

CHALICE

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WE ARE THE STORIES THAT GOD TELLS... OUR VERY LIVES ARE THE WORDS THAT COME FROM GOD'S MOUTH.

The following story is an excerpt from Philip Yancey's book, The Likeness of God.

He entered the room, and he apologized for the blood on his lab coat, explaining that he had just been dissecting armadillos, the only non-human species known to harbor leprosy bacterium. He wore outdated clothes, lived in a rented bungalow and drove an economical, rundown car. At the heart... Dr Paul Brand was still a missionary - just as his parents had been.

The first time that Yancey had visited him... they talked for a week. Yancey would follow the doctor around as he studied the ulcerated limbs of his patients. At night, they would share a meal of curried rice with Brand's wife Margaret - herself a respected Ophthalmologist. They put their feet on the table and turned on the tape recorder for discussions that ranged from leprosy and theology to world hunger and soil conservation.

Every topic that Yancey brought up, Brand had already thought about - in great depth. He quoted Shakespeare and discussed Latin, Greek and Hebrew words. During their breaks... Brand taught Yancey how to select a ripe fig (a butterfly would rest on it) and how the African Weaver bird built its elaborate nest, using only one foot and a beak. But the conversations that stood out were the ones about the **nobodies** on whom Brand and his wife gave medical attention.

When he began his pioneering work, he was the only Orthopedic Surgeon in the world - working among the 15 million victims of leprosy. He and his wife performed several dozen surgeries on some of these patients. They restored rigid claws into usable hands, they remade feet, they forestalled blindness, they transplanted eyebrows and fashioned brand new noses.

He spoke of his patient's family histories and the rejection that they had experienced because of disfigurement. Almost always his eyes would moisten and he would wipe away tears... as he remembered their suffering. They are among the most neglected people on the earth... but to Brand, they were NOT nobodies... but people made in the image of God. Dr. Paul Brand devoted his entire life to that very same purpose. He is a story that God tells... and so are we.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mark



Food Pantry Needs Turkeys and Thanksgiving Foods

The pantry would like to give out food for Thanksgiving meals on Friday, Nov. 17 and Monday, Nov. 20 and is asking for donations of the following items:

| boxed stuffing mix | corn muffin mix | gravy mix |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| instant potatoes | jello | 10-12 lb. turkeys |

In order to have time to shop for items they are short of, they ask that you bring your donations no later than Wednesday, November 14th. If you bring a frozen turkey on Sunday morning, it can be put in the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you very much for your help in providing holiday meals for those in need in our community!

Sharon Wilczynski would like to thank a very special group of people - the volunteers who are the true backbone of the food pantry.

Sharon said, "Someone once said to me, "You are very protective of your volunteers." My answer was, yes, they are special. They don't do this for a pat on the back nor do they do it for praise, glory, or recognition. The choice to volunteer in the pantry comes from their hearts and that is what makes them special."

"The pantry has a way of changing you. I think it has helped all who work there to grow in understanding and compassion. We have grown in our understanding of poverty and the feelings of hopelessness it can bring. We have learned that the more we give of ourselves to others the more we want to give. And above all, we have learned how God provides. I feel honored and grateful and I thank God for being a part of the food pantry team."

Thank you for all you do to support the pantry and to help feed the hungry in our community.



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HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to the following children

who were baptized during the month of November:

Chelsea Kupper

On November 26th, Sunday School children will again be creating <u>**REVERSE ADVENT**</u> <u>**CALENDARS**</u> for families to collect items for the Food Pantry throughout the season of Advent.

SANTA'S NIGHT OUT will be on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th from 5:30 – 8:30pm.

Families with children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited. It's a night designed for parents to have some extra time to prepare for the Christmas season before it gets into full swing! The theme of the night will be based on the popular movie **THE GRINCH**. <u>A pizza dinner will be provided for the children</u>. We will also continue the tradition of the "Night Before Christmas" story with Patrick gift exchange, so please bring a \$1 gift <u>wrapped as a present</u>. To support our HCLC Food Pantry, please also bring a box of cereal.

