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Tears

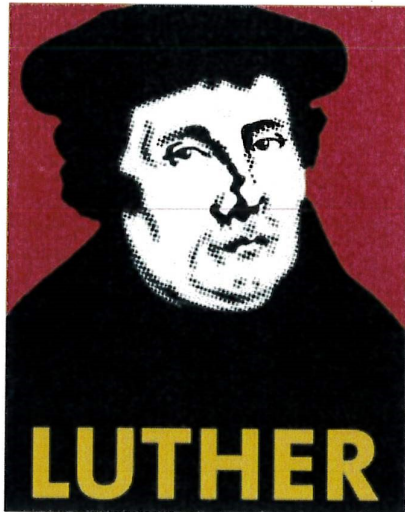
The other day, over a cup of coffee and conversation in the office... tears came to my eyes - as I was talking about a difficult experience in my past. Most of us hate to cry. And just like everybody else, I fight the tears back whenever they come. But should I? Are tears always a sign of pain? Are they always the occasion of feeling bad or sad?

You never know what may cause them. A piece of music.... a memory... a touching movie... your kids... the loss of a loved one. You can never be sure... and you can never be ready for them. But of this you can be sure... whenever they arrive... you should pay attention.

Our tears do not only tell us about our feelings, our losses or the secrets of who we are... but more often than not... God is speaking to us through our tears. I tend to get weepy... whenever I think of my grandpa. Yes - I miss him... but after the tears... I am always overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for the time that I had with him. I cry... every time that I watch the Sound of Music. Really! I cry, because I absolutely love - the joy of watching people find themselves.

I don't know about you... but after a cry... I feel closer to God. Yes... sometimes we hurt... but the hurt usually means that we have loved...someone or something. And in this sense... I think God is speaking to us... telling us who we are... whose we are... and what's important to us. Tears... usually come from the heart...and remember... in the Bible, the heart is the primary source of wisdom. So pay attention... the next time you cry.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark

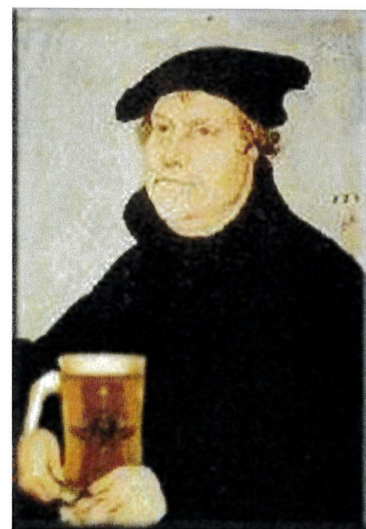


Join us for
Beer, Brats and Brownies
on Sunday, October 25th,
as we celebrate the 509th ☺
anniversary of the
Reformation and
welcome our new members!

We'll gather together following worship (consider it a pre tailgate party for the Packer – Lions game), chow down on some delicious brats (hot dogs will also be available), savor some scrumptious brownies and give a toast to Martin Luther...root beer will also be served and even some ice cream for floats! Come and join us for a delightful time of fun, food and fellowship!

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





The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church



October 2026

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

BIBLE SUNDAY is OCTOBER 25th. 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.

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The study of Acts using William Barclay will meet on October 20th from 10:00 to 11:30 at the home of Julie Burton (136 Steeplechase Drive). This month the discussion will focus on Acts 19:8 to 20:38 on pages 167 to 179.

Paul faces a great deal of opposition from the Jewish community. He chose to teach in the synagogue in the heat of the mid-day when no one was working (page 167). Paul took a collection from the Gentile churches to bring to the poor Christian churches in Jerusalem (page 170).

Meanwhile, the silversmiths in Ephesus were losing money when converted Christians were no longer buying idols (page 171). Now Paul went to Greece for three months on his way to Jerusalem (page 173). In the early church they met weekly for a potluck meal followed by the Lord's Supper feeding all who came (page 175).

Determined to go to Jerusalem, Paul called together the elders of the church to encourage them and also warn them of divisions in the church (page 178). He urges them to keep love active in the church or "the work of the church will inevitably wither" (page 179). Oh, such an important message for us all!

