



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tidings Fall Edition 2025

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Pastor's Peace

Dear Friends in Christ,

Another Summer has just flown by! It seems to go by faster every year! School will be starting soon and students and teachers will be back to learning and growing. Soon we will be back to our Fall Schedule of activities, Sunday School, and worship.

Rally Day is September 7. Sunday School returns at 9:00AM. We have lots of fun activities for the children, and Adults too! On that day we will also include the Blessing of the Backpacks and Book Bags, Installing Sunday School Staff, and getting back to the Fall Schedule. I invite everyone to bring your backpack, book bag, briefcase, tool box or whatever you carry your daily work items in and we will offer prayers and blessings for all the many ways we work, learn, and serve in our community. It is also the day for our LOUD offering with Phillip The Bucket and Birthday Sunday Fellowship following our worship.

I invite you to join all of the activities and events that are being planned as we continue to share God's love and acceptance to all the world. Everyone is welcome at Holy Trinity!

See you in Church,
Pastor Russell Haab+



Council President Thoughts

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over, my hope and prayer is that everyone stayed cool in the crazy heat and felt a time of family, friends and refreshment.

This newsletter is a little different than our usual Tidings. We want to make sure that our congregation is informed about the financial, volunteer and property happenings here at Holy Trinity.

Included in this newsletter is a financial update from our Treasurer for the first 7 months of the year. You will see a deficit between offerings coming in and the expenses of the church. While it is disheartening, it is the new normal for most churches. The economy and post Covid aspects have drastically effected the numbers across the Christian communities. We are very blessed here at holy Trinity to have investment accounts and an Endowment fund to use to help cover costs, but we cannot count on that for the long run. Church council is looking into fundraising events to help. If you have any ideas please reach out and let us know.

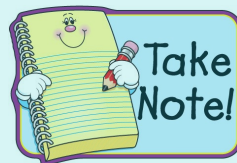
Please do not feel that we are expecting our members to give more than they are able. This newsletter also includes areas that you can offer your time and talents. Volunteers make a huge difference in the life of the church. Many of the areas that you can help require very little time and many of them can be done whenever it works for you. By giving of your time and talents, the church is able to offset expenses for cleaning, yard maintenance and small repairs.

If you want to be a part of the operations of the church , please consider joining one of many committees.

We also can use volunteers to help with the Sunday worship teams; readers, greeters, ushers, communion assistants, sound board and altar guild.

All the committees have shared their information in this edition, please take a look and pray about how you can help Holy Trinity to continue to spread the word of our Lord and Savior .

In Peace
Bonnie Mazza
Council President



From The Desk of the Treasurer

Income - Jan-July 2025

7 months plate & Vanco \$46,008.43

KidzSpace \$34,800.00

Total offerings for first 7 months is \$80,808.43

Expenses

Utilities & Property \$24,395.11

Insurance & Security \$11,344.60

Office supplies \$2,596.00

Payroll, Pastor benefits, payroll taxes \$52,546.00

Total expenses for first 7 months is \$90,881.71

Shortfall w/o Endowment money **(\$10,073.28)**

Shortfall with transfer of **\$10,000** from Endowment money **(\$73.28)**

One-time expenses Jan - July 2025

SD Landscaping Services 2775

C & M Fire/Security Monitoring 258

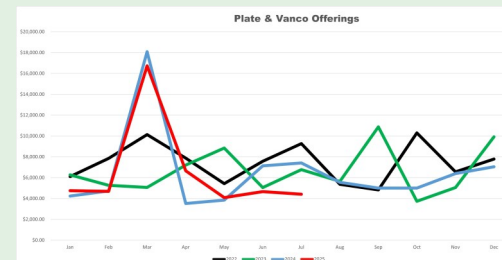
Floor Repair 1600

Top Notch Tree Service 4250

Process TDH (boiler service) 2859

Davis HVAC 2932

Total of \$14,674.00



**Treasurer
Report**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TEAMS

Looking for Readers (Lectors):

