

Dates to Remember

September 2022

3	Women's Group
4	Worship 10:00 am Wes & Mike's Garden Party
5	Labor Day, Drive Safe!
11	Worship 10:00 am Holy Trinity Fall Get-Together Potluck
17	FMSC 9:00 am-11:45 am

18	Worship 10:00 am Karen Olson, Assessment
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25	Worship 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL
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October 2022

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2	Worship 10:00 am
9	Worship 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL
16	Worship 10:00 am
23	Worship 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL
28-29	ECMN Convention
30	Worship 10:00 am

Looking Ahead to Nov

6	Worship 10:00 am
13	Worship 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL
20	Worship 10:00 am
24	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
27	Worship 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Search Team Update

As of Friday, August 19th, Holy Cow reported they had received 54 completed surveys from Holy Trinity parishioners. The deadline was August 22nd, and we will be getting a final number on Friday, August 26th.

This was the easy part of the search for a new priest! On Sunday, September 18th, Canon Karen Olson will be at Holy Trinity to lead us in Morning Prayer, as well as preach. Immediately afterwards, during fellowship, she will present the findings from the surveys. Holy Cow does a lengthy data analysis and Canon Olson is a trained interpreter/presenter of these analyses.

This will help us determine needs of the community within and around Holy Trinity and identify clergy gifts needed to match those needs. We need to prepare search materials which includes a written profile of our parish including our strengths and challenges. Interested candidates will be looking at our web site. How does it represent us? Does it need updating? We need to prepare for the interviews. How will we conduct a mutual discernment process? What questions to ask? What experience is important? It's unlikely a candidate can meet all our needs, so what is most important to us?

Traditionally, candidates indicate their interest to the Bishop and Canon for Ministry who make initial reference checks and then send candidate names to the Search Team. After a mutual discernment process that includes reviewing information from the candidates, and conducting interviews, the Search Team selects a candidate to recommend to the Vestry. The Vestry affirms, the Wardens issue the call, and a letter of agreement is finalized after which the announcement is made.

As Canon Olson guides us through this process, we hope to modify it in ways that is more inclusive and transparent to the congregation. Please come to the presentation on September 18th with your questions and recommendations. Your Search Team will be hearing this information for the first time with you! Our goal is to find the best match for the whole parish.

In the meantime, keep us and this process in your prayers and if you have questions, ideas or recommendations contact any one of the Search Team. They are:

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Thank you!

Here it is, almost September, and I can hardly remember what has happened this summer! There have been many changes and events this summer at Holy Trinity, and there are more to come.

We have had a wonderful group of supply priests since the beginning of June, and each has been different. They have, however, each provided a thoughtful and meaningful service for each of us. If you have been in church or on-line each Sunday, you have perhaps noticed that the number of attendees has been increasing, and it's summer, when many people are out of the area for vacation. A special thank you goes to Emily Granlund in the office for arranging this schedule so efficiently.

The next big event is the parish survey provided by Holy Cow Consultants. (Don't you love the name!) While the deadline for submitting YOUR survey is before you receive this Newsletter, the response from parishioners has been very good, and I'm sure more arrived before the deadline. THANK YOU for participating and providing your individual thoughts about Holy Trinity and where we are going in the Future.

You'll want to mark your calendar for September 18 if you have not already done so. This is the day that Canon Karen Olson from ECMN will join us. She will offer Morning Prayer at 10:00, and following that, she will provide us with the interpretation of our survey results. I'm sure there will be many questions which she will attempt to answer. The end result of this is that the Search Team will receive the survey information, and they will begin the next steps in finding a new, permanent priest for Holy Trinity. Karen Olson will continue to lead them through the process. Please keep all of them in your prayers during this time. You've seen their names many times: Dustin Campbell, Mary Dare, Dan Krieger, Joyce LeClaire, Jeanne Simonsen.