Bring your holiday cheer and a friend too if you want!Wear your comfy pajamas!Bring your sleeping bag or a favorite blanket!Bring a box of cereal for the HCLC Food Pantry!Remember a wrapped \$1 gift for the gift exchange too!

Please use this <u>LINK</u> to sign up by December 5th.



Noisy Offering For The Warm Feet Mission

Just in time for the BRRR months...Septembrrr, Octobrrr, Novembrrr and Decembrrr...we are bringing back the "noisy offering" for our Sunday School children to collect money to bless others. Our first collection, that will extend through the BRRRR months, will be for the purchase of socks to donate to HALO, Hospitality Center and other organizations that help residents in Racine and Racine County. The noisy offering is not the only way to give. If you would like to donate to this mission, you can make a check out to Holy Communion Warm Feet Mission and mail to the church. Thank you for your support!





2nd - 5th Grade Youth Group All of our $2^{nd} - 5^{th}$ Graders are invited to come and join the pastors for some Popcorn and Playtime on Sunday, November 5th, 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**, **November 19th**, **from 11:00-12:00** for an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.

9th-12th Graders

Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura invite you to join them on Friday, **November 10th (6:00-7:00PM**), for a Pizza Party in the Youth Room. We'll challenge you in air hockey, ping pong and basketball 🖾 ... and then take some time to brainstorm together events and activities that you might like to see and take part in



throughout the school year. Please let Pastor Laura or Pastor Mark know you're joining us so we can make sure to have enough pizza.



8th Graders and Families,

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and that your school year is off to a great start!

Confirmation Classes are ready to begin and this year, we will be doing things a little bit differently.

If you are planning to confirm your faith at the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 19th (and we hope you are)...we ask you to attend the following blocks of classes: November 5th, 12th, 19th; January 14th, 21st, 28th; April 14th, 21st, 28th. We will meet in the Youth Room from 1:00-2:00PM

We are so excited to meet with you all and look forward to our time together. If you have any questions, please reach out to us (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com pastormark.hclc@gmail.com)

God's blessings to you all,

Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura



Our beloved Christmas program, Look for the Light, will be held on December 17th at 9:30 A.M. with live animals, the children of HCLC, the senior choir, and any other member of HCLC, any age, who would like participate. Because of the small number of children in Sunday School, we NEED as many people to participate as possible to bring this joyous, love-filled service to fruition.

Please be aware that due to circumstances, this may be the last HCLC Christmas program with live animals, so let's make it the best ever. Please join us in celebrating the best story ever told and the animals of the manger who have meant so much to us these last 29 years.

Rehearsals will take place Sundays November 19, December 3, and December 10, with a final rehearsal Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

In addition, Kate is already working with kids every Sunday during regular choir rehearsals. She is also willing to meet with anyone who can't make the listed rehearsals but who would like to participate. Contact Kate at church or send her an email to set up a rehearsal time: kpotterbarrow@gmail.com

Contact Kate if you'd like to join us and would like a practice CD, lyric sheet, or costume instructions.

Please note the necessity of attending rehearsals in order to participate in the program. **Practice makes perfect!**



the Grant and Sandary, December 2. The sanctuary will be decorated for Unrisimas on Sandary, December 2. sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. There are jobs for all levels of ability, but we could really use some strong, young people who are comfortable working on a ladder. Our beautiful sanctuary is even more beautiful when it is decorated for the holiday! Come help us prepare our worship space for Christmas!

