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In the beginning, when there was nothing...

God's love bubbled over... and God began to create.

It was out of this love... that God said **Let There Be Light.**

And so on the first day, God created the night and the day

And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the sky - and it was good

On the third day, God created the waters and the land - and all that is in it.

And so the world was dazzling with trees and with grasses, and then the first flower opened

And it was good.

By the end of the sixth day, there were elephants and giraffes, there were cats and mice...

And now the earth was utterly spectacular and noisy...

But something was still missing.

So on the seventh day, God created human beings.

And this is what God said:

**I will make them like me...**

**so that they can enjoy the earth and take care of it.**

I have only two things that I would like to add to this magnificent story.

We need to take care of this beautiful gift - that God has given to us...

And we need to take this commission seriously... to take care of it.

I believe that it begins - by seeing the world as God sees it...

By seeing all of its glory and all of its color and all the unique diversity in it.

God bubbled over with love, at this good creation. The least we can do is take care of it!

I truly do hope that you were able to WORSHIP with us outside this past week, as we celebrated our 125 years of ministry in this city. It was wonderful to be in God's good creation as we sang and prayed and played... so let us pray,

Good and Gracious Lord,

Help us to see the world as you see it... with love and with amazement.

Grace and Peace

Pr Mark



**ATTENTION ALL THOSE ENTERING 8<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**(This flyer was emailed and handed out earlier in the year,**  
**but now we have a date for the informational meeting J)**

Are you ready for an opportunity and experience of a lifetime? We sure hope so...and on July 16-20, 2024, we're inviting you to join us as we travel to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Over 30,000 + youth and their adult leaders will gather for a time of faith formation which will include time spent in an awesome interactive learning/fun center, worship and Bible study with amazing speakers and musicians, and service and fellowship events. These Youth Gatherings only occur every three years so we're hoping you'll be able to be a part of this awesome adventure!

Please join us for an **INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING WORSHIP**. Here are few details that might help in making your decision...

All youth who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are invited to participate.

Registration deadline is **October 1st, 2023, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$375.**

The actual estimated cost for each person is \$1000-\$1200 (including flights, hotels and meals)...so please know that there will be fundraising and each participant will be expected to participate. If we do not earn enough money from fundraising the total out of pocket cost will go above the initial \$375.

Please take a look at <https://elca.org/YouthGathering> for further details.

These Youth Gatherings truly have the potential to be life-changing!

**If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura.**



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church August, 2023

**HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY** to the following children  
who were baptized during the month of August:

Asia Doidge	Sawyer Krenzke
Jordan Doidge	Reagan Larson
Finley Godson	Phoebe Pfarr

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023**

**Great JOY...Deep ROOTS...**

**We spent 3 Sundays in July focusing on JOY and the deep ROOTS  
that allows us to choose JOY each day.**

**J - Jesus, O - Others, Y - You: was our guide.**

**We explored Bible stories, played games, created crafts, enjoyed yummy treats and  
had a cookout with the families to end each session.**

**Thank you to all who helped make VBS possible this year!**

***Go out in JOY, be led back in PEACE.***

***-Isaiah 55:12***

**Please join us on**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**for the**

**FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

**Please bring your backpack!**

**\*\*\*You will receive a special keychain to attach to it.\*\*\***

**Ketchup Club**

Our Ketchup Club outings have been a lot of fun! It is wonderful to be able to socialize and "catch-up" with one another. Because Pastor Laura will be gone the fourth Tuesday in July, the July Ketchup Club will be meeting on Tuesday, August 1st and again on August 22nd. On August 1st we will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at **Charcoal Grill, 8300 Washington Ave. in Racine.** *Please note, this is a change from the previously announced location.* On August 22nd we'll meet for breakfast at Douglas Ave. Diner, 5121 Douglas Ave, Come join the lively conversation and catch up with some old friends or meet some new ones! To help with planning, please let

Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi in the office, (office.hclc@gmail.com) know by Sunday, July 30th if you're able to join us on August 1st. Hope to see you there!



## Prayer Requests Box

Your brothers and sisters in Christ want to pray for you. Do you ever think or say, “God please help me!” (Or help my mom, my child, a friend or the world.) Perhaps someone is weighing heavy on your mind, is ill or having surgery. Are you thankful or joyful for an occurrence in your life? Please share these thoughts using the wooden prayer box placed at the back of the church. You can also call or email the church office with prayer requests or email them to Amy Larsen [amylarsen2406@yahoo.com](mailto:amylarsen2406@yahoo.com). If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. The HCLC prayer team prays with confidence that God who is faithful will receive our prayers, bring hope and change circumstances. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!



