

The Visitor

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The Word is Out!

This summer our worship series is called, “Acts: The Early Years.” Acts, often called Acts of the Apostles, is the only book in the Bible of its kind. It is the sequel to the Gospel of Luke and picks up where Luke ends. It is a picture into the life of the church at its very inception. It is a book full of questions, adventures, crises and consequences in the early church.

Summer is a good time to get out of the box and while we often focus our preaching in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, this summer we are going to focus on part 2, Acts. After Jesus died and was raised, God sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into the church and after that there was nothing that could hold the Spirit’s movement back.

Acts is a story of movement. It is like the ripples of water moving out after a rock is thrown into the water. The whole book is summarized in Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts is the story of God’s good news moving out from the center, Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

This summer, we will wonder, along with the first believers, some of the same pertinent questions of faith. How much power does God give to God’s people after he is no longer physically present? Does being a Christian mean that life will be easier? Who can be a part of the church? What is conversion? Who can or should be a leader in the church? Where do differing beliefs about baptism come from?

This summer is a great time to let the Word move you to a new place- to get you out of your normal routine. In addition to regular weekly worship, we have some special worship services coming up including: Blessing of the Bikes (6/5), Vacation Bible School Worship (7/10), Blessing of the Pets (7/31), a Polka Service (8/4), Blessing of the Backpacks (8/21), and Holy Trinity Lakeside (6/26, 7/24, 7/28). There are also a number of events happening this summer such as All God’s Creatures Family Event at the Horejsi Farm (6/2), Park & Popsicles (6/9 & 6/11), Vacation Bible School (7/8-7/11), and Rib Fest (8/2) just to name a few!

Let’s get the Word out! Share about an opportunity with a friend or neighbor. Invite them to join you for a faith experience that might surprise them. Mark your calendars to come and be a part of this new worship series as we try to be a faithful church, following Jesus together, wherever the Spirit leads. Blessings as you begin this summer season!

Pastor Alicia Hilding



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Key Dates

6/2	All God’s Creatures Family Event
6/5	Blessing of Bikes
6/9	Park and Popsicles
6/11	Park and Popsicles
6/26	Holy Trinity Lakeside

In Our Prayers

We ask that you keep in your prayers: Barb Loebner, Laurie Tolzmann, Pastor Diane Goulson, Ellie Grace, Jim Morris, Susie Rogers, Frances and Annie, Gary, Don Mushitz, granddaughter Vada, granddaughter Piper, Alyce Price, Nancy, and Elaine Kumpf. Please inform the church office of any illness, hospitalizations, or prayer requests as desired.

Wednesday Meals

Served weekly from 5:00-5:50pm.

6/5	Summer Menu
6/12	Summer Menu
6/19	Summer Menu
6/26	Summer Menu

Holy Trinity’s Staff

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

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.

Learn more about us at www.holytrinityonline.org, or check us out on our facebook page!

Holy Trinity’s Church Council

President: Dirk Berger
Vice President: Karla Klingfus
Secretary: Mary Hanson-Busch
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Summer @ HTLC

Ministry Opportunities in June

Of course, summer is a season for fun, rest, and play, but it’s also a great time to grow in faith. On top of the regularly scheduled worship services, we have a variety of special services planned, as well as special events planned for you, your friends, and/or your family. Mark your calendars for these great ministry opportunities!

6/2: All God's Creatures Event

Sunday, June 2 from 3 - 7 pm at the Horejsi Family Farm. 4650 Farwell Ave, Webster. This event is open to the entire family so, join us for a relaxing time on the farm. Cuddle with baby farm animals, play some yard games and go on a nature scavenger hunt! *What to bring: Camp chair, drinks, meat to grill, and a dish to share.* There will be plenty of animals for you to see and touch, so please leave your family pets at home.

6/5: Blessing of the Bikes

Bring your bike to Wednesday night worship at 6pm for a prayer and a blessing! You can bring a kid bike or an adult bike or motorcycle!

6/9, 6/11: Park and Popsicles

Come on out to Memorial Park on Sunday, June 9th & Tuesday, June 11th at 1 pm. We will meet on the front lawn at 1 pm for a quick group game, play on the playground, and have popsicles around 1:30. This is a family event, so children need to be accompanied by an adult. Feel free to invite another family or friend!

