

# HTLConnections

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## PENTECOST AND...MOANA?

This weekend, you have homework. "Are you serious, Pastor Ben? Homework, what? After the last day of school?"... Absolutely! But only if you want to. If you haven't seen it yet, you are invited to watch the movie, Moana, before Sunday's worship service.

Why? Because it's a good movie of course, and we will be watching it this Friday evening as a Hilding family. But more importantly, because we will refer to the movie through the course of Sunday's sermon. This Sunday is the Christian holiday called the Pentecost. 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit blows through these early disciples and carries them forward to new adventures and territories they dare not even imagine.

In a similar way, Moana's family wanted her to do what was familiar: "this tradition is our mission!" But Moana sense a call to the frontier. To the unknown. And the rest... well, we will be talking about on Sunday!

So if you're 4 years old, 14, 40, or 94, you're invited to do some homework. Grab some popcorn, put your feet up, and watch the movie, Moana!

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

## IN FAITH WE PRAY

As God's people washed in the Spirit,  
WE PRAY:

Jesus, precious Savior, we lift up to you: Don M., Mark J., Pam E., the working poor, the unemployed, and those diagnosed with and dying of COVID-19. Empower us with your Spirit to find hope in your love and the promise of the resurrection. Amen

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

[Psalm 104:24-34, 35B](#)

[John 20:19-23](#)

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit! Tune in on [Facebook!](#)

Sunday @ 9 am

Wednesday @ 6 pm

  
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# MISSION OUTREACH

Thanks to your continued generosity, we are able to commit \$5,000 to the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative for the building of [Prairie Pointe](#). With the addition of the Endowment Committee's commitment of \$5,000, we support a brighter future for struggling families.

## 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**

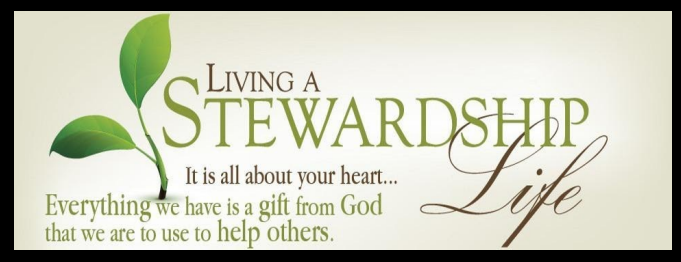
(Revenue - Expenses)



Thank you to our HTLCheck-in guests that have pioneered our Wednesday evening online format over the last 7 weeks. It was a great way to connect with familiar faces and learn about important missions outside of HTLC. Starting this Wednesday, we will re-broadcast Sunday's online worship service at 6:00 pm on the HTLC Facebook page.

## 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.



Invite your friends and [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

## COUNCIL CONNECTION

[April 2020 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

[Remote Approval - Duck Cup Memorial](#)

### Get to know Dirk Berger

**What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation?** *Our online presence for worship is a new normal. We have pivoted to a dynamic, positive, and fulfilling experience. We have discovered many new talents, and expanded on the skills of our existing band members. Our need for connection has been at the top of the worship services. Our messages from Pastors Alicia and Ben have been thought provoking, hopeful, and full of grace.*

**Favorite COVID-19 Recipe - [Monkey Bread](#)**



**Favorite HTLC event**

*When we gathered for the 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Visioning, the church Council was excited for an announcement! We had known for a short time that a wonderful gift was to be unveiled for our congregation. What a future planning, gracious, and heartfelt gift we received from Joan and Dr. George Winn. We are continually amazed at the generosity, kindness, and feeling of family that is shown by our beloved members.*

## CARING CONNECTIONS

This week marked the end of school for New Prague students. Teachers, administration, parents and students deserve a **HUGE THANK YOU** for your dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic. Click on the map, if you would like to observe the graduation parade to celebrate the seniors.

