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The Book In The Middle

The New Testament divides neatly into two nearly equal sections. The first section consists of 4 Gospels that tell about Jesus' life and ministry here on earth. The second section, beginning with the book of Romans, concerns churches that sprang up in exotic places after Jesus left.

In between - stands the book of Acts.

The best way to describe the book of Acts - is to imagine the Bible without it. Imagine... 'you have just read about the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, only to turn to the book of Romans, which begins... I - Paul - a servant of Jesus Christ... to all God's beloved in Rome'... Wait - a minute! Paul? Rome? How did the story move from Jesus to Paul and from Jerusalem to Rome? Next you would find books (written by Paul) that address Corinth and Galatia and Ephesus and Philippi... Obviously something is missing. Without the book of Acts, the New Testament leaps from an orderly account of Jesus to a collection of unexplained personal correspondences of Paul.

But with the inclusion of Acts, everything falls into place. Acts gives us the transition from the life of Jesus to the beginning of the new Church. It introduces Paul, and explains how a small/minority religion grows and crosses the sea and into the Roman Empire. Luke... had written the third gospel - as an account of all that Jesus had taught. The book of Acts resumes the story. And Jesus had laid out the plot - in his last recorded words to his disciples. "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. The book of Acts follows that plot and it tells us how the church grew and changed and blossomed.

Due to Luke's writing skills, the book of Acts reads like a novel. It skips from one exhilarating scene to the next. Wherever the apostles went, action swirled, riots erupted and a small church took root. In an era when new religions were a dime a dozen, the Christian faith became a worldwide phenomenon. And the book of Acts tells us how.

Happy Reading
Grace and Peace,
Pr Mark



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church May, 2023

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

Paxton Barbee
Jameson Gunia

Amelia Haakenson
Eddie Sparks

May 14: Special TREAT and CRAFT TIME w/Mom, Grandma or Someone Special

May 21: Last Day of Sunday School Celebration



We sure have enjoyed getting together with all of you throughout the year...please keep your eyes and ears open for some Summer Activities that will be scheduled. We hope all of you have a wonderful end of the school year and remember to thank your teachers ☺.



Rite of Confirmation Rehearsal - Sunday, May 21st

Confirmands and parent(s)...we will be having rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday on Sunday, May 21st immediately following worship. We will have a Robe Fitting and run through the service including the speaking parts (for both confirmands and parents). **A reminder that Confirmation Faith Statements and Bible Verses need to be into Pastor Laura by Sunday, May 7th ☺.**

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, at 9:30AM.

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

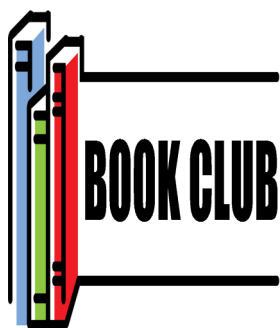
bar soap
peanut butter
canned pears
canned pasta
side dishes
saltines



We have a shortage of each of these items, and have not gotten them from the Racine County Food Bank or from the government. 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!



Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. It's early in the 1960s, she and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Like science, life is unpredictable. A few years later, Elizabeth finds herself, the reluctant star of a cooking show. Elizabeth isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters the story is original and vibrant.

We are returning to in-person for our May 10 meeting. We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home at 10:00. Please contact Julie at 262-639-5914 to get directions and to let her know you will be attending.

For June we are planning to read An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. This is a 2018 Oprah selection.

Scrip Cards



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. Scrip cards make great birthday, wedding and graduation gifts and are easy to tuck into greeting cards for any occasion!

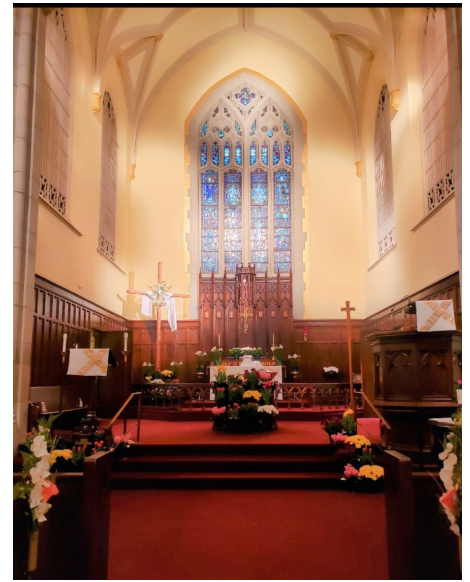
Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions or contact Kylee Albright at kygregg@me.com.

