



THE CHALICE

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The Season of Lent

These 40 days are a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges that our world faces. Challenges of hunger, challenges of dis – unity, challenges of meanness, challenges of sickness and despair. Yet the season of Lent is a season of hope. It reminds us that God is not through with us... and neither is God through with our world.

Pastor Laura and I would like to invite you to participate in our Wednesday Evening Lenten services. We begin March 5th for Ash Wednesday, and for the following 5 Wednesday evenings as well... we begin by breaking bread at 6:00 PM in the Mark Hurn room, and then we move to the Sanctuary for worship at 7.

Our theme this year is: **Hanging on to Hope.** As we worship, we will focus our thoughts on the topic of hope. One of my favorite associated quotes – goes like this... Hope – is the dream of a waking man (person). And personally, I like to be awake.

Our world is in dire need of hope. I am in need of hope, and I imagine that you are too. Whether that pertains to our health, our families or our culture... we need to turn to our Lord. Because as the prophet Isaiah tells us; those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Grace and Peace to you all my friends.
See you on Wednesday night (s).

Pastor Mark





2025-2026 Church Council

Serving on your council are Rose Adamski, Kylee Albright (treasurer), Joleen Carlson (president), David Knudson, Laurie Knudson (secretary), Bob Larsen, Rebecca Mason, Polly Timmerman, and Gary Wood (vice president). We thank them for their leadership and sharing their time and talent with this congregation.

Lenten Suppers and Worship Services

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. We will have two opportunities to attend worship- at 9:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 19, 26, and April 3, and 10. If you are able please join us for a meal and a time of fellowship before worship downstairs in the Mark Hurn room.



Diaper Ministry

Thank you for your support of the Diaper Ministry! We are helping an average of 40 children and adults each session! New to the ministry is a monthly subscription to Diaper Depot & More in Kenosha. The Depot provides available diapers in varying sizes for \$30/month. Would you please consider sponsoring one month of the Diaper Depot delivery? Sponsorship would be a huge help in providing diapers and wipes to serve families in need. If you would like to sponsor a specific month in honor or memory of someone, please let us know. Also, if you have children’s books at home you no longer need, please bring them in for the Diaper Ministry.

In March our distribution dates will be the 12th, from 11:00 - 1:00, and the 26th, from 4:00 - 6:00. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions. Thank you!

Prayers for the Healing Service



On Sunday, March 9th the worship service will be our healing service, With Sighs too Deep For Words. Prayers from the congregation are part of the service so we would appreciate prayers from you. There will be paper available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary for you to use and a basket you can put your prayers in. If you prefer you can email them to office.hclc@gmail.com Parents, we would love to have prayers from your children too! Please have your prayers to the office by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7th.

Food Pantry

In March the pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. bags or boxes of rice, egg noodles, chicken noodle soup, jelly, spaghetti, and macaroni and cheese. We are very thankful for all of you who add a few items to your cart when you shop or make monetary donations.



We could not continue to feed hungry people in our community without you help.

We are especially thankful for all who donate their time to volunteer in the pantry. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group who make this ministry possible.

Thank you all!

Ketchup Club

On March 25th the Ketchup Club will gather at the Red Onion, 555 Main St. for lunch at 11:30 a.m. These casual gatherings are a fun way to “ketchup” with some old friends and make some new ones and all are welcome! Join us for some good food and good conversation! Please RSVP to Pastor Laura, or the office, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com, office.hclc@gmail.com or 632-8802, know if you plan to join us so we can get a big enough table. If you suddenly find yourself free that day, please come! We will happily make room at the table for you!





The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church February, 2025



FAMILY FIRST COMMUNION preparation classes (3) will be held on:

March 2nd, March 23rd and April 6th at 11:00 a.m.

**The First Communion celebration will take place on May 4th
during the church service.**

If you believe your child(ren) are ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion and your family would like to be a part of this year's class, please contact Lisa Lequia at sundayschool.hclc@gmail.com.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Easter Sunday, April 20th

and

Sunday, April 27th



Cooking With Class Rescheduled for April 29th

I have rescheduled the Staci Joers cooking class to April 29. If you had previously registered for the class, please let me know if you will be attending. If you had not yet registered, here is your chance to schedule a fun night with great recipes, samples and wine. The class is \$25 and must be paid before April 22 because Staci will bill us for number of participants we register, whether that number shows up or not.

We can have the same menu but I am considering changing the menu to this:

The 151st running of the Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. Can't make it?!? Well, let's try out some of these Southern favorites that will make you feel like you're right there. I'll prepare...

Old Fashioned Pimento Cheese with crackers

Shrimp-n-Grits

Jalapeno Cheddar Cornbread with Hot Honey

Chocolate Pecan Pie with Bourbon Whipped Cream

Contact Marianne Jensen with your questions and thoughts about the menu - marjen722@yahoo.com



2nd - 4th Graders (We usually meet on the first Sunday of the month.)

