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Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

November 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

'Tis the season . . . to be grateful. (Did you wonder for a moment if I was jumping on the runaway advertising train that is selling Christmas already? I'm not.)

'Tis the season . . . for our annual Stewardship Appeal. We have this opportunity to give generously in gratitude to God for all that we have and in support of the mission and ministries of House of Prayer. As we bring our estimates of giving for 2018 to worship on November 11 and 12, we will be "stewards of God's grace." When the writer of 2 Peter addresses his community of believers, he calls them to "maintain constant love for one another," to "[b]e hospitable to one another," and "to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." Love, hospitality, and service are marks of our life together here and our life together as we reach out to others. We learn such ways from Jesus and from one another, and each of us is blessed to be part of this community of generous stewards of God's gifts and God's grace. (By the way, we'll get to enjoy brunch together on the 12th after worship!)

'Tis the season . . . to give thanks for Caroline Linscott and DJ McGivney, who were confirmed on this 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In worship, Vicki Oman had the congregation mesmerized by her telling of the story of Martin Luther and the beginning of the Reformation. A cake decorated with Luther's seal – plus Martin Luther cut-out cookies from Lenae (made with a cookie cutter Sandy Swanson brought back from Denmark!) – added to our celebration.

'Tis the season . . . to "Let That Little Light Shine." Be sure to see the Social Ministry article here in the Tidings about this congregation-wide project to provide \$30 solar-charged lanterns through the ELCA Good Gifts program during November. As we keep track of how many are given, watch the display across from the Founders Room grow. (At Christmas, my family is going to get some solar lanterns given in their honor.)

'Tis the season . . . to welcome some new members on November 18-19, to continue with adult faith formation after worship on November 12 and 19, and to have our new website go live by the beginning of Advent.

Weekly Worship

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
(September - June)
10:45 - 11:30/11:45

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Stewardship Weekend
November 11 and 12

Intergenerational Advent Event
November 19

Adult Faith Forum
November 12
November 19

New Members
November 18 and 19

Interfaith Worship Service
November 22

Parish Life Outing "Holly Days"
November 26

Deadline for December Tidings
November 25

'Tis the season . . . to anticipate a shiny new floor in the fellowship hall early in December. A new church year begins with the first Sunday in Advent, and the Shepherds' Committee is planning a festive coffee hour after worship. Perhaps on that day, in addition to preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus, we can also get ready to celebrate this soon-to-be-completed portion of our Capital Campaign project.

'Tis the season . . . to give thanks in myriad ways for our life together in Christ as pastor and people at House of Prayer!

Grace and peace,
Pastor



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 God's work. Our hands.

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HOUSE OF PRAYER MISSION STATEMENT

*To share and spread Christ's message of love.
 To nurture a vigorous and compassionate
 church family, open to all.
 To provide meaningful worship and Christian education.
 And to actively reach out to help and serve others.*



ELCA MISSION STATEMENT

*"Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed,
 gathered and sent for the sake of the world"*

ALTAR FLOWERS



November 4 & 5	Kathleen Almand
November 11 & 12	Jon & Mabel Ericson
November 18 & 19	Janet Rydin
November 25 & 26	June Fontaine

Flowers cost \$56.00 for two vases.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God,
 given by Mabel Ericson in memory of veterans and loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is \$20.00 for the month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Christian Education	June Fontaine & Kim Boyd
Evangelism	Ginny Just
Facilities	Scott Morad
Finance & Stewardship	open
Parish Life	Brandy Hugo
Shepherds	Barbara Buntrock & Linda Lundin
Social Ministry	Kathleen Almand & Cathy Martin
Worship & Music	Sandy Swanson



STRIKE A POSE!

The Church Council has, in an attempt to make our congregation more “recognizable” (and to be able to put a current face with a name), determined that it is time to update our PHOTO directory. HOLD ON-KEEP READING! We all know that in the past it has been difficult to get a scheduled time with the photographer that works for you and your family’s crazy schedule. Or that we don’t want to feel pressured into buying a “package” after we have our photos taken. And that it can be expensive to work with the photographer. Soooo, we’re going to do this ourselves. Alright, Kim Boyd will be taking photos after church with a standard light/medium gray suede backdrop. The hope is to be done taking the photos by January so that the directory can be distributed by February 1st. (not available Nov 11/12 or the weekend after Thanksgiving, Nov 25/26) See you behind the lens soon! Feel free to contact Kim with any questions you may have at kimboyd61@hotmail.com.



