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# Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of  
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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***“Are you a wise and faithful servant of the Lord?...Blessings on you if I return and find you faithfully doing your work.” (Matthew 25:45,46 TLB)***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am sure you've been enjoying the light creeping in earlier in the morning hours and staying around later in the afternoon. We welcome these little signs of Spring!

In like manner, we look forward to the changes coming to our House of Prayer family. I was thrilled to see the number of folks who stayed after the service on “Souper Bowl” Sunday to participate in the second presentation of the Transition Committee. The subject was “History of Our Church.” The team, led by Sue Bose, provided wonderful memories of the beginning days of House of Prayer – the mission formalized and realized, the early church building process, key family names, photographs of events through the years and stories told by members of the numerous social activities that had taken place. We enjoyed each other's company with much laughter!

I was heartened to be a part of our time together. In some ways, I still feel like a “newbie,” having arrived in 2009. However, my attachment to HOP and the blessed people in this community of believers is rock solid. The prevalent spirit here is Christian fellowship: supporting each other, partaking in good worship and serving the hungry, homeless and lonely ones in our greater neighborhood.

May God continue to watch over our church family as we journey through 2023 together in faith. Always be mindful that He has a plan and that we have hope!

***Carla***

Carla Errichiello-Hill, President

House of Prayer

## Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

**Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

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## Dates to Note

**Marcy Street Memorial Service**

Friday, March 10

12PM

**Zoom Bible Study**

Thursdays March 9, 16, 23

10AM

**Transition/Call Committee Sessions**

**Why did God Plant this Church?**

March 5

**God's Work Our Hands**

March 12

**Church Council Meeting**

March 16

7PM

**Deadline for April Tidings**

March 25

**Game Night**

March 25 6PM-8PM

**Welcome the Stranger**

April 16

**Transition/Call Committee Sessions**

**With God, All Things are Possible**

April 23

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Scott Hudson-Bryant  
Naomi Just  
Caroline Linscott  
Cathy Martin  
Vicki Oman  
Linda Vassallo  
Shawn Wegener

## 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"*

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<b>Christian Education</b>	Kim Boyd
<b>Evangelism</b>	open
<b>Facilities</b>	Scott Morad
<b>Finance</b>	Jacqui Lyons
<b>&amp; Stewardship</b>	
<b>Parish Life</b>	open
<b>Shepherds</b>	Barbara Buntrock & Linda Lundin
<b>Social Ministry</b>	Cathy Martin
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Sandy Swanson

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - Our annual GWOH Sunday takes place on March 12<sup>th</sup>!** This year, we're partnering with the Weymouth Food Pantry to help them supply food for their needy clients. The Social Ministry Committee is asking you to take a colorful bag from the foyer and fill it with the required food items. Sunday school children will include handmade cards of encouragement. The bags will be blessed at the service that morning and then everyone is invited to a special coffee hour afterwards in Fellowship Hall. Let's keep this wonderful tradition going at House of Prayer!

For any questions, please call Carla at 781-820-0643. **Here's the list: Jam/jelly, Hearty Soups, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Ground Coffee and Tea, Ketchup/Mayo, White tuna, Canned Chicken, Sugar, Cookies, Fried Onion Rings.**



## Transition/Call Committee

Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, Kim Boyd will be presenting during coffee hour 'Why did God plant this Church?' We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming is April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Scott Hudson-Bryant will present 'With God all things are possible' during coffee hour. (Note change of date from the 16<sup>th</sup>.) Please plan to attend then also!

Summary from the congregational meeting is available if anyone would like it.

We are progressing forward and are so appreciative of all your input and involvement to get us to this stage. Please keep in your prayers not just this process, but who our next minister will be.

Sue Bose, Kim Boyd, Millie Hill, Scott Hudson-Bryant, Bob Linares, Melody Lipner, Ed Martin, Kathy Sutkowski, Sandy Swanson

## 40 Days of Giving

As we enter the season of Lent, we remember the hungry. Here are some resources from the ELCA - [a Lenten Calendar](#) and [a Lenten Prayer reflection book](#) - to walk with us on this journey. At House of Prayer, Social Ministry invites you to participate in both our local hunger ministry (through God's Work our Hands Weymouth Food Pantry donations through March 12th) and through a donation to the ELCA World Hunger programs (which will be 100% matched by the New England Synod). Please bring or send your contribution for the latter (made payable to House of Prayer with ELCA World Hunger in the subject line) to church by Palm Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Earthquake Support

The devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria has everyone wondering what would be the best way to help where there is such great need. The social ministry committee is exploring ways we can help and this could develop as some of these needs become identified. At the moment, one way to help is through monetary donations at <https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis>. We will continue to look for other ways we can provide support. This site also has other information: <https://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Middle-East-Crisis>

**KRISTEN CROKE**, our administrative assistant, will be leaving House of Prayer on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to have had such an amazing individual in the office these many years. She has kept us all on track in a smooth and seamless fashion.

