

HTLConnections

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WHAT IF 2020 ISN'T CANCELED

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What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for?

A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so scary, so raw - that it finally *forces* us to grow.

A year that screams so loud, finally awakening us from our ignorant slumber.

A year we finally accept the need for change.

Declare change. Work for change. Become the change.

A year we finally band together, instead of pushing each other further apart.

2020 isn't cancelled, but rather the most important year of them all.

- *Leslie Dwight*

June's sermon series will focus on the story of Jonah, how he ignored God's call and what forced him to change. We'll examine how Jonah's struggle imitates our lives in 2020 and how we can listen to the scriptures to put an end to the injustice that penetrates our lives. [Click here](#) to read HTLC's Statement on Racial Justice.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch online worship videos [here!](#)

IN FAITH WE PRAY

IN FAITH as God's people washed in the Spirit, WE PRAY: Loving Lord, we lift up to you: Gam W., Ann G., Don M., Mark J., Pam E., people working for justice for all, the brokenness of our society, and persons diagnosed with and dying of COVID-19. Move us into lives of living faith. Amen

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

[Jonah 1](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

This week we welcome to worship special guest [Trey McGlaughlin](#), a national and international Gospel vocalist to sing with Toby and Nicole Thietje! If you'd like a sneak peak at Trey in action, check out the videos in the link above.



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PASTOR BEN'S EMAIL

Over the past month, Pastor Ben's email has been compromised and several members have received emails from a "fake" Pastor Ben.

Please only open email's sent from "ben@holylutheran.org". Block and delete any emails from "Pastor Ben" that come from a different email.

HTLCONNECT ANGELS

This summer, all HTLC Members will receive communication from one of our HTLConnect Angels via a phone call, a letter, or an email. These angels are contacting members to make a friendly connection and to ensure you are receiving information from HTLC. They will not seek donations or ask you to volunteer.

MISSION OUTREACH

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

To keep our community safe, the **HTLC Little Free Pantry** is now accepting **masks in Ziploc bags, small packages of diapers,** and other small household items.

The **Peace Center** needs donations of deodorant, toothpaste, body wash, and paper towels. Drop off during office hours (MWF, 9 am-12:30pm, Th 4:30-6:30 pm) at 313 Columbus Ave. N., New Prague, MN.

GIVING GOOD NEWS

Two ELCA congregations are community leaders in this reparation work: [Holy Trinity Lutheran Church](#), and [Calvary Lutheran Church](#). Our Mission/Outreach team is giving each of these congregations \$1,500 to support their [pop-up food shelves](#).

BUILDING OPERATIONS

Despite COVID-19 restrictions beginning to ease, our church building remains closed and staff continues to work from home. Re-opening plans will be announced at a later date.

KIDS CONNECTION

We're highlighting our Sunday School Teachers!

Get to know Jenny Walser

What has been a bright spot during the COVID-19 social isolation? *I enjoyed having our lives slow down and having more family time. Even though I missed the girls' activities, we found many new family activities.*

Favorite COVID-19 "Lockdown" Activity - *I enjoyed making cookies with the girls and having a Lemmiwinks from the brewery in town.*

Share one Dream you have for the future of HTLC - *My dream for Holy Trinity is to have a place for our girls to grow in their faith, a place they enjoy going to and a place that they want to be involved in.*

Favorite HTLC moment ... *I loved all the videos the pastors and others made - their welcome video on the football field and the back to church videos in the fall.*

Want to more worship songs at home? Sign up for a FREE Spotify account. Listen to [Contemporary Worship Songs](#) or [Traditional Hymns](#) with a country/gospel twist!



CARING CONNECTIONS

Rachel Bisek, 7th grade student at New Prague Middle School is "Baking for a Change". Taking her love of baking, she's donating profits to two great causes! To learn more and to place an order for her treats, [click here.](#)

