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A Blessed Reformation to you all.

On October 26th, we will have celebrated the 508th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It is true that Martin Luther stood at the center of this life changing movement, but he did not stand alone. The Reformation spanned two centuries, and it encompassed a cast of characters from a variety of nations. As one author put it; the Reformation literally shredded the fabric of Europe. It changed theology, politics, society and regional boundaries. As a result, literacy was enhanced, human rights were promoted, education reform was instituted and many of the freedoms we enjoy today were established. For your edification, here is one quote from each of the leading reformers.

Martin Luther (Germany) Lord, grant that anger and bitterness do not reign over us, but that your grace - genuine kindness/loyalty/and every kind of friendliness and generosity may reign **in** us.

John Knox (Scotland) I have never once feared the devil, but I tremble every time I enter the pulpit.

Ulrich Zwingli (Switzerland) Our confidence in Christ does not make us lazy, on the contrary, it awakens us and urges us to live faithfully, and to do good to others.

John Calvin (France) The surest source of destruction for the human race, is to obey itself. Humility is the beginning of true wisdom.

William Tyndale (England) Do you know who taught the eagle to find its prey? Well, that same God teaches his children to find truth in the Word of God.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mark SNAP benefits will not be paid during the government shutdown, and Racine County Food Bank has asked us to be open longer hours to help local families in need. Our volunteers are willing to put in longer hours, but being open longer hours also means we will need a lot more food. Please consider making a monetary donation to the pantry or buying a few extra items when you shop for your family.



We are still in need of a pantry assistant. If you would like more information about this paid position or know someone who might be interested, please contact Gregg Albright at kygregg@maac.com.

The Food Pantry would like to help provide Thanksgiving meal foods to our clients. For November, we are asking for donations of corn muffin mix, instant potatoes, canned cranberries, mushroom soup, canned sweet potatoes, and 13-15 lb. turkeys. (Please, no gravy or stuffing as we have received a large supply of these.) Please have turkey donations to the church by Wednesday, November 19th, so they know how many they need to purchase. The numbers at the pantry are usually high before Thanksgiving, so all of your donations are greatly appreciated.

If you have leftover Halloween candy, the pantry will be happy to use it for small treat bags for our clients at Christmas. We also accept clean, lightly used plastic and large, brown paper shopping bags. If you have 2026 calendars, greeting cards, pens, or pencils that you won't use, the pantry clients are happy to receive them. Thank you all for your generosity and love for your neighbors!

A Special Christmas Gift Giving Opportunity!

The time for Christmas giving is approaching! Often, we want to give a special gift to our friends and relatives but many of them "have everything" and are difficult to buy for. Also, there are others for whom we give thanks, or would like to honor, like teachers, co-workers, neighbors and our pastors.

This year we are offering a perfect gift for those special people! For a donation of any size to the Food Pantry we will provide you with a handmade Christmas card that you can send to your honorees. Not only will they be happy you thought to recognize them, your donation will provide nourishing food for our Food Pantry clients.

We have an assortment of styles of cards available. Each card contains the sentiment: May the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love be with you at Christmas and always. A donation in your honor has been given to the food pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Also, if you choose, you will be able to sign a note to be included with one of our December Food Pantry orders which highlights your honoree as a donor.

Please see Evelyn Lajiness or Amy Larsen in the lounge during coffee hour after worship. Your gifts are very much needed and appreciated!



PLEASE HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

The worship committee would appreciate helping hands of all ages to join in decorating Holy Communion for the Christmas holiday. It's always fun - and deeply appreciated - and we will bring treats to show our gratitude!!

When: Saturday, December 6th
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Where: Meet in the sanctuary
Tasks: Decorating the Sanctuary, Narthex, Lounge, and Welcome Center

Note: Supervised kids are welcome. Last year, with the guidance of a mama, they decorated the Welcome Center tree by themselves and helped with the lounge decorations. Yay, youngins'!!!!

The Children's Chalice



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HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

Happy Baptism Birthday t o Amelia Coutts who was baptized in the month of November.

Mark Your Calendars Watch for Details Coming Soon!

November 30th – Intergenerational Advent Event December 5th - Santa's Night Out





We've changed a couple of things for this year, so please take a look © ...and please sign up on the sheet on Pastor Laura' door so we can plan accordingly.

- 2nd 5th Graders (We will usually meet on the first Sunday of the month.)

