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An Invitation to Pray and to Forgive

All of us give and receive love. And all of us - fail - to give and receive love. Forgiveness makes love possible, because it is an intentional change of attitude about those failures. If I am angry at someone... I can feel that! And personally, I don't like that feeling... so I turn to God, and I ask for the help to forgive. Forgiveness leaves the future open. Forgiveness creates opportunities to grow in love. Forgiveness heals. It heals - what years of avoidance and bitterness and blaming cannot!

Forgiveness - is a way of life that Jesus spent much of his ministry teaching. He taught Peter to forgive seventy seven times. He offered forgiveness to the woman who was caught in adultery. And he even forgave those who wanted to hurt and kill and crucify him.

But how do **we** do this? How **do** we forgive? Will forgiveness - make any difference? Can we really forgive ourselves? Can we forgive those who betray us? Are some things unforgivable? And what role does confession play in all of this? Does prayer - really make a difference?

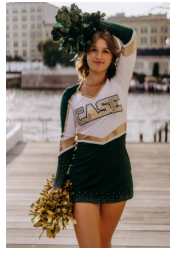
Sorry... but you are not going to find the definitive answer to those questions in this article. But here is my core belief - when it comes to questions like these. I believe that there is **no situation - that is prayed for... that ever stays the same.** I truly do believe that if we spend time on reflection and prayer, that the answers will appear in our lives.

Grace and Peace to You All
Pastor Mark

Congratulations Graduates!

Isabella Barbee

Graduating from J.I. Case High School Izzy is graduating High School with an IB/CP as a Dual Language student. She is attending Alverno College in the fall and pursuing a degree in Nursing and a minor in Spanish/ English Healthcare Interpretation.



Mckenna Barbee

Graduating from Gateway Technical College

Mckenna is graduating with an Applied Sciences Associates Degree in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry. Mckenna interned in Ohio during the summer of 2022. She then interned locally with Wachtel Tree Sciences; joining as a permanent member of the team the summer of 2023.

Amanda Gaastra

Received a Bachelor of Arts degree from U.W. Parkside majoring in Art and achieved Summa Cum Laude. She hopes to teach art and continue her path as an exhibiting artist as well.

Carrie Jansen

Graduating from Greendale High School . She plans to apply for jobs and to pursue her dream in the field of photography.

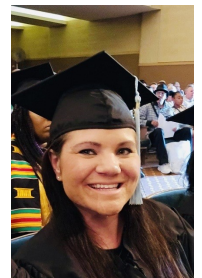


Taylor Knaus

Graduating from UW Oshkosh College of Nursing with an RN degree. Taylor will be working at Easter Seals camp In Wisconsin Dells for the summer. After that she will be pursuing her opportunities in the Oshkosh area. Her passion is working with people with intellectual disabilities.

Jennifer Petersen Lopez

Graduating from Alverno College with a Masters of Education in Reading. She plans to continue at Racine Unified School District where she is an art teacher.



Cameron Porcaro

Graduating from Racine Lutheran High School. Cam will attend Carthage College to pursue a degree in Athletic Training.

Kyle Williams

Graduating from Union Grove High School. Kyle will attend Milwaukee School of Engineering for Computer Engineering.



The Children's Chalice

Holy Communion Lutheran Church June, 2024



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to the following children
who were baptized during the month of June: *Peyton Larson, Lincoln Lewis, and Reece Reimann*

On May 5th we celebrated First Communion for three of our children.
They and their families attended classes to learn about communion and answered the question:

"What Does Receiving Holy Communion Mean To Our Family?"

"When I hear the words; this is my body and this is my blood-**given for you**, I realize that Jesus has given me his whole life. He lived **for me**. He sacrificed **for me**. He died and was raised **for me**. But that is not the end of the story. He gives me his whole life, he gives me his love and his kindness and he wants me to do the same for others. When I take communion, I realize that I should be kind and loving too.

-Asia Nakeyia Doidge

"It is a weekly connection to and reminder of the sacrifices that Jesus made for our salvation. It is an important way that we can accept Jesus into our lives and teaches us to share his love."

-Luke Joseph Ricchio and Vincent James Ricchio

During our **Last Day of Sunday School**, we celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the church. The children enjoyed waffles, with many toppings to choose from, sausages and "birthday decorated" donut holes. A special thank you to Patrick BeBow, Andy Larson and several youth for helping with Sunday School all year!