Easter Garden

The sanctuary looked especially lovely on Easter, with colorful flowering plants, pew sprays, and window decorations spreading the joy of new life and resurrection throughout the building. A special thank you to

Mary Beth Huizinga, Kate Potter Barrow, Val Conner, Elaine Lewis, Jean Veltman, Susan Barbee and Barb Salvo for giving their time to do the decorating.

Thanks also to all who purchased plants who made the beautiful display possible!



In memory of:

Stan Reske
Bernie Rauwerda
Harvey & Jeanette Jensen
Diana Jensen Norman
Don Dobrowski
Mom & Dad
Vernon Riekema
David Keesey Berg, Beverly Berg, Jan Gall
Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug
Ray, Jeltje, Peter & Corine Lynn Vander Brug
Achille & Harriet Grenier, Eleanor & Jeffrey Bostetter
Jewel Marks
Dick & Effie Reitsma
Art & Evy Fox
Dave Fox
Don Owens
Her brothers David, Daniel & Paul Terry
In loving memory of Joe Cuccio
Ruth & James Fergus
George & Naomi Hahner
Our Parents: George, Bettie, and Jim
Wally Nissen
Loved ones
Ed & Mary Larsen
Jim Larsen
JoAnn Schwartz
Our loved ones
Kenneth & Edna Sorensen and Ben & Ione Holmquist
Arlene & Jerry Howe
Sandra Krogh
Michele (Davis) Kellner
Josie Beckett
Domingo Chavez
Gloria Bolm

Given by:

Joni Reske
Joni Reske
Linda Jensen
Linda Jensen
Gloria & family, with love
The Jansens & the Buhlers
Carol Riekema
Greg & Kathy Berg
Jill Vander Brug
Jill Vander Brug
Jill Vander Brug
Fred Marks
With love from their family
With love from their family
With love from his family
The Deneka, Ferrentino & Stein families
Linda Godson
Kathy and the Cuccio family
Joan Fergus & family
Heidi & Mark Komistra
Stacey & Jim Black
Jo Nissen
Tom & Evelyn Lajiness
Any Larsen, & Bob and Karen Larsen
Amy Larsen & Bob and Karen Larsen
The Sinclair family
The Sinclair family
Linda & Wayne Holmquist
Their daughter Chery Davis
Her sister, Cheryl Davis
Her mother, Cheryl Davis
William Beckett family
The Chavez Strong Family
Jim, Nancy, and Sarah

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In memory of:

Judy & Earl Born
Pastor George & Adeline Overdier and
Fred, Cindy, and her family
Daniel Conner
Evan Hahner and Mikael Hahner

In honor of:

Bennett & Braxton Hermanns
Their children: Garrett and Mason
The people of Holy Communion
The Church Council of Holy Communion
Her kids & grandkids
Carrie Jansen
The talented musicians of HCLC
Kate Potter Barrow
Joyce Owens
Giuliano & Giulia Ferrentino & J.J. Stein
Courtney Carlson
Amelia & Cooper Komistra
In honor of my beloved family
My family: past, present and future
Barb Salvo
Her family
Her blessings
Pat Barlament

Given by:

Sally McReynolds

Grace, Faith, and Carol
Val Conner
Heidi & Mark Komistra

Given by:

Grammy and Auntie
Stacey and Jim Black
Stacey and Jim Black
Jim Black
Gloria Dobrowski, with love
Mom & Dad
Greg & Kathy Berg
Greg & Kathy Berg
The Deneka, Ferretino, & Stein families
Rhonda Deneka
With love from Mom & Dad
Heidi & Mark Komistra
Dorothy Fladten
Susan Anderson
Kate Potter Barrow
Barb Maier
Barb Maier
Mary Beth Huizinga

Fellowship Opportunities in May



Please join us for our new **Birthday Club**. On the **second** Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:00AM, we invite all who are celebrating a birthday in that particular month (this time May) to join us for coffee, conversation and a birthday donut. Hope to see you on Tuesday, May 9th in the Lounge.

Please join us for our new **Ketchup Club**.

The reality of COVID took much of our fellowship time away, so this will be a time for us to “catch up” with one another. It will simply be a delight to spend time with you and enjoy a meal together. We plan to meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month, but times will vary.

We had a great kick-off in April and look forward to our time together in May. Please join us for lunch at 11:30AM on Tuesday May, 23rd at the Red Onion Café (555 Main Street, Racine). To help plan, please let Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi in the office, (office.hclc@gmail.com) know by May 21st if you’re able to join us.