 All of our 2nd 5th Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some snacks, Bible Time and Games on Sunday, November 2nd. We will gather together following Sunday School and meet til Noon. We're looking forward to seeing you all!!!
- 6th 12th Graders (We will usually meet on the third Sunday of the month)
 All of our 6th-12th Graders are invited to join the pastors for a Sunday evening of fun, faith and food time! We're going to meet November 16th from 5:00-6:30PM...and we'll begin in the kitchen where we'll all help prepare a meal to enjoy! We're looking forward to seeing you all, and come hungry!!!

Confirmation Class (We will usually meet on the second Sunday of the month)

All of our 8th Graders are invited to join the pastors for a time to journey deeper into their own faith. We'll travel through the main stories of the Bible and ask, "What does God want us to hear in these words...what does God want us to learn and what is God calling us to do as followers of Christ?" We will dig deeper into what it means to be a Christian, what makes us Lutheran and what it means for us to live out our faith in our daily lives. We will gather on Sunday, November 9th following worship and meet til Noon. Snacks will be provide Looking forward to seeing you all!!!

(Please mark your calendars...Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday, May 24, 2026.)

Look For The Light

December 14th, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Holy Communion Lutheran Church

Calling all kids, youth, and adults who'd like to participate!

Look For the Light, HCLC's beloved Christmas program with a live nativity, is returning to our beautiful sanctuary on December 14th at 9:30 A.M. The animals, including our favorite donkey, Tina, are excited to return to see and hear the story of Jesus' birth. Because it has been a couple of years since the kids have presented this program, because I'm adding new music, and because we are still rebuilding our numbers, I would like to invite any adults who'd like to participate in the program to join us as well. Whole families, folks who love to sing or read but don't have a huge time commitment, anyone who has ever wanted to hold onto an errant sheep, goat, or llama, anyone longing to wear one of our dashing shepherd costumes, those of you who have been yearning to tell this story - are all welcome!

KID AND ADULT MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Kids: All Sundays during regular choir time.

Longer rehearsals on: 11/9, 11/16, and 12/7. Kids will go to the choir room after the Children's Sermon and remain there until Sunday School time. Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura will give the kids communion after the service before the kids go to Sunday School.

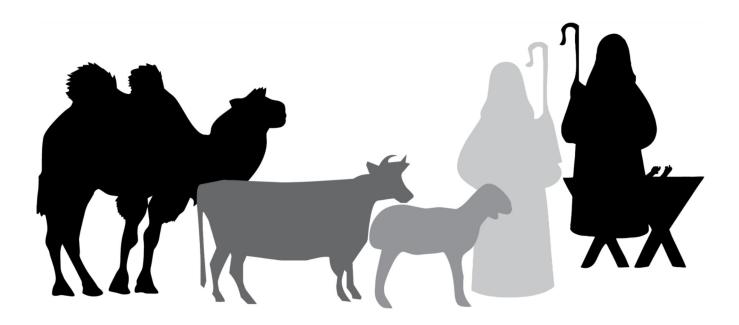
Adults who would like to join in the singing are welcome to come to the kids' rehearsals that take place during church, or after church on 11/9, 11/16, 12/7.

We also dedicate one Thursday evening choir rehearsal to the Xmas program and non-choir adults are welcome to join us. This will likely be on 12/11 at 7:30 P.M.

A final rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 9 to 10:30 A.M.

Hope to see you at rehearsals as we prepare to tell the best story ever told!

Kate 262.498.7593 (texting is the best way to get in touch with me)





SAVE THE DATE !!! Intergenerational Advent Event Sunday, Nov 30th - right after church until noon

Join us for a special intergenerational Advent event celebrating the gift of relationships across all ages! It's so important for our children (of EVERY age) to feel loved and connected — and there's no better way than gathering as one church family. Come enjoy a treat, do an advent craft or activity, and help us remind every child (and adult!) how much they are treasured and supported.

No Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

After considerable discussion and consideration, the Worship and Music Committee has decided that we will not be having a Thanksgiving Eve service this year. The reason for this change is quite simple: attendance for this service has been in serious decline for the few years. (Believe it or not, there has been at least one occasion on which the members of the Senior Choir literally outnumbered those in attendance.)

While it saddens us to do this, we believe it to be a sensible decision. In the meantime, we encourage all of you to continue to live out your gratitude in God in ways that make the world a better place. To quote my song "Mercy and Love" - "Lord, help me always be grateful for the blessings you have given me. And Lord, help me thank you not in just the words I say - but in how I live and give, each and every day."

