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2024

Jesus’ Ministry and Ours

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons

A couple of interesting things about this text.

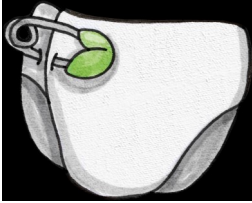
- 1) Did you know that Peter was married?
- 2) Jesus' ministry is comprised of proclaiming the good news of God's coming Kingdom. It is a ministry of healing the sick, welcoming the stranger and resisting evil. **So is ours.**
- 3) Jesus prays!
- 4) The text says that they brought **all** who were sick, and that Jesus cured **many** who were sick. Is the contrast intentional?

Apparently, Jesus didn't cure them all... and I think that this can be instructive for us. We so often focus on who we have missed; on what we are **not** doing and on where we have fallen short. But it just might be helpful, instead, to focus on who we have reached, and on what we have accomplished. This is an amazing congregation filled with amazing and faithful people. You are welcoming, you are faithful, you have raised beautiful children and you feed the hungry. And now you are embarking on a new ministry - of providing diapers to those in need... **well done good and faithful servants.**

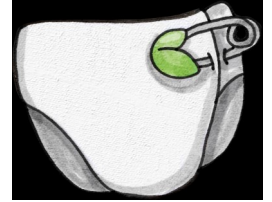
Now... of course there is always more that we can do... but in your history here... you have done some marvelous things. Thanks be to God, for following in the ways of Jesus and by being bearers of God's Good News.

So Keep on Keepin On.

Grace and Peace to You All
Pastor Mark



INTRODUCING . . . HOPE ON A HILL DIAPER MINISTRY



Your church council is excited to announce a
NEW DIAPER MINISTRY at HCLC
and want to invite you to participate!

DETAILS of the program.

- Kylee Albright and Amy Larsen will co-chair this exciting project
- We have received some boxes of diapers from Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency to get us diapers, but we'll need to supplement that donation to have all sizes.
- Hours of operation through the end of 2024 will be as follows:
 - 9/25/24 Grand Opening 5-7 pm**
 - 10/9/24 11 am -1 pm
 - 10/23/24 5- 7 pm
 - 11/13/24 11 am - 1 pm
 - 11/27/24 5 - 7 pm
 - 12/11/24, CLOSED 12/25/24 (Christmas Day)
- Infant and Children's Diapers / pull ups in sizes Newborn through 5T will be available.
- Adult Diapers will be available in sizes S/M, L, and XL.
- Each child/adult will receive 20-50 diapers (depending on size) and a package of wipes. They will be able to return every 2 weeks.

Ascension is hosting a **Blankets of Love Community Baby Shower on September 7th at All Saints.** We will be hosting a booth to introduce our new program to the community!

Fittingly, our Grand Opening will be during [National Diaper Need Awareness Week!](#) Click on the link to learn more about diaper needs in our country.

How YOU can participate:

We have numerous opportunities for involvement ranging from one time commitments to ongoing staffing needs for the ministry. Talk to Amy or Kylee to offer your help!

- If you know of anyone in need, tell them about our ministry and invite them!!
- Help us put together a raffle basket for the Ascension Blanket of Love Baby Shower.
- Help us create signs and decorations for our "booth" at the shower.
- Help us watch for the best prices on diapers and wipes!
- Help us hand out the diapers to our clients and do some EASY record keeping.
- Restock the diaper shelves.
- Pray for us and our clients.
- Help us brainstorm ideas for future expansion! We already have some, but would love to hear yours!
- Donate your time, talents and resources to make this new ministry a success.

Contact Kylee Albright (262-989-6433) kygregg@mac.com OR
Amy Larsen (513-720-8286) amylarsen2406@att.net for more info about how you can help!



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church September, 2024



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

Bennett Hermanns Kylie Riekens

Please join us on...**SEPTEMBER 8th**

for the

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Please bring your backpack!

