

# HTL Connections

The weekly e-newsletter of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Prague, MN

January 8, 2021

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

## HUMBLY WE PRAY

King of kings, bring healing and hope to Karen, Bob, Deb O., Jack G., Al R., David, Tammy, Beverly, Joel L., Karen G., Audre J., Pr. Dave A., and all who suffer. Strengthen and encourage caregivers. Bless teachers and medical workers. Give hope to people who hunger, seek shelter, or need employment. Be our light, O God. Amen

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Online - Facebook & YouTube**

Sunday @ 9 am

Wednesday @ 7 pm

**Cable TV - Bevcomm Channel 6**

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Wednesday @ 6 pm

**Radio - KCHK 95.5 FM & 1350 AM**

Sunday @ 9 am

## RADIO SPONSOR

We have open slots! Please contact **Jamie** or call the office at 952-758-3513 to sponsor this important ministry.

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## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

By Jamie Bisek, Office Manager

Baptism is a sacrament, a visible means of an invisible grace. Whether it's through the sprinkled water on a person's forehead or a full immersion in a lake, baptism joins together simple water with God's eternal promises to incorporate us into the body of Christ.

I remember both of my children's baptisms like they were yesterday. We chose the sponsors, planned the baptism menu, and worried how the little one would do. We knew there was one tradition we wanted to honor: the baptismal gown. The important history and delicacy of the gown meant so much to my husband and I, we knew we would not want it any other way. This gown has been in my husband's family for 100 years and we felt honored to think of our children being baptized in the same gown as their father and grandmother. The delicacy of the baptismal gown is the same as the delicacy of the Baptism of Our Lord. As stated in Mark 1:10 "And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him."

This Sunday we will talk about the Baptism of Our Lord. As you listen to scripture and the message, listen to the poetry and delicacy of the words.



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# Annual Summit Celebration

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!  
January 24, 2021  
at 10 am

**ANNUAL SUMMIT CELEBRATION (VIRTUAL) AND PRE-MEETING:** Despite the challenges, Holy Trinity has a lot to celebrate about 2020! If you are a member of HTLC, please attend our **Annual Summit Celebration on Sunday, January 24, 10 am.** This is our primary annual communication venue and **your presence matters!**

In addition, an optional pre-meeting will be held January 17, 10 am. The pre-meeting is a great time to ask your questions and test your computer's ability to log on to the meeting. This will help us have a more efficient meeting on the 24th.

Both meetings will be held on Zoom and can be accessed via computer (test your browser [here](#)) or via phone. Details about "How to Connect" will be included in the Friday, January 15 issue of the HTLConnections.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in joining the Holy Trinity community? Our next New Member class is Sunday, February 7, 10:30 am - Noon via Zoom. Learn about HTLC and Lutheranism alongside other new members.

Register online or contact **Jamie Bisek**, HTLC Office Manager, at 952-758-3513.

The Zoom link will be emailed once registration is complete.



## THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

**Ladies** - the GBC is back and we're going online! Pastor Alicia will lead the group to read the entire Bible over the next year. Meet once a month via Zoom for female fellowship & discussion.

Past participants - dig out your workbook from 2020 and invite a friend to join the club.

New participants are welcome to join! Contact **Gina Fadden** to receive the GBC workbook.



**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Resume January 13!

## CYF UPDATES

Children, Youth & Family programming, Pre-K through High School, is starting this Wed. Jan. 13, 6:00 pm. Please make sure you are registered to receive important emails. (Click the yellow button to register.)

AND introducing the new **CYF Winter/Spring Newsletter!**

## HTLCHRONICLES

**What Happens in Adult Ed, Stays in Adult Ed**

Here's what a few members can say about the life-changing class.

## 2021 RADIO SPONSORS

Each Sunday at 9 am, KCHK broadcasts a 30 minute version of our worship service. This is an important ministry to our home-bound members! Please consider sponsoring a week for \$63.75 in honor or memory of someone you love. Contact **Jamie Bisek** or call 952-758-3513.

## COMMENT CORNER

"I wanted to thank [Jamie] and everyone at HTLC for the warm welcome and the wonderful Christmas ministry. The music, the messages, the giving opportunities - everything has been fabulous. We feel very lucky to have become official members of the community. It's easy to feel the love coming through!"

- New HTLC Member

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 10 & 13

**BAPTISM OF JESUS**

With You I am Well  
Pleased

January 17 & 20

**HONORING MLK**

Up to the Mountain

January 24 & 27

**CELEBRATING 2020**

Annual Summit  
Celebration after worship

Jan. 31 & Feb. 3

**AMAZED**

Rebuked and Made  
Clean