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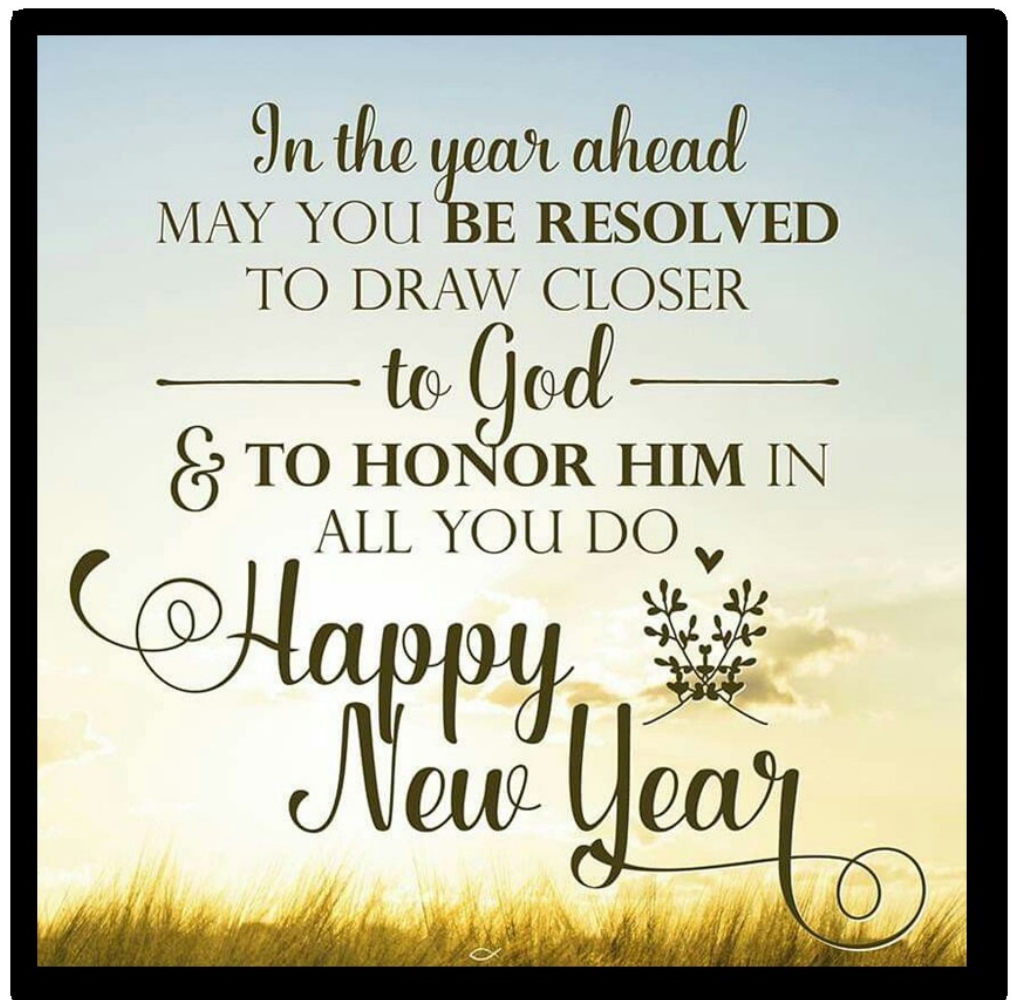
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2023

*The pastors and staff
would like to wish each of you
and your beloved families
a Happy and Blessed New Year.*





Thank you to our decorators!

Thank you to the hard-working crew of tree wranglers, garland fluffers and ornament hangers who decorated the sanctuary on Friday, December 2nd! Your efforts to make the sanctuary incredibly beautiful help to add to our worship during the Advent and Christmas season. You are much appreciated! Please say thanks to these folks when you see them!

John Adamski

Val Conner

Grace Deibert

Linda Godson

Mary Beth Huizinga

Harry Huizinga

Dave Knudson

Shelley Lussmyer

Carl Lussmyer

Andrew Palmgren

Cameron Palmgren

Jameson Palmgren

Barb Pedersen

Dwight Pedersen

Mindy Poffenberger

Kenzie Poffenberger and her friend Hattie

Brynlee Poffenberger

Barb Salvo

Randal Spiegelhoff

Daryle, Amy & Emily Sturino

Kalen Theusch

Jean Veltman

Pastor Laura

Pastor Mark



Removing the Greens

On Saturday, January 14th, starting at 9:00 a.m., we could really use your help doing the equally important but less glamorous job of taking down the Christmas decorations and packing them away until next year.

