



# THE HOLY TRINITY HERALD

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**PASTOR'S PAGE**

Dear friends,

Holy Trinity is in a time of transition. Some of the changes are those that occur on a regular basis; some are those that only come periodically.

The regular transitions come just like new seasons – Summer into Autumn into Winter, into Spring. In the Christian Church we are approaching the end of the Church Year. Christ the King Sunday (November 21<sup>st</sup> this year) is the final day of the Church Calendar. We then begin the Church's new year with the Season of Advent during which we prepare for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ.

This will be marked by a change to blue paraments on the altar, as well as a focus on the basics of the Christian faith. One concrete change here at Holy Trinity will be worship on Wednesday evenings. Wednesday worship is usually a repeat of the previous Sunday worship with the same bible verses, music, and sermon. The Wednesday worship during Advent will be its own service, different from Sunday and intended as an additional worship for the entire congregation. I encourage you to make the time for this worship, not as another item on an already too busy schedule, but as a time to slow down from the busy shuffle and rest in God's goodness.

Another transition that doesn't happen on a regular basis is the time "between pastors", the interim time. Having said goodbye to your previous pastor, your church is now in a time of assessment of where the church is at spiritually and discerning where God is leading you. These are the things that will help determine who your next called pastor will be.

A Call Committee has been formed and will be meeting with a representative from our Synod Office on November 7<sup>th</sup> to begin the process of assessment and, ultimately, interviewing and calling a new pastor.

These can seem like tumultuous and uneasy times for a congregation. Rest assured that Christ is still present and hard at work with you, shaping a future for your faith, ministry, and service to the world. I'm pleased to accompany you in this process!

In Peace,  
*Pastor Darin*



#### **FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Hello Holy Trinity Members,

We are having a group cleaning day on Saturday November 6th from 10 am to 3 pm. Please try to come for part or all of the day to help do a deep clean of our church. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. (There will be another one in the Spring; watch for details.)

Now for a more serious matter. We are experiencing a shortfall of income. We are spending more than we are taking in. You will see this when you see the treasurer's report that follows this article. (October financials are not available at the time of the printing of the newsletter so there will always be a month lag-time.) I can't in all good conscience ask the loyal few that attend every Sunday or Wednesday to give more. I am sure they are giving as much as they can. What we need is for you members who have not been attending church to please come back to church and give what you can; it will help greatly. I don't know why you stopped coming: whether it was COVID-19 that kept us away from worshiping inside for so long, or Pastor Raabe's departure, or other reasons.

I sincerely hope you will come back to Holy Trinity for your spiritual welfare and to help support our church. We depend solely on the money we get from our members to pay our bills and maintain the church. Without your support we cannot survive. I know times are hard for everyone because of COVID-19, but with God's help we will all make it. Please find it in your hearts to come back to church; we miss seeing you. Thank you and God's blessing and peace be with you.

Respectfully,  
*Gary H. Waalkens, Council President and fellow member*

#### **FINANCIALS**

Mortgage balance as of 9/30/21		\$26,232.61
Current Acct monies received in September 2021	\$ 4,491.18	
	\$ 137.08 balance on hand	
Obligations owing as of 9/30/21	\$ 7,063.11	
	<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>(\$ 2,434.85)</b>

**FALL BUILDING CLEAN-UP** The Church Council has decided a Fall building clean-up is in order. It is scheduled from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday – November 6. Tasks include washing windows in the Fellowship Hall, dusting, vacuuming, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board with time slots. You can pick a time slot or help the entire day OR you can just show up, ready to work! Your Church Council thanks you for your participation.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN FULL SWING!**

Confirmation classes continue November 3, 10, and 17 at 5:00 pm at the church. (There will be no confirmation class on Wednesday – November 24.) We are gathering in person (YAY!) and following any COVID protocols which may be in place. 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 and is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**A SPAGHETTI DINNER UP-DATE** will be provided next month, as the event has not yet been held as of the printing of this newsletter.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE** by *Susy Pawl, Superintendent*

Save the date! Families, Sunday School students will be putting on a Christmas pageant this year!! The date will be **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** during the 10:00 service as it has been in previous years. We will begin practicing and learning the story mid-November. The pageant is a great chance for the kids to not only get more familiar with the Christmas story, but also to work as a team in a new way and have fun exploring costumes & props.

The older kids have been taking a deeper dive into themes like creation and the flood and have been sharing some beautiful artworks with us on the table by the Sunday School bulletin board so be sure to check them out!

