

# HTLConnections

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

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## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Mark 9:2-9

## HUMBLY WE PRAY

Eternal hope, shower your grace on these, Your chosen: Deb O., Audre J., Mark J., Pr. Dave A., and those seeking wholeness. Thank You for answered prayers. Strengthen the spirits and bodies of caregivers. Grow understanding and support for people who seek justice, food, homes or employment. Illumine the world with Your image of life and love. 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 Joan Bohnsack. Thank you for supporting this very important ministry!

## FOLLOW US



**By Pastor Ben Hilding**

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Churches across the country (and even the world) are brainstorming: "How can we have a socially-distant, contact-free, imposition of ashes?"

Guess what we are doing? Temporary tattoos! I know, I know. Some may think this is crazy. But think of it as a memory from 2021! These temporary tattoos will be coming to your mailbox in the 2021 Lenten Devotional.

Our plan for Ash Wednesday will include two parts:

1) Join us online for the Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 pm. Rather than having Children's ministry programs and Confirmation, we invite everyone to tune in to [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) at 6:00 pm. This is an important service!

2) At 7:00 pm, we invite you to an [Ash Wednesday Zoom service](#). On Ash Wednesday, we typically participate together in two rituals. 1) Imposition of ashes, and 2) Holy Communion. We remember both our sinfulness and mortality and then God's forgiveness and new life. Bring your own bread and beverage, and we will commune together via Zoom. Any bread will do, but if you want to make your own Communion bread, [follow Donna's recipe](#)!



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# TRANSFIGURATION

*Listen to Him!*  
Mark 2:7



Join us on Sunday for online worship as we hear about the Transfiguration of our Lord. It's better than Steve Rodgers changing into Captain America and way less scary than Anakin Skywalker transforming into Darth Vader. This week, we

are blessed with two different services on Sunday and Wednesday as we enter the season of Lent. We invite you to make time in your schedule for both services.

## ECOFAITH CONVERSATION

You're invited to an online conversation with our synod's EcoFaith organizers about environmental stewardship and our local energy system.

**Tuesday, February 16, 6:30-7:30 pm**

When we flip on the light switch, we don't usually think about the complex webs of our energy use - from the actual criss crossing wires of the grid to the choices we make individually and collectively that shape our energy systems.

Beginning with demystifying this electrical web, we'll learn how our values of faithful stewardship and sustainability can play a role in the energy future of the greater south metro area. Come for good conversation and an opportunity to be a part of community-based action steps alongside other Lutheran neighbors!

Join [online via Zoom](#) or call in 1(312)626-6799.  
Meeting ID: 88325696840# Passcode: 4444#

## FEBRUARY MISSION DRIVE



To help those struggling in our community, the Missions/Outreach Team is asking for paper towels, toilet paper, household products and personal care items for our Little Free Pantry on the south side of HTLC.

[Check out our list of water-free household products that won't freeze.](#)

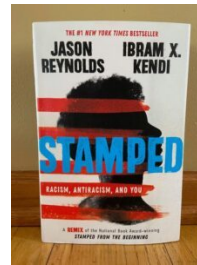
# LENT SMALL GROUPS

Our Lent Small Groups have been a great experience in the past and we're looking forward to making some new connections this year as we study "Why Lutheran?" Discussion materials will be in the

Lenten Devotional that is coming to your mailbox. Interested people can sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Jamie](#) or call the church office at 952-758-3513.



## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY



To celebrate Black History Month, we are highlighting our [Little Free Library](#) of Anti-racism books. We have 35 books for all ages! Our library is like a traditional library with a check-out and return system for books. Stop by the south side of the HTLC building and check something out today!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are excited to welcome 14 new members within 5 families to the Holy Trinity community. [Get to know our newest members here!](#)

## LIVE STREAM UPDATE

The installation of our live-streaming equipment has begun! This new technology will allow multiple camera angles to improve your in-home worship experience once in-person worship resumes. Want to serve HTLC in a fun way? Join our team of A/V volunteers! Contact [Karen](#) or call 952-758-3513.

## HTLC OFFICE CLOSED

The Holy Trinity office will be closed on Monday, February 15, due to the President's Day holiday.

**HTLCHRONICLES**

Over 52 years of music and laughter with the one and only, Rita.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**February 14**

### TRANSFIGURATION

Amazed and Terrified

**February 17**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

6 pm - Online Worship  
7 pm - Communion & Ashes via Zoom

**February 21 & 24**

### LENT 1

Ecclesia Semper Reformanda

**February 27 & March 3**

### LENT 2

Justification by Grace Through Faith