

Holy Trinity Times

Newsletter

September 2012

COFFEE SERVERS

Sunday, Sept. 2:

Sunday, Sept. 9: Sunday School "Kickoff" Potluck

Sunday, Sept 16: Sue Vollmar, Cookie Bakkila, Wendy Hackman

Sunday, Sept 23: Victoria Baker

Sunday, Sept 30: Jean Pekkala



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2::

USHERS: Severi and June Haataja

LECTORS: Kristiina Vanhala

HC ASSISTANT: Heather Cote

ACOLYTES: Emily Cote

SUNDAY, SEPT 9:

USHERS: Doris Veldhuis and Anita Walikainen

LECTOR: Nancy Paananen

HC ASSISTANT: Kylee Hackman

ACOLYTES:

SUNDAY, SEPT 16:

USHERS: Paul and Diane Makela

LECTORS: Mary Jurgensen

HC ASSISTANT: Victoria Baker

ACOLYTES: Lily Baker

SUNDAY, SEPT 23:

USHERS: Dennis Karvakko and James Niemi

LECTORS: Judy Karvakko

HC ASSISTANT: Mary Jurgensen

ACOLYTES:

SUNDAY, SEPT 30:

USHERS: Judy Rupley and Alden Virenus

LECTORS: Larry Falstad

HC ASSISTANT: Carrie Lystila

ACOLYTES:

ALTAR CARE: Annette Lawrence



On Sunday, September 9, 2012

**HTLC's Worship service time is changing to
10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday school will be held during the Worship
service at 10:00 a.m.**

**On Sunday, September 9th we will have
"Kickoff"**

**Hamburgers and hotdogs, juice and coffee will be
provided by HTLC. Please bring a dish to pass.
This will also take place of our 5th Sunday potluck
for the month of September.**

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Financial Secretary: **Betty Kalliainen**

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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.**

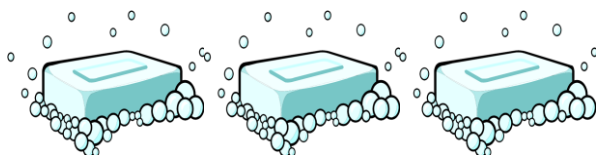
**HTLC is in need of someone to schedule the Ushers
and Lectors for each Sunday.** Thank you to Pat
Sohliden for all your hard work and dedication filling
this roll previously. Please contact the church office if
you are interested



HTLC will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting September 13, 2012 at 5:30pm. The classes will run for NINE weeks and each session will be approximately 90 minutes long. Materials are available in the church office and the cost of the class is \$95.00. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested htlc@up.net or 523-4315.



Children at HTLC are invited to bring their backpacks to Worship on Sunday, September 16th for a "Blessing of the Backpacks"



"Soap Sunday" is Sunday, September 23rd and 30th, 2012!

Please bring new bath size soap bars to Church on September 23rd and September 30th. These are sent to Lutheran World Relief along with the quilts, school Bags and health kits.

Trista Soumis 09/01
Jessica Komula 09/02
Joan Hamar 09/05
Ruth Canales 09/06
Dawn Edwards 09/06
Kevin Kangas 09/06
Judy Karvako 09/06
Alexander LeMay 09/06
Barbara Manderfield 09/08
Niles Rothenberger 09/08
Jona Thom 09/08
Sheila Tormala 09/08
Tara Lassila 09/09
Camilla Palek 09/09
Elaine Archambeau 09/10
Marlene Hill 09/11
Kristin Peterson 09/11
Eric Allen 09/12
Jennifer Niemi 09/13
Robert Freeman 09/14
Deborah Lassila 09/14
Michelle Murphy 09/14
Kristiina Vanhala 09/14
Jonathan Baker 09/15
Amy Soumis-Hyrkas 09/16
Eric Bakkila 09/18
Mara Hackman 09/18
Ruth Huuki 09/18
Artie Kolehmainen 09/19
Ron Tapani 09/19
Becky Tussing 09/19
Holly O'Clair 09/23
Edward Panke 09/23
Mckenzie Basto 09/24
Connie Julien 09/28
Nikki Smith 09/28
Roberta Tapani 09/29
Michele Wirtanen 09/30

