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Please keep all who are traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in your prayers asking for safe travel, God's guidance, love, and blessing in their endeavors and meaningful, faith-building experiences. The HCLC group who will leave July 16th and return July 20th are:

- Bella Bestul**
- Taige Conner**
- Kyler Godson**
- Morgan Larson**
- Eleanor Mason**
- Dane Simonovic**
- Arabella Steberl**
- Patrick BeBow**
- Pastor Mark**
- Pastor Laura**

We look forward to hearing their thoughts about their trip during the worship service on Sunday, July 28th.



NEWS FROM FINANCE/BUDGET TEAM - BIG JUMP IN CHURCH INSURANCE

You might be aware that home and auto insurance rates are surging throughout the country and coverage for our church is no exception. After years of being flat, we've learned that our premiums will increase 67% which amounts to an additional \$16,626.75 on an annual basis. This new and ongoing expense will have a notable impact on our budget into 2025 and beyond.

NOISY OFFERING for Sunday School Year 2023/2024



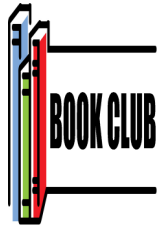
Thank you for your "change" that helped support the efforts of our Sunday School children to make a positive "change" in our church, community and world.

With the collection for the Warm Feet Mission, we were able to bring a large supply of warm socks to the Hospitality Center, Halo, and HOPES Center.

With the Noisy Offering and an additional contribution from Kate Potter-Barrow, we were able to purchase two Family Farms, each of which includes a cow, goats, pigs, chicks and honeybees, and one Fish Farm through the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Since we were so close, Kate wanted to make sure we had enough for two Family Farms because of it having so much meaning for her since she grew up on a farm! This gift is an example of work being done in projects and programs supported by funds from ELCA World Hunger.

July Book Club

The Holy Communion Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, July 10, from 10:00 - 11:30 to discuss The Rose Code by Kate Quinn.



In 1940, before America entered World War Two, England was already hard at work trying to crack the Nazis' military code. At the mysterious country estate, Bletchley Park, three very different women answer the call to work at decoding. There is vivacious debutante, Osla. The imperious self-made, Mab, who grew up in poverty stricken East End London. Then, there is Beth, a local girl whose shyness conceals a brilliant facility for solving puzzles. It is now 1947 and the royal wedding between Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip of Greece is about to occur. The three women receive an encrypted letter that reveals a long-ago betrayal. There was a traitor in the Bletchley Park staff. Before they are destroyed, they have one more last code to crack.

Our meeting will be at Julie Burton's house. Call Julie at 262-639-5914, if you would like to attend.

Everyone is welcomed to join. We plan on reading A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engel for the August meeting.

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 July we will meet for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at Martha's Pancake House Café, 2913 Taylor Ave. 2427 Lathrop Ave. on **Tuesday the 23rd**. To help us know how



big a table we need to reserve, please let Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com) know by Sunday, July 21st if you are planning to join us. But 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! ☺

Men's Group

The men's group meets on the second Friday of the month in the lounge. This month they will meet at 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, July 12th**. All men are welcome and encouraged to come join the conversation!



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church July, 2024



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

Piper Harrison Vincent Ricchio



Walk as CHILDREN of LIGHT.

Ephesians 5:9

The LIGHT of Jesus in every child does three important things:

LIGHT helps us see, LIGHT makes things grow, and LIGHT shines out everywhere.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

JULY 14, 21, 28

Activities will begin with the children's sermon each Sunday

and end with a family cookout at noon.



BIBLE STORY

CRAFTS

GAMES

July Birthday Club

Everyone with an June birthday is invited to join us in the lounge on **Thursday, July 11th** at 10:00 a.m. for a cup of coffee, a birthday donut, and some fun conversation as we celebrate **you!**

Hope to see you there!



HCLC Craft Fair

You may have seen in our June Chalice that a craft fair is being planned. The committee has decided to reschedule the fair for the spring. Watch for further notices in the newsletter and bulletins.



Our 2nd annual worship in the park and church picnic will be Sunday, August 11th at Pritchard Park. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Following worship we will have a potluck picnic and games for the kids. Mark your calendar and watch for more information to coming soon!

In the month of May the food pantry served 268 households, a total of 1026 people. For July the pantry needs donations of peanut butter, mixed fruit, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, peas, and canned tomatoes. (Please note - we cannot use any partially used or open packages of food or personal care products like shampoo or lotion.) If you take things down to the pantry, please look for the white basket with the red bow and place your items in the basket. We weigh all donations so that helps us keep track of which items have to be weighed.

We could not continue this ministry without the support of our wonderful volunteers and donors! Thank you!



Third Tuesday Bible Study

Our study of the Gospel of Mark is approaching the difficult time of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. Mark 11:1-6 (page 305) Jesus tells his disciples to go into the village just outside Jerusalem and bring me a colt tethered there. With this action, Jesus was entering Jerusalem claiming to be a king who is coming in peace. As the crowd cried out "Hosanna," they were crying out to God to "save us" (page 312).

Somewhat of an interruption to the narrative, Mark tells of the fig tree that bore no fruit (11:12-14). Cursing the fig tree, it withered away. This is followed by Jesus entering the temple and overturning the tables of money-changers and those who sold doves (11:15-19). Barclay discusses "The Wrath Of Jesus" as "the exploiting of the pilgrims" and "the desecration of God's holy place" (page 420).

This is quite a beginning to Holy Week and the celebration of the Passover! Jesus knew what lie ahead. He announced that he was a king coming in peace but very angry at the desecration of the temple. What an interesting subject for our discussion.

We meet Tuesday, July 16th, at 10:00 at the Julie Burton home, 136 Steeplechase Drive. Bring your Bibles and your study guide.

