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Easter 4B: Good Shepherd Sunday.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

When I read this, I realize that Jesus is not done yet. Despite his healings, despite his preaching, despite all that he has already done. Jesus is still not done gathering disciples. He still has more sheep to reach, sheep that are not in his fold. By extension, I'd suggest that God – isn't done yet – either. And this matters for at least three reasons.

First. God continues to call people from all walks of life, from every nation on the earth, and from each and every generation. Here... I am thinking about new ministry projects – like our diaper ministry. And here, I am thinking about our young people who will be confirmed in a couple of weeks.

Second. God is at work – through us. The way we live and the way that we love... is the way that others might come to find Jesus. And as Martin Luther said... we can do this in every walk of life. We can tell people about Jesus, by simply being kind. We can tell people about Jesus by living generously, and we can tell people about Jesus by inviting them to church.

Third. The sheep who will one day constitute Jesus' flock are beyond our imagination. Jesus is not done yet. He is still calling us. He is still searching for us, and he is still at work in our lives and in the world. I think this third point is really interesting. I know a lot of people who are worried that their children or friends no longer go to church regularly. But that doesn't mean that God isn't at work in their lives. This text tells us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for us... but not only us, but people in other folds too. God's work – is beyond our imagination, and He is still at work, here and there and everywhere, even through us. We may have anxieties about the future of the church. We may be worried about friends and loved one's who are not practicing their faith... right now. But that doesn't mean that God has given up on them. And it doesn't mean that their lives of faith won't be revitalized. It might look different. But we have to believe and trust... that God is still at work. Stay vigilant, stay hopeful. God is never done – working in our lives or in the larger world. But if you are unsure about how to live this life of faith... just follow Jesus' one command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this... everyone will know that you are my disciples. By this, God is at work. By this, people will see Jesus. By this, we will all find him.

Grace and Peace to You All
God is at work – through your love.
Pastor Mark



Food Pantry

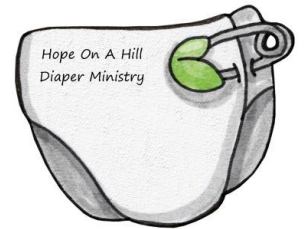
The number of clients our pantry has been serving is increasing while the amount of food we receive from Racine County Food Bank and the government has been much smaller than in the past. This means we have had to purchase much more food. Sharon totaled the cost of the items the pantry purchases for a family of four and it added up to \$ 33.31, and more for a larger family. On Friday, May 23rd the pantry served 58 families, a total of 198 individuals. With numbers like these we are quickly going through the money in the pantry account. We need your help! Please consider picking up a few extra items when you shop for your family or make a financial contribution to the pantry.

For June the pantry is asking for donations of 10 oz. cans of tomato soup, 10 oz. cans of chicken noodle soup, 15 oz. cans of pork & beans, 15 oz. cans of peaches, 15 oz. cans of mixed fruit, 15 oz. cans of pasta with meat (spaghettios, etc.). Please do not donate any animal food. We can also use your lightly used plastic shopping bags and large, brown paper bags which we use to pack groceries.

We also collect pens and pencils, cookbooks, and greeting cards to share with our clients. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the pantry and to our wonderful, dedicated volunteers. We could not do this without you!

Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Bob and Karen Larsen for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in honor of their daughter Jocelyn's birthday. The Diaper Depot is a non-profit in Kenosha that collects diaper donations and shares them with area diaper ministries for \$30/month. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



Our next distribution dates are June 11th from 11AM to 1PM and June 25th from 4PM – 6PM. Please tell others about our ministry. If you have children's books at home you no longer need, please donate them to the Diaper Ministry. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Save the Dates: Relay for Life, Friday, June 13, 2025 Luminary Workshop June 8th After Church



The Annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held Friday, June 13th at Campus Park, 8500 Campus Drive in Mount Pleasant. The event begins at 6PM. You are invited to stop in and walk to get some extra steps for the day. There is food to purchase and raffles to raise additional money. Remember to stop at the Shorewest Realtors booth, we have the best gift basket raffles. The Luminaries are lit about 9 pm.

