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Lenten and Holy Week

Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 1

Soup supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 2

Worship 9:30 a.m., Brunch 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Worship 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7

Worship 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting Recap

Our annual congregational meeting was after the worship service on Sunday, February 12th.

The minutes from last year's meeting were approved, staff and team reports were discussed, the 2023 budget was discussed and approved, and two new council members, Rebecca Mason and Polly Timmerman, were elected. Polly wrote the short introduction below. Look for an introduction to Rebecca next month.

Dear Holy Communion Family,

I am very excited and honored to be joining the church council at Holy Communion. My husband David and I have been attending Hope on a Hill for about three years, and services like the one we had this morning (The Prayer/Healing Service) are one of the reasons we knew we wanted to be a part of this congregation! David and I have been married for 40 years this August. We met during our college years at UCLA. We were both attending a church in West Los Angeles, and even though he was a native "Southern" Californian and I was a native "Northern" Californian we decided to make a go of it and here we are 43 years later in Wisconsin! There were a few other stops along the way...Colorado, Indiana, and Illinois. My mother's grandparents were actually German immigrants who settled in West Bend Wisconsin in 1849, so we've come full circle.

David works at Carthage College and I am a nurse working in the Family Birth Center at Ascension St. Joseph in Milwaukee. We have two grown sons who are both married to wonderful people: Jean & Matt live in DC and both work for the US Government. Mark & Mary are both attorneys in St. Louis and the parents of our first grandchild, Nora. Needless to say, our suitcases are never stowed away for very long. We also have siblings and cousins extended all over the globe.

We have enjoyed our time here at Holy Communion very much and we look forward to serving and getting to know our fellow members more in the years ahead. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely, Polly Timmerman

At the council meeting on Monday, February 27 the council elected officers. Jim Black is the president, Laurie Knudson is the vice president, JoAnne Breese Jaek is the secretary, and Kylee Albright is the treasurer. We are very grateful to all of our council members for their service and leadership!



Palm Sunday Brunch

Watch the announcements and emails for information about a time to enjoy
fellowship and a delicious brunch after the worship service
on Palm Sunday, April 2nd!



Sunday School & Youth Choir

HCLC Sunday School and youth will be very busy at the end of March and early April. We will be singing March 26, April 2, and April 9th. We will practice each Sunday, as usual, and to be even better prepared, kids can listen to the songs and look at the word lists that were sent home as well. The kids have been making lots of joyful noise this year - and I'm overwhelmed with gratitude that we're back together again!

March 26th - **He is the Light** (*This is not on the CD but can be listened to on YouTube. The kids can learn the actions from watching YouTube too.*)

April 2nd - Palm Sunday - **A Hosanna Processional** (*kids will need to be in the choir room by 9:25 this day to line up and get their palms before the processional entrance.*)

April 9th - Easter Sunday - **Sunrise, Resurrection**

The next date we will sing is Mother's Day, May 14th. If any moms, aunts, godmothers, grandmothers, women longing to be mothers, women who've adopted children not their own as children of their heart, or women who had mothers would like to join us in the singing of **God Has** that day, there will be 2 rehearsal opportunities after church on April 30th and May 7th.

In addition to the above, we are learning a song for the 125th Anniversary celebration of HCLC. Kids have been given CDs and words for **O Sifuni Mungu** by First Call, and we hope that even though this will be sung just as the music season begins, by practicing and listening now, we can sing this song with confidence and joy to celebrate HCLC's long history.

Thanks to all who help our HCLC kids learn these songs which bless our services with such heart!

Kate



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, March 5th, from 11:00-12:00.**



6th – 8th Grade Youth Group (Will usually meet the second Sunday)

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

Snacks will be provided.



Confirmation Class (Will usually meet on the third Sunday)

All of our 8th grade youth (and older) who have been gathering for study as they work towards confirming their faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, will meet with Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura on Sunday, March 19th from 11:00 - 12:00 to continue their time of learning and deepening their faith through Bible and catechetical time, and some fun and games too! Snacks will be provided, but please bring your Bible.

