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A Prayer for Your Lenten Journey

Lord of mercy and everlasting hope,
 In this sacred season of Lent, I come with my heart ready to be changed.
 I bring to you my doubts, my fears, my failings—
 trusting that your light is stronger than any darkness I face.
 You are the dawn that breaks the longest night.
 Shine into every hidden place within me,
 where shame has lingered, where worry has taken root,
 where sin has cast its shadow.
 Let your light pour in like a rising sun,
 warming my spirit, renewing my strength,
 and awakening me to the beauty of your truth.
 Lead me along the path of grace, where forgiveness flows like a river,
 where love restores what was broken,
 and where peace settles deep into my soul.
 Teach me to see the world through your eyes of compassion,
 to notice the lonely, to lift the weary and to speak words that bring life.
 Lord, help me to walk as a child of your light— not hesitantly,
 but with confidence in your promises and always remembering the cross,
 where darkness and death were overcome and hope was born anew.
 May this Lenten journey for me be more than a season—
 may it be a transformation.
 Let repentance soften my heart, let prayer draw me closer to you,
 and let acts of love become the rhythm of my days.
 And when Easter morning comes,
 may I rise with you into the fullness of joy,
 standing in the brilliance of your light and love,
 where the stone is rolled away,
 death is silenced,
 and all things are made new.
 Amen.

A most blessed journey of Lent to each and every one of you...
 God’s love and peace, Pastor Laura





Lenten Meals and Worship Services

The four Wednesdays in Lent we will worship at 7:00 p.m. The theme for our Lenten worship services is Out of Darkness Into Light. All are invited to join us for a meal at 6:00 p.m. before worship. There will be a sign up sheet in the lounge if you are able to bring something to share for the meal. We hope you will join us on our Lenten journey.

Time For Reflection and Contemplation Before Worship

During the season of Lent, we want to be sure that those who want to have a time of contemplation and reflection before worship are able to do so. As the service begins, the pastors will be calling for people to quiet themselves and prepare their hearts for worship as the final prelude piece is played.



Diaper Ministry

Kristin Hahner has sponsored the March Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Teresa McMorris. Thank you!

Please consider supporting the Diaper Ministry by sponsoring a month of Diaper Depot delivery for \$30.

Our March distribution dates are March 11 th from 11AM – 1PM and March 25 th from 4 –6PM. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer.

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 count not continue this ministry without your help!



During the month of March he pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. pkgs. of rice, 1 lb. pkgs. of spaghetti, side dishes, canned pineapple, and saltines. We can also use clean, lightly used grocery store size plastic shopping bags, large brown paper bags, 2026 calendars, cookbooks, children’s Bible storybooks, greeting cards, and pens and pencils.

Ketchup Club Date Changed to March 10th!



We’re gathering for lunch at Dragon Pit BBQ, 322 6th St. at 11:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 10th** because they will be closed March 3rd. These gatherings are a fun way to “catch up” with old friends and make some new ones! Please let Pastor Laura pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com or the office, office.hclc@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!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet by Zoom March 17th from 10:00 until 11:30 to discuss Acts 9:32 to 11:18 on pages 89 to 102 in William Barclay. This section tells us about Peter who witnessed the paralytic being healed. Peter has a life-changing experience when the Lord sends him to witness to Cornelius, a Gentile. As we learn about the early church, we also examine our own prejudices. Tuesday, March 17, at 10:00 Rondi Jenkins invites you to her house (phone number 262:221-5619) for the zoom discussion.

Finance Update

January Finance Numbers
Revenue: \$75,436.60
Expense: \$66,130.92
Net Income: \$9,305.68

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The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church March, 2026



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to Leo BeBow-Rat
who was baptized during the month of March.



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, March 1st**. We will gather together following Sunday School 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, March 8th following worship and meet until Noon**. Snacks will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you all!!!

For March, the book club is reading The Second Mrs. Astor, A Novel of the Titanic by Shana Abe.

John Jacob "Jack" Astor is a hero of the Spanish-American war, an inventor, and a canny businessman. Madeleine is beautiful and intelligent. They are leagues apart. Despite their 29-year difference and Jack's recent divorce, they fall in love. On their return from their extended honeymoon, they are sailing on the Titanic. The ship hits an iceberg. Jack assures Madeleine that he will see her soon in New York. Four months later, the widowed Madeleine gives birth to a son. Madeleine must decide what her future will be.



We are meeting by Zoom on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00. You can call Julie Burton at 262-639-5914 to get the link. Or call Rondi Jenkins at 262-221-5619, we will meet at her home, 6010 Potomac Place, to share the Zoom link.

For those who want to read ahead, at our April 8th meeting, we will be discussing Band of Sisters by Lauren Willis.

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



March Birthday Club

Do you celebrate your birthday in March? If so, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, March 12th at 10:00 to enjoy a special birthday song, a yummy birthday donut and celebrate with us! Hope to see you there!

It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter.
Keep us hopeful, Lord.



Palm Sunday Breakfast March 29th

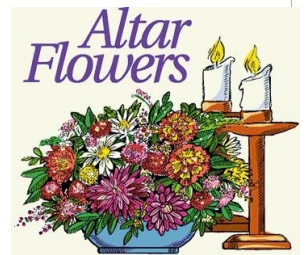
Palm Sunday is March 29th. Once again we will go to the Mark Hurn room after worship on to enjoy conversations and a delicious breakfast. Watch for a sign up sheet in the lounge (coming soon) if you would like to bring something for the meal.

