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Pastor's Column: Your Voice Matters

It does! Not in the political sense that is in the air these days, but right here in church.

Your voice matters. If you care about this church, we need you here. We need to hear your voice. We need to hear voices raised together, praising and thanking God for everything we have, right down to the paper that you are holding in your hand (or the device on which you are reading) and all that went into producing it. We need to *be* this body of Christ, as one voice, remembering our baptism, meeting Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Communion, and making the commitment every week to follow Jesus and live by his teachings. There is strength in numbers: We need to be together in our new lives in Christ as the body that is Christ's church.

Your voice matters. Read Romans 12: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." There are only two verses from this powerful chapter of Paul's greatest letter. How can we be one body if members are missing? How can we thrive if we are incomplete? Or from 1 Corinthians 12:21: "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you.' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you.'" We need you—we need you all.

Your voice matters. Especially in song. Why do we sing? Because singing is more powerful than speaking. Because singing has actual physical and neurological benefits. In ways that are marvelous and mysterious, individuals are woven more closely together when they sing together. Singing calls us to pour our whole heart into the effort. There's a huge difference between 10 people singing and 100. The benefits of singing are true in any situation, but if you've ever been part of a large group in song, you have experienced the amazing phenomenon of the whole being greater than its parts. We easily could have 100 voices singing together on any given Sunday and 50 on Wednesday.



Your voice matters. This is especially true of our teens and young adults. But since it's unlikely they'll be reading this, parents, please read it to them:

"On Confirmation Sunday you made the first public profession of your faith. That was the *beginning* of your active life as part of Christ's church on earth. A beginning means that there's a lot more to come. Don't leave the promise of that day in the dust! Church is a safe place for you to come and be strengthened for all that lies ahead. It's tough out there. You all know that verse in the Lord's Prayer, 'Lead us not into temptation.' The truth is that you are constantly being tempted to turn away from Jesus in more ways than you realize. Church helps you to see what these are. If you don't know what you're up against, how can you deal with it?"

I know some of you reading this work on Sundays and others simply can't make it to church because of physical or geographical challenges. But the life of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church continues to rest on the firm foundation of Christian love and faith forged more than a century ago. As we move into the new school year, let's be bold in coming together to make that foundation even stronger so that you are well equipped to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. We need you, and the world needs you.

Peace and joy,
Pastor Raabe



YOUTH GROUP INITIATIVE: "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS" SUNDAY — WE ARE CHURCH will kick off on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Our newly formed Youth Group will be hosting a helping hands sleepover starting Saturday, September 7 through worship on September 8. The sleepover event will include a mini Master Chef competition on Saturday where our youth will split into two groups and compete to prepare the best sides and desserts for our picnic on Sunday after the 10:00 am service.

After our service work of food prep is completed, we will be hosting a youth party and sleepover at the parsonage that night. The party will begin with an Escape Room adventure theme. Youth will work together as a group to find their way from the top of the house to the bottom of the house through clues and hidden messages to unlock the mystery. The party then begins in the basement with the newly donated ping pong/pool table, music, food and friends.

Please consider joining us for part or the entire helping hands sleepover event. Youth in 7th grade and up are welcome. We will start our Master Chef competition from 1-5pm (one group will be at the parsonage, the other group will be cooking at the church). Escape Room party (at the parsonage) from 6pm-10pm, settling in to sleep from 10:00-11:00pm, and lights out at 11:00 pm. Early morning rise 8:00 am to begin to celebrate "God's Work, Our

Hands” Sunday. Please contact Pastor Raabe, Maria Johnson, Jodi Peterson, or Jennifer Kosbau for more information about this Youth Group event.

– Maria Johnson

RALLY DAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 WITH ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 AM. Come together for worship, fellowship and fun. After the service we’ll have a ministry fair where you can register your children for Sunday School or confirmation, learn about various groups and activities at Holy Trinity, and get involved. That will lead directly to our picnic, with food provided by our Youth Group. Kid-friendly activities will include face painting, a human piñata chase, a pool noodle toss, a bowling game, and a three-legged race. There is so much to celebrate!

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY It’s that time of the year! Confirmation classes at Holy Trinity will be on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm, starting September 18, and are open to all who have completed 6th grade and up. This year we’ll be focusing on Martin Luther’s Small Catechism and integrating that into matters of faith and life. There is also a new component of group time and focused discussion on the first Wednesday of every month. Confirmation Sunday is now May 17, 2020, so parents, we are telling you now so that you can plan your weekend trips and your children’s sporting events with that in mind! Registration will officially take place on Rally Sunday but you may register your child anytime. **Please plan to attend Confirmation Orientation for all parents and students on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:15 pm.**

JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM

Our **Prayer Team** consists of several dedicated “prayer warriors.” Prayers for those in our community in special need are shared via email so that you may include them in your own prayers. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Pastor Raabe. Also let her know if you have someone you want the group to pray for; prayer requests may also be put in the box in the narthex. Please allow us to support you or your loved ones in this way. Pastor Raabe would also like to encourage the formation of small prayer groups that would meet on a regular basis for shared prayer. Please consider being part of our prayer ministry in one of these ways. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

Church News

NOTE: The church is now locked after office hours. If you must enter, please call the church office to make other arrangements.