High School Youth Group (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, March 26th, from 11:00-12:00.** Snacks will be provided.





125th Anniversary Events

Jello Jamboree!

125th Anniversary Jello Jamboree during Coffee Hour after church on March 26! Your favorite Jello dishes are needed for this uniquely Lutheran event. The sign-up to bring your delicacies is in the lounge. If our virtual members would like to share, please call the church office for sign-up.

A Lutheran tradition that can't be beat,
A Potluck table featuring jello as a treat.
Orange, lemon, or jello fluff,
One lowly jello is just not enough.
So a "Jello Jamboree" is planned and we can't wait,
Dig out those jello recipes March 26th is the date!
After all a Lutheran meal be it lunch or dinner,
Without some jello just isn't a winner!
Jello here, and jello there,
Coffee hour will have jello everywhere!



Come Sing With Us!

On Sunday, September 10th, we will be celebrating 125 years of HCLC's ministry. We are planning on doing a large group choral number called **O Sifuni Mungu**, a powerful song that uses both Swahili and English to create a rousing rendition of **All Creatures of Our God and King**. The kids and youth of HCLC are already listening to and working on the song, and we would like to invite anyone from the congregation who would like to participate. We will announce a couple of rehearsals this spring and then again in August. If you're interested, you can listen to the song on your music streaming station (**O Sifuni Mungu** by First Call) or get a CD and word list from Kate.

Greg and Kate

Save The Dates for these events

May 21 - Ice Cream Social at Coffee Fellowship

July 30 - Worship and Family Picnic at Johnson Park

September 10 - 125th Celebration Worship and Evening Banquet
at Preservation Hall, downtown Racine.

*Other special events through the year including trivia contests, guest pastors, history displays,
and possible float in the 4th of July parade.*

Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship Services



Lent is a season of preparation that often has taken on a quiet, introspective quality, a time of self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving, and works of love. Set aside your Wednesday evenings in March to join us as we journey through the season of Lent. Join us for Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy some delicious soup and wonderful fellowship. Look for the sign-up in the lounge to choose a week to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup to share if you are able. (Perhaps you can pull out your HCLC Soup Cookbook and try a new recipe!) After the meal worship with us in the sanctuary using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.

Meet Our New Members

Chuck & Noreen Fladten

Noreen and I were married in 2008 at Luther Memorial in Delavan, WI by my sister, Pastor Laura. During the pandemic we started watching Holy Communion's online services. When Luther Memorial was forced to close its doors for good, we were excited to become members at HCLC.

David Fladten

I am thrilled to have been invited to become a member of Holy Communion. What a warm and welcoming environment I have found! I am "retired" from one career but continue to work in another. I spent 30 years in law enforcement, retiring in 2010. I continue to work in Fire and EMS and have since 1977. I also teach at Gateway Technical College in our EMS Program and have since 1980.

Dorothy Fladten

I have always felt very blessed to have such a wonderful family with my husband and wonderful family. I have three sons and two daughters along with five grandchildren and six great grandchildren now.

I was a stay at home Mom for many years. When my children were older and in school, I was elected to be the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk in the Town of Delavan in 1975. I retired 26 years later after my husband died in October 2000. Lo and behold, I received a call to see if I would like to work at a new Exercise and Physical Fitness Program called Curves for Women. I worked at Curves for 10 years but unfortunately all Curves business's closed in December 2010. How sad all of the women were as they very much enjoyed it.

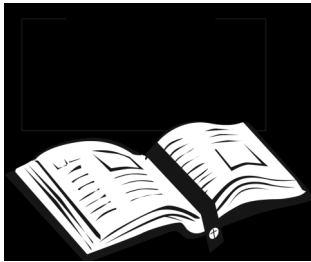
Laura moved back to Wisconsin from Minnesota when she was called at Holy Communion Lutheran Church as a minister. We went to Holy Communion the next Sunday as it was Laura's first Sunday. When we went into the church, the parishioners were so warm and friendly to us. The first woman I met was Pat Barlament who gave me such a warm hug and I felt so welcomed. I honestly felt like I was at home and continue to have that feeling here.



