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October

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**When Was The First Church Building Built?**

The earliest known Church Cathedral was thought to be built in Armenia. It was called the **Etchmiadzin Cathedral** and it was believed to be built sometime in the 300's CE. Archaeologists also inform us that the first Christian Church buildings were built around the 200's CE.

Before that, the earliest followers of Jesus gathered for worship in private homes. Now on occasion, worshippers did gather outside for large celebrations, but generally speaking the first worship services (teaching, speaking in tongues and singing) were held in people's homes.

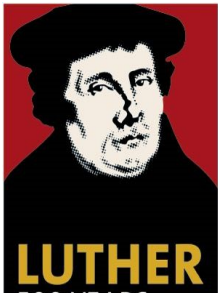
According to the Book of Acts, believers broke bread with glad and generous hearts - praising God and having goodwill.

The Apostle Paul spoke of several Church Houses in his Letters. Some of those listed were the homes of Priscilla, Aquila and Philemon. The size of those services was estimated to be about 20 - 30 people.

And because the Roman authorities were always suspicious of unauthorized sects and group meetings, the earliest believers had to be careful. The danger eventually subsided in the year 313CE when Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity.

Thanks be to God - for our beautiful Church building. The history of the Church is a fascinating topic.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Mark



**Join us for Beer, Brats, and Brownies on Sunday, October 27th, as we celebrate the 507th 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

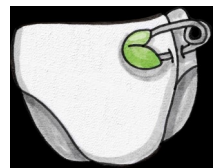
hot dogs and some scrumptious brownies and give a toast to Martin Luther.

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!

**Diaper Ministry**

The diaper ministry debuted on September 25th. They provided diapers for sixteen clients, one adults and fifteen children, and trained eight volunteers. All in all a successful debut! They can use diaper donations in sizes newborn through seven and adult diapers. If you know anyone who is struggling to afford diapers, please tell them about the diaper ministry. We are open on the second Wednesday from 11:00 - 1:00 and the fourth Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:00.



**Thank You!**

**Thank You Dwight Pedersen!**

A big thank you to Dwight Pedersen who repaired and refurbished our Christ candleholder, making it sturdy and useable again! We are very thankful for all your work over the years to help make our sanctuary beautiful, Dwight!

**Watch for Your Stewardship Mailing!**

Watch your mailbox for a letter from the Stewardship Team explaining how your offerings are used, the dream budget for 2025, and a pledge form!



**Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

A dedicated group of women has been making quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts are distributed around the world in places where people's lives have been disrupted by disasters. The quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary and blessed during the worship service on Sunday, October 6th. If you would like to help the quilting group they meet on the second and fourth Tuesday every month from 1:00 - 3:00. No quilting experience is required for you to help. If you have lightly used full, queen, or king size sheets you no longer need, the quilters can use them for backing fabric. Donations can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings or any time the church office is open. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Linda Holmquist at 632-0032 or Evelyn Lajiness at 634-0527.

**Finance Update**

	August		Year to Date
Revenue	\$45,280.53	Revenue	\$326,536.81
Expense	\$42,213.82	Expense	\$312,088.33
Net Income	\$3,066.71	Net Income	\$14,448.48



# The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church October, 2024



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

*Braxton Hermanns*

**BIBLE SUNDAY is OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday Morning Bible Study**

The Monday Morning Bible Study meets in the lounge from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. They are reading The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation. October 7th they will begin with a discussion of the prefaces and chapter one. All are invited to join this study. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura [pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com).



The food pantry continues to be very busy. In August they served 374 families, with a total of 1286 people. In just one afternoon on September 23rd they had 57 families with a total of 192 people. The shelves in the pantry empty very quickly with those sorts of numbers! Unfortunately the amount of food coming from the Racine County Food Bank and the government has been decreasing at the same time client numbers are going up so the pantry needs to purchase more of the food given to clients.

For the month of October the pantry is asking for donations of instant potatoes, side dishes, tuna, canned peaches, pork & beans, and jelly. If you have candy left over at Halloween the pantry would be happy to receive it to save for the small treat bags they give to clients at Christmas.

They also need clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags, brown paper grocery bags, and cloth shopping bags to pack the groceries in and will take 2025 calendars, greeting cards, and pens and pencils you will not use.


The pantry is extremely grateful to their wonderful volunteers and to all who make donations. Your help makes this ministry possible!



### Calling All Crafters!

A craft sale is being planned for this upcoming spring. We would love to have you showcase your creations. Please contact Rose Adamski @ [rradamski704@gmail.com](mailto:rradamski704@gmail.com) or at 262-637-7833 if interested and for further details.