Meet October 20th at 10:00 at 136 Steeplechase Drive. Bring your bibles to add to the discussion.



New Member Class will be held on Sunday, October 18th, 11:00AM – 12:30. (Installation and welcome of new members on Reformation Sunday, October 25th).

We welcome and invite all who are interested in becoming part of our church family here at Holy Communion Lutheran Church ☺. Goodies will be served, stories will be shared, and hopefully it will be a time of blessing for all. Please call Heidi in the church office (262-632-8802) or let Pastor Laura or Pastor Mark know you'll be joining us so that we can plan accordingly.

Ushers and Altar Guild Volunteers Needed!

The worship committee is looking for new faces on two of our important teams, teams that keep our services vibrant and running seamlessly: Usher and Altar Guild. We are looking for both individuals or families who would like to participate. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Kate Potter-Barrow at church or via text at 262.498.7593 for more information or to let me know you'd like to join one of our teams. Thanks!



Saturday, October 10 - Concert featuring Greg Berg & Friends

Join us in celebrating Greg Berg, with an event at A.F. Siebert Chapel at Carthage. The evening begins with food and fellowship at 6 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. It will feature students, alumni and staff and will honor Greg's contributions through his years of teaching and mentoring. The event is free and open to the public.



Youth Planning Teams to Begin...and We Need You ☺

Our beloved kids and youth bring so much life to our church...inspiring creativity, fabulous ideas, wonderful energy, incredible kindness, curiosity, and the kind of laughter that fills a whole room. Along with Sunday School and Confirmation Classes being offered, we've been gathering with our 2nd-5th Graders and 6-12th Graders but we'd like to boost up these gathering times to a new level...and that's where we need you ☺.

As we prepare for the new school year, we're hoping to form two small planning teams (2nd-5th Grade and 6th-12th Grade) to help shape these times together...gatherings that include a mix of fellowship, simple service projects and opportunities for our children and youth to see how their gifts bless the world around them. It doesn't have to be anything complicated, just a few adults dreaming together (and we'd love to have some youth on these teams as well) and helping pick dates and activities for our beloved children and youth.

Whether you're a youth, parent, grandparent, guardian, or simply someone who loves seeing kids thrive...your voice matters and you can help make these gatherings feel warm, welcoming, and full of life. If you'd like to join one of the planning teams...or simply share a few ideas...Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark would be grateful to hear from you. Together, we can create monthly or quarterly meet-ups that support our children and youth as they grow in faith and community.

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 11th...we'll meet from 11:00AM til Noon.** Snacks will be provided...looking forward to seeing you all!!!

(Please mark your calendars...Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday, May 16, 2027.)

2027 Youth Gathering Participants

Please mark your calendars...on Sunday, November 8th, we need your help and your baked goods to sell at the Craft Fair and Bake sale that our beloved Linda Godson (Kyler and Finley's grandma) is organizing. All of the proceeds will go to help defray the costs for all of you...so please make every effort to be there ☺!

HCLC Food Pantry Updates and Requests for Donations

The Holy Communion Food Pantry is opening a new chapter! We appreciate the 30+ years of dedicated service of our previous Director, Sharon Wilczynski, and wish her well on her move to Minnesota!

Laura Hermanns will be serving as the Interim Director with a team of volunteers in leadership positions through the end of the year. This transition team will ensure the continued operations of the food pantry and work to create a longer-term vision for the ministry.



We're beginning to prepare for Thanksgiving and could use donations of the following: Chicken/Turkey stuffing mix, Jiffy cornbread mix, evaporated milk (12 oz), canned pumpkin (15oz), gravy mixes, instant mashed potatoes, jello, and bar soap. We also appreciate monetary donations for turkeys and are grateful for new or gently used children's books.

Donations can continue to be dropped off M, W, or F from 9am-12pm at the food pantry, otherwise, in the HCLC church office or narthex.

We are so grateful to all our volunteers and church partners for making this ministry possible.

Diaper Ministry

Marianne Jensen is sponsoring the October Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Katharine Jensen. Thank you!

