

HTLConnections

The weekly e-newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Prague, MN

November 13, 2020

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

AS ONE IN CHRIST WE PRAY

Dear Jesus, great physician, bring your healing presence and holy peace to Dan B., Don M., Mark J., all who grieve, people suffering with mental illness, struggling relationships, communities devastated by natural disasters, people who are unemployed or underemployed, our country, and all who suffer due to the Coronavirus. We praise you for your grace and mercy. We pray in Your holy name. Amen

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Online via Facebook & YouTube

Sunday @ 9 am

Wednesday @ 7 pm

Cable TV - Becomm Channel 6

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Wednesday @ 6 pm

RADIO SPONSOR

Given anonymously in honor of Pastor Diane Goulson and Casey Fremstad. We are blessed to have you as a part of the cornerstone of our faith community at HTLC. Thanks for all you do!

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LOVING LEGACIES

By Jed Trachte, Endowment Committee Chairperson

Have you ever heard of the term "Leaving a Legacy"? Typically, the phrase brings to mind wanting to carry on a tradition or a special act that you currently participate in, after you are not around and able to do so.

The Holy Trinity Endowment Fund offers a chance to leave a legacy of giving for the church. The fund is set up to distribute grants annually, which the church can use for special needs in the community. The uniqueness of the Endowment Fund is the intention to give these grants indefinitely...Forever... To the current congregation and congregations of the future.

If this idea is attractive to you and you feel called to explore it further, please reach out to the Endowment team and learn how help build and grow the fund for generations to come. It can be as simple as considering the Endowment Funds in your estate planning. If you have the resources and are looking give beyond the church, it can be part of an annual giving plan. Volunteering to be on the Committee is also a way to contribute to the work of Endowment.

The Endowment Fund is one of the unique ways to help ensure God's work through Holy Trinity will always continue.



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LEARN MORE!

The HTLC website has an entire page devoted to the Endowment Fund. Learn about how the fund was started, how it grows and how to apply for a grant.
www.holytrinityonline.org/endowment

ADVENT KITS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! To help you celebrate the season of Advent at home, we have prepared "Advent Kits" for you to use with your HTLC Advent Devotionals (coming to a mailbox near you!) Each Advent kit contains four tea lights, a 12" log, and two Christmas Eve candles.

To help us maintain social distance, **SIGN UP** to pick up your kit on Friday, November 20 from 4-6 pm or Saturday, November 22 from 10 am - Noon.

KIDS! Help us make a joyful noise. Bring your Noisy Offering when you come!

CHRISTMAS TEA, PLAN B

Sunday, December 6, 10:00 am

We're continuing the Plan B theme of 2020 and looking for women to attend the virtual Christmas Tea this year. Sunday, December 6 after worship, the Christmas Tea program will premiere via the HTLC Facebook page.

Plan B details: Hostesses invite 5 guests to attend. Dessert and gifts will be provided to each hostess who will then deliver them to each guest prior to the Tea. **Sign up HERE** to be a hostess or a guest. Invite your HTLC friends and your non-HTLC friends! It's going to be a GREAT EVENT!

MISSION OUTREACH



Le Sueur County Residents:

FREE food distribution

Wednesday, November 18
10 - 11:30 am

First Lutheran Church in
Le Sueur, MN.

Click the flyer for more info.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

We're offering a FREE Thanksgiving Meal-In-a-Bag on Sunday, November 22, in the Holy Trinity parking lot. **Call Donna Galvin (952-486-3242) to reserve your meal and pickup time.**

Each Meal-in-a-Bag will feed 4-6 people. A stove or microwave will be needed to prepare the food.

Ingredients will include turkey breast, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, cranberries, dinner rolls, and pie. (Due to the pandemic, food availability is uncertain.) **We anticipate that meals will go quickly, so please call Donna (952-486-3242) to reserve your bag and time spot.**

Please wear a mask and keep your windows closed to protect our volunteers. To avoid contact, Thanksgiving Meal-In-A Bags will be deposited into our guests' trunks.

This meal was made possible by Holy Trinity, the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund, and a Thrivent Action Grant.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNING GUIDE

This year, we have been reminded of our own mortality. While this can be a depressing thought, it can also free us to make the most out of our time on this earth. One of the best things you can do for your loved ones is to be prepared for your own death. On our website, we have an HTLC **Memorial Service Planning Guide**. This form has recommended Scripture passages and hymns. It also leaves it open to your own requests. As we reflect on how to "leave a legacy" this week, consider spending time working on your own memorial service.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are blessed to have three new families join the HTLC community of faith. Meet them **HERE!**

SHARING TREE

****Drop off information****

Mondays, November 16, 23 & 30, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Place clothing in a car marked "Sharing Tree" in the HTLC parking lot near the South Entry. Contact Julie at popplenp@hotmail.com or Mary at marybusch@me.com.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 15 & 18
LOVING LEGACIES

Learning how to
leave a legacy

November 22
THANKSGIVING

Giving thanks to the
Giver of all

Nov. 29 & Dec. 2
ADVENT 1

The Gift of Hope

December 6 & 9
ADVENT 2

The Gift of Peace