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An Easter Message from Bishop Paul Erickson

One of my favorite Holy Week traditions in recent years has been seeing the beautiful alfombras at Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha. The creation of alfombras (Spanish for carpet or rug) is an ancient tradition in many Central American countries, including El Salvador, during Holy Week. Made with colored sawdust and rock salt and other natural items, they adorn the streets of various neighborhoods in preparation for the annual Good Friday procession, creating a beautiful carpet for Jesus to walk on, honoring the beauty of his sacrifice on the cross.

At Ascension, where there is a growing community of worshippers from Mexico and Central America, they create a number of alfombras on sheets of plywood during Lent, and worshippers walk upon them as they enter the chapel for Good Friday worship. This year, I was able to participate in the creation of the alfombra that will be used for Easter Sunday worship, along with members of the El Salvador partnership committee. This tradition is simple and beautiful and bittersweet, recognizing that these colorful creations will soon be destroyed.

In this time of significant change and uncertainty, when fear and conflict seems so prevalent, I often want to cling tightly to those things that bring beauty and joy to my life, but I can't. Everything in this life is impermanent, and I am learning that the only thing I can count on lasting is the new life and love that comes from Christ. In this season of walking with Jesus through the joys and sorrows and challenges and opportunities of this age, I invite us to treasure the passing beauty of each day and trust in the eternal promise of new life in Christ.



Thank you from the Church Council!

The Church Council would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter such a holy and joyous time. Whether you brought food to share or set up and cleaned up for our Wednesday meals or the Palm Sunday Breakfast, sang in a choir, played an instrument, decorated the sanctuary, baked communion bread, worked with the Worship & Music Team, or attended the services we are truly blessed that you shared your time and your gifts with us. Thank you!



Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Val Conner for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Daniel. The Depot provides available diapers in varying sizes for \$30/month. Sponsorship is a huge help in providing diapers and wipes to serve families in need. If you would like to sponsor a month in honor or memory of someone, please let us know.

Our May distribution dates are May 14th from 11AM – 1PM and May 28th from 4PM – 6PM. Please tell others about our ministry. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net. Thank you!



Food Pantry

In April 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.

The pantry can also use your lightly used, plastic shopping bags and large, brown paper bags. If you have greeting cards, pens, or pencils you will not use, the pantry clients would be happy to receive them. We are also looking for cookbooks to offer to our clients.

We are very thankful for all of you who add a few items for the pantry 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

In May the Ketchup Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20th at Buckets Pub, 2031 Lathrop 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, pastorlaura.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!

Please note that the Ketchup Club will be moving to the first Tuesday of the month in June to hopefully accommodate more people's schedules.



THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are beginning a new study! Here is a chance to join us as we enrich our faith learning about the early Christians. The book of Acts describes how Christianity was spread from Israel to the rest of the whole world. Jesus came at the time of the Roman Empire which brought opportunities for extensive outreach. Acts records this early beginning. May 20th we will discuss the Introduction to the book of Acts using the study guide by William Barclay. We each order the book on line. If you need help, I can order it for you.

Hope you will join us May 20th at Julie Burton's home, 136 Steeplechase Drive from 10:00 to 10:30.



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church May, 2025



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

Paxton Barbee

Amelia Haakenson

EJ Sparks

CONGRATULATIONS

Giulia Ferrentino, Amelia Haakenson and Jameson Palmgren

***They have completed First Communion preparation classes and will be receiving their
First Communion on May 4th.***

May 18th

Last Day of Sunday School

Waffle Bar & Fun!



8th Grade Confirmation Class

Please mark your calendar for our final Confirmation Class, which will be held on **Sunday, May 18th**.

In addition, we will be having a Rite of Confirmation **Rehearsal** for parents and confirmands on **Sunday, June 1st**, immediately following worship.

And...just a reminder that the **Rite of Confirmation Service** is on **Sunday, June 8th**.

Summer Youth Activities

Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark are hoping/planning on doing a couple of fun youth activities during the summer...but they're hoping you can assist them by thinking of some really neat ideas that everyone could partake in...soooooooooooooo...please let them know of your great ideas and we'll try to get them on the calendar ☺!!!



Save the Dates: Relay for Life, Friday, June 13, 2025
Luminary Workshops: May 18th and 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 alk to ger 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 May 18th and 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 262-902-5334 or susananderson@shorewest.com
 To make a donation, click on the QR code or [link](#).



May Book Club

For our May meeting, the book club will be discussing The Women by Kristin Hannah.