For August the pantry is asking for donations of cereal, instant potatoes, egg noodles, bar soap, pork n' beans, pears, and saltines.

June 2023 was one of the busiest months in the history of our food pantry and numbers remained high in July. Due to the high number of clients being served, smaller deliveries from the government and Racine County Food Bank and difficulty buying many of the things we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores, we are running very low on many foods.

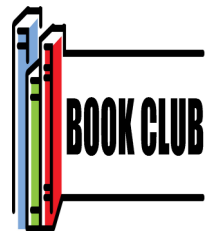
This makes the donations we receive from you more important than ever so that we can continue to provide healthy, balanced meal items for those in need in our community. We are incredibly grateful to all who add a few items for the pantry to their shopping carts. We know budgets are tight for many people and we give thanks for your generous gifts to our ministry.

We always need brown paper grocery bags and clean, lightly used, plastic shopping bags. If you have calendars, greeting cards or pens and pencils you will not use, please bring them to the pantry. We have also had requests for Bibles and children's Bible storybooks. If you have any you no longer use you can donate them to the pantry.

As always we are so very grateful to all who contribute money and food and those who volunteer their time. We could not continue this ministry without your help!

For August, we are reading Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder. We will be meeting on Wednesday, August 9 at 10:00-11:30 at Julie Burton's home. If you are interested in joining us, please call her to get directions at 262-639-5914.

People who thought the 2008 financial collapse was over a long time ago need to meet the people in this book. Finding that social security comes up short, many older Americans have taken to the road in RV's, travel trailers, and vans. Bruder tells a compelling tale of the dark underbelly of the American economy.



At the same time, she celebrates the exceptional resilience and creativity of the quintessential Americans who have given up ordinary rootedness to survive. It is a brilliant work, enveloping, profound, and magical, a road trip through a world of RV-living itinerant roamers-nomads-looking for seasonal work. A beguiling narrative that's eye-opening to say the least.

On September 13, we will discuss a murder mystery entitled, Heritage of Darkness by Kathleen Ernst.

## Finance Update

### **June Finance Numbers**

**Revenue:** \$36,646.33  
**Expense:** \$47,420.49  
**Net Income:** \$(-7,774.16)

### **Year to Date Finance Numbers**

**Revenue:** \$255,971.43  
**Expense:** \$269,079.90  
**Net Income:** \$(-13,108.47)

## *Introducing...* *Toni Rence, Justin Riekema, Kylie & Reagan*

Justin Riekema, Toni Rence and daughters Kylie and Reagan were welcomed as new members of the Holy Communion family on July 9th.

Justin and Toni met in 2020 and grew their family in 2022. Both were raised religiously with Justin growing up Lutheran and attending church in Racine and Toni growing up Catholic, attending church at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and attending St. Joseph school.

They both knew they wanted to raise their girls in faith as it was important to instill those values in Kylie and Reagan. Both girls were baptized in September 2022 at the ages of 8 years and 5 month. After their baptism, their family of four started attending church with Justin's grandmother, Carol Riekema, who has been a longtime member. From day one they have felt welcomed, which made the decision to become members easy. Kylie loves attending Sunday School and being a part of the youth choir and recently made her First Communion at HCLC.

The whole family loves baseball and softball as well as spending time with family. With they summer upon us they are always enjoying the pools and anything water related. They are excited to become members and join the community. Welcome Justin, Toni, Kylie, and Reagan!

The second Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. we invite all who are celebrating a birthday in that month (this time August) to join us for coffee, fun conversation, and a birthday donut while we celebrate you! We hope to see all of you who have August birthdays on Tuesday, August 8th in the lounge!



### **Men's Group, Friday August 11th**

The new Men's Group met for the first time in July. They plan to meet on the second Friday of every month. The next meeting is Friday, August 11th at 9:00 a.m. All men are invited to join us for a time of spiritual growth, fellowship, conversation, and perhaps an end of the year service project.



THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, August 15th, from 10:00 until 11:30. Notice how quickly that date is! August 1st is a Tuesday so two weeks later comes quickly.

Our study of the Gospel of Mark begins with Chapter 7, verse 4 on page 193. We will look at the experiences of Jesus and his disciples as the Jewish authorities feel threatened by the messages of love and service. Be prepared to discuss pages 193-205.

The study will meet at the home of Julie Burton on Tuesday, August 15 from 10:00 to 11:30. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins and emails.

### **Is Your Contact Information Up To Date?**

A new church phone directory will be coming out later this year. We will send our information to the company in late August. You can look in the old directory for your listing to see if the information is up to date or call or email the church office (office.hclc@gmail.com or 262-632-8802) and we will look it up for you. Thank you!