All of our 2nd - 4th Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some popcorn and snacks...and Bible and Playtime on **Sunday, March 2. We will gather together following worship and meet til Noon.** We're looking forward to seeing you all!



5th - 7th Graders (We usually meet on the second Sunday of the month)

All of our 5th - 7th Graders are invited to join the pastors on **Sunday, March 9th.** We will gather together following worship and meet til Noon. We can't wait to see you all and have an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.

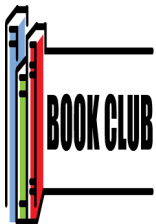
**8th Grade Confirmation Class
(We usually meet on the third Sunday of the month)**

We're beginning to wind down to our last three times to meet, so we hope all of you are able to join us this month on **Sunday, March 16th...we'll begin following worship and meet til Noon.** Snacks will be provided and we're looking forward to seeing you all!!!

(Please mark your calendars...Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday, June 8, 2025.)

(We usually meet on the fourth Sunday of the month)

9th-12th Graders!!!! We hope you're able to join us on **Sunday, March 23rd from 5:00-6:30PM.** Depending on the numbers, we'll either dine in and cook dinner together or dine out. Please sign up on the sheet on Pastor Laura's door to help us plan. We're looking forward to our time together!



The Book Club will be meeting on March 12th. We will be discussing Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.

A bank robbery gone wrong! When the robber bursts into an open house in an apartment and takes 8 people hostage, everyone confronts their own grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions. It turns out to be the worst group of hostages in the world. As the authorities and the media surround the premises, the reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves. A chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next. It is an ingeniously constructed story about friendship, forgiveness, and hope, and the things that save us.

You can join us at Rondi Jenkins' home at 6010 Potomac Place at 10-11:30. Or you can contact Julie Burton at 262-639-5914 to get a ZOOM sign-in.

Our April 9th book will be The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. A story about an unsung heroine who refuses to accept anything less than justice.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

March 18th the study of the Gospel of Mark will have a zoom meeting from 10:00 to 11:30. The study will begin with Mark 14:27-31 on page 397 “The Failure Of Friends.” Jesus had left Rome to be in the Garden of Gethsemane with his disciple friends. He Even told them, “My soul is sore grieved even to death” (page 399). Prayerfully, Jesus asked his Father, “if it be thy will, take this cup from me” (page399). As the crowd arrived to arrest him, Jesus knows what is coming. “See! The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners” (page399).



“The Arrest” (page 402) tells how deliberately Judas kissed Jesus as if he was a friend. The Sanhedrin was there with its own police force to arrest Jesus. “They took Jesus away to the high priest...” (page 406) and thus begins the trial in the middle of the night. Without any agreement in testimony, Jesus was asked, “are you God’s Anointed?” (page 406) With Jesus’ answer, “I am...” “You have listened to blasphemy!” Hence, Jesus was condemned to death.

“Courage and Cowardice” (page 409) relates the painful account of Peter listening to this trial of Jesus and being recognized as a follower of Jesus. Painfully, Peter remembers Jesus telling him, “Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times” (page 409).

As familiar as this text is, Barclay gives us more insight to what happened on this night that began so beautifully with the Passover meal. Even following Jesus into beautiful Gethsemane ends with this crowd of religious people there to arrest him.

Join the zoom meeting on March 18 with your bibles and prayers.

March Birthday Club

Were you born in March? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on March 13th 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!



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 14th. 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!

Save the Date! Church Picnic August 10th!

I know as you look out the window to snow and bitter cold It is hard to believe summer is coming.....but it is! And with that comes our Church Picnic and outdoor service! This year's picnic will be August 10th at Pritchard Park, Wiczorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.)



Please mark your calendars for Aug 10th, and plan to join us for our church service, followed by food, fun and fellowship! And of Course Pastor Laura's brothers famous Pulled Pork! Watch for more details as we draw closer to the event! Summer will be here!!!!!!



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!**

“Pray and let God worry” Martin Luther

Easter Garden Plant Order

1. Easter Lily



2. Tulip



3. Hyacinth



4. Mum



5. Regal Geranium



6. Committee Choice

What a beautiful sight it is to see our sanctuary on Easter morning filled with flowering plants. The choice of plants this year includes Easter Lillies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Mums, and Regal Geraniums. We are ordering the plants from Milaeger's. The Tulips, Hyacinths, and mums will be in assorted colors. If there is not aa specific plant you want, you can order "committee's choice" and a plant will be chosen to balance the color and variety of our display on Easter Morning.

- Orders MUST be in the office no later than Wednesday, March 19th.
- Each flowering plant costs \$16.00. You may order as many as you would like.
- Plants may be picked up after the last service on Easter Sunday or the following week.
- Please refer to the numbers above the pictures when choosing your plants.
- Any questions? Call the office, 262-632-8802, or email office.hclc@gmail.com.

