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2023



SHINING GOD'S LIGHT
FOR 125 YEARS

A very BIG thank you to 125th anniversary committee members

**Laurie Knudson
Rose Adamski
Denise Lequia
Susan Anderson
Linda Fox
Joleen Carlson
Kathy Dieckhoff
Pastor Laura
Lynn Helmke
and Grace Diebert.**

This group worked for many months planning and executing so many events for our celebration. From gathering us for a Jello jamboree and ice cream sundaes, to writing trivia questions, making wonderful desserts for the banquet, creating the anniversary ornament featuring Amanda Gaastra's beautiful design, finding and displaying historical photos and documents, inviting honored guests, and organizing the food, decorations, and music for the banquet, and the list goes on and on.... they did a fabulous job commemorating 125 years of this congregation shining God's light in the world.

Also thanks to "auxiliary members" Marianne Jensen, Darlene Krueger, Shelley Lussmyer, and Heidi Komistra. We appreciate all your talents! And we can't forget to thank the Meredith family for use of Preservation Hall and the Sturino family for creating the video shown at the banquet. We are also grateful that all these events were so happily supported by the congregation!

Happy 125th to us all!



September 6, 2023

Friends in Christ:

At our most recent synod assembly, held June 2-3 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, the assembly adopted five resolutions. I am writing to the rostered ministers, congregations, and assembly voting members to provide an update on actions taken by me and the synod council in response to these resolutions.

- Resolution 1: Resolution to Amend the ELCA Constitution to Include Creation Care. This resolution directed the Greater Milwaukee Synod council to request that the ELCA Church council develop and vote on amendments to the ELCA governing documents to include creation care to the purposes of this church and of its members. This request was adopted at the July 20 synod council meeting and forwarded to the appropriate offices.
- Resolution 2: Resolution in Support of the Raise the Age Wisconsin Campaign. This resolution directed the GMS bishop to create a statement in support of this campaign, send it to various elected officials, share the resolution with the other ELCA synods in Wisconsin, and share educational information with the congregations and leaders of this synod and encourage their participation and support. Please see the statement and letter included in this mailing.
- Resolution 3: Resolution on Synod Guidelines for Continuing Education. This resolution called for an increase in the amount congregations are asked to offer rostered ministers for continuing education expenses to be included in the 2024 Synod Guidelines, and to provide clearer guidelines for what constitutes continuing education. The synod council will be approving the 2024 Compensation Guidelines at their September 17 meeting and will include an increase in Continuing Education amounts, and the revision of guidelines will be included in the charge given to the Synod Guidelines Committee called for in Resolution 4.
- Resolution 4: Resolution to Establish a Compensation Guidelines Committee. This resolution called for the synod council to form a Compensation Guidelines Committee or Task Force to annually review and propose guidelines for the coming year. This Committee will be appointed at the November synod council meeting. Those interested in serving indicate their interest in serving on this team by:
 - sending an email to gmsoffice@gmselca.org
 - calling the synod office at 414.671.1212 or
 - using the contact form on the synod website: <https://milwaukee-synod.org/connect/contact-us/>



Each message should include: first and last name, email, phone number, congregation of membership and role in that congregation, and a note indicating interest in serving on the Compensation and Benefits Committee.

- Resolution 5: Resolution on Children and Vulnerable Youth. This resolution called on the synod council to form a task force charged with organizing events to listen to the youth of the synod, to encourage congregations of this synod to listen to their youth, and to request that the ELCA Church Council develop and consider amendments to the ELCA governing documents to include “supporting children and vulnerable youth” to the purposes of this church. This request was approved at the July synod council meeting and forwarded to the appropriate offices. The synod council will be appointing the task force at their November meeting that will be charged with organizing listening events and encouraging congregations to do the same. Those interested in serving should indicate their interest in serving on this team by:
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Each message should include: first and last name, email, phone number, congregation of membership and role in that congregation, and a note indicating interest in serving on the Youth Listening Task Force.

Thank you for your willingness to engage in the important work of living out our faith and our common commitments.

In Christ,

Bishop Paul D. Erickson



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, October 1st, 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, October 22nd, 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, October 27th (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



The Children's Chalice



Holy Communion Lutheran Church September, 2023

Happy Baptism Birthday to the following children
who were baptized during the month of October:

Winter Barbee
John Harrison
Braxton Hermanns
Logan Lewis



Mark Your Calendars!

Christmas Program - December 17th

All are welcome to participate in the Christmas program on December 17 at 9:30. Our rehearsal schedule will be announced at a later date, but mark your calendars now so you don't miss it!

