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FROM PASTOR LISA

Someone I've known for a long time recently said that with the world as chaotic as it is, she just wants her church to be calm and comfortable. I've heard that before, but this time, I understood it better. Because the world seems so much more chaotic than ever before—at least in my lifetime. There will always be some things that are comforting at church and in worship. There is an order of service that doesn't change a lot from week to week and things that we say each time we come together. And there is music and holy communion: Two things that have always brought me comfort.

Sometimes the Biblical readings are comforting, but sometimes they aren't. Sometimes Jesus says things that sound controversial. Interestingly, I've preached on these same readings for over 30 years, and things that sound very controversial now were only mildly controversial a decade or three ago. The world is not only more chaotic than it has been, but it is also more polarized. People take sides more quickly now and are less likely to consider other opinions.

I think it's a good thing that Lutherans as well as other Protestants and the Roman Catholics use a series of assigned readings called the Revised Common Lectionary. These readings were chosen decades ago by a group of representatives from these denominations. They chose three years' worth of readings from the Bible, and every three years we start over from the beginning of this lectionary.

Sometimes these readings can be difficult. Sometimes it feels like Jesus is talking to us right now. And Jesus spoke his mind. Actually, he spoke God's mind. And he showed us who God is. Jesus hung out with people whom others didn't think were deserving of Jesus' company. He got in trouble for this. He got in so much trouble that he was eventually put to death. But Jesus, who was God in the flesh, was raised from the dead. So that we would know that everything Jesus did and said came from God, including God's allegiance to people who weren't considered as worthy as others. And Jesus was also raised from the dead so that we would know that nothing we could say or do would ever stop God from loving us.

Unfortunately, the more chaotic or polarized the world becomes, the more chaotic or polarized our congregations become. Because we, who live in this world, are the same people who are part of these congregations. BUT it is also the same God, yesterday, today, and tomorrow, who loves

us, each of us across this globe. And who wants the same things for everyone: A chance to both survive and thrive.

Here is a version of a prayer that has been prayed for ages. It's called Loving Kindness. It's a prayer I pray for you, as well as myself and my family. It's a prayer you can pray for yourself, your family, and even strangers around the world.

"May you be at peace and at ease. May you be safe and protected.

May you be healthy and well. May you love and be loved. Amen."

-Pastor Lisa

REMINDER:

If you need to reach Pastor Lisa, email her at nelsonkosky@gmail.com. The pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com email is no longer checked on a regular basis. Thank you.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT *submitted by Candy Lauby*

Hello - I'm your new Council President also known as your part-time organist, Candace Lauby. I'm excited for this opportunity and look forward to helping Holy Trinity over the next year. I've been a member of the congregation for roughly 20+ years having moved to Marshall around 1999-2000. I am a full time real estate agent and grandma of two amazing boys. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions regarding Holy Trinity.

Also, please take a moment to thank Karen Browne and Larry Legro for their years of service on the council. A huge thank you to Gary Waalkens for being the President of the council for the last 4+ years. All of their help and guidance is greatly appreciated. We welcome Kathy Deneen and Matt Stensven to the council this year.

We have a wonderful group of people at Holy Trinity and are thankful for all of you. Please feel free to invite any friends, family or neighbors to our worship services. We have a wonderful Pastor and message.

Sharing the peace 🙏... ~ Candy

ANNUAL REPORT

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting on January 26 and would like a copy of the annual report, call the office at 608-655-4246 with your request and also provide your name and address. You can also email the office at htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com with your request and information. The 2024 annual report will then be sent to you.

JANUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *submitted by Carolyn Madaus*

All members were present at the meeting held January 14, 2025. The December minutes were approved. President Gary Waalkens said he is pleased with the attendance at Wednesday worship.

The December treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Pastor Lisa said she was thrilled with both the Sunday School and Confirmation class Christmas programs. Hats off to Susy Pawl and Kathy Deneen. The next Sunday School will be January 26 after the Children's Message through the Annual Meeting so parents can attend. There will be no worship on Wednesday – April 16 as it is Holy Week. Because she is serving 2 congregations, Pastor Lisa

proposed doing a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service at Holy Trinity on Thursday – April 17 at 6:30 and then doing St. Mark’s worship on Good Friday. She is also going to see if she can do the Ash Wednesday service at St. Mark’s on the Tuesday prior and doing Ash Wednesday at Holy Trinity on March 5 at 6:30. (First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday – April 6 and Confirmation is Sunday – May 4.) Pastor will be off Sunday February 9 and on vacation March 6-12. Motion made and passed to combine Maundy Thursday & Good Friday worship on Thursday – April 16 at 6:30.