The world is changing in 1965. Frances "Frankie" dares to imagine a different future for herself. She joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to serve in Vietnam. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. But the war is just the beginning. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. The story is of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.

We will be meeting on May 14 at 10:00-11:30 at Julie Burton's home. Call her at 262-639-5914 to get directions and to let her know you will be coming.

For June, we are planning on discussing, The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf.

Honoring Our Graduates

If you or a family member is graduating we would like to honor you during the June 1st worship service. Please send the graduate's name, the name of the school, the degree, their plans for the future, and if possible a picture to the office email, office.hclc@gmail.com. Please let us know if you will be here to celebrate with us on the 1st. We will also be honoring these accomplishments in the bulletin and in the June newsletter. Please send your information to the office by Friday, May 23rd. Thank you!

May Birthday Club

Were you born in May? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, May 15th 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!



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

Finance Update

March 2025 Finance Numbers

Revenue \$55,738.66
Expense \$48,750.69
Net Income \$6,987.97

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue \$155,535.16
Expense \$152,501.84
Net Income \$3,033.32

HELP WANTED:

We are looking for several people with specific skills.

1) Tech help for setting up projector/TV for the June 1st presentation. The presenter is bringing all the cords she has and we will have our TV and or projector/screen available to see what we can accomplish. Help needed on Saturday, May 31st in the evening. Pay: Free meal that evening!

2) Do you fancy yourself a pretty good (don't have to be professional!) photographer or videographer? We are looking for someone to help "preserve the history" as we do work on the stained glass windows.

Looking for someone (or several someones) to take pictures during the June 1st Kick off (we will use our AV equipment to record the presentation for posterity, too).

Looking for someone (or several someones) to take pictures when they wrap our organ for protection (sometime in early June? - no specific date yet)

Looking for someone (or several someones) to be here when the big window comes out (slated for June - no specific date yet) and take photos and video from the outside and inside (we will also try to using our AV equipment to record as well!)

Looking for someone (or several someones) to regularly come and take pictures and video as they replace the outside coverings. . . June/July (no specific date yet).

3) Do you know someone who owns a drone with a camera or have one yourself, to capture pictures from above as they remove the big stained glass window in June? That might be fun!!!!

If you are interested in any of the above or you know of someone who might be open to bribery, contact Kylee Albright at 262-989-6433 (kygregg@mac.com) or Heidi in the office at 262-632-8802 (office.hclc@gmail.com)

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.

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, Wiczorek 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

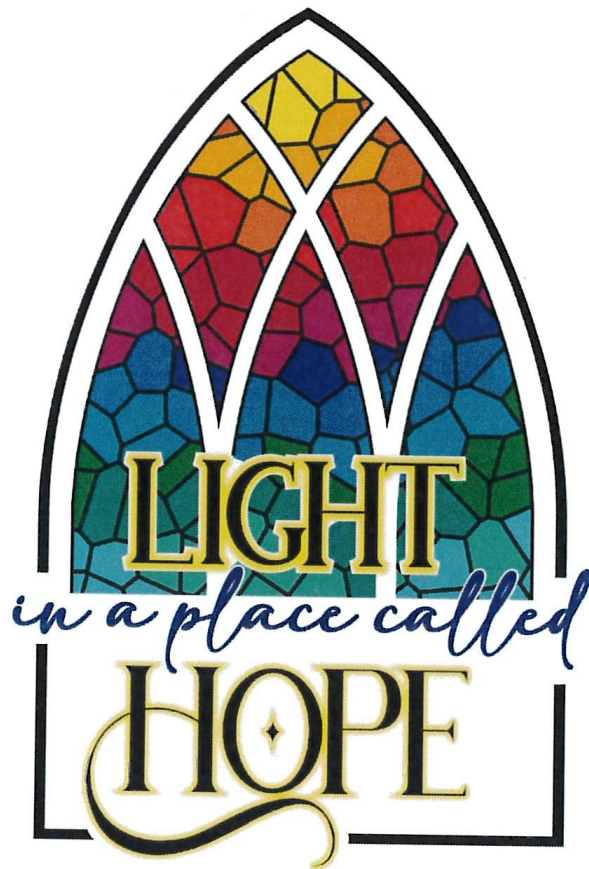
The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to amylarsen2406@att.net.

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!**

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.

