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2025

Beloved People of God

*“God says to you...I love you. I am with you. I want to see you come closer to me and experience the joy and peace of my presence.
I want to give you a new heart and a new spirit. I want you to speak with my mouth, see with my eyes, hear with my ears, touch with my hands.
All that is mine is yours. Trust me and let me be your God.
Listening to God’s voice requires a real choice.
Not just once in a while, but every moment of each day and night...
you always have a choice to think, speak, and act in the name of God
so move toward the Light, the Truth, and the Life.
Remember: You are held safe. You are loved. You are protected.
You are in communion with God and with those whom God has sent you.
What is of God will last. It belongs to eternal life.”*

These words come from Henri Nouwen’s book, “The Inner Voice of Love.” Words that speak of how much we are loved by God and are called to listen and trust and remember.

In our culture, especially in February, love often becomes a commodity expressed in roses, chocolates and sweetly saturated words. Goodies and sentiments...all of which can be good...but also, can be fleeting. God’s love is anything but fleeting...it is eternal...it is life-giving...it is hope-filled! It is not based on what we’ve done or left undone. It simply is...always and forever...a gift. An unending, true blessing, undeserved gift.

My dearest friends in Christ, my prayer for each of us in this new year and always...is that we will know...truly know and believe and embrace in our hearts and in our minds that we are God’s beloved...cherished, adored, held, protected and loved beyond measure.....and nothing can change that...nothing can separate us from this unending love of God! What an incredibly blessed and eternal gift we’ve been given...thanks be to God!

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Laura

Annual Congregational Meeting February 9th

Our new youth service, Testify to Love, will be celebrated on February 9th. Immediately after the worship service we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. . We will be reviewing last year's highlights, dreams and finances as well as approve next years budget and discuss a 3 year capital campaign to begin in the spring for updates to our stained glass windows, elevator, parish house windows and retaining wall repair! Come and celebrate 2024 and hear about the exciting things we have coming up in 2025!

Cooking With Class! Back by Popular Demand!

Staci Joers will be back to HCLC on February 18 for an evening of learning, tasting, and fun! Class starts at 6PM and the cost is \$25. Class size is limited and usually sell out so sign up now!

This is the menu for the night:

Endive salad with toasted walnuts, bosc pears, shaved parmesan & white balsamic vinaigrette
Pork piccata with lemon and capers in tangy butter sauce
Roasted green beans with shallots & sliced almonds



Diaper Ministry

Thank you for your support of the Diaper Ministry! We are helping an average of 40 children and adults each session! New to the ministry is a monthly subscription to Diaper Depot & More in Kenosha. The Depot provides available diapers in varying sizes for \$30/month. Would you please consider sponsoring one month of the Diaper Depot delivery? Sponsorship would be a huge help in providing diapers and wipes to serve families in need. If you would like to sponsor a specific month in honor or memory of someone, please let us know. Also, if you have children's books at home you no longer need, please bring them in for the Diaper Ministry. Our next distribution dates are February 12th from 11AM to 1PM and February 26th from 4 PM – 6 PM. Please tell others about our ministry. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions. Thank you!

Food Pantry News

A big, big thank you to all of you who continue to share in the ministry of Christ through your food and monetary donations to the food pantry and to all who donate their time to volunteer to work in the pantry. For February we are asking for donations of tuna, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, pork & beans, jelly, and cereal.

Food Pantry Assistant Position

We are still looking for a food pantry assistant. This is a paid position. The assistant works 21-23 hours per week. Please contact Gregg Albright if you are interested or have questions. 262-989-6432.



Save the Date! Church Picnic August 10th!

I know as you look out the window to snow and bitter cold It is hard to believe summer is coming.....but it is! And with that comes our Church Picnic and outdoor service! This year's picnic will be August 10th at Pritchard Park, Wiczorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.)

Please mark your calendars for Aug 10th, and plan to join us for our church service, followed by food, fun and fellowship! And of Course Pastor Laura's brothers famous Pulled Pork! Watch for more details as we draw closer to the event! Summer will be here!!!!!!



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church February, 2025



NOISY OFFERING IMPACT

The 2024 Noisy Offering collections from January through May (\$2,107.02) were used to purchase two God's Global Barnyards and one Fish Farm through ELCA Good Gifts. Collections from mid-September through mid-November (\$760.56) were used to purchase socks for the Hospitality Center. The mid-November through December collections (\$398.12) were given to the HCLC Food Pantry.

Happy Valentine's Day...remind your children they are

GOD'S VALENTINE!



