

THE CHALICE

Hope on a Hill

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Here is a children's story about Creation, by Desmond Tutu, in honor of Earth Day.

In the very beginning, God's love bubbled over when there was nothing else.

There were no trees, no birds, no animals, no sky, no sea... there was only darkness.

Out of this love, God spoke - **let there be light** - and there was day. And when the first day was done, God smiled and knew that it was good.

On the second day, God said: **Let there be sky, where the clouds can float and the wind can blow.** And the sky was bright and beautiful. On the third day, God said: **Let the waters gather together into oceans, and let the dry land appear.**

Now... God decided to make the world even more dazzling, with tall trees and long grass.

And then the first flower opened - in all of its glory. On the fourth day, God said: **Let the sky be filled with the sun and the moon.** And God scattered stars across the sky like sparkling diamonds. On the fifth day... God said: **Let there be birds to fly and sing and fish to swim and splash.** And the world was filled with the joyous sound of birdsong. On the sixth day, God said: **Let there be animals - elephants and giraffes, cats and mice, and bees and bugs.** And suddenly the world was a noisy place. But something was still missing. Then God said: **I will make people, and I'll make them like me SO THAT THEY CAN ENJOY THE WORLD AND TAKE CARE OF IT!!!** He did just that... and He said... it is good... it is all so very good. And then God looked at everything that He had made and clapped his hands together in delight. **Isn't it wonderful?!** And on the seventh day, God laughed and rested and enjoyed his glorious creation.

Happy Earth Day.
Pastor Mark



The worship and music committee would like to acknowledge and thank the following for the help they provided to make the Lenten and Easter season both special and beautiful. Holy Communion is blessed to have such talented, hardworking, and generous givers of their time in our midst. You are greatly loved and appreciated!



Elaine Lewis
Mark Doidge
Lynn Sinclair
Laura Kozenski

Val Conner
Laura Fladten
Gregg Albright

Joleen Carlson
Greg Berg
Kate Potter Barrow

We also thank Pastor Laura Fladten for the beautiful Agape Meal, Shelley Lussmeyer for the communion bread, and Nick Barootian for sharing his lovely voice with us on Maundy Thursday. Your efforts made it a most blessed and sacred evening for all.

Diaper Ministry

Sincere thanks to Linda Godson for sponsoring the May Diaper Depot delivery! Your support of the diaper ministry allows us to help an average of 52 clients and to distribute over 1,100 diapers each time we are open! Our next distribution dates are May 13th from 11AM – 1PM and May 27th from 4 – 6 PM.



Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer. Sincere thanks to Linda Godson for sponsoring the May Diaper Depot delivery!



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. Your work is what makes this ministry possible.

During the month of May the pantry is asking for donations of Pancake mix, syrup, jelly, pork & beans and saltines. We always need clean, lightly used grocery store size plastic shopping bags, and large brown paper bags. If you have any cookbooks, children's Bible storybooks, greeting cards, or pens and pencils you do not need, our clients are grateful to receive them.



Ketchup Club

Plan to join us for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, May 5th at Mrs. Rivers Smokehouse and Bakery, 9604 Durand Ave. These casual get-togethers are a nice way to catch up with old friends and make some new ones! If you know you will be there, contact Pastor Laura, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com, or the office, office.hclc@gmail.com so we can get the right size table. If you suddenly find yourself free, come join us and we'll happily make some room!

May Book Club

For May, the book club is meeting again at Julie Burton's home. This time we will be discussing the book The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali. In the 1950's, Ellie lives in grand comfort until the untimely death of her father. Ellie and her mother are forced to move to a tiny home. Luckily, on the first day of school, Ellie meets Homa, a brave and irrepressible spirit. The girls spend lots of time together and dream of becoming "lion women". Together again years later, the young women come of age and pursue their own goals for a meaningful future. However, the political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point and changes the future for both the girls.



We are meeting on May 13th, from 10:00 to 11:30. Julie's home is at 136 Steeplechase Drive. Please call her at 262-639-5914, if you plan to attend. We plan to discuss Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe at our June meeting.



