

HTLC Connections

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

August 20, 2021

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

John 6:56-69



HUMBLY WE PRAY

Giver of life: You nourish us with the true bread of life, Jesus. Strengthen us to be Your hands and feet. We ask for Your care for Laudie P., David A., Diane & David D., Tim A., Pat S., and Marge L. Comfort Barb W. mourning the death of her cousin-in-law, David E., from COVID. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Indoor - HTLC Sanctuary

Sunday @ 9 am

Outdoor - HTLC Parking Lot

Wednesday @ 6 pm

Online - Facebook & YouTube

Sunday @ 9 am

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 on KCHK is sponsored by Mel & Babs Iszler. Thank you for this blessing to our church!

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HOLY TRINITY LAKESIDE

By Pastor Ben Hilding

I didn't know what to do. I had never done this before. A full immersion baptism? In a lake?

In 2018 we were preparing for our first Holy Trinity Lakeside baptism service. Eldon (pictured), Rose, Brianna, Emmy, Parker, Daniel and Jeffrey were excited to be baptized. But as we approached the date, I realized this was a new experience for me. So I asked a Baptist pastor friend, "anything I should know about full-immersion baptisms?"

"They'll float, so you have to really dunk them." "Bring a second adult in the water with you, so you don't drop them." "Tell them to fold their arms across their chest and plug their nose." "Be ready, it's powerful."

They were right. I was so moved. The Holy Spirit reminded me what an honor it is to even witness God's activity in this world. In 2019, as Christine, Alice, William and Vermont were baptized, I felt the same divine presence. This has now become one of my favorite services of the year.

Join us this Wednesday as we gather again at Cedar Lake. Worship at 6. Dinner before. Baptisms included. It's not too late if you still want to jump in.



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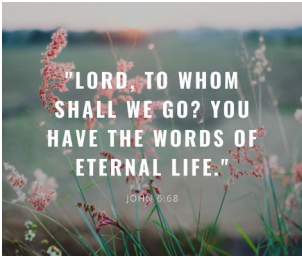
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WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Join us for worship as we hear more "Good News" from the book of John.

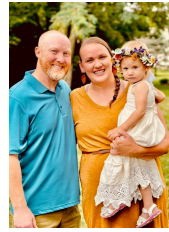
- Indoor** - Sunday @ 9 am
- Outdoor** - Wednesday @ 6 pm
- Online** - Sunday @ 9 am, on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).



READERS NEEDED

Want to be involved with online worship? Just record yourself saying the Lord's Prayer (hold your phone or device in a vertical format) and email it to [Angela](#) by August 31. Everyone is welcome to participate!

WELCOME WILMA!



Congratulations to Paul and Kendra Rasmussen on the baptism of Wilma Pearl! Welcome to the body of Christ and the mission we share! Wilma was baptized on August 8 in a beautiful backyard ceremony at her home. [Watch a highlight video Wilma's special day.](#)

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

July 2021 Church Council Meeting Minutes

GIVING UPDATE

Financial Health as of July 31, 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenue	\$296,875	\$296,139
Expenses	\$332,139	\$306,321
Revenue - Expenses	-\$35,264	-\$10,182

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

The Good Book Club is meeting **Sunday, August 29, 6 pm**, at Laurie Thorp's house (8504 40th St. W., Webster). Chairs, snacks & beverages provided, so just bring your Bible and a smile.



[Sign up by August 25](#) for a personal invite from Laurie.

COVID UPDATE

Find the answers to your questions in the [August 2021 COVID-19 Update](#).

FAMILY HIKING DAY

Lace up your hiking boots and fill up your water bottle. Get ready for a fantastic final "Summer of Fun" event!

Saturday, August 28, 11 am - 2 pm
[Prairie Oaks Institute](#) in Belle Plaine

REGISTER HERE for a free lunch! Our day will be filled with hiking (led by Pastor Ben), animals and games.



Mark your calendar!

SUICIDE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Family, friends and anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Suicide Grief Support Group.

Tuesday, August 24, 7 pm, at Holy Trinity

Meeting will be in-person and via Zoom. Please enter door #2. Face masks are required. For more information, please contact Tom Handrich at 952-913-3994.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a way to help others? Drivers needed to deliver meals to New Prague seniors for the Scott Carver Dakata CAP Agency. Background check required. Visit capagency.org/be-a-volunteer to apply.

VOLUNTEER!

Sunday Indoor
Worship Assistants
[Sign up here](#)

TIME

For Good News

INDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday @ 9 am



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Wednesday @ 6 pm

Dinner @ 5:30 pm

ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday @ 9 am

Facebook and YouTube