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**Summer Prayer**

(author unknown)

Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty of your creation  
that is all around me.

Thank You for the time to spend with family and friends  
and for the more casual pace of this season.

Draw me closer to You this summer, I pray.  
Remind me that no matter where I am or what I am doing  
I can lift my thanks and praise and concerns to you.

Continue to warm my soul  
with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and counsel.

As I live in your beautiful and bountiful creation,  
create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

**Hoping each of you has a most  
blessed and beautiful summer.**

**See you in worship. ☺**

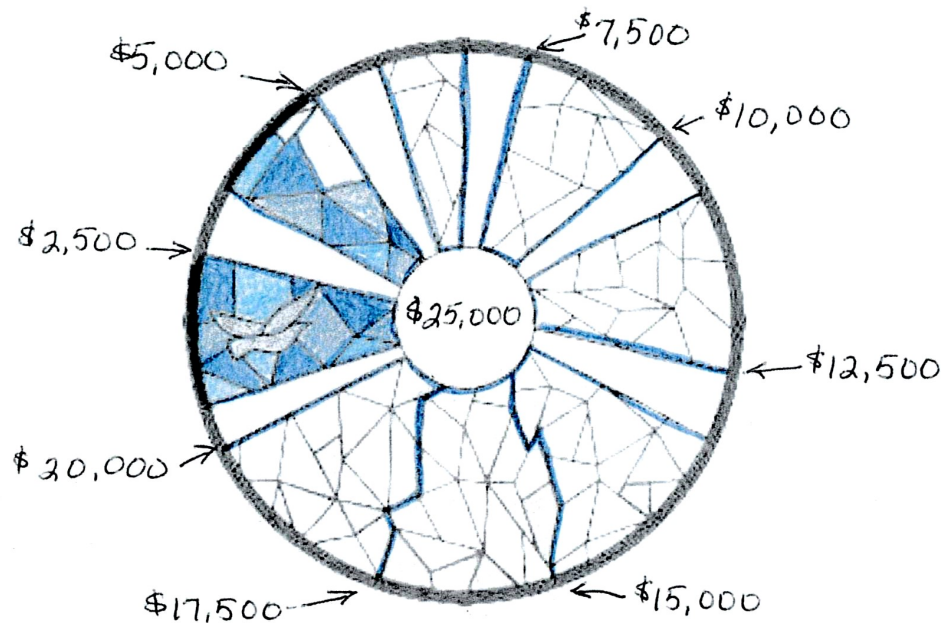
**Pastor Laura**



# SHINING GOD'S LIGHT

FOR 125 YEARS

## Light it Up!



The HCLC Council and Finance teams invite you to join them in committing to raise \$25,000 to celebrate our 125 year anniversary. These leaders have started us off with a combined amount of \$4025, and counting! Will you join them in their efforts by giving your own "125" amount?

Here's an example of how we could reach our \$25,000 goal:

20 donations of \$1.25	total \$ 25.00
40 donations of \$2.50	total \$ 100.00
50 donations of \$12.50	total \$ 625.00
50 donations of \$25	total \$ 1,250.00
30 donations of \$125.00	total \$ 3,750.00
27 donations of \$250.00	total \$ 6,750.00
10 donations of \$1,250.00	total \$ 12,500.00
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

Track our progress in the lounge on the board as we color in the logo to "Light it Up!"



# SHINING GOD'S LIGHT

FOR 125 YEARS

We commit to gift the **"Light It Up"** fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

To be given:      One Time      Weekly      Monthly

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the above form to the church office or put it in the offering plate during a service.

*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."*

*Mother Theresa*



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church July, 2023

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

Piper Harrison



"Go out in JOY. be led back in PEACE."

Isaiah 55:12

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

JULY 9, 16, 23

The children will begin in church and will be dismissed after the children's sermon.  
The lesson will be introduced during the children's sermon (so that we can include the congregation).

We will then continue in the Youth Room, lounge and OUTSIDE and participate in  
an extended learning time, crafts, games, treats...

AND THEN...Our time will end with a family lunch grilled by Andy and Patrick!  
Please plan to return to pick up your child(ren) at **noon** and eat with us!

ALSO: Please consider bringing a friend!

Please use this [LINK](#) to register your child(ren) and friends!

