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2025



"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"
SAYS THE LORD.

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."

JEREMIAH 29:11



String Players for the Healing Service - March 9

The worship team has scheduled a healing service, With Sighs Too Deep For Words, for the first Sunday in Lent, March 9th. If any of our string players want to participate (please do!), contact Kate (262.498.7593) and she'll put you in touch with Ann Lamar-Heide who will lead the strings for this service.

Diaper Ministry

The Diaper Ministry is growing! Did you know that due to employee and volume discounts we can buy a great box of diapers or six packages of wipes for just \$10.00? Each box of diapers will help two to four babies! We would love to start 2025 with a healthy number of diapers and wipes and are asking you to consider donating \$10 to the diaper ministry. We have some lime green envelopes on the tables in the sanctuary to make it easy for you to donate. Also, our clients love taking home a book for their child. Do you have children's books at home you could donate to the DM?



In January we will be open on the 9th from 11-1 and on the 22nd from 4-6. Please share this information with anyone you know who might need help with diapers. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net for more information.

Taking Down The Greens



What goes up must come down! We will take down the trees, garlands, and other decorations on Sunday, January 12th after the worship service. Even if you can only help for a short time, every pair of hands will make the job go more quickly. Please consider staying after worship to help us put away our beautiful decorations until next year!

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

Upside-down apple blackberry cake with semi-homemade salted honey ice cream.



Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet by ZOOM in January. Julie will be in Phoenix over the winter months so she can continue to lead our study on the Gospel of Mark staying warm in our homes and on the computer. It will be January 21st from 10:00 to 11:30 discussing Mark 14:12 to Mark 14:31 on pages 385 to 399 in William Barclay.

This section of Mark begins with "Preparing For the Feast"(Mark 14:12-16). Barclay's points out that Jesus had made arrangements for the upper room just as he had arranged for the colt on Palm Sunday.

In "Love's Last Appeal" (Mark 15:17-21) Jesus is offering Judas a chance to reconsider his betrayal. As Judas leaves, Jesus takes the bread and wine for the Passover Feast and they become "The Symbol of Salvation" Mark 14:22-26 (page 392).

In Mark 14:27-31 Jesus shares his awareness that "You will all fall away from me" (14:27). This is a tough question for each of us. Will we stand by our faith when it is challenged? We participate in worship and study to keep us firm in our beliefs.

January 21st from 10:00 to 11:30 be on a Zoom call with Julie Burton.



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church January, 2025



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

Alice Barootian Jaxon Doidge Luke Ricchio

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 while watching the movie *The Star*. After the movie, Patrick BeBow read The Night Before Christmas and led 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!

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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 12th.
SEE YOU THEN!!!**

THANK YOU!

Look for the Light, HCLC's beloved Christmas program, could not have taken place these last 30 years without the efforts of many. Profuse and warm thank yous to all of the adults who pitched in to bring the program to fruition. Most importantly, thanks to our willing and amazing children who brought the beloved story of Jesus' birth to life for us once again. Blessings abound! Kate

Youth Led Service - February 9!

Our new youth led service, Testify to Love, will be celebrated again on Sunday, February 9th at 9:30 A.M. We will rehearse Sundays starting January 12 - February 2 during our regular rehearsal time. Special rehearsals and a prayer writing session will be scheduled according to the availability of the middle and high school youth. If anyone is busy Sundays but would like to participate, Contact me to get song words, song links, etc., and know that I will meet with you whenever and wherever you're available. It's best to text me at 262.498.7593. Kate

Finance Update

November Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$57,288.77

Expense: \$40,263.67

Year-to-date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$495,266.44

Expense: \$485,252.07



After the business of the month of December Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura look forward to the month of January and getting to spend time together with all of our youth!

2nd - 4th Graders...and 5th-7th Graders



We're going to meet with all of you on Sunday, January 12th. We will gather together following worship and meet til Noon. We're looking forward to seeing you and definitely playing hide and seek with you all!!!

8th Grade Confirmation Class

(We will usually meet on the third Sunday of the month)

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. **Our next time to gather is Sunday, January 19th...we'll begin following worship and meet til Noon. Snacks will be provided...looking forward to seeing you all!!! (Please mark your calendars...Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday, June 8, 2025.)**



9th-12th Graders!!!! The pastors can't wait to have you join them for a time to check in with your hearts and minds, perhaps be a bit goofy, have a blast, and help cook dinner with them!!! That's right, "Dinner...or perhaps you call it supper." The next time we meet is Sunday, January 19th from 5:00-6:30PM...and we'll begin in the kitchen where we'll all help prepare a meal to enjoy! See you there and come hungry!!!

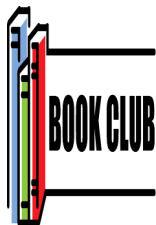
Food Pantry News

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. It would not be possible to continue in this ministry to feed the hungry in our community without the generous support of this congregation, other area churches, schools, businesses and community organizations. For the month of January we are asking for personal care items that many of our clients ask about. We are looking for bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, toothpaste, single toothbrushes, and body wash.



