# HTLConnections

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

May 14, 2021

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Luke 24:24-53

## **HUMBLY WE PRAY**

Ascend Lord, surround with comfort and hope, Jackie, Eileen P., Mark J., Tim A., Christine and all who face overwhelming challenges. Be with Pastor Dave Aaker as he nears death. Comfort all who grieve. Teach us and embolden us to love others as you love us. In hope and confidence in You, O Lord, we pray. Amen

## **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Online - Facebook & YouTube Sunday @ 9 am

In-person - HTLC Parking Lot Wednesday @ 6 pm. Register Here!

Cable TV - Bevcomm Channel 6 Sunday @ 9:30 am Wednesday @ 6 pm

Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM Sunday @ 9 am

#### RADIO SPONSOR

We have openings for sponsors for our Sunday Radio Broadcast Ministry. If you'd like to sponsor a week, please contact Jamie or call 952-758-3513.

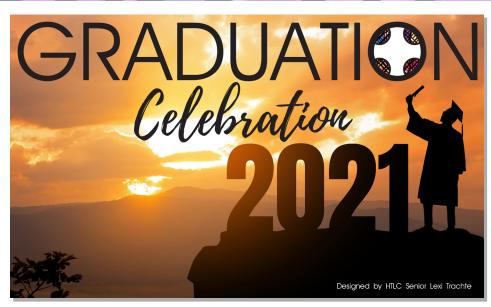
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## A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

By Karen Taylor, Ministry Coordinator

Wading through the murky waters of a global pandemic, with all its nationally and locally-imposed restrictions, is not the first time the Class of 2021 has swum up a creek without a paddle. As a parent of a graduating Senior, I've seen this group of students face adversity since their 6th grade year of Confirmation. During the biggest phase of their faith formation, they had a different pastor every year. For some, the lack of continuity and structure was difficult. For others, the variety of teaching styles and programming was appreciated. For all, getting through Confirmation was a relief!

Interim Youth Director Sonja Nelson introduced the concept that youth need five adults to make an impact on their faith development, people outside their family, who would become trusted adults. The very people who would give the confirmands a foundation of faith,

alongside the pastors and youth director.

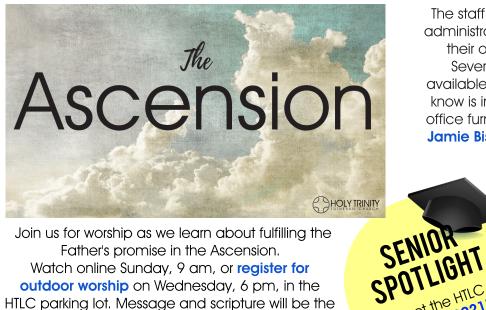
It's been a blast watching these students continue their faith journey past
Confirmation - as attendees of the National Youth Gathering, as Crew Time and VBS leaders, as worship assistants and beyond. Whether they know it or not, they have made an impact on the younger students by their presence and added a brick to the foundation of faith for another generation.



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## **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**



Join us for worship as we learn about fulfilling the Father's promise in the Ascension. Watch online Sunday, 9 am, or register for outdoor worship on Wednesday, 6 pm, in the HTLC parking lot. Message and scripture will be the same each week, but the music will vary for each service.

## FAREWELL, TIM

Last week, Tim announced his departure from the HTLC staff as he will be focusing full-time on his ministry, "Faith, Recovery & Music". For 6 years, Tim has blessed us with his amazing talents and many of us can still remember the first service we heard him play his guitar. Read more about Tim's Leap of Faith. Tim's last service will be Wednesday, May 26...where he will be joined by the rest of the worship band! Don't miss it!

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Please spread the word about a FREE food giveaway hosted by our New Prague neighbors, Calvary Church.

> Saturday, May 15 10 am - 2 pm

**Calvary Church** 830 4th Ave SW, New Prague

Each box contains fresh produce, dairy and meat products. Supplies are limited. Click photo for info!

## OFFICE ITEMS AVAILABLE

The staff is moving to the new administrative wing and leaving their old furniture behind. Several office items are available! If you or anyone you know is in need of some used office furniture, please contact Jamie Bisek or call the church

Meet the HTLC Class of 2021!



A free-will donation is appreciated (but not expected).

New items will be posted each week!







## **WE HEAR YOU**

Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?

#### WHEN ARE WE GOING TO OPEN UP?

We hear you and we can't wait to return to in-person worship either! At this point, church leaders and the Risk Management Team are gathering information from the Minnesota Dept. of Health and working through the process to make the best decision regarding in-person worship. Details coming soon!

## **MORE FREE FOOD**

Please share this information regarding FREE food distribution for Le Sueur County.

Tuesday, May 18 2 - 3:30 pm

Le Sueur Co. Fairgrounds 320 S. Plut Ave., Le Center

Each box contains fresh produce, mixed dairy and proteins. Click photo for info!



## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

May 12

## CYF CELEBRATION

Last Day of CYF Program Year!

May 16 **ASCENSION** 

Fulfilling the Father's **Promise** 

**May 19 SENIOR LED** 

Congratulations, Class of 2021!

**May 23 PENTECOST** 

Coming of the Holy Spirit