

OPENDOOR

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HOW'S YOUR EASTER GOING? A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BILL GAFKJEN

“The greatest image for the resurrection and the baptized life is not a verbal image, but is the very days themselves: Our fifty days of Eastertime, our pentecost, is a week of weeks and a final great eighth day, a jubilee, a single day that is fifty days long, a foretaste of the everlasting Day of God.” [Gordon Lathrop, Easter © 1988 Liturgy Training Publications]

Note that I did not ask, “How **was** your Easter?”

Gordon Lathrop’s reminder that Easter is “a single day that is fifty days long” can free us from putting too much weight or unrealistic expectation on one day. After all, the annual one-day flurry of butterflies, beautiful eggs, Easter lilies, and shouts of “He is risen!” does not necessarily make resurrection a reality immediately and fully in our own lives. We need time for the light of this good news, this best of all news, to penetrate the darkness of our days and seep into the depths of our oft-troubled and unbelieving hearts.

Gerhard Frost relates the story that a friend told him about passing the peace at worship on an Easter Sunday morning: He told me how he’d no sooner entered his pew than he recognized a childhood friend and playmate just in front of him. In the moment for exchanging the greeting of peace, he eagerly touched her arm, then, as she turned, exclaimed, “He is risen!” To his surprise there were tears on her cheeks as she said, “He is risen indeed!” then added in a whisper, “and it

had better be true!” She then informed him of her husband’s recent death. [It Had Better be True: Reflections on Death and Resurrection © Logos Productions, Incorporated, 1980.]

Truth be told, “it had better be true” is often the unarticulated whisper of my own heart. It might also be your whispered hope – or the whisper of someone close to you. It takes time for the life-changing truth of Jesus’ resurrection and our own incorporation into and

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A SERVICE OF BLESSING AND SENDING CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

Pastor Erica Gibson-Even from Christ Lutheran in Valparaiso was our guest minister for a special service of blessing and sending on April 28.

Worshiping together in one service, the congregation joined Tom Cavanaugh, our Council President, and the Mutual Ministry team as they gave thanks for Pastor Dave's ministry and the opportunity for reflection, study, rest and family time. Surrounding the Doanes, members of the HTLC family laid hands on them and prayed for them as they begin the clergy renewal leave.

“We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth both for them and our congregation, and we ask God to bring them back to our community refreshed and nourished with God’s Spirit as we seek to Glorify God with our gifts to serve all.”

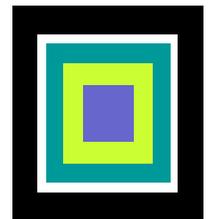


We will celebrate Pastor and Cindy's return to HTLC in August.



ABOUT THE ELI LILLY GRANT SUPPORTING CLERGY RENEWAL

Through its religion grantmaking, Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to deepen and enrich the lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.



To this end, National and Indiana Clergy Renewal Programs provide an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry.

LET'S CELEBRATE

May Anniversary!

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| 2 | Bill & Betsy Hillery |
| 8 | Floyd & Pat Garrett |
| 12 | Greg & Cindi Rooze, Arlan Stavnheim & Patricia Rosebrock |
| 14 | Pat & Kim Whiteaker |
| 24 | Ivan & Rhonda Vogelgesang |
| 28 | Hahns & Deb Pohlenz |
| 29 | Randy & Janell Uerkwitz |
| 31 | Jonathan & Anne Gerke |

