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# Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of  
 House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Summer 2019

Dear House of Prayer family and friends,

First of all, thank you for your extraordinary generosity in response to the looming eviction of the family we've been helping over the past several years. Not only were we able to provide the final \$600 they desperately needed for their landlord, but we also have over two additional months' rent to assist them with. More than one person has said to me, "Thank you for letting us know about this so we could help." Such compassion is just what Jesus calls us to in our lives as his friends and followers. The family was speechless, and they asked me to please convey to you how grateful they are. And please accept my thanks to all of you as well.

This summer, we'll have three weekends when our worship focuses on God the Creator. The gifts of creation and our responsibility to care for what God has created led us to "Consider the Birds" in June, when our prelude was a few minutes of what's called "the dawn chorus," the early more birdsong we hear especially in the summer. In July, on the exceedingly hot weekend when Martin Melej Jahnke was baptized, through scripture and reflections, we turned our attention to God's gift of water and to the remarkable, complex cycle through which the same water that "was and is and will be" gets constantly recirculated. We recognized how humankind's use and abuse of water affects the life of our planet, and we will continue to pray for and work toward the wise and just use of this great gift.

Toward the end of August, we'll thank God for all that grows in gardens – the delicious organic vegetables and herbs Rae Hall brings to our mini farmers' market on Sundays and the beautiful flowers that frame the walkway into church or make our yards appealing to the eye – and to the bees and hummingbirds. There are gardens in scripture, too, that will find their way into our readings for worship. It's been suggested that "One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth." We'll be mindful in worship of how our donations for Rae's produce each summer support a community garden through ELCA World Hunger's Good Gifts program. Maybe we'll sing about how "Squash, beets, and kale / Cucumbers, green beans" all "sing to the Lord a new song"!

As you're up close and personal with creation this summer at the beach or a lake, in your garden or back yard, as you travel or hang out with neighbors at a cook-out, give thanks to our Creator for the gifts of creation and the life we share on this planet we all call home.

Poet Mary Oliver's poem "At Blackwater Pond" might nurture our sense of wonder at who we are and at the created world we live in:

## Weekly Worship

**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday 9:30 a.m.**  
**Coffee Hour 10:50 a.m.**

**Sunday School**  
**10:45 - 11:45**  
**September – June**

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## Dates to Note

**Oktoberfest Committee meeting**  
 August 13 at 6:30  
**Deadline for September Tidings**  
 August 22  
**Church Council meeting**  
 August 27

At Blackwater Pond the tossed waters have settled  
after a night of rain.  
I dip my cupped hands. I drink  
a long time. It tastes  
like stone, leaves, fire. It falls cold  
into my body, waking the bones. I hear them  
deep inside me, whispering  
*oh what is that beautiful thing*  
*that just happened?*

Grace and peace,  
Pastor



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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**

August 3 & 4 Kathy Neat  
 August 10 & 11 Jacqui Lyons  
 August 17 & 18 David & Kathy Gray  
 August 24 & 25 open  
 Flowers cost \$56.00 for two vases.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God given by the Warneck family in memory of loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is \$20.00 for the month.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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



## **SAVE THE DATE!!**

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest  
Saturday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>  
One Day Only 11am-5pm

Church Service  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
Under the Tent!

The Volunteer signup board will be in the church hallway soon. Please offer to help in one of the areas listed.

We are looking for Corporate Sponsors for our Oktoberfest informational brochure. If you know of anyone that would like to advertise, please get in touch with Millie Hill.

On a more serious note, the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest is in danger of being our last one at HOP. We are going to lose some members of our committee after this year's event and unless we get some volunteers for 2020 this will be the case. If you would like to shadow any member of the committee, come to a committee meeting or volunteer now for 2020, please contact Chris Borkowski.

### In Stitches

In Stitches met at The Mad Hatter for its annual "end of the year" gathering. There were 12 of us in attendance - lots of fellowship going on. We will meet at Millie Hill's in September.

I recently took baby blankets and caps to the Hanover Senior Center where someone takes them and distributes them to various local hospitals. I also took 11 chemo caps to Dana Farber. Thank you to all who donated to these worthy causes.

Ingrid

### From the Office

Please note the following updates to the member directory: The Turbush family has a new address, 43 Stephen Rennie Drive. They are still in So. Weymouth so no other changes to their contact information. Please update the email address for Kathleen Sutkowski, who is in the "Friends" section of the directory, to [KSutkowski07@gmail.com](mailto:KSutkowski07@gmail.com) (zero, seven follow Sutkowski).