Last but by no means least, remember September 11, our Fall Regathering and the Dedication of the Truman and Dawn Moyer Parish Hall. Service will start at 10:00 as usual, including our traditional "blessing of the backpacks," followed by our fall pot-luck. The Dedication of Moyer Hall will begin at approximately 12:30. Please plan to attend this very wonderful event and bring your children/grandchildren (with their backpacks), family members and friends to this special day.

It will be a true celebration.

LITURGY / WORSHIP**GAIL WEBER**

Fellow Trinitarians:

Summer is winding down and before we know it it's going to be The Great Fall Get-Together on September 11.. It's the Sunday that signals a more routine, back-to-school, less time at the cabin time of the year. Some look forward to it; some dread it. It has been an unusual summer. Since Father Rob left, we have worshiped with Rev. James Wilson II and Rev. Elaine Barber who have enabled us to continue to worship each Sunday. Thank you both for your time and spiritual guidance. On July 17th, Daryl Herrmann led us in Morning Prayer and our organist, Bea Bastyr was able to take a few days off.

I thought this might be a good time to talk about the liturgical calendar. Some of you read the lessons and are very familiar with the inner workings of the worship service, but some of you might like some information on the topic. First, the word liturgical or liturgy refers to the rituals around what we do each Sunday. The liturgical calendar is the method we use to determine what four scripture readings are read: the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel. The readings are read in a three year cycle A,B,C and when we are through the cycle, most of the Bible will have been read. We are currently in year C, but on November 27th we start the cycle over with year A.

The calendar also tells us what colors to use on the altar and what colors the priest wears. Did you know that you can walk into any Christian church on any given Sunday and you will likely hear the same readings from the Bible? That's because the liturgical calendar is based on the Roman Catholic lectionary calendar and most Christian denominations follow that calendar.

Next time we will talk about the controversial BCP!!

Gail Weber
Liturgy/Worship

I would like to take this opportunity to address you about something important for Holy Trinity. Many of you are not aware, but we have had for a few years now, the right of first refusal for the house and property adjacent to the church, and next to the Quinn house behind us. We just recently learned that the house is coming up for sale, and the vestry has decided we should look into the prospect of purchasing this property. Needless to say, the timing of this could certainly be better, but it is what it is. We have asked Jeff Nagorski to look into this for us, and he very graciously accepted, and is more than willing to help out in this matter. While **nothing** is finalized yet, we have asked Jeff to explore the options of purchasing this piece of property. There are a few hurdles we must overcome in this quest, (getting approval from ECMN for instance), but I would like to stress that **NO pledges or donations** would be used to acquire this property. All the funds would come from securing a loan, renting out the property, and possibly some funds from the Quinn house, which is kept in a separate account. We feel if this is done right, it could be a real asset to Holy Trinity, as the Quinn house has been. Right now, we are in the exploratory stage only, and will keep you updated as we progress.

As for the Quinn house, the vestry approved a plan for all new windows for the Quinn house, as they are the original windows, and are sorely needed. They are literally falling apart. They should be installed in Sept. or Oct. We have also agreed to a new lease with our tenant, for another two years.

We have successfully switched from Facebook to YouTube for Sunday services. We have received some positive feedback, some negative, but most of you seem to think it is better. Emily and I went to the Episcopal church in Anoka for a lesson in how they do things, and it was very productive. We learned a lot from going there, and they were very helpful to us.

Our YouTube channel is: Holy Trinity Episcopal Elk River. You can watch us Live from there. YouTube uploads the video about 24 hours later viewing it later.

You can also go to our website: www.holytrinityelkriver.org and click on **Sunday Service**.

You can still reach us at our Holy Trinity Facebook page. There is a link there to our website that you click on and then from our website click on **Sunday Service**.

Thank You, Gary

EDUCATION

EMILY SCHROEDER

Well, here we are again in back-to-school season! At HTEC that means Sunday School starts, too. This year Sunday School will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays during service.

