

HTLConnections

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WORTH THE WAIT

By Rose M. Fife, HTLC Communications Specialist

For twenty-one kids and their families, First Communion was supposed to happen in the spring. And then COVID hit. It was rescheduled for a lakeside service this summer, but Cedar Lake canceled all group activities. Holy Trinity polled the families and decided on a Drive-in First Communion in the parking lot on Sunday, October 11.

"These families were determined to have First Communion," Pastor Ben tells me. "In a collective Zoom meeting, we asked them, 'If it rains, do we still do it?' They all said, 'You bet!' I was prepared to be standing outside under an umbrella by myself, with Rita playing music from inside if we needed to!"

Sunday, October 11 was the second outdoor Drive-in Communion service for Holy Trinity, this time combined with First Communion. There was considerably less sneezing for Pastor Ben, ([Click HERE](#) to see that video), and more bread and juice involved.

"I'm excited!" Kate Kienow told me before the service. "I was skeptical about the meaningfulness of the first one, but some friends really recommended them! It made me feel so excited about this." Her son Aydan was one of the communicants.

Continue reading about First Communion [HERE](#).

AS ONE IN CHRIST WE PRAY

Holy Redeemer, bring wholeness and hope to Joanne R., Dan B., Barb D. K., Elaine J., Don M., Mark J., Jane H., people suffering with mental illness, struggling marriages, communities devastated by natural disasters, people who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who suffer due to the coronavirus. Only you can make us whole, in Jesus' name. Amen

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

[Exodus 33:18-23](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Online: 9am Sunday & 7pm Wednesday

TV: BevComm Channel 6 at 9:30 am Sunday and 6:00 pm Wednesday

RADIO SPONSOR

Given anonymously in honor of Pastor Alicia Hilding and Pastor Ben Hilding. Thank you for sharing your gift of ministry and supporting our faith.

We appreciate you!



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WORSHIP SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Please take a [short survey](#) about worship at HTLC. Your answers will remain anonymous and guide the Church Council in shaping our worship patterns.

MEMORIAL PARADE

Join us on the [HTLC Community Facebook](#) page on Saturday, October 17 at 11am for the live-stream funeral of Jim Reemts. We will celebrate the life of Jim with a parade afterwards. To participate, please meet at the First Bank & Trust parking lot at 11:30 am.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

We're having a drive-thru, family-friendly Halloween Spooktacular party! Registration for families and volunteers required. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register for a time slot.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

38 pledges came in the first week! Most the administrative items have received sponsors! THANKS BE TO GOD! Please turn in your 2021 [Pledge Card](#) by October 31 to help us budget responsibly for 2021. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION PARADE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25, as we celebrate the Confirmation of thirteen youth with a parade. More details to come!

MISSION OUTREACH

LeSueur County Residents: FREE food distribution on Wednesday, October 28th.

Click the flyer for more info.

This will be the last free food distribution in 2020 for LeSueur County.

Le Sueur County
FREE Food Distribution
(COVID Food Assistance Program)
Open to all households that are in need!

October 28, 2020
4:00pm-5:30pm
(or until food is gone)

Le Sueur County Fairgrounds
320 S Plut Ave, Le Center, MN 56057

It is asked that participants have their vehicles (including trunks) cleaned out so the boxes will fit.

Each household will receive:

- 1 gallon of Milk
- Apples, Potatoes, Onions, Cantaloupe
- Yogurt Cups, Mozzarella Loaf, Butter
- Smokies, Chicken Meatballs, Liquid Eggs

(Amount may vary little depending what is available)

Le Sueur County
Emergency Management and SHIP Program

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THANK YOU

"Thanks so much for the report on your missional discernment process 2019/2020. It is obvious that much work & effort and prayer went into this production and it was pulled off masterfully and beneficially.

It was a delight to help in initiating the 4 phase gatherings. It was an interesting journey for me & Eunice to think back through our time with HT and then to be reminded/recalling history before our arrival on the New Prague scene in 1970. I remember Ralph Hendricks saying (during a call process gathering), "I have lived in New Prague for 25 years and I am still not seen as a native"!!! This told me (us) something about the caste culture of this city (as was likely true of a host of cities) that piqued our awareness of past history and how we should/might approach our time of ministry in NP. The movement of the initial HT building, based upon a sense of growing participation, to an Elementary Worship/Education experience (even the administration office located in the basement of a town bank), to a choice of a new location for a city location allowing expansion (after initial construction, with the help of the ELCA), was Holy Spirit led & inspired. This was all led by some very forward looking lay people who were risk takers. Thanks Be To God for these brave, courageous souls.

It is my hope and prayer that our participation in that first "Looking Backward" session that the forces of change helped to inspire a vision of growing in unity and oneness with the community that allows HTLC to create a "new normal" for the congregation but also for the community at large because yearly there is an influx of "new people" who will help guide NP into a new culture (hopefully not solidify the old caste system)."

Peace & Hope,
Don & Eunice Fultz

COMMENT CORNER

Here's what people are saying about Holy Trinity:

"Love the way you invite all generations to serve/participate in your worship service. Amazing!"

If you have a comment you'd like to share, leave us a post on our [HTLC Community Facebook](#) page.