

The Visitor

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Baptized? Never too old or too young...

never too soon or too late!

- An active adult in the church- “I am an adult but I didn’t grow up in the Lutheran Church so I have never been baptized. Can I take communion? Should I be baptized?”
- A parent of three- “We have been moving around for my spouse’s job for the last 5 years and are finally in a place for more than a few years and are eager to have our kids a part of a church. They are not babies anymore. Is it too late for them to be baptized?”
- A young adult- “I want to be a part of this community. The church I grew up in practiced believer’s baptism, and I was never baptized. Do you do that here?”
- A new parent- “I just had a baby and am not a member. Can my child be baptized? What is required? What does it mean?”
- A person in the third third of their life, facing a terminal illness- “I want to know I am not alone. I want to know I can count on someone now and beyond this life. I have not been baptized. How can I find comfort through faith?”

These are just a few questions that people have asked me regarding baptism. If you have asked them or wondered them, you are not alone. Because of God's grace, Lutherans are good at inviting infants to be baptized, showing there is nothing we can do to earn God's love. But sometimes people who weren't baptized as infants feel uncomfortable admitting it or funny asking about it. The truth is, the Bible is full of stories of people from all ages and all life circumstances being baptized. If you, or someone you know, has not been baptized and would like to be, there is a great opportunity coming up to consider. On Wednesday, August 22nd, we have our last Holy Trinity Lakeside Service for the year at Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park. While most any Sunday/Wednesday worship service is an appropriate and fitting place for someone to be baptized at any age/stage of life, we are planning one particular worship service for people of any age to come down, stand in the water at Cedar Lake, and be baptized. On Wednesday, August 22nd, we will have a picnic style supper (starting at 5 pm) followed by a worship service at Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park (6 pm).

We have five baptisms of people of varying ages scheduled for the lake that night and would love to include others in this celebration. It will happen in the service, as usual, but the setting is simply quite conducive for older children/adults to be baptized. If have are interested in being baptized or have questions about this opportunity, please call the church office or speak to one of the pastors.

Baptism is a time of celebration. It is a welcome into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Every time we have a baptism, it is a celebration, so expect a celebration on Wednesday, August 22nd. Boom Chicka Boom will be leading our music during our worship service as well as a concert following the service. Mark your calendars for this exciting celebratory evening!

Pastor Alicia Hilding



Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



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Kickoff dates to save

9/9 Sunday School Kickoff
9/12 Crew Time Kickoff
9/12 Confirmation Kickoff

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Dinner is served weekly from
5:00-5:50pm.
Worship service will be from
6:00-6:45pm.

August 1st— Summer Menu
August 8th —Summer Menu
August 15th — Summer Menu
August 22nd — Summer Menu
August 29th — Summer Menu

Holy Trinity's Staff

Co – Pastors: Pastor Alicia Hilding & Pastor Ben Hilding
Office Manager: Jamie Blisek
Custodian: Jim Cody
Ministry Coordinator: Karen Taylor
Facility Manager: Jon Bergquist
Worship Team: Rita Sapp, Terry Drommerhausen, Rose Fife, Tim Price, & Lexie Lammers
Special Music Coordinator: Rose Fife
Adult Choir Director: Toby Thielje
Hospitality Coordinator: Donna Galvin

Your Church Council Members

Tyler Kienow—President
Dirk Berger—Vice-President
Karla Klingfus—Secretary
Eric Fiala—Treasurer
Jay Schoenebeck, Dan Jacobson
George Winn, Kim Gassner, Laurie Thorp

Holy Trinity's

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship follow Sunday's worship service.

Wednesday Worship 6:00 p.m.

A meal precedes Wednesday's Worship Service.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and following Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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FINANCE & ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Revenue & Expenses –

Revenue & Expense -
(Finance update as of June 30, 2018)
Revenue: YTD Budget \$235,689 YTD Actual \$253,034
Expenses: YTD Budget \$256,442 YTD Actual \$254,792
Revenue - Expenses: YTD Budget -\$20,753 YTD Actual -\$1,758

NEXT NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS

Interested in becoming part of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church? Sign up today! Our next 2018 New Member Gathering will be held from 3:30-6:00 p.m., on Sunday, August 5th. We will take some time to hear about you, share about Holy Trinity, and enjoy a meal together. Childcare will be provided. To sign up, please go to Holy Trinity's Website and click on the "Sign-up Genius" logo or call the church office.