In new business, Trina Byrnes decided not to take the office manager job and Kathy Schluter has agreed to fill in until April, when Karen Browne takes over after retiring from her full-time job.

At the Annual Meeting, Larry agreed to hand out microphones to people with questions and Kathy will have sign-up sheets for people to provide their names and contact information so we can determine whether there is a quorum.

Food and drink signs will be updated for the sanctuary.

Mike Chadwick asked if the Council would approve having a picture of June put up. The Council decided to approve that.

Discussion was held as to charging Scouts for large events. A mention was made of no charge for regular meetings but possibly for big events, or ask them to help with spring cleaning, etc.

Maintenance will be done on the copy machine tomorrow. We should renew the service contract.

WELCA asked if the Council needs to approve every event WELCA has. All events need to go through the Events Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *submitted by Carolyn Madaus*

Meeting was called to order and then an opening devotion. All members were present except for Carol Woldt.

Election of officers took place with President, Candy Lauby; Vice-President, Matt Stensven; and Secretary, Carolyn Madaus elected.

Council minutes from January meeting were reviewed and approved, as well as the minutes from the January 26, 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Gary Waalkens welcomed Kathy Deneen and Matt Stensven to the Council.

The January treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussion was held regarding employment taxes. Council needs clarification of the report and want Owen Raisbeck to attend next Council meeting and explain. Bank statements may be reviewed for an audit and possibly monthly basis.

Pastor Lisa advised Sunday School is held this coming Sunday and she will also be playing board games with the kids before worship on Wednesday February 19. They will be encouraged to stay for the kid-friendly worship service that evening. Lent is coming up. February 23 is Transfiguration Sunday and Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Because Pastor Lisa is serving 2 congregations she asked if the Ash Wednesday worship could start at 7:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm. Council approved that time change. Palm Sunday is April 13 and Easter is April 20. There will be no Wednesday worship on April 16 but we will have a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday worship on Thursday April 17. No Wednesday or Friday worship service during Holy Week, only on Thursday April 17 at 6:30 pm.

No food or open drinks are to be allowed in the sanctuary. Styrofoam cups with lids or any other covered drink containers are allowed only for beverages.

A picture of a deceased congregation member was OK’d to be displayed for 2 months.

Council voted to discontinue Holy Trinity's subscription to the weekly Church Directory section of The Courier/now to be Sun Prairie Star.

Matt Stensven is liaison for the Scouts. Groups have a certain amount of clean-up expected of them. A recommendation was made to have a checklist provided to them and group leaders should check to make sure this is done. It was suggested to possibly have Scout groups help with Spring and Fall Clean-Up as Marshall High School students have done in the past.

The committee for the Endowment/Memorial Fund is Owen Raisbeck, Dan Timpel, and Todd Madaus. Donation checks should indicate where donors want the money to go. If they don't indicate that, the office will contact the donor(s) to clarify where they want their donation to go if they have a specific purpose.

Discussion was held on whether to continue with payroll through our current accountant and Council decided to continue that.

Kathy Deneen asked about Outreach, which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Gary announced that he has 5 youth signed up for First Communion instruction.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. Next meeting is set for Tuesday – March 11 at 6:00 pm.

OUR 2025-2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Student Representative	VACANT	

We are still in need of a Council youth representative. All confirmed members up to age 30 are eligible. Please contact Candy Lauby if you would like to be the voice for youth in our church.

Owen Raisbeck, Treasurer: 608-225-3149 owenraisbeck@yahoo.com
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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP (TIME CHANGE)!!!!

Because Pastor Lisa is serving two congregations, it is necessary to make a time change for the Ash Wednesday worship service here at Holy Trinity. **Our Ash Wednesday service on March 5 will begin at 7:00 PM** instead of 6:30 PM for this reason.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

This class begins on Wednesday – March 5 from 5:00-6:00 pm and continues at the same time every Wednesday in March. First Communion will be celebrated during worship at 8:30 on Sunday – April 6. Please call the office at 608-655-4246 if you have someone in 5th grade or older who would be interested in this instruction.