The Children's Chalice

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HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

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

Paxton Barbee Amelia Haakenson Juliette Nelson

We're excited to begin creating a **Peace Pole with Lynn Helmke** for our church garden! This will be a beautiful reminder for all who visit to live with kindness, friendliness and peace.

You're invited to be part of this special project!

There will be two opportunities to help design and add your personal touch:

May 10th – Join us for Peace Pole decorating plus a Mother's Day craft and celebration.

May 17th – We'll continue decorating the Peace Pole as we gather for a joyful Pentecost and LAST DAY of Sunday School celebration.

**We would love to have parents join us on both days to help decorate the Peace Pole with your child(ren)...
come ready to create, connect and celebrate together!**



We will be honoring our graduates during worship on Sunday, May 31st. If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or a technical program, please send us their picture, what school they are graduating from, the degree earned, their plan for the future, and let us know if they will be able to attend the service. The graduate information will be printed in the bulletin and the June

newsletter. Please get the information to the office (office.hclc@gmail.com) by Wednesday, May 20th for inclusion in the bulletin and newsletter.

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

May 19th the study of the book of Acts will meet at the home of Julie Burton (136 Steeplechase Drive). The discussion will focus on Acts 13:4 to Acts 14:19-20 on pages 115 to 128 in William Barclay. This is an exciting awareness of the spread of the Christian faith from Cyprus north of Jerusalem to Antioch and even farther north. But there were Jews so determined to stop them, they came and stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city. The courage of Paul and Barnabas is amazing as they travel from city to city describing Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophets.

The study of Acts will continue on May 19 from 10:00 to 11:30 at the home of Julie Burton (136 Steeplechase Drive). Bring a Bible to enrich our discussion.

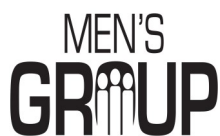


On May 10th we will be celebrating the refurbished, spit-polished and gorgeous windows that embrace our sanctuary. Bright colors are the order of the day and the Worship and Music Committee would love to see everyone wearing outfits that boast colors that match our sanctuary windows! Jim Buhler and Gregg Albright, we're counting on you to show us how it's done!

The service theme is LIGHT and it will feature uplifting scriptures, messages, and joyous hymns which will be led by our kids and the senior choir. Please mark your calendars now and be sure to be in attendance on Sunday, May 10th. Let your light shine - and help HCLC's light shine too!

May Birthday Club

Do you celebrate your birthday in May? If so, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, May 14th at 10:00 to enjoy a special birthday song, a yummy birthday donut and celebrate others with May birthdays! Hope to see you there!



All men are invited to meet on Friday, May 8th in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and conversation with Pastor Mark.

Men's Group

A Big Thank You To Our Volunteers

A big thank you to Rhonda Deneka and her granddaughter Giulia Ferrentino for straightening the pew racks. They have been coming to straighten and make sure there are visitor cards, prayer cards, offering envelopes and pencils available in every pew. Thank you, very much!

Thank you to Lynn and Chris Litzau and Cathie Rolfson for supplying the flowers and decorative stems that fill the planters. Lynn changes the planters seasonally and keeps them watered so our entryways always look beautiful. Thank you!

Dave Barlament touched up the paint in the lounge and is painting the exterior doors of the sanctuary which had been faded by the sun, Thank you Dave!



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.

Giving With Tithely

Many of our members have decided giving through tithely.ly is a simple way to stay up to date with their pledges or to make special offerings. A link on our website, www.hopeonahill.org 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.

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

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!

Finance Update

March Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$50,707.62
Expense: \$47,185.20
Net Income: \$3,522.42

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$163,904.77
Expense: \$168,459.75
Net Income: \$(4554.98)

LOUNGE MURAL: Tree of Members

In our lounge, a large tree mural has been painted on the east wall connecting to the sanctuary. We hope to fill this tree with leaves of our Holy Communion family - current and past members. Help us fill the tree by making a \$10 donation per leaf. The leaves will be placed on the tree blowing towards the sanctuary where we all worship together.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

LOUNGE MURAL: Tree of Members

I would like ___ leaves at \$10 each for a total of \$_____.

