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2024



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 24th

(following worship in the Mark Hurn Room)

**Menu: Egg Bakes, Sausage and
Pancakes, Fruit**

**A Free-Will Offering will be received and
all proceeds will go towards helping support
our youth who will be attending the
ELCA Youth Gathering this summer.**



Meet The New Church Council Members

Thank you to all who attended the annual congregational meeting February 11th. At that meeting Rose Adamski, Bob Larsen, and Gary Wood, were elected to the church council. We asked them to write a little about themselves to introduce them to the members of the congregation who aren't familiar with them.

Rose Adamski

I have been attending services since 2019 with my husband John, first remotely and now enjoying in person services. I became a member in 2022. I like to be involved and have been active in Monday morning bible study, book club, food pantry and the 125 th anniversary committee. My love language is service and hope to share that with the HCLC family. Please feel free to approach me with any concerns or ideas you may have.

Bob Larsen

Bob Larsen grew up in Racine and graduated from Horlick High School. He attended Cornell University, Carthage College, and Valparaiso University where he graduated with a BA from Christ College. Bob earned a MA and MS from the University of Wisconsin - Madison where he also completed all the course work for a PhD in Management. He worked for more than 30 years at Argonne National Laboratory where he rose to be Director of the Center for Transportation Research. Subsequently, he was employed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, his own consulting company, and several startups involved with energy storage and recycling carbon fiber. He has served on three church Councils as well as holding leadership positions at the Congregational and Synod levels.

Gary Wood

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve Holy Communion Lutheran Church as a member of the church council. I became a member of HCLC in the early 1990s after moving to Racine with my family in 1988 to take a position at UW-Parkside. Holy Communion has always been an important part of my life. I have many good friends here, my children grew up here, one of my daughters was married at HCLC, and six of my grandchildren were baptized here. My wife, Gwen Miller, joined the church in 2005. I have been active in the life of the church in various ways over the years, most recently ushering, counting, and serving as a lector. I did a couple of stints on the council in the past, led the social ministry committee for a time, and enjoyed many Sunday afternoons and evenings playing outfield for the HCLC softball team! After 34 years I am now retired from UW-Parkside, and my time is my own. I would like to use some of it to give back to this wonderful church.

We are very grateful to Rose, Bob, Gary and returning members Kylee Albright, Jim Black, Joleen Carlson, Dave Knudson, Laurie Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman for their willingness to work together to lead our congregation. If you have questions or ideas you would like to share, please reach out to any of our council members.

Thank You!

We acknowledge and thank Andy Larson whose term on the council has ended. Andy was a council member for the last six years. Thank you!

Finance Update

January 2024

Revenue: \$67,532.80
Expenses: \$49,090.16
Net Income: \$18,442.64

Year to Date 2024

Revenue: \$67,532.80
Expenses: \$49,090.19
Net Income: \$18,442.64



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church March, 2024

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Palm Sunday, March 24 th

(There will be a brunch right after the 9:30 service.)

OR

Easter Sunday, March 31 st

We look forward to the children SINGING in church

and WORSHIPPING together on

PALM SUNDAY

and

EASTER SUNDAY!!!



For the month of March the pantry is asking for donations of peanut butter, egg noodles, chicken noodle soup, side dishes, instant mashed potatoes, cereal and jelly. They can always use brown paper grocery bags and clean, lightly used plastic bags. If you have greeting cards or pens and pencils that you do not need our clients are very grateful to receive them.

For many years we have offered our clients devotional booklets. We recently received a number of Bibles from the Gideons, but we have also had requests for children's Bible storybooks and faith based adult books. People are not just physically hungry, they are spiritually hungry too. The books do not have to be new - used books are fine!

If you bring donations 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.

We are very grateful to all who donate to the pantry. We could not continue this ministry without our wonderful volunteers and donors!



Our Youth Groups will be meeting in the month of March on the following dates:



2nd - 5th Grade Youth Group

All of our 2nd - 5th Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some Popcorn and Playtime on **Sunday, March 3rd, from 11:00-12:00.**

6th - 8th Grade Youth Group

All of our 6th - 8th Graders are invited to join Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark on **Sunday, March 17th, from 11:00-12:00** for an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.



Youth Gathering Participants

We'll be gathering together on **Sunday, March 10th from 11:00 - 12:00** in the youth room!

We're hoping you're all able to join us, but please let Pastor Laura know if you're not able to attend.

