lot) Oct 13th at 3:30
WELCA Oct 14th at 12:30/Council meets at 6:00
Quilting Day Oct 18th 9:00 – 3:00
Quilting Tying Oct 21st at 12:30
Chili Drive Thru Oct 23rd 4:00 – 6:00

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. **

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 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.