Your Church Council will be forming a search committee to begin the process of looking for a replacement for Kristen. If you are interested in being a part of the Search team, please speak to Carla or any member of the Council. The position is 20 hours a week, with a pretty flexible schedule. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in the job itself, please let us know as well.

As always, your prayers are appreciated during this time of transition.



## Welcome the Stranger

Mark your calendars for an international potluck lunch sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee, after worship on Sunday, April 16. The lunch will feature Doreen Rinas, chair of the New England Synod's Refugee and Immigration Task Force, who will speak to our efforts as a church and a nation to "Welcome the Stranger".

Our potluck will recognize the diversity of our immigrant roots. We invite you to bring your favorite dish from the country of your ancestors. We expect lots of Swedish, Irish, German and Canadian dishes!!! (If you are unsure of what to bring, just bring your favorite "foreign" fare!). Guests are welcome - we will have a chance to talk about where we came from and today's immigration landscape.

## Synod Assembly Representatives

Interested in learning more about what's going on in the broader Lutheran church? Volunteers are needed for the House of Prayer representative team at the New England Synod Assembly, taking place this year on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Expenses associated with participating will be covered. Youth representatives are particularly welcome. Early bird registration is open now until March 31<sup>st</sup> and standard registration until May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carla or Kristen in the office.

## Hingham-based Part Time Administrative Position

Are you interested in a part-time, flexible Hingham-based position in a positive community environment? House of Prayer Lutheran Church is seeking a church administrator. To apply, send a letter of introduction and resume to Kathleen Almand, Church Council, at [kathleenalmandhopsearch@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenalmandhopsearch@gmail.com). **Deadline March 19.**

## In our prayers

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Marcy Street died February 4<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service is planned for Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m. Following the service there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to send a card to Marcy's daughter Jennifer Street, her address is 156 Melrose St, Newton, MA, 02466.

Chris Hayes died on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, May 13 at 10:30, here at House of Prayer. Cards can be sent to Bill at 245 Beaver Dam Rd, Scituate, 02066.

## Social Ministry March 2023

God's Work, Our Hands is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with the Weymouth Food Pantry to help meet their increased need. We will be filling tote bags (provided) with much needed food items from the Pantry's request list. We plan to include cards of encouragement (with our church's name) and anything else that we want to include in the package. Completed bags should be brought to service that day, dedicated to the families and brought to the Pantry that week. This is Covid friendly but helps those that are struggling to put food on the table.

Souper bowl of caring was a big success and we collected \$639 that will go to help local food pantries. Thank you to all the donated.

The January drive for Father Bill's collected \$450 worth of toiletries, warm clothing, and bedding. Thanks for all the wonderful contributions!

Wellspring Easter Dinner boxes dinner boxes will be due April 2 for pickup by Wellspring on Monday, April 3. The food list has not changed and is available on the church website. Please fill the boxes with the items and add to it with other items such as pasta, soup, tuna fish, peanut butter, etc. Copy paper boxes with lids are in high demand for this project. If you have access to boxes, please bring to church and put on the shelf over the coat rack across from the restrooms.

The committee is also sponsoring an Immigration Awareness Lunch on April 16. The event, "Welcoming the Stranger" is a potluck lunch featuring dishes from guests' ethnic roots with speaker Doreen Rinas, chair of the New England Synod's Refugee and Immigration Task Force.

Ascentria also recently contacted us that they are desperately looking for foster parents. They will be joining us after an upcoming service to provide more information and details. Stay tuned.

Upcoming activities will be the cookie walk in May and ELCA Good Gifts to collect water filters and blankets.

If you would like to join our committee or participate in any of the activities we do, don't hesitate to ask. Our next meeting is May 7, 2023 after church. We will be meeting in the area right outside the sanctuary or at the back of the Sanctuary. Please join us. Any questions, contact Cathy Martin at [cathymartin19@verizon.net](mailto:cathymartin19@verizon.net) or 617-645-9636.

## Christian Education Committee *Kim Boyd, Chair*



### March Christian Education News

Happy (almost) spring! There are many good things going on this month (and last) where we use our hands to help others in our church community and beyond.

