

HTLConnections

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

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

December 23, 2020

HUMBLY WE PRAY

Healer of nations, newborn King of Kings, bring healing and hope to Karen, Deb O., Jack G., Al R., David, Tammy, Joel L., Karen G., Audre J., Pastor Dave A., and all who suffer. In your grace, strengthen and encourage caregivers. Be with Barbara L.'s family as they mourn her death. Be the source of hope for people who hunger, seek shelter or need employment. Shine your light of hope on all of us, O God. Amen.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Online - Facebook & YouTube

Sunday @ 9 am

Wednesday @ 7 pm

Cable TV - Bevcomm Channel 6

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Wednesday @ 6 pm

Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM

Sunday @ 9 am

RADIO SPONSOR

Given anonymously in honor our our music & worship team - Rose Fife, Lex Lammers, Tim Price, Rita Sapp, Toby Thietje. We are so blessed to have your musical talents as a cornerstone of our HTLC family. Wishing you tidings of joy today and always.

FOLLOW US



HE CAME TO US

By Pastor Alicia Hilding

Have you ever moved far away from your friends and family? Whether or not you have, we have each likely felt distance in 2020. Several years ago, Pastor Ben and I moved across the country to Washington state. We furnished our basement apartment with mostly borrowed household items, and faced down the challenge of knowing no one. After the newness had worn off, the reality of being far away and alone set in. That is until one day, when walking out of church on my way home, from around the brick corner, appeared my best friend who embraced me. She had flown across the country. She had come to us.

Each time I hear the Christmas story, I am reminded that God didn't say, "Here I am, you are welcome to come to me. I'd love to see you." No. **He came to us.** Wherever you find yourself this Christmas, however you feel this Christmas, **God is with you and chose to come to be with you.** Merry Christmas!



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Identical **Services** will premiere on Holy Trinity's **Facebook** page and **YouTube** Channel. KCHK will broadcast on Christmas Day at 9 am.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

What's better than binge watching your favorite Netflix show? Watching **21 Virtual Christmas Concerts** from the Lutheran Colleges. Get your popcorn and hot cocoa ready for some inspirational entertainment!

PRAIRIE POINTE VICTORY

Prairie Pointe Housing Collaborative received \$900,000 in funding from Scott County...yay! Now Beacon is leading the charge towards securing funding from Carver County.

Register to attend the Prairie Pointe "Celebration and What Comes Next" virtual meeting on Monday, January 4, 6 - 7 pm.

AMAZON SMILE

HTLC just received a \$35 quarterly donation from Amazon. Did you know shopping at Amazon can help us feed and reach more people? Click on the icon to choose Holy Trinity as your charity. Thank you everyone who shopped using Amazon Smile!



MEMORIAL SERVICES

We are sad to report the passing of long-time HTLC member, **Barb Loebner**. Memorial Service will be on Tuesday, December 29 at 11 am.

Service will be live-streamed from the **Holy Trinity Facebook page**. Please keep the Loebner family in your prayers.

YEAR END GIFT

Please know your gifts given to God's work through Holy Trinity are greatly appreciated. Visit our **website** or make an appointment with **Jamie Bisek** on Wednesday, Dec. 30 between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm by calling 952-758-3513.

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION

You are invited to join Pastors Alicia and Ben via Zoom for a Christmas Communion Service at 10 am.

Learn more **HERE!**

Prepare your own communion setting of juice or wine and any bread of your choice. Want to make your own? **Donna will show you!**

THANK YOU!

A million THANK YOU's to everyone who submitted videos this Advent Season to enhance our online worship and Advent Devotionals. While this pandemic is keeping us physically apart, the familiar faces of volunteer readers, singers and musicians bring us together.

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Can't get enough of the songs you see and hear during our online worship services? Check out our **Christmas Playlist** on YouTube! More songs will be added on Christmas Eve 🎄

2021 RADIO SPONSORS

Each Sunday at 9 am, KCHK broadcasts a 30 minute version of our worship service. This is an important ministry to our home-bound members! Please consider sponsoring a week in honor or memory of someone you love. Contact **Jamie Bisek** or call 952-758-3513.

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

November 2020 Council Minutes

GIVING UPDATE

Financial Health as of November 30, 2020	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$482,931	\$426,979
Expenses	\$555,779	\$494,869
Revenue - Expenses	-\$72,848	-\$67,890

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

He Came to Us

December 27
CHRISTMAS 1

Featuring Bishop Ann Svenningsen

January 3 & 6
EPIPHANY

A Star Ahead

January 10 & 13
BAPTISM OF JESUS

Make a splash!