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GRACE

After centuries of handling and mishandling, a lot of religious words have lost their zest.

But this is not true for the word **grace**. Mysteriously, even its derivatives like **gracious** and **graceful** still have some zing.

Grace is something you can never get... but only be given. There is no way to earn it and there is no way to deserve it. A good night's sleep is grace and so are good dreams. A bowl of ice cream is grace and so is the smell of rain. Somebody loving you is grace and so is loving somebody else... Have you ever **tried** to love somebody? You can't force it, and you can't will it to happen. You can't make somebody love you any more than you can force yourself to love somebody... **its grace!**

An essential eccentricity of the Christian Faith is that we are saved by grace. There is nothing that **you** have to do. There is nothing that you **have** to do. There is nothing that you have to **do**. The grace of God is something like this... Here is your life. You might never have been - but you are - because the grand old party wouldn't have been the same without you.

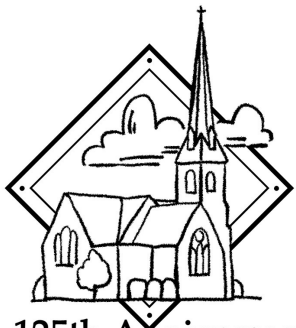
There is only one catch. Just like every other gift... the gift of grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it or grab it or accept it or live within it...have a good night's sleep, enjoy a delicious bowl of ice cream, smell the rain... for you are loved...

Grace and Peace to you all...

Pr Mark

Council Updates for July

Fall planning has begun for all Teams. Youth Programs are being scheduled, Bell Choir is being established again, Rally Day is September 18 with BBQ after church and kickball game for all. Buildings and Grounds Team has identified various projects that have been put off through Covid, including the resurfacing of the parking lot. Council approved expenditures for recreating the website and for replacing the lounge furniture. (We know most of you haven't been in the lounge lately, but pieces of pleather on the sofas and chairs will stay with you when you get up!) The old furniture will go up to the 3rd floor, hopefully with new covers. The theme for Seven Acts of Mercy this year is Welcome the Lonely. We are happy to be together again and excited about ministries that are and will be happening this year!



125th Anniversary Celebration!

Holy Communion's 125th Anniversary is in 2023 and we'd like to get planning some special events through the year. Our first planning meeting is Monday September 19 at 6:30 pm. We'd love lots of hands to help! Maybe you're not a "go to a meeting" type person but you'd like to help in other ways, or you have some good ideas to share. Please let us know where you'd like to fit yourself in! Questions? Please email Lynn Helmke at lynnhelmke226@gmail.com or Laurie Knudson at ljkudson53@gmail.com

God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday in the ELCA is Sunday September 11. It's a Sunday when congregations all across the US reach out to the community with projects to make a difference. Pastor Mark has friendship with an officer working out of one of the community COP Houses here in Racine and they have a request for these items for kids, ages K - High School: deodorant, socks, t-shirts, and underwear. All should be new items, and the t-shirts would be ones that kids would wear with jeans etc. (Not underwear t-shirts) Items can be dropped off in the church office during the week, on Sundays starting this week, or wait to bring items on September 11! We'll have a special blessing on the 11th for everything that's collected. Thank you in advance!



Looking for a Greeter Coordinator

Are you looking for a relatively "easy" way to get involved in at church? How about coordinating the Greeting Team? We are looking for someone to coordinate the volunteers and set up scheduling, then get that information into the Chalice (by sending the list to Heidi) on a monthly basis. The time commitment is about 2 hours a month, can be done "remotely" by email or phone call (your choice) or in person ask at church. A current list of volunteers will be provided to you along with their contact information. Please contact Heidi in the office or Kylee at kygregg@mac.com or 262-639-6433.



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church September, 2022

Happy Baptism Birthday to the following children
who were baptized during the month of September:

Bennett Hermanns

Paige Kupper

Please join us on

SEPTEMBER 18th

for the

Rally Day & Fall Kick-Off Celebration!!

Worship at 9:30

Followed by burgers, hotdogs, cake and a fun game of kick ball!!!

(This is for the whole congregation!)

Blessing of Backpacks is September 18th

PLEASE BRING YOUR BACKPACKS!

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



Let the Ringing and Singing Begin!

***Senior Choir Rehearsals will begin on Thursday September 22 at 7:30pm.
(Please meet in the Choir Room. Enter through the Parish House doors)***



***Bell Choir Rehearsals will begin on Thursday September 22 at 6:15pm
(Please meet in the church. Enter through the Sacristy door off the parking lot)***



2nd - 5th Grade Youth Group (Will usually meet the first Sunday)



All of our 2nd - 5th Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some Popcorn and Playtime on **Sunday, October 2, from 11:00-12:00.**

6th - 8th Grade Youth Group (Will usually meet the second Sunday)

All of our 6th - 8th Graders are invited to join Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark on **Sunday, October 9, from 11:00-12:00** for an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.