While we didn't have much Sunday School time together for February because of school vacation week, it doesn't mean we weren't still active! Last month we made the communion bread to be served during church...it was a little sticky at first, but we got it figured out. The Christian Education committee hosted the Souper Bowl of caring event, where we served soups during coffee hour (a huge thank you to all who made soups, brought bread, and helped to set up/clean up from the event), collected money for the food pantry-we raised \$639 that day, WOW! THANK YOU to everyone who donated for this wonderful event. We also collected canned soup for the food pantry, and it looked like the bin for Wellspring was overflowing that Sunday! See below for some pictures from the event. We also hosted our Lenten event, with crafts and card making for an upcoming project with Social Ministry.

This coming month we are going to be getting ready for Easter and talking about Lent and what that means. If you or your family want any resources, check out the table in the foyer or by the bulletins. There are lots of great ideas for how you can help get yourself ready as well. The social ministry committee is planning a God's Work, Our Hands day where the Sunday School children will be making cards to go into the bags collected for this event that will be given to those in need through the Weymouth Food Pantry. We are hoping to also be able to get together enough items to make an Easter dinner box (everyone can bring in 1 item on the list). See your Sunday School teacher (Cheryl or June for Godly Play, Kim Boyd for grades 3-6, Phoebe for youth group) to select an item to donate and we'll wrap the box on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is Palm Sunday when the boxes are due.

Looking for a fun activity to participate in and share some fun with others in our congregation and beyond? Look no further! Christian Education is hosting a game night at HOP on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. Eat your dinner at home, but then come on over with your family (this is open to everyone, not just people with children!) and invite a friend. Bring your favorite game to share. We'll have drinks and popcorn to snack on while we play some of our favorite games together. Or perhaps you want to work on a puzzle. Bring that along, too! We look forward to seeing all your faces that evening. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the hallway so we can plan popcorn and drinks accordingly.

Just a quick reminder, don't forget to "spring ahead" with your clocks 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> as Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> is when daylight savings time begins again. We don't want you to be late for church! Also looking ahead, there will be no Sunday School April 9<sup>th</sup> (so all of us can enjoy Easter with our families), or over April school vacation, April 16<sup>th</sup> or April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As always, we look forward to hearing your suggestions and comments, and seeing the kids in our church! Thanks for all your support. Kim Boyd [kimboyd61@hotmail.com](mailto:kimboyd61@hotmail.com)





## MUSIC NOTES FROM LENAЕ

The music program at HOP continues with the Adult Choir singing almost every Sunday. I try to choose choral music that represents a wide variety of styles. For example, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. in Lent we sang a kind of folkish/blues song by Jay Beech, b. 1960, but in a few weeks we'll be singing a beautiful piece by Impressionist composer, Gabriel Fauré. (I first learned this piece in 8<sup>th</sup> gr. at the FL Allstate Festival, and immediately fell in love with it! I've had my copy of the music all these yrs. and hoped to do it with the choir someday, so now that hope is being realized!) The piano part is gorgeous, (probably why I immediately loved it!) and although a bit longer than our usual anthems, we hope you'll indulge us as it sets a nice tone for the Lent season.

We'll be doing an arrangement of a Gospel song called "Jesus Gave Me Water" in a few wks. that will feature Scott Morad as soloist. The group, "A Bunch of Guys" (4 musical guys who met at Calumet, I believe, and put out a couple of great CD's to help raise money for Calumet) included this one on their 1<sup>st</sup> CD and I loved it! We've done it a few times over the yrs., including once with a large Men's Ensemble as part of the HOP Vocal/Choral Concert back in 2014!

For the story of the raising of Lazarus, we'll be doing an arrangement of a Negro spiritual that will also feature Scott Morad as soloist.

On Ash Wed., Kathleen Almand, Phoebe and Thea Morad, Sandy Swanson and I sang a Handel piece, "Wash Me Thoroughly", and Kathleen also shared her talent on violin for the prelude, playing a movement of a Vivaldi violin sonata.

So you can see -- we do a wide range of music at HOP! I hope this 'peaks your curiosity' and that you'll come to worship all during Lent to hear scripture, music that supports those scriptures, and great sermons by Vicki Oman and Pr. Beatrice!

Thanks to all my Adult Choir members for their commitment on Sundays through the year!  
Lenaе

## **Worship/Music Committee**

We are meeting monthly with Pastor Beatrice with some nice ideas presenting to us! And we are inviting you to assist us! We would like to 'dress up' the front of our church. Suggested ideas are planters, flags, welcome signs etc. If you are someone with some good planter/plant ideas, flag ideas, signage ideas, we'd invite you to let one of us know, as we'd really appreciate some assistance, someone who might have a good flare for any of these areas. Solar lights lining the driveway is an idea for our nighttime meetings. Our big sign by the road needs an update also. We would appreciate some ideas regarding that.

