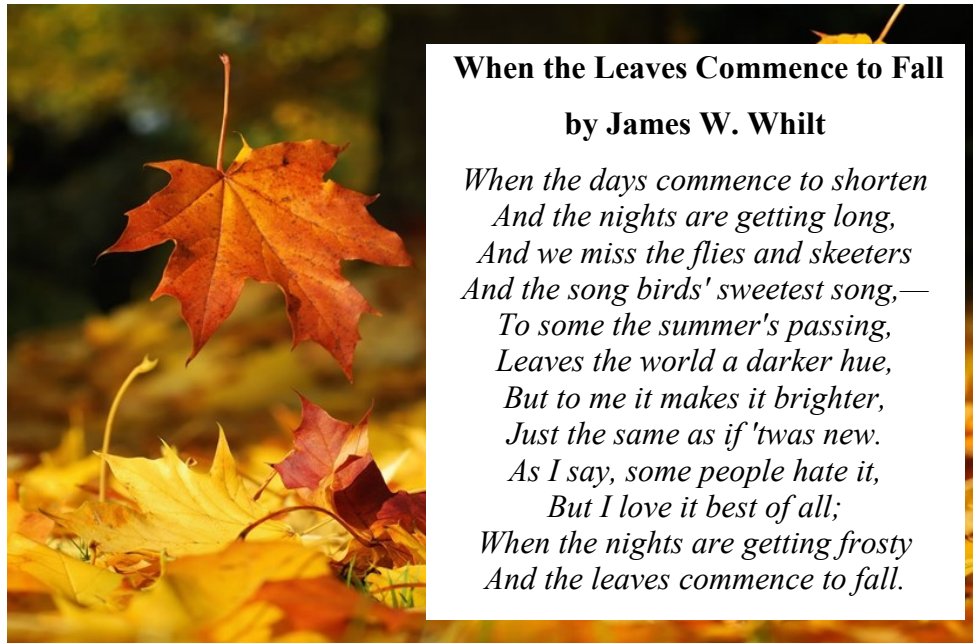


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When the Leaves Commence to Fall

by James W. Whilt

*When the days commence to shorten
And the nights are getting long,
And we miss the flies and skeeters
And the song birds' sweetest song,—
To some the summer's passing,
Leaves the world a darker hue,
But to me it makes it brighter,
Just the same as if 'twas new.
As I say, some people hate it,
But I love it best of all;
When the nights are getting frosty
And the leaves commence to fall.*

It's a beautiful 80 degree September day as I write this article...but we know that our summer days are nearing their end. Yet, with that ending comes one of the most beautiful beginnings. I absolutely love the season of fall...I always have and most likely always will. And I think what I love most about this season are the beautiful and colorful leaves...oranges and yellows and reds...vibrant and bright.

I'm just about to travel up north with my mom and brother (David) to see the beautiful array of color. This has been a yearly tradition for some time now and it is simply life-giving to me. It also serves as a gentle reminder to think about if there is anything in my life that I am hanging onto that needs to be let go...for trees and leaves indeed teach us about the power of letting go...letting go of what was to help prepare for the new life that is to come. In fact, I find the trees at their most beautiful when they're in the midst of letting go...when you see the leaves floating gently around and around until they touch the ground.

So my dearest friends in Christ, I invite each of you to take some time during this new season...take some time to look at the leaves and their beautiful colors and to give thanks to God for all that is beautiful in your life...and also to take some time to reflect on and let go of anything that needs to be let go (whatever that may be for you)...so that there is room for the new life to come!

I love you beyond measure and give thanks to God for each of you .

Pastor Laura



**Join us for
Beer, Brats,
and Brownies**
after worship on Sunday, October 26th,
as we celebrate the
508th anniversary of the Reformation!

Whoever drinks beer, he is
quick to sleep; whoever
sleeps long, does not sin;
whoever does not sin, enters
Heaven! Thus, let us drink
beer!

Martin Luther

We'll gather together following worship to chow down on some delicious brats and hot dogs and some scrumptious brownies and give a toast to Martin Luther. Root beer will also be served and maybe even some ice cream for floats! Come and join us for a delightful time of fun, food, and fellowship!

Interim Help Needed for the Food Pantry!

While the search for a Food Pantry Assistant continues there is a need for interim help with a few simple but critical tasks:

- Could you pick up bakery on Monday or Friday mornings at two locations: one at 9AM and one at 9:30 AM and bring the bakery back to the Food Pantry?
- Are you available Tuesday mornings for a short time to break down cardboard boxes and bundle the cardboard for recycling?