Your name _____ Env. # _____

I will pick up my plants _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____ Number of plants ordered _____

In Memory of:	From:	Flower Number Or Name
In Honor or Celebration of:	From:	Flower Number Or Name

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 O the Joy 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 2nd - 4th Grade Youth Group 11:00 Family First Communion Class	3 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	4	5 Ash Wednesday 9:30 Worship 7:00 Worship	6	7 12:30 Food Pantry	8
9 Healing Service 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 5th - 7th Grade Youth Group 11:00 Family First Communion Class	10 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music	11 1:00 Quilters	12 10:00 Book Club 11:00 Diaper Ministry 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	13 10:00 Birthday Club	14 12:30 Food Pantry	15
16 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class	17 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	18 10:00 Third Tues. Bible Study	19 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	20	21 12:30 Food Pantry	22
23 Now The Feast 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 5:00 High School Youth Group	24 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	25 11:30 Ketchup Club 1:00 Quilters	26 4:00 Diaper Ministry 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	27	28 12:30 Food Pantry	29
30 Setting 3 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	31 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry					

Organ Tour Thank You Letter

On February 22nd the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists made Holy Communion one of the stops on their organ tour of Kenosha and Racine. The group's members were interested in our organ, church history, and the architecture of the building. Our very talented organist Randy Fischer greeted the group, played for them, and answered their questions. Randy received this thank you letter from Jim Burmeister who organized the tour.

Dear Randy,

Thank you for your gracious hospitality on Saturday. I know I speak for all the participants in relating their excitement upon seeing your beautiful sanctuary and hearing the organ. The parish can be very proud of the organ. For many on the tour, it was the first time in Holy Communion Lutheran Church. The brochures you gave us brought a unique depth to our visit. Thank you for your assistance in making the tour a success.

Best wishes for your ministry at Holy Communion.

*Cheers,
Jim*

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 or 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.

Collecting Hygiene Products

The Medical Club at Walden Middle and High School has asked us to help them collect hygiene products to for HALO and The Women's Resource Center. The collection box will be in the sanctuary on Sunday March 2 and Sunday, March 9 or you can bring your items to the office during the week. Students will pick up the items on Monday, March 10th. They are looking for donations of:

- deodorant
- tampons
- pads
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- mouthwash
- floss
- hand sanitizer
- shampoo
- conditioner
- body wash
- bar soap
- Kleenex
- bandaids
- chapstick



Finance Update

January Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$56,897.66
Expense: \$59,742.75
Net Income: \$(2,845.99)

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$56,897.66
Expense: \$59,742.75
Net Income: \$(2,845.09)

Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 -----
- Psalm 78:45 -----
- Matthew 23:24 -----
- Judges 14:8b -----
- Acts 12:23 -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----
- Deuteronomy 7:20 -----
- Exodus 16:20 -----
- 1 Samuel 24:14 -----
- Isaiah 50:9 -----
- Isaiah 59:5 -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----



M	O	T	H	S	G	N	A	T	B	H
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G	R	A	S	S	H	O	P	P	E	R
G	F	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S	N
O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



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 -----



Psalm 102:25, NIV

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

Fasting and feasting

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.

- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

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 2 9:30 a.m.	March 9 9:30 a.m.	March 16 9:30 a.m.	March 23 9:30 a.m.	March 30 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Shelley Lussmyer	Kay Krause	Sally Neitzel and Thom Bodenbach	Christine Monreal	
Lector	David Singley	None needed	Marianne Jensen	Joan Fergus	Lynn Helmke
Communion Assistants	Sheri Krenzke Gary Wood	None needed	Jim Carlson Joleen Carlson	Jim Buhler Lana Buhler	Gary Wee Roger Degerman
AV Technicians	Alison Ferrentino	Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright	Lynn Helmke	Todd Jansen
Coffee Fellowship	Rose Adamski	Joleen Carlson	Sally Nietzel and JoAnne Steeves	Shelley Lussmyer	
Councilperson In Charge	Polly Timmerman	Joleen Carlson	David Knudson	Polly Timmerman	Laurie Knudson
Ushers	Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, Ed Wosilait				
Altar Guild	Grace Deibert, Lynn Sinclair, Sue DiPasquale Peterson, Katie Peterson				

March Altar Flowers

March 2 - In memory of Dorothy Smalancke given by the Palmgren family

March 9 - In honor of all who seek healing.

March 16 - In memory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug given by Jill Vander Brug

March 22 - In loving memory of Stan Reske given by Joni Reske

and in memory of Cynthia Murphy & Michael Pierce given by Jim & Sally Neitzel

March 30 - Remember to vote on April 1st

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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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