Art and Faith (previously Art and Sacred Story) materials are still available, and we would like to see if there is an interest in continuing having some time to do this. Please see the signup sheet in the hallway if you'd like to participate.

We will be looking into some 'cleanup' areas - the Sunday school room, the cupboards in the hallway. The nursery was last done last year but wouldn't hurt to look at it again. Please let this committee know if you'd like to participate with us.



Bread making - we thank all of you that have already donated, and to those that have signed up for this. Just a reminder, you may use ANY recipe, not just the one previously used. Feel free to bake your own favorite recipe or pick up a loaf at the store. Please provide the bread by 9:00am on Sunday. If you are baking the bread using the recipe provided, you may freeze the bread, single loaf per ziploc bag, and please put the date on it that you baked the bread. It will keep up to 6 weeks in the freezer.

We'd enjoy having you on our committee - please prayerfully consider joining us.

Thanks so much!

Lenae Badger, Sue Bose, Kathy Sutkowski, Sandy Swanson

	<b>Happy Birthday</b>
March 5	Jeanne Morse
March 13	Kristen Lundin
March 25	Jessica Johnson
March 29	Ken Buntrock
March 31	Lenae Badger

	<b>Happy Birthday</b>		<b>Happy Anniversary</b>
April 02	Lynda Watt	April 03	Brad & Marina Johnson
April 04	Katherine Bartolotti	April 15	Sal & Katherine Bartolotti
April 05	George Ohlson	April 16	Doug & Donna Hudson-Bryant
April 08	Nancy Martin		
	Hannah Macdonald		
April 21	Christopher Warneck		
April 24	Steve Hall		

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

## 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*

Antle, Michelle (friend of Lenae)  
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)  
Badger, Tim  
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)  
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)  
Dallamora, Joe (Jen M's father)  
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)  
Davis, Elise (neighbor of the Hayes)  
Derderian, Craig (nephew of Parsekian's)  
Derderian, Glenn (nephew of Parsekian's)  
Derderian, Gloria (sister-in-law of Parsekian's)  
Ericson, Mabel  
Ericson, Pochinart (daughter-in-law of Mabel)  
Errichiello, David (Carla's brother)  
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)  
Gall Family (friends of Lenae)  
Galotti, Debbie (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Gensheimer, Katy (friend of Lenae)  
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)  
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)  
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)  
Hall, Rae & Gerda  
Hansen, Mark (friend of Jacqui Lyons)  
Hayes, Bill & family  
Hickman, Myrtle  
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Hilston, Paula (Pastor Hilston's wife)  
Husted, Susan (friend of Diezemanns)  
Hutchinson, Rick (friend of Lundins)  
Ikoribitangaza, Leo (friend of HoP)  
Isles, Andrea (sister of Katie Linscott)  
Just, Christian (brother of Ginny & Naomi)  
Just, Ginny (former member)  
Just, Naomi  
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)  
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)  
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)  
Linstrom, Dawn (friend of Leah McGaughey)  
Lundin, Kurt  
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)

McCullough, Lynne (relative of Emily Badger-McCullough)  
McGivney, Marlene  
McGivney, Paul (Dana's brother)  
Meslo, Lisa (Hayes' sister-in-law)  
Michaels, Marcia (friend of Victoria Warneck)  
Mitchell, Marcia  
Murray, Maggie (friend of Mary Jane)  
Murray, Peg (friend of Millie Hill)  
Myers, Chuck (friend of Lundins)  
Neat, Kathy  
Niendorf, Kris  
Nucifore, Linda Nilsson (sister of Karen Nilsson)  
Nucifore, Alan (brother-in-law of Karen Nilsson)  
O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
\*Olsson, Adam (Doris' grandson)  
\*Olsson, Emily (Doris' granddaughter)  
\*Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson)  
Oman, Linda  
Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)  
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, David (Victoria's uncle)  
Rodrigues, Mary Ellen (friend of Lenae)  
Rush, Jean (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Santacroce, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)  
Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Silva, Jeffrey (grandson of Dorothy Flett)  
Smith, Don (friend of Lancasters)  
Stewart family (friends of Lenae)  
Street, Marcy  
Temperly, Joanne  
Thielman, Isaiah and family (friends of Dorothy Flett)  
Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)  
Walsh, Dennis (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Watt, George & Lynda  
Weaver, Ryley (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)

\*serving in the military