It’s time for Holy Trinity’s 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction! What’s coming besides cooler temps and bright fall color...our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 29th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Let’s all participate. Look for the “items needed” board at the entrance of the church. Please grab a sticky note and donate an item or two or more. Please bring your food items to the kitchen by Friday evening.

“You be the judge” by tasting and voting on several versions of chili in three categories—traditional, spicy, and unique--prepared by contest participants. Feast on a big bowl of our in-house chef’s special chili with all the fixings.

In addition to chili, enjoy baked potatoes and hot dogs with optional chili topping or other toppings, along with chips, beverages, and an array of homemade desserts. Carry-outs are available until 2:00 pm or sold out.



To enter the Cook-Off competition, submit your name, address, phone number, email and chili category by calling the church office at 655-4246 or by emailing the church office at htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com. Additional information will be sent to you. Or just come in and pick up an entry form at our church office Monday-Thursday between 9:00 and 12:00 noon. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER** to enter. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, September 21. There will be prizes for the winners.

In addition to the chili, we will be holding a Silent Auction. Bidding on silent auction items runs from 11:00-1:30. Please be on the lookout for silent auction items to donate or create an auction basket of your own to bring in. Auction items may be dropped off at church Monday thru Thursday from 9:00-12:00 noon. Check the narthex, Facebook, and our website for updates on donated items for the auction.

This is an important fundraiser for our church so any and all assistance is greatly appreciated. No Packers game that day, so make this the big event of your family’s weekend. Call 608-655-4246 for more information. We will see you and your appetites there!

Blessing of the Animals

If one or more of God’s critters are part of your family, bring them to our Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 12 at 2:30 pm. We’d especially like to see some larger animals this year! We will be outdoors near the labyrinth, weather permitting. Sing, pray, and give thanks to God for these marvelous works of God’s hands and for the privilege of having the creatures entrusted to our care.



Fall Schedule begins on Sunday September 15 with Sunday School and worship at 9:00 am. A second Sunday worship service will be held at 10:30 am. Wednesday worship will remain the same at 6:30 pm.

Registration for Sunday School and Confirmation officially begins on Rally Day, but you can register your child(ren) anytime on our website or by stopping in to pick up forms. Subscribe to our monthly Sunday School newsletter, “Hearts & Hands,” by signing up at the Welcome Desk or by sending a note to Pastor Raabe at pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com. You can also find it on our website under Christian Education. A **Confirmation Orientation** meeting for all parents and students will take place right after worship on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:15 pm or shortly thereafter.

30-Hour Famine We are in the early planning stages for a 30-hour fast to take place from a Friday night through Sunday morning on the third weekend in February. Holy Trinity will be hosting this in partnership with Bristol Lutheran Church. The program is prepared by World Vision and includes a strong educational component during the preceding weeks. The purpose of the 30-Hour Famine is to highlight the reality of global hunger, raise funds for those in need, and create new avenues for fellowship. It's open to youth confirmation age and up. You can read about it at 30hourfamine.org.

Summer Sizzler Fundraiser Keep the memory of summer alive! Our envelope fundraiser to raise funds above our usual giving will continue through September. On the bulletin board in the narthex are envelopes numbered 1 through 100. If you are able, please take an envelope or two and enclose the amount of money shown by the number on the envelope. We ask that you also complete the back of the envelope for contribution purposes. You can drop your envelope in the collection plate, mail it to us, or slide it under the office door if no one is in. If all of the envelopes are taken, we can raise \$5,000 above our usual financial contributions; no volunteer hours or heavy lifting required! That would go a long way toward keeping us up to date on paying Holy Trinity's financial obligations.



Garage and Bake Sale Our annual garage and bake sale was a huge success! Over \$4,000 was raised on the Garage & Bake Sale/Brat Stand and surpasses last year's fundraiser of \$3,063. A big shout-out goes to Deb Percy for once again using her expert organizational skills to make things easier and to Linda Baldrige and her planning committee, set-up, sales, and clean-up crews. That is hard work! Another big shout-out to Tiffany Chadwick and Larry Legro for taking charge of the brat stand and serving at the brat stand, along with their volunteers. The brat stand was a huge moneymaker. Thanks also to everyone who moved items to the fellowship hall, baked goodies to sell, donated items for the sale or food items for the brat stand, and those who purchased bake sale goods, garage sale items, and food from the brat stand.