See below for information regarding **2024 Vacation Bible School!** Additional information will be communicated by email. Please save the dates!



"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



On Sunday, May 19th, three young men from our congregation confirmed their faith. Pictured from the left, Pastor Laura, Graham Barbee, David Hansen, and Owen Steberl. Each was asked to choose a Bible verse and write a statement about their faith. Their chosen verses and statements are printed below.

Graham Arthur Barbee

The one who is righteous will live by faith. Romans 1:17

“Jesus has been in my life before I knew it. My parents and Godparents accepted Jesus for me during my baptism and Jesus has been with me in my life. I can see the influence of Jesus and my journey of faith through the important people around me. My mom, dad, my sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even some of my friends have shown me what it is to follow in the Lord.

It is how I am in all aspects of my life, whether I am on the field, in school, or at church. I am an example of my faith and connect to the verse that I chose, Romans 1:17, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." I can relate to this verse because I try to incorporate faith in my life through my actions and what I say. Today is the day that I confirm what my parents accepted for me as a baby. I confirm that I choose to walk in a life of faith with Jesus.”

David James Anthony Hansen

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26

“The Lord God and Jesus to me is a loving and caring person. What I believe about the Lord God is he is truly the father and he loves everyone. A person who has always encouraged me during my faith journey would be my great grandmother. She’s the person who got me into Christianity after all and without her, I wouldn’t even be here with my family at Holy Communion Church. What I think it means to be a child of the Lord God is to worship and give praise to the Lord God and show him my love as much as he does for me. The way I think being a Christian makes me feel is it gives me hope and love when I need it most. A time when I have felt my faith grow was when I took my very first communion at this church. What I will do to continue my growth in faith is to continue thinking about and loving the Lord God and Jesus. The way I see myself continuing to serve Christ in my life is by continuing to go to church every Sunday and spreading the word of the Lord!”

Owen Robert Steberl

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2nd Corinthians 5:17

“To me, God is someone who is loving, who cares for us, and someone who values life. God is there for anyone and everyone. To be a child of God means God created life. We wouldn't be here without our Lord and Savior, God. God cares and loves us, like a parent does to their child. Being a Christian makes a bigger difference than most people think. How else would the stories of God get spread? Being a Christian makes you feel great. You have someone to worship who loves you and cares for you. Receiving Holy Communion is God's blood shed for us. It's important as it shows how God sacrifices his life for ours. I pray every night when I go to sleep for God to protect me, my family, and everybody. Sometimes there are gaps of time when I don't go to church as much as I usually do. During those times I know God is still and will always be there for me. Once I start going back to church after those gaps of time, I feel my faith continue to grow deeper and deeper. To continue to grow in my faith, I would turn to my family, Pastor Mark, or Pastor Laura. I see myself serving Christ in my life by respecting him, believing in him, remembering what he sacrificed for us, and being myself, not someone who I am not.”

Third Tuesday Bible Study

June 18th is the date for the study of the Gospel of Mark using the William Barclay study guide. We begin with Mark 10:35-40 (page 294). Oh, James and John! They ask Jesus if they can sit on either side of him in glory. Jesus replies: "You do not know what you ask." Even, "can you go through the experience through which I am going?" Even if "their social superiority entitled them to first place" (page 295), they failed to realize that Jesus was trying to forewarn them of his upcoming persecution and death. Even the other ten disciples were vexed with them (page 298). Even in our day, it is hard to imagine "that the cost of our salvation was the cross of Christ" (page 301).

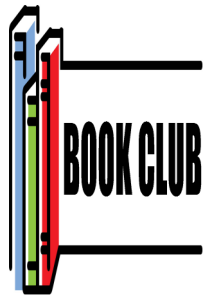
"A Miracle By the Wayside" Mark 10:46-52 (page 301) Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a blind man called out to Jesus. And, "immediately" Jesus healed him! Perhaps the best part of this healing was his response of gratitude (page 305).

On June 18th our study of Mark 10:35 to 10:52 (pages 294-305) will be at the home of Julie Burton 136 Steeplechase Drive. We meet from 10:00 to 11:30. Bring your different translations of scripture to add to the discussion.



July Book Club

Maybe this time your book club will definitely will be meeting in person. We will meet at Julie Burton's home at 136 Steeplechase Dr. Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 until 11:30 am.