HOLY TRINITY LAKESIDE CONTINUES!

What a gift to be able to worship at Cedar Lake this summer! Jesus spent a lot of time near the water and so are we as a church! Bring a lawn chair or blanket, take out your sunglasses, and come out to Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park on Wednesday, August 22nd! Dinner will be served starting at 5 pm with worship beginning at 6. This is a great service to invite neighbors, friends, and family to join you! Make a call, send a text, or share the Facebook post today!

Boom Chicka Boom Will Lead Worship for our Last Lakeside Service of the Year!

Boom Chicka Boom will lead our worship music and offer a post worship concert at our last Holy Trinity Lakeside Worship Service of the Year. Boom Chicka Boom is an acoustic driven trio made up of New Prague's very own Cary Havlicek, Shelley Galvin and Timothy Price. Playing a wide variety of music spanning from the 50's to the 90's, plus Classic Country, Classic Rock and even a dash of Bluegrass, you'll never be at a loss to sing along! But that's not all, don't be a bit surprised if (and when) you hear them make a joyful noise to the Lord with popular Contemporary Christian Hits and some of your all-time Gospel Favorites! Family Friendly and Fun, Boom Chicka Boom offers a little something for everyone! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 22nd and invite a friend!



Call to Order: 6:33 pm called to order by Berger.

Present: Council Members present included Berger, Fiala, Gassner, Jacobson, Klingfus, Schoenebeck, Thorp, Winn. Pastor Alicia and Pastor Ben were present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Schoenebeck, 2nd by Gassner. Motion passed.

Approval of May Minutes: Motion by Gassner, 2nd by Fiala. Motion passed.

Opening Devotions: Berger

Ministry Teams Reports: Risk Management (Gassner) –Council provided feedback on facility use forms. Committee will meet again and will return to council. Faith Formation (Thorp) – There were 20-30 kids that participated in the Popsicles in the Park events. Wednesday Lakeside Services (Jacobson) - Partnering with Donna on menu/volunteers for meals at lakeside services.

Pastor Alicia Report:

Fall Planning – Pastor Alicia met with Sunday School teachers, Crew Time Leaders, and CYFM team – what went well, what can be done better with decision to maintain Sunday School with one class of Pre-K and one of elementary and Crew Time with the same structure during Wednesday service message.

RibFest – 5pm – 8pm August 3rd; hosted on front lawn of HTLC.

Pre-Marriage Retreat – All staff that partners with weddings participated. We had four couples attend with the Privratskys and Jaspersons sharing their wisdom regarding marriage.

Vacation – Pastor Alicia and Pastor Ben have vacation plans this summer; they've coordinated for pastoral back-up and with five church members to assist with services.

Strategic Plan – Stakeholders met on June 3rd and will be summarizing in written form what was accomplished, what was not/why and what is still outstanding. Luke Friendshuh will consolidate the information and it will be highlighted at annual meeting.

Pastor Ben Report:

Worship – progressing through the Gospel of Mark. Lakeside service begins this month – publishing on Facebook, in Chamber newsletters, and via lawn signs.

Sara Renner – serving as a guest vocalist at June lakeside service

VBS – July 9th – 12th

Sonshine Garage Sale –Thursday, June 21st 5pm – 8pm and Friday, June 22nd, 9am – 5pm.

Minneapolis Area Synod Resurrection Fund Ministry Imagination Grant – Mission outreach team proposed a request to build a multi-purpose garage and is requesting \$25,000 of the fund. Winn moved that council support the grant request, Klingfus seconded. Motion passed.

Granola Bar Drive – Liz Nelson led a drive to ask for 1,000 granola bars in June. By June 13th, 2,700 had been donated. HTLC has created an outdoor 24/7 food shelf on the church grounds.

Treasurers Report:

YTD – Budget at end of May was \$1,511 with actuals at -\$4,944. We had a good month of giving, yet had some expense hit in May that was budgeted spend throughout the summer (Sonshine salaries). Kienow, Fiala, and Pastor Alicia met with First National to renew line of credit.

Old Business:

Congregational Gift Policy – Council reviewed draft. Pastor Alicia will ask some follow-up questions and return to council for final review/vote.

Mission/Vision Statement Next Steps – Work done by 2016 church council was reviewed; council is thoughtfully considering next steps on how to formulate mission/vision.

Road Bids/Work – Engineering is being prepared and will be submitted to city for approval.