Gregory Berg (Minister of Music), on behalf of the Worship and Music Committee

Sponsor a Young HCLC Adult For Just \$10!

For Advent, we would like to send our young adults (High school graduates within the last 4 or so years) a small treat to remind them that they are a valued part of our church family and that we are keeping them in our prayers with love. We would like to send each of them a Starbucks gift card with a card and some devotions. Please donate or buy scrip cards for this by November 30th.

Diaper Ministry

We give thanks for the Funk family who sponsor the November Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Wayne & Jan Sotona. Our next distribution dates are November 12 from 11AM - 1PM and November 26 from 4 - 6PM.



The Diaper Ministry is growing! We are serving 50+ babies and adults each time we are open and have had as many as 70 clients in one session. Please consider supporting our ministry with a donation or as a volunteer. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net.

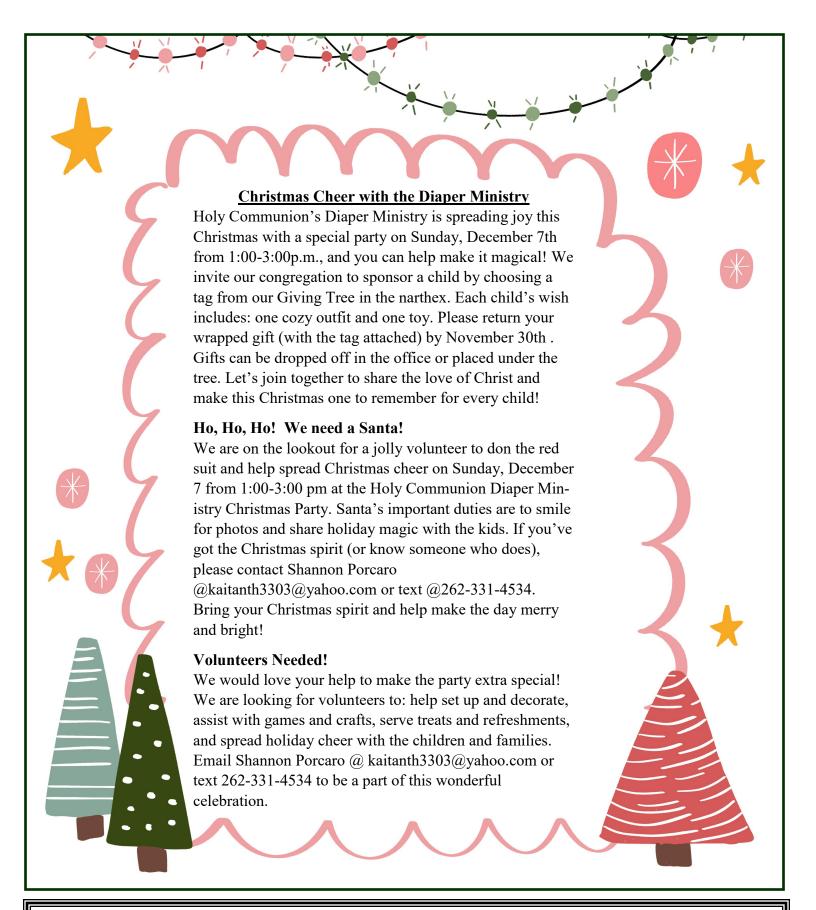
STUDY

Third Tuesday Bible Study

Third Tuesday Bible Study will meet November 18th at 10:00 at Julie Burton's home (136 Steeplechase Drive). The discussion will be on Acts 6:1 to Acts 7:54 (chapters 6 and 7). Even among the early Christians they had to deal with favoritism (6:1-7). Every Friday they collected goods for the needy, but the Hebrew Jews were treated more generously than the Greek Jews. So seven men were selected to solve the problem. "A Champion Of Freedom Arises" (6:8-15) introduces us to

Stephen who proclaimed that Christianity was for all people, not just the Jews (page 60). Page 61 begins "Stephen's Defense" before the Sanhedrin. He relates Jewish history noting that they have consistently persecuted leaders sent to them by God. Pages 62 to 70 Stephen retells Jewish history starting with Abraham. He retells for them Joseph's life who "Never Forgot His Own People" (page 65) noted in 7:17-36). Then "A Disobedient People" (7:37-53) Moses deals with Israelites turning away from the God that brought them out of Egypt. This brings Stephen to his main point: you persecuted the prophets and murdered God's own son (page 70).

