

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN/YOUTH NEWS

1. Sunday School Kickoff will be Sunday, August 9 at 9:30am. Both Ignite and Ablaze Sunday School classes will begin in the Sanctuary with a common opening and then classes will attend the rest of the Sunday School hour in their assigned classrooms – Ignite (012) and Ablaze (EO-201).

2. All HTLC Youth, come join us for the Sunday School Kickoff Pool Party on Sunday, August 9 at 12:00pm at Southland Pool (2700 Industrial Dr/BG). HTLC youth swim free; adults can swim for \$10 or watch for free. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15/16: We are blessed to have Carl Wicklander, son of this congregation and seminarian in St. Louis, preach for us and do a special presentation during Bible Study.

YOUNG ADULTS: The next young adult event is a pool party on Sunday, August 23 at 3:30pm. We are thankful to Lynn and Carole Clark for opening their home and pool to us at 1403 Mt. Ayr Circle (BG). After having some fun, we will continue the apologetic topic of Defending the Christian Faith in this Post-modern Age, and a scrumptious supper will be provided. Remember to bring your swimming suit and to confirm your presence with the Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth, by Thursday, August 20 (270-843-9595 or church.admin@htlc-bg.org). Yet we have never turned away last minute attendees either. If you are not sure whether you are a young adult, please just give pastor a call and ask!

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation restarts Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00pm. If you have any questions about what is required and how to prepare, or whether or not someone you know or one of your kids or grandkids could be part of the classes, please talk to Pastor.

WORSHIP CHANGES: Starting Sunday, August 23, during the 8:00am service in BG, the early service will start to include more singing and some other changes. For instance, that Sunday we will have a weekly processional with the cross carried by Mr. Mike Bryant, and some spoken parts of the Eucharistic liturgy sung by pastor. The Lutheran service assumes many aspects of the liturgy are sung. However, this is not mandatory at all. Often, pastors who are not comfortable singing by themselves will speak these parts. This is acceptable as well. For the word is the same. Yet, normally, when a response is sung (the “C” part in the red rubrics in your hymnal), the “P” part is also normally sung. You may also notice that on page 197 the Words of Institution are intended to be sung, as Pastor Ristau has done it on some special occasions, and it has been appreciated. However, for those people who prefer to hear those words spoken, the 10:30 service will continue with it being spoken.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: The fellowship event for August is a Food Fusion Feast on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00pm. Sign up by Sunday, August 23 and bring your favorite OR a new dish that is German, Italian, or Hispanic. Your taste buds won’t want to miss this chance to try so many different foods. Questions, see Jackie Blindauer at 920-207-9185.

HTLS NEWS

1. The first day of school for the 2026-27 school year for grades K-6th is Wednesday, August 12.
2. The first day of school for the 2026-27 school year for preschool is Monday, August 17.
3. **FUNDRAISING:** Dan Blindauer will again be selling Smart Cards for the school every Sunday in August except 8/16. The Smart Cards are the school's main fundraiser at the beginning of the school year, especially since they are not doing mums this year. The cards feature various locations in Bowling Green that offer either a one time or all year discount. The cards can be used from August through the end of July 2027 and cost \$25.00. Cards may also be purchased through the school office.

FAITH NIGHT

We have a variety of activities planned each Wednesday evening.

Most activities resume Wednesday, August 19
FAITH Night will continue through, November 18.

5:15pm

Sanctuary Praise Choir Led by Beth Markel
(starts August 26)

6:00pm

Jr. Confirmation (CR) Led by Pastor Ristau
(starts August 19)

6:30pm

Adult Bible Study (EO-110) Led by Pastor Toopes
Theme: "The Book of Romans" (started August 5)

7:00pm

Fuel & Friends (EO-201) Led by Nicholas & Bethany Boeneke
(starts August 19)

LWML MITE BOX SUNDAY: Mite Box Sunday is August 30. We hope that you have been saving your loose change over the last three months for this offering to LWML.

The mites collection boxes are again available in the Narthex. Thank your donations for LWML Mission Grants.

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TIME TO ORDER: HTLC polos &/or jackets! Get your orders in for these nice apparel items now! All polos are moisture-wicking; jackets are full-zip, fleece-lined, water repellant, and wind resistant. The timeline for prepaid order is as follows:

Now through September 20 – webstore open to pay with credit card

https://cspcampaigs.com/holy_trinity_lutheran_store/shop/home

Now through September 13 – prepaid orders by cash or check

Sunday, October 18 – delivered/available for pick-up, either at morning services or afternoon anniversary dinner.

ICHTHYHYS FOUNDATION: The Ichthys Foundation is having a fundraiser night at Blaze Pizza (2825 Scottsville Rd/BG) on Friday, August 21 from 4:00-9:00pm.

VETERAN’S DINNER: The Veteran’s Dinner this year is Sunday, November 8. If you are planning on attending, we are asking for your help! The Veteran’s Dinner is in honor of all our military. We are asking for pictures of the military members in your family to share with all who attend the dinner. Please send copies of your pictures to Aaron Britton via email to aj22britt@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Melke at 305-781-5782.

MEN’S SUPPORT GROUP: HTLC is happy to support a bimonthly Memento support group for single and married men 18 and above (Memento) who wish to sharpen their tools in their spiritual toolbox as they strive to live marked by clarity, strength, and purpose. Point of contact is Corey Zirbel.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Those interested in exploring Lutheran theology at a deeper level are welcome to join bimonthly classes offered through the Lutheran Institute of Theology program (<https://lutheraninstitute.org>). Be prepared for edifying conversations and enriching discussions. Point of contact is Aaron Witherspoon.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Trouble and trials come to all people, Christians included. We may wrestle with how to respond when we face difficult situations. Questions arise. Does God not love me anymore? Why does He allow such things to happen? Why do the righteous suffer – and the wicked often seem to get off scot-free? During the fall women’s Bible class (“God Blesses Through Trials”), Pastor Press will guide in working through some of the experiences of God’s people from Scripture so that we see how His Word continues to strengthen and encourage us through all challenges. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-10:45am in EO-110 (the old OWLS room), beginning on September 15 and going through the early part of Advent. If you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Press.

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FAMILY WORKSHOP: The Mid-South District invites you to join Family Ministry leaders and lay people from across our region for a day of practical teaching, discussion, and encouragement as we equip our homes and congregations to disciple the next generation. The District's Family Ministry Workshop will take place Saturday, September 26, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM at Hope Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, AR (1904 McArthur Dr). This free educational event will feature two dynamic presenters:

- Mr. Larry Yochum — Associate Director of Coaching and Implementation, Concordia Center for the Family
 - Rev. Andy Becker — Director of Family Ministry, Office of National Mission
- Lunch will be provided for this full day of informative talks and engaging discussion. Please help us plan for this event by registering to attend at

<https://midsouthdistrictlcms.regfox.com/family-min-wkshp-jacksonville2026>.