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Matthew 5:14

*You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.*

As the Summer comes to an end, we have many things to celebrate. On a personal level, there have been glorious wedding celebrations, births, birthdays and anniversary celebrations. Joy like that cannot be hidden!

At Church, we are in the middle of a Capital Campaign. Your generosity is a bright shining light. The windows look spectacular, and the new Parish House windows are on the horizon. We enjoyed another fantastic church picnic worship experience, and our School Supply Neighborhood event was a rousing success.

The Food Pantry continues to do fabulous work. The Diaper Ministry is serving the community with joy. The Prayer Team is keeping us close to God's heart, and so many Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Men's groups, Quilting Teams and other group ministries are flourishing. You are ministering to each other and to the community at large. You are a bright shining light.

Rally Day is just around the corner. We are excited for new opportunities to worship and serve. We are grateful for your enthusiasm, your hard work, your creativity AND your generosity. You are truly a light in the world - and we are blessed by your faithfulness.

Our hope is that the new church year brings you peace, joy and a renewed sense of purpose. May you always know... how much God loves you...and how much we love you. In this new year, let us all shine our lights as bright as we possibly can.

Grace And Peace
Pr. Mark



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church September, 2025



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to Bennett Hermanns
who was baptized during the month of September.

Please join us on...**SEPTEMBER 14th**

for

RALLY DAY

Ice Cream will follow the service!

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Please bring your backpack!

You'll receive a special tag to attach to it.

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children will begin in church and dismiss during the service for choir and class.

Our Christmas program, *Look for the Light*, needs you!

Our beloved live nativity Christmas program, *Look for the Light*, needs intergenerational participants if it's going to take place on **Sunday, December 14th**, 2025. People of all ages, talents, and skills are welcome to join our children and youth as we share the story of Jesus' birth in word, song, and animal wrangling. Multiple group rehearsals will take place at various times to accommodate people's busy schedules, and if you can't make any of the scheduled rehearsals, Kate will meet with anybody at any time who would like to participate. If singing, adults who join should plan to attend a minimum of 2 rehearsals. If reading or wrangling animals only, one meeting with Kate should suffice. We hope many of you decide to don a costume and join us in this beloved HCLC tradition.



Because a decision about whether or not the program proceeds needs to be made by October 1, please contact Kate throughout September to let her know if you will be joining us. Without your participation, the program will be canceled.

Please note: As always, youth participants will receive priority as readers and soloists.

Texting or emailing Kate is best: 262.498.7593 kpotterbarrow@gmail.com



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!!!



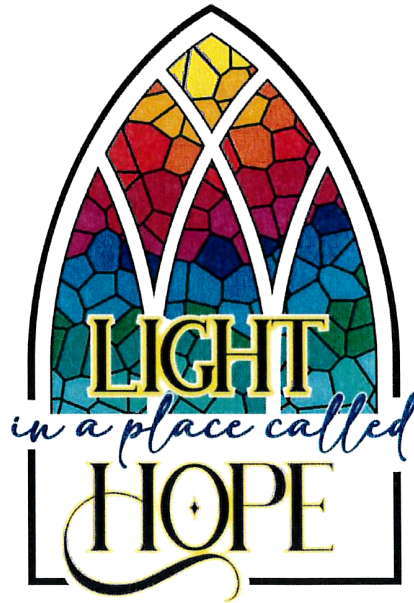
THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The study of The Acts Of the Apostles will meet Tuesday, September 16th, at 10:00 at the home of Julie Burton. In the third chapter of Acts, Peter and John went to the temple courts for prayer where a lame beggar reached out to them for healing. Then 5000 heard how the Word foretold about Jesus and believed that he fulfilled Old Testament prophecy.

Wealthy Sadducees were irate and got the temple police to arrest them (page 41). Peter knew he would risk his life to speak out, but had "Loyalty Only To God" (page 44). The healed lame man spoke openly about his miracle and the Sanhedrin criticized them but could find no legal charge against them (page 44). Instead, they forbid them to speak about Jesus (page 45).