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

2026 Altar Flowers

There are still open dates for 2026 Altar Flowers. We have room for two vases each week and the cost of each vase is \$28.00. You may sign up for as many dates as you wish. Fill out the form below with your payment and note what you wanted printed about who the flowers are in memory or honor of and who they are from. Extra forms are on the tables in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. Please list alternate dates in case your preferred date is filled. If your preferred date is filled the office will let you know which date your flowers will be in church.



Your Name _____ Envelope Number _____

Number of vases ordered _____ Total Enclosed _____

Given in honor/memory of _____

Given by _____

Preferred Date _____ Alternate Dates _____

I will pick up my flowers _____ Please give the flowers to a shut-in _____

Given in honor/memory of _____

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Preferred Date _____ Alternate Dates _____

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Belle City Brassworks Brass Band Concert

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 3:00 p.m.

“Hymns From the Highlands”

Belle City Brassworks is celebrating 37 years of free community concerts.

A free will offering will be accepted.



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!

Giving With Tithely

Many of our members have decided giving through [tithely](https://tithely.com) is a simple way to stay up to date with their pledges or to make special offerings. This QR code will take you to the Tithely web page where you can make a donation to HCLC with your credit card or bank account. You can choose a one-time donation or recurring donations, whether you pay by credit card or from your checking or savings account, and if your donation should go to the general fund, the food pantry, or another fund. If you need help, you can contact Keri in the office, keri.hclc@gmail.com.



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.

**Lord, teach me to love in action today. “Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth”
(1 John 3:18, NIV).**

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Setting 3 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 2nd - 5th Grade Youth	2	3	4 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	5	6 12:30 Food Pantry	7
8 O the Joy 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class	9 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	10 11:30 Ketchup Club 1:00 Quilters	11 10:00 Book Club 11-1 Diaper Ministry 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	12 10:00 Birthday Club	13 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	14
15 Healing Service 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	16 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	17 St. Patrick's Day 10:00 3rd Tues. Bible Study	18 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	19	20 12:30 Food Pantry	21 Brassworks Rehearsal
22 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 3:00 Belle City Brassworks Concert	23 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	24 1:00 Quilters	25 4-6 Diaper Ministry 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	26	27 12:30 Food Pantry	28
29 Setting 4 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast	30 12:30 Food Pantry	31				

Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☁	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☒
B=♠	E=✦	I=✱	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=☞
C=☼	G=☼	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☒	Z=☞

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☒ Jericho ☼ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ ✱ ★ ☼

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ ✱ ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ ✦ ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee ☼ □ ○ ■ ☞ ☒ ✱ ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ● ● ✦ ✦ ☞ ☞



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy



FROM WORD TO WORLD

Words are important! God spoke and created all things.
What does the psalmist declare about creation?

Directions: Using the word clues, unscramble the letters to complete Psalm 102:25, NIV.

- A preposition NI --
- An article HTE ---
- Genesis means this NINBGEIGN -----
- A second-person pronoun OUY ---
- Past tense of to lay IDAL ---
- An article HET ---
- A plural noun meaning base SODTAINFONU -----
- A preposition showing possession FO --
- An article TEH ---
- A concrete noun meaning world HRTEA -----

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Psalm 102:25, NIV

Answer: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth. (Psalm 102:25, NIV)

Bible Quiz



In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

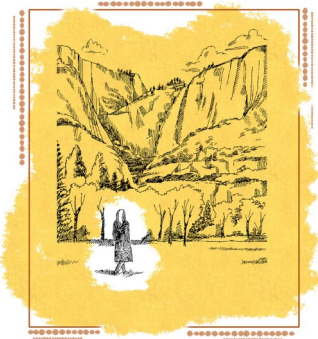
- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A Salt Solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5, ESV)

Bible Quiz

Complete this sentence which introduces a well-known Bible story:
“The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of _____.”

- A. flowers
- B. sheep
- C. rocks
- D. bones



Answer: D (See Ezekiel 37:1, NIV)

March 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.

	March 1 9:30 a.m.	March 8 9:30 a.m.	March 15 9:30 a.m.	March 22 9:30 a.m.	March 29 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Kay Krause	Shelley Lussmyer	Sally Neitzel		
Lector	Sheri Krenzke	Linda Godson	Roger Degerman	Marianne Jensen	Lynn Sinclair
Communion Assistants		Linda Godson	Roger Degerman Joleen Carlson	Amy Larsen Gary Wee	
AV Technicians	Todd Jansen	Barb Salvo	Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright	Alison Ferrentino
Coffee Fellowship	Rose Adamski		Shelley Lussmyer	Evelyn Lajiness	None needed
Council-person In Charge	Rose Adamski	Gary Wood	David Knudson	Kylee Albright	Joleen Carlson
Ushers	David Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Wood, and Ed Wosilait				
Altar Guild	Grace Deibert, Lynn Sinclair, Susan DiPasquale Petersen, and Katie Petersen				

March Altar Flowers

**March 1 - In honor of the birthdays of the grands - Pixie, Spitfire, and Whippersnapper,
given by Kate Potter Barrow**

**March 8 - In honor of the birthdays of the grands - Pixie, Spitfire, and Whippersnapper,
given by Kate Potter Barrow**

March 15 - To the glory of God

**March 22- In loving memory of her brother, Mike Pierce, and sister, Cynthia Murphy,
given by Jim and Sally Neitzel**

March 29- available - contact the office

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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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