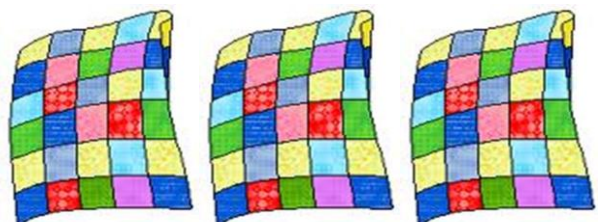
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Quilters News

Thanks to all the quilters and friends who helped out with refreshments during the Strawberry Festival Quilt Show. The donations of food, money and time were appreciated.

Reminder: Quilting begins on Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 am. We can always use fabric, jeans and sheets for our quilts. Stop in to see us at work on Tuesday mornings and consider joining us.



ROOTS

By Kristiina Vanhala

In June, we celebrated our 100th anniversary as a church. It is amazing to think that 100 years of worship, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. have occurred! While I looked forward to seeing former pastors, I was surprised by how emotional it was for me. You see, in my adult life, every minister has witnessed me through some pivotal event or decision. Yes, I attended church and Sunday school regularly as a child – but didn't pay much attention to ministers. I know Pastor Juntala baptized me and Pastor Wieland confirmed me. I remember Pastor Kleinbrook briefly and Pastor Bell. It wasn't until reaching adulthood that I experienced the need to be "ministered to". It began with Pastor Olaf Rankinen. He was such a wise man – deeply rooted in his Finnish heritage – filled with knowledge and experience. He was a bush pilot in Alaska – flying and ministering to those in need. I made a painful decision as a young adult woman that changed the course of my life. Patiently, he guided me through the process of doing the right thing. Next was Pastor Otto Sotnak. An older gentleman who loved to read and thought about things deeply. His wife Lewann was (and is) a gifted musician and writer. We had our love of dogs in common! He wasn't as pivotal for me as he was for my Uncle Ronald. Uncle Ron was an alcoholic new to recovery. Otto and he became close friends, and Otto guided my uncle through his spiritual journey. (I found this out in June when Otto was here.) Otto's presence in my life became important when Ronald was killed. Otto gave the most beautiful sermon at his funeral! I will always remember the message. Ken Gibson was there to help me pick up the pieces when I was reeling from my uncle's death. That was the beginning of my SPIRITUAL journey. Up until that point, I had gone through the motions. Go to church on Sundays, serve on committees, etc. When I hit rock bottom, I became aware of my need for a personal relationship with God. AND I needed to understand: "Where is God in all of this?!!!" Oh the tears I shed in Ken's presence. And the tears we all shed when Ken left. But, alas, God brought us Ted Koehl. Ted and I became fast friends as he guided me along the journey I had begun with Otto and Ken. Ted also witnessed me through a series health issues (learning more about women's health along the way than he ever wanted to know!) and more importantly - the death of my father. With Ted's guidance and God's strength, I was able to say good-bye to my dad and be with him as he drew his last breath. But – as we know – life moves on. Ted left us, and I began to see a pattern. Each minister had a role in my life. When Ron Strobel arrived, I wondered, "What will Ron's job be?" He wasn't here long, but he helped me. (As you can see, I didn't/don't hesitate to look for pastoral support when faced with challenges. I want to understand God's plan for me. I want to know what God wants me to do. I want to do the right thing for the right reasons!) What was Ron's job? Supporting me through some intensely painful changes in my job/profession. I went through a challenging time that brought me the most intense feelings of anger I had ever experienced. Ron was so young, but his wisdom was simply amazing! I was sad when he left. But, we had been here before – some of us more times than others. I never considered that Pastor Melinda Quivik would have a role to play. What else could possibly happen in my life? Silly question. Life's journey and lessons are not over until it's all over. God had a plan. My mother-in-law and father-in-law died 40 days apart in the spring. Melinda was there comforting us and performing 2 beautiful services. Her level of compassion was unmatched. Through the process, I gained a friend.

