

# HTLConnections

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## GROUND BREAKING

As the world continues to battle a global pandemic, as the voice of the unheard continues to protest systemic racial discrimination and prejudice, as we are grieving, overwhelmed, sad, afraid, learning, and growing, today we broke ground. Because we believe that this church matters for the important work of welcoming all, worshiping God, and responding to the needs of the world.

We thank God for the donors. We pray for health and safety of the workers. We will respect the vocation of the workers by keeping our distance.

To the glory of God, in the presence of those gathered, on behalf of our whole congregation, for the sake of the whole world, we pray that this administrative wing can support this church as it shares God's love for all people from one generation to the next.

Amen

*This was the prayer said during the ground breaking on Tuesday, June 2. To the Lookie Lou's, Nosy Nellie's and Curious George's, please refrain from entering the construction site. It's a matter of safety, liability and respect for the work that is being completed. Thank you ❤️*

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

## IN FAITH WE PRAY

As God's people washed in the Spirit, WE PRAY: Loving Jesus, we lift up to you: Ann G., Don M., Mark J., Pam E., people working for justice for all, the systems of our society that are broken, and persons diagnosed with and dying of COVID-19. Move us into lives of living faith in you. Amen

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

[Genesis 1:1-26](#)

[Psalm 8](#)

[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

This Sunday, our focus will be [Trinity Sunday](#). We are honored to have Presiding ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as our guest preacher!



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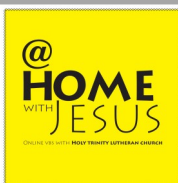
## FACEBOOK COMMUNITY



We've started a new Facebook Group for the HTLC Community! This private group hopes to engage in positive conversations about what's happening, what's not happening and to share quick updates about HTLC. Click the icon to find us!

## VBS

Registration deadline is TOMORROW!  
Click the logo for info & to register!



## NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, August 16 2 - 3:30 pm**

Class will be held via Zoom. Click [here](#) to sign up and complete online registration form. Questions? Contact [Jamie](#) for more info.



Calling all Amazon shoppers! Here's a great way to give back to HTLC. Click the logo above, click "Get Started," and type Holy Trinity Lutheran Church New Prague in the search bar. Follow the directions and voila! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to HTLC!

## MISSION OUTREACH

Thank you to the Little Free Pantry Angels who keep it full for the residents of New Prague!

LeSueur County Residents - FREE food distribution on Friday, June 19. Click the flyer for more info.

**Le Sueur County**  
(COVID Food Assistance Program)  
**FREE Food Distribution**  
Open to all households in Le Sueur County that are in need.

**Friday, June 19**  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Le Sueur County Fairgrounds**  
320 S Plut Ave, Le Center, MN

**Each household will receive:**

- 1 box of produce
- 1 box of mixed dairy
- 1 box of meat (chicken & pork)

LeSueur County Food Shelves

second harvest **HEARTLAND**  
Food changes everything.™



Ladies - looking for a good read this summer? Join the Good Book Club! June is the perfect time to jump in and join this fun group of women. Contact [Gina Fadden](#) for more info!

## KIDS CONNECTION

*We're highlighting our Sunday School Teachers!*

### Get to know Karen Hoylo

**What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation?** *I am so thankful for the 5 volunteers who bring me groceries. How fortunate am I!*

**Favorite COVID-19 Recipe** - *My mother's Gingerbread recipe. My mother would make it every week for my grandmother. This is a wonderful memory for me of my childhood.*

**If I had a magic wand, the first thing I would do is...**

*End racial prejudice and give the world a vaccine for COVID-19 that is approved, safe and works well.*

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

### Angela Schoenbauer

If you've watched our online worship services, you've seen Angela sing/play duets with her sister, Megan. Angela is also a whiz at video production! She will be joining HTLC team this summer to help with the weekly online worship services.

## CARING CONNECTIONS

Over the last ten days, Minneapolis has been headlining the world news. But quietly, two ELCA churches in Minneapolis have led the way, opening their doors and their arms to those in need. Pastor Ben highlighted [Holy Trinity Lutheran Church](#) and Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen in his Pentecost sermon. While the city was on fire, [Holy Trinity](#) became a beacon of hope. [Calvary Lutheran Church](#), led by former HTLC Interim Pastor Hans Lee, is located at the epicenter of the deadly attack on George Floyd. Calvary stands in solidarity with its neighbors - providing masks, food & water. If you'd like to help, click on the links for more information.