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 October we will meet for breakfast at 9:30 at the Blueberry Hilltop Café, 3429 Spring St, a new restaurant next to the Open Pantry and Subway. We have heard great things about it! To help us know how many seats to reserve, please let Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com)



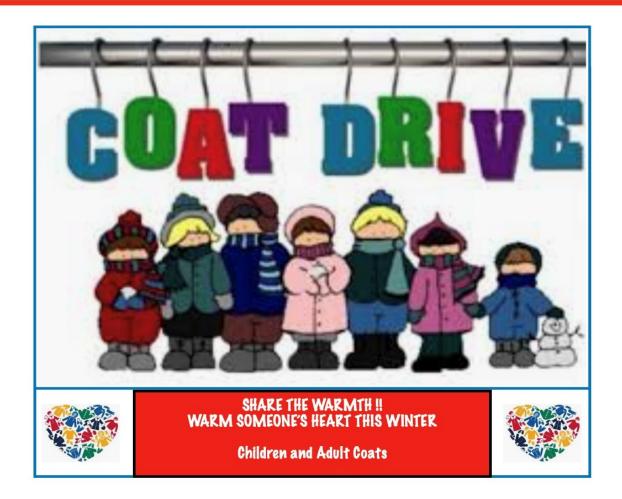
know by Sunday September 24th, if you're able to join us. But if you should unexpectedly find yourself free that day, please come join us! Hope to see you there ©

Third Tuesday Bible Study

Our study of the Gospel of Mark surprised us with its relevance to today's news. What will the coming of the Messiah mean for Israel? Would all other nations be subdued? The devil even tempts Jesus to avoid suffering and death (page 231). "The Supreme Value In Life" (page 238) asks the question: "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and to forfeit his life" Mark 8:37.

"When the King Comes Into His Own" (page 240) suggests that the kingdom of God will come in their lifetime. Jesus was not predicting a worldly kingdom. Instead, within thirty years Christianity had swept through Asia, Egypt, Italy, and Greece. Wow!

Tuesday, November 21st, the study of the Gospel of Mark will discuss Mark 8:31 to 9:1. Bring your bibles and learn from our sharing. We use William Barclay's study guide to help us. We meet at Julie Burton's home, 136 Steeplechase Drive at 10:00 a.m.. All women are welcome to join us.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Clean your closets of coats, mittens, hats and scarfs that were never worn or gently used and definitely outgrown!! Make sure it is a coat in good condition.

WAYS TO DELIVER YOUR COATS, HATS AND MITTENS:

- 1. Several bins will be in the church foyer for the Sundays in the month of November.
- 2. Need pick up?? Email call Heidi in the church office. 262-632-8802

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH Sponsored by the Worship & Music committee

Collecting Warm Clothing and Blankets for the Hospitality Center

If you have extra blankets, sheets, pillows, or warm clothing, you can bring them in for the Hospitality Center. They give these items away throughout the cold weather, so you can bring them in until spring. You can bring your donations to the office during the week or put them in the back of the church on Sunday morning. Thank you for caring about the vulnerable people in our community.



Giving With Tithely

If you open your cell phone camera, focus on the QR code to the right and click on the screen, it will take you to a web page where you can make a donation to HCLC through Tithe.ly with your credit card or bank account. You can choose to make a one time donation or recurring donations, whether you pay by credit card or from your checking or savings account, and if your donation should go to the general fund, the food pantry, or another fund. Many of our members have decided automatic giving through tithe.ly is a simple way to stay up to date with their pledges and to make special offerings. If you need help, you can contact Keri in the office, and she will help you sign up.



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.



Volunteer Opportunities

There is a sign up sheet in the lounge to bring treats for coffee fellowship through the month of February and there are still several weeks available for you to share your favorite treats.

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 of-fice.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.

| | Fi | nance Update | |
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| September I | Finance Numbers | Year-to-date | Finance Numbers |
| Revenue | \$30,393.07 | Revenue: | \$391,575.99 |
| Expense: | \$39,431.97 | Expense: | \$396,527.07 |
| Net Income: | (-\$9,038.90) | Net Income: | (-\$4,951.08) |



Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura with a pledge card and a time and talent form. Pledge Sunday is November 12th. We believe everyone has been blessed with gifts and abilities to share and ask that you prayerfully consider the ways that you share yours. Always remember that you make a difference and you are a blessing to this congregation and to the world!