May Birthdays

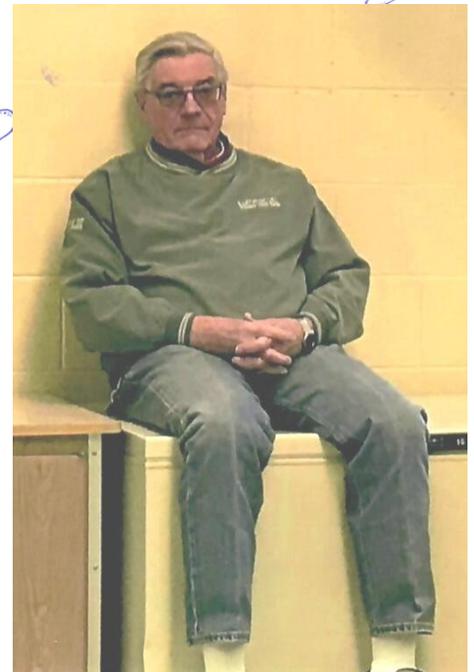
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| 2 | Tanner Ritchie |
| 3 | Randy Uerkwitz |
| 4 | Cynthia Ferguson-Holderbaum, Darcy Ferguson, Martha Klemm |
| 5 | Gunter Kohlhaw |
| 8 | Larry Mussche, Sue Frederick |
| 10 | Lainey Lee |
| 12 | Kenneth Rude |
| 13 | Sue Phebus |
| 14 | David Krueger, Don Lambert, Jim Schrier, Rhonda Vogelgesang |
| 16 | Daryl Gillespie, Jody Brummet |
| 17 | Bev Melichar, Jynsen Mussche |
| 18 | Creighton Suter, Maddisyn Cupp |
| 20 | Kathryn Bullock |
| 22 | Dorothy Siken |
| 23 | Stephanie Crowe |
| 24 | Chuck Guarino |
| 25 | Patricia Koning |
| 26 | James Holmes |
| 28 | Leonard Rogers |
| 29 | Connie Carey, Julie Gustafson |



IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY



- **Changing Footprints:** Marilyn Weber, Outreach Committee, reports transporting 76 pairs of shoes from HTLC to Changing Footprints. As part of its mission to help those in need, Changing Footprints is preparing to ship 2,000 pairs overseas.
- **Food pantry:** \$495 was gathered during April; 38 pounds of food was delivered to Tippy food pantry from members of HTLC.
- **Kairos:** Thanks to cookie bakers for their love and support of Kairos Indiana State Prison Weekend #24. Stan Harlow reports 400 dozen chocolate chip cookies were sent to Michigan City from HTLC for the recent April weekend.
- **Easter Breakfast Appreciation:** So many to thank! Just wanted to say how very fortunate we are to work with such outstanding people. Easter Breakfast was a success.
Thanks for all your help and doing such a good job with the Easter Breakfast. It was fun having so many involved. We look forward to working with you at upcoming events.
Thanks — Connie and Dave Krueger



Looks like Wayne is guarding the freezer full of cookies before the April Kairos weekend. Good work Mr. Russell, the shipment arrived.

APRIL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report

Report submitted. Thank you to the three members who have recently volunteered to act as Eucharistic ministers. There is an increase in people requesting the blessing of receiving communion during an in home visit, and additional volunteers are needed.

It was wonderful to see a substantial increase in attendance on April 7th.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary Report submitted by Al Davis

Summary: Month Three of the Calendar Year 2019 - Target Percent is 25%

INCOME: \$29,542 (includes Vanco posting)

Current Envelopes: Income for the month \$28,310 which is \$3,727 above monthly need of \$24,583

Total Income YTD: Income is 2.26% above projection.

EXPENSE:

NET INCOME:

March 2019: Gain \$7,427

Year-to-Date: Gain \$8,093

CURRENT ASSETS

Total Balance: Approximate: \$316,798

COMMENTS: Floyd Garrott is tenacious as **The HT Vanco Warlord!** He stepped up and got 'er done!

Participants: 10

Transactions: 21



Contributions: \$6,345.00

Fees: \$145.35

The transactions online are sterling – notices and credits are timely. Posting procedure to our finance software is functioning well.

Old Business

Activities and classes for congregational renewal are planned during Pastor Doane's Sabbatical (see Mutual Ministry)

New Business

Concerns with attendance at HTLC Council meeting were discussed

Committee Reports:

Worship – Report submitted. Plans for all Lenten services are complete

Outreach – Report submitted. Collection of funds for Food Finders and Tippecanoe Food Pantry will become a part of our support for these organizations. Donations of food are also welcome.

