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April

2026

The Promise That Changes Everything

As we gather on Easter morn and throughout these fifty days of Easter, we return once more to the heart of our faith...the life-giving good news that Christ is risen! Not as a metaphor, not as a distant memory, but as a living promise that continues to reshape our lives and our world.

Easter is God's bold declaration that death does not have the final word. In a world that often feels weighed down by uncertainty, division, and exhaustion, the empty tomb stands as a reminder that God is still at work bringing life out of places we thought were finished. Resurrection is not only a moment in history...it's a movement that continues to unfold in us and through us.

In the ELCA, we talk often about God's grace...unearned, unconditional, freely given. Easter is grace in its most radiant form. Jesus meets the women at the tomb with compassion. He meets the disciples in their fear. He meets Thomas in his doubt. And he meets us, too, wherever we find ourselves this season...joyful, weary, hopeful, grieving, or somewhere in between.

My dearest friends in Christ, throughout this Easter season (and truly forever), may we open our hearts to the ways Christ is still breaking into our lives with new beginnings. Maybe it's the courage to forgive. Maybe it's the strength to serve. Maybe it's the quiet assurance that we are loved beyond measure. Resurrection rarely arrives with trumpets...more often, it comes as a whisper of hope that refuses to be silenced.

As a congregation, we are invited to be Easter people...people who carry Christ's light into our community, who practice compassion, who work for justice and who embody the love that God has first shown us. The world is hungry for signs of resurrection, and God delights in using ordinary people like you and me to share extraordinary grace.

May the joy of the risen Christ fill your homes, your hearts, and your days ahead. Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

In Christ's amazing and love-filled grace,
Pastor Laura



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

WORSHIP SERVICE/SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30
PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

AT MOUND CEMETERY CHAPEL
6:00 AGAPE REFRESHMENTS
7:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Maundy Thursday Worship at Mound Cemetery Chapel

Our Worship & Music Team has planned a service of quiet reflection, prayer, chanting, and communion in the beautiful setting of Mound Cemetery Chapel. At 6:00, we'll meet for simple agape refreshments. The worship service will begin at 7:00. There is limited parking in the cemetery, so we recommend parking across the street in the CVS parking lot. We hope you will be able to join us for this meaningful evening of worship, remembering the last supper Jesus had with his disciples before his crucifixion.



Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Jill Vander Brug who sponsors the April Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Pat Barlament. We have a number of months in 2026 in need of a sponsor. Please consider supporting the Diaper Ministry by donating \$30 to cover the monthly delivery.

Our April distribution dates are April 8th from 11AM – 1PM and April 22nd from 4 – 6 PM. Also, we will be participating in the “Blanket of Love Community Baby Shower” on April 25th. This event targets pregnant women and those with babies younger than six months. We are excited to get information about our ministry to those that need it!

Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer.

Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10th. The Men's Group meets on the second Friday of every month for fellowship and discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark, pastormark.hclc@gmail.com. All are welcome!



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church April, 2026



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

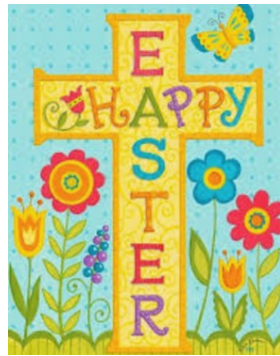
to Evelyn Nelson and JD Newton
who were baptized during the month of April.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Easter Sunday, April 5th

and

Sunday, April 12th



2nd - 5th Graders All of our 2nd - 5th Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some snacks, Bible Time and Games on **Sunday, April 12th**. We will gather together following worship and meet until Noon. We're looking forward to seeing you all!!!

Confirmation Class All of our 8th Graders are invited to join the pastors for a time to journey deeper into their own faith. We'll travel through the main stories of the Bible and ask, "What does God want us to hear in these words...what does God want us to learn and what is God calling us to do as followers of Christ?" We will dig deeper into what it means to be a Christian, what makes us Lutheran and what it means for us to live out our faith in our daily lives. We will gather on **Sunday, April 19th** following worship and meet until Noon. Snacks will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you all!!!