The second Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. we invite all who are celebrating a birthday in that month (this time November) to join us for coffee, fun conversation, and a birthday donut while we celebrate you! We hope to see all of you who have November birthdays on Tuesday, November 14th in the lounge!



The November meeting of the book club will be November 8 at 10:00 to 11:30 at Julie Burton's home.

We will be discussing West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Woodrow Wilson Nickel is 105 and he feels his life is slipping away. He remembers the unforgettable experience he had in 1938. He wants to share his adventure before it's too late. In his custom truck, he will transport two giraffes to Southern California. The giraffes were shipped from Europe, surviving a hurricane. His job is

to deliver the giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. These giraffes are to be the first ones the zoo will have. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, the book explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, and the passing of time.

Everyone is welcomed to join our discussion. Call Julie to get directions to her home at 262-639-5914. In December, we will be discussing Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

Men's Group Meeting Friday, October 6th

The new Men's Group meets on the second Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Their next meeting is Friday, November 10th. All men are invited to join us for a time of good conversation, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The group has only been meeting a couple of months but they have had some great conversations and are building deeper friendships. All men are invited to come to join the conversation.



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. They would love to have more help and everyone is welcome to join them. No prior quilting experience is needed. Call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or QUILTING GROUP Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527, if you have any questions about the group.

Prayer Requests

Our prayer team wants to pray for you and all those you lift up in prayer. Do you ever think or say, "God please help me!" (Or help my mom, my child, a friend or the world.) Perhaps someone is weighing heavy on your mind, is ill or having surgery. Are you thankful or joyful for an occurrence in your life? Please share these thoughts using the wooden prayer box placed at the back of the church. You can also call or email the church office with prayer requests or email them to Amy Larsen 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. Prayer changes things!

> Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

William Arthur Ward



Poinsettia Orders

Every year we marvel at the beauty of our sanctuary as it is wonderfully decorated for the Christmas season. A special part of this is when the poinsettias make their appearance the Sunday before Christmas. You can purchase a plant in memory or honor of someone special.

Plants will be available for pick up after the late Christmas Eve worship service or on Wednesday, December 27th between 10:00 and 2:00.

- Orders **<u>MUST</u>** be in by **<u>Tuesday, November 21st</u>** to be guaranteed
- Each **RED** Poinsettia plant costs \$15.00.
- Return this form with a check (separate from your regular offering)
- Please send your order form and payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate
- Feel free to order as many as you need!

| YOUR NAME: | FNVFLOPF # |
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_____ I will pick up the plant(s)

_____Give the plant(s) to a shut-in

____Number of Plants @ \$15.00 each = \$_____

| IN MEMORY OF: | GIVEN BY: |
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<u>Thank you from Emma Krenzke</u>

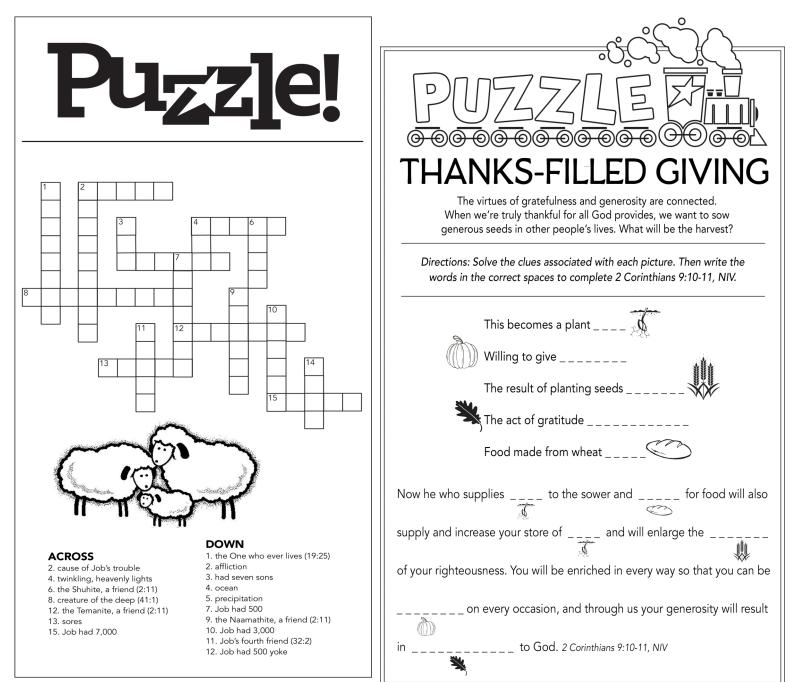
Emma Krenzke, received the Holy Communion Scholarship. Emma graduated from Racine Lutheran High School in the spring and is studying to be a teacher. She sent this thank you to the congregation.

