

HTLConnections

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Re-Membering

Connecting the Past to the Present



A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

For over 70 years, Holy Trinity has made an impact on hundreds of lives, in New Prague and across the globe. Our history is filled with laughter and tears, moments that brought us together and moments that tore us apart. Today, we are a testament that God's plan is bigger than any single person or event.

This Sunday, we will be re-membering, reconnecting or building on our connection with those who have been long time members of Holy Trinity and other churches who are now part of HTLC. These faith-filled people have a variety of situations that prevent them from fully participating in the life of the congregation, and yet, it doesn't stop them from encouraging the congregation in its current ministries. Pastor Diane Goulson affirms, "As visitation pastor, I am blessed to work to maintain that connection and this Sunday offers me the opportunity to connect the congregation with this cadre of faithful souls."

Online worship gives us the unique opportunity to expand worship beyond the walls of the church. Join us this Sunday as we re-member the rich and blessed history of Holy Trinity!

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

IN FAITH WE PRAY

Jesus, risen Savior, we come to you seeking strength. To you we lift up: Don M., Mark J., Pam E., Kong, Carol F.'s daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Don, and those diagnosed with COVID-19. We find hope in your love and promise of resurrection, O Christ. Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

[Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

[Psalm 46](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Our focus will be Re-Membering!
Tune in on Facebook at 9am!

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Missed an issue? Catch up [here!](#)



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SIGNS OF SUPPORT



A few weeks ago, Pastor Ben interviewed Sarah Kallal of New Prague about her "Signs of Support" project for New Prague businesses. Check out this [FOX9 report](#) featuring our own Jamie Bisek!

If you'd like your own Sign of Support, you can call [Sarah Kallal](#) at 651-398-4737 or message her through Facebook. Watch this informational video [here](#)!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You may have seen the utility flags covering the front lawn of the church. We are in the process of preparing for construction of the new office wing this summer. More information will be coming our way in early June.



MISSION OUTREACH

The Peace Center is seeing more people than usual during this pandemic. Please send monetary donations to the **New Prague Peace Center** : 313 Columbus Ave N., New Prague, MN. You may also drop donations off at the Peace Center.

Hours : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 am - Noon and Thursdays 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the HTLC Little Free Pantry! Your donations are a blessing to our community in this time of significant need. Thank you Holy Trinity!



HTLCHECK-INS



Join us for 30 minutes as we "check-in" with people around HTLC and New Prague!

COUNCIL CONNECTION

Get to know Robyn Smithson

What has been a bright spot during the COVID -19 social isolation? *Family fun time! We have played more games together and watched more movies together than we have in a long time. I've even learned a new card game from the kids.*

Favorite COVID-19 Lockdown meal: *Tator Tot Hotdish*

Favorite HTLC moment or sermon... *This year's on-line Easter Service. Loved seeing how many people were tuning in from home and seeing faces of so many of our congregation in the photos and videos that were part of the service. Was wonderful to see that even though it wasn't the traditional service, we could still all connect for an Easter celebration.*

CARING CONNECTIONS

In a recent HTLCcheck-in, Kate Kienow and Kim Gassner told us about the Prayer Shawl group. Prayer shawls are given to anyone experiencing a difficult time. Would you like to learn how to make a prayer shawl? Click [here](#) for [instructional videos](#)! (YouTube is full of them!)

Holy Trinity is in need of more [Prayer Shawls](#)! If you would like to donate a prayer shawl, contact

Kim Gassner

kimlee@bevcomm.net or

Kate Kienow

katekienow@gmail.com.

Made by hand and threaded with prayers of love and hope,
This shawl is a gift to you.
May it bring blessings of comfort,
gifts of warmth
And the knowledge that you are loved.