*You're Invited,
Please Join Us!*



When & Where

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 @ 11:00 am
(shortly after worship)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 West 6th Street, Racine, WI 53405

In the beautiful sanctuary

RSVP by May 25, 2025 with name and #
attending to 262-632-8802 (church office)

What

- A FREE Stained Glass Window Presentation by Willet Studios, from Winona, MN
- Information about stained glass windows and the Holy Communion Lutheran Church window restoration project
- Light refreshments
- Music provided by Caritas, featuring Greg and Kathy Berg and Kate Potter-Barrow
- Free will offering gratefully accepted to help support the extensive window project

Why

- Our 43 beautiful stained glass windows are in need of some love.
- Some minor and major repairs are in the works!
- New clear window coverings will replace the old clouded protective panes and allow these beautiful historic pieces to be seen throughout the neighborhood!
- We are known as the "Hope on a Hill" church at the top of the 6th Street hill. We strive to be a light in our neighborhood and community.

All are Welcome!

If you would like to join us for worship that morning, the service begins at 9:30 am.

Please come celebrate with us!

<https://hopeonahill.org>

The beautiful flowering plants in our sanctuary this morning are in honor or memory of:



In memory of Dolly Johnson, given by William Johnson
In honor of her friends and family, given by Susan Anderson
In memory of Don Dobrowski given by Gloria and family with love
In memory of Ken & Bill Desens given by Aunt Gloria Dobrowski
In honor of the Ayotte & Dobrowski families, give with love by Gloria
In memory of Ed & Mary Larsen, given by Amy Larsen and Bob & Karen Larsen
In memory of Jim Larsen, given by Amy Larsen and Bob & Karen Larsen
In memory of our dad, Allen Carlson, given with love by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney
In memory of our parents, Joe and Kathy Cuccio, given with love by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney
In loving memory of Tom Lajiness, given by his wife Evelyn
In loving memory of Sarah Lajiness, given by her mom, Evelyn
In memory of George & Naomi Hahner, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra
In memory of William & Gertrude Komistra, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra
In honor of Amelia, Cooper, and Adeline Komistra, given with love by Grandma & Grandpa
In memory of Judy & Earl Born, given by Sally Born-McReynolds
In memory of Sandy Bisotti, given by Sally Born - McReynolds
In memory of Pastor Walter Hermanns, given by Mike & Kim Ackley
In memory of Domingo Chavez, loving husband and beloved father and grandfather, given by the Chavez family
In memory of Bill & Josie Beckett, loving parents and grandparents, given by the Chavez family
In loving memory of Vernon Riekema, given by his wife, Carol Riekema
In memory of Bill & Josie Beckett given by the family
In loving memory of Faith Rose Haluska, given by Grandma & Grandpa Bequeaith
In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family
In memory of Florence Svendsen, given with love by her family
In memory of Viggo Svendsen, given with love by his family
In honor of Alice and Joakim Barootian, given by Grandpa
In memory of Dick & Effie Reitsma, given with love by their family
In memory of Art, Evy, & Dave Fox, given with love by their family
In memory of Jean Veltman, given by Kate Potter-Barrow
In honor of her delightful grandkids, Pixie, Spitfire, and Whippersnapper, given by Grandma Kate
In loving memory of her sister JoAnn Schwartz, given by Lynn Sinclair
In memory of our loved ones, given by the Sinclair family
In memory of her husband Pete, given with love by Barb Maier
In loving memory of her father, Ronald Schindhelm, given by Christine Monreal
In memory of Edna & Kenneth Sorensen and Ione & Ben Holmquist, given by Linda & Wayne Holmquist
In memory of Cliff & Vera Rolfson, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litzau
In memory of Henry & Olive Maier, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litzau
In loving memory of her mom, Eleanor Samarzea, given by her daughter, Lori Neu
In loving memory of Joe & Kathy Cuccio, given by Kevin & Joan Watson
In loving memory of Teresa Simmons, given by Kevin & Joan Watson
In memory of Oscar & Mabel Krause, given with love by Kay Krause
In honor of JoAnne Nissen, given by Jo Nissen
In memory of Ronald Eckhardt, given by Jo Nissen and Diane Petras
In memory of George Nissen, given by Jo Nissen
In memory of Gloria M. Bolm, given by Jim Bolm
In memory of Gloria M. Bolm, given by Nancy and Sarah

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12:30 Food Pantry	3
4 Setting 10 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	5 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	6	7	8 11:00 Ron Eckhardt Funeral	9 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	10 1:00 Porcaro Shower in the lounge
11 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	12 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	13 1:00 Quilters	14 10:00 Book Club 11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry	15 10:00 Birthday Club	16 12:30 Food Pantry	17
18 O the Joy 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class 10:30 Luminary Workshop for Relay for Life	19 10:00 Bible Study Brunch	20 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study 11:30 Ketchup Club	21	22	23 12:30 Food Pantry	24
25 Setting 8 9:30 Worship	26 Memorial Day Office Closed Food Pantry Closedd	27 1:00 Quilters	28 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry	29	30 12:30 Food Pantry	31

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYR (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 8 14 G F F G !
15 4 16 10 17 3 18



A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.

WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue

She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

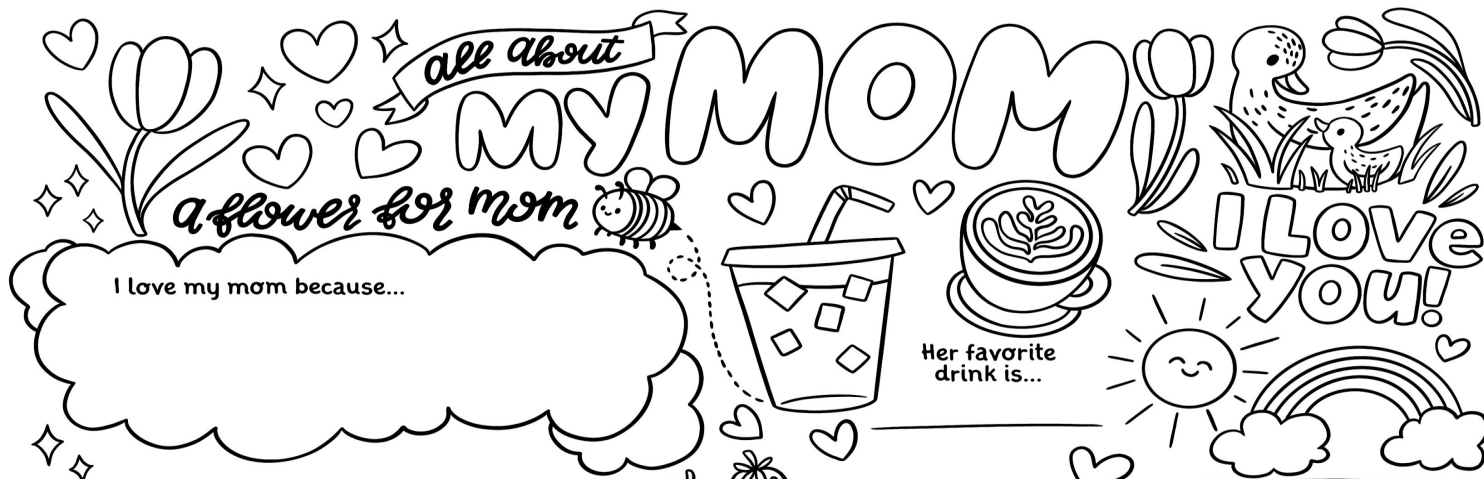
"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ w_____o f_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, husband, women; Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth; A mother's love is a gift from God!



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 4 9:30 a.m.	May 11 9:30 a.m.	May 18 9:30 a.m.	May 25 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Kay Krause		Susan Anderson	Sally Neitzel Thom Bodenbach
Lector	Marianne Jensen	Julie Burton	Gary Wee	Lynn Sinclair
Communion Assistants	Linda Godson	Roger Degerman	Carrie Jansen	
AV Technicians	Kathy Berg	Kylee Albright	Alison Ferrentino	Lynn Helmke
Coffee Fellowship	Denise Lequia	Shelley Lussmyer	Sally Neitzel Joanne Steeves	Rose Adamski
Councilperson In Charge	Laurie Knudson	Joleen Carlson	David Knudson	Rose Adamski
Ushers	Jim Buhler, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee			
Altar Guild	Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, and Joni Reske			

May Altar Flowers

May 4 - In memory of her daughter, Michele Davis and in honor of her son, Michael Davis, given by Cheryl Davis

May 11 - In memory of Naomi Adeline Hahner and in honor of Adeline Komistra on her second birthday, given by Mark and Heidi Komistra

May 18 - In loving memory of Dororhy Smalancke given by the Palmgren family

May 25 - In memory of Andrew Carlson and Allen Carlson, given with love by Eunice Carlson.

The Chalice **May, 2025**

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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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