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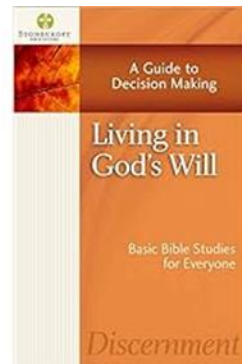
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Spring Women's Bible Study will begin April 4th at 9:30 a.m.. The study will be based in Ruth and called "Living God's Will: A Guide to Decision-Making." Books are \$7.50 and will run about 7 weeks. Contact Kathy Stickney (319-936-0231) to register.



"MAKING OF THE BIBLE" IN ADULT FORUM

Come join us at the Adult Forum beginning April 7th to explore the "Making of the Bible." Roger Sivers will explain the history of how the Bible came to us from the early Hebrew writings up to the English translations that we use today. Elements will include different types of writing surfaces, different languages, different translations, and the politics and controversies that were involved. Gain an understanding of how the books we now have were determined to be in the Canon. We're looking forward to your presence!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP BAKED GOODS FUNDRAISER



Starting Easter Sunday, parents and youth who are going to Appalachia on a mission trip this June will be offering baked goods and snacks as a fundraiser after services. Cash, check (made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran, memo line “Mission Trip”) and Venmo (@CarrynAnderson, pls identify as “Mission Trip”) will be accepted. Funds will be used to rent vans, pay for gas and meals. For those of you who have Thrivent Choice dollars that you would like to direct towards the mission trip, please notify the office or church treasurer, Jack Fratzke.

These teens and chaperones alike will have a life-changing week as they complete home repairs in Appalachia and have time to share and grow in their faith with other youth groups from across the country.

Thank you for your support!

BRING US YOUR TP!

We are hosting a TP wrapping party in the Youth Group room! Please bring in TP from now through April 10. All donations will be given to the pantry.

Some updated facts supplied by the North Liberty Community Pantry include:

1. The Pantry spent \$8,638.55 on toilet paper in 2023, purchasing 14,850 rolls to distribute.
2. Setting a goal of \$10,000 would allow us to purchase at least 15,000 rolls again this year. Every roll donation impacts a household!
3. Toilet Paper is one of few items at the Pantry where we have a current limit due to cost restraints. Each household is allowed 2 rolls per weekly visit. Removing limits would be more equitable for households of various sizes.
4. Toilet paper is a necessity that can be cost prohibitive for those we serve. Paper products such as toilet paper are not covered by SNAP benefits.

AN INVITATION TO WALK AND TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

As you might imagine, more of our friends, neighbors, and family members are facing mental



health challenges and illness during the past few years.

Fortunately, NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a wonderful local resource. They offer support groups and classes for both individuals and families. NAMI Walks, their annual fundraiser, helps to make it possible to provide these programs at no cost to community members.

Holy Trinity has formed a team, the “Holy Trinity Walkers and Talkers,” as a way to support NAMI. Our walk will happen in North Liberty on **April 27**. A week later, the community-wide walk will occur in Iowa City at the Trueblood Recreation Area.

We invite you to join our team on April 27 and participate in our portion of the NAMI Walk. It will be a 3-mile loop from church, followed by an opportunity to interact socially on the patio. Our walk begins at 9:00 a.m. and lasts about an hour. Those who wish to talk without walking can drop by the church any time after 9:00 am. (If you are unable to join us on **April 27**, please feel free to participate in the Iowa City walk on May 4. Or consider participating both days.)

Ways in which you could help:

- A. Donate to the “Holy Trinity Walkers and Talkers” using the link <https://www.namiwalks.org/team/63907> or, if you prefer to make a donation by check, you can drop it off at the church office. (Please make it payable to “NAMI Johnson County.”)
- B. Join our team, “Holy Trinity Walkers and Talkers,” and consider joining us for the walking and/or the talking, and create your own fundraising page using the link below: <https://www.namiwalks.org/team/63907>

Your support means a lot! Thank you!

The Mental Health Advocacy Team

VISIONING COUNCIL APPOINTS EMILY LENHART TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT

We are grateful to newcomer, **Emily Lenhart**, for her willingness to serve on Visioning Council, filling the seat vacated by Larry Kudej, who moved into the Vice President role. Emily is a Sumner native who works as an account administrator for Integrated DNA Technologies and is married to Lucas, a physician assistant at UIHC. Both are currently part of our WYN Tech Team. Their daughter Harper is active in WYN, and son Henry has attended Sunday School. Welcome, Emily!



HEAT HEARTY FLOWERS SOUGHT FOR EASTER AND THE PATIO; WATERING HELP DESIRED AS WELL



Thanks to a few generous volunteers, we were able to keep the rear patio in bloom all summer last year. With additional help, we'd love to learn from our experience and utilize that area as a welcoming space again this year!

