

HTLConnections

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THE POWER OF SHE

When Lutherans face something new or difficult, by tradition, we gather our best theologians and biblical faculty to study the issue. In the late 1960s, the newly formed Lutheran Council of the USA, with its Division of Theological Studies, provided a natural forum for studying a topic such as women's ordination. Four scholars were assigned the task and each of the four church bodies, including the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, assigned representatives to an inter-Lutheran consultation of the study materials that took place in September 1969. When the ten representatives of the churches gathered with the Lutheran scholars in Dubuque, Iowa, to compare views on the question of women's ordination, some were strongly opposed to [women's] ordination, but not one argued that a woman was by nature incapable of receiving God's charismatic gifts. This led to the historic vote and ordination of the first female pastor in 1970.

Today, approximately 28% of the 16,000 rostered ministers in the ELCA are female. Within the seven ELCA colleges, 50% of students enrolled are female, so the future is looking bright for women in ministry. Join us this Sunday as we reflect on the biblical history and importance of women in the church!

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: Mark J., Pam E., Joel, Matt W's friend, Kong, Don M, and those diagnosed with COVID-19. We grieve with Nancy B. on the death of her cousin Barbara. We find hope in your eternal love and promise of resurrection, O Christ. Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

[Numbers 27:1-11](#)

[John 20:11-18](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday, we will celebrate 50 years of women in ministry!
Tune in on Facebook at 9am!

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



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HTLC UPDATES

Vacation Bible School - Due to COVID-19, VBS will be moved to an online format. Stay tuned for more details!

Youth Director - And now for SOME GOOD NEWS! We've hired a Youth Director! Casey will graduate from college this month and is looking forward to starting this summer. More details to come in an upcoming issue.

Want to hear your favorite worship songs at home? Sign up for a FREE Spotify account to access the [HTLC Worship playlist!](#)



ENDOWMENT

The Endowment Fund's mission is to enhance the outreach of HTLC apart from the general operation of the congregation. If you know of a need, submit an Endowment Application by Tuesday, May 12 (applications available by emailing office@holyltrinityonline.org).

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.

[Click here](#) for more information about Mission Outreach at Holy Trinity.

Thank you for your generosity!

2021 YOUTH GATHERING

is coming to Minneapolis from June 29 - July 3, 2021! [Volunteer applications](#) open on May 21. Volunteers serve in a variety of roles to keep the attendees safe & moving the right direction.



Youth & Chaperone registration opens September 1, 2020. Click the logo for more info!

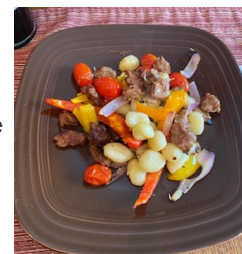
COUNCIL CONNECTION

Get to know Karla Klingfus

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? A weekly Zoom happy hour with my cousins & the next generation. We've had family members join from Minnesota, Wisconsin & Alabama. We have a lot of shared history & it's been fun to reminisce a bit either on FaceBook Messenger or during our virtual happy hours. We invariably talk about COVID-19 & share information, but don't let it dominate our conversation. There's a bit of seriousness, laughter & good-natured ribbing mixed in together. It's been a great way for us to connect and see familiar faces. There's comfort in 'seeing' people, even if it's through a video lens.

If you could interview any Biblical figure, who would it be? What would you ask? Noah. My questions would surround the building of the ark and the animals. What materials were used, how long did it take, etc. I'd also like to learn about the animals that were brought onto the ark and what animals there were included that we've never heard of because they're extinct. I'd find it of great interest to hear all about the animals.

Favorite "COVID-19 Lockdown" recipe. Tom and I tried a new recipe - [Crispy Sheet Pan Gnocchi with Sausage and Peppers](#). It was a great meal and one we'll make again.



CARING CONNECTIONS

In a recent HTLCheck-in, Kate Kienow and Kim Gassner told us about the Prayer Shawl group. If you like to knit or crochet, please consider donating a prayer shawl to the FISH Partner Network. For more information, contact btjornhom@fishpartnernetwork.org.