SUNDAY SCHOOL *submitted by Susy Pawl*

In February we focused on how Jesus teaches us to share God's love and we practiced this by passing out Valentine fortune cookies filled with a special message to the congregation. We also had a very fun family 'game night' with Pastor Lisa before Wednesday service on Feb 19th. Thank you to our fantastic congregation and Pastor for supporting our youth!

In March, Sunday School will be held on Sunday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 16th during service, from 8:30 to ~9:30. Please have kids attend the first portion of service to hear the children's message and then they will be dismissed for Sunday School.

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE has been unable to meet due to weather. The next Event Planning Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm. Please come join us and bring any ideas you may have.

CONFIRMATION: EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY FROM 6:00-7:00 PM. (see calendar)

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP IS AT 6:30 PM (EXCEPT ASH WEDNESDAY at 7:00 PM) UNLESS MARSHALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THAT DAY/EVENING EVENTS CANCELLED, OR THE TEMPERATURE IS 20 BELOW OR MORE.

JANUARY FINANCIALS

<i>Income received in January</i>	<i>\$ 4,716.00</i>
<i>Obligations paid in January</i>	<i>11,183.13</i>
<i>Deficit for January</i>	<i>6,467.13</i>
<i>BALANCE ON HAND</i>	<i>\$ 5,181.44</i>

MARSHALL-WATERLOO FOOD PANTRY 117 E. Madison St. (Hwy 19), Waterloo

Two to three volunteers are needed to serve the 12:00 noon-1:00pm shift the first Wednesday of every month. Someone is needed on March 5. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

It is Holy Trinity's month to host the Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry in April. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. At least 3 volunteers are needed each shift. Shifts are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 and Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:00. This is a great volunteer opportunity.

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Second Harvest Food Bank has taken over operation of the Marshall mobile food bank. They have changed the food bank dates to the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month at 3:30 pm in the high school parking lot. **If you wonder if there is a cancellation or not, go to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, Find Food, Mobile Pantry Schedule.** The next few distribution dates are:

Monday-March 10	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-April 14	3:30 pm	high school parking lot
Monday-May 12	3:30 pm	high school parking lot

RENTALS OF FELLOWSHIP HALL The fellowship hall is available to rent. The price for active members is a one-time event fee of \$25.00. The fee for all others is **\$50.00 per hour**. If you are thinking you may be interested in renting the hall, please contact the church office by calling 608-655-4246 or sending an email to htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com, to check on scheduling and details. **REMINDER: No beer, wine, or alcohol of any kind is allowed in the building or anywhere on the church property.**

PLANNED GIVING TO HOLY TRINITY

1. One way to ensure a bright future for our church is to make a planned gift that names HOLY TRINITY **in your will**. A bequest is a meaningful way to support the church's ministry without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime. Your attorney can include it when you prepare or revise your will, or you can add a codicil at any time.
2. Gifts that do not restrict their use (**unrestricted gifts**), allow Holy Trinity to use these resources where they are most needed.
3. **Restricted gifts** are monies designated for a specific purpose that advances our mission, such as support to a specific initiative or program.
4. Give to the church's **Endowment Fund**. You may now use our online giving, through holytrinitymarshall.com to make a gift directly to our Endowment Fund. At a time when secular non-profits are realizing the need to build their endowments, churches are still asking for operating support only. An **endowment gift** helps move us into a more sustainable position. (Dan Timpel has joined the Endowment Committee, replacing Jack Erb. If anyone has questions or wants to make a donation to this fund or the Memorial Fund they should contact Dan Timpel, Todd Madaus, or Owen Raisbeck.)
5. You could also choose to designate **a portion of the proceeds of your IRA to Holy Trinity** each year. We are grateful to members who have chosen this option as a way to make a sizeable annual gift.
6. Naming Holy Trinity **as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy** can convey assets in larger amounts without disrupting your current cash flow.

HEADS UP! WAY UP!!!

If you wish to submit an announcement for a bulletin, you **MUST** submit it to the office (htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com) **by the Wednesday prior, as bulletins are printed on Thursdays.**

For articles to be included in the newsletter for the following month, **they MUST be received in the office by the 22nd or they will not be included!** Waiting for late articles puts more stress on office staff and newsletter helpers. Getting your newsletter information in on time is a courtesy to others involved in the process. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated.