For July the pantry is asking for donations of the following items:

cereal  
instant potatoes  
egg noodles  
pears  
jelly



We are running out of these items and are not getting them from the government or Racine County Food Bank. The number of clients coming to the pantry has been rising and we have shortages of a number of items due to the lack of deliveries and an inability to purchase them in bulk. Our shoppers are having a hard time buying many of the things we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores. 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 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 you!



We are reading Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano. We are meeting at Julie Burton's home on July 12th at 10:00-11:30. Edward is on board a plane with his family. They are heading to Los Angeles. Halfway across the country, the plane crashes. Edward is the only survivor. Edward now struggles to find a place in the world without his family. He continues to feel that part of himself has been left in the sky, forever tied to the plane and all of his fellow passengers. He begins to understand all the ways his aunt and uncle, teachers, neighbors, and one very special friend have stepped in to care for him. Edward comes to see that the transformative power of kindness and love can heal a broken heart. You can join us for discussion by calling Julie at 262-639-5914 for directions to her home.

In August, we will be discussing Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder.

### Quilting Group

The Quilting Group meets at 1:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to join them, even if you have no prior quilting experience, and they would love to have more help. If you have gently used full, queen or king size flat sheets that you no longer need, the quilters can use them for quilt backs. You can drop them off in the back of the church on Sunday morning or in the church office. Call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527, if you have any questions.

### Thank You From Susan Anderson

Thank you to everyone who came to the Relay for Life on June 9th, who purchased a Luminary, made a donation or sent us prayers. I am grateful that I could exceed my goal of \$300 by raising \$412. My Shorewest team exceeded our goal by raising \$4032. The final amount for the event is not final yet.

### Finance Update

May 2023		Year to Date 2023	
Revenue:	\$42,000.26	Revenue:	\$216,325.10
Expenses:	\$41,261.79	Expenses:	\$221,343.39
Net Income:	\$738.47	Net Income:	(-\$5,018.29)



### 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. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Reefpoint Brew House, 2 Christopher Columbus Causeway. 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. Hope to see you there!



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 July) to join us for coffee, fun conversation, and a birthday donut while we celebrate you! We hope to see all of

### New Men’s Group Forming

Good Day - Gentlemen of Holy Communion,

One of my goals this year is to initiate a new Men's group here at the Church. I would like to get started this summer. So we will officially meet for the first time on Friday morning - July 14th - at 9AM. The plan would be once a month as we are able. It will be a time of spiritual growth, fellowship, conversation and perhaps an end of the year service project. Please join us.

Grace and Peace  
Pr Mark



Tuesday, July 18th, the study of the Gospel of Mark will meet at the home of Julie Burton from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. the study this month begins with Mark 6:30 when Jesus feeds the 5,000. The disciples had just returned from teaching and healing as Jesus had taught them. They were exhausted! Yet, their hearts went out to the crowd seeking inspiration from the good news of God’s love. Barclay discusses this event from pages 178 to 184.

As if this wasn’t enough in one day, Mark 6:45-52 describes the disciples getting in a boat to cross over to Bethesda when a wind comes up making it difficult to row. Jesus sees the distress they were in and comes out to them walking on the water. There’s no rest once they reach land on the other side. People recognize Jesus and spread the word. Now, Jesus the healer is the focus in Mark 6:53-56.

This is a lesson of miracles. Jesus feeds 5,000 and heals many who come to him. Such an uplifting lesson! After Herod’s cruelty last month, we have the love and healing of Jesus this month. Pages 178 to 188 for discussion on July 18th. Meet at Julie Burton’s home, 136 Steeplechase Drive.

### Toy collection at Shorewest Realtors

Tex Reynolds Toys for Tots has been helping provide Christmas toys for children in need in Racine for more than 90 years. Volunteers clean and refurbish used toys year round, and Shorewest Realtors is once again helping collect toys for them.

If you have old or broken toys looking for a new home. Please join us for Christmas in July. We filled a truck last year and decided to go for it again this year. You can bring old or broken toys or cash donations on Tuesday, July 25th to the Shorewest Racine Office at 1557 S Green Bay Rd. (Enter on 16th St) between Noon and 5:00 and join us for a hot dog lunch. You are also welcome to drop toys off at the office between now and July 25th between 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday. All toys are refurbished and distributed locally before Christmas. Read more about this great community organization at [texreynoldstoysfortots.com](http://texreynoldstoysfortots.com). Thank you for your support, Please contact Susan Anderson, 262-902-5334 if you have questions.



### Prayer 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). The HCLC prayer team prays with confidence that God who is faithful will receive our prayers, bring hope and change circumstances. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!