Kiddos - join your parents to sing, pray, and listen during service on the other weekends! On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, we will meet in the nursery room and ALL children of any age are welcome. Mark your calendars: 9/11 Backpack Blessing, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, and 11/27. Looking forward to seeing some friendly faces wanting to learn more about God and his awesome love for us ALL.

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PASTORAL CARE

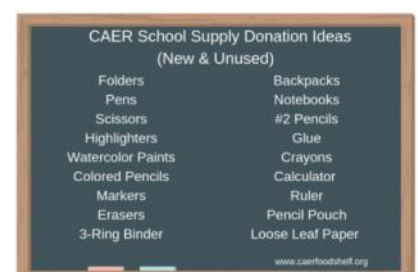
LYLA AALAND

New, unused school supplies are distributed to hundreds of children during Kids Weekend CAER Package program.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED MAY THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

Financial donations are accepted as well! It's estimated a \$45 donation can provide a new backpack & school supplies for one child.

Donations are accepted at CAER 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. When arriving, please go to the door in the back of the building and ring the bell.



Jottings from your Treasurer

As we moved through the Summer and life in transition, the Vestry and your Treasurer have been at work. One of the things your Treasurer has been working on is aligning the church financial policies and guidelines with the Canons of ECUSA and ECMN as well as the current Manual for Church Business Affairs, an invigorating read. Please note that the word Canon as used here relates to the working "rules" of the church and not a person. Canons of ECUSA are generally updated every time General Convention meets with potential for updates that the national lawyers see fit in between sessions. Canons of the ECMN are updated as appropriate to comply with the national Canons, changes in law, or changes in direction. These are approved at the diocesan convention. Both sets of Canons are available on-line for download if this is of interest to you as is the Manual mentioned.

With this in mind, the Vestry has approved two sets of Financial Policies and Guidelines for Holy Trinity. One covers four types of "demand" or checking/savings accounts and the other covers a special type of checking account known as the Discretionary Account. It has been suggested that I explain these accounts and the terms surrounding them.

Our primary operating account is often known as a "general checking account". This and the other accounts mentioned today are all held with the Bank of Elk River. General Checking is where we retain the funds for daily operation of the church. It is an interest-bearing checking account.

A second account is the "Rental/Quinn House Account". This is where the funds for operating our rental property reside. Related to that is a third account, a Rental Savings Account. This is where the funds received as deposits are retained, per Minnesota law.

A fourth type of account is one designated for fund raising and groups within the church. Examples would be Women's or Men's Group or one for a special purpose such as a Youth Group trip.

The other policy is solely related to the special type of checking known as Discretionary. This account has very specific rules in the ECMN Canons. It is an account established for use by the Rector/Priest in Charge within a Faith Community. Holy Trinity has always set aside an amount annually to add to that account. It turns out the Canons now have the first Sunday "loose plate" (non-Pledge) offering identified as contributions to that account. That is why you are seeing notes in the bulletin about that. Beyond that, anyone may donate at any time to the "Discretionary Account". A typical time for those donations is at Christmas or at the celebration of a new Ministry. This account is truly a "guarded" account. With Father Rob's departure, the account is now under the management of our Vestry member for Pastoral Care. The only people who see the transactions in this account are those managing it: Pastoral Care Vestry Member, a Priest under longer term contract with Holy Trinity, and the Treasurer and Bookkeeper. The account is meant to be for confidential use in helping those within the Parish and the broader community as appropriate with immediate, short-term needs.

The biggest item of note in the Discretionary Account Policy and Guidelines is that we added our Pastoral Care Vestry member, Lyla Aaland, to the account. The intent is to keep that person as the oversight person who will work with a new Priest to manage those funds.

Several items to call out in the broader set of Policies and Guidelines are:

- 1) On-going oversight and management of church funds (all funds retained in accounts tied to the tax id of the church) is the responsibility of the Treasurer with oversight by the Vestry, Wardens and Priest-in-charge.
- 2) Placing a July Vestry decision into policy, the only alcohol to be purchased using church managed funds is to be used for sacramental purposes.
- 3) The primary system of record for all church funds will be the HTEC copy of QuickBooks with our HTEC-ER Office Administrator functioning as the primary bookkeeper.
- 4) Each account has identified signatories, with most being the Senior and Junior Warden and the Treasurer. Group accounts will have two or more people over 18 as designated signatories along with the HTEC Treasurer.