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

Looking forward to...**SEPTEMBER 15th**

for

RALLY DAY & NEW YOUTH SERVICE

Children will remain in church---Ice Cream will follow the service!

and...**SEPTEMBER 22nd**

will be

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Food Pantry

In July the pantry served 333 households, a total of 1250 people. The cupboards are emptying quickly and the amount of food we receive from Racine County Food Bank and the government has been down.

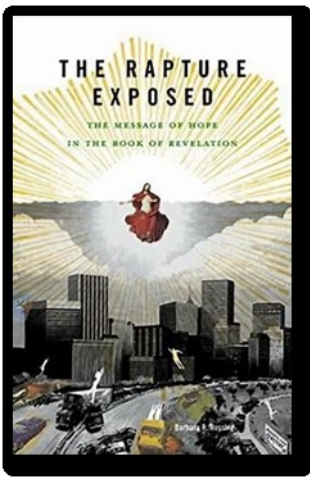
For the month of September the pantry is asking for mixed fruit, peanut butter, egg noodles, macaroni and cheese, pork & beans, and tuna. By law they cannot give away any partially used or open packages of food or personal care products like shampoo or lotion if the seal is broken.

There have been a lot of people walking to the pantry. Cloth shopping bags are much sturdier for them to have to carry their food home. If you have any cloth shopping bags you do not need, the pantry would put them to good use! They also need clean, lightly used plastic bags and large, brown paper grocery bags.

At this time of year many charities are sending out 2025 calendars. If you get calendars, greeting cards, or pens you will not use, please donate them to the pantry. Our clients are always grateful to receive them. Clients also ask for Bibles and inspirational books and children's religious story books. We do not have room to store or display other types of books or magazines, so please do not bring them in.

Thank you to everyone who donates time, money and food! We could not continue this ministry without you!





Monday Morning Book/Bible Study presents...

The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation

I've had some members ask for a study on the book of Revelation. Although this is an older book...written when the "Left Behind" book series was flying off the shelves, I found it to be a powerful and life-giving study while I was in seminary...and hope you find it to be one as well.

From the author, Barbara K. Rossing...

"Love and healing – not Armageddon and war – are the messages people of faith must keep lifting up as God's vision for our world. The message of the biblical book of Revelation is not of despair or war, but of transformation and justice. Its tree of life and river of life give hope for each one of us and for our whole world. Revelation's urgent message to us is one of ethics, not escape. We must re-claim the heart of the Bible as a story of God's love for the world – a world that will not be left behind."

Our study begins on Monday, September 16 (we meet in the lounge from 10:00-11:30AM). If you need a book ordered, please contact Heidi in the office at 262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com...the cost is \$16.00 and please have that paid prior to receiving your book. Hope you're able to join us ☺!

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura... pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A big thank you to all for making our Church Picnic an amazing time! Thank you to our committee, Rose Adamski, Denise Lequia, Kathy Diekhoff and Laurel Knutson for all their hard work (and the husbands for the heavy lifting). And of course a HUGE shoutout to Dave Fladten for his delicious pulled pork, and Jim Carlson for the hot dogs. Finally thanks to Mike and Kim Ackley for transporting the extra tables from Church to the picnic and back, and Kate and Greg for their musical talents and the beautiful service!

There were so many others who helped with clean-up, the games (thanks Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura) and in so many other capacities to make it a special day, and of course all of you who brought the delicious food. Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!!!

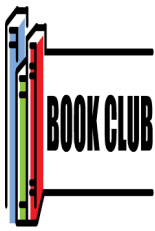
Third Tuesday Bible Study

September 17th the study of the Gospel of Mark will discuss Mark 12:13 to Mark 12:34 (pages 350 to 345). For us it's a lull in the drama of Holy Week. For Jesus it's the tension of scribes and Pharisees wanting to trap his words into something they can criticize. It becomes a game of logic. Mark 12:13-17 (page 330). Should we pay taxes to Caesar? "Render to Caesar the things which belong to Caesar." But listen to the rest: "...and to God the things that belong to God." Are we committing heart, mind, and soul to God?