### Thank you, Lynn Litzau!

A big thank you to Lynn Litzau for planting and caring for the beautiful flowers in the planters in front of the church and the parish house again this year. They are truly beautiful and we appreciate your efforts!

### Shop With Scrip

Look for the Scrip table on Sunday mornings. There you can buy or order gift 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 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).

Racine Interfaith Coalition's



**Food Truck  
FESTIVAL**



St. Rita's Church  
4339 Douglas Ave.  
Racine, WI 53402

**Entertainment  
Flat Creek Highway**

**Speaker  
Dant'e  
Cottingham**

Donations  
accepted!

**SAVE THE DATE!**



262-635-9532  
[ricracine1993@gmail.com](mailto:ricracine1993@gmail.com)  
[www.ricracine.org](http://www.ricracine.org)

### 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 wish to receive a visit or have your name on the prayer list read in church. If you wish, you can request visits and 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 by email, [office.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:office.hclc@gmail.com), or phone, 262-632-8802.



## ***125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Picnic and Worship in the Park!***

Sunday July 30, 2023

Johnson Park Pavilion, 6200 Northwestern Ave.

Worship begins at 9:30 am, with picnic following.

### **Provided**

Pulled Pork and buns

Plates, cups, napkins, plasticware

Ice and coolers on hand

### **For you to bring**

Last Name A-L: salads or sides

Last Name M-Z: desserts

Lawn Chairs and Beverages

(No glass containers and no alcohol unless purchased at Johnson Park Clubhouse.)

Activities and games for kids and adults. (Kids, bring your friends!) Rain or shine we'll gather and rejoice!

See you at the park!



# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Setting 10 9:30 Worship	3 1:00 Food Pantry	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5	6	7 1:00 Food Pantry	8
9 Setting 8 9:30 Worship New Member Reception 9:30 - Noon Vacation Bible School	10 1:00 Food Pantry	11 10:00 Birthday Club 1:00 Quilters	12 10:00 Book Club	13	14 9:00 Men's Group 1:00 Food Pantry	15 Vachalik - MHR
16 O the Joy 9:30 Worship 9:30 - Noon Vacation Bible School	17 1:00 Food Pantry	18 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	19	20	21 1:00 Food Pantry	22 Fundraiser for Jacob Sertuche
23 We Are Called 9:30 Worship 9:30 - Noon Vacation Bible School 1-4 RIC Fundraiser	24 1:00 Food Pantry	25 1:00 Quilters 12-5 Toy Drive - Shorewest Realty	26	27	28 1:00 Food Pantry	29
30 Picnic Service 9:30 Worship and Family Picnic - Johnson Park	31 1:00 Food Pantry	August 1 11:30 Ketchup Club Reefpoint Brew House				

### June 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>July 2 9:30 am</b>	<b>July 9 9:30 am</b>	<b>July 16 9:30 am</b>	<b>July 23 9:30 am</b>	<b>July 30 9:30 am</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Carrie Jansen	Carrie Jansen		Carrie Jansen	Carrie Jansen
<b>Lector</b>	Betty Petersen	Mary Beth Huizinga	Karen Pirk	Gary Wood	John Lehman
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Craig & Betty Petersen	Joni Reske Grace Deibert	Al & Karen Pirk	Mary Beth Huizinga	None needed
<b>AV Technicians</b>	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen	Kylee Albright	Barb Salvo	None needed
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Rose Adamski	Mary Beth Huizinga	Trish Carr Jacob	Shelley Lussmyer	None Needed
<b>Councilperson In Charge</b>	Rebecca Mason	David Knudson	Joleen Carlson	Rebecca Mason	None Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, Karen Pirk, and Gary Wood				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Grace Deibert, Lynn Sinclair, Sue DiPasquale Peterson, and Katie Peterson				

### June Altar Flowers

**July 2** - In loving memory of her brother, given by Keri Pappalardo  
and in memory of Robert Barbee, loved and missed by Susan Barbee and family

**July 9** - In loving memory of Cliff and Vera Rolfson, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litzau

**July 16** - In honor of Danielle Simonovic's birthday given by David & Darlene Krueger

**July 23** - In loving memory of Evan Hahner, given by Heidi Komistra  
and in loving memory of Tom Rolfson, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litzau

**July 30** - no altar flowers, worship and picnic at Johnson Park

## The Chalice **July 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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