Both policies are records of the church and available for review by simply contacting the HTEC Office with your request. As with any new policy or guideline, there are already proposals in the works to amend and refine them.

After all this stimulating information, here are the current financial results, as of July 31, 2022. Sadly, this is the first month our net income balance is negative by roughly \$1,000.

	Annual Budget Amount	Percentage of total cash revenue budget	Amount to date
Open Plate	\$500	0.6%	\$549
Pledges	\$62,534	71.4%	\$41,272
Non-Pledge Donations	\$24,595	28.1%	\$15,539
	<u>\$87,629</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$57,361</u>

	Annual Budget Amount	Percentage of total church operating budget	Amount to date
Clergy Expense	\$37,140	33.5%	\$17,235
Education	\$150	0.1%	\$46
Evangelism	\$3,550	3.2%	\$2,313
Office & Administration	\$28,482	25.7%	\$14,196
Pastoral Care	\$200	0.2%	\$67
Properties	\$19,500	17.6%	\$12,166
Service	\$10,928	9.9%	\$7,148
Worship	\$10,795	9.7%	\$5,196
	<u>\$110,745</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$58,366</u>

What is a Canon?

I was asked this during coffee hour one Sunday. My first question to the group was "Canon as in the books of the Bible, the underlying rules of the ECUSA and ECMN, or as in a person's title?" .

The word means several things in the life of the church. The confusion is normal enough that one of our recent Bishops included a discussion of the term in a newsletter.

Canon as used in a title indicates the person is a senior leader on the

Bishop's staff or on the staff of a cathedral overseen by that Bishop. If used alone, the person is most likely not ordained. If used with the term Reverend, as in Rev. Canon, the person is also ordained as a deacon or Priest. With the reason for the question explained, the answer was "Canon Karen Olson is a senior, long serving leader on the Bishop's staff who has not been ordained to Holy Orders. That is why the service she will lead for us in September is morning prayer and not communion."



WANTED:

People who love to play with numbers or would like to learn more about Church Finances!

Our Financial Committee has openings for additional people to review and provide input to forecasts, budgets and trending. We will meet monthly after a church service. Interested: Please contact Mary Brugger or Emily G in the office.

Prayer Requests are Welcome!

Do you have a special prayer request? Please fill out a request form and drop off in the wooden church located on the table outside the Sacristy. There are also request forms in the pews and at the entrance doors.

Liturgy Ministry Rota September 2022

Altar Guild July: Gail Weber & Joyce LeClaire

Ministry	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
Greeter	Dan Krieger	Jane Lindenfelser	Ann Wedl	Ginny Anderson
Usher	Jerry Waite	Larry Brugger	Dustin Campbell	Ben Bastyr
Acolyte	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann		Lyla Aaland
1st Reader	Larry Brugger	Gail Weber	Jane Lindenfelser	Mary Dare
2nd Reader	Larry Brugger	Gail Weber	Jane Lindenfelser	Mary Dare
Prayers	Jane Lindenfelser	Linda Krieger	Lyla Aaland	Dustin Campbell
Chalice 1	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann		Lyla Aaland
Chalice 2	Mary Dare	Mary Brugger		Linda Krieger

If you are unable to fill your volunteer position, please make your own substitution and leave word with the office. ~~Thank you!~~

Feast Days

September

14th Holy Cross Day
21st Feast of St. Matthew
Apostle & Evangelist
29th St. Michael & All
Angels

October

4th Francis of Assisi
18th St. Luke the
Evangelist
24th St. James of
Jerusalem
28th St. Simon & St.
Jude, Apostles