We will be discussing The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi. Lakshmi is trying to escape an arranged marriage, at 17. She makes her way from her village to Jaipur. There she becomes the henna artist to the wealthy women of the upper class and is trusted with their secrets. After years, her husband tracks her down. However, Lakshmi has a new life and she wants to keep it. Vivid and compelling in its portrait of one woman's struggle for fulfillment in a society pivoting between the traditional and the modern worlds.

Everyone is welcomed to join us. Call Julie at 262-639-5914 to get directions to her home. Watch for news about our read for July.

Finance Update

April 2024

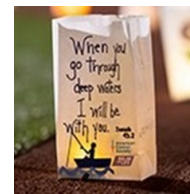
Revenue \$65,016.65
Expense: \$43,016.57
Net Income: \$22,000.08

Year to Date 2024

Revenue: \$210,474.54
Expense: \$182,069.57
Net Income: \$28,404.97

Relay for Life Luminaria Bags Available June 2

The Annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held Friday, June 7th at Campus Park, 8500 Campus Drive, in Mt. Pleasant. Relay for Life has helped the American Cancer Society fund lifesaving research, crucial patient services, and education and prevention initiatives that have helped millions of people – and they have no intention of slowing down.



Light a candle in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one who has had cancer, or in support of a caregiver. You can help us light a candle in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one who has had cancer, or in support of a caregiver. Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer. You can dedicate them to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who's overcome it. When you attend a Relay event, you'll see they are decorated with names and sometimes messages to the people they're dedicated to.

The event begins at 6PM. You are invited to stop in and walk to get your extra steps in for the day. There is food to purchase and raffles to raise additional money. The Luminarias will be lit about 9:00 p.m. Relay participants share an emotional moment of silence when each is lit in remembrance of a life touched by cancer.

Susan Anderson will have luminaria bags for you to purchase and decorate after worship on June 2nd. Your contribution will help save lives, give hope, and empower people through the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission. The minimum donation for each white bag is \$5.00. You can stay to decorate yours here or take it to work on at home. Bags must be returned to Susan or the church office before June 6th. Please contact Susan with any questions, 262-902-5334 or susanderson06@att.net. To make a donation use the QR Code or this [link](#). Thank you!



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 June we will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Dynasty Restaurant, 2427 Lathrop Ave. on **Tuesday the 18th**. 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, June 16th, if you're 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! ☺



June Birthday Club



Everyone with an June birthday is invited to join us in the lounge on **Thursday, June 13th** 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!

Men's Group

The men's group will meet on **Friday, June 21st** (note the change of date). They meet in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. All men are welcome and encouraged to come join the conversation!

Save the Date - Church Picnic August 11th

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. followed by a picnic. Mark your calendar and watch for more information to come!



A-V Tech Volunteers:

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 are interested in learning more.



Usher Team Volunteers

One of our usher teams is in need of new members. No experience necessary, we will train you. Can you help? Please talk to one of the pastors or call or email the office if you would like to help.

Sunday Fellowship Treats

There is a sign up in the lounge for treats for coffee fellowship. Choose a Sunday and bring whatever you'd like, whether it is your special recipe for a home baked goodie or a package of cookies or a kringle you picked up at the bakery or the grocery store.

Altar Guild Team

Our altar guild teams could use some help too. Altar guild members set up for communion and clean up after the service and change the paraments (altar cloths) as needed. They also work on a rotating schedule, one month on and three months off. Please contact Susan Barbee, at barbeesusan@gmail.com or 262-633-0659, with any questions or to volunteer.

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.

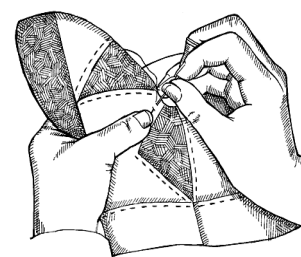
If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails.

Prayer changes things!



Quilting Group

Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. If you've wondered how to volunteer to quilt for charity, look no further. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.



QUILTING GROUP

The HCLC quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. 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.