 **2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Graders (We will usually meet on the first Sunday of the month.)**  
All of our 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some popcorn and snacks...and Bible and Playtime on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather together following worship and meet til Noon. We're looking forward to seeing you all!

**5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Graders (We will usually meet on the second Sunday of the month)**  
All of our 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join the pastors on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather together following worship and meet til Noon. We can't wait to see you all and have an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.



**8th Grade Confirmation Class (We will usually meet on the third Sunday of the month)**  
All of our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>...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, June 8, 2025.)

 **(We will usually meet on the fourth Sunday of the month)**  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders!!!! The pastors can't wait to have you join them for a time to check in with your hearts and minds, perhaps be a bit goofy, have a blast, and help cook dinner with them!!! That's right, "Dinner...or perhaps you call it supper." **We're going to meet for the first time on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30PM...and we'll begin in the kitchen where we'll all help prepare a meal to enjoy!** See you there and come hungry

**THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

October 15th is the date to discuss the Gospel of Mark, pages 346-358. This will include chapter 12:35 to 12:44 followed by an introduction to Chapter 13. In this section Mark wants us to grapple with the teachings of Jesus before his crucifixion. He makes the learned in the Temple struggle with his role as the Anointed Messiah. He claims to be the Son of David and David's Lord! This appealed to "the mass of people (who) listened to him with pleasure" ( Mark 12:37). But scribes and Pharisees had to deal with his criticisms.

Then comes a passage treasured by many. As Jesus watched many rich people throw large sums of money into the treasury, he saw a poor widow contribute "two mites" (12:42). Barclay points out this lesson in giving as sacrificial, even reckless (page 352).

William Barclay digresses to give us an introduction to Mark 13 in "The Things To Come" on page 353. He wants us to know this aspect of Jewish history and the Apocalyptic literature envisioned in the Old Testament. There are passages here that people still refer to that warn of the "last days."

Mark is telling us of Jesus confronting the Jewish religious leaders while there's a big crowd surrounding them in the temple. All this during the week of his crucifixion. Mark 12:35 to 12:44 in William Barclay pages 346-358. Meet at Julie Burton's home, 136 Steeplechase Drive, on October 15th from 10:00 to 11:30.



## Men's Group Meeting October 11th

All men are invited to come join the discussion with the Men's Group on Friday, October 11th. They meet in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. The group would love to have more of you join the conversation. Talk to Pastor Mark if you have any questions. or would like more information.



## October Birthday Club

Were you born in October? Do you like donuts, coffee, and lively conversation? If your answer to these questions is yes, then you should join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. when they will celebrate all the October birthdays!

## Ketchup Club

We would love to have you join us at one of our Ketchup Club outings. These gatherings are a great time to socialize and "catch-up" with old friends, make some new ones. We have had some wonderful conversations and lots and lots of laughs! In October we will meet for lunch at 11:30 at Reefpoint Brew House, 3 Christopher Columbus Causeway, on Tuesday, October 22nd.

Please let Pastor Laura ([pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com)), or Heidi ([office.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:office.hclc@gmail.com)) know by Sunday, October 20th, if you are planning to join us so we know how big a table we need. However, if you should unexpectedly find yourself free that day we will happily make some room at the table, so please come join us!

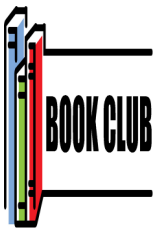


## Prayer Team

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](mailto: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!**



We will be discussing How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith. Author Smith takes us to familiar and unfamiliar places to discover how events that occurred in different and unusual places to teach us the history of slavery. We will travel with him to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the Whitney Plantation in Louisiana, where a slave rebellion occurred in 1811, to Angola Prison in Louisiana which is on the grounds of a former plantation worked by slaves, to the Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia where annual Memorial Day services are held for the fallen Confederate soldiers, however not the Black slaves that are buried there, to Galveston, Texas where it was announced on June 19, 1865 that slavery had ended, to New York City where there are a slave sale center, a black cemetery and an underground railway connection, and finally, to Goree Island off the coast of Senegal where Africans sold Africans to the United Kingdom and the United States of America. All these events have new insight into how we learn about our past and how not knowing effects everyone.

You can join us on Wednesday, October 9 from 10:00-11:30 at Julie Burton's home. Please call her at 262-639-5914 to let her know you are coming.

For November, we plan on discussing Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley.

## Nursery Available Sunday Mornings

The nursery has been cleaned up and refreshed and is ready for use on Sunday mornings! Carrie Jansen has offered to staff the nursery during Sunday services while parents worship. The nursery is also a convenient place to change your little one. Please ask the ushers if you need directions.