Then religious leaders tried to trap Jesus by asking about eternity. In Mark 12:18-27 they question Jesus about the resurrection. What happens if a spouse dies and a woman remarries? Even if she remarries several times? Who is her spouse in heaven? (Page 335). I love the answer Jesus gives: "When people rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are they given in marriage" (page 336).

Next these learned Jews ask Jesus what commandment is the greatest? His answer? "You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart.....and your neighbor as yourself" (page 341). Think about it. This is the most difficult commandment of all.

Interesting material for our discussion. Tuesday, September 17th from 10:00 to 11:30 we will share how we too challenge God with our faith questions. Meet at the home of Julie Burton, 136 Steeplechase Drive.



This month the book club is reading and discussing Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home on September 11 at 10:00 - 11:30am.

Tova Sullivan is newly widowed. She has taken a job at the Sowell Bay Aquarium on the night shift, mopping floors and tidying up. This is her way of coping. At the aquarium, there lives a curmudgeonly octopus named Marcellus. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine. The two form a remarkable friendship. Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. Now Marcellus must use every trick his body can muster to unearth the truth for Tova. This story is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once seemed impossible.

Everyone is welcomed to join us for what sounds like a very unusual adventure. Please call Julie at 262-639-5914 to let her know you will be coming and to get directions to her home. Watch for the October read when it is chosen.

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!**

Men's Group Meeting September 13

All men are invited to come join the discussion with the Men's Group on Friday, August 9th. 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.

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 September we will meet for breakfast at 9:30 at Douglas Avenue Diner, 5121 Douglas Ave., on Tuesday, September 17th. Please let Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com) know by Sunday, September 15th 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, so please come join us! Hope to see you there! ☺



September Birthday Club

Were you born in September? 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, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. when they will celebrate all the September birthdays!



Finance Update

	July		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

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.

Quilting Group



The HCLC quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You do not need to have any prior quilting experience to help them.

The quilters can also use donations of cotton fabric and lightly used full, queen, or king size flat sheets. You can also make a monetary donation to be used for quilt batting. You can bring these to the office during the week or to church on Sundays. For more information, call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527.

Building and Grounds Team Members

We are also looking for volunteers to work with the Building and Grounds team who help take care of our beautiful church. You can work on a single project or help with more, whatever fits in your schedule. You can talk to the pastors or Building and Grounds Team chairperson Jim Black and Dave Knudson to learn more about the team or to offer to help.



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. 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.

Shop With Scrip

Scrip cards are available to purchase every Sunday morning. 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. 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. Scrip cards make great gifts and are easy to tuck into cards for graduations, weddings, or any gift giving occasion! Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions contact Kylee at kygregg@me.com.

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.

Greg Berg posted this story on his Facebook page and gave us permission to reprint it here. Carl was a longtime member of HCLC. He died on August 1st at the age of 67.



I just finished playing and singing for the funeral of Carl Storck, a treasured member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. When I came to HCLC in 1988, Carl was already a faithful (and able) member of the ushering team- and not long after that he sought me out to ask if he could sing a solo for church sometime. I was taken aback, to say the least, but I also knew that whatever Carl offered up would be received with gratitude and affection by the congregation. He sang solos from time to time over the years- and in almost every case it would be a hymn that he himself had selected: with “Shall We Gather at the River” being the most frequent. If I close my eyes, I can still hear and see Carl singing it - having not the slightest idea of correct pitch or rhythm but what he “sang” was absolutely beautiful in its own way.