6/26: Holy Trinity Lakeside

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, Holy Trinity will meet at Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park for an outdoor service. A picnic dinner is served at 5 pm and worship at 6pm. On August 28th, there will be a special baptism service. If you have interest, please talk to one of the pastors.



Future Summer Dates

As you look to July and August, make sure you mark your calendars for these summer ministry opportunities as well:

- July 8th-11th: Vacation Bible School
- July 24th: Holy Trinity Lakeside
- July 31st: Blessing of the Pets service
- August 2nd: Rib Fest
- August 4th: Polka Service & New Member Gathering
- August 21st: Blessing of the Backpacks Service
- August 28th: Holy Trinity Lakeside (baptism service)
- September 8th/11th: Fall Kickoff



4/15/19 Council Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 6:32 Berger
Attendance: Pastor Alicia, Pastor Ben, Klingfus, Fiala, Dittberner, Berger, Hemann, Hanson-Busch,Schoenebeck,Jacobson

Approve Agenda: Schoenebeck, second Klingfus, motion passed

Approve March 18,2019 minutes: Fiala, second Schoenebeck, motion passed

Devotions: Chapter 4/5 “Canoeing the Wilderness” discussion

Pastor Alicia Report:
Dates of note: Gustavus Gathering of Congregations April 27th, New Member Gathering May 5th 10-12, Synod Assembly May 3rd and 4th
HTLC Constitution confirmed as approved by the synod
Passport for Holy Week, welcome families for worship all service
Pastor Ben Report:
Holy Week update, review services
After Easter, Pastor Jorge Espinoza will visit again, Emmaus walk services 4-28-/May 1
Garage follow up, first one sold, unavailable for purchase

Motion by Fiala, second Dittberner: Approve John Berquist to purchase for the church with council liaison approval, garage in like condition to previous choice with cost up to \$4800 Motion passed.

Treasurer report: general giving higher in March and year to date, Miscellaneous income transfer \$2500 from short term designated to general fund in March. Expenditures so far less than budgeted for year, team budgets expenditures forthcoming including mission outreach. Balance sheet reviewed.
Review of memorial gift to HTLC: approximately \$6600 liquid and \$1200 in REIT fund gifted. Recommends council accept gift.

Motion: Fiala, second Hemann: Accept gift of monies in Ameriprise account to be transferred to Wealth Management, with Shannon Bruseau. Funds distributed following HTLC undesignated gift policy, 10% synod,30% endowment,60% directed by council. Motion passed

Audio Visual update: \$8571 spent along with additional costs in materials, sound specialist consult, projected more costs including microphones all exceed monies raised in special offering so far.

Motion: Hanson-Busch, second Dittberner to apply the 60% of recent memorial gift monies to capital fund designated for the purpose of A/V project related costs. Motion passed.

Child Protection Policy Update: Final draft approved, reviewed by legal. Schoenebeck, Pastors and Children Youth Ministry Team leadership will oversee training, implementation and application process for staff, volunteers.
Ministry Team update: Dan Jacobson to forward Lifetouch Demo and access code to council members for online directory

Close with Lord’s Prayer
Motion to adjourn : 7:55Klingfus, 2nd Fiala motion passed
Next meeting May 20, 6:30 planned guests include the O’Malleys with church history presentation and Synod assembly attendees with their report/update
Respectfully Submitted: Mary Hanson-Busch

Mission/ Outreach Updates



Shoe Away Hunger

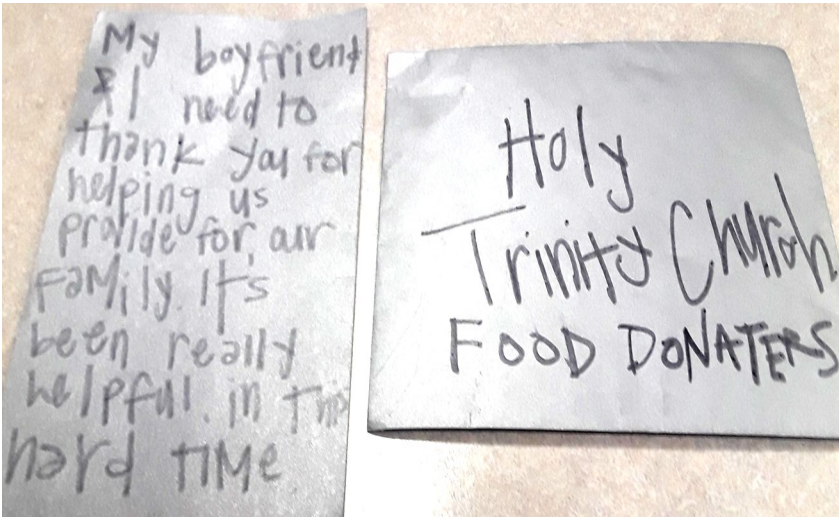
Thanks to everyone who donated shoes for the Shoe Away Hunger drive. Together, we collected over 500 pairs of shoes! For more information on this ministry, please visit goodinthehood.org.



