

**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*To Be and To
Make Disciples
of Jesus Christ*

NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST

*Gracious
is the LORD,
and righteous;
our God is
merciful.*

Psalm 116:5, NRSV

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How well do you follow through? When I began learning to shoot sporting clays back in my middle school days, I would follow the first clay pigeon as soon as it was in my line of sight and then once I took the shot I lifted my head and lowered the shotgun from my shoulder. My coach (my dad) told me that I needed to follow through after I shot so that I was ready to shoot the second clay pigeon wherever it came from.

Follow through is important for many things in life besides sports. When we are submitting an application we have to make sure the recipient receives the application, and, after some time, if we have not heard a response to our application, we need to inquire whether our application has been accepted or denied. The importance of follow through can be a hard lesson for teens to understand, especially when they are submitting job applications for the first time. Of course, follow through can be a hard lesson for adults to fully grasp, too.

It is not easy to follow through as one of Jesus' disciples, either. Over time we get distracted from our discipleship practices (worship, prayer, bible study, serving, tithing) that keep us in relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. So, this month our sermon series will build upon our most recent series, *Re-center*. In case you have not already figured it out, our next series is titled *Follow Through*. We are going to follow through on our discipleship practices by shattering our expectations, expanding our imaginations, inviting and welcoming others, and reconciling our allegiances. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith ... (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Your Sister in Christ

Pastor Kathy



Pastor's Study: Genesis 1-15

Pastor's Genesis Study is coming to a close.

We will study Genesis 12 on August 3rd,
Genesis 13 & 14 on August 10th, and Genesis
15 on August 17th.

The study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am
in the Lounge.



Highlights of Pastor's Report for Council

- ◆ Prepping for Friends & Family Day with Pastor Thomas Carr and Scout Leader Becky English.
- ◆ Looking forward to VBS
- ◆ A Funeral Guide has been produced and will be reviewed by Worship & Music Committee in September.
- ◆ Continuing home visits and prepping for the Fall

Coming Up: Pastor's Study on the Gospel of Mark

Pastor Kathy will be leading a study on the Gospel of Mark this Fall. As in the past, two sessions will be held, you and your friends are invited to come to any session that fits your schedule. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00am and on Thursdays at 1:30pm.

If you have fabric left over from previous sewing projects that you no longer want or need, the Quilt Makers of HTLC would greatly appreciate any amount you are willing to share!

Quilt Makers meet at 10am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please see Sue Hendrickson or Bonnie Elias.

Youth Confirmation

will happen this Fall.

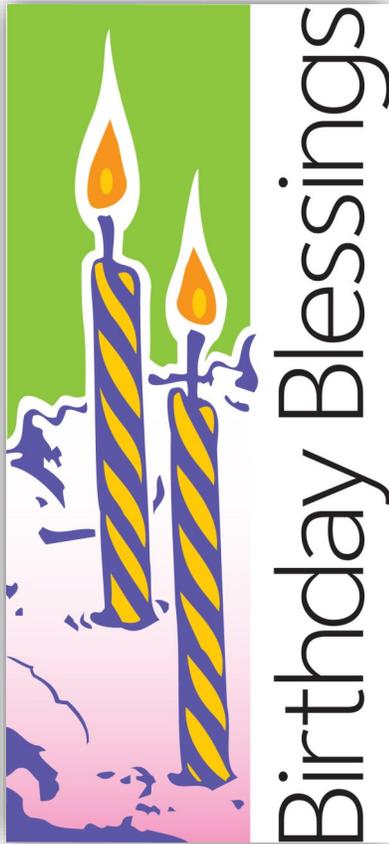
If you have a youth (7th grade or older) who is interested or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Kathy or Always Butz.



HOLY CARERS:

Current Newsletters & Quarterly devotional & prayer booklets (start date July 1) are available for you to take to your Shut-ins. This is the perfect time to reach out and make connections with these valued members of our church. family.

**IN JULY, SOCIAL MINISTRY
DONATED MONEY TO THE
SALVATION ARMY TO SUPPORT
THEIR SUMMER PROGRAMMING.
SOCIAL MINISTRY ALSO PURCHASED
GROCERY & GAS GIFT CARDS FOR
PASTOR KATHY'S USE.**



- 4th— Bobbie Ballenger
- 5th— Jerry Duff
- 8th— Erich Eisenloffel
Tiffany Curvin
- 10th— Pat Elsasser
- 11th— Doug Thrush
- 14th— Lori Them
Randy Stroemer
- 24th— John Leech
Tristan Curvin
- 28th— Norma Weber
- 29th— Gregory Burgess

Scout Troop 152 at Scout Camp in July



Join us for Friends & Family Day



**Saturday, August 13
11am-2pm**

We're having a "Friends & Family Day" on Saturday, August 13. Pastor Thomas Carr and his ministry and the Boy Scouts are part of this day, too. The event itself is 11:00am – 2:00pm; **but we need volunteer servants starting at 9:30am until 3:00pm.** Servants are needed to set-up, traffic safety, serve ice cream, serve hotdogs and hamburgers, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Of course, we also need you to attend, and for you to invite your friends and family to join us because there will be fun activities for everyone. Food, lawn games, activities provided by BSA Troop 152, and an opportunity to have your pets blessed. Flyers have been emailed to you and hardcopies are available at the church, too.



AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

Harmony House

Please Make Checks Payable to HTLC

Contributions may be mailed, dropped in the church mail slot, or in offering plate.

Harmony House provides those experiencing homelessness in Richland County with emergency shelter, services & case management as they help their clients become self-reliant. Your contributions to Harmony House will be matched by the Holy Trinity Tithing Fund.

Parish Education Notes:

- ♦ 24 Large Print NRSV Bibles purchased for use during Pastor's class.
- ♦ 24 Large Print Bibles purchased for use during Adult and Youth Sunday School.
- ♦ It is planned that all unused Bibles within the church will go to the NALC Disaster Relief.
- ♦ Rally Day: September 11, 2022. Theme: Sundaes for Sunday; this will also be Bible Gifting Sunday.
- ♦ **First Day of In-person Sunday School will be September 18, 2022 at 11:15 am.**

Mackenzie Harris, who received the Holy Trinity Scholarship, was also awarded a scholarship by 33 Forever, a non-profit that specializes in helping those with mental health issues. Mackenzie was featured in the Mansfield News-Journal as one of 4 students awarded a \$1,333 scholarship. Mackenzie plans to attend North Central State College this fall, majoring in Social Work.



Vacation Bible School

Community Vacation Bible School will be held at First English Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 2 through Thursday, August 4, 5:00-7:00pm. Holy Trinity will be leading the program on Tuesday, and we will be helping the following two days. The theme is "Food Truck Party" based on Matthew 6:11 - "Give us this day our daily bread." For more information, contact Always Butz or visit First English's website at **FELC-mansfield.org**

SUN	MON	TUE	WE
	1	2 6pm Property Mtg	3 10am Pasto Study
7 9am Parish Ed 10am Worship 1pm H.O.W.	8	9 6:30pm Church Council	10 10am Pasto Study
14 10am Worship 1pm H.O.W.	15 9:30am PEO Group Mtg	16	17 10am Pasto Study 2pm Financ
21 10am Worship 1pm H.O.W. 2-4pm Appleseed Squares Dance	22 6pm Social Min Mtg.	23	24
28 10am Worship 1pm H.O.W.	29	30	31

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Pastor's /	4 1:30pm Books, Coffee & Dessert 6pm Dance Lsns	5 3pm Movie Matinee	6
Pastor's /	11 6pm Dance Lsns	12	13 FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY 11a-2p
Pastor's / Dance Mtg	18 6pm Dance Lsns	19 11am Garden Club Mtg	20
	25 6pm Dance Lsns	26	27 St Lukes Hot Meals
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IN CHRIST'S

	AUGUST 7	AUGUST 14
Head Usher	JIM F	
Greeters	Bobbie	
Lectors	Marilyn Zuber	Carol Bertholf
Ushers	Betsy Adams, Marilyn Myers, John Tipton, George Smith	
Altar Guild	Carol Bertho	
Commun. Altar Asst	Jerry Unruh	
Water Plants	Bobbie Ballenger	Sue Hendrickson
Offering Counters	Don & Ro	



WOMEN'S SERVICE

AUGUST 21

AUGUST 28

WILLIE FLEMING

Willie Ballenger

Always Butz

Nancy Collier

Betsy Adams, Marilyn Myers,
Chuck & Shirley Robinson

John & Jean Erwin

John, Doug Rhodes

Sue Hendrickson

Roberta Karger



Say “No” to Phoning It In!



To “phone it in” is to do something with low enthusiasm or effort. The phrase originates from the notion of someone who can't be bothered to show up when expected. Think about how our cell phone use has changed our lives. The phone is a constant presence. Arguments can be made for both pros and cons of its use. We try to avoid spam and screen our calls.

That is the opposite of our HTLC stewardship goals: time, talents, treasure, and testimony. Our church family has met head on recent obstacles placed in its path. God has blessed us with Pastor Kathy who has generated new enthusiasm and attendance with her thoughtful messages and Bible studies. Her guidance has stimulated conversations and introspection. Our membership answers needed requests faithfully. The response to assistance needed on our VBS effort at First English is a prime example.

The stewardship drive usually occurs in October and temple talks will take place then. Our effort this August and September is to raise awareness that stewardship is active all twelve months. A posterboard will be placed near the greeter's table.

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Members will be asked to write active verbs each week relating to the letters connected to one number on a phone. By the first week in October, we hope to nearly cover the phone with responses. This may be gimmicky, but it will prompt us to think. Inaction will not happen on our watch!

- Carol Bertholf

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED
INSTALL NEW LIGHTS IN THE CLASS-
ROOM HALLWAY DOWNSTAIRS:**



Tom Pasheilich

Dave Erwin

Roger Steude

Jerry Unruh

Jerry Murphy

Jim Fleming

Dick & Nancy Collier

Al Sandor

Also thanks to Dave Erwin for painting ceiling
after the new lights went up.