### New! Book Group

A few of us have wanted to discuss books with one another and we thought we would start a book group composed of members from House of Prayer. We will meet once a month and discuss a book that we choose. Our first meeting will be on August 21, 2019 from 9:30-11am in the Founders Room at the church. The book we will be discussing is *Our Endangered Values* by Jimmy Carter. In our first meeting we will discuss the Introduction through Chapter 8, as we feel there will be many good discussion topics. The book is available through the Old Colony Library Network. If you choose to purchase a copy from Amazon, please remember to use your Amazon Smile account so that the church may receive a donation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kris Niendorf ([kris.niendorf@gmail.com](mailto:kris.niendorf@gmail.com)) or Lynda Watt ([llwatt31@verizon.net](mailto:llwatt31@verizon.net)). We hope you will be able to join us!

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT**

Kathleen Almand, Cathy Martin, Co –Chairpersons



### **Farmers Market**

Plan to stop by our Farmers Market Table on Sunday mornings for fresh vegetables and herbs manned by Rae Hall. Contributions from your gardens are most welcomed. All the free-will proceeds will go to help the ELCA World Hunger program.

### **Father Bill's - Ann Rasmussen**

Another successful lunch was prepared for the clients of Father Bill's on June 6. Assisting in preparing the 120 bagged lunches were Ernie & Carla Hill, Kris Neindorf, Karen Nilsson, Martha Linares and Ann Rasmussen.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday. August 25 after worship.



	<b>Happy Birthday</b>		
August 01	Sean Sullivan	August 22	Mitchell Neat
August 03	Jacqui Lyons		Victoria Warneck
August 04	Jared Hudson-Bryant	August 24	Millie Hill
	Timothy Warneck	August 25	Mark Buntrock
August 08	Nancy Toughill		Laura Maass
		August 28	Taylor Lyons
		August 30	Erin Boyd

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

*August 2019*

Saturday	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
Usher					
Communion Asst					
Reader					

Sunday	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
Ushers	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Acolyte				
Communion Asst/ Cross Bearer	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
Reader				
Coffee	1. 2.	1. 2.	1.Chris Borkowski 2.Erica Comnesso	1. 2.