Four Square

A long-standing fellowship tradition at House of Prayer, Four Square provides the opportunity for 4 entities to come together to dine and enjoy time together. It can be 4 couples, 4 families, 4 singles, or any combination of the above! Dinner has been the traditional meal of choice for 4 square fun, but some have done brunch or lunch as well, so the options are open! After 3 groups have been paired together, each will take a turn hosting the others at their home for a potluck meal. And, the host will also invite a 4th person/couple/family to join the meal on a day and time that works for all. Typically, the meals get scheduled once per month if possible and can continue for as long as you like! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested.



As you have noticed, the parish hall floor project is well underway and the old floor removal and associated asbestos abatement are complete. A contractor and finish flooring have been selected and this work will commence shortly. New chairs for the hall are being considered.

Thank you all for your continued faithful giving to the campaign.

SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT

(Kathleen Almand, Cathy Martin, Co-Chairpersons)



In November, Social Ministry will be featuring “let that little light shine,” a drive to raise funds to purchase powered lanterns, part of ELCA’s good gifts program. This drive will aid a large portion of residents in Saharan, Africa who exist without electricity.

Father Bill’s Place

Thanks to all who provided Hamburg Tater Tot Casserole (12 in all) for Father Bill’s Place and to Carla Hill and Ann Rasmussen who served to over 100 of their clients.

Hingham Senior Center

Over 40 seniors were treated to an Amish Country Casserole Halloween lunch at the senior center. Barbara Hutchinson and Gene Lancaster provided the entertainment. Extra casseroles and salad, ice cream and cake were donated to the Veterans Home and the Police Department. Again, thanks to everyone who cooked, set up and cleaned up. See pictures below!





Hingham Veterans Home

On Sunday, November 18 Chris Hayes, Kris Neidorf, Karen Nilsson and Linda Watt will prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for the six residents of the home.



Join us in the Founder's Room on November 12th & 19th after you get your coffee and goodies for the next installment of our Adult Forum! This month we are going to watch a few quick and fun video clips as conversation starters and spend the rest of the time hearing each other's ideas in response to some guided questions. You can be sure that we will close in prayer by noon each time, but all are welcome to stay after that to keep the dialogue going if the spirit calls you.

What does the Reformation look like today... in our lives, in the public sphere and as we work as a church in the world? The concept of Luther's Community Chest is a radical notion that came up in the last forum and we will explore again in new contexts. Be prepared to laugh, listen, disagree and be in the communion of our House of Prayer family with open hearts and minds.



Parish Life Fellowship Opportunity!

The holidays are fast approaching and there are plenty of opportunities to share special times with family and friends. Join fellow HOP'ers for a delightful afternoon at the Alden House Historic Site in Duxbury for "Holly Days" on Sunday, November 26 from 12 - 4 pm. Free tours of the house decorated for the holidays will be offered, along with colonial crafts on display for sale. The Alden House Historic Site (AHHS), and the property upon which it rests, are part of the original land grant given to John and Priscilla Alden in 1627. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2009, the house is an important piece of American history that provides visitors with an intimate look at one of Americas founding families. Please contact Brandy Hugo with any questions or visit the website: www.alden.org



Remember, if you are shopping online to shop through smile.amazon.com. House of Prayer can receive 0.5% of eligible purchases through Amazon's charitable giving. Contact Kristen if you need instructions on shopping through smile.amazon.com.



On October 29th, 2017 Caroline Linscott and DJ McGivney were confirmed at HOP. Joining in the celebration are the families and congregation. Caroline and DJ shared their creeds, shared some of their journey in their lives. They were confirmed by Pastor Henry with Vicki Oman assisting. We welcome these two into our congregation and look forward to watching their continued growth in their faith. Cake was served by the upcoming confirmation kids (Leslie Abbott, Olivia Wegener, Tessa Lundin, Christopher Warneck and Michael Wegener) with the help of Phoebe Morad.