If you have children's clothes or books that are no longer needed, please donate and we will give them a new home!



Our October distribution dates are October 14th from 11AM – 1PM and October 28rd from 4 - 6PM. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer.

Ketchup Club Tuesday, October 6th

All are welcome to join us for a delicious lunch at Chit Chaat, 550 State St. at 11:30 on Tuesday, October 6th. Our Ketchup Club lunches are a nice way to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. If you know you will be there, please let Pastor Laura or the office know, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com or office.hclc@gmail.com so we can make a reservation. If you unexpectedly find yourself free, please come join us and we will happily make room for you at the table.



The book club has made a change in their reading schedule. We are reading and will discuss I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L Sanchez. The book is a National Book Award Finalist and can be found in the Young Adult section of the book store.

Julia is not the perfect daughter, not a perfect Mexican daughter. When older sister, Olga, dies in a tragic accident, it's up to Julia to reassemble the pieces of the family. Julia is suffering, too. Their mother puts all her grief on Julia's shoulders by pointing out in every possible way Julia has failed. It's not long before Julia suspects that Olga might not have been as perfect as everyone thought. With the help of her friends, Julia is determined to uncover the truth. How can Julia live up to a seemingly impossible ideal?

We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 10 - 11:30 at Julie Burton's home. Her address is 136 Steeplechase Drive. All are welcomed to attend. Please call Julie at [262-639-5914](tel:262-639-5914) to let her know you are coming.

For our November 11th meeting we will be discussing The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston.

Collecting Socks, Underwear, and T-shirts

We are still collecting adult sized socks, underwear, and t-shirts for the Hospitality Center. There is an ongoing need for these basic clothing items. You can bring donations with you on Sunday morning and put them in the container in the narthex with the bright pink Love In Action sign, or bring them to the office during the week.

Thank you for your generosity love for your neighbors



If you have an October birthday, come to the lounge on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m. to commemorate your special day with a birthday donut and a cup of coffee. Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura look forward to celebrating with all of you!

To help the young people who will attend the 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next year we are going to have a Craft and Bake sale after the worship service on Sunday, November 8, 2026. Please donate your crafts of any kind - soft goods, (table runners, napkins, hand or tote bags), wood items (Christmas trees, welcome signs, shelves), wreaths, paper goods, knitted items (scarves, hats or mittens). Not a crafter? How about baking something? Bake a loaf of bread, some cookies, a cake, brownies or a pie, and donate that! And everyone can help by coming to shop! Contact Linda Godson, ltgyg1020@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Craft and Bake Sale

Men's Group

All men are welcome to join Pastor Mark at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge on Friday, October 9th for coffee and conversation.



Save the Date! Look For The Light 2026!

Mark your calendars now! Holy Communion's Christmas program, Look for the Light, will be held on Sunday, December 13th, at 9:30 A.M. Rehearsals for kids take place during regular choir practice on Sundays. There will be longer rehearsals at the end of November and beginning of December. Follow the bulletin and Chalice for updates. If you'd like to participate or lend a hand, please contact Kate Potter-Barrow at church or via text: 262.498.7593.



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!

Holy Communion Church Council

President Joleen Carlson, Vice President Gary Wood, Secretary Laurie Knudson, Treasurer Kylee Albright
Members at large Rose Adamski, Steve Barootian, David Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman

Finance Update

August Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$ 39,459.89

Expense: \$ 50,158.79

Net Income: \$ (10,698.90)

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$ 381,659.00

Expense: \$ 421,024.31

Net Income: \$ (39,365.31)

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.

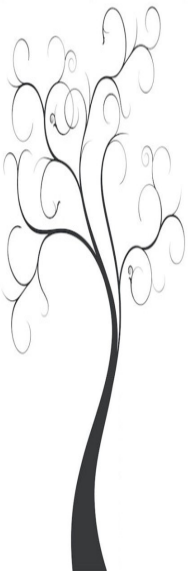
Medical Equipment Lending Closet

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 canes, raised toilet seats, shower chairs, walkers, a wheel chair 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.



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.