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.



Book Club

The book club will be meeting on January 8, 2025 at 10:00-11:30. At this meeting, we will be discussing Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman who saved the Appalachian Trail by Ben Montgomery.

Emma Gatewood, 67, a great-grandmother, told her family she was going for a walk. She left her small Ohio farm with a change of clothes and about two hundred dollars. The next they heard, she had walked 800 miles of the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. By September 1955, she stood atop Maine's Mount Katahdin and proclaimed, "I said I'll do it and I've done it!" Grandma Gatewood not only hiked the trail alone, she was the first person to walk it twice and three times. The public attention and her television appearances brought attention to the lousy, difficult stretches of the trail which led to bolstered maintenance and very likely saved the trail from extinction. The author shines a fresh light on one of America's most celebrated hikers.

We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home. Please give Julie a call at 262-639-5914 for directions to her home. Our February meeting will be by ZOOM. Watch for the information about what our next book will be.



Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10th. 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!

January Birthday Club

Were you born in January? If you were, you should join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on January 9th 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!



Ketchup Club

In January the Ketchup Club will gather at Mrs. Rivers Bakery and Smokehouse, 9604 Durand Ave. in Sturtevant. Join us for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, January 28th. We have not eaten at this newer restaurant but have heard rave reviews. 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!

Blankets for the Hospitality Center

Do you have gently used blankets you no longer need? We are collecting them to bring to the Hospitality Center, where they will be given away during our cold winter months. Blankets can be dropped off in the church on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week.

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 _____



The poinsettias decorating the sanctuary this Christmas were given in memory or honor of:

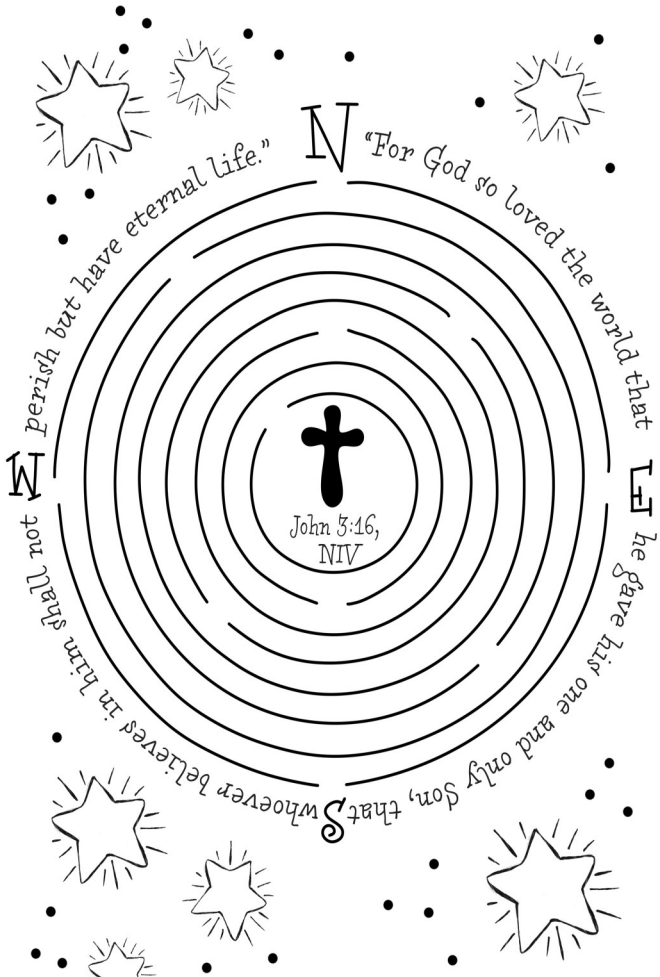
- In memory of Diana Jensen, given by her sister, Linda Jensen
- In memory of Harvey and Jeanette Jensen, given by their daughter, Linda Jensen
- In memory of Vernon Riekema, given by his wife, Carol Riekema
- In memory of Arlene and Jerome Howe, given by their daughter, Cheryl Davis
- In memory of Michele (Davis) Kellner, given by her mother, Cheryl Davis
- In memory of Sandra Krogh, given by her sister, Cheryl Davis
- In memory of Raynor and Marion Theusch, given by the Jim Theusch family
- In memory of Edwin and Lois Kalfahs, given by the Jim Theusch family
- In memory of Mabel and Oscar Krause, given by their daughter, Kay Krause
- In memory of Bill and Josie Beckett, beloved parents and grandparents, by the Chavez family
- In memory of Domingo Chavez, beloved husband, dad, and grandpa, by the Chavez family
- In memory of George V. Nissen, given by Jo Nissen
- In memory of Tim Cagle, given by Jo Nissen
- In memory of her sister, JoAnn Schwartz, given by Lynn Sinclair
- In memory of all of their loved ones, given by the Sinclair family
- In memory of Wally Nissen, given by Jo Nissen
- In memory of their loved ones, given by Tom and Evelyn Lajiness
- In honor of her family, past and present, given with love by Susan Anderson
- In memory of Dolly Johnson, given by William Johnson
- In honor of Mae & Elmer Fiskum, given by William Johnson
- In honor of her family, given by Joni Reske
- In honor of her granddaughter, Isadora Torres' 13th birthday, given by Lori Neu
- In honor of her family, given by Barbara Maier
- In memory of Don Dobrowski, given with love by Gloria and family
- In memory of her nephews Ken and Bill Desens, given with love by Aunt Gloria Dobrowski
- In honor of her helpful family given with love and thankfulness by Gloria Dobrowski
- In memory of our parents and grandparents, given by their loved ones
- In memory of Dave, given by Linda Fox
- In memory of Cornelius and 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 and Harriet Grenier and Eleanor and Jeffrey Bostetter, given by Jill Vander Brug
- In memory of Marilyn Lash, given by Bob and Karen Larsen
- In memory of Rudy and Helen Kovac, given by Bob and Karen Larsen
- In memory of Edward and Mary Larsen, given by Bob, Karen, and Amy Larsen
- In memory of Kenneth and Edna Sorenson and Ione and Ben Holmquist, given by Linda and Wayne Holmquist
- In honor of all the talented musicians of Holy Communion, given by Greg and Kathy Berg
- In honor of Kate Potter Barrow's many gifts, given by Greg and Kathy Berg
- In honor of HCLC's beautiful and talented kids, given by Kate Potter Barrow