Food for the Poor

Holy Trinity welcomes Pastor Darrell Golnitz, representative from Food for the Poor on **Sunday, June 2**. Pastor Golnitz will lead the service and then share the story of their ministry following the service in Paul's Place. Food for the Poor, the largest international relief program in the United States, guarantees 95% of all donations to directly to feeding, sheltering, and caring for those in need. All are welcome!

Pastor Ben + Pastor Alicia,
Asante sana tena. Many thanks again to you and the people of Holy Trinity for your faithful support of education in Ruaha Mbuyuni and the life in Christ we share by walking bega kwa bega. As you have heard from April and our colleagues in Iringa the gift is much appreciated and will make a world of difference.
Mungu Abariki (God bless you!)
-Pats Hilding



Dear Holy Trinity,
Thank you so much for your donation to Peace Center food shelf during the March Campaign. The church's efforts collected 147lbs of food & \$125.00. We appreciate you coordinating this effort to help feed our community members in need.
Sincerely,
Rita Higgins + Kris Tietz
Peace Center Food Shelf

Church Council Letter

Tim's Letter to the Holy Trinitarians

Noted Christian author, Bruce Larson, lives in California and has a young family. A while back he took them on a bike trip. They were on a trail and they saw a sign that said "Naturalist Camp." He was thinking 'how cool, we'll just bike and see nature.' Bruce soon found out what "Naturalist Camp" really means, as six completely naked bikers come up and rode right next to his family. Wondering what his children were thinking, his five-year old quickly said, "Dad, they're not wearing their helmets."

Sometimes, when you're on the journey, you're so focused on something that you think is important that you fail to notice something that's even more important. This can happen within any organization. As a congregation, are we focused on what's most important? Do our actions align with our mission, values and vision? It is vitally important that we take time to reflect on our strategic plan. This will guide our ministry into the future.

As a new church council member, I am excited to work with a caring group of people who want to make a positive difference. It is an honor to serve this growing, vibrant church congregation. I look forward to working with the council and pastoral staff on the important work of the church as defined in our strategic plan. Together, we will make this even more amazing spiritual home to worship God and learn more about God's love for all people.

Tim Dittberner

Finance Update

(Finance update as of April 30, 2019)
Revenue: YTD Budget \$161,847 YTD Actual \$162,244
Expenses: YTD Budget \$166,289 YTD Actual \$156,622
Revenue-Expenses: YTD Budget \$-4,442 YTD Actual \$5,622

*The Mission Outreach Team has spent \$6,131 less than anticipated at this point in the year, but these are already committed dollars that have simply not yet been expended.



Synod Assembly

A big thank you to Michael Busch, Pat Onken, Joanna Hilding and Pastor Alicia Hilding for representing Holy Trinity at the 2019 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly titled, "In this Together: What the World Needs Takes All of Us." This Synod Assembly was held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey on May 3rd and 4th, and was a productive gathering of rostered and lay leaders from all the Minneapolis Area ELCA congregations.

Radio Ministry

Thank you to all those who have signed up to sponsor a week of Holy Trinity's radio ministry with KCHK radio, broadcasted Sunday mornings from 9-9:30am. This is a neat opportunity to honor a friend/family/birthday/anniversary or in memory of a loved on a key date. Thus far we have had 20 weeks that are spoken for in sponsorship. We have 19 weeks that are in need of a sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a week of this program, the cost is \$63.75 per week. Please contact Jamie Bisek in the church office at office@holytrinityonline.org.



