

# HTLConnections

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Last summer Pastor Ben invited a couple of us into his office to discuss the vision of HTLC. He had this idea of developing a team of people to work on establishing the vision, mission and values that would lead HTLC into the future. Little did I know that this process would develop into the document it is today. During the next nine months we had congregational Huddles (dinners), documents and events about our past, testimonials by parishioners, sermon series, leaders from the New Prague community at mission moments, guest speakers, one on one interviews, small group gatherings, and a questionnaire.

All this work was being done to get the input from the congregation on what their thoughts and ideas were about this church. We wanted to "touch" as many members as we could so their voices would be heard when writing the final vision, mission and values document.

This Friday, we are excited to deliver to your doorstep our final Vision, Mission, and Values. We invite you to reflect on this journey that has led to this point, as well as how God may be calling us forward. **This next week, we will launch the new Vision, Mission and Values during the online worship services - Sunday at 9am and Wednesday at 7pm.**

This entire process would not have been possible without the support and involvement of the congregation and the outstanding work of the 2020 Vision Team. Thank You and may God Bless You!

- Pat Remfert, Vision 2020 Chairperson

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

## WE, THE FAITHFUL, PRAY

God of the forgiven, comfort and strengthen Jim O., Tim D., Elaine J., Harriet B. - Nick's grandmother, Geo - Morris' grandson, Don M., Mark J., Pam E., Jim, and those we name in our hearts. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

[Deuteronomy 35:1-5](#)

[Matthew 22:34-40](#)

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Online:** 9am Sunday & 7pm Wednesday

**TV:** BevComm Channel 6 at 9:30 am Sunday and 6 pm Wednesday

## RADIO SPONSOR

This Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Larry & Sande Schoenecker. Thank you!



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## GIVING GOOD NEWS

Financial Health as of July 31, 2020	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Revenue	\$290,556	\$275,908
Expenses	\$347,663	\$306,179
Revenue - Expenses	-\$57,106	-\$30,271

## COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

[July 2020 Church Council Minutes](#)

## CYF REGISTRATION

Knock Knock! Who's there? Orange! Orange who? Orange - The new children & youth faith formation program that starts September 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Click on the links to register your child:

[Children's Ministry](#) (Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

[Confirmation](#) (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

[High School](#) (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

You can also connect with [Jamie](#) or call the church office at 952-758-3513 to register.

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Starting next week, we will resume two worship services! Join us online on Sunday's at 9 am and Wednesday's at 7 pm.

## MISSION OUTREACH

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

LeSueur Country Residents - FREE food distribution on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Click the flyer for more info.

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

**September 23, 2020**  
10:00am-11:30am  
(or until food is gone)

Le Sueur County Fairgrounds  
320 S Plut Ave, Le Center, MN 56057  
It is asked that participants have their vehicles (including trunks) cleaned out so the boxes will fit.

Each household will receive:  
1 box of produce  
1 box of mixed dairy  
1 box of meat (chicken & pork)

Le Sueur County  
Emergency Management and SHIP Program  
second harvest HEARTLAND  
Food changes everything™

## ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Registration is open! Join Dr. Chris Johnson for a 7-part series on **Sustenance for the Weary Soul :**

**Courage & Resilience in Challenging Times.** Class is

available via Zoom or via phone. For more information or to register,

[click here](#) or call Jamie at 952-758-3513.



## KIDS CONNECTION

We're highlighting our Confirmation Mentors!

### Get to know Jen Saylor

**What has been a ray of sunshine in your life during this time of COVID-19 restrictions?** *I love our online church services and the music! Seeing all the loving, praising comments, and hearts and thumbs up symbols fly up the screen on Facebook during the service makes my heart happy. I have also treasured the down time with my family.*

**If you had a magic wand, what would be the first thing you do?** *I would honestly travel everywhere I could, but my first stop on my magic wand tour would be Bangladesh to visit a beautiful family we got to know when we were connected to two sibling international students, one at Gustavus and one at St. Olaf who are both now graduated and living back there.*

**Favorite HTLC memory. What made it memorable?** *Last year when my 7th grade boys Confirmation group presented their Mission idea which was to donate to the Diaper Bank. They had the idea of dressing up for the presentation in "cloth diapers" made out of white T-shirts and diaper pins (over their clothes!), and I let them. They made me and everyone else smile but still took the presentation very seriously, so I was proud of them for that.*

## DRIVE-IN COMMUNION

THIS SUNDAY in the HTLC parking lot. Get your little dose of HTLC from the safety of your car. Due to COVID-19 precautions, all participants must [register here](#) or call Jamie at 952-758-3513.

**Bring your own grape juice and bread.**