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FAITH AND THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL SEASONS

As I write this, it is one of those rare perfect late spring mornings in which the sky is a perfectly clear blue, the humidity is low, and the bright sunshine is sparkling on new leaves and illuminating the glorious colors of spring. We have so few of these days that you probably remember exactly which one I'm talking about!

It is tempting to want to thank God in particular for the beauty of this day. But the fact is that God is worthy of our thanks and praise every day, in all kinds of weather, for this dazzling earth God has given us to inhabit and care for. We have all seen stunning photos of our blue-green planet from space; compare those to the barren landscape of Mars or the Moon, and the gaseous clouds enveloping other planets in our solar system. How can we not thank God with every breath we take? Holy Scripture tells us that the entire breadth of creation shares equally with human beings in actively praising God. "Let the sea roar, and all that fills it," we sing in Psalm 96, "let the field exult, and everything in it." In Psalm 98, "Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing together with joy." In Isaiah 55 the trees shall clap their hands and the mountains and hills "shall burst into song." And in Isaiah 35, "the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing."

So it is with the church. Through the Holy Spirit, God has given us the church as our primary means of thanks and praise. There our faith is deepened and our thanksgiving made bolder by voices joined together in confession, song and prayer. There God's Word is spoken and the gospel preached. As Paul tells us in Romans 10:17, "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." And what good news we receive each time we hear God's Word!

*Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary. (Isaiah 40:28)*



So, come to church. Don't take the summer off. Does God take a vacation? No! God in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is there for you at all times and in all seasons. The church and those who serve it are always here for you as the hands, feet, lips, mouth, ears and heart of Christ. Soli Deo Gloria!



Church and Community News

Youth Group Initiative

We are looking at starting a youth group for our high school students! The council is supportive of this and has agreed to help fund activities and food. Thank you, council! A small group of parents and confirmation students have come up with some ideas to consider such as fun outdoor games, bowling, biking, a scavenger hunt, a cookout and drive-in movie outing. We would love to encourage community service activities and fellowship as well. To start, we invite entering freshman thru seniors to join us on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 6-9 pm for a cookout at the parsonage. Dinner will be provided including brats & hot dogs. Our goal for this night is for lots of fun and some brainstorming about activities and schedule! Feel free to bring a bag chair and a frisbee or football, etc. Parents are welcome to join us on the 19th and help in the planning process for the Youth Group. We do need a volunteer to help lead this group. Please consider helping to encourage fellowship in our teens! Questions about the June 19th event can be directed to Jodi Petersen at jpetersen7@frontier.com or 608-212-8122.

Vacation Bible School July 8-11

We are delighted to be partnering with Bristol Lutheran Church and Pastor Tim Knipfer for our VBS this year. It will be held here at Holy Trinity from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, with a light served at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "ReNew: Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World." All children ages 3 and up are warmly invited to participate; you need not be members of Holy Trinity. Pre-registration is required; contact the church **by July 1** to reserve a space for your child or children, and let us know if you'd like to be a helper. Free and open to the public. Spread the word!

"Blue Mass" June 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Give back to our first responders and their families by attending a "Blue Mass" here on June 23 honoring Marshall police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel. This will be an upbeat ecumenical service that is open to all. The term "Blue Mass" is widely used as a general term for this increasingly popular means of strengthening relationships between faith-based communities and the public servants who serve and protect us. Bring pre-wrapped snacks (chips, granola bars, cookies, etc.) to help fill a tub to sustain these hard-working people in their long hours on the job. Sneak preview: We may have a fire truck in our parking lot!

Conference-wide Picnic and Outdoor Worship on June 9: All Are Welcome!

Join together with members from two dozen or more congregations in our Synodical conference (North/Northeast Dane County) for outdoor games, worship, and a potluck on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 from 3-6 p.m. at **Token Creek Park, Shelter #1**. The park is located at 6200 US-51 in DeForest. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new folks and share thoughts and ideas about our lives together as communities of faith. Fresh-ground hamburgers (I'm told the cow is named Phil) and hot dogs will be served; bring a side dish or dessert. Please plan to come and represent Holy Trinity!