Adult Education Beginning in October!

Pastor Mark will be leading a study and conversation - after the Worship service on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. In honor of our 125th anniversary as a Church, our focus will be on our legacy of Faith. We all stand on the shoulders of giants... we will highlight some of the great heroes of faith... but we will also imagine the ways that **we** can make a difference in the world. Please join us on October the 8th, in the Conference Room, after worship.



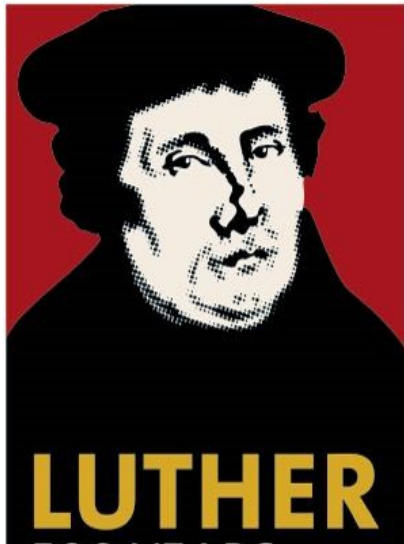
Men's Group Meeting Friday, October 6th

The new Men's Group meets on the second Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Their next meeting is Friday, September 8th. All men are invited to join us for a time of conversation, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The group has only been meeting a couple of months but they have had some great conversations and they would love to have you join them!

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 Dynasty Restaurant, on Tuesday, October 24th. 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 ☺





Join us for
Beer, Brats and Brownies
on Sunday, October 29th,
as we celebrate the 506th ☺
anniversary of the
Reformation!

We'll gather together following worship (consider it a pre tailgate party for the Packer – Viking game), chow down on some delicious brats (hot dogs will also be available), savor some scrumptious brownies and give a toast to Martin Luther...root beer will also be served and maybe even some ice cream for floats! Come and join us for a delightful time of fun, food and fellowship!

Whoever drinks beer, he is
quick to sleep; whoever
sleeps long, does not sin;
whoever does not sin, enters
Heaven! Thus, let us drink
beer!

Martin Luther





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

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. All are welcome to join them, even if you have no prior quilting experience, and they would love to have more help. The quilts they made this year will be displayed and blessed Sunday, October 8th before being shipped to Lutheran World Relief. After the worship service the quilts will be available for purchase for \$50 each. See Selma Bednar to purchase a quilt. The funds raised will be used to purchase needed materials for more quilts. Call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527, if you have any questions about the group.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

William Barclay's study of the Gospel of Mark for the month of October will focus on Mark 8:27 to 8:35 on pages 221-235. "The Great Discovery" focuses on Mark 8:27-30 when Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Jews had begun to dream of a time when they would become a great and powerful nation. Would the disciples believe in a god that would heal men's souls instead?

And would Jesus want to escape suffering and death? Mark 8:31-33 tells of Peter wanting Jesus to avoid such a future. But Jesus rebukes him with, "Get behind me, Satan."

"The Way Of the Disciple" (Mark 8:34-35) is one of carrying a cross. We must give up our desire to have everything go our own way and realize that following Jesus may demand sacrifices. Being a disciple is not a call to ease and luxuries but a call to look into the needs of others.

The monthly Bible study of the Gospel of Mark will meet Tuesday, October 17th from 10:00 to 11:30 at Julie Burton's home (136 Steeplechase Drive). All women are welcome.



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 October) to join us for coffee, fun conversation, and a birthday donut while we celebrate you! We hope to see all of you who have October birthdays on Tuesday, October 10th in the lounge!



The book club will be meeting on Wednesday, October 18th from 10 - 11:30. (Please note the change in date!) We are planning on discussing The Girl Behind the Wall by Mandy Robotham.

It is 1961 in Berlin, Germany. Karin and Jutta are sisters. They were able to travel everywhere in Berlin. Then the Wall went up. Karin was on the wrong side of the Wall. The sisters lead parallel lives for years. Karin was trapped under the Soviet rule in unforgiving East Berlin. Karin is helped by Otto, the man who gives her hope, even amidst the brutal East German regime. When Jutta finds a way through the wall, the twins are able to reunite. But there are eyes everywhere, and soon Karin is faced with a terrible decision to flee or to stay and follow her heart?

We will meet at Julie Burton's home. You can reach her at 262-639-5914 to get directions. We are planning to read for our November meeting, West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge.