If you would like to donate any drought-friendly **flowers** to help us adorn our sanctuary space for Easter and then be re-utilized on the patio afterward, we'd love your help! Gerbera daisies, dianthus, geraniums, coreopsis, and cone flowers have all done well in prior years.

Bring them to the kitchen prior to Easter morning if you're able and help us share the joy! Additional donations after Easter Sunday are welcome.

Meanwhile, if you'd be willing to be part of a rotating team of waterers, please seek out **Gail or Larry Johnson**; they will be glad to welcome your help!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR "NEXT STEPS" SERIES STARTING AFTER EASTER!

If you are seeking a place to call your spiritual home, to build healthy relationships with others seeking to grow in their faith, to risk asking hard questions, or to simply want to know more about Holy Trinity and how best to get connected here, please consider being part of this spring's "Next Steps" series!



Pastor Tim will be facilitating discussion over topics mostly of your choosing **for three consecutive Sundays** starting in April – 4/14, 4/21, and then a final session on either 4/28 or May 4th, when we hope to receive new members in worship! We are still discerning whether sessions will be virtual, in person, or a potential combination.

At the conclusion of the series, those interested in officially joining the community will be officially received during a special worship opportunity in the weeks that follow. If you'd like to be a part in these conversations, please e-mail Pastor Tim – tim@holytrinityNL.org, and let him know your own availability for the projected timeframe. Hope you can be a part!

IT'S PAST TIME! REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER'S CONFIRMATION CAMP, JUNE 16TH-21ST

It's not at all too early to start thinking about summer – in fact, the camp's final registration discounts end this month! Holy Trinity's week of Confirmation camp at EWALU in Strawberry Point for all youth currently in grades 6-8 is scheduled for the week of June 16-21, coincident with camps for younger siblings. We truly hope that many of our youth will be able to participate! Registration brochures are on-site or on-line at www.ewalu.org. The Visioning Council has budgeted to offer a **\$100 subsidy for at least the first TEN youth** attending a full week of camp, and \$50 to those attending MiniCamp, so don't delay! The last spring registration discount expires on April 15!

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

- the people of **Haiti** amidst the absence of a functioning government.
- the people of **Ukraine**, and for a swift and just conclusion to the conflict there.
- the people of **Gaza, Palestinian territories, and Israel**, amid renewed conflict, growing famine, and increasing desperation.
- an end to renewed conflict in portions of **Congo**, where gunmen recently attacked worshipers in a church near Goma.
- **Curt Olthoff**, recovering from hip replacement, **Judy Taylor**, recovering from thyroid surgery, and **Matt Baumann**, son of Sue Baumann, recovering from recent jaw surgery.
- **Bob Cronbaugh** (husband of Sandy Cronbaugh), who has each entered hospice care.
- **Carolyn Warkentin**, recovering from recent surgery at Living Center West in Cedar Rapids.
- **Steve Roland**, grieving the loss of his friend, **Nate Gage**, in March.
- **JoAnn Robertson**, step-mother of Amanda Robertson, recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.
- **Melody Leet**, sister-in-law of Sunshine Smith. Melody recently had to leave her work due to chronic pain and diverticulitis.
- **Emy Charlebois**, sister of Clay Peterson, living with metastatic breast cancer.
- **Don Hellem**, father of Dan Hellem, facing several health obstacles at present.
- **Ivy Fischer**, living with chronic pain.
- **Harold Meyer** (husband of Twilla Meyer), at Crestview in West Branch.

NEW ARTWORK GRACES FELLOWSHIP HALL

Thanks to the generosity of three HTLC members, our gathering area is now blessed with a reproduction print of Norman Rockwell's "Golden Rule." A similar print – 10' x 9' in dimension, is found at the United Nations building in New York. The restatement of the "Golden Rule" was a simple but universal phrase that reflected the artist's personal philosophy. A citizen of the world, Rockwell traveled for work and pleasure throughout his life and was welcomed wherever he went. We hope and pray that the addition of this print will remind all of us to extend the welcome that we have received!

MANY THANKS TO ...

... **Clay and Becky Peterson** for helping to organize our Lenten Soup Suppers and to all those who provided our hearty soups!

... **Carryn Anderson** for organizing our Bake Sales to benefit the upcoming Mission Trip.

... **Premise Keepers** for their extra setup help during the Lenten season.

... **WYN Parent volunteers** for resetting the Fellowship area each week.

... **Every Blooming Thing** for providing our Holy Week Palms

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

... The most recent version of the USDA's Plant Hardiness Zone Map reflects warmer conditions across a wide swath of the United States. The brightly colored map found on the back of most seed packets provides guidance for selecting plants that are most likely to do well in a gardener's distinct climatic zone. The 2023 map is about 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the 2012 map, and roughly half of the grid cells shifted a half zone warmer (*Civil Eats*, January 29).