Finance Update

<u>May 2024</u>		<u>Year to Date 2024</u>	
Revenue	\$35,082.08	Revenue:	\$245,556.62
Expense:	\$40,304.64	Expense:	\$222,440.61
Net Income:	\$(5,222.56)	Net Income:	\$23,116.01

Thank You From Susan Anderson

Thank you for your support of the Relay For Life! Susan raised \$400 in the sale of luminary bags this year, \$100 more than last year! Final figures on the amount raised for the American Cancer Society should be in soon and Susan will let us know how much was raised this year.



Help with Weeding

We need a couple volunteers to occasionally pull some weeds around the property. The parking area outside the Mark Hurn room doors is especially overgrown. You can do the weeding whenever you have free time.

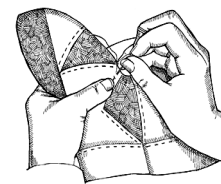
AV Techs

Would you like to help run the sound board and video cameras for worship service? We need your help! No experience necessary, we will train you! The time commitment is approximately one Sunday every other month, especially if we have multiple volunteers. You need to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to service to set things up and plan on 10 minutes after service to put things away. Please talk to one of the pastors, Kylee Albright, or email the office if you would like to volunteer or learn more about this opportunity.

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!

The quilters can also use donations of cotton fabric and lightly used full, queen, or king size flat sheets. You 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.

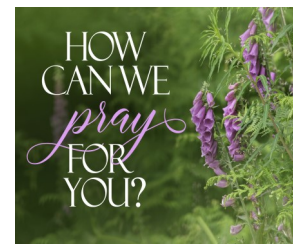


QUILTING GROUP

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!**



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 by email, office.hclc@gmail.com, or by phone, 262-632-8802.

“What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.”

Joseph Addison

July 2024

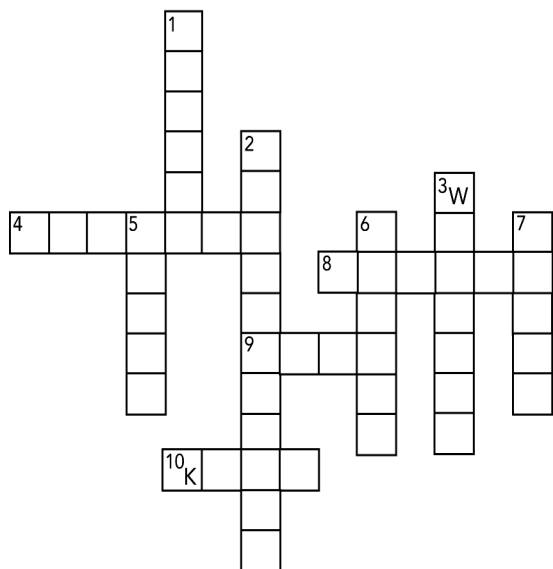
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 Food Pantry	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Office Closed	5 The Food Pantry Is Closed	6
7 <i>Setting 4</i> 9:30 Worship	8 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music Team	9 1:00 Quilters	10 10:00 Book Club	11 10:00 Birthday Club	12 9:00 Men's Group 1:00 Food Pantry	13
14 <i>O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship 9:30 - 12:00 Bible School "Be the Light"	15 1:00 Food Pantry	16 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study ← ELCA	17 Youth Gathering	18 In New Orleans	19 1:00 Food Pantry	20 →
21 <i>Setting 8</i> 9:30 Worship - Guest preacher Greg Berg 9:30 - 12:00 Bible School "Be the Light"	22 1:00 Food Pantry	23 9:30 Ketchup Club at Martha's Pancake HouseCafé 1:00 Quilters	24	25	26 1:00 Food Pantry	27
28 <i>We Are Called</i> 9:30 Worship - Reflections on the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans 9:30 - 12:00 Bible School "Be the Light"	29 1:00 Food Pantry	30	31			



THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



DOWN

1. The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
2. God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
3. Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
5. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
6. The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

ACROSS

4. The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
8. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
9. God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
10. A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)

Answers: DOWN: 1, praise; 2, descendants; 3, worship; 5, glory; 6, govern; 7, shine; ACROSS: 4, fingers; 8, fourth; 9, name; 10, king

Puzzle!

THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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$\overline{6+9}$ $\overline{14-8}$ $\overline{7+5}$ $\overline{18-9}$ $\overline{2+4}$ $\overline{2+3}$

Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answers: "Let the one who is thirsty come, and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, 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. 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.

July 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.

	July 7 9:30 am	July 14 9:30 am	July 21 9:30 am	July 28 9:30 am
Greeter	Christine Monreal	Jo Nissen	Don Lautz	ELCA Youth Gathering Participants
Lector	Marianne Jensen	Roger Degerman	Lynn Sinclair	Gary Wood
Communion Assistants	Linda Godson Gary Wee	Grace Deibert Don Lautz	Craig Petersen Betty Petersen	John Lehman Gary Wood
AV Technicians	Todd Jansen	Barb Salvo	Lynn Helmke	Kylee Albright
Coffee Fellowship	The Childs Family	Laura Jansen	Christine Monreal	Shelley Lussmyer
Councilperson In Charge	Gary Wood	Joleen Carlson	Jim Black	David Knudson
Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood			
Altar Guild	Lynn Sinclair, Grace Deibert, Susan DiPasquale Peterson, and Katie Peterson			

Altar Flowers

July 7 Given by Keri Pappalardo in loving memory of her brother Ryan Miller

July 14 In loving memory of Mikael Hahner and Evan Hahner, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra

July 21 In honor of National Ice Cream Day

July 28 In loving memory of Robert Barbee given by Susan Barbee

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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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