Confirmation Class (Will usually meet the third Sunday)

All of our 8th Graders (and older) who wish to confirm their faith on Pentecost Sunday (May 28, 2023) are invited to join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura for a more intentional time of learning and deepening of faith through Bible and Catechetical time...and of course through some fun and games as well 😊. **We will begin meeting on Sunday, October 16, from 11:00-12:00.** Snacks will be provided, but please bring your Bible.



(Will usually meet the fourth Sunday)

All of our 9th - 12th Graders are invited to join the pastors for a time of fun and fellowship...and also to plan for future youth events, mission trips and gatherings. We need you and your input and look forward to hanging out, brainstorming and just having a good time with you! **Our first time to meet is Sunday, October 23rd, from 11:00-12:00.** Snacks will be provided.



2022-2023 Calendar (11:00-12:00 in the Youth Room)

October 2022

- 2 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 9 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 16 Confirmation Class
- 23 High School Youth Group

November 2022

- 6 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 13 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 20 Confirmation Class
- 27 High School Youth Group

December 2022

We will not be meeting in the month of December, but please note the Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 11.

January 2023

- 8 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 15 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 22 Confirmation Class
- 29 High School Youth Group

February 2023

- 5 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 12 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 19 Confirmation Class
- 26 High School Youth Group

March 2023

- 5 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 12 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 19 Confirmation Class
- 26 High School Youth Group

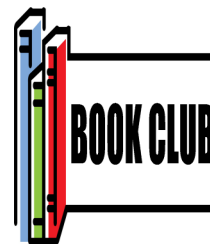
April 2023

- 2 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 16 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 23 Confirmation Class
- 30 High School Youth Group

May 2023

- 7 2nd-5th Grade Youth Group
- 14 6th-8th Grade Youth Group
- 21 Confirmation Rehearsal
- 28 Rite of Confirmation (9:30AM)

Our book for July was so interesting that we had to delay our discussion of The Beekeeper of Aleppo, so we decided to reschedule it for September. We will be reading for discussion The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri. The story is about Nuri's life which is the same day after day. He drives to the countryside to his bee hives. His wife, Afra, a gifted artist, paints. When all they love is destroyed by war, they realize they must leave their home for an uncertain future in Britain. They have many things to navigate. This is a story for our time. It reminds us that our lives can be upended instantly.



We will be meeting on September 14 at 10 – 11:30 at Julie Burtons' home. If you would like to join us, please call Julie at 262-639-5914. Hope to see you there!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

September 20th the study of the Gospel Of Mark will continue at the home of Julie Burton from 10:00 to 11:30. This month we will discuss Mark 2:13 to 2:28 found on pages 59 to 75 in William Barclay's study guide. In this section, Barclay notes that Jesus "was banned from the place which was regarded as the house of God" (page 59). During this time, Jesus calls Matthew, a despised tax collector, to follow him. It's interesting that Barclay says that "Jesus is pleading for a certain elasticity in our minds" (page 70). So, we invite you to let your spiritual mind grow and meet at 136 Steeplechase Drive from 10:00 to 11:30 on September 20.

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.

Circle of Hope Cancer Support Group

Hope everyone is catching up on the past 2+ years of activities. As we approach Fall we will begin to gather again, starting Thursday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge. I'm sure we will have a lot to share. Any questions or suggestions please call Pat Barlament at 262-886-2749. You do not have to be a member of this church. Anyone who has received a cancer diagnosis, had a loved one diagnosed, been a caregiver, or is simply interested ... just join us!



Correction to the New Directory!

Pastor Laura's email address is incorrect in the new directories!

The correct email is pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com

Please make note of that change in your copy of the directory.



While you are doing that, please check your listing and let the office know if your address, phone, or email address needs to be updated. Thank you!

Sunday Service Live-Stream Broadcasts

Due to the technical issues we have been experiencing with Facebook, for the next few weeks we will be using the phone again to live-stream the service. Our technicians at Smart Spaces have determined that the problem is not with our equipment but with Facebook itself. We are looking into switching to a different broadcast platform that is more reliable. Please be patient with us as we work through the process. Watch for upcoming emails and announcements. When we make the change, we will let you know exactly how to find us! We know how important it is to be a part of the Sunday services.



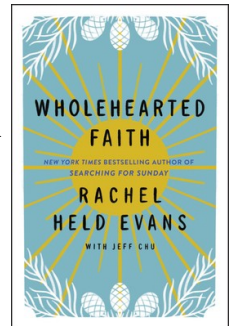
For the month of September the pantry is asking for donations of:

jelly (greatly needed!)
instant potatoes
pancake mix
saltines
cream of chicken soup
bar soap

The pantry also needs large, brown paper grocery bags and clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags.

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

This fall the Monday Morning Bible Study will begin the book Wholehearted Faith written by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book. The study meets at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and in person. Please see Pastor Laura if you have any questions.



Looking For Vases



On the Sundays that altar flowers are not picked up, the pastors often take the flowers on visits to our shut-ins. We need some more vases in order to continue this practice. If you have any vases you do not need we would love to have them! We need medium size vases the most, but bud vases or large vases can also be useful. You can bring them to worship on Sunday or drop them off in the office when it is open. Thanks you!