New Business:

Legal Church Name/State Filings – Our legal church name is Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Prague, Minn.

Facility Needs Discussion – Pastor Ben recommended a task force be established to review our current facility composition, our needs, and make recommendations relative to future needs. We will leverage nominating committee for the composition of this team.

Closing Prayer: Berger led council in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Gassner, 2nd by Klingfus. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 16th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Klingfus

In Our Prayers

In a Health Care Facility..

Barb Loebner

In Our Prayers...

Gladys Beinhorn, Laurie Tolzmann, and

Bonnie Tupy

Please inform the church office of any illnesses, hospitalizations, or prayer requests as desired.

Interested in volunteering to do work around the church, call the church office 952-758-3513! Not a long term commitment, small and simple day or two day jobs. Come out and help get the small jobs done!

volunteer
do good, feel good



HOLY TRINITY'S
Rackin's
Rib Fest
Friday, August 3 5 - 8 pm
FOOD FAMILY FUN FELLOWSHIP
MUSIC BEER GARDEN
KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Dirk's Council letter to the Holy Trinitarians

Greetings,

How connected do you feel to God? How connected do you feel to your fellow church members? One of the challenges of a church Holy Trinity's size is helping people maintain those connections. We have two services, four areas of the sanctuary, and two main entrances. Congregation members can go to church for a long time and not know one another. As peoples lives continue to be busier and the demands on the staff at Holy Trinity increase, it's harder to provide opportunities for people to grow in their faith and get to know one another more deeply.

I have some suggestions to get more connected.

Attend a Wednesday meal and service. One of the best ways to get to know someone is to share a meal with them.

Volunteer to serve on a group of volunteers/teams. Our new program year starts in September and our ministry teams are looking for folks to help them in their work. We have all kinds of teams, depending on your time and interests. Do you have heart for serving others? Join our Outreach team. Volunteer for ushering, PowerPoint runner, or communion helper. Serve as a greeter on Sunday/Wednesday service. One of the best ways to connect with more people is to welcome them to service. Our greeters are the "front door" of the church, providing a smiling face and warm handshake to everyone who worships with us. The more you see people, the better chance you'll have to get to know them. Love working with kids? We're always looking for new faces for our Children and Youth teams. You don't need to have any level of expertise, only a willing heart. And you'll get to work beside some amazing people!

Sit in a new place in worship. "Blasphemy! How dare you suggest I leave my comfortable space on Sunday/Wednesday service! Well, if you want to get to know new people, you have to be willing to break habits and routines. Sitting in a new place and making an effort to talk to those around you (but not during the sermon!) is a great way to meet new people and make them feel welcome. I know you will be watching Darbie and myself as to where we are sitting!

These are only a few ways you can deepen your connections at Holy Trinity. We as a council want to help you grow in your faith and make you feel more a part of your church family.

You will also soon be helped by our new directory, due to take photos in September. More information is to follow soon.

I'm excited about the future God has planned for us!

Peace

Dirk



Volunteers of the Month

This month’s volunteers are a group of people that meet behind the scenes, they like numbers and they are totally OK with not being the “popular” group in church. Although I’m not sure anyone can compete with the Wednesday night dinner crew, this team meets monthly and strategies the financial and overall growth of our church. Best of all, they appear to enjoy it! This month, I’d like to recognize the **Stewardship Committee!**

The Stewardship Committee consists of the following members:

- Mark Walser – Team Leader*
- Jenny Walser*
- Barbara Droher-Kline*
- Jim Niemeyer*
- Shelly Reimers*
- George Winn*
- Pastor Alicia Hilding.*

Thank you for teaching us to recognize God’s gifts in ourselves and to give back in gratitude!

Are you looking to meet new people or to join one of the many teams at Holy Trinity? Connect with Karen Taylor before or after worship services or email volunteer@holyltrinityonline.org or call Jamie Bisek, Office Manager at 952-758-3513 and they will assist you with finding a team.

Blessings to you and your family,
Karen Taylor
Ministry Coordinator



Look who showed up! For Fred Schmiesing’s funeral, one of the guests for the service used to ride the bus with Fred growing up. It turns out this guest was Don Fultz, who was a pastor here at Holy Trinity during the years in which we built this current campus. What a wonderful opportunity to connect the past generations!



