

# HTLConnections

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

January 15, 2021

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Psalm 139:1-6  
John 1:43-51

## HUMBLY WE PRAY

Light of love, bring healing and hope to Karen, Bob, Deb O., Jack G., Al R., David, Tammy, Beverly, Joel L., Karen G., Audre J., Pr. Dave A., Don M., Hannah S., and all who suffer. Comfort Jen S., grieving her grandmother's death and Stacy H. as she grieves her father's death. Give hope to people who suffer injustices, hunger, seek shelter, or need employment. Shine your light through 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

Our Sunday radio broadcast ministry is sponsored by Karla & Tom Klingfus, in honor of Pearl Shirley, Karla's mom. Thank you, Karla & Tom!

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## HONORING THE LIFE OF MLK

By Pastor Ben Hilding

Each year at Holy Trinity we take time to celebrate the life, ministry, and reconciling work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He is remembered as an American prophet of justice among races and nations, a Christian whose faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet nonviolent action for racial equality. As a pastor, Dr. King preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. In his honor this week, we seek to be agents that bring healing between nations and between peoples. Our hope is that a service like this can inspire us, uplift us, and indeed challenge us in our faith.

Two years ago here at Holy Trinity, we heard from Minneapolis poet and activist [Joe Davis](#). Last year, we welcomed a local prophet and diversity advocate, Gospel Kordah, who serves as the Dean of Students and Equity Coordinator at New Prague High School. This year we have a variety of guests and musical offerings in the works. You won't want to miss it!



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# Annual Summit Celebration

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!  
January 24, 2021  
at 10 am

## RACIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

The **Racial Justice Task Force** (RJTF) has been working on self-education and planning since June of 2020. Through various readings, a virtual "Amplifying Black Voices" series, and monthly meetings, the RJTF is preparing to help HTLC in this lifelong journey of racial justice. To join the team, contact **Melissa Horejsi**.

## PRAYER TIME IN THE GARDEN

The recurring Facebook Live event "Prayer Time in the Garden" with Pastor Diane will be changing to an online interactive format starting January 25. Stay tuned for more information!

## HOW TO CONNECT

Nervous about using Zoom to connect to the Annual Summit Celebration? Have no fear, **instructions are HERE!**

## ANNUAL SUMMIT REPORT

Was 2020 a bust or a blessing? **Read the HTLC Annual Summit Report** to relive the historic past year.

## PEACE CENTER

Do you know anyone who may need a boost during these hard times? Peace Center food shelf is ready to help individuals and families with their food needs.

**Open Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - Noon & Thurs., 4:30 - 6 pm.**

If people are unable to make these times, they can assign a proxy to pick up food for them. All are welcome and everyone's presence at Peace Center is kept confidential. Questions? Call 952-257-8190.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

We have discontinued the use of our traditional pre-printed offering envelopes. When you are mailing your offering, please use an envelope of your choice.

Thank you for support in this new direction!

Mail to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1300 E. Main St., New Prague, MN 56071

**NEW MEMBER CLASS!**

Online  
Sunday, February 7  
10:30 am - Noon

## ANNUAL SUMMIT CELEBRATION (VIRTUAL) AND PRE-MEETING:

Despite the challenges, Holy Trinity has a lot to celebrate about 2020! If you are a member of HTLC, please attend our **Annual Summit Celebration on Sunday, January 24, 10 am**. This is our primary annual communication venue and **your presence matters!**

The pre-meeting is THIS SUNDAY, January 17, 10 am. It is a great time to ask your questions and test your computer's ability to log on to the meeting. This will help us have a more efficient meeting on the 24th.

If you are unable to connect to the **test Zoom meeting**, make sure your web browser is up to date and try again. If you still have trouble connecting, contact **Jed Becher** to help troubleshoot your connection.

## CHRISTO OBRERO UPDATE

Imagine trying to start a church when gathering in person is restricted. Christo Obrero is our Spanish-speaking, mission partner church located in Chaska whose 2020 was a little tougher than most churches. Read Pastor Jorge's inspiring **Christo Obrero Newsletter** to learn how they found joy in the midst of a global pandemic.

Check out the worship song, **Famous For**, our team made for Christo Obrero.



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 17 & 20

**HONORING MLK**

Up to the Mountain

January 24 & 27

**CELEBRATING 2020**

Annual Summit  
Celebration after worship

Jan. 31 & Feb. 3

**AMAZED**

Rebuked and Made  
Clean

February 7 & 10

**UPLIFTED**

Healed and Restored