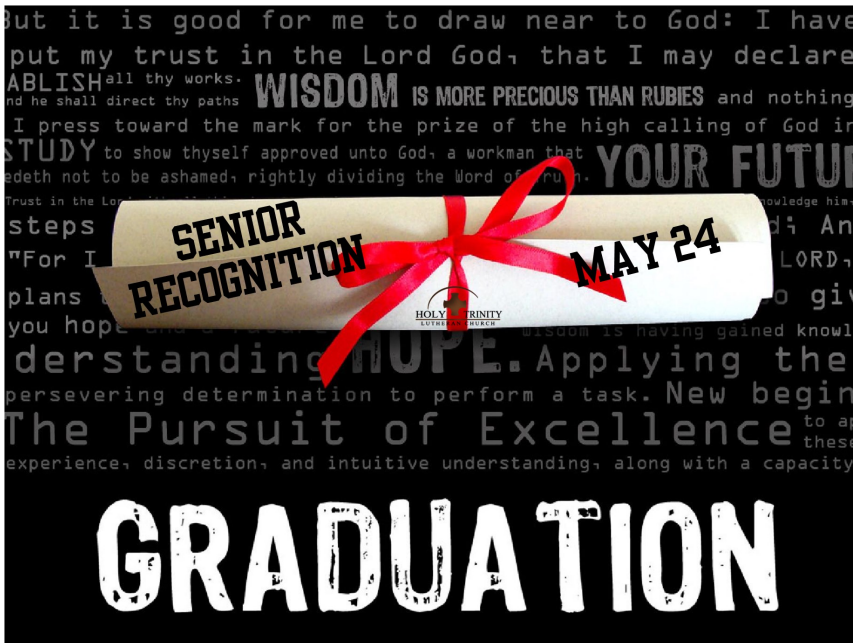


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CLASS OF 2020

"LISTEN TO THE MUSTN'TS, CHILD, LISTEN TO THE DON'TS
LISTEN TO THE SHOULDN'TS, THE IMPOSSIBLES, THE WON'TS
LISTEN TO THE NEVER HAVES, THEN LISTEN CLOSE TO ME
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, CHILD, **ANYTHING CAN BE**"

- Shel Silverstein

The bible is full of references to the awesomeness of God, but to our graduating seniors, nothing about this time is full of "awe". Since mid-March, the world as we knew it stopped and a world full of unknowns emerged. But one thing has remained the same. God. A God who is full of grace, compassion, love and wisdom. An all-knowing God who is present in times of our greatest need.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the graduating seniors of our congregation as they lead us in worship. The Class of 2020 won't be defined by the ending of their high school career, because with God, anything is possible.

Now as you go on your way, may God go with you. May He go before you - to show you the way, behind you - to encourage you, beside you - to befriend you, above you - to watch over you and within you - to give you peace.

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

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

We will celebrate our graduates!
Tune in on Facebook at 9am!

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



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COVID-19 UPDATES

[Learn](#) how the Minneapolis Synod is preparing churches for in-person worship. [Read](#) an update from Pastor Alicia and Pastor Ben.

SUMMER EVENT CHANGES

Vacation Bible School - VBS will not occur in-person, but a fun, interactive online VBS is in the works for July 6 - 10. [Register for VBS here!](#)

RibFest - RibFest has been cancelled this year. It will be back in 2021 on August 6!

FINANCE UPDATE

As of April 30, 2020

Figures listed Year to Date

Revenue: Budget \$169,627 : Actual \$167,804

Expenses: Budget \$190,384 : Actual \$178,569

Difference: Budget -\$20,757 : Actual **-\$10,765**

(Revenue - Expenses)

GIVING GOOD NEWS

During the [HTLCheck-in](#), we met Justin Lewandowski from Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative who shared news about [Prairie Pointe](#), a 50 home complex for families experiencing homelessness. Holy Trinity has a goal to provide one of these homes!

STEWARDSHIP

During the month of April, the church's financials have greatly improved and are moving in a good direction. We are **very appreciative**

to have such a **supportive and giving congregation**.

Click [here](#) to read more from the Stewardship Committee.



Due to the impact of COVID-19, volunteer applications will not open on May 21. Click on the logo for more info!

COUNCIL CONNECTION

[April 2020 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[Remote Approval - Duck Cup Memorial](#)

Get to know Sande Schoenecker

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? *It is bittersweet that I share these positive moments with you. My father passed away in March after open heart surgery. It was truly a blessing to be with him for the 3 weeks before he died. I witnessed him being kind, compassionate, and grateful to everyone who entered his hospital room. He greeted every nurse, doctor, therapist, and housekeeper by their name. If he didn't know their name, he learned it quickly. Only one visitor was allowed per patient, but thankfully when end of life care was started, two of my siblings and myself were able to be with him.*

As difficult as it was to sort through and pack up his belongings, I found several notes he had either printed or handwritten with words of scripture. Buried in his wallet, he had written the following verse on the back of a tattered note card: "Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24 Then he added: "Remember...God's love is stronger than my fear." One of his greatest fears was dying before my mother who has Alzheimer's. He lovingly cared for her until October 2019 when we helped him transition her to a nursing home. My father was a man of great faith who lived it daily.

CARING CONNECTIONS

Congratulations Graduates!

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If you would like to "adopt a grad" and start a caring connection with one of our young adults, please call 952-758-3513 or email [Jamie Bisek](#).

