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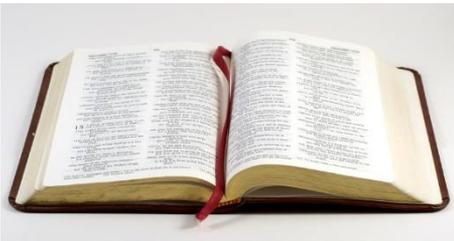
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BIBLE SUNDAY FOR 2ND GRADERS AND OLDER STUDENTS COMING OCTOBER 2ND



Pastor Tim invites parents to help fulfill their baptismal commitment to their children by celebrating their growing ability to read, and presenting them with a personal study Bible of their own. If you have a

child you would like to include in this special event, please send him a quick note to tim@holytrinityNL.org by Oct 1.

CONFIRMANDS TO AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISMS ON OCTOBER 16TH

A host of Holy Trinity 9th graders will gather to affirm their baptisms with their families, small group guides, and others at a special worship opportunity at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16th. Together, we will celebrate their growth in understanding, their expressions of faith, and their commitment to continue their journeys as Christ's disciples! Come join them for this special occasion!

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER TUBE SUPPORTS STEAD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

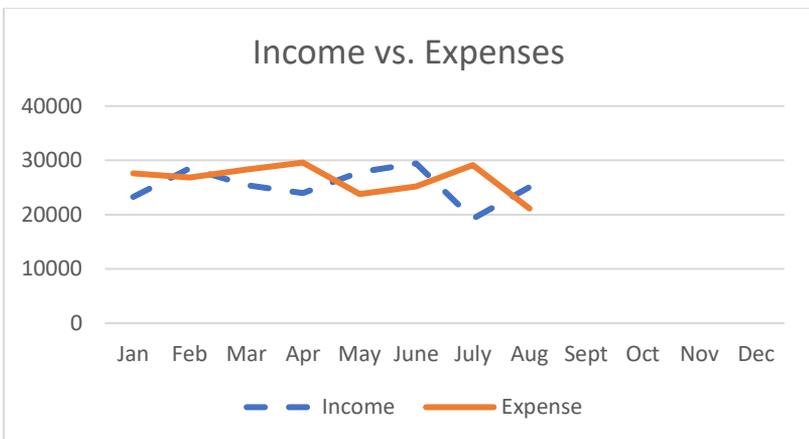
With overwhelming voice, our Sunday School youth recently voted to share their “Quarter Tube” offerings this year with the children at Stead Children’s Hospital at UIHC. It’s a great example of “kids eager to help kids!” Let’s encourage them in their practice of generous sharing!

FINANCIAL SHORTFALL CONTINUES

As of Sept. 1, Holy Trinity received \$202,743 toward our ministry budget, or 58% of the total needed. Because this included “annual” gifts, however, it means that we’ll need to make up more than the anticipated 42% remaining in the last three months of the fiscal year. It also means that projected year-end income could fall as much as \$45,000 below our original budget of \$348,432.

If you’ve perhaps fallen behind in your own giving, and are able to help us close the gap, please do so today! Meanwhile, the Visioning Council will be monitoring and discussing our status in their upcoming meetings.

Needed each month to meet budget:	\$29,036
Received in August:	\$25,073
Shortfall for the month:	\$ 3,963



STEWARDSHIP TEAM INVITES YOU TO PRACTICE “RADICAL HOPE” AND LEAN INTO CREATING “R.E.A.L. POSSIBILITIES”

Radical Hope →
R.E.A.L. POSSIBILITIES
Looking to New Horizons



Starting Oct. 16th, our Stewardship Team is launching our annual appeal for ministry support along with a fresh Capital Campaign for debt reduction. COVID-19 and member mobility have each

resulted in a special challenge to the congregation for both the sustaining and furthering of new ministry in the year ahead!

You may recall that our current mortgage resides with the ELCA’s Mission Investment Fund, which is designed to aid new mission starts like us with the capital we need to establish a facility from which to base our ministries and worship. We are grateful that over the past eight years, we have collectively reduced our original mortgage of \$1.1 million down to under \$285,000, or nearly 75%! We’ve been blessed with a low 3% interest rate, which has greatly helped us to make significant progress on that paydown.