Liturgy Ministry Rota October 2022

Altar Guild October: Ann Wedl & Jane Lindenfelser

Ministry	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Greeter	Jeanne Simonsen	Daryl Herrmann	Dan Krieger	Jane Lindenfelser	Ann Wedl
Usher	Dan Krieger	Jerry Waite	Larry Brugger	Dave Raitz	Gary Wedl
Acolyte	Mo Campbell	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann		Mo Campbell
1st Reader	Mary Brugger	Dustin Campbell	Emily Arseneau	Robert Elveru	Mike Arseneau
2nd Reader	Mary Brugger	Dustin Campbell	Emily Arseneau	Robert Elveru	Mike Arseneau
Prayers	Linda Krieger	Jane Lindenfelser	Mary Dare	Mary Brugger	Lyla Aaland
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Wes & Mike's River Garden & Potluck Luncheon



YOU'RE INVITED!!

Home of Wes Gadsden and Mike Greene
18460 163rd St. NW

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Tour the beautiful gardens and enjoy a delicious lunch!
This event follows the 10:00 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity!
Please sign up on the clipboard next to the office.



HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH			HTEC VESTRY MEMBERS		
Priest-in-Charge:			Senior Warden:	Daryl Herrmann	269-580-9040
Parish Admin:	Emily Granlund	763-441-5482	Junior Warden:	Gary Wedl	763-427-0776
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Head Usher:	Dan Krieger	763-441-7072	Liturgy:	Gail Weber	612-850-4250
Altar Guild Chair:	Gail Weber	612-850-4250	Education:	Emily Schroeder	763-227-8269
Women's Group Co-Chairs:	Linda Krieger Pauline Hoffine	763-441-7072 763-688-4540	Evangelism:	Wes Gadsden	813-992-9949
Men's All Parish Group Chair:	Dave Raitz	763-441-4068	Pastoral Care:	Lyla Aaland	763-218-6076
Youth/Sunday School:	Emily Schroeder	763-227-8269	Treasurer:	Mary Brugger	320-267-3343
Little Free Library Steward:	Ann Wedl	763-427-0776	Vestry Clerk:	Ann Wedl	763-427-0776



*Special Blessings to all our
September Birthday Trinitarians!*

07 — Joanie Nichols 25 — David Raitz
08 — Sue Nagorski 28 — Danny Liberto
13 — Adelle Robinson 29 — Olive Taylor

*Special Blessings to all our
October Birthday Trinitarians!*

14 — Kate Hansen 22 — Peter Andersen
14 — Nancy Lloyd 23 — Elliot Robinson
19 — Cindy Dols-Finn 27 — Emily Schroeder
19 — Alexander Stewart 28 — Michael Greene

Coffee Hour Hospitality

The fellowship and treats provided during coffee hour are the results of many people working together. This is a fun and rewarding experience.

**JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM
FOR WORSHIP IN PERSON
and online**

**The Great Holy Trinity
Fall Get Together**

**Bring the kids!
Bring the family!**

**Renew Worship
& Backpack Blessing
Plus Refreshments**

10 am Sunday, Sept. 11
**Opening Day of 2022/23
Sunday School**

Join us following the service for the:
Truman and Dawn
Moyer Parish Hall Dedication



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HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MINISTRY DAY

**Saturday, September 17, 2022
9:00 am-10:45 am**

Won't you join with other Trinitarians to pack food for
starving children around the world?

Sign up sheet is on the clipboard next to the office.

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16 Service 10:00 am Rev Tom Eklo	17	18 Office Hours 10-3	19 Office Hours 10-4	20 Office Hours 10-3	21	22
23 Sunday School Service 10:00 am Lyla Aaland	24	25 Office Hours 10-3	26 Office Hours 10-4	27 Office Hours 10-3	28 ECMN Convention	29 ECMN Convention
30 Service 10:00 am Rev Elaine Barber	31	Office Hours 10-3	Office Hours 10-4	Office Hours 10-3		