It's a lesson about early Christians in conflict with their Jewish heritage, even their own problems with favoritism. What is our witness in the world today? History is a great teacher. November 18th at 10:00 at Julie Burton's home to discuss Acts chapters 6 and 7.



Coats and Blankets For the Hospitality Center

Do you have gently used blankets or warm adult coats you no longer need? We are collecting them to bring to the Hospitality Center, where they will be given away during our cold winter months. Items can be dropped off in the narthex or the church office.

Book Club News For November

For our November 12th meeting, we will be discussing <u>An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960's</u> by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Doris Goodwin's writing has won her many awards over her career. She is a beloved historian, weaving together biography, memoir, and history.



The Goodwins' last great adventure involved opening the more than 300 boxes of letters, diaries, documents, and memorabilia from their time serving as presidential advisors. They soon realized they had an unparalleled personal time capsule of the 1960's. Their expedition gave her husband, Dick, purpose and determination for his final years. It gave Doris the opportunity to connect and reconnect with other participants and witnesses to their time together. The voyage of remembrance brought unexpected discoveries, forgiveness, and the renewal of old dreams, reviving the hope that the youth today will carry forward this unfinished love story with America.

We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home at 10:00 until 11:30. Please call Julie at 262-639-5914 or email her at <u>jaburton5914@gmail.com</u> to let her know that you will be joining us.

Poinsettia Order Form

Every year we marvel at the beauty of our sanctuary as it is decorated to the Christmas season, and a special part of these decorations are the beautiful poinsettias plants from Milaeger's. You can purchase a plant in memory or honor of someone special. This year the plants will all have white flowers. The cost for each pant will be \$16.00. Plants can be picked up after the 10:30 Christmas Eve worship service or on Sunday, December 28th.



Orders MUST be in the office by WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th to be guaranteed.

Ketchup Club

Please plan to join us on November 4th at 11:30 for lunch at New Café, 600 Main St. (the old Dewey's). These are casual get-togethers and 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 correct size table. If you suddenly find yourself free that day we will happily make room for you, so please come and join the fun!





Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14th. The group meets once a month for fellowship and friendly discussion and they would be happy to have more men join them. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Mark at pastor-

November Birthday Club

Were you born in November? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, November 13th at 10:00 to enjoy a birthday donut and celebrate with us! Come enjoy a birthday donut and a cup of coffee and let us celebrate with you! Hope to see you there!



Lutheran World Relief Quilts and School Kits

On October 5th the sanctuary was filled with the beautiful quilts and school kits created for Lutheran World Relief. Members of New Hope Circle, made 40 backpacks and filled them with notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers, and crayons. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Members of New Hope Circle are, Susan Anderson, Grace Deibert, Bonnie Farley, Linda Godson, Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Evelyn Lajiness, Karen Larsen, Christine Monreal, Joni Reske, and Lynn Sinclair.

Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering. The HCLC Quilters are Selma Bednar, Linda Holmquist, Sandy Johnson, Evelyn Lajiness, Gale Martin, Sally Neitzel, Lori Neu, Dianne Palmgren, Joanne Steeves, and Elsie Trehus. Working together twice a month these ladies made between 99 quilts!

Special thanks to Sandy and Ron Johnson for delivering the kits and quilts to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church for shipment to a LWR warehouse.









Finance Update

September 2025 Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$36,175.85 Expense: \$44,496.59 Net Income: \$(11,858.71) Year to Date Finance Numbers Revenue: \$376,514.49

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Trivia Night

On Friday, November 7th, HCLC is having our first Trivia Night! The fun begins at 6:00! You can choose your own team of five or six friends, or, if you'd prefer, we will put a team together for you. Let us know you want to play and we can place you on a team. The cost is \$10 per person. We'll supply the DJ and prizes, you bring some snacks, your beverages, and your trivia knowledge. This should be a lot of fun! Please fill out the form below and take it in to the office asap, or email the information to office.hclc@gmail.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT NOVEMBER 7TH

Team	CAPTAIN	Team Name
Team	MEMBERS 1	2
	3	4
	5	6
I AM A	Attending But need to be placed on A Team	

Save the Date - Sweet Melody Strings Christmas Program

On Monday, December 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. members of Sweet Melody Strings will put on a Christmas program in our sanctuary. The group plays hammered dulcimers, guitars, aand bass ukulele. Members include HCLC members Evie Belland, Rondi Jenkins, and Elaine Lewis. All are welcome to come enjoy this free program!