When Peter and John came back with "The Triumphant Return" (page 46), the people prayed for the strength to be bold (page 47). Then came the concern for the needs of one another. Page 48 tells how the believers would sell their goods and give to those in need. Truly a witness of the early Christians was their focus on helping each other sharing whatever they had.

Meet September 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 at Julie Burton's home, 136 Steeplechase Drive, to discuss Acts 4:1 to 4:37. Bring your Bibles for an interesting discussion.



Dear Lights of Holy Communion,

Hopefully you've had a chance to see our beautiful windows in person or been able to watch on-line (there are 4 live streaming videos dated August 1st and 2nd) as Willet Studio workers removed one of the large windows to take back to their studio. It's quite a dramatic difference. Over the next 9-12 months Willet will be restoring the removed window and will be back (tentatively) next Spring or Summer to put it back in and finish the window project portion of our 3 year capital campaign.

The theme of the campaign is "*Light, in a Place Called Hope*," and our goal is to raise a total of \$700,000 over 3 years (2026-2028). We are well on our way to getting to our pledging goal of \$700,000 by this fall. At the writing of this letter we have approximately \$250,000 left to reach our goal.

The largest portion of the money raised in this campaign (\$450,000) is being used for renovations and repairs to the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. The remaining portion of the funds are being used on updates to the elevator, replacing windows in the parish house and repairing the damaged retaining wall. If there is any money left over, we will consider other projects.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider what you can contribute over the next 3 years and fill out the enclosed pledge form. The "giving" portion of the campaign is planned to begin January 2026 and continue through the next 3 years (2026-2028), although pledges and donations will be gratefully accepted at **any** point!

If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your 3 year pledge, please do so by September 14th, so we can wrap up the pledging portion of the campaign. A pledge form is included with this mailing and there are additional forms available in the church office. If you have any questions please reach out to anyone on the church council or finance team.

Let's shine God's *Light, in a place called Hope!*



Capital Campaign Pledge (2026-28)

Our / My pledged gift is

\$ _____ per

[week / month / year]

(circle one)

For a 3 year TOTAL pledge of

\$ _____

THANK YOU, for your pledge!

Name(s): _____ Envelope # (if you know it) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

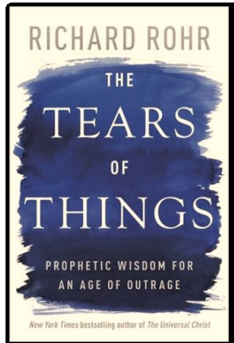
Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you would like information about electronic giving, or other options to fulfill your financial pledge, please contact our Financial Administrator, Keri Pappalardo, at keri.hclc@gmail.com.

For September the pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. boxes of spaghetti noodles, cereal, pork & beans, peanut butter, side dishes, and spaghetti's. There is always a need for clean, lightly used, plastic bags and large, brown paper grocery bags. We also collect calendars, pens and pencils, greeting cards, and cookbooks to offer to our clients.



The pantry continues to be very busy! We are very grateful to all who contribute food and money and to those who volunteer their time to serve our clients. The amount of food we receive from Racine County Food Bank and the government has been decreasing which means we rely more on your donations. We could not do this without a LOT of help! Thank you!



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...

- **Kickoff Brunch on Monday, September 15th at 10:00AM**
- **Study begins on Monday, October 6th and ends on December 15th**
- **If you need a book, please sign up/pay in the church office by September 14th. The cost of the book is \$25 (this is through Amazon...you may be able to find something less expensive).**
- **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, September 12th. 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!

Finance Update

July 2025 Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$29,123.13

Expense: \$46,122.97

Net Income: \$(16,999.84)

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$336,697.59

Expense: \$344,120.51

Net Income: \$(7,422.92)

Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Joleen and Jim Carlson for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Joe and Kathy Cuccio and to the Funk family who sponsor in memory of Wayne & Jan Sotona.



September distribution dates are the 10th from 11AM – 1PM and the 24th from 4PM – 6PM.

We are in need of size 7 and all the toddler pull-up sizes of diapers. If you are out and see a sale on these sizes, please consider a diaper donation! Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Ketchup Club

Unfortunately Pastor Laura has to cancel the breakfast at Meli Café on September 2 due to an appointment. 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!