# Save the Date!

## 125th Anniversary Banquet

**Sunday September 10, 5:00 pm.**

**Preservation Hall, Racine.**

**Invitations will be mailed soon!**

Lutherdale Fest



QUILT AUCTION

# 37th ANNUAL

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

**9 AM—3 PM**

**LIVE AUCTION STARTS AT 10 AM  
OVER 250 QUILTS TO BID ON**

Silent Auction • Food Concessions • Gift Gallery  
Crafts • Fabric Sale

**VIEW 2023 QUILTS ONLINE JUNE 15**

**WWW.LUTHERDALE.ORG**

## Pre-Fest & Fish Fry

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 | 4 PM—7 PM**

- Preview Quilts
- Silent Bid on Quilts
- Bid on Silent Auction Baskets
- Wisconsin Fish Fry
- Gift Gallery
- Crafts
- Fabric Sale



**WISCONSIN FISH FRY INCLUDES:**

Hand Breaded 2-piece Cod (fried or baked), Macaroni & Cheese, Parmesan Lemon Oven Roasted Red Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Rye Roll w/ Butter, Creamy Coleslaw, & Sweet Treat

**MEAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ADVANCE ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR**

**\$18 ADULT | \$10 YOUTH (10 & under)**

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Funded by Thrivent Action Teams and The Shoreline Group: Bill Duesterbeck, Josh Duesterbeck, Scott Herrmann, Kate Abbe, Diane Kennedy Nopenz, Joe DeCicco, and Kristen Lafranzo.

**LUTHERDALE | N7891 US Hwy 12, ELKHORN, WI 53121 | (262) 742-2352**

### Scrip Cards

Look for the Scrip table on Sunday mornings. There you can buy or order cards for grocery stores, gas stations, department stores, restaurants, online retailers, and even hotels and other travel related businesses. Scrip is an easy way for you to support the church as you do your day to day shopping. You pay the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card. HCLC purchases the cards for a discounted rate so we earn a percentage of each purchase.

There are lists of the participating retailers in the Welcome Center and on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Scrip cards make great birthday, wedding and graduation gifts and are easy to tuck into greeting cards for any occasion!

Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions or contact Kylee Albright at [kygregg@me.com](mailto:kygregg@me.com).



# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30 Ketchup Club - Charcoal Grill	2	3	4 1:00 Food Pantry	5
6 <b>Setting 3</b> 9:30 Worship	7 1:00 Food Pantry	8 10:00 Birthday Club 1:00 Quilters	9 10:00 Book Club	10	11 9:00 Men's Group 1:00 Food Pantry	12 Lutherdale Quilt Auction
13 <b>Blue Book</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Youth Gathering Informational Meeting	14 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music	15 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	16	17	18 1:00 Food Pantry	19
20 <b>O the Joy</b> 9:30 Worship	21 1:00 Food Pantry	22 1:00 Quilters	23	24	25 1:00 Food Pantry	26
27 <b>We Are Called</b> 9:30 Worship	28 1:00 Food Pantry	29	30	31		

### August 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.

	<b>August 6 9:30 am</b>	<b>August 13 9:30 am</b>	<b>August 20 9:30 am</b>	<b>August 27 9:30 am</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Don Lautz	Lori Neu	Don Lautz	Kay Krause
<b>Lector</b>	Daryle Sturino	Linda Godson	Steve Barootian	Gregg Albright
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Amy Sturino Don Lautz	Joni Reske Grace Deibert	Joan Fergus Roger Degerman	Steve Barootian Jean Veltman
<b>AV Technicians</b>	Lynn Helmke	Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen	Kylee Albright
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Lynn Sinclair	Jim Black	Dave & Laurie Knudson	Shelley Lussmyer
<b>Councilperson In Charge</b>		Jim Black	Laurie Knudson	Andy Larson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Barlament, Jim Buhler, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Barbee, Val Conner, and Barb Salvo			

### August Altar Flowers

**August 6** - In loving memory of Cornelius & Mariane VanderBrug given by Jill VanderBrug and in loving memory of Katharine Jensen given by Marianne Jensen.

**August 13** - In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary given by Carl & Shelley Lussmyer and in memory of 86th anniversary of Pastor George & Adeline Overdier's wedding (at Holy Communion) given by Faith Pfeiffer and Grace Deibert.

**August 20** - in honor of Mya's & Luke's baptisms and in memory of Mya's Godmother, Jacque Nielsen, given with love by Lisa Lequia and in memory of Cornelius & Mariane VanderBrug given by Jill VanderBrug.

**August 27** - In loving memory of their parents, Herv & Florence Weber and Bill & Elaine Lequia, given by Gary and Denise Lequia, and in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary, given by Tom & Evelyn Lajiness.

## The Chalice **August 2023**

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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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