For the younger kids, we have been exploring the stories of the Old Testament beginning with Abraham's family and moving through the years from Issaac to Jacob and Joseph. In each lesson we get up and move with a fun activity, learn the story, and end with an engaging craft.

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@gmail.com](mailto:susy@snyffles@gmail.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 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 very 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](http://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.*

*Please contact Endowment Investment Committee Chair Jack Erb with any questions at [jackaerb@gmail.com](mailto:jackaerb@gmail.com) or 608-215-5098. Thank you for your consideration.*

**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:

November 8	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
December 13	3:30 pm	high school parking lot

Holy Trinity members still wishing to volunteer 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!



**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**  
*Submitted by Carol Woldt*

Meeting was held Tuesday – October 12, 2021. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

We have requested a meeting with the Assistant Bishop to meet with the Call Committee.

The large stained glass window in front has been looked at by Kevin Moreland. He thinks that the roof may be leaking, causing the problem. The Council authorized money to be used for repairs. We will check with Kevin to see if he has Insurance.

Treasurer’s Report will be printed in the Bulletin.

The Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner plans are on target. Monetary donation envelopes need to be turned in by October 24, the food from sticky notes by October 26, and food prep starts on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

A group cleaning of the church is to be held on Saturday – November 6, 2021.

**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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>, no exceptions!** 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** As of this printing, treats to go are still suspended following Sunday worship. Hopefully coffee and treats will resume within the next few weeks. Fingers crossed!

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** at 2:00 am on Sunday – November 7. So when you go to bed Saturday night set your clocks **BACK** one hour and enjoy that extra hour of sleep. See you at 10:00 AM worship!



## CHURCH NEWS

**Confirmation classes will be held Wednesday November 3, 10, and 17 at 5:00 pm at the church with masking.** Confirmation class will then resume on Wednesday December 1 at 5:00 pm.

**Fall Deep Cleaning of the church building will take place from 10:00-3:00 on Saturday – November 6.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

The **Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet on Tuesday November 9 at 1:00 pm** at the church for a Bible lesson and dessert.

**The Council’s next scheduled meeting is Tuesday – November 9 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.

**Quilt tying is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (November 16).** 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.

**Quilting Day is usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9 am.-3 pm. After a brief absence, Quilting Day returns on Saturday November 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Come and join in; all skill levels are welcome. You can stay all day or for part, as your schedule allows. A great time for fun and fellowship.

**There will be a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday November 24 at 6:30 pm.**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) and let us know that.

**Our website, [holytrinitymarshall.com](http://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. Thank you to all involved with Sunday School classes. Special 'Shout Out' to everyone involved with the drive-thru spaghetti dinner. 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. Everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated.

*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.

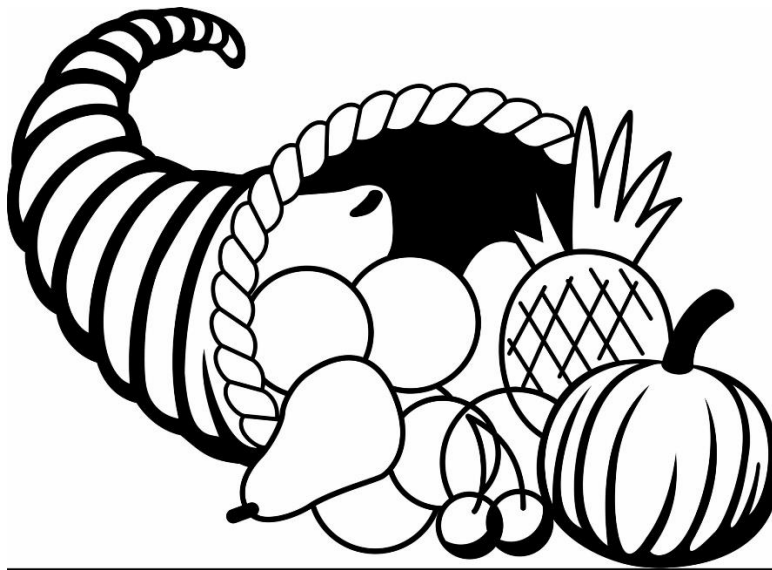
Hours are Wednesdays from noon-1:00 p.m. and again Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday hours are from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

If you or someone you know needs help, please make use of this community ministry.

**Another Red Cross Blood Drive** is planned at the church on Thursday – December 16 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. To donate call the Red Cross or you may register online.

**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** Cold temperatures are on the way. If you need help with your heating bills, give them a call to find out if you qualify.



*Always Give Thanks*