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Setting 8</i> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Luminaria Bags Available For Purchase	3 1:00 Food Pantry	4	5	6	7 1:00 Food Pantry	8
9 <i>O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship	10 1:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Worship & Music	11 1:00 Quilters	12 10:00 Book Club	13 10:00 Birthday Club	14 1:00 Food Pantry	15
16 <i>Setting 10</i> Father's Day 9:30 Worship	17 1:00 Food Pantry	18 10:00 Third Tues. Bible Study 11:30 Ketchup Club at Dynasty Restaurant	19	20	21 9:00 Men's Group 1:00 Food Pantry	22
23 <i>We Are Called</i> 9:30 Worship	24 1:00 Food Pantry	25 1:00 Quilters	26	27	28 1:00 Food Pantry	29
30 <i>Setting 3</i> 9:30 Worship						



Food Pantry News
In April the pantry served 373 households, a total of 1274 people. For the month of June they need donations of tomato soup, chicken noodle or chicken vegetable soup, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, and pork & beans.

We cannot use any partially used or open packages of food or personal care products like shampoo or lotion if the seal is broken. If you bring your items down to the pantry please look for the white basket with the red bow and place your items in the basket. We keep track of the weight of all our donations so if you put them in the basket we know they need to be weighed.

At the moment our bins are overflowing with plastic and paper bags, so if you can save them until we are running short we could appreciate it! We are very grateful to all who donate to the pantry. We could not continue this ministry without our volunteers and donors!

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 Albright at kygregg@me.com.

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 borrow an item for as long as you need it. We only have one or two of some items, so availability does vary. If you need an item, call the church office, 632-8802, and we will check to see if there is one available.

If you have medical equipment you no longer need, you can donate it to our lending closet. You can bring them items in any time the office is open or on Sunday morning.

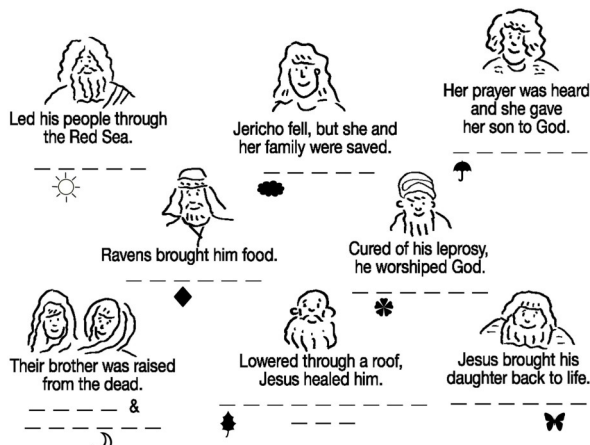
"Being a great father is like shaving. No matter how good you shaved today, you have to do it again tomorrow."

—Reed Markham

Puzzle!

Use the list of names to identify each thankful Bible character. Then use the symbol code to complete Psalm 79:13, NKJV.

NAMES: Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Hannah



WE ... W _ LL G _ VE Y _ _ _ _ _ NKS F _ _ EVE _ ;
WE W _ LL S _ _ W F _ _ _ _ _ Y _ _ _ _ _ ISE
_ _ _ _ _ LL GENE _ _ _ _ _ NS. Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Answers: Moses, Rahab, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus; We ... will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations; Psalm 79:13, NKJV



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.

	June 2 9:30 am	June 9 9:30 am	June 16 9:30 am	June 23 9:30 am	June 30 9:30 am
Greeter	Jo Nissen	Don Lautz	Lori Neu	Kay Krause	Sally Nietzel & Thom Bodenbach
Lector	Gary Wee	Marianne Jensen	Roger Degerman	Joleen Carlson	David Knudson
Communion Assistants	Joan Fergus Gary Wee	Don Lautz	Grace Deibert Roger Degerman	Jim Carlson Joleen Carlson	Dave Knudson
AV Technicians	Todd Jansen	Kylee Albright	Lynn Helmke	Kylee Albright	Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Adri & Don Courtts	Lisa Petersen Lynn Sinclair	Christine Monreal	Jo Nissen	
Councilperson In Charge	Jim Black	Laurie Knudson Rose Adamski	Polly Timmerman	Polly Timmerman	Jim Black
Ushers	Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait				
Altar Guild	Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, and Lynn Riekkoff				

Altar Flowers

June 2 -In memory of Mabel A. and Oscar P. Krause given by Kay Krause.

June 9 - Given by Gloria Dombrowski in loving memory of Don Dobrowski on their 64th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Dolly Johnson on their anniversary given by her husband Bill and the Johnson family.

June 16 - In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary given by Lynn and John Sinclair.

June 23 - Remembering the victims of gun violence

June 30 - given anonymously.

The Chalice **June, 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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