Many hands will make the work go much quicker. Please consider joining us and lending a hand!



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church January, 2023

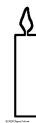
HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to the following children
who were baptized during the month of January:

Alice Barootian Jaxon Doidge Cory Mason

The children had a great time at **SANTA'S NIGHT OUT!** The night began with pizza and other treats. Then the kids got comfy on sleeping bags, pillows and beanbag chairs and enjoyed a bag of popcorn while watching the movie *The Star*. Continuing with the theme, the craft was making a star out of clothespins, glue and lots of glitter! The evening ended with *Patrick BeBow* reading The Night Before Christmas and the annual "silly" gift exchange. Hopefully, parents were able to get some errands and Christmas shopping done!

Thank you to everyone that brought cookies for the celebration in the Lounge after our Christmas program **LOOK FOR THE LIGHT**. We had a great variety of delicious treats!!! If you have shepherd costumes that your children have outgrown and you are just going to get rid of them, please bring them to church. We store them for other children to use in coming years.

May the *light* of Jesus shine in all of your lives this coming year...



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 8th.
SEE YOU THEN!!!**



2nd – 5th Grade Youth Group (Will usually meet the first Sunday)

All of our 2nd – 5th Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some Popcorn and Playtime on **Sunday, January 8th, from 11:00-12:00.**

6th – 8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class – Combined for the month of January

All of our 6th – 8th Graders are invited to join Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark on **Sunday, January 15th, from 11:00-12:00** for an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.



(Will usually meet the fourth Sunday)

All of our 9th – 12th Graders are invited to join the pastors for a time of fun and fellowship...and also to plan for future youth events, mission trips and gatherings. We need you and your input and look forward to hanging out, brainstorming and just having a good time with you! **This month we meet on Sunday, January 29th, from 11:00-12:00.** Snacks will be provided.



*We are called to Jesus Christ through the Gospel.
In response to this call, we gather to worship,
embrace each other in love and reach out to the world*

December 27, 2022

Dear friends at Holy Communion,

Many of you may already know the three Afghan men who came to us in February have now moved on. The first to go was Ezatullah, who joined Army friends in Nebraska. Next to leave us was Mohammed, who moved to San Antonio to join a brother and nephew there – but not before we managed to help him deal with some health issues. The last to leave, just recently, was Noor Wali Shah, whom we had grown to love. Noor Wali Shah worked at O & H Bakery for a number of months. (Thanks to Eric Olesen for facilitating his employment and that of three other Afghan refugees.) Noor Wali Shah decided to go to San Antonio with another Afghan family who had become his de facto family here in the States. We were sorry to see him go, but we support his decision to do so. And we wish all three of them well. Especially we hope that one day they will be able to bring their wives and children to the US.

Thanks to all of you who contributed money towards the expenses incurred. Thanks to others for your time in providing transportation, help with procuring necessary documents such as Wisconsin ID's, or teaching English. We'd like to single out Mary Beth and Harry Huizinga, Val Connor, Gregg and Kylee Albright, Cathie Lehman, but especially Ann Heide, who put in countless hours helping not only our three guys but also members of another Afghan family sponsored by the congregation at St. Mesrob.

And thanks to those of you who provided furnishings for the apartment. Next week, we will begin the work of reversing the process we started last January – i.e. returning the apartment to the empty state in which we found it. If anyone who donated items wants these items back, please contact one of us and we will make arrangements for you to come pick them up. Whatever is left will be donated to Feather a Nest, an organization that provides furniture and other household items for people who are starting from scratch due to eviction, homelessness, or losses due to fires or other events.

Again, thank you for joining us on this journey.

Sincerely,

Jeri Smith (262-627-9001)

John Lehman (262-880-3508)



The book club is reading a book about cold, as in a trip to the Antarctic. We will be reading the book The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition by Caroline Alexander. In August of 1914, Ernest Shackleton and 27 crew members set sail for the Antarctic in their ship, Endurance. They are trying to win the last unclaimed prize in the history of exploration: the first crossing on foot of the Antarctic continent. They come within 85 miles of their destination, when Endurance becomes trapped in the ice pack. Their ordeal would last 20 months. Alexander has included Australian photographer Frank Hurley's record of the adventure. The collection has never before been published so comprehensively. There are several other books available about this adventure.