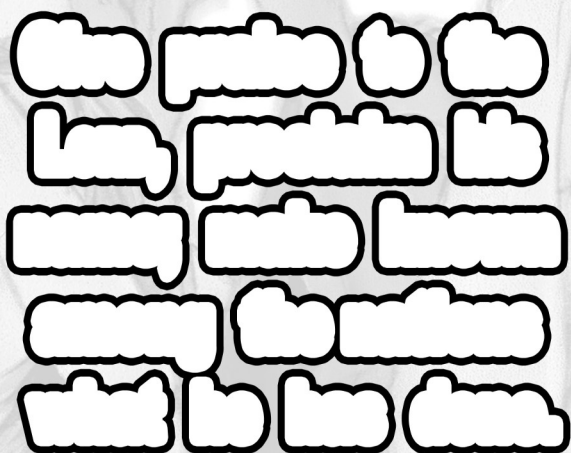


# Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

### WORD LIST

nations proclaim the what to make done Give name among Lord known the he praise has his



1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

Answer: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

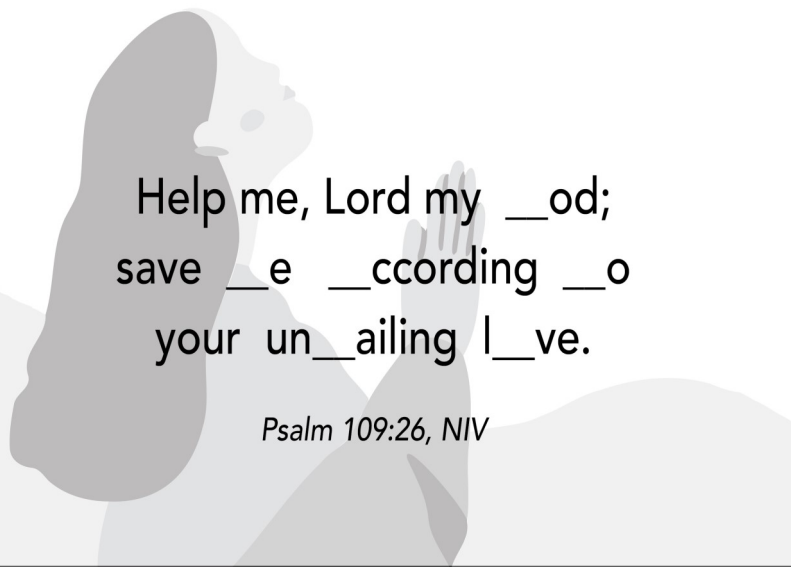


## BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalm 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Psalm 90:2	LTAVREENISG	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	__ <input type="checkbox"/> ____



Help me, Lord my \_\_od;  
save \_\_e \_\_ccording \_\_o  
your un\_\_ailing l\_\_ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV

Answers: gracious, mighty, everlasting, patient, faithful, holy; Help me, Lord my God; save me according to your unfailing love; Psalm 109:26, NIV

### 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. 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 or 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 morning.

## 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.

LK	October 6 9:30 am	October 13 9:30 am	October 20 9:30 am	October 27 9:30 am
<b>Greeter</b>	Elsie Trehus David Hansen	Sally Nietzel Thom Bodenbach	Lori Neu	Jo Nissen
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Wee	Joan Fergus	Gary Wood	Roger Degerman
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Gary Wee Gary Wood	Joan Fergus	Julie Burton	Roger Degerman Julie Burton
<b>AV Technicians</b>	Kylee Albright Kathy Berg	Lynn Helmke	Barb Salvo Alison Ferrentino	Todd Jansen
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Laura Jansen	Grace Deibert Linda Godson	Christine Monreal	Sally Neitzel JoAnne Steeves
<b>Councilperson In Charge</b>	Gary Wood	Joleen Carlson	Gary Wood	Gary Wood

<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, Gary Wood
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, and Lynn Riekkoff

### Altar Flowers

October 6 - in loving memory of Harvey and Jeanette Jensen, given by Linda Jensen  
and in memory of Cher Mikkelsen given with love by Shelley Lussmyer.

October 13 - in memory of our dad and grandpa Allen Carlson given with love by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney Carlson  
and in loving memory of Dawn Barootian given by her family

October 20 - In loving memory of Sherman Scherer

October 27 - In honor of all the Reformers, both past and present, Catholic and Protestant, who have and are spreading  
the love of Jesus throughout the world.

## The Chalice **October 2024**

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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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