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. **Prayer changes things!**



"Pray, and let God worry." – Martin Luther



Ketchup Club

Our Ketchup Club outings have been so much fun! It is a wonderful to be able to socialize and “catch-up” with one another. It is a friendly, welcoming group and we would love to have more of you come join the lively conversations and share a few laughs, to catch up with some old friends or meet some new ones!

In March we will meet for breakfast at the Red Onion Café, 555 Main St. at 9:30 a.m.

To help us know how many chairs we need, please let Pastor Laura

(pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com) know by Sunday, March 24th, if you’re able 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! ☺

Third Tuesday Bible Study

Since February was cancelled, the study of the Gospel of Mark will again focus on Mark 9:41 to Mark 9:50. It begins with the promise that any assistance given to others is rewarded. But the next sentence says that any “stumbling block” put before a child should be severely punished (pages 265-267). The next verses (9:43-48) are also very severe. If your hand, or foot, or eye proves to be a “stumbling block” cut it off! Wow!

Then a more positive message comes in Mark 9:49-50 (pages 271-274). “Have salt in yourselves, and so live at peace with each other.” Barclay tells us that Christianity came into “a bored and weary world” (page 273). It was also a very corrupt world (page 274). Mark is telling new Christians to live at peace adding “the thrill and the purity of the Christian life” (page 274). What a challenging and stimulating study ahead of us.

March 19th the Third Tuesday Bible Study will meet by zoom from 10:00 to 11:30. Hopefully Julie Burton will have recovered from thyroid surgery by then. Check your Sunday bulletin for any changes.



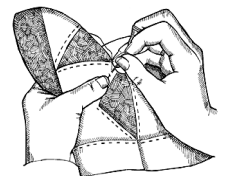
For March the book club is reading, The Five Wounds, by Kirstin Valdez Quade. This stunning debut novel is about a New Mexican family's extraordinary year of love and sacrifice. Amadeo Padilla is about to be Jesus in the Good Friday procession. When his 15-year-old daughter shows up on his doorstep, and she is pregnant. Vivid, tender, funny, and beautifully rendered, the novel spans the baby's first year as five generations of the Padilla family converge. The author conjures characters that will linger long after the final page.

We will meet on March 13th at 10:00 on Zoom. If you have any questions, call Karen Larson at 262-989-5171.

We will be reading Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley for April.

Quilting Group

Our quilters will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. LWR distributes the quilts around the world when disaster strikes or war drives families from their homes. 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. In March they will be meeting on the 12th and 26th. They would love to have more help and everyone is welcome to join them. You don't have to have any prior quilting experience to help! Call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527, if you have any questions about the group.



QUILTING GROUP



Everyone with a March birthday is invited to join us in the lounge on **Thursday, March 14th** at 10:00 a.m. for a cup of coffee, a birthday donut, a cup of coffee, and some fun conversation as we celebrate you! Hope to see you there!



LENTEN & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20

Lenten Meal at 6:00 p.m.
Lenten worship at 8:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 24

9:30 a.m. worship followed by brunch

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m. Healing service

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:30 a.m. worship

Men's Group

The men's group meets at 9:00 a.m. on the second Friday of the month. They meet in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. and all men are welcome to come join in the conversation! This month they will meet on Friday, March 8th,

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

A few of our teams of ushers could use more help. The teams work on a rotating schedule, one month on and two months off. Please email or call the office, or office.hclc@gmail.com, 632-8802, if you would like to be an usher. Not sure? Try it for a week or two and then decide if it is a good choice for you!

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.

There are also opportunities to assist during worship services by serving communion, being a greeter, reading the lessons during worship, or learning to operate the audio-visual system. Contact the office or speak to the pastors for more information.



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.

Shop With Scrip



Look for the Scrip table on Sunday mornings. There 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. You pay the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card. HCLC purchases the cards for a discounted rate so we earn a percentage of each purchase. 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 greeting cards for any occasion!

Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions or contact Kylee Albright at kygregg@me.com.