Shopping With Scrip Cards

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Shopping with scrip is an easy way to support HCLC when you shop. HCLC purchases the cards for a discounted rate so we earn a percentage for every card you purchase. You pay the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card. With the holidays coming, scrip cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers. There are lists of the participating retailers in the Welcome Center and on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Stop at

the scrip table Sunday morning or contact Kylee kygregg@mac.com, to learn more about the program and see what cards they have available!

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!

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Setting 10 All Saints Sunday	3 10:00 Bible Study	4 11:30 Ketchup Club	S	6 6:30 Racine Theatre	7 12:30 Food Pantry	8 1:30 Racine
9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 2nd - 5th Grade Youth	12:30 Food Pantry			Guild - MHR	6:00 Trivia Night	Theatre Guild MHR
9 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation	10 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music Team	11 1:00 Quilters	12 10:00 Book Club 11-1 Diaper Ministry	13 10:00 Birthday Club	14 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	15 1:00 Racine Theatre Guild Choir Room
16 Setting 3 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 5:00 6th - 12th Grade Youth 1:30 Racine Theatre Guild MHR	17 12:30 Food Pantry	18 10:00Third Tuesday Bible Study	19	20	21 12:30 Food Pantry	22
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30 Setting 8 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Advent Event						
Diaper Ministry Christmas Gifts Due						

Altar Flowers

2026 Altar Flowers

It is time to start signing up for 2026 Altar Flowers. We have room for two vases each week and the cost of each vase is \$28.00. You may sign up for as many dates as you wish. Fill out the form below with your payment and note what you wanted printed about who the flowers are in memory or honor of and who they are from. Extra forms are on the tables in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. Please list alternate dates inn case your preferred date is filled. If your preferred date is filled the office will let you know which date your flowers will be in church.

Envelope Number	_
Total Enclosed	
Please give the flowers to a shut-in	
Please give the flowers to a shut-in	
	Total Enclosed Alternate Dates Please give the flowers to a shut-in Alternate Dates

Thank You to Our Gardeners!

You may have noticed some new plants around the church recently.

. Lynn Helmke choses some beautiful native plants to put in under the tree in the courtyard between the sanctuary and the parish house. We look forward to seeing these beautiful flowers and plants blooming and supporting our native insects next spring. Thank you, Lynn!



The large planters on either side of the sanctuary steps have also been replanted with beautiful fall flowers and foliage. Cathie Rolfson and Lynn and Chris Litzau purchased these large planters and Lynn has been keeping them filled with beautiful seasonal displays for the last several years. She also plants the pot inn front of the parish house steps. Thank you Lynn, Cathie, and Chris!

We give thanks for the way our members help care for our beautiful property!

November 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.

November 2 9:30 a.m.		November 9 9:30 a.m.	November 16 9:30 a.m.	November 23 9:30 a.m.	November 30	
Greeter	Shel	lley Lussmyer	Kay Krause	Trish & Charles Jacob	Sally Neitzel Christine Monreal	
Lector	Rog	er Degerman	Gary Wee	Sheri Krenzke	Joleen Carlson	Marianne Jensen
Communion Assistants	Rog	er Degerman	Joni Reske	Joleen Carlson Sheri Krenzke	Amy Larsen	
AV Alis Technicians		on Ferrentino	Kylee Albright Sawyer Krenzke	Lynn Helmke	Barb Salvo Asia Doidge	Kathy Berg Sawyer Krenzke
Coffee Marianne Jer Fellowship		ianne Jensen	Sally Neitzel	Rebecca Mason	Christine Monreal	None needed
Councilperson In Charge Rebecca Mason		Gary Wood	Rebecca Mason	Laurie Knudson	Joleen Carlson	
Ushers Dave Barlam			nent, Jim Buhler, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee			
Altar Guild	Altar Guild Grace Deibert, Sue DiPasquale Peterson, Katie Peterson, and Lynn Sinclair			clair		

November Altar Flowers

November 2 - none

November 9 - In loving memory of Ann and Jerry Wiegel given by their sons, Rick and Don Wiegel

November 16 - In loving memory of Jean Veltman on her birthday, given by Jim, Matt, Megan, Ace, and Avery In memory of Jean Veltman on her birthday, given with love by Joan, Randy, Evan, and Reyna

November 23 - in loving memory of Cornelius and Mariane Vander Brug, given by Jill Vander Brug

November 30 - none

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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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