Join Us For A New Service on May 10th

HCLC will be debuting a new service on Mother's Day, May 10th, to celebrate our refurbished windows and jump start the Light in a Place Called Hope window fundraising campaign. The service theme is LIGHT and it will feature uplifting scriptures, messages, and joyous hymns which will be led by our kids and the senior choir. Please mark your calendars now and be sure to be in attendance on Sunday, May 10th. Let your light shine - and help HCLC's light shine too!



Many thanks to all who provide food and monetary assistance to the pantry and a very special thank you to our volunteers who do so much to keep the pantry running. We could not continue this ministry without your help!



During the month of April the pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. pkgs. of rice, 1 lb. pkgs. of spaghetti, small condiments, canned pineapple, and 15 oz. cans of pork & beans. We can also use clean, lightly used grocery store size plastic shopping bags, large brown paper bags, cookbooks, children's Bible storybooks, greeting cards, and pens and pencils.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

April 21st the study of Acts will have a Zoom meeting from 10:00 to 11:30. The discussion will focus on Acts 11:19 to Acts 13:3 (pages 102 to 115). This is a great section that tells how the Christian church spread out from Jerusalem to Africa and from Jews to Gentiles. The third largest city in the world, Antioch is the center of importance now. The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabus to Antioch (Acts 11:26) where the followers of Jesus were first called Christian (page 105). There a prophet foretold of a great famine that would affect Judea. Antioch reached out to help through Barnabus and Saul (Acts 11:30).

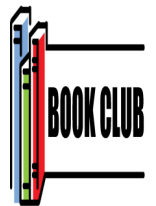
Sadly, King Herod sought to gain favor with the Jews and seized Peter, put him under heavily-guarded arrest (page 107). But an angel delivered Peter from prison (page 108) and Peter went to the house of Mary, the headquarters of the Christian church (page 111). There it was decided to take the gospel message into the whole world. From persecution to spreading the gospel is our lesson for April. The power of the holy spirit saved Peter and opened the doors to Gentiles everywhere. From 10:00 to 11:30 on April 21st, our bible study will meet by zoom. Rondi Jenkins welcomes you to her house at 6010 Potomac Place (262:221-3619).

Ketchup Club at The Red Onion, April 7th



We're gathering for lunch at The Red Onion, 555 Main St. at 11:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 7th**. These gatherings are a fun way to "catch up" with old friends and make some new ones! Please let Pastor Laura pastorlaura.hlcc@gmail.com or the office, office.hlcc@gmail.com, know if you will be joining us so we can reserve a table. If you unexpectedly find yourself available come join us and we will happily make some room at the table for you!

For our April meeting, the book club will be discussing Band of Sisters by Lauren Willig. A group of young women from Smith College risk their lives to go to France at the height of World War 1 to volunteer to help French civilians decimated by the German war machine. Kate Moran and 17 other Smith students set off to France. They must cope with the hardships and terrors of the war. The women find themselves navigating old rivalries and new betrayals that threaten the very existence of the Unit. Can the Smith Unit pull together and truly be a band of sisters? Based on a true story.



We will be meeting by ZOOM on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00. You can get the link from Julie Burton by calling her at 262-639-5914. Or you can join us at Rondi Jenkins home, 6010 Potomac Place. Please call to let Rondi know you are planning to attend, 262-221-5619.

For our May meeting, we will be reading and discussing a timely selection, The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali.

April Birthday Club



Do you celebrate your birthday in April? If so, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, April 9th at 10:00 to enjoy a special birthday song, a yummy birthday donut and celebrate with us! Hope to see you there!

YOU'RE INVITED TO
TIL DEATH DO US PART

ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND MURDER

5:30-8:30 PM
APRIL 24, 2026

HOLY COMMUNION'S
HURN HALL

The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, but the wedding bells aren't ringing for this not-so-happy couple when a member of the wedding party is murdered! With a raging bridezilla and an unenthused groom on the scene, it may be happily never after in this nuptial nightmare. Trade clues with your guests and help the hapless couple figure out whodunnit so they can say I do before the wedding hour passes them by!



RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED

\$40 PER PERSON

Purchase in the lounge or
church office

Catered Buffet Dinner 6 pm
WHODUNNIT 6:30 PM
Wedding Attire Requested



JOIN US FOR A WEDDING YOU'LL NEVER
FORGET

Quilting Group

The HCLC quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 1:00 p.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. LWR sends the quilts all over the world to help warm and comfort people who have lost their homes, been affected by war or natural disaster. They can use donations of full, queen or king size flat sheets to use as backing for the quilts. They can also use financial contributions to help pay for quilt batting. Please contact Linda Holmquist, 262-633-0032 or Evelyn Lajiness, 262-634-0527 if you have any questions

Prayer Team

The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to amylarsen2406@att.net. Look for the lavender prayer request cards coming soon to the pews, lounge, and welcome center. You can write your prayer request on the card and put it in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or bring it to the office.

If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails.

Prayer changes things!

Finance Update

February Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$39,760.55

Expense: \$54,785.73

Net Income: \$(15,025.18)

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$115,197.15

Expense: \$120,916.65

Net Income: \$(5,719.50)

LOUNGE MURAL: Tree of Members

In our lounge, a large tree mural has been painted on the east wall connecting to the sanctuary. We hope to fill this tree with leaves of our Holy Communion family - current and past members. Help us fill the tree by making a \$10 donation per leaf. The leaves will be placed on the tree blowing towards the sanctuary where we all worship together.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

LOUNGE MURAL: Tree of Members

I would like ____ leaves at \$10 each for a total of \$_____.

Member(s)/family name to be placed on the leaf (please print):

Your Name: _____

Phone/Email _____

Please make checks payable to HCLC and note "Lounge Tree Mural" in the memo line. Return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your check.

The beautiful flowering plants in our sanctuary this Easter are in honor or memory of:

In loving memory of Vernon Riekema, given by his wife, Carol Riekema
In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family
In memory of Florence Svendsen, given with love by her family
In memory of Viggo & Florence Svendsen, given with love by their family
In honor of Alice Barootian, given by her family
In honor of Joakim Barootian, given by this family
In memory of George Nissen, given by Jo Nissen
In memory of Tim Cagle, given by Jo Nissen
In memory of Ron Eckhardt, given by Jo Nissen
In memory of loved ones, given by Evelyn Lajiness
In honor of the suffering people of Ukraine, given by Evelyn Lajiness
In loving memory of our loved ones, given by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney
In celebration of our daughter, Courtney Carlson, given with love by mom and dad
In loving memory of Stan Reske, given by Joni Reske
In memory of Judy & Earl Bom, given by Sally Born-McReynolds
In memory of Sandy Bisotti, given by Sally Born-McReynolds
In memory of Pastor Walter Hermanns, given by Mike & Kim Ackley
In memory of Dick & Effie Reitsma, given by their loved ones
In memory of Art & Evy Fox, given by their loved ones
In memory of Dave Fox, given by his loved ones
In loving memory of her sister JoAnn Schwartz, given by Lynn Sinclair
In memory of our loved ones, given by the Sinclair family
In honor of her grandchildren, given by Linda Godson
In memory of Edna & Kenneth Sorensen and Ione & Ben Holmquist, given by Linda & Wayne Holmquist
In memory of George & Naomi Hahner and William & Gertrude Komistra, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra
In honor of Amelia, Cooper, and Adeline Komistra, given with love by Grandma & Grandpa Komistra
In memory of Pastor George & Adeline Overdier, given by the Overdier children, Faith, Grace, Carol, and Beth
In memory of Jack Potter, given by Kate Potter-Barrow
In honor of Barb Salvo, given by the Bell Choir
In honor of her friends and family, given by Susan Anderson
In memory of David & Beverly Berg and Bob & Jan Gall, given by Greg & Kathy Berg
In honor of the talented musicians of Holy Communion, given by Greg & Kathy Berg
In memory of Vera & Cliff Rolfson and Tom Rolfson, given by the Rolfson family
In loving memory of Josephine Beckett, given by her family
In loving memory of William Beckett Sr., given by his family
In memory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug, given by Jill Vander Brug
In memory of Ray Jeltje, Peter, and Corine Lynn Vander Brug, given by Jill Vander Brug
In memory of Achille & Harriet Grenier and Eleanor & Jeffrey Bostetter, given by Jill Vander Brug
In memory of her mom and dad, given by Barb Maier
In memory of Wayne & Anita Westphal, given by Mike & Wendy Farrell
In honor of their grandchildren, given by Mike & Wendy Farrell
In honor of the risen Christ, given by Mike & Wendy Farrell
In honor of their great niece Delaney Kearns, given by Uncle Greg & Aunt Beverly Nowak
In memory of her parents, Jerry & Arlene Howe, given by Cheryl Davis
In memory of her sister, Sandra Krogh, given by Cheryl Davis
In memory of her daughter, Michele Davis, given by Cheryl Davis