Do you ever shop on Amazon.com? Did you know Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible purchase (at no extra cost to you) to a charitable organization of your choice via the Amazon Smile program! You do NOT have to be an Amazon prime member to participate. Simply visit: Smile.Amazon.Com and sign in using your regular Amazon login. You can enter the EIN number for HTLC as: 34-1008619 to find our organization. Select HTLC and then continue to shop. As always, if you have any questions or need help, please call the church office 419-756-7547 or send an email to Debbie at:
Secretary@HolyTrinityMansfield.org

If you shop at Kroger, are you signed up with Community Rewards?

Did you know that every time you shop, Kroger will make a donation to a charitable organization on your behalf, without costing you a penny? Holy Trinity is part of the Kroger Rewards Community and all monies donated to HTLC go into our Youth Fund.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 419-756-7547 OR send an email to: Secretary@HolyTrinityMansfield.org

AN ENDOWMENT NOTE

Stewardship motivates the follower of Christ to move into action such as caretaking, responsibility, accountability, and blessedness. Through giving to the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund, we share our gifts of blessedness.

Giving can be made through deferred charitable gifts or through charitable gifts of cash or mutual funds.

If making a donation by check to the Endowment Fund, the check should be made payable to:
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES
and not to the church.



Have you seen the latest videos on our YouTube Channel? If not, you are really missing out! Find us on YouTube by searching “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Mansfield” and hit the red SUBSCRIBE button so you don’t miss any future videos!

Pastor Kathy continues to make home visits of the Holy Trinity family. If you don't sign-up for a visit, she will eventually be calling you to schedule a visit. Her calendar can be found on the Welcome Table in the narthex if you would like to sign-up for a visit.



Pastor Kathy needs help visiting homebound members with Holy Communion at least 3-4 times per year. If you would like to help her with giving Holy Communion to our homebound membership, please talk to her.

You don't need to make a year-long commitment if it doesn't fit your schedule, i.e., snowbirds are welcomed and encouraged to be communion visitors, too. Talk to Pastor Kathy soon if you are interested because she will need to host a training session or two.

**Assisted Listening Devices are now available
for use during worship.**

**This is just one result of our Technology Upgrade
efforts!**

To listen through your Smartphone, you will have to download the free **Listen EVERYWHERE** App and connect to HTLC's Wi-Fi network.

If you do not have hearing aids paired to your Smartphone, you will want to bring ear buds/headphones with you.

The other option is to listen through the audio loop with your hearing aids, but you will need to make sure your audiologist has enabled the “inductive loop” function in your hearing aids.

We have 2 earphones and 2 audio loops for those who don't have their own buds/earphones to use during the service. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis and must be returned at the end of each service.

Doug Rhodes and Jonathan Scheidt can help you get connected with these devices.

WiFi Password: **John3:16**

Capital J, no spaces, must include the colon :

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

To submit articles for this newsletter:

Articles, photographs, thank you notes and other items you have *should be submitted by the 15th of each month.* Your newsworthy items can be brought to the office and placed in the newsletter mail slot or send an e-mail to secretary@holytrinitymansfield.com.

For weekly news items:

General deadline for the announcements for the Sunday bulletin & Weekly E-news is Tuesday by 12:30pm.

Property News

- * Audio upgrades have been made in the sanctuary
- * Lights have been replaced in the basement classroom hallway
- * The Maki memorial tree was re-staked to correct leaning
- * Dave Erwin sanded and touched up the entry doors on the Chapel
- * Repair parts for the A/C are on order with no ETA
- * Painting the social hall will be a Fall/Winter project



Ballroom Dance Lessons

Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

\$7.00/person

(church members = free)

Join us for Fun & Fellowship!

Join Us for FAMILY MOVIE MATINEES

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY AT 3 PM
IN THE LOUNGE**

**Popcorn & Water provided!
(can bring other snacks & drinks)**

**Friday August 5
Healed by Grace**



SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Your continued contributions bless our community every month! Thank you for your generosity in faithfully bringing non-perishable items to donate to local agencies. You can bring them every Sunday and they will be delivered to an agency in our community on a rotating basis each month.



Books, Coffee & Dessert Book Club

Book Club meets on the first Thursday at 1:30pm each month. Join us for discussion, fellowship and dessert. If you would like to know more about the book club, contact Linda Fleming @ 419-756-4929. All are welcome.

August – December 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>HOSTESS</u>
8/4	West With Giraffes	Lynda Rutledge	Jean
9/1	The Prayer Box	Lisa Wingate	Karen
10/6	The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell	Robert Dugoni	@ Linda
11/3	The Answer is Reflections on My Life	Alex Trubek	@ Carol
12/1	Seven Days of Us	Frances Hornak	Linda F



“Let
everything
that has breath
praise
the
LORD.”

Psalm 150:6, NIV

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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Bible-based Church, equipping disciples with Scripture to share the good news of God's reconciling love with conviction, courage and compassion while responding to the needs of others in our community and the world.