



## A note from Pastor Alicia

As we turn our calendars to 2020, we want you to know the exciting dates we have to look forward to in 2020:

## Annual Summit Celebration:

We have an Annual Summit Celebration at Holy Trinity following worship (at 10 am) on Sunday, January 26th. This is an annual gathering where we celebrate what God has done through HTLC in 2019, and where we feel we are being led in 2020. This is our one main communication and decision making gathering. We have an efficient gathering planned and a children's offering during the time so it is conducive for families (you can also bring your kid(s) with you, if you'd prefer). While you do need to be a member to vote at this gathering, you are welcome to attend member/non-member.



## Milestones:

We have various milestones (3 year old Bibles, 3rd Grade Bibles, First Communion, Confirmation...etc.) at Holy Trinity to be able to offer coinciding education opportunities. We recognize, however, that everyone comes from different backgrounds- some not growing up in the church, some in other churches, and some at HTLC all their life. Due to differences, when we celebrate milestones, we welcome others of various ages to participate and sometimes offer additional opportunities based on need (For example: We are considering offering a Confirmation for Adults next year hearing a few people interested.)

## Lent & Holy Week:

- The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th and ends with Easter Sunday, April 12th.
- Dreamers Small Groups: In Lent (3/4 through 4/1), we are going to, again, do a congregation-wide small group initiative, with the theme being "Dreamers." We will look at the lives of Biblical dreamers. Last year we had 27 small groups including Confirmation students! We are inviting all parents/caring adults to try out a small group for four sessions, which will meet in various locations. This is a great way to meet other people with a short-term commitment.
- Palm Sunday: On Palm Sunday, both Sunday School & Crew Time students will be singing in church at the 9 am service. The service will be followed by an egg hunt and brunch.

## Key Dates -

- 1/5 S.S. Resumes
- 1/8 Crew Time Resumes
- 1/26 Annual Summit Celebration
- 2/2 3rd Grade Bible Class
- 2/5 3rd Grade Bible Milestone
- 2/26 Ash Wednesday
- 3/29 First Communion Class
- 4/5 Palm Sunday/Singing/Easter Egg Hunt/Brunch
- 4/9 Maundy Thursday/First Communion (4th grade)
- 4/10 Good Friday
- 4/12 Easter
- 4/15 Alternative First Communion
- 5/17 Last S.S./Teacher Appreciation
- 5/20 Last Crew Time/Leader/Host Appreciation

Sunday School on these dates: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17  
But not these dates: 4/5, 4/12

Crew Time on these dates: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20  
But not this date: 4/8

# Confirmation Ministry (Grades 6-8)



Winter/Spring 2020

## Schedule

1/8	Epiphany
1/15	Baptism
1/22	Giving Challenge
1/29	Bullying
2/5	Sabbath
2/12	Giving Challenge
2/19	Vision Huddle Preparation
2/26	Ash Wed.
3/1	Vision Huddle
3/4	Solomon
3/11	Isaiah
3/18	Joel
3/25	Ananias
4/1	Revelation
4/8	No Class
4/15	Freedom for
4/22	10 Commands
4/29	10 Commands
5/6	10 Commands
5/13	Quiz
5/20	Party



## A note from Pastor Ben

Happy New year! This fall was a wonderful stretch for confirmation. I'm so grateful for the commitment of each of these confirmation students, for the families who make this ministry priority, and for the small group leaders who invest in the lives of these young people. We've got a great schedule of topics lined up for the winter and spring, so keep up the good work! Let's dive in together!

## Winter/Spring Highlights

- Confirmation Giving Challenge: Holy Trinity gives 10% of all of our offerings away. Our confirmation students are going to help us determine where \$3,000 of this 10% (aka tithe) should go.
- Hope House: During the week of February 12th and April 29th, Holy Trinity will once again host Hope House. This means that during those weeks, we will have a slightly altered schedule, as the small group rooms will be used as bedrooms for the families experiencing homelessness.
- 10 Commandments: In April and May, we are going to learn about the 10 commandments, and the students are going to memorize them:)
- Looking Forward Huddle: On March 1st, there will be an additional required confirmation event for our final 2020 Vision huddle. This is the "Looking Forward" huddle, and our confirmation students are going to do everything for it: host the keynote speaker, emcee the night, serve the food, and host discussions at the small group tables. Mark your calendars- these students will help us look forward to the future of the church together!
- Dreamers Small Groups: In Lent (3/4 through 4/1), we are going to do a congregation-wide small group initiative, with the theme being "Dreamers." We will look at Biblical dreamers like Solomon, Isaiah, Joel and Ananias. From 6:45-7:30pm on Wednesdays, the confirmation groups will have an extended small group experience. They will need to bring their Bibles each week. In addition, we are inviting all parents and guardians to try out a small group for four sessions, which will meet in various locations throughout church.

Besides those highlights, we'll continue with our regular format: 5pm dinner, 6pm worship, 6:45 small groups, and 7:10 large group. We encourage you to keep up the practice of weekly worship, sermon notes, and serving once a month on a service team. God bless you as we begin 2020!

**\*\*A reminder: I send out weekly email updates, so if you'd like to be on that list but aren't right now, please email me at [ben@holytrinityonline.org](mailto:ben@holytrinityonline.org)**

\*Thanks to everyone who contributed to our December "25 Drive." Because of your generosity, we were able to raise over \$28,500! With a \$25,000 match, we are able to invest over \$53,500 into youth ministry going forward! This spring we will begin the search for a Director of Youth Ministry. If you have questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.