The Prayer Shawl group would like to invite everyone to join them each 2nd Saturday of the month beginning at 9:00 to share in conversation and work on their knitting and crocheting projects. An invitation is also extended to anyone who would like to learn how to knit or crochet. All participants were very excited to invite you and help to teach you how to knit and/or crochet. Many hands make light work. Please consider spending a Saturday morning with us.

BOOK NOOK – Just a friendly reminder! If you purchase any books from the Book Nook please bring the money to the church office or you may put the money in the envelope in the box outside of the church office. Year to date on what has been given to the Peace Center \$1,640.99.



Praha Village Developer Mark Appelbaum and Marketing Manager Shelley Krueger stopped by Holy Trinity with a check representing a substantial donation to the church. The funds will be used to upgrade landscaping in the area previously used by the preschool play yard.

COMING SOON—NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

- A new directory:**
- Preserves this special time in the life our church
 - Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
 - Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. Please watch the bulletin for how to sign up. You will be able to sign up at our church website at www.holytrinityonline.org, at our signup table at upcoming services, by calling our church office or by calling Lifetouch at 1.866.756.0281.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES and HOURS:

Friday	September 14 th	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Saturday	September 15 th	9:00AM to 4:00PM
Monday	September 17 th	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Tuesday	September 18 th	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Wednesday	September 19 th	2:00PM to 9:00PM



August 2018

Worship Service Times

Sunday at 9:00 am

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Lakeside Service – August 22 @ 6:00 pm

USHERS

WEDNESDAY EVENING

HELP NEEDED!!

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Lamping (Sunday's)

Jen Fiala (Wednesday's)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 8 – Intinction

6:00 pm Pastor Alicia (Bread), Chirlyn Thorsfeldt
(wine)

POWERPOINT RUNNERS

August 1 6:00 pm Jeffrey Price

August 8 6:00 pm John Taylor

August 15 6:00 pm Jeffrey Price

August 22 6:00 pm John Taylor

August 29 6:00 pm Jeffrey Price

OFFERING COUNTERS

August 5 Dan Popple & Jason Fife

August 12 Dennis Jasperson & Renee Dietrich

August 19 Julie Popple & Tammy Kajer

August 26 Sande Schoenecker & Paul Rasmusson

RADIO BROADCAST

August 5 Dennis & Heather Tietz in memory of Jill
(Hines) Roiger

August 12 Palmer & Sue Welcome

August 19 Lowell & Audrey Lamping

August 26 LuAnn Leach



If you are missing the Sunday Worship Assistant list, perhaps it's because you are not on a Worship Assistant Team! We have switched formats for Sunday's. Each team serves one week per month. Would you like to be on a team? Connect with Karen Taylor, Ministry Coordinator in person before or after worship or email

volunteer@holytrinityonline.org

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am Amazing Grays 5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Worship	2 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:00 pm A.A.	3 9:00 am A.A. 5-8pm Rib Fest 7:30 pm A.A.	4
5 9:00 am Worship 3:30—6pm New Member Orientation 7:00 pm A.A.	6 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Communications Team Mtg—Room 205 A/B 6:30 pm CODA—New Prague 8:00 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	7 1:00 pm Faith Formation Mtg—Pastor Alicia's Office 4:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH 5:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH 7:00 pm Property/Interior Space/Facility Meeting—Fireside Room	8 9:00 am Amazing Grays 5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Worship	9 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:00 pm A.A.	10 9:00 am A.A. 1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group 5:30 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:30 pm A.A.	11 9:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry—Fireside Room
12 9:00 am Worship—New Member Sunday 6:00 pm NPCAN 7:00 pm A.A.	13 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm CODA—New Prague 8:00 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	14 4:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH 5:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH	15 9:00 am Amazing Grays 5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Worship—New Member Wednesday	16 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:00 pm A.A.	17 9:00 am A.A. 5:30 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:30 pm A.A.	18
19 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm A.A.	20 9:30 am Risk Management Mtg—Pastor Alicia's office 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Executive 6:30 pm CODA—New Prague 6:30 pm Church Council 8:00 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	21 4:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH 5:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH	22 9:00 am Amazing Grays 5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Holy Trinity Lakeside Service	23 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:00 pm A.A.	24 9:00 am A.A. 1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group 5:30 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:30 pm A.A.	25 11:00am Shower—Fellowship Hall
26 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm A.A.	27 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm CODA—New Prague 8:00 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	28 4:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH 5:30 pm Taekwondo Class—FH 7:00 pm LGBT Support Group	29 9:00 am Amazing Grays 5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Worship	30 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:00 pm A.A.	31 9:00 am A.A. 5:30 pm Taekwondo—FH 7:30 pm A.A.	

