

# HTLConnections

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

February 5, 2021

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Isaiah 40:21-31

Mark 1:29-39

## HUMBLY WE PRAY

Eternal hope, shower your grace on  
Deb O., Audre J., Mark J., Pr. Dave  
A., and all those seeking healing.  
Thank you for the healing you have  
brought to many. Strengthen the  
spirits and bodies of caregivers.  
Grow understanding and support for  
people who suffer injustice, hunger,  
homelessness or unemployment.  
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

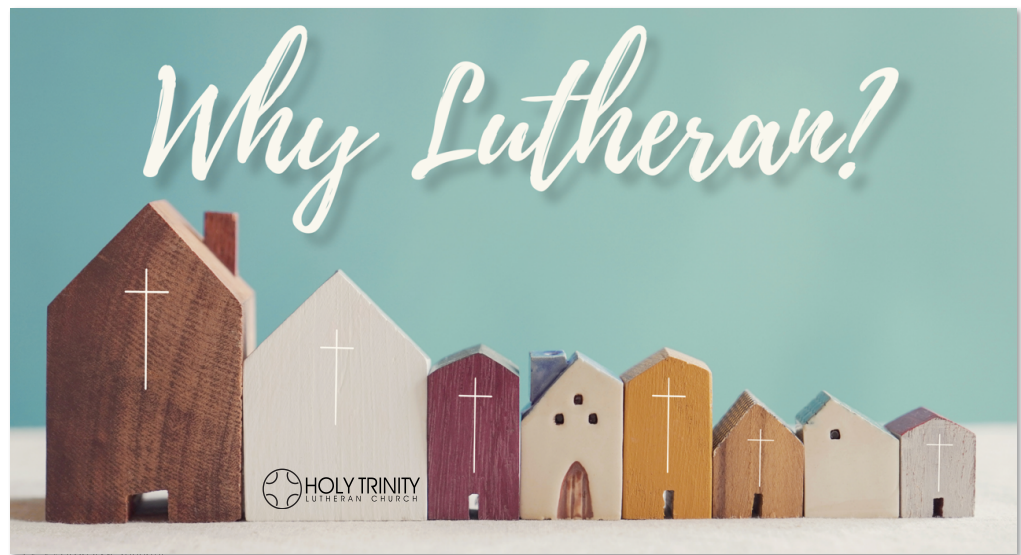
**Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM**

Sunday @ 9 am

## RADIO SPONSOR

Our Sunday radio broadcast ministry  
is sponsored by LuAnn Leach. Thank  
you for supporting this very important  
ministry!

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## LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

By Pastor Ben Hilding

Are you feeling isolated and disconnected from others? Are you feeling excited but anxious about re-learning how to socialize with others again? Are you worried that you were already socially awkward before, and after being shut down for 10 months you don't know if you'll remember how to talk to people?

Each Lent, we launch small groups here at Holy Trinity. This year, we feel like the thirst and need for community is sky high, so we're going to do it again. Starting the week of February 21, groups of approximately six people will meet weekly for one hour for five weeks. Our theme is "Why Lutheran?", and small group study guides will be included in the HTLC Lenten Devotional booklet being sent to your home. If your group strays from the given topic, that's OK too.

These groups will be on zoom. [Please sign up here.](#) And you don't see a time that works for you, let us know! We can add another group to choose from.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

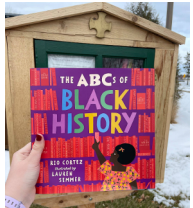
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## LENT SMALL GROUPS

We're seeking small group leaders for Lent. This has 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.

## NEW ANTI-RACISM BOOKS



To celebrate Black History Month, we will be highlighting some new books in our Little Free Library. First up is ***The ABCs of Black History*** by Rio Cortez. Stop by and check it out today!

**POP IN TO PRAY**  
Online prayer & fellowship  
with Pastor Diane  
Mondays @ 9 am

## 2020 GIVING UPDATE

Financial Health as of December 31, 2020	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$571,121	\$503,970
Expenses	\$610,351	\$547,110
Revenue - Expenses	-\$39,230	<b>-\$43,140</b>

## FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Free Food Distribution for Le Sueur County residents!

**Wednesday, February 10  
2 - 3:30 pm**

**First Lutheran Church in Le Sueur**

Click on the flyer for full details.



## FEBRUARY MISSION DRIVE

To help those struggling in our community, the Missions/Outreach Team is asking for household and personal care products for our Little Free Pantry.

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

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in joining the Holy Trinity community? Our next New Member class is THIS Sunday, February 7, 10:30 am - Noon via Zoom.

[Register online](#) or

contact [Jamie Bisek](#) at 952-758-3513.

Zoom link will be emailed once registration is complete.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us on Ash Wednesday for online worship at 6:00 pm and Zoom Communion and deposition of ashes at 7:00 pm.

## COUNCIL CONNECTION

[December 2020 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

## COVID UPDATE

Did you know that public health and Lutherans fit together like peanut butter and jelly? Christians have a long history of public health ([St. Francis Medical Center](#) and [Mayo Clinic](#)), so it should not come as a surprise that Holy Trinity is called to courageously respond to the evolving needs of our greater community. We are in the midst of the largest public health crisis of our lifetime. If you are feeling nervous about getting the vaccine and want a little jingle in your head to ease the nerves, here's a [fun song by our Worship Leader and her family](#)! This vaccine is not without its controversy and social media lends itself to misinformation about the [history of vaccines](#). If you are concerned about the vaccine, please contact your health care provider.

Now to the question everyone has been asking... "[When is church going to open?](#)" HTLC's Risk Management Team, with support of the [Church Council](#), follow the [Minnesota Department of Health's recommendations](#). At this time, the restrictions and risk are too great for church to resume in-person worship services and activities. Read the latest COVID update letter [HERE](#).

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**February 7 & 10**

**UPLIFTED**

Healed and Restored

**February 14**

**TROUBLED**

Transfigured and Terrified

**February 17**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

**February 21 & 24**

**LENT 1**

Ecclesia Semper Reformanda