Third Tuesday Bible Study

The study of the Gospel of Mark will meet May 16th at the home of Julie Burton, 136 Steeplechase Drive, from 10:00 to 11:30. We will discuss Mark 6:1 to 6:15 on pages 158 to 171 in William Barclay.

Jesus goes into his hometown of Nazareth with his disciples and taught in the synagogue. The Rabbis that were impressed when he was twelve are now scandalized and take offense at his knowledge. Meanwhile, Jesus and his disciples are teaching and healing the sick and casting out demons. When King Herod heard about Jesus he was haunted by his command to behead John the Baptist. Many people were eager to hear this authentic voice of God in Jesus. Herod was stricken with a guilty conscience.

This dramatic section of Mark will be the focus of our discussion May 16th at Julie Burton's home. Read pages 158-171 and bring your translations of scripture to share.



Celebrating Our Graduates



On June 11th we will honor our graduates during the worship service, and we would like to also highlight them and their accomplishments in the June Chalice newsletter. If you or a member of your family is graduating from high school, college, or a technical program, please send their name, the school they attend, the program or degree they are completing, plans for the future and a picture of the graduate. The information can be emailed to office.hclc@gmail.com, sent by US mail or dropped off. Please have the information in by Sunday, May 23.

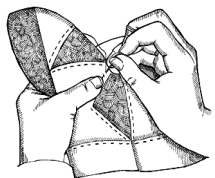
Relay For Life Luminarias

The annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held Friday, June 9th at Campus Park, 8500 Campus Drive, in Mt. Pleasant. Thanks to the support of team captains, participants, staff, and volunteers, Relay for Life has helped the American Cancer Society fund lifesaving research, crucial patient services, and education and prevention initiatives that have helped millions of people – and they have no intention of slowing down.

Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer. You can dedicate them to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who's overcome it. When you attend a Relay event, you'll see they are decorated with names and sometimes messages to the people they're dedicated to. The Luminarias will be lit at 6:00 p.m. Relay participants share an emotional moment when each is lit in remembrance of a life touched by cancer. Together, they take a moment of silence to remember the loved ones they're dedicated to. When you make a donation for a Luminaria it helps fund the American Cancer Society's mission to help save lives.

Susan Anderson will once again have luminarias for you to purchase and decorate. She plans to have them available after worship on May 21st and June 4th. The minimum donation for each white luminaria bag is \$5.00. You can stay to decorate yours here or take it to work on at home. Bags must be returned to Susan or the church office before June 9th. Please contact Susan with any questions, susanderson06@att.net.





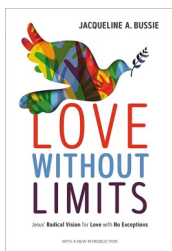
Recently, the quilting group received a bundle of unfinished quilt tops of various sizes. Several of the tops are too large for our purpose. Lutheran World Relief has a size limit of 60" X 80". We are hoping that someone would like to take these tops and finish them, then donate them to a good cause.

QUILTING GROUP

Here's what we have: top # 1 that measures 72" X 100", greens and creams with ferns; top # 2 that measures 86" X 116", purple and burgundy; top # 3 measures 85" X 95", tans and browns, scrappy; and top # 4 measures 82" X 95", various shades of blue, scrappy.

We also are restricted by Lutheran World Relief about the materials we can use. Therefore, no Halloween, Christmas, or patriotic fabrics. We have a Halloween top measuring 68" X 68" and a Christmas top measuring 62" X 72" that we can't use. If you are interested in seeing any of these tops, you can contact Linda Holmquist at 262-633-0032.

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.



Carthage College Baccalaureate Service

Saturday May 27th 9:00AM Chapel

We are all invited to worship with the Carthage Community.

The guest preacher that day will be Jacqueline A. Bussie, the author of the excellent and timely book - Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions.

125th Anniversary Photo Display

As part of HCLC's 125th anniversary celebration there is a display of beautiful old photographs in the Welcome Center. It is a rotating display and will be changing every few weeks, so please be sure to stop and take a look at these amazing photographs from our archives. Keep watching this space as the display changes in the weeks ahead.