The current mortgage will expire in mid-2024, and we are obligated to conduct a triennial capital campaign for the purpose of addressing the debt that remains. It is our hope that we can make a significant dent in that remainder over the next 1 ½ years. Any remainder is likely be refinanced at a significantly higher interest rate. Let’s minimize that remaining debt!

Meanwhile, we hope to help our staff, teams, and Visioning Council plan effectively for ministry in 2024 by doing our best in these challenging times to meet our annual expenses, which are over \$300,000 per year. With about 115 families currently active in congregational life, that means that we all need to do what we can! Stay tuned for opportunities to learn more. Let’s plan to put our best feet forward and see what we can do together!

SEMON SERIES CONTINUES THIS MONTH

Our current sermon series is entitled “*Count the Cost / Ponder the Privilege.*” In particular, we are spending significant time in the challenging 14th-18th chapters of Luke’s Gospel. Let’s allow the Word to help us take up our calling together! Join us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.!



WORSHIP UNITED AT 9:00 A.M. CONTINUES THIS MONTH

We’ve condensed our Sunday services this fall in order to better facilitate fellowship across generations! We invite you to gather together for a united Sunday worship service at 9:00 a.m. each week. We urge you to come early to visit and fellowship with others beforehand or to stick around for a bit afterward for some great refreshment and fellowship! Our Faith Formation hour with classes for children and adults starts at 10:15 a.m. each week.

Meanwhile, for those who are away on Sundays, we gather again on Wednesday nights with our youth groups at 6:30 p.m. for worship, learning, fellowship, and communion. We surely hope that you will join us each week for one gathering or the other!

You can help us to make all of this possible by signing up to be a worship or fellowship assistant! Look for the Sign-up Genius link in the weekly e-news or check the clipboard on the Fellowship Hall wall to do so. Remember that even a single service requires many helping hands to pull it off effectively. Don’t be shy and let’s see what we can do together!

WEDNESDAY YOUTH NIGHT (WYN) MINISTRY IS OFF AND RUNNING! IS YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER MISSING OUT?



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WEDNESDAY YOUTH NIGHT

With a lot of energy and volunteer commitment, we've been delighted to re-launch our "WYN" ministries for 2022-23! Each Wednesday, lots of

youth and adults gather for "Club 56" (grades 5-6), Confirmation (gr. 7-8), and High School Gathering! This year, confirmation youth will be centering in Luther's Small Catechism while HS youth will be sharing great conversations and exploring connections between faith our mental health.

Each Wednesday is a rich night of contemplative worship, large group teaching, small group conversations, servant projects, fellowship, and snacks with many of our young people leading the efforts! If you haven't yet let us know about YOUR child's plans to participate, please let us know TODAY (tim@holytrinityNL.org).

JOHNSON COUNTY INTERFAITH COALITION INVITES YOU TO A CANDIDATE FORUM ON OCTOBER 15TH

The Purpose Place in Iowa City (611 Southgate Ave) will serve as host to this year's JCIC Candidate forum, which will host candidates for national, state, and county offices (incl. gubernatorial candidates). Opportunities to learn about issues faced within the South district and to speak with candidates one-on-one will both be possible from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Volunteer help with hosting the event is still sought. If you would be willing to offer up your assistance, please e-mail Pastor Tim ASAP at tim@holytrinityNL.org.

AGAPE PRAYER GROUP

The Agape Prayer Wall located in the Fellowship Center is an opportunity to bring your prayer concerns for yourself or others and leave them at the cross. The Agape Prayer Team will honor with confidentiality your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be placed in the cross, emailed through the church website, and, eventually, to a prayer email box. Watch the weekly e-news for the opening of that account.

The Agape Prayer group will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in October. Even though the group will not meet weekly, prayer will be shared and concerns left at the wall or received by other means will be addressed by the prayer group on a regular basis.