New Members

A special welcome to new members Louie Ballman, Stephanie Stemmer, Elaine Blomquist, Bailey Hinricher, Tim & Lisa Hinricher, Jeff, Wendy, Luke and Faith Jacobson, Melissa, Abbey, Alice and William Kartak, Bob & Lisa Mallery, and Greg and Kim Jacobson Sather. We thank God for the gift you already are to HTLC! Feel free to spread the word: the next new member class will be Sunday, August 4th, from 10am-noon.

Volunteers of the Month

You only have to sit through a few worship services to understand that we have some AWESOME musicians in our congregation. Not only our fantastic Worship Band, but we have several amazing choirs. The Holy Trinity Choir led by Toby Thietje, the Holy Trinity Bell Choir led by Darbie Berger and the Sunday School led by Jenny Walser and the Crew Time Singers led by Alyce Price and Bailey Hinricher. In addition, the following musicians have enhanced our worship using their talents: Jeff Jacobson, Jordan Leggett, Sara Renner, F- Ian Nuhring, Vera Kass, Aimee Ilkka, Anna Lundeen, Kate Wagner, Angela Schoenbauer, Isabella Podratz, Grace Midvedt, Sarah Warner, Ella Horejsi, Abby Nielsen, Rick Johnson, Joe Taylor, Janae Becher, Lydia Popple, Drew Dietrich, Mandi Becher, Nicole Thietje, Katie Boulanger, Maddy Boulanger, Jake Boulanger, Tonya Jacobson, Emily Jacobson, Nevaeh Hauck, Michael Busch, Marlys Johnson, Shari Nytes, Bennie Remfert and Maggie Bass. Thank you to all musicians for making a joyful noise! Thank you to Rose Fife, Special Music Coordinator for recruiting all the great music talent to be a part of our worship service.

-Karen Taylor, Ministry Coordinator

We need your Time, your Talents and your Tools

Holy Trinity is a very active church community. As a result it takes increasing amounts of time and talent to keep everything in working order and presentable for our congregational and community needs. We are looking for anyone who would like to participate in maintaining the church property. The commitments are generally small in nature. We are not looking for long term project involvement, generally one day or less. Currently our project list includes removal of a pine tree on the east side of the church, re-plumbing of a water heater in the Sacristy, scraping and painting the parking lot light poles, cleaning the carpet in several meeting areas, several painting projects in interior spaces like classrooms, kitchen and hallways, ongoing repair of tables and chairs, and clearing debris from the flat roof area. There are always new projects that come up.

The commitment could be to either the Interior Space Committee or the Property Committee. The Interior Space Committee handles painting, interior repairs, decorating and general care, condition and look of the interior of the church.

The Property Committee handles the maintaining, retrofitting and remodeling of all systems of the church facility, including lighting, plumbing, woodworking and carpentry, as well as exterior maintenance and landscaping.

We also need to know what you have for tools and equipment. The church doesn't have the funds to purchase all of the equipment needed to maintain a facility so we rely on our congregational members to assist us with items that we use such as backpack blowers, dethatchers, aerators, chain saws, large ladders, trailers, skid loaders, trucks and other large tools used only occasionally.

In order to be able to find you when we need you, we need a couple things. First your name and contact information, including best phone numbers and email addresses. Then let us know if you can help us with tools and equipment that you have access to that could be used on the property. And finally, what skills and talents can you bring to the table and how would you like to be involved. We want to make sure we are making best use of the talents available to us and we want you to be involved in projects that you enjoy.

I know there are many who have voiced their willingness and it's difficult to keep track of everyone. Setting up a data base of Time, Talent and Tools will help us complete our tasks successfully and get people involved with the church community where they feel most comfortable. Please direct your information to office@holytrinityonline.org and we will work to get you involved in our projects.

If you would like to be a member of the Interior Space Team or the Property Tem, please make note of it and we will include you in our meeting notifications. For those who have been current or past members of either Interior Space or Property Teams, we need to have you renew your information so we have an up to date registry of those wishing to participate on these teams. Thank you for the talents that you share.