Because I shared my journey with these ministers, they shared their gifts with me. I was able to experience them beyond the pulpit on Sunday. Because of their compassion, love, and guidance, my faith has grown and continues to grow. I have been blessed from each and have learned from each. I am forever grateful.

When I walked into the fellowship hall in June, my heart filled up, spilling out of my eyes as emotions surfaced after lying dormant for years. These men did not know my story – they had lived it with me. Tears filled my eyes as Otto's conversation turned directly to my uncle. He said, "I can't be here and not think about Ron. He was such a miracle. How is your mother doing?" Ken shared his experience about answering his call. You see, he was interviewing the weekend my uncle died. Ken had to go to the hospital and comfort my family in the face of tragedy. Each former pastor also talked about the love and welcome they received in this family/community/congregation. Some shared this message in person while others sent letters that were read.

Who will our next minister be? God has yet to determine that. What will his/her gifts be? What role will this person play in my life? In yours? In ours as a family? What can we learn? How can we grow? Will they feel the love and welcome that past ministers have?

I was baptized here. I was confirmed here. I will be buried here. I have experienced joy, sorrow, laughter, and have shed many tears here. My parents taught me that you do not quit. Once you start something – you see it through. My roots in this church are so deep, they cannot be brought above ground.

Peace,
Kristiina

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE

Lillian Armbrust
PortagePointe
520 Campus Drive
Hancock, MI 49930
Birthday: May 11

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

Ruth Lehto
Claremonth Living & Rehab
150 N Weiland Rd #118 – 2
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Birthday – April 18

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
The Bluffs
1000 Bluff View Drive
Houghton, MI 49931
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.

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

Sgt. McKinley Anderson
245 Lee Road 2056
Salem, AL 36874
Birthday: February 23

Sgt. Fenton, Kyle
45 Hulvey Drive
Stafford, VA 22556
Birthday: September 28
Great-grandson of Mary Rajala

Lt. Gazvoda Rudy
322 Chandler Street
SW Washington DC 20032
Birthday: March 3
Son of Ludd and Carol Gazvoda

Sgt Jaakkola, Travis W
1/2 WPNS CO DET B
UNIT 73063
FPO AE 09502-3063
Birthday: December 21
Son of Wayne and the late Florence Jaakkola

PVT Devin G. Holombo RN #233
D Co. 2nd BN 58th
198th INF BRI
5550 Leonard Dr.
Fort Benning, GA 31905-4768
Grandson of Paulette Archambuea

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
HHC 173 ABCT
AOB SHANK
APO AE 09364
Birthday: March 2

SSG Nathan Tormala
(new address)
Birthday: March 8
Cousin of retired SSGT Joseph Tormala

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

HN Winsor, Erik
1st LAR BN Echo Co
1st PLT Unit 41244
FPO 96427-1244
Birthday: July 12
Son of Ron & Joyce Winsor



Happy Birthday

Kyle Fenton
September 28

The Simply Giving® Program

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Coming in September...

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.



Angelea Young is hoping to lead a group of HTLC members and friends for a 6 week fall “Bootcamp” Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Starting Monday, September 10, 2012
With the possibility of adding a weekend session.

The “Bootcamp” would involve a combination of cardiovascular and strength training exercises. Class will run based on amount of interest. (I would like to have at least 5 participants). This would be great for those who are moderately active to those who have extremely active lifestyles. Please let Heather in the office know if you are interested. There is no cost and the class would meet in HTLC parking lot.

HTLC Sunday School will begin on September 9, 2012 at 10:00am. Please note the new time!