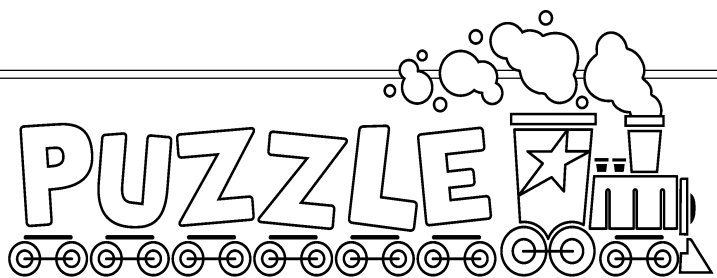
JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM!

AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MAY 21ST,
IN THE LOUNGE.



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	2	3	4 6:15 Bell Choir	5 1:00 Food Pantry	6
7 Setting 8 9:30 Worship & Sunday School First Communion	8 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music	9 10:00 Birthday Club 1:00 Quilters	10 10:00 Book Club	11 6:15 Bell Choir	12 1:00 Food Pantry	13
14 Setting 10 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	15 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	16 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	17	18 6:15 Bell Choir	19 1:00 Food Pantry	20
21 O the Joy 9:30 Worship & Last Day of Sunday School 10:30 Luminaria Workshop 10:30 Ice Cream Social 10:30 Confirmation Rehearsal	22 Deadline for the June Chalice 10:00 Bible Study Brunch 1:00 Food Pantry	23 1:00 Quilters 11:30 Ketchup Club @ The Red Onion	24	25 6:15 Bell Choir	26 1:00 Food Pantry	27 9:00 Baccalaureate Service at Carthage
28 We Are Called 9:30 Worship & Confirmation	29 Memorial Day Office Closed Food Pantry Closed	30	31			



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV

2. ABLE

3. AY OF PENTECOS

4. ONGUE

5. PIRI

6. OGETHE

7. ES

8. ONGUE

9. A

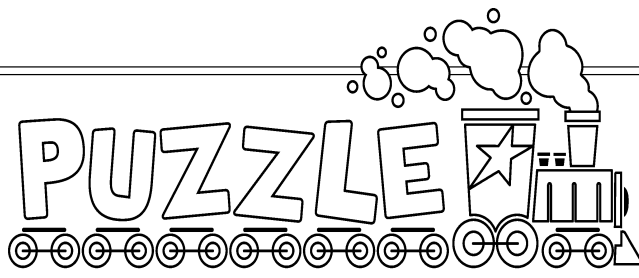
10. IND



"When the ³ came, they were all ⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent ¹⁰ came from ¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They ⁹ what seemed to be ⁴ of fire that separated and came to ⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy ⁵ and began to speak in other ⁸ as the Spirit ² them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind



A VALUABLE command

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. _ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _
4. _ _ _ _ _
5. _ _ _ _ _
6. _ _ _ _ _
7. _ _ _ _ _
8. _ _ _ _ _
9. _ _ _ _ _
10. _ _ _ _ _

ono your _ather and _our mo_h_r,
so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Finance Update

March 2023

Revenue: \$34,714.73
Expenses: \$44,817.25
Net Income: (-\$10,102.52)

Year to Date 2023

Revenue: \$128,836.22
Expenses: \$138,866.23
Net Income: (-\$10,030.01)

May 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.

	May 7 9:30 am	May 14 9:30 am	May 21 9:30 am	May 28 9:30 am
Greeter	Carrie Jansen	Trish & Charles Jacob	Carrie Jansen	Jo Nissen
Lector	Gary Wood	Roger Degerman	Steve Barootian	Jeff Neubauer
Communion Assistants	Gary Wood Don Lautz	Penny Haakenson Lynn Helmke	Steve Barootian Jean Veltman	Jeff Neubauer Roger Degerman
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen	Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright
Coffee Fellowship	Rose Adamski	Trish Carr Jacob	Ice Cream Social	Jim & Jean Veltman
Councilperson In Charge	Polly Timmerman	Jim Black	Dave Knudson	Joleen Carlson
Ushers	Dave Barlament, Jim Buhler, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee.			
Altar Guild	Lana Buhler, Lois Bucholz, Sandy Ivanoski, Laura Jansen, Kay Krause, and Joni Reske			

May Altar Flowers

May 7 - In honor of Selma Jane Bednar who has inspired her on her faith journey, given by Kristin Hahner.

May 14 - in loving memory of Judy Born given by Sally McReynolds,
and in memory of Richard H. Trehus on his 92nd birthday, given with love by his wife Elsie.

May 21 - in memory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug given by Jill Vander Brug.

May 28 - In honor of Shelley Lussmyer who has inspired her on her faith journey, given by Kristin Hahner.

The Chalice **May 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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