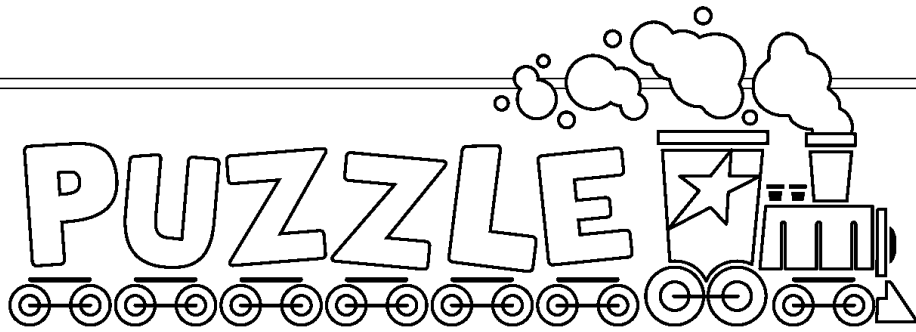
It Only Takes A Spark



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love. —William Arthur Ward

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 1:00 Food Pantry	3
4 Setting 4 9:30 Worship (in person and live-streamed)	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 6:30 Belle Ensemble	8	9 1:00 Food Pantry	10
11 We Are Called <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i> 9:30 Worship (in person and live-streamed)	12 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music 6:30 Belle Ensemble	13 1:00 Quilting Group	14 10:00 Book Club 4:30 Delta Kappa Gamma (MHR) 6:30 Belle Ensemble	15 10:00 Circle of Hope Cancer Support	16 1:00 Food Pantry	17
18 O the Joy 9:30 Worship (in person and live-streamed) & Sunday School 10:30 Fall Kick-off BBQ & Party	19 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 125th Anniversary Planning Meeting 6:30 Belle Ensemble	20 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	21 Chalice Article Deadline 6:30 Belle Ensemble	22 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	23 1:00 Food Pantry	24
25 Service of Word & Prayer 9:30 Worship (in person and live-streamed) & Sunday School	26 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Belle Ensemble	27 1:00 Quilting Group	28 6:30 Belle Ensemble	29 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	30 1:00 Food Pantry	



Fruit or false

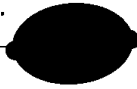


Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P
Carrot	E	O
Tomato	Y	R
Grape	C	F
Eggplant	T	D
Celery	I	N
Banana	K	M
Cucumber	N	W



	Fruit	Vegetable
Pepper	O	U
Spinach	R	S
Watermelon	H	P
Broccoli	G	N
Pumpkin	T	Y
Pear	F	C
Asparagus	L	R

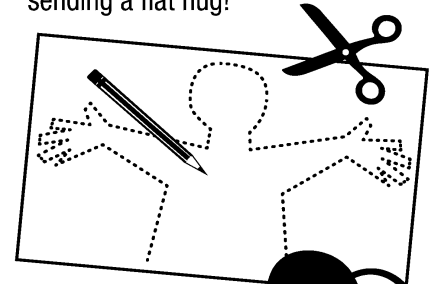
But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j__ __, pea__e,
 pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
 fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

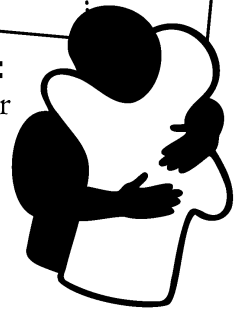
Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



What you do:

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.

A Primer On Love

Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love. —Henry Drummond

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 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeter	Roger Degerman	Lori Neu Joni Reske	Roger Degerman	Linda Fox
Lector	Jim Black	Jim Hill	Julie Burton	Patrick BeBow
Communion Asst.	Jim Black	Sheri Krenzke	Don Lautz	Jim Hill
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen Barb Salvo
Councilperson In Charge	Lynn Helmke	Kylee Albright	Jim Black	Dave Knudson
Ushers	Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Phil Hermann, Gary Lequia, John Schultz, Ed Wosilait			
Altar Guild	Lana Buhler, Lois Bucholz, Sandy Ivanoski, Laura Jansen, Kay Krause, Joni Reske			

September Altar Flowers

September 4 - In memory of Joan & Leslie Anderson, with love from their daughter Susan.

September 11 - In loving memory of Evan Hahner, given by Kristin Hahner
and in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary on September 14th, given by Kathy Berg.

September 18 - In loving memory of her sister Cherlynn Mikkelsen, given by Shelley Lussmyer.

September 25 - In honor of Courtney on her birthday and in memory of Grandma Cuccio and Joe Cuccio
given with love by Jim & Joleen Carlson.

<u>Finance Update</u>			
<u>July</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
Revenue:	\$31,399.67	Revenue:	\$280,102.96
Expenses:	\$42,967.57	Expenses:	\$319,159.54
Net Income:	(\$11,567.90)	Net Income:	(\$29,056.58)

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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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