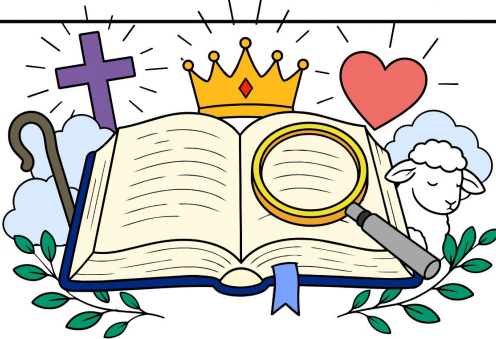
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 - 9 RTG MHR	2 9:30 Quilters 12:30 Food Pantry	3 1:00 Racine Theatre Guild MHR
4 O the Joy 9:30 Worship/Sunday School Quilt & Kit Blessing 6:30 Racine Theatre Guild Choir room	5 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	6 11:30 Ketchup Club 6:30 RTG - MHR	7 7:00 - 9:00 RTG Choir room	8 10:00 Birthday Club	9 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	10
11 Setting 4 9:30 Worship/Sunday School Guest Preacher Rev. Cathy Daharsh, LWR 11:00 Forum w/ Rev. Daharsh 11:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 RTG Choir room	12 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	13 1:00 Quilters	14 10:00 Book Club 11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry 7:00 RTG Choir room	15	16 12:30 Food Pantry	17
18 We Are Called 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:00 New Member Class 1:30 RTG MHR	19 No Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	20 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 RTG - MHR	21 4:30 Delta Kappa Gamma - Lounge & Youth room (V Conner) 7:00 RTG Sanctuary	22 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 RTG - MHR	23 12:30 Food Pantry	24
25 Setting 10 Reformation Sunday 9:30 Worship/Sunday School New Member Installation 11:00 Beer, Brats & Brownies	26 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	27 1:00 Quilters	28 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry 7:00 RTG Choir room	29 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 RTG MHR	30 12:30 Food Pantry	31 Halloween

Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A ____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High
God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One

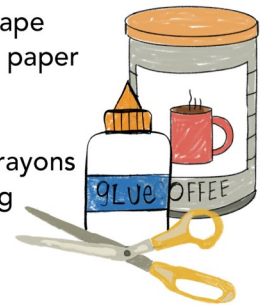
Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

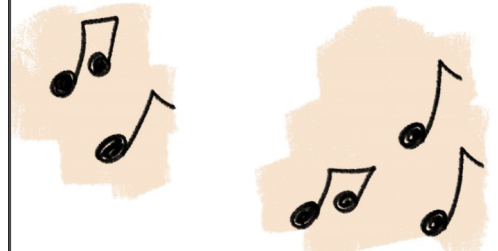
What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!



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 4 9:30 a.m.	October 11 9:30 a.m.	October 18 9:30 a.m.	October 25 9:30 a.m.
Greeter	Joni Reske	Elsie Trehus and David Hansen	Lori Neu	Kay Krause
Lector	Linda Godson	Gary Wee	Roger Degerman	Marianne Jensen
Communion Assistants	Laura Gellott		Roger Degerman	Laura Gellott
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke	Alison Ferrentino	Kylee Albright	Todd Jansen
Coffee Fellowship	Joleen Carlson	Laura Jansen	Shelley Lussmyer	Beer, Brats, and Brownies
Councilperson In Charge	Rose Adamski	Rebecca Mason	Joleen Carlson	Steve Barootian

Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood
Altar Guild	Cindy Myhre and Lynn Riekkoff

October Altar Flowers

**October 4 - In loving memory of Harvey & Jeanette Jensen, given by Linda Jensen,
and in loving memory of Patricia Lynne Barlament for her October 10th birthday, given by Dave Barlament**

**October 11 - In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family,
in loving memory of Katharine Jensen, given by Marianne Jensen,
and in memory of Allen Carlson, given with love by Eunice Carlson**

October 18 - Given by Jim & Lana Buhler and Todd & Laura Jansen in honor of their anniversaries

October 25 - In celebration of their first wedding anniversary, given by Greg & Beverly Nowak

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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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