Diakonia: Learn and Grow

Are you interested in deepening your knowledge of faith and theology? We are blessed to have a local chapter of the nationally-recognized Diakonia program right here in south-central Wisconsin. Diakonia is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or anyone wishing in good faith to study Holy Scripture and the church's teachings. Participants do not earn professional certification or ordination, but will receive a strong foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge as well as skills for ministry. Graduates use this knowledge and these skills to serve in a variety of ways.

Former Holy Trinity member Barb Zimmerman is Diakonia Coordinator for our area. The fall term begins in September. If you or someone you know is interested in being a student or teacher, please contact Barb at scswdiakonia@gmail.com or call 608-535-0264 and leave a message. For more information and registration forms, visit the Diakonia web page at <https://scsw-elca.org/ministries-and-partners/diakonia/>. The yearly cost is \$360 but financial assistance is available.

Calling All Confirmands!

If you have a child currently in 6th or 7th grades or older who desires to be confirmed in their faith, please let Pastor Raabe know as soon as possible. Contact the church at 608-655-4246 or write to Pastor Raabe at pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com. Class is held Wednesdays during the school year from 5-6 p.m.

We are strengthening our two-year program with a mentorship component and enhancing other aspects of the confirmation experience. Service to church and community is a big part of what the confirmands do in their two years, in tandem with spending a year learning about Holy Scripture and a year on the basics of faith including the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Our primary goal is to build relationships and connect their faith with the world in which we live. **Confirmation Orientation is September 11 at 7:30**, immediately following worship, and class begins the following Wednesday, September 18.

A message from the Wisconsin Council of Churches

As you may already know, Betty Redon, a student pastor who has been serving Emaus Lutheran Church in Racine and beginning studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, is being detained by ICE along with her husband. For those reading online, [You can read her story here](#).

As Bishop Paul Erickson of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church has recommended, "Many have asked what they can do to be supportive. One simple but powerful gesture would be to send a card or message of support to Betty and/or her husband Carlos at the detention center. Please know that all messages will be opened and read prior to reaching her, but knowing how many people are waiting and watching with her would be very helpful."

If you would like to send messages or cards to them, please send all correspondence to:

Emaus ELCA

1925 Summit Avenue

Racine, WI 53404

It will be forwarded to them at the detention center where they are now being detained. And let us also remember, pray, and seek justice for others who have sought peace and safety in our country. They, too, must be treated with the respect and compassion due to them as fellow children of God and neighbors whom Jesus calls us to love.

Peter Bakken

Coordinator for Public Policy

Wisconsin Council of Churches

Meet our new members

Zach, Brittany, and Hudson Savignac

Zach is a Digital Marketing Analyst for Nancy's Notions and Brittany is an Operations Manager for CESA 10 Facilities Management. Their son Hudson celebrated his first birthday on March 15. The Savignacs enjoy traveling, attending music events and spending quality time with friends and family.

Josh, Sara, and Cecilia Baysinger

Josh is the Virtual Construction Manager at J.H. Findorff & Sons where he has worked for 12 years. He is a graduate of Madison College in Madison, Wisconsin. He enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time. Sara is an Epic Instructional Designer for SSM Health where she has worked for 4 years. She is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She enjoys traveling, yoga, and crocheting. They welcomed daughter Cecilia Kay on January 26, 2018. They also have two Labrador retrievers, Maverick and Lola, and a rescue cat named Riley.

To be continued next month. You can see photos of all recent new members on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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. When you open it for the first time, enter our church's name. After you select us, we automatically become your home church. You can use all major debit/credit cards. Indicate whether you want to make it a recurring donation and at what interval. There's even an option to offset processing fees that will otherwise be billed to us. 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.



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.

Garage and Bake Sale

It's time to be looking ahead to our annual Garage and Bake Sale on **August 15-17** (8-5 on Thursday and Friday, 8-noon on Saturday). You may bring in gently used items in good condition from 9-11:30 Monday-Thursday, or call the office at 655-4246 to arrange a dropoff time. Small furniture items are very popular; we cannot accept TVs, entertainment centers, mattresses or box springs, sofa sleepers and reclining sofas, futons, exercise equipment, baby items (such as car seats, cribs and walkers), large appliances, and hazardous or construction materials. If you would like to serve on the Garage Sale Leadership Team, **a meeting will be held at the parsonage at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10** to discuss layout and setup.