For the month of October, the pantry is asking for donations of these items:

- instant potatoes
- peanut butter
- canned peaches
- spaghetti sauce (no spaghetti - they have a large amount on hand)
- 1 lb. bags or boxes of rice
- cereal



We have been serving a large number of families including many first time clients who have never been to a food pantry before. Due to the high number of clients being served, smaller deliveries from the government and Racine County Food Bank and difficulty buying many of the things we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores, we are running very low on many foods. This makes the donations we receive from you more important than ever so that we can continue to provide healthy, balanced meal items for those in need in our community. We are incredibly grateful to all who add a few items for the pantry to their shopping carts. We know budgets are tight for many people and we give thanks for your generous gifts to our ministry.

As always we are so very grateful to all who contribute money and food and those who volunteer their time. We could not continue this ministry without your help!

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!**



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.

All Saints Sunday



Sunday, November 6th is All Saints' Sunday, when we read the names of our HCLC family and loved ones who have died in the last year and light candles in remembrance of them. Please contact the church office, office.hclc@gmail.com or 262-632-8802 if you would like the name of a friend or family member read during our worship service.

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 call or email the office, 262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com if you would like to give it a try. 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.





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 **MUST** be in by **Tuesday, November 20th** 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: _____ ENVELOPE # _____

_____ 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:
IN HONOR OF:	GIVEN BY:

FINANCE UPDATE

August Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$49,749.85

Expense: \$46,588.54

Net Income: \$3,161.31

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$361,182.92

Expense: \$356,952.53

Net Income: \$4,230.39

"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."
Martin Luther

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Setting 3 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	2 10:00 Bible Study Break-fast @ Melli's 12:30 Food Pantry	3	4	5	6 12:30 Food Pantry	7 12:30 RTG Choir room
8 We are Called 9:30 Worship & Sunday School LWR Quilt & Kit Blessing 1:00 RTG Choir room	9 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	10 10:00 Birthday Club 1:00 Quilters 6:30 RTG Choir room	11 6:30 RTG Choir room	12	13 12:30 Food Pantry	Florence Svendsen Funeral
15 Now the Feast 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 1:00 RTG in MHR	16 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 6:30 RTG in MHR	17 10:00 Third Tues. Bible Study 6:30 RTG Choir room	18 10:00 Book Club 6:30 - 9:30 Junior Women's Club Joleen Carlson	19 3:00 Dolores Fergus Funeral	20 12:30 Food Pantry 5:00 Jane Hearn MHR	21 RTG Choir room
22 O the Joy 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 1:00 RTG Choir room	23 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 4:30 Delta Kappa Gamma MHR - Val Conner 6:30 RTG Choir room	24 9:30 Catch up Club @ Dynasty Restaurant 1:00 Quilters	25 6:30 RTG Choir room	26	27 12:30 Food Pantry	28 10:30 RTG Choir room
29 Setting 4 Reformation Sunday 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Beer, Brats & Brownies 2:00 RTG Choir room	30 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry	31 Halloween				

October 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.

	October 1 9:30 am	October 8 9:30 am	October 15 9:30 am	October 22 9:30 am	October 29 9:30 am
Greeter	Evelyn Lajiness	Joni Reske	Lori Neu	Kay Krause	Trish & Charles Jacob
Lector	Susan Anderson	Gary Wood	Julie Burton	Steve Smith	Joleen Carlson
Communion Assistants	Susan Anderson	Gary Wee Roger Degerman	Joan Fergus Don Lautz	Julie Burton Steve Smith	Joni Reske Joan Fergus
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke	Barb Salvo	Kylee Albright	Todd Jansen	Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Joleen Carlson		The Veltmans	Shelley Lussmyer	Rose Adamski
Councilperson In Charge	Jim Black	Andy Larson	Joleen Carlson	Laurie Knudson	Polly Timmerman
Ushers	Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood				
Altar Guild	Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, and Lynn Riekkoff				

October Altar Flowers

October 1 - In loving memory of Harvey & Jeanette Jensen, given by Linda Jensen

October 8 - In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family,
in loving memory of Stan Reske, given by Joni Reske,
and in loving memory of Katharine Jensen, given by Marianne Jensen

October 15 - In loving memory of Allen Carlson, given by Jim & Joleen Carlson

October 22 - In memory of her dad, Sherman Scherer, given with love by Susan Barbee and family,
and in loving memory of their parents, given by Bill and Lynn Leete

October 29 - In loving memory of Tom Rolfson, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litzau

The Chalice October 2023

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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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