CRAFTS AT THE TABLE AND IN GOD'S ARMS

Crafts at the Table and In God's Arms quilting will meet on Saturday, October 8 at 9:30 (please note the half hour later start time).

Kits are available in the church closets for those who like to sew quilt tops, but may not want to design. Contact Judy Taylor, Sandy Cronbaugh, or contact the office to arrange a time to pick up a kit.

Nine quilts in July and **11 quilts** in September were delivered for distribution to families in need through Houses to Homes in Coralville. "Well Done" lead sewers and designers Lois and Cindy assisted by Sandy, Patti, and Gail. Donations of fabric and money to purchase quilt supplies for Houses into Homes are welcomed. Contact Lois Ludvigson.

ADULTS! LAUGH OUT LOUD small group will host the second game/meal night honoring Praise Band, Tech Team, and Communion Assistants. All are welcome on Tuesday, October 25 5:30-7:30. (Note 1/2 hour later start time as party will move indoors). Be ready to laugh while playing games and enjoying a meal together. Important!!! Be sure to RSVP to church office or Lois Ludvigson for planning of games and food.

PRAYER PAGE UPDATE

- Pray for the people of **Ukraine** and for a swift and just conclusion to the conflict there.
- Pray for wisdom and courage among **NATO** leaders in addressing the conflict
- Pray for the residents of **Pakistan, South Africa, Bangladesh, India, Kentucky, Puerto Rico, Alaska,** and **Japan** displaced by recent flooding. **Papua New Guinea** residents are recovering from a 7.7 magnitude earthquake.
- Pray for the people of **Afghanistan** grieving the hundreds lost in the recent earthquake and of **Somalia** amid a severe famine, each facing significantly widespread hunger.
- Pray for **John Riehl**, frequent worshiper and father of Avery and Elise Riehl, awaiting an organ transplant.
- Pray for **Dale Burginger**, brother of Lois Ludvigson, being treated for cancer.
- Pray for **Mary Nehring**, suffering from a compression fracture in her back
- Pray for **Sylvia Huffman**, mother of Kim Kudej, currently hospitalized in Waterloo.
- Pray for **Marilu Kuhl**, currently in hospice care at Bird House in Iowa City.
- Pray for **Dorothy Weedman**, now at Windmill Manor in Coralville.
- Pray for **Matthew and Kelsi Pelzer**, who were married on Sept. 24th.
- Pray for **Marie Funk and Steven Empey**, anticipating their wedding on Oct. 9th.
- Pray for **Hogan Frascht and Morgan Welch**, anticipating their wedding on Oct. 15th.
- Pray for the family of **John Lancaster, Sr.**, who died on September 25th. John, Sr. was the father-in-law of former pastor Katie Lowe Lancaster.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response go to help millions of people across the globe. You may give [directly through their website](#) or write “Lutheran Disaster Response” on the checks you put in the offering plate.

... Anywhere from 150,000 to 300,000 Russians have fled the country since the start of the war with Ukraine, among them many of the young, well-educated, politically active elite. The effects of this wave of emigration—it has its own slogan, which translates to “While Putin is alive”—are likely to be even greater than the numbers suggest. Cultural historian Andrei Zorin says that in a system that squashes social mobility, the departure of the country’s young, educated class could end a modernizing trend that began in the 18th century (*Economist*, August 9).

... For the first time, the Vatican has appointed three women—two religious sisters and one lay woman—to the office that vet nominations for new bishops. While the pope still makes the final call, these appointments are significant for giving women a rare voice in important decisions in the Church. Eleven men were also appointed (*National Catholic Reporter*, July 13).

... While typically thought of as a tool for rich people to protect their assets, prenuptial agreements are becoming more widely popular. One survey found that 12 years ago, 3 percent of respondents signed a prenup. Today, that number is 15 percent. Moreover, nearly 40 percent of married and engaged people between the ages of 18 and 34 have signed or will sign prenups. One likely reason for this trend is that young Americans are in more debt than ever before and want to protect their spouses from incurring their debt (*New Yorker*, July 12).