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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

One of my primary tasks as Interim Pastor is to help Holy Trinity in the process of seeking a new pastor. Part of that process includes putting together a profile of the congregation and its work in the past, present, and future. This calls for making an assessment of strengths, growth areas, and purpose of Holy Trinity. Why has God put us here? What does God call us to do and be in years to come? These are questions that will help determine who you call as your next pastor.

I ask you to begin considering the sort of questions that the church will be focusing on in this process:

- What do you view as the strengths of the congregation?
- What do you perceive as our weaknesses?
- What can you offer to the life of Holy Trinity?
- How do we help strengthen leadership and participation in church?
- What do you see ministry looking like in the years to come?
- What did we learn from the pandemic?
- What does programming look like after we have people attending virtually and in person?
- How do you understand your church congregation's mission/purpose?
- Any other helpful insight you have?

You will have formal opportunities to answer questions such as these as the Call Committee begins its work for the church. Your input will be vital.

See you in Church!

Pastor Darin

GET READY FOR SPAGHETTI!

We are in the very early planning stages for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Once again it will be a drive-up/pick-up event. We are looking at October 28, 2021 for the date. Of course we will need volunteers to help with the planning, cooking and serving of the dinner. We will be having planning meetings to organize and determine what and how much we need.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dan Timpel at 608-575-2211 or dktempel@gmail.com. We need to get going on this very soon.

Please find it in your hearts to help out. Thank you!

Gary Waalkens Council President

STOP THE PRESSES!!!! A new date of Wednesday, October 27 is set for the Spaghetti Drive-Up Dinner. Be on the lookout for further details on Facebook, our website, church bulletins, flyers, The Courier, etc.

(Your calendar and cover sheet were already printed prior to the date change. Apologies for the confusion.)

DRIVE-UP WORSHIP

The last drive-up worship service for this year was held on September 26. Unless COVID changes things, the drive-up worship will resume in the Spring.

CONFIRMATION CLASS HAS BEGUN!

Confirmation classes began September 22 at 5:00 pm. We are gathering in person (YAY!) and with masks. We are 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 has been sent to families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE by Susy Pawl, Superintendent

Sunday School is in full swing! We started with Rally Sunday on Sept 12th playing games, crafts and getting to know one another. Since, we have begun our lessons and activities with stories from the Old Testament.

As a reminder, Sunday School is 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 the fellowship hall for class. Please contact Susy Pawl at susy@snyffles.com if you have questions.

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:

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.

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!

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Carol Woldt

Council meeting was held on September 14, 2021.
Minutes from reports were read and approved.

Dave Pawl fixed the electric piano so it was not sold at the garage sale.

The Call Committee is in place. Members are Dorothy Renforth, Toni Checky, Todd Madaus, Dennis Woelffer, and Cheri Harwood from Council.

Confirmation classes will start on September 22, 2021.

Pastor Wiebe discussed with us the need to change some things before a new Pastor is hired. It is his observation that a pastor needs his office to be more private and at present it doubles as storage. Also the financial secretary should have a computer of their own and office space. The back classroom could be used as an office. Auction items would then have to be stored in another area.

The computer technician has finished.

A student has asked if he could use the church parking lot during school hours.

Pastor asked that \$2400.00 of his pay be assigned as housing allowance. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Cheri.

COVID 19 was discussed. New status report from Lynn was read.

A Cub Scout overnight in November was approved. Motion made by Dan and second by Cheri.

The number of services on Sunday was talked about. It was decided that at this time it will stay at one.

Also noted that drive up worship is to end in September.

The large stained glass window is coming loose at top. Dan Timpel will have someone he knows look at it.

Garage sale was discussed. Also talked about having an event planner. Also if we want more people to join groups the meetings should be scheduled in the evenings.

There was discussion about sharing a Pastor with St. Paul's in Waterloo. They have asked us if we would consider doing this. There is work to be done before this is considered.

Also discussed was putting the financial numbers in the newsletter and maybe the bulletin.

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. 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

Confirmation classes are held each Wednesday in October at 5:00 pm at the church with masking.

The **Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet on Tuesday October 12 at 1:00 pm** at the church for a Bible lesson and dessert.

The Council’s next scheduled meeting is Tuesday – October 12 at 6:00 pm at the church.

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 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. (October 19). 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.

Drive-up Spaghetti Dinner is being planned for Wednesday – October 27, 2021.

Our 9th grade students will be confirmed at the 10:00 am service on Sunday – October 31.

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 organists and secretary and custodian, Sunday and Wednesday ushers and worship leaders and those who serve at drive-in worship. Thank you to all involved with Sunday School classes. 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, our dedicated Council members, those who have agreed to serve on the Call Committee, those who assemble the newsletter for mailing, everyone 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.

There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive held at the church on Thursday – October 21 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. To donate call the Red Cross or you may register online.

FoodShare Helpline 877-366-3635

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

Spaghetti Dinner



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