Evangelism – Report submitted. Postcards of invitation to Easter Services and other church activities will be mailed. The HTLC Fair is scheduled for

June 8 from 11-1.

Technology – No report.

Property -- Report submitted. Possible additions to the new sign and maintenance and sealing of the driveway were discussed.

Mutual Ministry- No report. Sabbatical planning is complete, and there will be one service on April 28 to send Pastor Doane on this journey of renewal.

This blessing is also intended for the congregation and there will be many opportunities for renewal focusing on:

May: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

June: Faith Stories

July/August: God Space

We are grateful for the hard work of the Mutual Ministry Committee to make the coming months a time of renewal for everyone.

Christian Education – No report. VBS plans are being finalized.

Youth - No report. The Youth have volunteered to serve Easter breakfast.

Stewardship – Report submitted. A message of faith and encouragement is included in all quarterly reports.

Next meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn Claussen

MUTUAL MINISTRY: WE'RE NOT PLAYING HOOKY THIS SUMMER

This summer is a special time for the pastor AND congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! We are all being given an opportunity to renew our relationship with God and with one another.

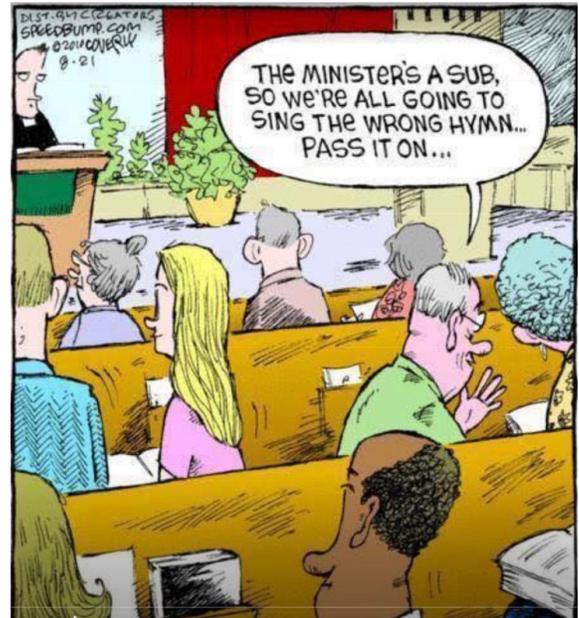
In his time, Luther asserted that the plowboy and the milkmaid could do priestly work. Martin Luther shook up his generation by dismissing the notion that there were two classes of Christians: spiritual and secular. The "Priesthood of All Believers" conveys the message that every believer is a priest. We all have a spiritual role in the world.

How do pastors/priests, milkmaids and plowboys relate to our church today? Luther said their plowing and milking **was** priestly work. He believed there was no hierarchy that set the priesthood as a higher "vocation" and milking the cow something lesser and more limited. God honors Christians and the work they were called to do, each according to their gifts. This means HTLC's teachers, accountants, farmers and retired volunteers are priests too.

Mutual Ministry has a vision of the congregation's members ministering to one another and being a witness to the world. As the individuals in church care for one another and bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:1), we become priests to each other.

And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God.
1 Peter 2:5

According to Peter, this "priesthood of all believers" emphasizes the importance of congregational life.



In the body of Christ, we are not merely waiting for the paid minister to aid others and recruit new members, we are relating to one another and using the gifts that God has given each one of us.

How? Let's begin our personal renewal with a little sprinkle from our baptismal covenant; we are called to:

- Live among God's people,
- Hear God's word and receive the sacraments,
- Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- Serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- Work toward peace and justice in the world.

During the summer of 2019, let's focus on building or restoring relationships with one another, making a priority of worshipping and receiving the sacraments, and participating in the discussion groups that will focus on helping us live in peace and proclaim the good news of God.

