

HTLC Connections

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

February 19, 2021

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

2 Corinthians
5:16-21

HUMBLY WE PRAY

God of the Cross, shower your grace on these, Your beloved: Geo, Deb O., Audre J., Christine, Mark J., Pr. Dave A., and those seeking wholeness. Thank You for answered prayers. Strengthen the spirits and bodies of caregivers. Deepen understanding and support for people who seek justice, food, homes or employment. Fill the world with the power of your 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 Bob & Audre Johnson, in memory of Rochelle Rae Johnson. Thank you, Bob & Audre!

FOLLOW US



By Pastors Alicia & Ben Hilding

We have entered the season of Lent. Over these 40 days, we are invited to renew our commitment to our faith. Lent is the season of purging ourselves from what is excessive, and focusing on what is essential. Just like Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days, we focus on our spiritual life with renewed intentionality.

All HTLC Members received a **Lenten Devotional** in the mail. Forty devotionals written by forty HTLC friends, which focused on the question "Why Lutheran?" We encourage you to take up the practice of reading this daily devotional.

There's still time to jump into a small group to discuss "Why Lutheran?" [Sign up here](#). If you don't find a time that works for you, contact the HTLC Office at 952-758-3513.

Lastly, we invite you to worship regularly. Lent is reason we are Christians. Unlike the latest superhero movie, we know what happens at the end of Lent - and it's spectacular. Please join us for online worship during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

As our days lengthen and the hope of spring arrives, we prepare for new life by focusing on our faith. God has seen us through and God will guide us forward.



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LENTEN SMALL GROUPS



Our Lenten 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 can be

found in the [Lenten Devotional](#).

Interested people can sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Jamie](#) or call the church office at 952-758-3513.

2021 GIVING UPDATE

Financial Health as of January 31, 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$50,286	\$50,639
Expenses	\$47,380	\$39,171
Revenue - Expenses	\$2,906	\$11,467

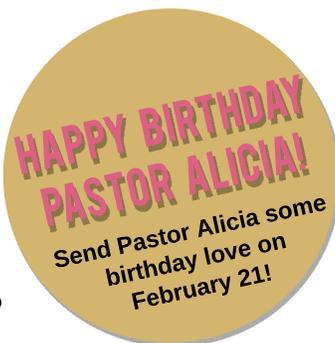
COUNCIL CONNECTION

[January 2021 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY



To celebrate Black History Month, we are highlighting our [Little Free Library](#) of anti-racism books. Our Little Free Library is a lending library with a check-out/return system for books. Stop by and check something out today!



FEBRUARY FUN FACT

In the digital age of website and Facebook analytics, we received an "alert" about 180 new visitors to our website last Friday. This was not a cyber attack, but due to the latest [HTLChronicles about Rita](#), our ultra-talented worship leader. As of the 17th, we've received over 300 unique views to our HTLChronicles page including a visitor from Norway! Thanks Rita and Rose for your storytelling!

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

This week our, Five-week Lenten Sermon Series, "Why Lutheran?" kicks off. Each week, we'll dive deeper into what makes us Lutheran.



VOLUNTEER!

Are you interested in serving Holy Trinity in fun and meaningful ways? We are always looking for volunteers for our online worship - scripture readers, greeters and musicians. Once we resume in-person worship, we're expanding our weekly Worship Teams. Worship Teams Assistants serve in key roles such as ushers, readers, communion servers and in the tech booth. All in-person volunteers will receive training....to get the dust off those skills. Interested? [Contact Jamie](#) or call 952-758-3513. [Musicians, please contact Rose.](#)

POP IN TO PRAY

Start your week with a little prayer and fellowship! Pastor Diane leads an online Zoom event, [Pop in to Pray every Monday at 9 am.](#)

Pop in to say hi or stay for a while for....all are welcome!

SPREADING THE LOVE

Last week, HTLC Seniors, and residents at Mala Strana and Praha Village received Valentine cards made by children and youth of HTLC. Mala Strana posted their [heartfelt thanks on their Facebook page](#). Thank you, CYF families, for spreading the love!



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 21 & 24

LENT 1

Ecclesia Semper Reformanda

February 28 & March 3

LENT 2

Justification by Grace Through Faith

March 7 & 10

LENT 3

Law and Gospel

March 14 & 17

LENT 4

Theology of the Cross