MUSIC NOTES FROM LENA E

We've been having some nice musical "goings on" at HOP! The Children's Choir sang on October 15 accompanied by Federico Morales on guitar. Leah McGaughey treated us by presenting the communion hymn in sign language. Choir Dedication was on October 22 and we augmented the Psalm and our combined choir anthem with Kim and Emily Boyd on flute, and Destiny Lipner, Marie Warneck, Kathleen Almand and Kim Boyd on bells. The Children's Choir will be singing a spiritual in worship on November 12 with Scott Morad on drums. The kids have enjoyed some drumming themselves during rehearsals! We've started working on our Christmas musical, "A Night for Dancing" -we hope to add a few more children for this.

We are happy to welcome Julia and Sebastian Melej to Children's Choir!

The Adult Choir continues to rehearse on Sun. mornings at 8:30, and we've enjoyed having more folks singing with us! Each Sun. the group is a little different, but we make it work! There are 16 singers who participate when they can. The Adult Choir presented two anthems on Oct. 29th – one in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Reformation Sun. and the other was chosen especially for our two confirmands that day.

On November 12, Carla Hill and I will be playing a piano/organ duet arrangement of 'Thanks Be to God.' Hope to see you there!

This is a picture of 31 chemo caps made by members of the In Stitches group.

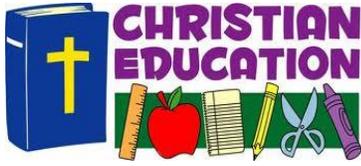


VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

I am serving as the new Altar Guild coordinator. We have some vacant positions for the upcoming year 2018. We need volunteers for half of May and October. You would only be responsible for setting up the Altar for Sundays. You would not be responsible for Saturdays, funerals or weddings. You could share the month with someone else if desired. Please contact me if interested. I would gladly orient anyone interested.

Thank You,

Kate Bergman

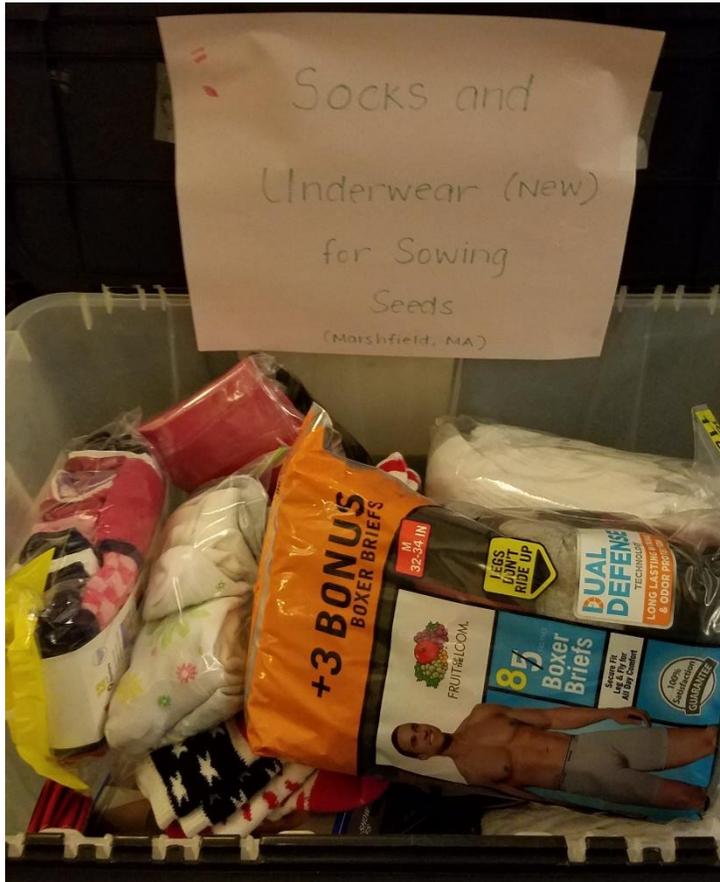


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

June Fontaine and Kim Boyd, Co-Chairs

Whew! It's really Fall, and things are in full swing with Christian Education. First of all, the committee would like to extend our blessings and congratulations to our confirmands, DJ McGivney and Caroline Linscott!

This past month we had a few things going on. We had collected socks and underwear for Sowing Seeds in Marshfield, continued from September. Thank you to everyone who donated items for this worthy cause!