Susan Anderson will have luminaria bags for you to purchase and decorate after church on June 8th. You can decorate on the spot or bring them home and return to church by June 11th. The minimum donations is \$10. Your contribution will help save lives, give hope, and empower people through the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission. Please contact Susan Anderson with any questions at 262-902-5334 or susananderson@shorewest.com

Ketchup Club

The Ketchup Club has moved to the first Tuesday of the month to allow more people to attend! In June the Ketchup Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd at Martha's Pancake House, 2913 Taylor Avenue. These casual get-togethers are a wonderful way to "catch up" with old friends and make some new ones. If you know you will be there, please contact Pastor Laura, pastor-laura.hclc@gmail.com, or the office, office.hclc@gmail.com, to help us reserve the right size table. If you suddenly find yourself free that day we will happily make room for you, so please come and join us!





The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church June, 2025



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to *Peyton Larson*
who was baptized during the month of June.

On May 4th we celebrated First Communion for three of our children.

They and their families attended classes to learn about communion and answered the question:

"What Does Receiving Holy Communion Mean To Our Family?"

"To be thankful for everything and everyone. It means you are growing up and moving toward adulthood. You are ready to receive the body of Christ and become a fuller member of the church. As we receive the body and blood of Jesus, we remember his sacrifice and his unconditional love for everyone. We must strive every day to live as Jesus taught us."

-Giulia Marie Ferrentino

"Each time that I receive communion, I will remember all that Jesus did and how very much he loves me."

-Amelia Mae Haakenson

"To our family it means receiving a gift in remembrance of God and to join his table for a special meal. It is also a symbol of our relationship with God and our faith."

-Jameson John Palmgren

During our **Last Day of Sunday School**, the children enjoyed sausages and waffles with many toppings to choose from! A special thank you to Patrick BeBow, Andy Larson and several of our youth for helping with Sunday School all year!

See below for information regarding **2025 Vacation Bible School**. Additional information will be communicated by email.
Please save the dates!



"We have this HOPE as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 69

"When we hold tightly to God's hope, we stay steady through every storm. His hope anchors our souls and opens our eyes to the blessings around us-filling us with peace and thankfulness.

**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025
June 29, July 13, August 17**

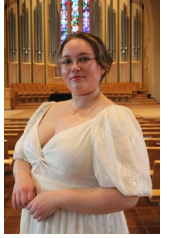
Activities will begin with the children's sermon each Sunday and end with a family meal at 11:30am.

**BIBLE STORY
CRAFTS
GAMES**



Rachel Christensen

Rachel Christensen, daughter of Elizabeth and Dave Christensen, is a BM violin performance and BA history major from Mount Pleasant, WI. In her four years in the St. Olaf Orchestra, Rachel has been concertmaster and principal second violin, sophomore representative on the council, and orchestra librarian. Rachel is forever grateful to have been so involved with the orchestra. She will cherish the traditions, laughs, and banter of her orchie family, and will continue winking at whoever dares to make eye contact. After graduation, Rachel will spend the summer as a student at the Aspen Music Festival and School and plans to audition for graduate school in the fall.



Elizabeth Hanstedt

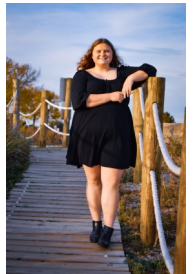
On May 17, 2025, Elizabeth Hanstedt, daughter of Keri and Christian Hanstedt, graduated from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse with an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry. While Lizzy is closing her chapter as a UWL Eagle, her journey is just beginning. She's now heading back to southeastern Wisconsin — this time as a Golden Eagle — as she begins her next chapter at Marquette University, pursuing her Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Morgan Larson

Morgan Elizabeth Larson, daughter of Amy and Andy Larson is graduating from William Horlick High School. Morgan will be attending University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh this fall, majoring in Elementary Education with plans to teach 3rd thru 5th grade after college

During her high school career, Morgan ...