Member(s)/family name to be placed on the leaf (please print):

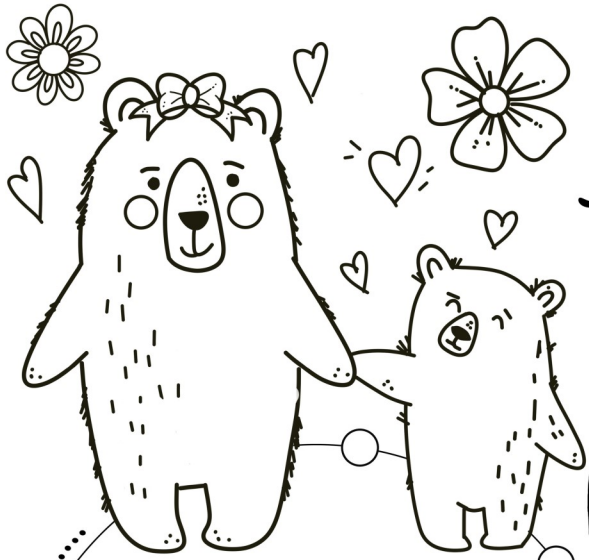
Your Name: _____

Phone/Email _____

Please make checks payable to HCLC and note "Lounge Tree Mural" in the memo line. Return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your check.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Setting 3 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 2nd - 5th Grade Youth	4 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	5 11:30 Ketchup Club	6	7	8 10:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	9
10 New Service' 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	11 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	12 1:00 Quilters	13 10:00 Book Club 11 - 1 Diaper Ministry	14 10:00 Birthday Club	15 12:30 Food Pantry	16
17 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Class	18 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	19 10:00 3rd. Tuesday Bible Study	20	21	22 12:30 Food Pantry	23
24 O The Joy Pentecost Sunday/ 9:30 Worship & Confirmation	25 Labor Day Office Closed Food Pantry Closed	26 1:00 Quilters	27 4-6 Diaper Ministry	28	29 12:30 Food Pantry	30
31 Setting 8 9:30 Worship						



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Mommy
 IS THE
BEST
 LOVE...

My mom is the best because:

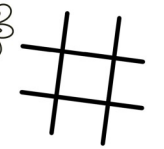


My mom's name is _____
 Her favorite color is _____
 Her favorite food is _____

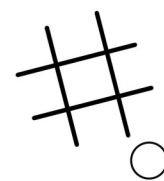
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| BEST | FRIEND |

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Color and cut out the bookmark!



Finish the garden for your mom!

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Bible Quiz

Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage:

"Dear friends, let us _____ one another, for _____ comes from God. Everyone who _____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not _____ does not know God, because God is _____."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive



Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, NIV)

**"I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars."
 — E. M. Forster**



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 3 9:30 a.m.	May 10 9:30 a.m.	May 17 9:30 a.m.	May 24 9:30 a.m.	May 31 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Lori Neu			Sally Neitzel Joni Reske	Susan Anderson
Lector	Sheri Krenzke	Marianne Jensen	Linda Godson	Roger Degerman	Gary Wee
Communion Assistants	Sheri Krenzke Sawyer Krenzke	Roger Degerman	Linda Godson	Joleen Carlson	
AV Technicians	Kathy Berg	Barb Salvo Kylee Albright	Kylee Albright	Alison Ferrentino	Todd Jansen
Coffee Fellowship				Shelley Lussmyer	Rose Adamski
Councilperson In Charge	Polly Timmerman	Laurie Knudson	Rebecca Mason	Joleen Carlson	Kylee Albright

Ushers	Jim Buhler, Dave Barlament, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee
Altar Guild	Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lindsay Newton, Lori Neu, and Joni Reske

May Altar Flowers

May 3 - To the glory of God

May 10 - In loving memory of Judy Born, given by Sally Born McReynolds

May 17 - In Loving memory of Pastor Walter Hermanns, given by his family and friends

In loving memory of Patricia Barlament, given by her husband, Dave Barlament

May 24 - In memory of Allen Carlson and Andrew Carlson, given with love by Eunice Carlson

May 31 - available

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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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