Please consider filling these positions on a temporary basis. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Contact the church office (262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com) and speak to Heidi or Sharon in the Food Pantry.

Diaper Ministry

Sincere thanks to Gregg and Kylee Albright for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in celebration of their grandson Wesley's 2nd birthday and to the Funk family who sponsor in memory of Wayne & Jan Sotona.



Our next distribution dates are October 8 th from 11AM – 1PM and October 22 from 4PM – 6PM.

The Diaper Ministry is growing! We now average 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 work with a donation or as a volunteer. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net.



In October the pantry is asking for donations of side dishes, tuna, pancake mix, syrup, and jelly. If you have extra produce from your garden the pantry would be happy to receive it to share with our clients. We get requests for Bibles and devotional books for both adults and are still collecting greeting cards, 2026 calendars, pens and pencils. We always need clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags and large, brown paper bags to pack food in. If you have extra candy left over from Halloween the pantry can use it to make special treat bags for Christmas.

A huge thank you to all who contribute to the food pantry. We continue to serve large numbers of clients. In August our food pantry was quite busy, serving 1197 people. We would not be able to provide food for so many without a lot of help. We are very grateful for all of your donations!



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church October, 2025



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to Braxton Hermanns
who was baptized during the month of October.

BIBLE SUNDAY is OCTOBER 26th.

Three-year-olds and third graders will be presented with Bibles that are a gift from our congregational family. We are looking forward to celebrating with you and your family as our congregation witnesses this important faith milestone.

Mark Your Calendars:

BIBLE SUNDAY--OCTOBER 26th

(Our 3-year-olds and 3rd Graders will be given Bibles in church.)



**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, October 5th**. **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 for the first time on Sunday, October 19th 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. **Our first time to gather is Sunday, October 12th...we'll begin following worship and meet til Noon.** Snacks will be provided...looking forward to seeing you all!!!

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



Names for All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 2nd we will read the names of members of our Holy Communion family who have died in the last year. If you have a friend or family member you would like included in the list, please call or send it to the office, 262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com by Sunday, October 26th.

Ketchup Club

Please plan to join us on October 7th at 11:30 for lunch at Angry Brothers Pub, 6501 Washington Ave. 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 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!



THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



William Barclay leads our discussion of the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 5 and 6, pages 49 to 61. Last month we read about Peter and John being arrested by the Sadducees. Aware of the trouble they faced, they prayed for courage and continued to witness that Jesus was the Son Of God. As if trouble from the Sanhedrin wasn't enough, page 49 describes "Trouble In the Church." One of their members sold some of their land to give money to the church. Instead, they held back some of the money. When Peter confronted him about it, he died!! When Peter asked his wife about it, she died too! Their failure to be truthful was a sin.

"The Attraction Of Christianity" (5:12-16) through its many signs and wonders, meant that they were held in high esteem. So again, the Sadducees arrested Peter and John (page 52). This time, Gamaliel (one of the Pharisees) said that if it was not of God it would just die out. Now the Apostles were free to witness (page 57).

But again there were tensions among these early Christians. They collected money to distribute among the needy. The Jerusalem Jews were not sharing with Jews from other countries. So a committee of seven was appointed to solve the problem. Among them, Stephen spoke up to spread the gospel to all people, not just the Jews. Our lesson ends on page 61 with Stephen's defense that all through history God has commanded them to go beyond their man-made borders.

So much of this lesson reminds us that there were struggles even in the early church. We meet October 21st at the home of Julie Burton, 136 Steeplechase Drive, from 10:00 to 11:30.

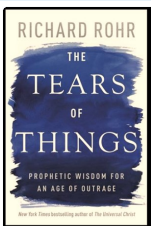


Book Club News For October

For our October 8th meeting, we will be discussing The Briar Club by Kate Quinn. We meet from 10:00 until 11:30.

The story is set in Washington D. C. in 1950, the height of the Joseph McCarthy era. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood Boarding House. It is in the heart of our nation's capital, where secrets hide behind the white picket fences. The mysterious widow, Grace March, moves in the attic room, she draws in her oddball collection of neighbors. First there's poised English beauty, Fliss, then there's the policeman's daughter, Nora, then the frustrated baseball star, Bea, and finally, poisonous, gung-ho, Arlene. Grace's weekly dinner parties and teas become the healing balm on all their lives, but each woman hides a terrible secret. When a shocking act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club must decide, who is the real enemy? Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in postwar America, the novel is an intimate and thrilling story of secrets and loyalty put to the test.. Everyone could join our discussion at Julie Burton's home. Please call her at 262-639-5914 or email her at jaburton5914@gmail.com to let her know that you will be coming.

