

HTLConnections

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Bless our School Year



SUPERHEROS WILL BE MASKED THIS YEAR

"My dear, I think we need to open early." I hear the urgency in her words before Jamie, Holy Trinity's incredible office manager, reaches my office door. It is the first day of the first annual School Supplies Giveaway (2019) and she has been fielding calls all day from desperate people asking if they could pick up early.

I glance at the entrance outside and see the cars filing into the parking lot. We walk quickly (Jamie only has one speed: Fast!) to the far south entrance and see the line of people through the glass. Nearing the door, we realize the line stretches down to the sidewalk. And into the parking lot full of cars. We still have 45 minutes until our stated opening time.

"We don't have enough stuff." I whisper to Jamie. But beyond praying for a loaves-and-fishes-type of miracle, there is nothing more we can do.

Walking into the rooms covered in neat piles of notebooks, backpacks, pencils, Crayons, Clorox wipes, and tissues, I ask the volunteers, "Everyone OK if we open early?" They nod nonchalantly. Most of them are retired teachers and have stared down the crush of incoming parents and students for years. Of course they are ready, they were ready last week. We open early.

To read the rest of the story, [click here](#).

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

IN FAITH WE PRAY

Mighty God, comfort and strengthen Tim D., Harriet B. - Nick's grandmother, Geo - Morris' grandson, Don M., Mark J., Pam E., and those we name in our hearts. Hear our prayers, in Jesus' name. Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

[Galatians 5:22-23a](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Join us online via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) at 9 am on Sundays or on BevComm Channel 6 at 9:30 am Sundays or 6 pm Wednesdays.

RADIO SPONSOR

This Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Maureen Edwards, in memory of Larry. Thank you, Maureen!



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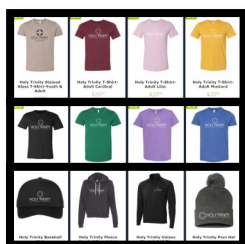
SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Join us this Sunday as we focus on Goodness!
Catch our online worship services at 9 am on
[Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



Great News! We're bringing back our worship services to Cable TV on BevComm Channel 6. Check us out on Sundays at 9:30 am & Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

HTLC APPAREL



Last call for orders at the [HTLC clothing store](#)! **TODAY** is the deadline for ordering. We'll deliver your order to your door by September 12.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, August 16th 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.

READERS NEEDED

Scripture readers are needed! Please contact [Angela Schoenbauer](#) or text 952-356-9300. Angela will send you the readings and instructions how to video yourself.

FINANCE UPDATE

As of June 30, 2020

(All figures listed are Year to Date)

Revenue: Budget \$258,686: Actual \$233,154

Expenses: Budget \$294,604 : Actual \$266,400

Difference: Budget -\$35,918 : **Actual -\$33,247**
(Revenue - Expenses)

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

[June 2020 Church Council Minutes](#)

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

SPREAD.THE.WORD! The Mission Outreach team is giving away school supplies **THIS MONDAY!** August 17 from 5 - 7 pm in the HTLC parking lot.

KIDS CONNECTION

We're highlighting our Crew Time Leaders!

Get to know Cassie Jung

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? We bought a new house and closed on March 16 (which is the day the world essentially shut down!) So, we have had a lot of time to make it ours by painting, decorating and making changes that make us feel at home. I also do not mind working from home and skipping the drive to Saint Paul each day!

Favorite memory at HTLC - I have two and I can't decide!

1. I went through some tough transitions in the past year. Last winter, while sitting in church, I just started to cry. It had been a rough road and sometimes you just need to cry! Two of my dear friends (Christie Will and Nikki Hauck) reached over, grabbed my hands and we just sat together. They did not say a word. They just knew I needed to sit with someone. Not to talk, not to listen, but to just be. It is one of the most powerful moments I have had at church and it just proves how lucky I am to part of this family.

2. Because of the aforementioned tough year, out of the blue, I received a card in the mail from Pastor Alicia. I saved it and it still hangs on my fridge in my kitchen. It read: "God, you know us better than anyone and love us as we are through highs and lows. You know what Cassie, Ella, Isla, and Ollie are each going through and I pray that you would meet each of them right where they are and remind them you love them. In Jesus' name, Amen". There was also a very personal message she had written on the card, so long it had to go to the back. She may never know how meaningful that card was at the time. There is something to be said about getting a handwritten letter in the mail these days. Especially, one that lets you know you are thought of and we are loved.