

HTLConnections

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

December 31, 2020

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

HUMBLY WE PRAY

King of kings, bring healing and hope to Karen, Bob, Deb O. (Lindsay C.'s mom), Jack G., Al R., David, Tammy, Joel L., Karen G., Audre J., Pastor Dave A., and all who suffer. Strengthen and encourage caregivers. Give hope to people who hunger, seek shelter, or need employment.

Be our light, 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

Our Sunday radio broadcast ministry is sponsored by Joanne Reemts, in memory of her husband, Jim. Thank you, Joanne!

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A STAR AHEAD

By Rose Fife, Communications Specialist

According to those wiser than me, HOPE is an essential ingredient in life. Martin Luther wrote in "[Table Talk](#)" (1566), "**Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.**" And [several Bible verses](#) offer words and stories of hope.

This Sunday, January 3, is the Epiphany. Officially 12 days after Christmas (January 6), this week we celebrate the Three Wise Men and their journey following the Star of Bethlehem to baby Jesus. What a tremendous amount of hope they must have had to leave their countries and travel to the unknown.

As we near the end of 2020, a year with too many adjectives to comment, and begin anew, I hope you move forward with hope. I pray it is evident in your decision, obvious in your actions, and apparent in your thoughts.

Happy Epiphany, Friends!



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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

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

November 2020 Council Minutes

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 THIS MONDAY, January 4, 6 - 7 pm.

JIM'S DISHWASHER

Donations are being sought for a new commercial-grade dishwasher in memory of Jim Reemts. \$4041 has been collected of the \$7000 needed. Donations can be sent to Holy Trinity. Please write "Jim's Dishwasher" in the memo line.

Questions? Call Jerry Privratsky at 952-758-3895 or **Jamie Bisek** at 952-758-3513.

FAITH IN ACTION



7th grade boys confirmation class and their families donated 32 Christmas bags for the Adopt-A-Senior program through the CAP agency. They had more than needed so they delivered to the homebound HTLC members and the rest went to Praha Village. Give it up for these amazing confirmation students and their generous hearts!

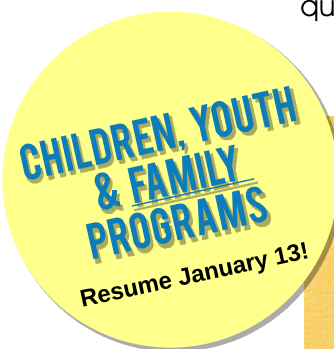
MEMORIAL SERVICE

[Click here to view](#) the memorial service of Barb Loebner from December 29. Please keep the Loebner family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



SAVE THE DATE

Two important online meetings for our Annual Summit Celebration! **Sunday, January 17** is the pre-meeting to ask questions or practice logging into a Zoom meeting. **Sunday, January 24** is the Annual Summit Celebration after worship. More details to come!



Help us

to share God's love for all people from one generation to the next! Would you please consider a Year End Gift? A gift can be made on our website or by contacting Jamie (Office Manager) at

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office@holytrinityonline.org

Thank you!

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.

COMMENT CORNER

"I shared our church service with my friend, and immediately after the 2 o'clock service, she sent an email saying how she enjoyed the meaningful and beautiful service. She also enjoyed getting comments from our church family in the chat portion. She said it was the highlight of her Christmas Eve."

- HTLC Member

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 3 & 6

EPIPHANY

A Star Ahead

January 10 & 13

BAPTISM OF JESUS

Make a splash!

January 17 & 20

HONORING MLK

Up to the Mountain

January 24 & 27

CELEBRATING 2020

Annual Summit
Celebration after worship