If you are interested in discussing the Shackleton's expedition to Antarctic, want to learn more about it, or just review the photographs, you are welcomed to join us. We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home at 136 Steeplechase Dr, Racine on January 11, 2023 at 10 am.

Our future selections are Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver on February 8 and Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi on March 8. Homegoing is the Kenosha read for 2023.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

January 17th our study of the Gospel of Mark will begin our winter Zoom meetings. From 10:00 until 11:30 (or 12:00) we can stay out of the cold and get together by internet. Julie Burton will send out the connection in early January.

"The Mystery Of the Kingdom" begins on page 104 when Jesus is telling his disciples that they can understand "the knowledge of the kingdom of God" that many others may "hear and not understand."

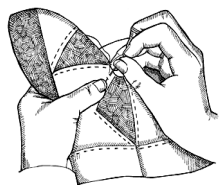
Then Jesus follows with the familiar parable of the Sower of the Seed in Mark 4:13-20. Barclay reminds us not to despair when it seems that all is fruitless (page 112). "Sow the seed. Leave the rest to God."

Mark 4:21 is another familiar saying of Jesus: a lamp is meant to be "brought in to be set upon a lamp stand" (page 112). Barclay tells the history of Christians who died rather than deny their faith (page 115-116). Are WE willing to stand up for our faith if challenged by critics or oppression?

This is a tough section in our study of Mark. It challenges our faith and our commitment. We are strengthened by meeting together on Zoom January 17th beginning at 10:00. So grateful for technology!

Circle of Hope Cancer Support

Our next gathering will be Thursday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge. You do not have to be a member of church so please come and join us. Anyone who has had cancer, had a family member or a friend with cancer, or has been a caregiver for someone with cancer is encouraged to come and share. Sometimes it really helps to talk with others who have experienced similar things. If you have any questions or suggestions for speakers or topics, please call Pat Barlament at 262-902-2808. See you then.



QUILTING GROUP

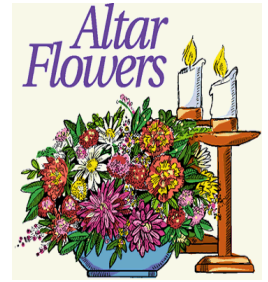
Quilting Group

The Quilting Group meets at 1:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to join them, even if you have no prior quilting experience, and they would love to have more help. If you have gently used full, queen or king size flat sheets that you no longer need, the quilters can use them for quilt backs. You can drop them off in the back of the church on Sunday morning or in the church office.

Call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527, if you have any questions.

Altar Flowers

We have **LOTS** of dates still available for altar flowers! Each vase is \$25.00 and if you wish you can pick the flowers up after the service. Right now we have no one signed up for January 15 and 29, February 5 and 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, April 2, May 7 and 28, June 25, July 2 and 30, August 20 and 27, September 10 and 17, October 22, November 5, 12, and 26, and December 10.



You can sign up in the church office or look for the Altar Flower binder in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday morning, or you can mail in this form.

Given in honor/memory of _____

Given by _____

Preferred Date _____

A big thank you to all who donated Thanksgiving food items! We received a record number of turkey donations this year. The food pantry volunteers served a lot of families in the two days before Thanksgiving!

For January the pantry is asking for donations of the following items:

- egg noodles
- saltines
- pork & beans
- tomato soup
- cereal
- instant potatoes



The pantry has not been receiving much food from the Racine County Food Bank or from the government, and the pantry's shoppers are even having a hard time buying many things that we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores. so we are incredibly grateful to all who add a few items for the pantry to their shopping carts. We know budgets are tight for many people and we give thanks for your generous gifts to our ministry.

We always need brown paper grocery bags and clean, lightly used, plastic shopping bags. If you receive calendars, greeting cards, or pens and pencils you will not use, please bring them to the pantry. We have also had requests for Bibles. If you have any Bibles you no longer use you can donate them to the pantry.

As always we are very grateful to all who contribute money and food and those who volunteer their time. We could not continue this ministry without you!