Planning ahead? We will be discussing An Unfinished Love Story by Doris Kearns Goodwin for our November 12th meeting.



Monday Morning Bible/Book Study Presents...

The Tears of Things:

Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage

“How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a crucial path forward today.”

“As a pastor, I found this small book to be significant. I regularly struggle with knowing how to respond to our world—one within which I see horrible injustice and great evil, but also great beauty and grace. Rohr has provided a framework for me to be able to see beyond the rage, through tears, to the beauty. The journey from rage to sadness to hope is the goal.”

Looking forward to journeying through this book with you. Here is some important info...

- **Study begins on Monday, October 6th and ends on December 15th**
- **If you have any questions, please see Pastor Laura**

Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 10th. 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 pastormark.hclc@gmail.com. All are welcome!



October Birthday Club



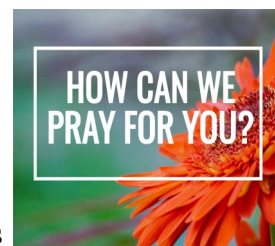
Were you born in October? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, October 9th at 10:00 to enjoy a birthday donut and celebrate with us! Come enjoy a cup of coffee, a birthday song, conversation and some laughs. Hope to see you there!

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!



Finance Update

August 2025 Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$39,816.90

Expense: \$51,675.61

Net Income: \$(11,858.71)

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$376,514.49

Expense: \$395,936.01

Net Income: \$(19,421.52)

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7-9 RTG Choir room	2	3 9:00 Quilters 12:30 Food Pantry	4 1-2:30 RTG Choir Room
5 <i>Setting 3</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 2nd - 5th Grade Youth	6 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	7 11:30 Ketchup Club 7-9 RTG Choir Room	8 10:00 Book Club 11-1 Diaper Ministry 6:30-9 RTG MHR	9 10:00 Birthday Club 6:30-9 RTG MHR	10 10:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	11 10:30 -12 RTG Choir room 3:30 Eppler/Nowak Wedding 1:30-4 RTG MHR
12 <i>We Are Called</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 1-3 RTG Choir Room	13 <i>Indigenous People's Day</i> 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30-9 RTG MHR	14 1:00 Quilters	15	16 6:30-9 RTG MHR	17 12:30 Food Pantry	18
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26 <i>Setting 4</i> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Beer, Brats & Brownies 6-8 RTG MHR	27 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	28 1:00 Quilters	29 6:30-8:30 RTG MHR	30 6:30-8:30 RTG MHR	31 <i>Halloween</i> 12:30 Food Pantry	

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.

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 and we just got a donations of a scale, a blood pressure cuff, and a small, two step wheelchair ramp. 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, 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.



JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
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O	M	M	C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	M	A	R	K

Shopping With Scrip Cards

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. 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 they have available!

October 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.

	October 5 9:30 a.m.	October 12 9:30 a.m.	October 19 9:30 a.m.	October 26 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Shelley Lussmyer	Evelyn Lajiness	Sally Neitzel	Lori Neu
Lector	Roger Degerman	Sheri Krenzke	Joleen Carlson	Marianne Jensen
Communion Assistants	Roger Degerman	Sheri Krenzke Gary Wee	Joleen Carlson Julie Burton	Amy Larsen
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke	Kylee Albright Sawyer Krenzke	Barb Salvo Asia Doidge	Todd Jansen
Coffee Fellowship	Lisa Petersen	Shelley Lussmyer	Christine Monreal	Laura Jansen
Councilperson In Charge	Gary Wood	Gary Wood	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, Gary Wood			
Altar Guild	Cindy Myhre, Lynn Riekkoff			

October Altar Flowers

**October 5 - In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family, and
in loving memory of Harvey and Jeanette Jensen, given by their daughter, Linda Jensen**

October 12 - In loving memory of Allen Carlson, given with love by Eunice Carlson

**October 19 - In loving memory of Stan Reske, given by Joni Reske, and
in loving memory of her beloved sister, Cher Mikkelsen on her birthday, given by Shelly Lussmyer**

October 26 - In honor of the family October birthdays, given by Linda Godson.

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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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