January

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <i>Setting 3</i> 9:30 Worship	6 12:30 Food Pantry	7	8 10:00 Book Club 11:00 Diaper Ministry	9 10:00 Birthday Club 7:30 Senior Choir	10 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	11
12 <i>We Are Called</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Taking Down the Greens 10:30 2nd - 4th and 5th - 7th Grade Youth Groups	13 10:00 Bible Study Breakfast 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music Team	14 1:00 Quilting Group	15	16 7:30 Senior Choir	17 12:30 Food Pantry February Challice Deadline	18
19 <i>Setting 4</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 9th - 12th Grade Youth	20 12:30 Food Pantry	21 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	22 4:00 Diaper Ministry	23 7:30 Senior Choir	24 12:30 Food Pantry	25
26 <i>O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	27 12:30 Food Pantry	28 1:00 Quilting Group 11:30 Ketchup Club	29	30 7:30 Senior Choir	31 12:30 Food Pantry	

Puzzle!

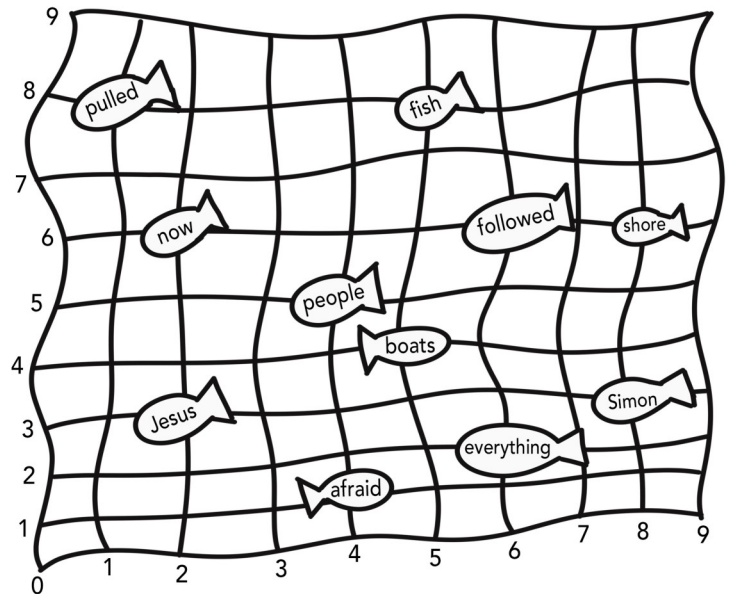
Complete the maze to help people from all directions hear the good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read John 3:16, NIV.



FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to _____, "Don't be _____; from _____
 on you will _____ for _____." So they _____ their
 _____ up on _____, left _____ and _____ him.

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed

Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days



Answer: C (See Luke 2:46.)

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

—Vern McLell

December 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 5 9:30 a.m.	January 12 9:30 a.m.	January 19 9:30 a.m.	January 26 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Jo Nissen		Sally Nietzel Thom Bodenbach	Kay Krause
Lector	Lynn Sinclair	Joleen Carlson	Sheri Krenzke	Marianne Jensen
Communion Assistants	Linda Godson	Joleen Carlson Gary Wood	Lynn Helmke Sheri Krenke	Roger Degerman Amy Larsen
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke	Kylee Albright	Todd Jansen	Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship				
Councilperson In Charge	Joleen Carlson	Dave Knudson	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, Gary Wood			
Altar Guild	Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, Joni Reske			

Altar Flowers

January 5 - Available

January 12 - Available

January 19 - Available

January 26 - Available

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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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