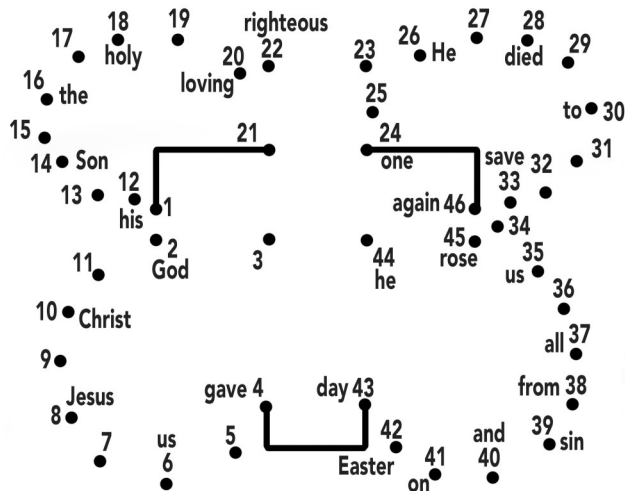
take a
moment
to pray for
someone
today.

March 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:00 Food Pantry	2 1-6 RTG Auditions Choir Rm. MHR
3 <i>Setting 10</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:00 2nd - 5th Grade Youth 1 - 6 RTG Auditions Choir rm. MHR	4 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	5	6 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	7	8 9:00 Men's Group 1:00 Food Pantry	9
10 <i>O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:00 Youth Gathering Meeting 11:00 First Communion Class	11 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	12 1:00 Quilters	13 10:00 Book Club 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	14 10:00 Birthday Club	15 April Chalice Deadline 1:00 Food Pantry	16
17 <i>We Are Called</i> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 11:00 6th - 8th Grade Youth	18 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	19 10:00 Third Tues. Bible Study	20 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship	21	22 1:00 Food Pantry	23
24 <i>Setting 3</i> Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 Palm Sunday Brunch	25 No Bible Study 1:00 Food Pantry	26 9:30 Ketchup Club 1:00 Quilters	27	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship	29 Good Friday Office Closed No Pantry Today 7:00 Worship	30
31 <i>Setting 4</i> Easter Sunday 9:30 Worship						

Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

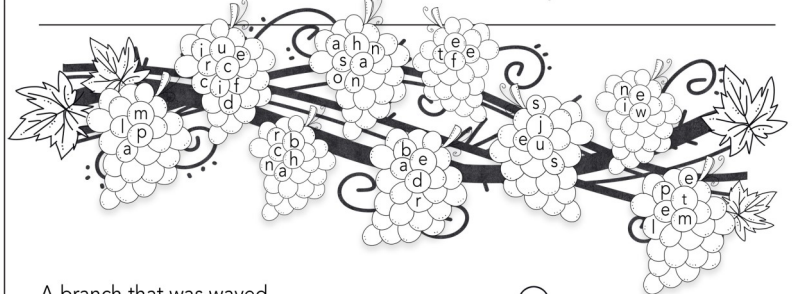
Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.



A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



- A branch that was waved _____
- How Jesus was put to death _____
- A stick attached to the vine _____
- People shouted this to Jesus _____
- Jesus washed these _____
- This was broken and eaten _____
- The Messiah _____
- A drink from grapes _____
- Jesus drove the money changers from here _____

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____ ;
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, Jesus, wine, bread, feet, temple, much fruit

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound.
Here are two benedictions to share with friends in the faith:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

March 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.

	March 3 9:30 am	March 10 9:30 am	March 17 9:30 am	March 24 9:30 am	March 31
Greeter	Jo Nissen	Sally Nietzel	Lori Neu	Andrew & Jenny Palmgren	
Lector	Marianne Jensen	Kylee Albright	Betty Petersen	Joan Fergus	Gary Wood
Communion Assistants	Jim Black Don Lautz	Kylee Albright John Lehman	Jean Veltman Betty Petersen	Linda Godson Andrea Godson	Don Lautz Joan Fergus
AV Technicians	Todd Jansen	Lynn Helmke	Kylee Albright	Barb Salvo	Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Rose Adamski	Jo Nissen	Jean Veltman	Palm Sunday Breakfast	Christine Monreal
Councilperson In Charge	Rebecca Mason	David Knudson	Kylee Albright	Rebecca Mason	Kylee Albright
Ushers	David Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, Ed Wosilait				
Altar Guild	Grace Deibert, Lynn Sinclair, Sue DiPasquale-Peterson, Katie Peterson				

Altar Flowers

March 3 - In memory of Sherman Scherer given with love by Susan Barbee and family

March 10 - In memory of Vallery Peterson given by Jo Nissen

March 17 - In mrmory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug given by Jill Vander Brug

March 24 - in honor of Tom Lajiness' 90th birthday given by Evelyn Lajiness and Mark Lajiness

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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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