Calling all teachers! We are seeking additional teachers for Sunday school to work as a team. We are aiming for 2 to 3 teachers per class. Team teaching will allow you to rotate Sundays so that the commitment to lead a class doesn't fall too heavily on any one person. You'll be provided with lessons and related materials well ahead of time. Within that format, you may be as creative as your like. Flexibility is encouraged! We want your teaching to reflect who you are because that is what the children will connect with. If God is calling you to use your special gifts and abilities in this way, please speak to Laurie Weisensel or Pastor Raabe, or write to Pastor Raabe at pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com. Classes begin on September 15.

Announcements

Electronic Giving Did you know you can give to Holy Trinity not only via mobile app but also by text message? To get started, search for “GivePlus Church” on the App Store or Google Play to download the app and just follow the instructions. Or text your one-time gift to **608-709-0483**. After you enter your information simply put the dollar amount in the message line and press Send. You can also sign up for credit card giving at the Welcome Desk. This saves you the trouble of remembering envelopes. Plus it helps us trim envelope costs (see below) and stay on track with giving through all seasons of the year. Thank you!



ATTENTION!!!! Offering Envelopes

If you are giving electronically and no longer wish to receive weekly offering envelopes, please e-mail htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com and let us know that; otherwise you will continue to receive them. 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.



Your Parsonage All Holy Trinity members are warmly invited to use the parsonage at 224 Howard Street for church-related gatherings, whether one-time or ongoing. There is a full kitchen plus a deck in back with patio furniture, a grill and even a fire pit to warm you on crisp fall evenings. (Thanks to the kind folks who donated all these!) Call the office at 655-4246 to reserve your time and check out a key. Small group gatherings, anyone?

The fellowship hall is available for parties and gatherings Please call the church office at 655-4246 (or email the office at htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) with the date and time you are interested in reserving and we'll get back to you.

Coming Up at Holy Trinity

***AA meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm.**

Only one service at 10:00 am on Sunday September 8, Rally Day! A picnic to follow worship, and games for all ages. Registration for Sunday School and confirmation as well.

WELCA meets on Tuesday September 10 at 1:00 pm for Bible Study and refreshments. All women of Holy Trinity are invited.

Church Council meets at 6:30 pm on Tuesday September 10. Members of Holy Trinity are invited to attend any meeting.

Orientation for confirmation students and their parents is 7:15 pm on Wednesday September 11, following worship.

Fall schedule begins on Sunday September 15 with Sunday School and Worship at 9:00 am and a second Worship service at 10:30 am.

“Engaging the Texts” is Monday September 16 at 2:30 at the parsonage.

Quilt Tying will be held on Tuesday September 17 at 1:00 pm at the church. To sew quilt tops at home, contact Linda Baldrige, 655-4178 or Laurie Weisensel, 235-5759.

Confirmation class on Wednesday September 18 at 5:00 pm.

WELCA Sunday is September 22 and will be celebrated at the 9:00 am worship service.

Property Committee meets at 11:15 on Sunday September 22.

Confirmation class is Wednesday September 25 at 5:00 pm.

The September Second Harvest Food Bank will be Friday September 27 from 2:00-4:30 pm. This ministry provides much-needed food to area families and is open and available to all people. Volunteers are always needed for the following, so come help out and bring a friend:

- 12:30 pm *Unload the Second Harvest truck; all food is moved by hand jack (we are especially in need of someone to help with this)*
- 1:30 pm *Set up food for distribution*
- 2:00-4:30 pm *Distribute food*
- 4:30 pm *Break down boxes, move pallets, and vacuum carpets*

Registration for recipients begins at **1:00 pm**. If inclement weather, there will be limited seating in the narthex between 1:00 and 2:00 pm; otherwise, church doors open at 2:00 pm.

Saturday September 28 will be set-up for chili cook-off and silent auction.

Sunday September 29 is the Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction, running from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

You can check out church events and schedules on the up-to-date calendar at www.holytrinitymarshall.com. Share comments or suggestions for the website with Kathy Schluter or Pastor Raabe.

An easy way to donate to Holy Trinity: If you eat at Texas Roadhouse in Madison on Sundays, just present our church bulletin for 10% off your food bill (not including alcohol, taxes, or

gratuity) to be donated back to Holy Trinity. Not valid with any other offers or on holidays and is for Dine In ONLY. One per table, per visit. This is a weekly, on-going program that takes place EVERY Sunday. A check will be sent to Holy Trinity once a month. It's as simple as that, so enjoy a great meal and give back to Holy Trinity at the same time!