Unfortunately, our Columbus Day hike/bike at Wompatuck Park was rained out (that makes 2 years in a row, but who's counting?!?)

In the upcoming months, we look towards a new collection. We will be asking you all to help us gather gently used children's books that we would like to package (in re-purposed bags from a church in Iowa!) for families who have been displaced from their homes and are either at a shelter or staying in a hotel. We are also looking for your old National Geographic, Ranger Rick, or other child-appropriate magazines with nature scenes, sports, and animals. We will be using them to cut out pictures for vision boards for those unable to verbalize their needs at South Shore Collaborative. A bin for both items will replace the one for

Sowing Seeds, found under the table in the hallway. Thank you in advance for helping us in these endeavors!

In our classrooms this month, there are some special plans. On Sunday, November 5th, Pastor Henry will be leading ALL the grades in a telling of the Godly Play story, "The Other Red Sunday" which talks about the Reformation and Martin Luther. All will meet in the classroom next to the kitchen. Feel free to stand in the background and see how Godly Play is so very special. There will be NO Sunday School on November 12th so we can all celebrate the Stewardship Campaign and enjoy the brunch following the service with our families. November 19th will be the Intergenerational Advent Event for ALL ages to participate in during Sunday School time. Look for one of the stations in the fellowship hall and in the classrooms next to the kitchen for an activity to participate in! Lastly, there will be NO Sunday School on November 26th but for Godly Play as this is the weekend after Thanksgiving, and many of our teachers will be traveling. Looking ahead, there will be no Sunday School on Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve.

Advent is coming up so quickly...and the Christian education committee has some goodies for all of our families in Sunday School. Watch for them either at the Advent Event or in the weeks after. They will be on the table in the hallway for distribution. (Our children will be sending special messages on the back of some Advent calendars to our homebound members. If there is someone who hasn't been able to worship with us for a while because of an illness or other life event, let us know so we can send a calendar to them, too.)

Our next Christian Education committee meeting will be on Nov. 9th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be making more plans for the Advent Event and start our planning for the new year. We welcome anyone to join us!



Ramblings with Ed

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Hello!

When you are reading this, House of Prayer will be in the middle of our brief, but very important annual Stewardship Campaign. We will have also just celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Plus we have just had two very worthy young adults complete their confirmation!

Did you ever think you would or could be part of something that is 500 years old?

Today, as we look at all the things House of Prayer does in the community, we wonder what else we can be doing. I read that one of the things Martin Luther did was work with the local communities to set up the Common Chest. This was to offer support to orphans, widows, the poor and education. What is House of Prayer's Common Chest? How do we build on what we do now and how do we make it even better? How do we support the larger church in the many activities we do?

It all starts at House of Prayer as we work on our stewardship. This isn't about a small Lutheran church on Main Street in Hingham. It is about how we join hands with our brothers and sisters around the world. But we can't do this without your financial stewardship.

The little steps are the beginning of a very long journey. What we do for House of Prayer will echo across the rest of the ELCA if we let it! Yes, we have a Pastor and staff to support as well as a building but what is next after that? How do we continue with a Vicar program to help keep the church going in the future? How do we keep children and young adults going through our curriculums to become new members? What other social aspects are we as a church going to work on in the community? Mental health and the opioid epidemic are things, we as a church need to look at.

But we can't do any of this without your stewardship!

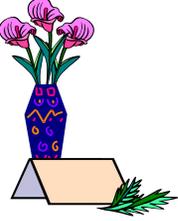
As you are filling out your stewardship covenant, sit back and dream a little. Where can we take this church and how are you going to help? Look back on what Martin Luther was doing for our church and his community; what will House of Prayer do to follow in these footsteps?

Your pledge information is now in your mailbox. (If you don't get it this weekend we will mail it to you.) But don't forget our Capital campaign which is not finished! I cannot emphasize how important both of these are to our life at House of Prayer. Neither can be taken lightly or for granted. Both are necessary!

As President of House of Prayer and a fellow member, I ask you to look deep into your heart when this opportunity comes. Our next step is the first step in our continued journey together!

Thank you!