Choir at Synod Assembly



The Indiana-Kentucky Synod gathers annually for an Assembly to worship together, fellowship, and attend to the business of the church. The 2019 event is in West Lafayette and presents a rare opportunity for HTLC members to participate.

The music is always special. A note from I-K Synod's Thomas Dearchs, invites vocalists to join the choir that will sing at the Friday evening Opening Eucharist and on Sunday at the Closing Eucharist. He notes, "I think the music is both beautiful and accessible. I would imagine a rehearsal the day of each eucharist." The commitment is not long and the travel time is minimal.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Thomas Dearchs, Director of Communications, Administration, and Worship Life at tdearchs@iksynod.org or 317-253-3522.

Congratulations!

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TEACHER HONORED

Lauren Ahlersmeyer, was chosen "Teacher of the Year" at Battleground Elementary School.

A brief overview: Purpose of ELCA Social Statements

A few months ago, Pat Garrott and I led a discussion on the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. During that discussion, it was suggested that it would be helpful to understand why the ELCA has Social Statements and what a Social Statement is.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America uses Social Statements to "guide the life of this church as an institution and inform the conscience of its members in the spirit of Christians liberty" (<https://elca.org/socialstatements>). So, being good Lutherans, we ask, "What does that mean?" It means that Social Statements are meant to be documents that are *teaching* documents as well as *policy* documents that give a framework for discussing various social issues from the perspective of faith and how our faith informs our life together.

These documents are designed to "set policy for the ELCA and guide (the ELCA's) advocacy and work as a publicly engaged church," thus "(T)hey are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, discernment and thoughtful engagement with current social issues as we participate in God's work in the word" (ibid). As of now there are 12 Social Statements that guide the teaching and policy of the ELCA: Abortion, Caring for Creation, Church and Society, the Church and Criminal Justice, the Death Penalty, Economic Life, Education, Genetics, Health and Health Care, Human sexuality, Peace, and Race, Ethnicity and Culture.

In August, at the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, the Assembly delegates will vote on adding a new Social Statement on Women and Justice. This will guide the ELCA in all its expressions as we discuss issues that relate to women as well as issues that relate to justice, not just for woman but also for the broader world as well.

Social Statements, at their core, provide structure for the ELCA's policies as well as for teaching and engaging these topics from a faith perspective—how does the Bible, God, the Church look at these topics that engage the world in our present context? Links to the Social Statements as well as study guides for those statements can be found at <https://elca.org/socialstatements>.

Submitted by Gretchen Freese





INTERVIEW WITH A HTLC VOLUNTEER

Members of HTLC share time, talent and financial resources throughout the greater Lafayette community, the I-K Synod and even internationally through missions and ELCA programs. The Open Door will feature some of these volunteer stories. This is how “God’s Work – Our Hands” looks close-up!

Open Door: Hey Mary Anderson, slow down a minute. You mentioned during a recent Sunday morning Adult Ed session that you were involved with a new LUM venture. Didn’t you retire?

Mary: Well, yes I enjoyed a long and interesting span of time at Lafayette Urban Ministry and officially retired in 2015. However, the community changes, programs come and go, and leaders try new ways to fill gaps and meet needs. I was asked to help launch kind of a “niche” assistance program – The LUM Protein Pantry.

Open Door: Yes- there was a recent email alerting us to a Thursday morning pantry that offers Protein, Produce and Paper goods. Why is that a need and why just Thursday morning?

Mary: LUM leaders wanted to address the needs in the downtown “food desert” area, and had the space in their shelter/youth building area. With a little setup, some volunteers and a freezer, it seemed

like a good idea to augment the existing network of food pantry assistance with the 3 Ps Pantry – protein, produce and paper goods. Since the SNAP food assistance program doesn’t cover paper goods, those items are always in demand. Protein and fresh produce are not as available as shelf-stable food at some other pantries, so that’s how the 3 Ps became the focus.

Open Door: During the Adult Ed session



discussion about how God works in our lives in unexpected ways made everyone smile. Can you tell us about the freezer?