-Jon Bergquist, Facilities Manager



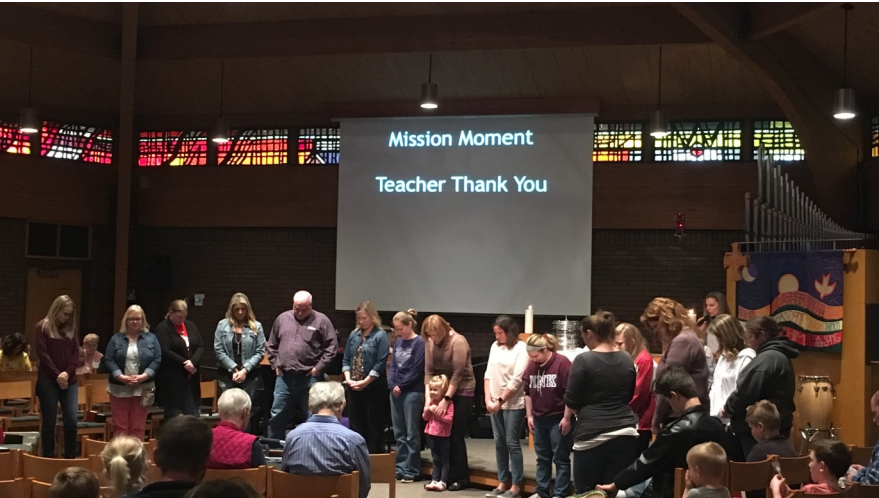
Thank you

In the southeast corner of the parking lot, there's a big trailer for you to recycle your pop cans. Every so often, a volunteer drops off the cans at a recycling center, and Holy Trinity benefits from the proceeds. A big thank you to Jim Olson for taking care of pop can trailer for us. Because of your recycling, we received \$127.05 in exchange for these pop cans!

Amazing Grays

Amazing Grays toured Shutterfly in Shakopee. It was a very impressive business presentation and tour proceeded by a catered lunch from Mr. Pig. One of the tour leaders said that we were the best group that they have given a tour for! We are still meeting every Wednesday morning in the Youth Room at 9am. All young at heart are welcome to join us!

Children, Youth and Family



Volunteer Thank You!

On May 19th and 22nd, we thanked the many volunteers who help make our Sunday School, Crew Time, Confirmation, and High School ministries possible. We thank God for those who help care, teach and walk with the HTLC students!

Fall CYF Volunteer Training

It takes over 40 volunteers to make our Children's Ministry happen at Holy Trinity and there may be role that is a perfect fit for you! There are numerous ways to serve: Sunday School Teaching, Crew Hosting, Administrative Preparing (cutting, organizing...etc.), Song Leading...etc. If you would like to serve, please talk to Pastor Alicia! We will kick-off the programmatic ministry year and will have a required Children, Youth, and Family Volunteer Training (Sunday School, Crew Time, Confirmation, Youth Group...etc.) on Sunday, September 8th (10:00 am) &/or Wednesday, September 11th (5:00 pm). Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior Led Worship Service

On May 19th, we celebrated HTLC senior students as they transition from high school to their next chapter of life. These students helped usher, serve communion, read, provide music, and even preach! Pictured are Ellen Popple, Kenzie Vlasak, Abby Lindblom, Jack Maxa, Joseph Nading, and Grace Midtvedt.



Vacation Bible School
July 8-11

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS

HTLC's Vacation Bible School "Roar" will be from 9-noon on Monday, July 8th-Thursday, July 11th for 3 year olds-those entering 4th grade in the 2019-2020 year. Invite a friend to come to VBS with you! **This year, those entering 5th Grade (and up) are invited to be Assistant Leaders** (look for a role that has "Asst."). We need a lot of volunteers to make this happen and it is a blast! *4:00-6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7th will be VBS Volunteer Training. Sign up for the role that fits your gifts today! Invite a friend to volunteer with you! To sign-up, follow the link on our website. \$17 per child / \$34 maximum per family. Scholarships available by emailing Pastor Alicia (alicia@holytrinityonline.org).

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

Our theme for VBS this summer is Roar: Life is Wild-God is Good. It is an African Safari Themed Decor. Do you have any of these things around that you would be willing to give or loan to the church for VBS (knowing there will be a lot of kids around and they could get wear/tear- ex: plastic tablecloths and boxes would not be returned)? If so, please bring to the church office and have clearly labeled with your first/last name on masking tape by July 1st:

- African fabrics or animal print items
- 5 Gallon Plastic Bucket- clean please (like the orange Home Depot buckets, but any color)
- Spotlights
- Big baskets (big enough for a blanket)
- Large cardboard boxes (ex: big appliance boxes)
- Plastic Tablecloths (any color)