

# ***Holy Trinity Times***

**Newsletter**

**April 2013**



**Remember to call the HTLC office and make your appointment for the church directory!**

**The HTLC Service and Witness Committee is putting together a new directory!!**

Life Touch Inc. will be here Wednesday, April 24: 2:30-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25: 2:30-9:00 p.m.

Friday April 26: 2:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday April 27: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Appointments are filling up!

Rides will be available. Please let the church office know if you are in need of a ride to your session.

**You will receive a complementary 8x10 portrait from your session and a free directory!**

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**Please Call!!**

**Are you sick? Are you hospitalized? Are you housebound? Are you in need of Pastoral Guidance? We appreciate your call to let us know that you or a loved one may be in one of the above situations. Don't hesitate and don't assume that someone else has already told us. Someone could unintentionally be neglected.**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	USHERS	LECTORS	HC ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES
<b>Sunday, April 7:</b>	Mike and Ann Soumis	Kristiina Vanhala	Bill Binroth	
<b>Sunday, April 14:</b>	Doug and Kristina Mechlin	Nancy	Heather Cote	
<b>Sunday, April 21:</b>	Ken and Carole Simila	Carole Simila	Mike Gaunt	
<b>Sunday, April 28:</b>	Tracy and Amy Schmaltz	Deb Pederson	Mary Pekkala	

## COFFEE SERVERS

<b>Sunday, April 7:</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 14:</b>	Lil Hall, Anita Walikainen, LaLa Huhta
<b>Sunday, April 21:</b>	Carole and Ken Simila and Mary Pekkala
<b>Sunday, April 28:</b>	Monica Markham, Mandy Markham, Michelle Serafin

## ALTAR CARE

<b>April:</b>	<b>June Michaelson-Haataja</b>
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## Sunday School Teachers

<b>Pre-school</b>	Carrie Lystila
<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	
<b>Cooking</b>	
<b>Storytelling</b>	

**All children in pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend HTLC's Sunday School program.**

## REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE



### In Our Prayers

Arneson, Mary  
Aittama, Lucy  
Baker, Marge  
Behm, Addie  
Behm, Zachary  
Belkanen, Jean  
Britz, Roy  
Cole, Bill  
Cummings, Keegan  
DeForge, Russ  
Ecke, Barbara  
Ecke, Marie  
Fetherling, Tony  
Fillmore, Jim  
Fluegel, Chuck  
Gilbertson, Curt  
Hainault, Ethan  
Howard, Goldie  
Hyatt, Alfred  
Hyatt, Wayne  
Johnson, Jayna  
Kalliainen, Betty  
Kautto, Gladys  
Lanala, Katie Ann  
Logan, Pauline  
Luusua, Bertha  
Manninen, Wesley  
Mattson, John  
McKenna, Tim  
Miller, Chris  
Montroy, Kurt  
Monroe, Patti  
Monroe, Virginia  
Olsson, Ana  
Roberts, Amy  
Ronan, Grace  
Sanregret, John  
Sauvola, Eleanor  
Schwenk, Don  
Siller, Janelle  
Slade, Chris  
Tormala, Mary  
Twardzik, Ellen  
VanKleeck, Todd  
VanTassel, Angie  
Vollmar, Jim, Jr  
Walter, Mchalie  
Wisti, Laurie

Julia Hongisto  
**Houghton Cty Medical Care**  
1100 West Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday: November 7

Patrice Juopperi  
PO Box 194  
South Range, MI 49963  
Birthday – March 21

Elvie Kangas  
**Bayside Village - #103-1**  
832 Sicotee  
L'anse, MI 49946  
Birthday – December 23

Gisela (Gigi) Kangas  
**Shulstad Leisure Living**  
PO Box 84  
Baraga, MI 49908  
Birthday: July 30

Margaret Martin  
**PortagePointe**  
520 Campus Drive  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday – October 1

Florence Naumes  
c/o Kathy Vertanen  
4487 Green Glen Drive  
Youngtown, OH 44511  
Birthday – March 12

Alice Norberg  
**Heritage Manor #301**  
401 E. Montezuma Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Birthday: March 6

Mabel Shandley  
**Houghton Cty. Medical Care**  
1100 West Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday: August 29

Edna Thompson Rm 5A  
**Cloverleaf Health Care**  
275 N San Jacinto Street  
Hemet, CA 92543  
Birthday – January 9

Betty Wolff  
**PortagePointe**  
520 Campus Drive  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday – September 5

**If you would like someone added to the Prayer list prayer cards are available in the office.**

**You can also fill out the blue card that is in the pews and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate.**

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**If you know of someone that should be on or taken off the Prayer List please let the office know. Thank you ☺**