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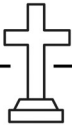


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Theatre Guild (MHR)	2 Maundy Thursday Mound Cemetery Chapel 6:00 Agape Meal 7:00 Worship Service 6:30 Theatre Guild (MHR)	3 Good Friday Office Closed Food Pantry Closed 7:00 Worship ser- vice	4 2:00 Theatre Guild (MHR)
5 Easter Setting 4 9:30 Worship 7:00 Theatre Guild (MHR)	6 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Theatre Guild (choir room)	7 11:30 Ketchup Club 6:30 Theatre Guild (MHR)	8 10:00 Book Club 11:00 -1:00 Diaper Ministry 7:30 Theatre Guild (choir room)	9 10:00 Birthday Club 6:30 Theatre Guild (MHR)	10 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	11 1:00 Theatre Guild (MHR and choir room)
12 O the Joy 9:30 Worship 10:30 2nd - 5th Grade Youth	13 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	14 1:00 Quilting Group	15	16 7:00 Theatre Guild (choir room)	17 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Theatre Guild	18
19 Setting 10 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class 1:00 Theatre Guild (choir room)	13 12:30 Food Pantry	21 10:00 Third Tues- day Bible Study	22 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry	23	24 12:30 Food Pantry	25 1:00 Theatre Guild (MHR)
26 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	13 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	28 1:00 Quilting Group	29	30		


























FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

		
1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6 and  2  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answers: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

- Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4
- Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8
- A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13
- These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
- A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
- Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

J 5 8 31 20 8 2 3 32 ... " I 2 30
2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29
 F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1
 F 2 24 10 25 19 23 16 30 29 G 16 32
2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32"
 John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____ !

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud. Jesus said "... I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!

The Things I Want My Church To Be

Let us pray...

Holy God, my church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,

I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

Amen.

April Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who help keep worship services running smoothly! If you would like to volunteer, please call the office, 262-632-8802, or talk to one of the pastors.

	April 5 9:30 a.m.	April 12 9:30 a.m.	April 19 9:30 a.m.	April 26 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Lynn Helmke Laura Hermanns	Trish & Charles Jacob	Sally Neitzel	
Lector	Marianne Jensen	Jim Buhler	Joleen Carlson	Steve Barootian
Communion Assistants	Sheri, Carson & Sawyer Krenzke	Roger Degerman	Sawyer Krenzke Joleen Carlson	
AV Technicians	Barb Salvo	Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen	Kylee Albright
Coffee Fellowship	None needed	Lynn Sinclair	Shelley Lussmyer	Sally Neitel JoAnne Steeves
Councilperson In Charge	Rose Adamski	Rebecca Mason	Polly Timmerman	Joleen Carlson
Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Liesner, Gary Wood			
Altar Guild	Susan Barbee, Val Conner, and Barb Salvo			

April Altar Flowers

April 5 - Easter Garden, see page seven

April 12 - In loving memory of Sarah Lajiness, given by Evelyn and Mark Lajiness

April 19 - In loving memory of Pete Maier, given by Barb Maier

April 26 - In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family.

The Chalice **April, 2026**

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Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays for in-person or live-streamed worship services. Our live-stream can be found on the HCLC Facebook page and the videos remain online to view later. Please call or email the office if you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our email list to receive the weekly bulletin and hymns.

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