*Mary Anderson,
LUM Volunteer*

Mary: Oh, yes – we were talking about discernment and how the “God’s work – Our Hands” idea can surprise and delight us as it plays out in real life! I scouted some home improvement stores in an effort to find a freezer to hold the frozen meat that LUM planned to procure from Food Finders. A \$600 chest freezer at Lowes looked like a good possibility. Since it was a bit dinged up, an inquiry about a price reduction led to a \$300 deal. I needed to double check the size

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MAY

- 1st - 21st Clothing Drive: Family Promise
- 3 LUM Fun Follies
- 4 Progressive Dinner
- 15 Trinitarians: Trip to the Holy Land
- 16 Book Club
- 18 Property Spring Clean Up Morning
- 25 Backup Date for Property Clean Up
- 25 Open Door articles due
- 31 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly

JUNE

- 1st - 2nd Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly
- 8 HTLC Community Fair
- 15 Trinitarians: Dave Sattler, cartoonist
- 20 Book Club
- 25 Open Door articles due

JULY

- 15th to 17th Vacation Bible School
- 17 Trinitarians: Indoor Picnic
- 18 Book Club
- 25 Open Door articles due

*Please see details in other **Open Door** stories or watch for news in the **Epistle***

HTLC Community Fair Volunteers Needed

SATURDAY JUNE 8
10 am - 1 pm

Volunteers needed for games, crafts, inside guides, door prizes and more!

Nita Cunningham is the contact person to volunteer, if you need more information AND/OR if you are a Thrivent member.

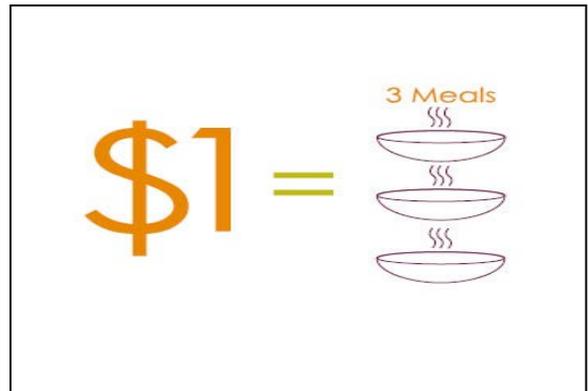
Updated Food Donation Note

****Food Donations Update from Outreach:**

In the past, we have collected food for local food pantries on the second Sunday of each month, alternating our support between LUM at St Johns, and the Tippy food pantry.

However the St. John facility has closed, leaving us with an opportunity to review how we use our resources for local hunger.

The Food Finders food bank can roughly provide a pound of food for only thirty cents. This means that three meals can be provide for every dollar given.



So beginning in April envelopes are being provided in the bulletin on food collection Sunday as well as a collection box in the narthex (on the Welcome Center), for support of the Tippy food pantry and Food Finders.

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity



Clothing drive : May 1—21. Find trash bags in the coat room to donate items. Each bag generates a \$5 voucher for Family Promise families to purchase items when they transition to permanent housing.

A FAITH STORY—CAROLYN CLAUSSEN FROM APRIL 9 COUNCIL MEETING DEVOTIONS

In the 19th century, in a German immigrant congregation in southern Will County, Illinois, the custom for infant baptism included the selection of several baptismal sponsors of the same gender as the new baby, and that the baby’s name would somehow include the names of his or her sponsors.

In 1896, Paulina Emma Wilhelmina Christina Louise was born, the 13th but far from the youngest child of Heinrich and Louise Kesler Buhr, and baptized in Zion Lutheran Church.



Here is a picture of the confirmation dress. Carolyn says with a smile, “Grandma would have ironed it!”

She was confirmed in a Lutheran church in Day County, South Dakota where her family had moved to homestead their 160 acres. She was married there, and after trying farming she and her new family moved back to the industrial area of northwest Indiana for better economic opportunities and were soon to endure the struggles of the Great Depression.