SHAMROCK — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.

HCLC Scholarship

We are so pleased to be announcing the establishment of a scholarship for Holy Communion students moving on to higher education after high school! To qualify, you must be a Holy Communion member, accepted and attending an undergraduate university, college, or technical school for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a one-time scholarship (\$500) for youth who have been active in the life of faith (Sunday School, Confirmation, Volunteering) at Holy Communion. There is a short application requirement. Applications are available in the office and in the back of the sanctuary or we can email it to you. Applications should be returned to office.hclc@gmail.com by March 30. Applications will be reviewed, and we will require a class schedule to be submitted before funds will be released. Any questions? Please contact Lynn Helmke at lynnhelmke226@gmail.com.



March 21st is the date to continue the study of the Gospel of Mark. During these cold winter months we meet by zoom from 10:00 to 11:30. Our discussion will be from Mark 4:35 to Mark 5:20, pages 132 to 145 in William Barclay.

It begins with Jesus calming the storm on Lake Galilee. Barclay draws the parallel with Jesus calming the storms we face with sorrow, problems, and anxiety.

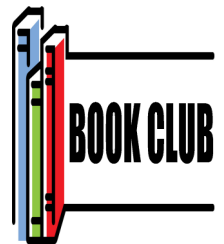
Then comes the section about the demon-possessed man. After Jesus cast the demons into 2000 pigs that rushed into the lake and drowned, he received much criticism and "they began to urge Jesus to get out of their territory" Mark 5:17.

Barclay tells us that this healing of the demon-possessed man happened in Decapolis, essentially a Greek city. And this tells us that Christianity was already reaching beyond Judaism and going out into all the world.

What a great way for us to realize how Jesus was reaching beyond his own nationality and into all the world.

Tuesday, March 21st, meet by zoom from 10:00 to 11:30 to discuss Mark 4:35 to 5:20, pages 132-145. A variety of translations are welcome.

The book club is joining the Kenosha Public Library, which has chosen for their Big Read program this year, the book, Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. The setting is Ghana in the 18th century. Two half-sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort. The other will be captured in a raid and sold into slavery. The story follows the parallel paths of the two sisters and their descendants through eight generations. The novel illuminates slavery's troubled legacy and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation. On October 16, 2022, The Racine Journal-Times printed their editorial of the choice of the Kenosha Public Library's pick. "Homegoing is not an easy read. It is unsettling, uneasy, because it shines a light on the fabric of the history of the slave trade and the long shadows it still casts today."



We will be meeting on March 8 at 10:00 by ZOOM. If you would like to join us, please contact Julie Burton at 262-639-5914 or at jaburton5914@gmail.com for the link. For April, we are planning to read The Maid by Nita Prose. A murder has occurred at the hotel where the maid works and she is the likely suspect.

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ ... into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

—C. Neil Straight

Finance Update

January 2023

Revenue: \$62,808.57
Expenses: \$45,245.78
Net Income: \$17,562.79

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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.

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

canned corn	1 lb. boxes or bags of rice
bar soap	toilet paper
Easter candy	



January was one of the busiest month we have had in a long time. We served 1202 people. The last time we served numbers this high was in 2020.

In 2020 and before we were getting a sufficient amount of food from the government and Racine County Food Bank. Recently the amount of food we receive has been decreasing each month and we were informed that it will continue this way. Our shoppers are having a hard time buying many of the things we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores. This makes the donations we receive from you more important than ever so that we can continue to provide healthy, balanced meal items for those in need in our community. 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 and children's Bible storybooks. If you have any you no longer use you can donate them to the pantry.