I also remember Carl being a lector from time to time. Usually, it was when Lynn Helmke was lector - and she would read everything except the Psalm- which Carl would lead. (It would always be a fairly brief Psalm- and rather than reading it responsively verse by verse, we would read it in unison. Carl’s pace, of course, would be markedly slower than our normal pace - and typically the congregation would finish each verse and then sit quietly for a few moments while Carl caught up. It was lovely to see the congregation make that sort of quiet accommodation for Carl, without fuss or fanfare. Carl impressed me whenever it was his turn to put the hymn numbers into the display panel up front - and I don’t ever remember him making a mistake. Another fun memory of Carl would come on the Sunday before we had to either turn our clocks forward or backward the following Saturday. Carl took it upon himself to give the reminder announcement - and towards the end of his time at Holy Communion, he would actually endeavor to tell some sort of joke or tell some sort of story to make the announcement. In most cases, we couldn’t quite make out what he was saying - but it wasn’t hard to just grin from from ear to ear because of Carl’s own pride and pleasure in what he has just done.

Finally, Kathy and I have fond memories of the solo that Carl sang to us on our wedding day. Because we have so many musical friends and family members, we actually had a musical program after our cake reception- and Carl asked (begged, in fact) if he couldn’t sing something for it. He chose “Let me call you sweetheart” and it was great. A little later in the program, a beloved member of the congregation named Ed Aller got up and read a poem that he had composed for us to celebrate our marriage. Not to be outdone, Carl ran to the mic as soon as Ed was done - and announced that he (Carl) had also written a poem. He proceeded to make up a poem right on the spot. . and it basically went “Roses are red ... violets are blue ... Greg and Kathy ... wedding day ... here at Holy Communion ...” etc. It was sweet.

Last but not least - for a good fifteen or twenty years, I would pick up Carl and bring him to 4:00 Christmas Eve service. I’m not sure how Carl thought to ask this of me - and on such a busy day, it really didn’t make sense for me to do this. But in some strange and unexpected way this experience of picking up Carl became a way for me to step away from the stresses of the day - from worries about whether or not everything would go well, etc. In this instance, spending time with Carl was time very well spent. There were other things about Carl that could be frustrating - but it’s nicer to be thinking today about the many qualities he had that made him special and lovable. We will miss you, Carl! You were an important member of the Holy Communion family for many years- and we would not have been the same without you.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Setting</i> 4 9:30 Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5	6 1:00 Food Pantry	7
8 <i>O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship Blessing of the backpacks	9 10:00 Bible Study Breakfast at Douglas Ave. Diner 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship and Music Team	10 1:00 Quilters	11 10:00 Book Club	12 10:00 Birthday Club	13 9:00 Men's Group 1:00 Food Pantry	14 11-3 Peyton's Lemonade Stand 6015 Finch Lane
15 <i>New Kid's Service</i> 9:30 Worship - Rally Day!	16 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	17 9:30 Ketchup Club at Douglas Ave. Diner 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study	18	19	20 1:00 Food Pantry	21 5:00 Concert Violin & Piano
22 <i>We Are Called</i> 9:30 Worship & first day of Sunday School	23 1:00 Food Pantry	24 1:00 Quilters	25 5:00 Diaper Ministry	26	27 1:00 Food Pantry	28
29 <i>Setting</i> 8 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	30 1:00 Food Pantry					

Peyton Larson's 5th Annual Lemonade Stand for DSAW

This is a fundraising event for the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin

Saturday, September 14, 2024
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 14th? Scan the QR code to donate to DSAW through Peyton's Awareness Walk Team.