Altar Guild – Ann Rasmussen & Sandy Swanson

**\*\*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.**

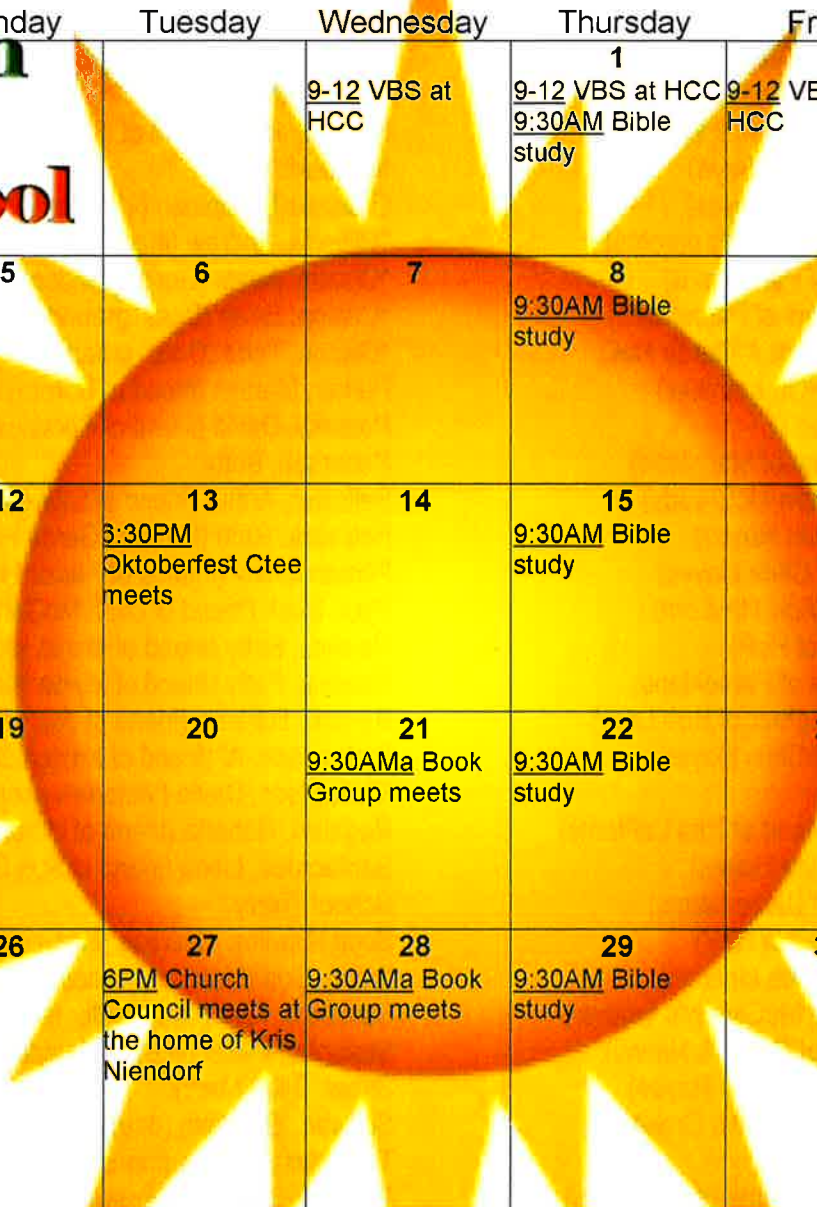
## Prayer list

*"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints." Ephesians 1:18*

Aiello, Matt (friend of Lisa Rege)  
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)  
Badger, Tim  
Bernard, Jamie (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)  
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)  
Daley, Kate (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Dallamora, Paula & Joe (Jen M's parents)  
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)  
Derderian, Glenn (nephew of Parsekians)  
Dexter, Maria (friend of Rae & Gerda Hall)  
Diamond, Ann (former HOP member)  
Ericson, Mabel  
Ferdinand, George (friend of MaryJane)  
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)  
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gilarde, Vinny (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gilmore, Lois (sister of Vicki Haukom)  
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)  
Glennon, Tom (neighbor of Parsekians)  
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)  
Harmon, Rose (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Hayes, Chris  
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Holleran, Ann (friend of the Hayes)  
Husted, Susan (friend of Diezemanns)  
Ikoribitangaza, Leo (friend of HoP)  
Isles, Andrea (sister of Katie Linscott)  
Johnson family (Marlene McGivney's brother)  
Just, Christian (relative of Ginny & Naomi)  
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Kelleher, Elaine (friend of Kristen Croke)  
Koertje, Christian  
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)  
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)  
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)  
Lorenson, Wilma (friend of Joan Philipon)  
Lorish, Harold (father of Kim Boyd)  
Lundin, Kurt  
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)  
\*McAuley, Ryan (friend of Croke family)  
Meslo, Lisa (Hayes' sister-in-law)  
Michaels, Marcia (friend of Victoria Warneck)  
Mitchell, Marcia

Mulcahy, Jennifer (niece of Diezemanns)  
Mulkern, Carol (friend of many at HOP)  
Murray, Peg & Jack (friend of Millie Hill)  
Myers, Chuck (friend of Lundins)  
Neat, Kathy  
Nickele, John (friend of Parsekians)  
Niendorf, Kris  
O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
\*Oliveira, Andrew (friend of Croke family)  
\*Olsson, Adam (Doris' grandson)  
\*Olsson, Emily (Doris' granddaughter)  
\*Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson)  
Parker, Marilyn (friend of Dorothy Flett)  
Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)  
Patterson, Betty  
Pelissier, Arthur (friend of Crokes & C. Martin)  
Petrasek, Ruth (friend of Gerda Hall)  
Pitman family (friends of Pastor Henry)  
Pyor, Mark (friend of Leah McGaughey)  
Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Renzuli, Barbara (friend of Joan Philipon)  
Richardson, Al (friend of Kristen Croke)  
Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)  
Rogalski, Roberta (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Santacroce, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)  
Schoof, Terry  
Scott-Rawlins, Chereese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Smith, Don (friend of Lancasters)  
Stoddard, April (Loughmiller relative)  
Straughn, Hazel (friend of Lundins)  
Street, Bill & Marcy  
Sullivan, Elizabeth (daughter of Alice Sheehan)  
Tillinghast, Wayne (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)  
Trubiano, Norma (friend of Diezemanns)  
Tyner, George (friend of Lundins)  
Vanatta, Jane (friend of David & Kathy Gray)  
von Lange, Hans-Jochen (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Waldau, Renate (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Weaver, Ryley (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Wilson, John (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Wisner, Ed (Lenae's dad)  
Winiewicz, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Wood, Ann (friend of Chris Hayes)

## August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>			9-12 VBS at HCC	1 9-12 VBS at HCC 9:30AM Bible study	2 9-12 VBS at HCC	3 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
4 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee Hour & Adult Forum: Gender 101	5	6	7	8 9:30AM Bible study	9	10 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
11 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee Hour	12	13 6:30PM Oktoberfest Ctee meets	14	15 9:30AM Bible study	16	17 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
18 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee Hour	19	20	21 9:30AMa Book Group meets	22 9:30AM Bible study	23	24 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
25 <i>Tidings Deadline</i> 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee Hour 11AM Social Ministry Ctee meets	26	27 6PM Church Council meets at the home of Kris Niendorf	28 9:30AMa Book Group meets	29 9:30AM Bible study	30	31 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service

Other groups meeting schedule

7AM AA

7AM AA  
10AM OA  
7PM ACOA

7AM AA  
7PM Men's AA

7AM AA  
7PM Alanon

7AM AA  
10AM OA

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