# HTLConnections

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

January 22, 2021

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Jonah 3:1-5 Mark 1:14-20

#### **HUMBLY WE PRAY**

Source of Light, bring healing and hope to Karen, Bob, Deb O., Jack G., David, Tammy, Beverly, Joel L., Karen G., Audre J., Pr. Dave A., Hannah S., and all who suffer. Strengthen and encourage caregivers. Bless teachers and medical professionals. 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 our new Council Members, Chris Hauck, Michelle Newman, and Mark Walser. Thank you all!

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### 2020....BUST OR BLESSING?

#### By Karen Taylor, Ministry Coordinator

If you're reading this, it means you survived 2020. It was, no doubt, a pivotal year, not only for Holy Trinity, New Prague and the United States, but for the entire world. The trifecta of COVID-19, racial injustice protests, and the divisive presidential election made this year historical. On the surface, it's easy to view 2020 as a bust, a year we never want to experience again. But I see 2020 as a blessing.

In 2020, we were blessed with the gift of time. The world literally stopped and busy families suddenly found they had more time together. We were blessed with generosity as people donated to the HTLC Little Free Pantries to help families struggling to put food on the table or purchase basic self-care

supplies. We were blessed with technology to allow worship services to reach not only HTLC members, but people all over the world.

2020 taught us many things, but perhaps the biggest blessing was learning that Holy Trinity is not a building...it is a community of people who share the good news of God's love and grace.

Grab your tissue box and join the Annual Summit Celebration on Sunday to see all of the blessings of 2020.



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#### **ANNUAL SUMMIT CELEBRATION**

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 THIS Sunday, January* 24, 10 am. This is our primary annual communication venue and your presence matters!

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.

#### **HOW TO CONNECT**

Zoom users: Use this direct meeting link!

Nervous about using Zoom to connect to the Annual Summit Celebration?

Have no fear, instructions are HERE!

Dial in, use your smart phone or computer...it all works!

#### **ANNUAL SUMMIT REPORT**

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

Please have your Annual Summit Report with you as you attend the Zoom meeting on Sunday at 10 am.

#### ENDOWMENT UPDATE

The mission of the **Endowment Fund** Team is to encourage, receive, and administer gifts as expressed by the donors to enhance the outreach of HTLC apart from the general operations of the congregation in the areas of Evangelism, Missions, Youth Ministry, Local Benevolence and Special Needs of the Church. The Endowment Committee meets quarterly to review **applications for Endowment funds**. Questions can be directed to HTLC Office Manager, **Jamie Bisek** at 952-758-3513.

HIGH SCHOOL
GAME NIGHT!

A Register in link A
Wed., January 27
Online @ 7:45 pm

#### POP IN TO PRAY

Pastor Diane will be leading a weekly online prayer and fellowship group on Monday's from 9 -10 am. Pop in to say "Hi" or stay for the entire hour. Connect with others in the HTLCommunity here!

#### SPECIAL MUSICIANS

Calling all vocalists and musicians! We want to hear from you to add your talents to our online worship services.

Contact music@holytrinityonline.org and we'll get you on the schedule. All are welcome!

#### A/V TECH VOLUNTEERS

We have purchased new equipment to assist with live-streaming our future services and we need your help to run it! If you are interested in running cameras or the soundboard, please contact **Karen Taylor** or call the HTLC Office at 952-758-3513.

#### **COMMENT CORNER**

"About the profusion of gifts from the Confirmation class. I am overwhelmed with the generosity displayed...Please tell the young folks that I am deeply appreciative of their kindness and I would like to give each one a big hug of thanks."

 One of many thank yous from from one of our HTLC senior members who received a Christmas gift from one of our confirmation groups.

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**January 24 & 27** 

#### **CELEBRATING 2020**

Annual Summit Celebration 1.24.21 @ 10 am Jan. 31 & Feb. 3

#### **AMAZED**

Rebuked and Made Clean February 7 & 10
UPLIFTED

Healed and Restored

February 14
TROUBLED

Transfigured and Terrified