**Attention all Youth...of every age and grade 😊
(and any adults who want to join us as well)**

Pray for more snow!!! We're planning to go sledding with all of you on Sunday, February 23rd. We will gather together following worship and caravan over to Lockwood Park on Ohio Street. Parents, if you're able to help drive, please let Pastor Laura know. We can't wait to race you down the hill!!!!



8th Grade Confirmation Class

Our next time to gather is Sunday, February 16th following worship til noon (and please remember, each of you will be presenting your "Make A Difference Project"). 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. Snacks will be provided...looking forward to seeing you all!!!! (Please mark your calendars...Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday, June 8, 2025.)

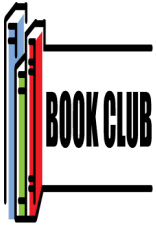
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YOUTH GATHERING REUNION!

Morgan, Eleanor, Arabella, Bella (if you're home from college), Dane, Kyler, Taige...and Patrick! It's time for a Gathering Reunion 😊....so we truly hope you're able to join us on Sunday, February 23rd from 5:00-6:30. We'll gather for dinner and hopefully play some hilarious games! Please sign up on Pastor Laura's office door so we can plan accordingly...can't wait to see you all together once again!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will gather by Zoom February 18th from 10:00 to 11:30. Since our connections didn't work in January we will discuss the same passages: Mark 14:12 to 14:31 on pages 385-399 in William Barclay. This is Holy Thursday when Jesus has the Last Supper with his disciples. Amazingly, Jesus has made all the preparations. Hopefully, preparations will be successful on February 18th at 10:00.



Book Club

Here's the book club news for our February 12th meeting. We will be discussing One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle.

Katy's mother, Carol has died. Carol was Katy's best friend, had all the answers, and now, Katy really needs her. They were planning a trip to Positano, the magical town where Carol spent the summer before she met Katy's father. As soon as Katy sets foot on the Amalfi coast, she feels her mother's spirit. Buoyed by the stunning scenery and the delectable food, Katy feels that she is coming back to life. Then Carol appears-in the flesh, sun-tanned and 30 years old. Katy finds it hard to believe. Katy now has the chance to get to know her mother as a young woman. Katy must reconcile the before young woman and after mother that she thought she knew.

We will be gathering at Rondi Jenkins's home, 6010 Potomac Place at 10:00-11:30. Please call Rondi to let her know that you will be attending, 262-221-5619.

Our book selection for March is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.

Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14th. The group meets once a month for fellowship and friendly discussion. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Mark at pastormark.hclc@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Ketchup Club

In February the Ketchup Club will gather at Aries Café, 4713 Douglas Ave. Join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25th. These gatherings are a fun way to "ketchup" with some old friends and make some new ones! Join us for some good food and good conversation!

February Birthday Club

Were you born in February? If you were, you should join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on February 13th at 10:00 to enjoy a birthday donut and celebrate with others who share your birth month. Come for a cup of coffee, a birthday song, conversation and some laughs. Hope to see you there!



Craft Fair Cancelled

The spring craft sale has been cancelled due to unseen circumstances. For questions or concerns please contact Rose Adamski at rradamski704@gmail.com.

Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Did you know we have a lending closet with medical equipment such as canes, walkers, shower chairs, etc. for people to borrow? Often these items are needed only for a short time after an illness or surgery, and they can be costly to purchase. Right now we have crutches, canes, raised toilet seats, shower chairs, walkers, and a wheel chair. You can use the borrowed equipment for as long as it is needed. We only have one or two of some items, so availability does vary. If you or a family member or friend needs an item, call the church office, 632-8802, and we will check to see if we have what you need available. If you have medical equipment you no longer need to use, please consider donating it to our lending closet. Donations can be brought to the church office during the week or to church on Sunday mornings.

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.



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!**

Quilting Group

The HCLC quilters meet at 1pm on the second and fourth Tuesday every month to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You do not have to have any prior quilting experience to help them. Please call Linda Holmquist, 262-633-0032 or Evelyn Lajiness 262-634-0527 if you would like more information.

Altar Flowers

There are still many Sundays available for you to purchase altar flowers. In fact, right now we have no flowers in January and just one Sunday filled in February. Each vase costs \$27.00 and we have room for two vases every week.

You can choose who you would like to have the flowers in honor or memory of and if you wish you can take the flowers home after the worship service or we will take them to one of our shut-in members. Call or email the church office to check on available dates (262-632-8802, office.hclc@gmail.com) or fill out this form and turn it in to the office with your payment. You can also find forms in the back of the church or in the welcome center.