Altar Flowers: Having fresh flowers on the altar is a welcome reminder of the beauty of God's creation in the midst of our worship. You may order locally or bring your own. Please let the office know by the Monday before they are to be used if you would like to include information in that week's bulletin, such as a dedication in honor or in memory of someone or something.

Holy Trinity online: Visit our web site at www.holytrinitymarshall.com, and follow us on Facebook, to stay abreast of up-to-the-minute church news. If you're new to Facebook, type **HolyTrinityLutheranChurchWI** into the search bar, and click "Like" when our page pops up. Send news and photos to the office for posting. You can give us a rating there, and on our Google Business page.

Sunday worship helpers (greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants) are also needed. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, along with one for snacks and coffee-making for each service.

Council Highlights – August 13, 2019

We continue to have toilet problems in the women's restroom and the downstairs parsonage toilet. Larry Legro has done a lot to diagnose and fix them, but the suggestion was made that we may need new toilets in these locations. If so they can be energy-efficient to save water.

The Treasurer's Report showed a positive balance of \$39.63 at the end of July.

There is a need to seal the parking lot. We are hoping this will keep it in good shape for several years. Steve Weisensel is talking with a company in Watertown that can do a section at a time, if needed. Elesa asked for a quote from Sealcoat Professionals. However, it may cost several thousand dollars to accomplish.

The Council expressed regret over having to lock the church but realize it is now a necessity. People who need keys regularly will have them. Kayla German noted that the school will need a key in the event of a hard lockdown, since this is where students are supposed to come.

The Council is working toward a final version of the new Child Protection Policy, required by our insurance company. It will be put into effect on September 1.

Concerning the church insurance we have asked Grinnell, our current insurer, to give us a quote that reflects a comparable valuation of our church to that of the Church Mutual proposal, which values the building considerably higher. There is strong concern to be properly insured, although higher premiums are also an issue.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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thank you

Our thanks and gratitude to those who gave so much of their energy and time in August for the sake of this body of Christ! These include our secretary Kathy Schluter, our organist Carol Johnson-Hohol, Altar Guild members, those serving on Council or other leadership teams, Women of the ELCA, and Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers. Thank you to our Property Committee for all the work they've been doing this month on maintaining church and parsonage, and to those who keep the grounds of the church and parsonage looking great. Again, much thanks to everyone who played a part in the success of our annual Garage and Bake Sale and Brat Fry. Thanks also to those who are already working diligently on our upcoming Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction. A huge thank you to all the quilting ladies and backpack makers and those who donated school supplies. Your ministry provides hope and happiness to many. Thank you to those who prepared the newsletter for mailing, ordered supplies and cleaned the church, watered the plants, kept track of church finances, counted money, took photographs, brewed coffee and provided weekly snacks, baked bread for communion, provided assistance at worship such as ushering, reading, or helping with communion, put information in the Courier, handled fellowship hall rentals, and took out trash.

Apologies if we missed anyone. You are all so very much appreciated!

Contact the church office at 608-655-4246 or htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com

--To schedule weddings, baptisms, or other events

--If your name is spelled incorrectly, your address has changed (post office charges church when things are sent to an old address), you no longer wish to receive the church newsletter, or you wish to have the newsletter e-mailed to you

--Especially to let us know if a member of your family is admitted to the hospital or a nursing home or will be needing surgery

--You know someone who is a shut-in and would like a visit from the pastor

--A baby arrives in your family

--A death occurs in your family

- You know of someone to be added to the prayer list
- A member of your family is deployed
- You need a ride to worship or a church event

Pastoral Care Please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Raabe for any pastoral need, particularly if you are ill or must go into the hospital. She is here for you! Often we find that members have been hospitalized only after they have come home. Also, please call the office if you would like to regularly receive a visit with Holy Communion in your home or apartment.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry The Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry is located 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 food help, please make use of the food pantry.** 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.

Community Senior Food Program This lunch program is every Tuesday at 11:00 am at the Marshall Library for those 60 years and older and is free, or a small donation may be given by those who are able. To order your meal, you must call 608-837-4611, ext. 113, no later than 11:00 am the Monday before.

URGENT!!! The RSVP Driver Services Program in the Marshall/Cottage Grove area urgently needs volunteer drivers to provide rides to area seniors (60 yrs. and older) and veterans of all ages to medical and other important appointments, or to deliver meals in the same area. This volunteer position is flexible; no minimum hours required, and mileage reimbursement/extra liability insurance provided. The services are offered Monday-Friday, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. If you are interested in driving, contact Mary Schmelzer at 608-441-7896 or mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org.

RSVP's Vets Helping Vets Program If you can spare a few hours to drive veterans to medical appointments, contact Tom Poppe at (608) 238-7901 or via e-mail at tpoppe@rsvpdane.org.

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