Years went by and she used some of the lace from her own confirmation dress as she made a baptismal gown for her granddaughter, and then, a generation later, changed the ribbons to blue for her great grandson’s baptism.

She left me an inheritance of “This is who we are” and “This is whose you are”
Carolyn Claussen

When she was 99 years old, she said, “I never wanted to be 100....but now I’m 99”... A few years later, as I visited her in the care facility where she lived, a Lutheran pastor came in to give her communion and she wanted me join her. He looked at me and asked, are you Lutheran? Before I could answer, she explained to him that between the two of us we had 150 years of being Lutheran, and we had communion together.

She died at 103 years and 5 months, leaving a few belongings and no assets, but leaving me an inheritance of “This is who we are” and “This is whose you are.”

We know we are not baptized into a denomination or a family, but rather through God’s grace we are baptized into the name and family of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

So in gratitude for the blessing of baptism and all in our earthly family who showed us who we are and whose we are, we pray...



Dear Heavenly Father,
You brought us into your family through the gift of baptism and gave us the gift of salvation and the forgiveness of sins. Help us to honor all those who taught us whose we are.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

INTERVIEW WITH VOLUNTEER

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so after a quick trip to measure our space, and get an OK to spend the money, I returned to buy the unit. The Lowe's appliance manager at that point said it was ours for \$100 - he understood the limited budgets of food pantries and the good work that they do. Not one to let a good deal get away, I thanked him profusely and took the offer. By the time I checked out, we ended up with a \$75 freezer – including free delivery. What a day and what a way to start this work!

Open Door: That certainly is a faith story. Thanks for taking a minute to articulate how God was active in your life. So what is your role with the 3 Ps Pantry?

Mary: I am still retired! As the Interim Director, I have been setting up the space, figuring out volunteer effort needed, documenting and getting a framework established for an ongoing operation. An enthusiastic LUM volunteer agreed to take the reins. Nina Morgan will serve as the 3 Ps Pantry volunteer Director beginning in May. If you want to join me as a volunteer some morning, Nina would be glad to have your help.

Open Door: If this is something I want to support, how can I help?

Mary: If you would like to work on Thursday mornings, just go to the LUM website at www.lumserve.org and follow the links to “volunteers” and the “volunteer sign-up sheets”. You can pick out the date and job that best suits you. Another way to help is to donate paper goods or protein. While HTLC can make a bigger impact in food purchases via cash donations, anyone who prefers shopping and making a physical donation is certainly welcome to bring toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, diapers, wipes, peanut butter or tuna to HTLC. Mike and I will be helping with the 3 Ps Pantry on a fairly regular basis and would be glad to transport these items to LUM.

Open Door: Feeding the hungry and helping those with limited resources is clearly in line with God's will for us. Thanks for sharing this story and reflecting the love of Jesus while you and Mike interact with folks in our community.



HOW'S YOUR EASTER GOING?

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experience of that resurrection to sink in. We need to do more than take an occasional dip into this live-giving stream. We need to plunge into its depths and soak in its light again and again and again.

At what was thought at the time to be the Last Supper, Jesus said, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” And good old Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Fifty days of Easter give opportunity for something more like full-body, full-spirit washing in resurrection light

and life. This is the baptized life, after all, the daily dying and rising with Jesus that brings us, here and there, foretastes of the feast to come, glimpses of the everlasting day when all life will be resurrected life with the Light and Lamb at its center.

*Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and
grief; Fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief; More
and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

(Charles Wesley, ELW 553)

Peace be with you,
Bishop Bill Gafkjen



SERVICE OF BLESSING AND SENDING

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REMOVAL OF STOLE: *The primary and unique symbol for Pastors is their stole. It points to their being set apart by the Church for Word and Sacrament ministry. We will now remove Pastor David's stole and place it on the altar where it will remain until he returns. The presence of Pastor's stole will remind us of our shared journey and of our mutual commitment to prayer for one another during this time of rest and growth.*



PASTOR VISITATION THIS SUMMER

Pastor Gretchen Freese and/or Pastor Jim Lichtenberger will be on call for hospital visits and such. If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a visit from one of the pastors, PLEASE either call the church or let the hospital know that they should contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. This is important because with HIPAA the hospitals are no longer allowed to let the church know unless you give explicit permission. Thank you!