Ed

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
November 11	Kate Hudson-Mendes	November 2	Sheila Collins & David Vargo
	Marie Warneck	November 3	Lenae & Tim Badger
November 12	Erika Badger	November 8	Kristen & Brian Croke
November 15	Gus Diezemann	November 11	George & Jane Ohlson
November 17	Vicki Oman		
November 18	Holly Schjolden		
November 19	Rich Haukom		
November 30	Leanne Martin		

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary added to the calendar, contact Kristen in the office.

November 2017

Saturday	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
Usher				
Communion Asst		Ann Moegle		
Reader				
Worship coordinator	Phoebe	Naomi	Brandy	Sandy
Sunday	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Ushers	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Acolyte				
Communion Asst/ Cross Bearer	1. Leah McGaughey 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Reader		Naomi Just		
Coffee	1. 2.	Stewardship brunch	Bob & Martha Linares	1. 2.
Kids snack				

Altar Guild – Kate Bergman

***Ushers please arrive by 9am; Communion Assistants please arrive by 9:20. If you are unable to be at worship, please arrange to swap with someone else on the chart or ask a friend in the congregation to substitute for you. If possible inform the church office before Thursday of that week. Or you may contact the Sunday morning coordinator listed above the Sunday you are signed up to assist if you cannot find a replacement.*

Prayer List

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

Proverbs 3:27

Adams, Maureen (friend of Grays)	Lewis, Mary Ellen & Paul (friends of Bill & Chris Hayes)
Anderson, Arlene (friend of Diezemann's)	Lundin, Kurt
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)	MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)
B., John (friend of Grays)	Mears, Les
Adams, Maureen (friend of Grays)	Mitchell, Marcia
Anderson, Arlene (friend of Diezemann's)	Mulcahy, Jennifer (niece of Diezemanns)
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)	Mulkern, Carol (friend of many at HOP)
B., John (friend of Grays)	Nickele, John (friend of Parsekians)
Badger, Tim	Niendorf, Kris
Bernard, Jamie (friend of Chris Hayes)	O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Bush, Nancy (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Occhipinti family (friends of Dana Abbott)
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)	*Olsson, Adam (Doris' grandson)
Collins/Nava families (friends of Dana Abbott)	*Olsson, Emily (Doris' granddaughter)
Civale, Tony (in-law of Martins)	*Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson)
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)	Parker, Marilyn (friend of Dorothy Flett)
D'Allesandro, Diane, (friend of Leah McGaughey)	Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)
D'Arcy, Peggy	Parsekian, David
Daley, Kate (friend of Chris Hayes)	Patterson, Betty
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)	Petrasek, Ruth (friend of Gerda Hall)
Denehy, Tom (brother of Kathleen Bergman)	Pitman family (friends of Pastor Henry)
Dleon, Lucia (friend of Karen Nilsson)	Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Everett, Glenn (friend of Lenae)	Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Ferdinand, George (friend of MaryJane)	Renee and John (friends of Dana Abbott)
Fichtner, Shirley (sister of Vicki Haukom)	Richardson, Al (friend of Kristen Croke)
Foley, Marylou (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)
Forrest, Liz (friend of Kim Boyd)	Roger & Audrey (friends of Naomi Just)
Fraser, Jack (friend of Linda Lundin)	Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)	Sheehan, Alice
Gilmore, Lois (sister of Vicki Haukom)	Smith, Don (friend of Lancasters)
Glennon, Tom (neighbor of Parsekians)	Street, Bill
Hackemer, Henry	Sullivan, Elizabeth (daughter of Alice Sheehan)
Hall, Christopher (friend of Vicki Oman)	Sullivan, George (friend of Bill Hayes)
*Hall, Kevin (nephew of Rae & Gerda Hall)	Sullivan, Linda (friend of Lenae)
Hammerquist, Harry & Colleen	Surprenant, Louise (sister of Joan Philipon)
Harmon, Rose (friend of Chris Hayes)	Trubiano, Norma (friend of Diezemanns)
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Varasso, Margaret (friend of Rae & Gerda)
House, Jocelyn (adult student of Lenae)	Warhaftig, Andrew (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Husted, Susan (friend of Diezemanns)	Winiewicz, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)
Isles, Andrea (sister of Katie Linscott)	Wood, Ann (friend of Chris Hayes)
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)	
Kiely, Mary (friend of Victoria Warneck)	
Kroll, Gertrude (friend of Ursula Hackemer)	
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)	
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)	