Worship Service will be held at the same time with fellowship to follow the service. Please plan to bring your child to Sunday School and to stay and worship. The last Sunday of each month will be “Family Worship” service where families can all worship together. Again, we are using a rotational Program, we are looking for teachers. It is only a three week commitment with very little prep time involved. We are also looking for a Director/Co-Director please contact a Council member or the HTLC office if you can help in any way. Thank you!

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship	3 Labor Day HTLC Office closed	4 9:00 Quilting	5	6	7	8
9 10:00 Worship and Sunday School "Kickoff" and potluck	10 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	11 9:00 Quilting 7:30 pm Building & Property meeting	12 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	13 F.P.U 5:30 pm	14	15
16 10:00 Worship and Sunday School "Blessing of the Backpacks"	17 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	18 9:00 Quilting 7:00pm Council meeting	19 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	20 F.P.U 5:30 pm	21	22
23 10:00 Worship and Sunday School "Soap Sunday"	24 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	25 9:00 Quilting	26 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	27 F.P.U 5:30 pm	28	29
30 10:00 Worship and Sunday School "Soap Sunday"	Notes:					

In our Prayers

Arneson, Mary
Baker, Marge
Behm, Addie
Behm, Zachary
Bergh, Fred
Britz, Roy
Camel, Paula
Ecke, Barbara
Edwards, Isabelle
Fillmore, Jim
Gemignani, Rose
Gilbertson, Curt
Hainault, Ethan
Johnson, Jayna
Kananen, Patti
Kautto, Gladys
Lanala, Katie Ann
Luusua, Bertha

Manninen, Wesley
McKenna, Tim
Miller, Chris
Monroe, Patti
Monroe, Virginia
Roberts, Amy
Ronan, Grace
Sanrgret, John
Schwenk, Don
Sohlden, Jolene
Siller, Janelle
Slade, Chris
Szyszkoski, Judy
Tormala, Mary
VanKleeck, Todd
VanTassel, Angie
Vollmar, Jim, Jr

From HTLC Council

- The HTLC council met with Bishop Skrenes last week to discuss the pastoral options going forward. Bishop Skrenes told the council that we are now a church in crisis since the congregation did not support the call committee's recommendation to call Pastor Melinda Quivik to be the next pastor of HTLC and he has no other pastors for us. Being a church in crisis prohibits us from calling a new seminary graduate as our next pastor. His recommendation is an Intentional Interim pastor who would help us heal and work through the process of "getting out of the crisis mode". He gave us the name of Pastor Chuck Fluegel from a neighboring synod in Wisconsin who does intentional interim work. Pastor Fluegel will be meeting/interviewing with the council on Tuesday night (August 28th) at which time the council will decide if Pastor Fluegel can be of help to us and what process he would propose going forward. If we accept him as our intentional interim pastor he would preach on Sundays and be here 2-3 more days a week. We would be required to pay him at least what we had developed as a salary for Pastor Melinda Quivik in addition to his mileage to travel from Appleton, Wisconsin area. He most likely would be housed at the parsonage while here.

The council will share more information with the congregation next Sunday. In the meantime, please pray for guidance as we prayerfully discern what our next steps should be.

- Sunday Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. starting Sunday, September 9, 2012 with Sunday School being held at the same time.
- The parking lot has been resurfaced and the Building and Property Committee raised enough funds to cover the cost.
- A door will be installed between fellowship hall and the sanctuary before Sunday School starts on Sept. 9th.
- Thrievent's Simply Giving will be up and running for September 9th. Forms will be available in the church office.
- We are in need of a Sunday school Director/Co-Director and teachers. Teaching is only a three week commitment and the sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the entrance in fellowship hall.

Total Contributions for August 2012

\$11,307.17 Budgeted amount for each month

\$10,487.85 Total Contributions for August

\$ 1,047.16 Total Directed Contributions for August

\$ 9,440.69 Available for General Fund Checking

\$ 1,866.48 **Under** budget