HTLC Discussions Summer 2019

- *Forgiveness & Reconciliation*
- *Faith Story*
- *God Space*

Please join us for conversations about how HTLC grows together as community of faith.

HOOK'EM WITH A BOOK AN INVITATION FROM EVANGELISM VIA NITA CUNNINGHAM



Books aren't just for Lutherans! Everyone is welcome. Invite a friend.

May 16 at 7:00 pm

In April, the first meeting of HTLC Book Club included talking about books for over an hour!

We discussed everything from classics to mysteries, history to poetry, real life adventures to biographies. A dozen authors were mentioned and extolled.

We decided to meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm

in the lounge. We might even have coffee!

Our next meeting will be May 16 at 7 pm in the lounge. We are to read a book of our choice and 'write' a book report to share the synopsis with the others.

HTLC Book Club is open to all, so invite a friend and hook'em with a book!

SURVEY SAYS: FORGIVENESS DISCUSSIONS TO MEET SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

We had a good response to the informal survey of meeting times for the Forgiveness and Reconciliation sessions. Sue Davis and Diane Longdo thank you!

The greatest interest was Sunday morning. We'll work on child care for that time slot so that our parents can attend.

Wednesdays were also popular; both a morning and evening session will be held. As the group gets underway we can fine-tune location preferences.

| Day of Week | Time | Location | Notes |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday | 9:30 – 10:30 am | HTLC Room 101 | Childcare provided |
| May 19 | | | |
| Jun 2 | | | |
| Jun 9 | | | |
| Jun 16 | | | |
| Wednesday | 11:00 – 12:00 | HTLC Lounge | Bring your lunch? |
| May 22 | | | |
| Jun 5 | | | |
| Jun 12 | | | |
| Jun 19 | | | |
| Wednesday | 6:00 to 7:00 pm | HTLC Room 101 tentative | Meet somewhere serving food? |
| May 22 | | | |
| Jun 5 | | | |
| Jun 12 | | | |
| Jun 19 | | | |

HOSPITALITY NEWS

The Hospitality Committee would like to invite you to plan an event.

We will facilitate event communication on your behalf. We'll help with notices through emails, announcements in the weekly church bulletin and the Epistle as well as the monthly issue of the Open Door. Prayerfully consider how you would like to participate.

The following are a few ideas that have been mentioned. Would you like to get one of these underway?

- Ladies get together for brunch, luncheon, possibly with a speaker.
- Men's get together: breakfast, lunch or activities such as golf, go to a nice athletic event.
- Family movie night this summer on the lawn with popcorn & sodas.
- Invite a contemporary musician for a Saturday evening service of praise.
- Re-establish a prayer chain
- Youth Sunday
- Church Picnic at Columbian Park
- Chili cook-off
- Fall: Women's / Men's Seminars
- Attend a Faith based movie or concert event as a group.

Have you experienced great fellowship with others that you'd like to try at HTLC? Feel free to explore your own project with us; the Hospitality Committee will assist. Please contact a member of your HTLC Hospitality Committee:

Deb Pohlenz, Sue Phebus, and Connie Krueger



What's a blog?

/bläg/ a noun:

a regularly updated website or web page, typically one run by an individual or small group, that is written in an informal or conversational style.

Watch for news of Pastor's blog this summer.

Attitude

By
Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.

It is more important than the past,

than education, than money,

than circumstances, than failures, than successes,

than what other people think, say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.

It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice

every day regarding the attitude

we embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past...

we cannot change the fact that people

will act in a certain way.

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play the one string we have,

and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me

and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes"