- * Played JV Basketball Freshman & Sophomore year and then was a student manager for Varsity Girls Basketball Junior and Senior year.
- * Played JV Girls Softball Freshman - Senior year (First Base, Outfield)
- * Inducted into National Honor Society during Sophomore year
- * Student Ambassador Freshman - Senior year
- * Member of the Horlick Orchestra Freshman - Senior Year (violin)
- * Youth Apprentice at Wadewitz Elementary (teaching in a 4th grade classroom) Senior Year
- * Teaching Assistant at Horlick High School (Instrumental Music)
- * Works at Swan's Pumpkin Farm (Falls 2022-2024)
- * Volunteer with the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin
- * Volunteer with Koos for Kids Organization



Ben Menzhuber

Ben Menzhuber, son of Barb and Mike Menzhuber, is graduating from The Prairie School. Ben will attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas Texas. He plans to major in Pre-Med with a minor in Neuroscience, along with a B.M. in piano performance.

LeLu Schyvinck-Valdez

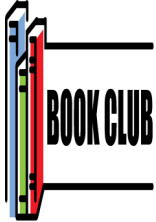
LeLu Schyvinck-Valdez, daughter of Justin and Angie Barbee, graduated from UW-Parkside with a BS in Psychology.

Vote on Constitution Changes- Sunday, June 15th

There will be a vote on some minor changes to the HCLC constitution before the worship service begins on Sunday, June 15th.

June Birthday Club

Were you born in June? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, June 12th at 10:00 to enjoy a birthday donut and celebrate with others born in June. Come for a cup of coffee, a birthday song, conversation and some laughs. Hope to see you there!



The book club's June meeting will be June 11th at 10 - 11:30. We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home. We are planning on discussing The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf. The true crime writer, Wylie Lark is snowed in at an isolated farmhouse. It's cozy with a fireplace and she can begin to write her new book. In this very house, decades earlier, two people were murdered and a girl disappeared. As the storm worsens, Wylie feels trapped and is haunted by secrets within the walls and her own secrets. Wylie finds a small child in the snow and brings her inside for warmth and safety. However, it soon becomes clear that the farmhouse isn't as isolated as she thought. Is someone watching them? Do they mean to do harm to Wylie and the girl?

Please call Julie at 262-639-5914, if you would like to join our discussion.

For our July meeting, we will be discussing Of Love and Treason by Jamie Ogle. If you want to read ahead, for August we plan to discuss The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

June 17th will begin the study of the Book of Acts using the study guide by William Barclay. This is a good opportunity for new members to learn with us about the early Christian church. We learned in the Introduction that the author of Acts was Luke, a doctor and valued helper to Paul who actually was a companion to Paul during his last imprisonment. Acts begins telling us that Jesus appeared many times to his disciples during forty days after his resurrection. Then he tells them that the Holy Spirit would come upon them to grant them the power to be witnesses throughout the earth. That was the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to the Christian Church and commissioned them to spread the Christian faith.

This is a great way to learn how the early Church spread from Jerusalem to Rome and throughout the known world. Luke was a Gentile and made it clear that Christianity was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Within thirty years Christianity had spread to Rome. Luke tells us of Paul, a Roman citizen protected by Roman law, was able to spread the gospel throughout the Roman empire. Acts is a dramatic account of the early Christian church. Join us in this great study on Tuesday, June 17th, from 10:00 to 11:30 at the home of Julie Burton 136 Steeplechase Drive.

Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13th. The group meets once a month for fellowship and friendly discussion and they would be happy to have more men join them. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Mark at pastormark.hclc@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Finance Update

April 2025 Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$75,648.45
Expense: \$46,792.74
Net Income: \$28,855.71

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$231,183.6
Expense: \$199,752.40
Net Income: \$31,431.21

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 We Are Called 9:30 Worship 10:45 Stained Glass Window Presentation	2 12:30 Food Pantry	3 9:30 Ketchup Club @ Martha's Pancake House	4	5	6 12:30 Food Pantry	7
8 Setting 3 Pentecost Sunday 9:30 Worship/Confirmation	9 12:30 Food Pantry	10 1:00 Quilters	11 11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry	12 10:00 Birthday Club	13 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	14
15 Setting 10 Father's Day 9:30 Worship	16 10:00 Bible Study Breakfast at The Meadows Restaurant 12:30 Food Pantry	17 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	18	19	20 12:30 Food Pantry	21
22 O the Joy 9:30 Worship	23 12:30 Food Pantry	24 1:00 Quilters	25 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry	26	27 12:30 Food Pantry	28
29 Setting 4 9:30 Worship	30 12:30 Food Pantry					

Save the Date! Church Picnic August 10th!

Please mark your calendars for Aug 10th, and plan to join us for our church picnic on August 10th at Pritchard Park, Wieczorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.) The outdoor service will be at 9:30, followed by food, fun and fellowship. And of course we will have Pastor Laura's brother David's famous Pulled Pork! Watch for more details as we draw closer to the event!



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!**

Shop With Scrip



Scrip cards are available to purchase every Sunday morning. You can buy or order gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, department stores, restaurants, online retailers, and even hotels and other travel related businesses. Scrip is an easy way for you to support the church as you do your day to day shopping. HCLC purchases the cards for a discounted rate so we earn a percentage for every card you purchase. You pay the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card. There are lists of the participating retailers in the Welcome Center and on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Scrip cards make great gifts and are easy to tuck into cards for graduations, weddings, or any gift giving occasion! Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions contact Kylee at kygregg@me.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, 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.



Hospital Visitation

Please remember to contact the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or becomes home bound. **Due to HIPPA privacy laws, medical facilities cannot release information on their patients, so the church will not know you have been ill.** You can decide if you want to receive a visit or have your name on the prayer list read in church. If you wish, along with the visits we will add your/their name to the mailing list for the newsletters and the wonderful holiday cards from our Sunday School students. If you notice a friend or someone who usually sits near you in church is not attending for a stretch, we would like you to tell us that too, so we can check in with them. You can contact the church office at office.hclc@gmail.com, or 262-632-8802.

June 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.

	June 1 9:30 a.m.	June 8 9:30 a.m.	June 15 9:30 a.m.	June 22 9:30 a.m.	June 29 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Kay Krause	Evelyn Lajiness Joni Reske	Christine Monreal	Sally Neitzel Thom Bodenbach	Don Lautzz
Lector	Marianne Jensen	Danielle Simonovic	Gary Wee	Joleen Carlson	Lynn Sinclair
Communion Assistants	Sheri Krenzke Sawyer Krenzke	Carrie Jansen Thomas Mentch	Roger Degerman Gary Wee	Joleen Carlson Amy Larsen	Carrie Jansen Joleen Carlson
AV Technicians	Barb Salvo Asia Doidge	Todd Jansen	Alison Ferrentino	Kylee Albright Sawyer Krenzke	Lynn Helmke
Coffee Fellowship	None Needed	Evelyn Lajiness	Christine Monreal		
Councilperson In Charge	Kylee Albright	Polly Timmerman	Bob Larsen	Joleen Carlson	Rose Adamski
Ushers	Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait				
Altar Guild	Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, Lynn Riekkoff				

June Altar Flowers

June 1 - In memory of Mabel and Oscar Krause, given by Kay Krause.

June 8 - In honor of the confirmands, given by the Palmgren family.

June 15 - In memory of Don Dobrowski, given by Gloria & family with all their love.

**June 22 - In honor of John & Dianne Palmgren's wedding anniversary on April 6th,
given by Andrew, Jenny, Cameron and Jameson.**

June 29 - For peace in the world, given by Cindy Myhre.

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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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