Finance Update

November

Revenue: \$39,665.35
Expenses: \$46,780.05
Net Income: (\$7,114.70)

Year to Date

Revenue: \$426,156.10
Expenses: \$495,810.86
Net Income: (\$69,654.76)



The beautiful poinsettias in our sanctuary at Christmas were in honor and memory of:

In memory of:

Cornelius and Mariane Vander Brug
Ray, Jeltje, Peter and Corine Lynn Vander Brug
Achille & Harriet Grenier and Eleanor & Jeffrey Bostetter
Pastor George & Adeline Overdier and
Fred & Cindy Overdier and family
Harvey & Jeanette Jensen
Diana Jensen
Dolly Johnson
Elmer Fiskum Family
Joe Cuccio
Loved ones
Her husband, Vernon Riekema
Dawn Barootian
Viggo Svendsen
Wally Nissen
Gerry Ebe
Don Dobrowski
Our loved ones
Jerry Johanneck
Kenneth & Edna Sorenson and Ben & Ione Holmquist
JoAnn Schwartz
Our loved ones
Family members
Raynor & Marion Theusch
Edwin & Lois Kalfahs
Jewel Marks
Ed & Mary Larsen
Jim Larsen
RJ & Helen Kovac
Michele David Kellner
Sandra Krogh
Arlene & Jerry Howe
Her father, Fred Patti

In honor of:

Her daughter, Julie Logic
Her daughter, Fawn Lipke
Jesus' birth
Her thoughtful and helpful family, Sharon & Jim
Ayotte, David & Patty Dobrowski & their girls
Our parents
My family, past, present and future
The beautiful kids of this church

Given by:

Jill Vander Brug
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Jill Vander Brug

Faith, Grace, Carol, Tim & Beth
Linda Jensen
Linda Jensen
Bill Johnson
Bill Johnson
Kathy Cuccio and the Cuccio Family
Tom & Evelyn Lajiness
Carol Riekema
Her family
His family
Jo Nissen
Jo Nissen
Gloria and her loving family
The Fox & Fitzpatrick families
Matthew & Kaytie Wolf
Linda & Wayne Holmquist
The Sinclair family
The Sinclair family
Karen Larson
Jim & Kalen Theusch
Jim & Kalen Theusch
Fred Marks
Bob & Karen Larsen, and Amy Larsen
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Bob & Karen Larsen
Cheryl Davis
Cheryl Davis
Cheryl Davis
Mary Beth Huizinga

Given by:

Barb Maier
Barb Maier
Lori Neu

Gloria Dobrowski
Matthew & Kaytie Wolf
Susan Anderson
Kate Potter Barrow

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lessons and Carols 9:30 Worship	2 1:00 Food Pantry	3	4	5 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	6 1:00 Food Pantry	7
8 O the Joy 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 2nd - 5th Grade Youth	9 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music Team	10 1:00 Quilters	11 10:00 Book Club	12 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	13 1:00 Food Pantry	14 9:00 Taking Down the Greens
15 Setting 10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 6th - 8th Grade Youth	16 MLK Day Office Closed 1:00 Food Pantry	17 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	18	19 10:00 Cancer Support Group 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	20 1:00 Food Pantry	21
22 We are Called 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	23 1:00 Food Pantry	24 1:00 Quilters	25	26 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	27 1:00 Food Pantry	28
29 O the Joy 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 High School Youth	30 1:00 Food Pantry	31				

January 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.

	January 1 9:30am	January 8 9:30am	January 15 9:30am	January 22 9:30 am	January 29 9:30 am
Greeter	Don Lautz	Lynn Helmke	Lori Neu	Kay Krause	Jo Nissen
Lector	Lynn Sinclair	Don Lautz	Dave Knudson	John Lehman	Steve Barootian
Communion Assistant	None needed	Lynn Helmke Penny Haakenson	Don Lautz Patrick BeBow	John Lehman Dave Knudson	Steve Barootian Jim Black
AV Technicians	Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen Barb Salvo	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Bonnie Rickenbaugh	Rose Adamski	Shelley Lussmyer	Cory & Rebecca Mason	
Councilperson In Charge	Dave Knudson	Joleen Carlson	Andy Larson	Laurie Knudson	Andy Larson
Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Liesner, Gary Wood				
Altar Guild	Lana Buhler, Lois Bucholz, Sandy Ivanoski, Laura Jansen, Kay Krause, Joni Reske				

January Altar Flowers

January 1 - No flowers

January 8 - In memory of George Hahner given by Naomi Hahner, Kristin Hahner, and Heidi Komistra

January 15 - No flowers

January 22 - In memory of Helen Kovac given by Bob & Karen Kovac Larsen

January 29 - No flowers

The Chalice **January 2023**

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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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