Sunday School Backpack Project: The Sunday School will be gearing up for the project over the summer. On the Over & Above Board there are sheets indicating what items will be needed. Feel free to grab one and be on the look-out for sales. You may provide all items listed, or as many as you wish. The Sunday School thanks 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 St. for church-related gatherings, whether one-time or ongoing. There is now a deck out in back with patio furniture for you to enjoy these warm summer evenings. You have use of the full kitchen and all other amenities. Call the office at 655-4246 to reserve your time and check out a key.

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.

The Property Committee will meet at church on Monday June 3 at 7:00 pm. All interested in helping to maintain our buildings and grounds are welcome to attend.

The Church Council meets following worship the 2nd Sunday of the month. June's meeting will be Sunday June 9 at 10:00 am. All Holy Trinity members are invited to attend any meeting. Please contact Council President Elesa Kinder with questions you'd like the Council to address by the Monday prior to the meeting.

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) meet the second Tuesday of every month. The June gathering is set for **Tuesday June 11 at 1:00 pm.**

Quilting Day will take place on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. This is a vital ministry of Holy Trinity and serves up some fun and fellowship. If you would like to join the Quilting Day group making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, just come and join in. You can stay for the day or only part, as your schedule permits. There are extra sewing machines available and all skill levels are welcome. Contact Laurie Weisensel at (608)235-5759 if you need more information.

Quilt Tying will be on Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00 pm at the church.

To sew quilt tops at home, contact Linda Baldrige, 655-4178 or Laurie Weisensel, 235-5759.

The June Second Harvest Food Bank will be Friday June 28 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.

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.

July is Holy Trinity's month to provide volunteers for the Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry located at 117 E. Madison Street (Hwy 19) in Waterloo (use door in alley). There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board; please consider helping in this way. Volunteers will be needed on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm and on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:00am. Volunteers should arrive 10 minutes prior to shift start and at least 3 volunteers are needed per shift. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity! We are newly in need of Food Pantry representatives from our congregation to attend the meetings there on the first Monday evening of each month. Please consider this way of serving our community and those in need.

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!

Opportunities for contemplation at Holy Trinity

Now that the grass is growing and the weather is warming, make some time to walk our labyrinth behind the church parking lot. An instructional guide is available in our book rack.

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.

Our **Prayer Team** consists of many dedicated "prayer warriors." Please let us know if you would like to add yourself or someone else to that list of those prayed for, or if you would like to become a Holy Trinity prayer warrior yourself. 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.

Sunday worship helpers (greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants) are also needed.

Lectors will now receive the readings in advance, along with an introduction to each lesson. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, along with one for snacks and coffee-making for each service.

Council Highlights – May 19, 2019

The Council is now working from a Consent Agenda in addition to the meeting agenda. On the regular agenda, Elesa and Cheri shared their positive experiences as representatives to Synod Assembly on May 4-5; Elesa is exploring the possibility for Holy Trinity to get involved with the Blessings in a Backpack program to provide extra food for schoolchildren in need; the idea for a “Blue Mass” honoring first responders on June 23 was approved; the Mission Statement currently on our web site, holytrinitymarshall.com, was officially adopted; the need for professional custodial services was discussed; major events such as First Communion and Confirmation Sundays will be held at the late service from now on; nearly two dozen Marshall High School students were here to clean the church and parsonage on their Service Day, May 17; holding our Blessings of the Animals service at a local farm in the fall was discussed and will be explored.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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Our thanks and gratitude to those who gave so much of their energy and time in May for the sake of this body of Christ! These include our secretary Kathy Schluter, our organists, Altar Guild members, Sunday School teachers and helpers, as well as those serving on Council or other leadership teams, Women of the ELCA, Second Harvest Food Bank leaders and volunteers. Thanks to Richard Tooley and Larry Legro for leading worship in Pastor Raabe’s absence. Thanks also 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 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.

If you assisted in any other way during May and we missed you, our apologies. Holy Trinity would be lost without all of you wonderful volunteers. You are 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. We are here for you 24/7, as close as a phone call or text. Often we find that members have been hospitalized only after they have come home! Your well-being is her first concern. 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-1:00PM 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 and is 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.

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.

Do you need help paying your energy bill? The Wisconsin Home Energy Plus Program may be able to help. **Find out if you qualify by calling Wisconsin Home Energy Plus Program at 1-866-432-8947 OR in Dane County call Madison phone 267-8601.**



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