Holy Communion Family,

Thank you again for the HCLC scholarship as I am furthering my education at UW-Oshkosh.

God's unconditional love,

Emma Krenzke.



Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphas, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen

Give thanks for the gift of laughter.

Why did the turkey decline dessert? Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice? To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner? Your nose.

Why did the turkey leave the band? People were fighting over the drumsticks.



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fr: | Sat |
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| | | | - | 2 6:30 - 9:00 RTG Rehearsal - MHR | 3 12:30 Food Pantry | 4 1:00- 4:00 RTG Rehearsal - MHR |
| 5 Setting 8 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 2nd - 5th Grade 1:00 Confirmation Class | 6 12:30 Food Pantry | 7 | œ | 9 6:30 - 9:00 RTG Rehearsal - MHR | 10 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry 6:00 High School Youth | 11 3:00 - 6:00 RTG Rehearsal - MHR |
| 12 We Are Called Pledge Sunday 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 1:00 Confirmation | 13 12:30 Food Pantry | 14 1:00 Quilters | 15 10:00 Book Club | 16 | 17 12:30 Food Pantry | 18 1:00- 4:00 RTG Rehearsal - MHR |
| <i>19 O the Joy</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 6th - 8th Grade 1:00 Confirmation | 20 12:30 Food Pantry | 21 Poinsettia Orders Due 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study | 22 7:00 Worship 8:00 Fellowship | 23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed | 24 Office Closed Food Pantry Closed | 25 |
| 26 Setting 10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 1st Sunday of Advent | 27 12:30 Food Pantry | 28 9:30 Ketchup Club 1:00 Quilters | 29 | 8 | | |

November 2023

November 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.

| | | November 5 9:30 am | November 12 9:30 am | November 19 9:30 am | November 26 9:30 am |
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| Greeter | | e Jansen issen | Kalen Theusch | Lori Neu | |
| Lector | John | Lehman | Gary Wee | Steve Barootian | Betty Petersen |
| Communion Assistants | | a Godson Lehman | Jean Veltman Don Lautz | Joan Fergus Steve Barootian | John Lehman Roger Degerman |
| AV Technicians | Lynr | n Helmke | Barb Salvo | Kylee Albright | Todd Jansen |
| Coffee Fellowship | Robin Albright | | Joan Fergus | Shelley Lussmyer | |
| Councilperson In Charge | Andy Larson | | Joleen Carlson | Laurie Knudson | |
| Ushers Dave Barlament, Jim Buhler, Tim Krikau, ar | | n Buhler, Tim Krikau, and | Gary Wee | | |
| Altar Guild | tar Guild Grace Deibert, Lynr | | n Sinclair, Sue DiPasquale I | Peterson, and Katie Peter | son. |

November Altar Flowers

November 5 - In loving memory of James A. Hansen, given by David Hansen.

November 12 - Given by Kristin Hahner in memory of Bob & Ellen Johnson who inspired her on her faith journey.

November 19- In loving memory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug, given by Jill Vander Brug.

November 26 - In honor of their grandchildren, Mya, Luke, and Jace, given with love by Gary & Denise Lequia.

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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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