Your name _____

Number of vases ordered _____ Total enclosed _____

Given in honor/memory of _____

Given by _____

Preferred Date _____ I will pick up my flowers _____

Alternate Dates _____

Given in honor/memory of _____

Given by _____

Preferred Date _____ I will pick up my flowers _____


Alternate Dates _____


February 2025


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	3 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	4	5	6 7:30 Senior Choir	7 12:30 Food Pantry	8
9 Testify to Love 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Annual Meeting	10 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music Team Meeting	11 1:00 Quilters	12 10:00 Book Club 11-1 Diaper Ministry	13 10:00 Birthday Club 7:30 Senior Choir	14 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	15
16 Setting 10 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class	17 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	18 10:00 Thrd Tuesday Bible Study 6:00 Cooking With Class	19	20 7:30 Senior Choir	21 12:30 Food Pantry	22 1:00 Organ Tour
23 Setting 8 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 All Ages, Sledding at Lockwood Park 5:00 Youth Gathering Reunion	24 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	25 9:30 Ketchup Club at Aries Café 1:00 Quilters	26 4-6 Diaper Ministry	27 7:30 Senior Choir	28 12:30 Food Pantry	

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live 

Opposite of dark 

Companion 

Hand greeting

Male adult

8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5

17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4

13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4

13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16

8 2 16 13 23 10 1 14 21

1 John 4:16, NIV

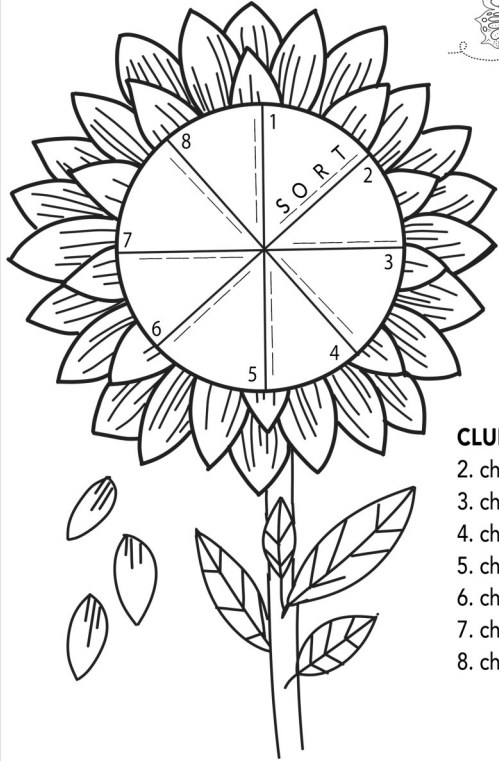
Answers: house, light, friend, wave, man; God is love, Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV



THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We _____ because [God] first _____ d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this (see 1 John 4:16).

Answers: fort, fold, gold, gown, down, dove, love; We love because [God] first loved us. 1 John 4:19, NIV



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward

Finance Update

December Finance Numbers	
Revenue:	\$97,528.73
Expense:	\$75,637.56
Net Income:	\$21,891.17

Year to Date Finance Numbers	
Revenue:	\$592,795.17
Expense:	\$561,138.33
Net Income:	\$31,656.84

February 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.

	February 2 9:30 a.m.	February 9 9:30 a.m.	February 16 9:30 a.m.	February 23 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Shelley Lussmyer		Sally Nietzel Thom Bodenbach	Jo Nissen
Lector	Sawyer Krenzke	Kyler Godson	Dane Simonovic	Jordan Doidge
Communion Assistants	Kyler Godson Kenzie Poffenberger	Sawyer Krenzke Finley Godson	Dane Simonovic Jameson Palmgren	Sawyer Krenzke Asia Doidge
AV Technicians	Kylee Albright	Barb Salvo	Alison Ferrentino Barb Salvo	Kathy Berg Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Jo Nissen	Lynn Sinclair	Christine Monreal	Shelley Lussmyer
Councilperson In Charge	Laurie Knudson	Joleen Carlson	Rose Adamski	
Ushers	Jim Buhler, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee			
Altar Guild	Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, and Lynn Riekkoff			

Altar Flowers

February 2 - In loving memory of Henry and Ruth Krikau, given by Tim and Keriann Krikau

February 9 - In memory of Dick & Effie Reitsma who are loved and missed by their family

February 16 -

February 23 - In memory of Arlene Howe on the birthday, given by her daughter, Cheryl Davis

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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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