Children's Ministry (3yrs -5th grade)

Fall 2018



A note from Pastor Alicia

I hope you are having a great summer! As we gear up for the fall, I just wanted to let you know that I'm super excited to be jumping into Children's Ministry. It's something I care deeply about, and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you! Here are a couple really great options for how you can engage this fall:

Worship:

I believe that the single most important way you can pass on the Christian faith to your young ones is through weekly worship. At Holy Trinity, we want parents to know that we welcome children in worship, even with their occasional restlessness and temper tantrums! Each service, we have a children's message, and we also have a noisy offering so that even the youngest ones in church can begin to learn the practices of faith. You can also help yourself to a kid's worship bag, which includes crayons for them to use on the "Coloring Corner" of the bulletin. In addition, our nursery has recently been updated with new toys, and it includes both a "mother's room" and a private bathroom, with the worship service livestreamed.



Crew Time (Wednesday nights):

A couple years ago, Holy Trinity experimented with Wednesday evening services, and it has sure taken off! As we continue to tweak the Crew Time experience, we strive to have a format that is conducive for busy families. This past year, we heard from you that it works well to weave Crew Time in with the worship service. Children break off during the sermon time (giving parents a little breather!), and then return during the offering.

Sunday School (Sunday mornings):

On Sunday mornings, we have a wonderful traditional Sunday School experience that follows the 9am service, which runs until approximately 10:50am each week. Sunday School includes music, crafts, and activities pertaining to the relevant Scripture passage.

Please feel free to email me with any questions! alicia@holytrinityonline.org

Schedule

- 9/5** Orientation
- 9/9** Sunday School Kickoff
- 9/12** Crew Time Kickoff

Sunday School on these dates: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9

But not these dates: 11/25, 12/23, 12/30

Crew Time on these dates: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, & 12/5

But not these dates: 11/21, 12/26

12/16 Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/19 Christmas Program

1/2 Crew Time Resumes

Register online at www.holytrinityonline.org

*Please also note that we're making a new church directory this fall. Photos will be taken 9/14 - 9/15, 9/17 - 9/19!

Confirmation Ministry (Grades 6-9)



Fall 2018

Schedule

9/5	Orientation
9/12	Kickoff (1st Class)
9/19	Class
9/26	Class
10/3	Class
10/10	Class
10/17	Class
10/24	Class
10/31	Halloween Party
11/7	Class
11/14	Class
11/21	No Confirmation
11/28	Class
12/5	Class
12/12	Class
12/19	Christmas Party
12/26	No Confirmation
1/2	Confirmation resumes



A note from Pastor Ben

Hello friends! As we are looking to the fall, I have to say I am really excited for confirmation. I hope that in confirmation everyone gets to learn some basics of faith, but also dive deeper into bigger questions. This year, we've got some neat developments and slight adjustments so that your experience is positive and meaningful! I have to say: confirmation is one of my favorite aspects of ministry, and I'm excited for a great year! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions: ben@holytrinityonline.org

Confirmation Layout

- 5:00 Dinner: This is optional, but a wonderful chance to have a home cooked meal in the middle of a busy week!
- 6:00 Worship: Worship is central to a life of faith, and central to the Holy Trinity Confirmation Experience.
- 6:50 Small Groups: After worship, students will break into small groups to check in and discuss their sermon notes.
- 7:10-7:30 Large Group: Students and leaders will then regroup in Paul's Place for a large group lesson.

Key Components

- Weekly Participation: Students will be expected to participate weekly in worship, small groups, and the large group lessons.
- Sermon Notes: During worship, students will take sermon notes on the backs of the bulletins, which they will hand into their small group leaders.
- Service Teams: Rather than accumulating separate service hours, students will jump into one of three service teams:
 - Worship Support Team (1x/month): this team will be in charge of helping with worship (ushering, A/V, reading, etc.)
 - Kitchen Team (1x/month): this team will help the kitchen team serve and clean up the Wednesday dinner meal.
 - Bell Choir (1x/month): students can volunteer to play in the Bell Choir! They will practice at 5pm the same day they play at 6pm.

Register online at www.holytrinityonline.org!