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**Sgt. McKinley Anderson**  
217 West Orange Street  
Troy, AL 36081  
Birthday: February 23

**Lt. Gazvoda Rudy**  
8336 Magic Lef Road  
Springfield, VA 22153  
Birthday: March 3  
Son of Ludd and Carol  
Gazvoda

**PVT Devin G. Holombo RN #233**  
(New Address)  
Grandson of Paulette  
Archambuea

**Sgt Jaakkola, Travis W**  
138 Parnell Rd.  
Hubert, NC 28539  
Birthday: December 21  
Son of Wayne and the late  
Florence Jaakkola

**SSG Melinda S. Knight**  
PSC 3 Box 366  
APO AP 96266  
Birthday: October 4

**Katie L. Maynard**  
18 Natchez Lane  
Fredericks, VA 22406  
Birthday: July 10  
Niece of Dennis Kotila and  
Gayle Lampinen

**TSGT Justin Perfetti**  
(New Address)  
Birthday: March 2

**Pvt, Velmer, Matthew**  
2/69 AR  
6590 Luzon Street Box 2244  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905  
Birthday: March 25

**ATAN Winsor, Autumn**  
1668 D Street, Box #65  
Andrews, AFB, MD 60762  
Daughter of Ron & Joyce  
Winsor

**HN Winsor, Erik**  
1<sup>st</sup> LAR BN, DELTA CO  
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055  
Birthday: July 12  
Son of Ron & Joyce Winsor



**Happy Birthday**

Bud Huuki	4/1
Colin Cowell	4/2
Libby Keinath	4/2
Shannon Parsons	4/3
Matthew Ruotsi	4/6
Peter Hruska	4/4
Andy Monroe	4/9
Suzanne Ohtonen	4/10
Roger Hyrkus	4/11
Madalyn Laux	4/13
Maggie Gaunt	4/14
Vicky Mattila	4/14
Jack Engel	4/15
Carolyn Pleaugh	4/15
James Manderfield	4/17
Anika Mechlin	4/17
Mary Pekkala	4/14



## Birthdays of the Month

Erin Ross	4/18
Rosalie Freeman	4/19
Kristine Johnson	4/20
Lacey Lane	4/22

David Mechlin	4/22
Ruth Manninen	4/24
Devin Holombo	4/25
Cody Clement	4/26
Ruby Laux	4/26
Mayme Franti	4/27
Kim Maki	4/27
Justin Perander	4/27
Kristen Luoma	4/29
Hannah Soumis	4/30

## Baptized in the Name of Jesus

Baptized on March 31, 2013 by Rev. Langseth were daughters of Michele and Jason Serafin, **Jaden Elizabeth** her Sponsors are Elizabeth Erickson and Matthew Justinak and Rachel and Keivan Bakhtiar and her sister **Chloe Isabella** her Sponsors are Jennifer and Joshua Erickson and Cassandra and Matthew Demman.



### “Spring Senior Social”

Come and celebrate May Day!  
Thursday, May 2, 2013  
Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch and entertainment will be  
provided!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Noon O.A	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. Building and Property Committee Meeting 
<b>7</b> 10:00 Worship No Sunday School Mbagala Sunday  8:00 pm A.A.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Quilting 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Noon O.A	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School  6:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 pm A.A.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting <i>Church Council</i> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Noon O.A	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School  6:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 pm A.A.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>24</b> LifeTouch Pictures 2:30-9:00 	<b>25</b> Noon O.A LifeTouch Pictures 2:30-9:00 	<b>26</b> LifeTouch Pictures 2:30-9:00 	<b>27</b> LifeTouch Pictures 9:30-4:00 
<b>28</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School  6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>Notes:</b>  <b>Remember to call the church office to make your appointment for the new Life Touch directory!</b>  <b>May 2 – Spring Senior Social noon – 2:00 p.m.</b>			



### **EASTER LILLIES**

#### **In Loving Memory Of,**

Loved Ones

Earl and Lilian Armburst  
Kenneth and Marcella Hamar

Loved Ones

Clayton E. Frantti  
Helen Westberg  
Eric Jurgensen

Tony "Tona" Pleshe  
Shirley Lawrence

Kathy Kalliainen,  
Jenny and Wesley Winnamaki

Loved Ones

Lillian Waugh

#### **Given By,**

Mike & Ann Soumis

John & Joan Hamar

Mark & Debra Young

Mayme Frantti, Dale &  
Carol Karpp, Martin &  
Mary Jurgensen

Wes & Annette Lawrence  
& Family

David Kalliainen

June & Severi Haataja

Jonathan and Lily Baker



Loved Ones  
Kautto and Paananen Families  
Loved Ones  
Bob Immonen  
Loved Ones  
Olga, Ed and John Erickson

Gladys Kautto  
Nancy Paananen  
Gordon & Darlene Hietala  
Jean Immonen  
Betty Komula  
Lois and Dave Tice

## **New Life, New Hope, the Child will Bring**

So says the song at Christmas time! We sing at that time of the new life that the Christ child will bring to the whole world. Now, as we celebrate Easter and the empty tomb, we get a taste of the new life and hope that was born in a manger; we see the empty tomb and taste new life. For one brief moment, we give honor and glory to God who has made all things new, conquering our last great enemy, death.

