

HTL Connections

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BE KIND

The Google definition of *Kindness* is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Affection, gentleness, warmth, concern, and care are words that are associated with kindness. Kindness is doing something and not expecting anything in return.

We find **Kindness** in Ephesians 4:32 - **and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.**

This is a word that may be lost right now in our everyday lives. We are so busy wondering what school will look like when it starts, when will COVID-19 end, the hurricanes, the fires, and on and on. We forget the simple things in life, like *kindness*. Kindness is respecting and helping others without waiting for someone to help one back. Just like all the wonderful people who help fill the Little Free Food Pantry - one amazing act of kindness. No one needs to tell someone to go do it! The feeling after filling it is so rewarding.

Join us this week as we study how Jesus always had kindness to spread no matter what he faced.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

IN FAITH WE PRAY

Holy Lord, comfort, strengthen and protect Don M., Mark J., Pam E., Natasha P., and people struggling with addictions. 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 Jim Olson, in memory of JoAnn Olson. Thank you Jim!



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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)

GIVING GOOD NEWS

Holy Trinity is blessed to have its [Endowment Fund](#) that continues to annually support initiatives outside of the church walls. The Endowment Committee is tasked each year with distributing the grant money that our fund yields to causes that serve the community. This year, more than ever, the needs in the community are great. Thru the Endowment Fund, Holy Trinity has been able to gift **\$12,200** this year to:

- **\$5,000** gift towards one unit at Prairie Pointe in Shakopee to provide stable housing for families in need.
- **\$700** gift toward themed shirts for VBS 2020. This year many churches were not able to have a VBS program and the shirts helped kids feel a part of a common VBS.
- **\$2,500** gift to "The Well" in New Prague, servicing youth in the area through mentorship programs.
- **\$2,000** gift to "School Supplies Giveaway Night" helping local and surrounding communities.
- **\$2,000** gift to Cristo Obrero for their school supply drive benefiting the children & youth of the Riverview Terrace and Brandondale Mobile Home Parks in Chaska.

While it is an awesome achievement to be able to give away \$12,200 this year, we are reminded there are even greater needs in the community and many will have needs in the years to come. With a larger Endowment Fund, Holy Trinity could do even more! If you wish to learn more about legacy gifting and the HTLC Endowment Fund, please contact

[Jed Trachte.](#)

KIDS CONNECTION

We're highlighting our Crew Time Leaders!

Get to know Kate Kienow

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? *I have truly enjoyed having time to be together as a family. I have also loved being able to watch my gardens grow and change through the season and observe all of the birds and other wildlife that we have living around us. Being in the garden and spending ample time outside has been a huge blessing and anxiety reliever! I have also been able to work on knitting my stash of yarn*

If you could interview any Biblical figure, who would it be? What would you ask? *It is probably cliché, but I would want to interview Jesus. I am not sure I would know what to ask, but I know I would want to listen and hear everything he had to say. I think that just being in his presence would be a comfort.*

Favorite memory at HTLC - *Being part of the call committee for Pastor Alicia and Pastor Ben was an incredible blessing and will always be a special memory for me. Some of us had a chance to visit the Pastors at Calvary Lutheran Church and had the pleasure of hearing Pastor Alicia preach. I still remember the "aha" moment I had while listening. She was tackling the question "Why does God let bad things happen?" Her answer was that God doesn't let bad things happen, but rather, God comes alongside us during these challenging times. This message was a blessing to me then, and still is just as relevant today!*

MISSION OUTREACH



Pre-packaged school supply bags will be handed out by volunteers. Masks encouraged.

Monday, August 17 from 5 - 7 pm
HTLC Parking Lot