Peyton Larson's 6th Annual Birthday Lemonade Stand for DSAW

This is a fundraising event for the
Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin
Saturday, September 13, 2025
11am - 3pm

6015 Finch Lane, Caledonia WI 53402

DSAW has been a valuable part of our lives. DSAW touches the lives of over 5500 individuals with Down Syndrome and their families living in Wisconsin. Funds raised are used to provide job training, classes, and overall awareness of Down Syndrome. This is our chance to give back; please come out & support this amazing organization!



Can't make it on the 13th?
Scan the QR code to donate
to DSAW through Peyton's
Awareness Walk Team.



Book Club News For September

Winner of the National Book Award for 2024! We are reading James by Percival Everett. We are meeting September 10th at Julie Burton's home from 10-11:30.



James is a retelling of Huckleberry Finn's adventure from Jim's perspective. Jim is about to be sold and separated from his family. He decides to run away until he can formulate a plan. Jim meets up with Huckleberry, who is trying to escape his violent father. So begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River. The novel is brimming with electrifying humor and cutting observations by the author! The novel is brilliant, tender, and illuminates Jim's intelligence and compassion.

Everyone is welcomed to join us in our discussion. Please call Julie at 262-639-5914 or email her at jaburton5914@gmail.com to let her you will be attending.

For those who want to read ahead, we will be reading for October 8th, The Briar Club by Kate Quinn and for November 12th, An Unfinished Love Story by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Hope to see you there!

September Birthday Club

Were you born in September? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, September 11th 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!



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed Food Pantry Closed	2	3	4	5 12:30 Food Pantry	6
7 <i>Setting 8</i> 9:30 Worship	8 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music Team	9 1:00 Quilters	10 10:00 Book Club 11:00-1:00 Diaper Ministry	11 10:00 Birthday Club	12 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry	13
14 <i>We Are Called</i> <i>Rally Day & Backpack Blessing</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	15 10:00 Bible Study Brunch 12:30 Food Pantry	16 10:00 Third Tues. Bible Study	17	18	19 12:30 Food Pantry	20
21 <i>O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	22 12:30 Food Pantry	23 1:00 Quilters	24 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry	25	26 12:30 Food Pantry	27
28 <i>Setting 10</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	29 12:30 Food Pantry	30				

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.

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.

Scrip Cards For All Your Summer Plans

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!

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.

The _____
its _____;
our God, _____.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



September 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.

	September 7 9:30 a.m.	September 14 9:30 a.m.	September 21 9:30 a.m.	September 28 9:30 a.m.
Greeter		Joni Reske	Sally Neitzel	
Lector	Linda Godson	Lynn Sinclair	Roger Degerman	Joan Fergus
Communion Assistants		Roger Degerman		Joan Fergus
AV Technicians	Kathy Berg Asia Doidge	Kylee Albright Sawyer Krenzke	Barb Salvo Asia Doidge	Todd Jansen
Coffee Fellowship	Rose Adamski	Rally Day Ice Cream!	Shelley Lussmyer	Kate Potter Barrow
Councilperson In Charge	David Knudson	Rebecca Mason	Rose Adamski	Laurie Knudson
Ushers	David Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait			
Altar Guild	Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, Lindsay Newton, Joni Reske			

September Altar Flowers

September 7 - In memory of her parents, Howard & Thelma Floyd, given by Barb Maier and given with love by Susan Anderson to honor her parents, Joan & Leslie Anderson

September 14- In memory of George & Naomi Hahner, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra and in honor of Amelia Mason's birthday, given by her mom and dad.

September 21 - In loving memory of Anne Cuccio and Joe & Kathy Cuccio given by Jim, Joleen & Courtney Carlson

and in honor of Courtney Carlson's birthday, given with love by her mom and dad

September 28 - In loving memory of her mother, Elinor Samarzea, given by Lori Neu and family and in loving memory of Dolly Johnson, given by William Johnson

The Chalice **September, 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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