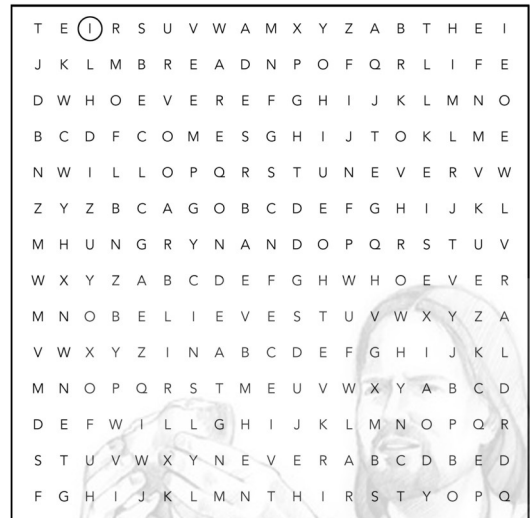
Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

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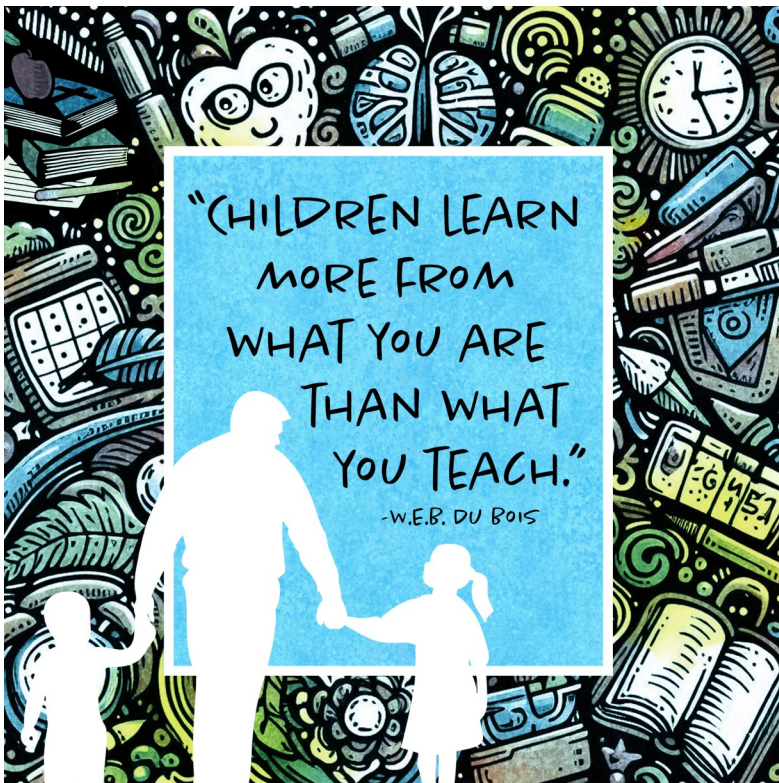


"I _____

_____"

-John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV



Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10)

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 1 9:30 am	September 8 9:30 am	September 15 9:30 am	September 22 9:30 am	September 29 9:30 am
Greeter	Kay Krause	Jo Nissen	Sally Neitzel Thom Bodenbach	Shelley Lussmyer	Lori Neu
Lector	Marianne Jensen	Gary Wee	Youth	Joleen Carlson	Laura Jansen
Communion Assistants	Jim & Joleen Carlson	Gregg Albright Kylee Albright	Youth	Gary Wee Sheri Krenzke	Linda Godson Gary Wood
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke	Barb Salvo Alison Ferrentino	Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright	Todd Jansen
Coffee Fellowship	Lisa Petersen Jenny Petersen Lopez	Sally Neitzel JoAnne Steeves	Rally Day Ice Cream	Shelley Lussmyer	Laura Jansen
Councilperson In Charge			Rebecca Mason	Dave Knudson	Rose Adamski

Ushers	Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait
Altar Guild	Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, Lyndsey Newton, and Joni Reske

Altar Flowers

- September 1 - Given by Cory & Rebecca Mason in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.
- September 8 - In memory of Leslie and Joan Anderson given with love by their daughter Susan Anderson.
- September 15 - In memory of Marjorie Scherer given with love by her daughter Susan Barbee.
- September 22 - In memory of Anne Cuccio and Joe Cuccio and in honor of Courtney Carlson on her birthday given with love by Jim and Joleen Carlson.
- September 29 - In honor of World Heart Day

The Chalice **September 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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