For those of you who have not met me yet, I am Pr. D. J. Rasner. I am the Lead Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock, and have been working with Pr. Fleugel and with your Transition Task Force since early December. Since Pr. Fleugel will no longer be working with you as your intentional interim pastor, I have been appointed by Bishop Skrenes, in conjunction with your council president, to be your administrative interim pastor. I do have a bit of training on the intentional process that you have begun and will continue to guide you through that process as your leadership sees fit.

I am excited about the work you are doing as you learn more about your history and make plans for the future. The ultimate goal, of course, is to further enhance the health of Holy Trinity and to find a pastor that will partner with you as you work toward your vision. That is the ultimate goal. In the short-term, I will be working with your leadership and with the Transition Task Force to aid them in their work. I will also be scheduling pulpit supply, presiding over funerals and weddings, and visiting the critically ill as requested. I will, however, also be relying on you to carry out your ministry.

You may be curious about me. I am a U. P. native, having been raised in the Stephenson area where my family still resides. My wife and I moved to the area a year ago with our three sons, Dietrich (4), Solomon (4), and Reuben (2) from Chippewa Falls, WI where I served a congregation for nearly six years. Some of my passions include running, x-country skiing, intimate time with my family and friends, my motorcycle, and finding humor in life.

I will be at Holy Trinity on April 14 to preach and lead worship. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you a bit more. I fundamentally believe that God is in the business of creating life out death. I believe that all things are possible with God. And, I believe that the resurrection of Jesus has transformed abstract ideas like forgiveness, reconciliation, redemption, and new creation from quaint concepts to points of reality that we can all live into. “New life, new hope, the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing: Glory, glory, glory, let the heavens ring.” (ELW 297)

Rev. D. J. Rasner



To: HTLC Members  
From: Task Force  
Date: March 24, 2013  
RE: Update  
Task Force Members: Kristiina Vanhala  
Marvyl Wilson  
Judy Karvakko  
Doug Mechlin

You may or may not know that our intentional interim minister, Pastor Chuck, left due to health issues and will not be returning. What does this mean for the task force? Fortunately, our recently assigned administrative interim minister, Pastor D.J. of Gloria Dei was already working with the task force prior to Pastor Chuck's departure. Our work is moving forward!

Following the healing service in February, we are ready to move on to the next stage in the interim process. The committee is seeking volunteers to be interviewed. The purpose of the interviews is to know where we've been, who we are presently, and where we are headed as a congregation. In so doing, we can identify our pastoral needs. While we all have our own personal ideas about what qualities we want in a minister and where we need to go as a congregation, the process of interviewing members will allow leadership to determine collectively what our needs are.

How long will this process take? As long as it takes. We know that members are anxious to call a minister and move forward, however, by taking the time now to determine our vision for the future, we can prepare for a successful call which will benefit us for years to come. We are working thoughtfully AND diligently.

Please prayerfully consider participating, and if you are willing to be interviewed by a committee member, please contact Judy Karvakko at 523-4327. If you have questions, you may speak to any committee member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristiina Vanhala

"Life is divided into three terms - that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present to live better in the future."

[William Wordsworth](#)

"Look closely at the present you are constructing. It should look like the future you are dreaming."

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

[Marcus Garvey](#)

"Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing."

[Rollo May](#)



# **MBAGALA LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY**

**April 7, 2013**

One of our churches suffered a fire loss. The people of Mbagala Lutheran Church in Des es Salaam were victims of mob violence. On October 13, 2012 a fire was set which did tremendous damage to this congregation of our companion synod. Without insurance and with few resources the folks of the Mbagala Parish are determined to rebuild the church.

## **You can help!**

The Northern Great Lakes Synod Council is encouraging all of us to receive an offering in our worship services. HTLC will be collecting this offering on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to assist this parish in its reconstruction.

Yesterday He loved me!  
Today He's just the same.  
How long will this continue?  
Forever. Praise His name!



HTLC will be having limited office hours the week of April 1 – April 5, 2013.

You may contact the office at [htlc@up.net](mailto:htlc@up.net)  
This email address will be checked daily.

You may also leave a message on the answering machine this however will not be checked as frequently.

If you have a Pastoral emergency please contact Pastor DJ Rasner at 482-2381.