It doesn't require a lot of work to be a lector. There are no meetings. All communication is done after service, by email or by text. Four times a year I send an email asking for your available Sundays to read for the upcoming session (which covers 13 weeks). With that information I prepare a final schedule and email it to the team with copies of all the readings for that 13-week session attached. I also print hard copies of those readings and post them in the Narthex. You can pick up the readings for your Sundays in advance to practice. I print pronunciations of the unfamiliar names and places at the bottom of each reading, but either Pastor or I can help if there are any other questions. Our team is very flexible and can cover for one another when unexpected absences occur. Please consider being part of this very important ministry at Holy Trinity and email me (judithbariexca@comcast.net) or see me after worship to discuss becoming a team member. Judy Bariexca

Worship and Music

Greeters, Acolytes, Ushers, Communion Assistants and Sound Board

What does it require to be a part of this ministry... Not much. Music and Worship reaches out to all interested in helping with one of the above teams. Working with the office, we put together a schedule three months at a time to make it easy to help out when it works for you. If you are new to any of these volunteer positions, training will be provided. We want all who sign up to help, to feel comfortable and prepared. Please consider helping out this important ministry. We currently have only five people trying to cover all of the worship support.

For more information please, reach out to Amber Johnson,
Worship and music chair at starlightglass@gmail.com

Or

Call the church office.



**FALL
FUN**

*Summer may end, but the fun is just starting;
YOU are invited to celebrate with us!*

September 7 - Sunday School Rally Day @ 9AM
Backpack Blessing for students and ALL who teach @ 10AM
Kona Ice @ 11AM. All proceeds benefit our Sunday School

Saturday, September 27 - S'mores at Sunset FOR ALL AGES
at 7:00PM

October 19 - The Youth Choir will sing during worship



Youth Group

**PLANNING MEETING
AFTER WORSHIP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

If you would like to help us kickstart our Youth program again, please join Bonnie for a quick meeting.

School & Property Update



We are so thrilled to be entering into our 4th year with Burlington Township and KidzSpace.

Over the summer the school updated the playground. A new security fence, equipment and surface was installed.

The program continues to grow and we are so blessed to have them as a part of our building.



THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!

Holy Trinity can use your help in keeping our property maintained.

If you would like to help with any of our church repairs or upkeep, please take a look at the bulletin board for current items that need attention.

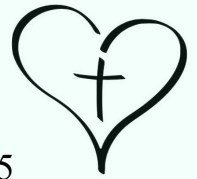
You can also call the church office for a list of the current property issues.

Many of these items can be done on your schedule.

Please consider sharing your special skills and volunteering to help.

Your time and talents make a huge difference in the life of the church.

Pastoral Acts:



Baptisms: Esme Sue Gazafi June 8, 2025

Nathaniel David Tanedo July 27, 2025

Funerals: Emil Sakmary July 12, 2025

Bible Translation Update



Bible scholarship will never be finished. Every so often Bible scholarship finds ancient manuscripts or gathers to try and find new ways to translate the ancient texts to help us to understand what the Bible has to say to us.

Many groups have gathered to work on translations to the ancient Hebrew and Greek. We had been using what was called the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) from 1989. Beginning this summer we began using the NRSV updated edition (NRSVue).

There are small differences in the translation.

We will be looking toward a bulk purchase of this new translation Bible this fall. If you are interested in a copy of the NRSVue, please let the office know. We will also be asking for people to sponsor a Bible in honor of a loved one. More information to come.

VBS

Our one day VBS was a huge success.

10 children joined in a day of Bible stories, crafts, games and fellowship.