CHURCH NEWS

Worship every Sunday morning	8:30
**Sunday School, Mar 2 & 16 at 8:30	
Ash Wednesday evening worship, Mar 5	7:00* (time change)
Wednesday worship, Mar 12 & 19	6:30
(No Wednesday worship, Mar 26)	
First Communion class every Wednesday evening	5:00-6:00
Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry, Wed Mar 5	12:00-1:00
Catechism, Wed Mar 5 & 19	6:00
Second Harvest Food Bank, Mon Mar 10	3:30 HS parking lot
WELCA, Tues Mar 11	12:30
Council meeting, Tues Mar 11	6:00
Event Planning meeting, Wed Mar 12	6:30
Quilting Day, Sat Mar 15	9:00-3:00
Quilt Tying, Tues Mar 18	12:30
Red Cross Blood Drive, Thu March 27	11:00-4:00

Quilts for LWR As quilt-making continues here at Holy Trinity, we always have an ongoing need for the supplies that go into making the quilts. Thank you to all our members and friends who keep an eye out for fabric that family members are disposing of and fabric that is available at garage sales and estate sales. We continue to request new bed sheets, used bed sheets, tablecloths, large pieces of fabric, etc. Even well-worn sheets are useful as the middle layer of a quilt. We welcome anyone who wants to get involved in making quilts either by meeting at church, by sewing at home or by cutting fabric squares at home.

One of our quilt groups meets at church 12:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to sort donations, prepare donations for use in a quilt, and tie the layers of a quilt together. Our other quilt group comes to church on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 am. Sewing machines will be provided.

Please join in various quilt tasks on our quilt days for whatever amount of time you have to contribute. We are grateful for all the support we receive from our Holy Trinity family that allows us to donate quilts to the Lutheran World Relief mission of providing quilts to people in need in the US and around the world. ****Please continue to provide new fabric that can be cut into squares for making quilts. It's then possible for someone to take the next step and cut 11-inch squares of fabric and donate them. ****

ELCA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS. Per Constitution and bylaws of the ELCA, a person must give a monetary gift and receive Holy Communion at least once every calendar year to be a member. Holy Trinity is required to keep records of both giving and communion. (If you put cash in the collection plate, that is not a contribution of record. We need to know your contribution came from you.

There are extra contribution envelopes on the Welcome Desk.) Please fill out a communion card at least once a year and on the day that you commune. That way we can make a record of it. Place your last name and first name of each person taking Communion on the card along with the date. You may place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also request a visit from the Pastor on this card.

Electronic newsletter to save paper, you may prefer to receive this newsletter electronically if you do not already. Just e-mail htcstaff@holytrinity-marshall.com and let us know that.

Our website, holytrinitymarshall.com, is regularly updated. With all the latest news and information that you might need. And share the link to our online services with family and friends!

Our thanks and gratitude to those who continue to give so much for the sake of this body of Christ such as our organists, office manager, treasurer, financial contribution secretary, custodian, ushers, readers, communion assistants, WELCA, Altar Guild, those who lead Sunday School, provide catechism instruction and First Communion instruction, and worship leaders. Thank you also goes out to those who serve on our Church Council and the Event Planning Committee.



Thank you to our quilters, volunteers who continue to work the Second Harvest mobile food bank, and volunteers on the Wednesday noon shift the first of each month at the Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry. Thank you to the person who cares for our grounds and parking lot. We also appreciate the helpers who assemble the newsletter for mailing and everyone so willingly donating time and materials to maintain the church. Apologies if anyone was missed. Thank you all.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marshall-Waterloo Food Pantry The Marshall/Waterloo Food Pantry is on the lower level at 117 E. Madison Street (Hwy. 19) in Waterloo. (Please use the door in the alley.) People may visit the food pantry once each month. If you or someone you know needs help, make use of this resource.

The hours are Wednesdays from noon-1:00 pm and again Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm. Saturday hours are from 9:00-10:00 am.

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is Monday –March 10 at 3:30 in the HS parking lot.

Red Cross blood drive, Thursday March 27 from 11:00-4:00

Did you know that Staples will take several electronic items in-store for recycling? Call your local Staples store with questions or check their website.

Foodshare Helpline 877-366-3635 If you are in need, or know someone who is, contact this agency to see if they can help.

Wisconsin Home Energy Plus Program at 1-866-432-8947 or 608-267-8601 is available if you need help with your utility bills. Give them a call to find out if you qualify.