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

Scrip

Look for the Scrip table on Sunday mornings. There 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! You pay the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card. HCLC purchases the cards for a discounted rate so we earn a percentage of each purchase. There are lists of the participating retailers in the Welcome Center and on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Gift cards make great birthday and graduation gifts. Why not tuck a card or two into an Easter basket?

Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions or contact Kylee Albright at kygregg@me.com.

March 2023


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	2 6:15 Bells	3 1:00 Food Pantry	4 12:00 - 6:00 Racine Theatre Guild Choir Room
5 - Service of Word & Prayer 9:30 Worship& Sunday School 11:00 2nd - 5th Grade Youth 12:00 - 6:00 Racine Theatre Guild Choir Rm.	6 9:00 BibleStudy <i>(Please note earlier time)</i> 1:00 Food Pantry	7	8 10:00 Book Club (Zoom) 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	9 6:15 Bells	10 1:00 Food Pantry 6:00 - 10:00 Racine Theatre Guild MHR	11
12 - Setting 10 9:30 Worship& Sunday School 11:00 6th - 8th Grade Youth	13 10:00 BibleStudy 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music	14 1:00 Quilters	15 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	16 6:15 Bells	17 1:00 Food Pantry	18
19 - O the Joy 9:30 Worship& Sunday School 11:00 Confirmation Class	20 10:00 Bible Study Breakfast at Dynasty's 1:00 Food Pantry	21 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study (Zoom)	22 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	23 6:15 Bells	24 1:00 Food Pantry	25
26 - We Are Called 9:30 Worship& Sunday School 10:30 Jello Jamboree 11:00 First Communion Class 11:00 High School Youth	27 10:00 BibleStudy 1:00 Food Pantry	28 1:00 Quilters	29 6:00 SoupSuper 7:00 Lenten Worship	30 6:15 Bells	31 1:00 Food Pantry 6:00 - 10:00 Racine Theatre Guild MHR	





A seasonal reminder


Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.


Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.


 plants grow here

 to coil and jump
(also a season of the year)

 to expand and get bigger

 seeds are planted in this

 when watered, these make plants

 another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____

come up and a _____ causes

_____ to _____, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

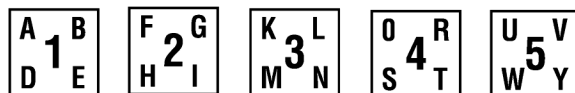
and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.



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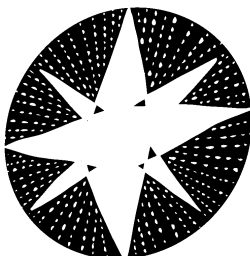
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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Bible Quiz

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1) _____ (2) _____ in the (3) _____, and the (3) _____ has not overcome it."

- (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- None of the above



Answer: B (See John 1:5.)

Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- a time to teach, and a time to learn
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- a time to fast, and a time to eat
- a time to work, and a time to rest



Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

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 5 9:30am	March 12 9:30am	March 19 9:30 am	March 26 9:30 am
Greeter	Cathie Rolfson	Bonnie Rickenbaugh	Lori Neu	Lynn Helmke
Lector	Steve Smith	Jim Black	Lynn Sinclair	Gary Wee
Communion Assistant	Linda Godson Steve Smith	Don Lautz Jim Black	Penny Haakenson Lynn Helmke	Sheri Krenzke Gary Wee
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen Barb Salvo	Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Rose Adamski	Jim Black	Trish Carr Jacob	Jello Jamboree!
Councilperson In Charge				
Ushers	Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Phil Hermann, Gary Lequia, John Schultz, Ed Wosilait			
Altar Guild	Grace Deibert, Judy Nuter, Sue DiPasquale-Peterson, Katie Peterson			

March Altar Flowers

March 5 - In loving memory of her dad, Sherman Scherer, given by Susan Barbee
and in loving memory of their parents, given by Bill & Lynn Leete.

March 12 - in loving memory of their grandparents, given by Kaytie & Matt Wolf

March 19 - in loving memory of Wally Nissen given by Jo Nissen

March 26 -

The Chalice March 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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