**Special THANK YOU to
Karin Schmalz and Laura Poethke
for putting this together.**



Angels Unaware

THANK YOU to all the volunteers that are here behind the scenes helping the church. Throughout the month of August many of our members came out to help cleanup our church grounds. Many hours were dedicated to removing weeds and to trimming. We are so blessed and thankful for our angels.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
2025**

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Rally Sunday

9am Sunday School
10am Worship with Holy Communion
Backpack Blessings
11am Birthday Fellowship
Kona Ice 11am-2pm
Youth Group Meeting after worship



**SUNDAY,
SEPT 7**

**SUNDAY
SEPT 14**

9am Sunday School
10am Worship

**SUNDAY
SEPT 21**

9am Sunday School
10am Worship with Holy Communion
11am Food Pantry



**SATURDAY
SEPT 27**

S'mores at Sunset
7pm



**SUNDAY
SEPT 28**

9am Sunday School
10am Worship with Voices that Reign

**SUNDAY
OCT 5**

9am Sunday School
10am Worship with Holy Communion
12noon Blessing of the Animals



**SUNDAY
OCT 12**

9am Sunday School
10am Worship

**SUNDAY
OCT 19**

9am Sunday School
10am Worship with Holy Communion
Youth Choir Sings
11am Food Pantry



**SUNDAY
OCT 26**

Reformation Sunday

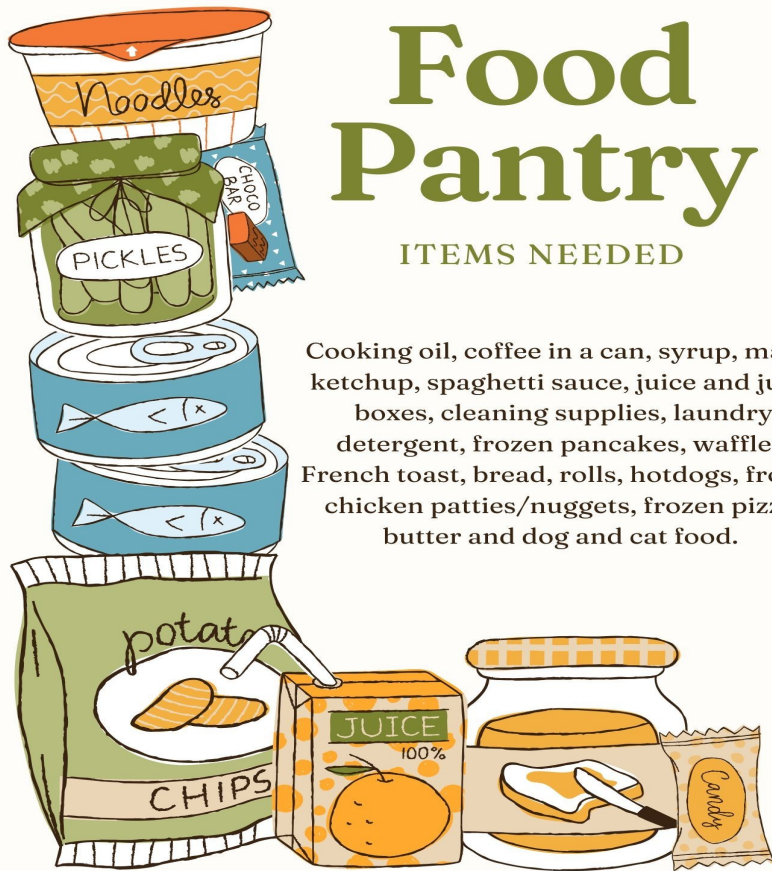
9am Sunday School
10am Worship with Holy Communion



Food Pantry

ITEMS NEEDED

Cooking oil, coffee in a can, syrup, mayo, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, juice and juice boxes, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, frozen pancakes, waffles, French toast, bread, rolls, hotdogs, frozen chicken patties/nuggets, frozen pizza, butter and dog and cat food.



Our food pantry is open the Third Sunday of each month immediately after worship.

More families are reaching out for help.

Thank you for all the many donations.

The food pantry staff works hard to keep up with inventory. Please check expiration dates on any donated food items

If you would like to help with the food pantry please see Debbie Sadlier or Donna Shinn for more details.

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