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 House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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“These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” (Isaiah 56:7)

Dear House of Prayer family,

As I write my monthly letter to you, I have just returned from a walk with the temperature registering 82 degrees – in April, in New England! Mulch is being spread, all the trees are budded out ready to burst forth, and everyone is in shorts and T-shirts. How amazing is God’s beautiful creation! I say a quiet prayer of thanksgiving for this experience and realize that lately I’ve been praying more than I have in a long time.

I pray for each of you in these days of transition; I pray for the dedicated members of the Transition Committee who have worked so hard to present workshops associated with calling our next Pastor; I pray for our Associate Bishop, Kim Bergstrand, who is guiding us through this process; I pray for Pastor Beatrice and Chaplain Vicki who have continued to lead us as we “wander in the desert,” awaiting our new Shepherd; I pray for the members of the Council who work through many issues involving every aspect of church life, with wisdom and love for House of Prayer.

As you are aware, our guiding scripture is: “For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” When times are a bit uncertain, different and even difficult here within these familiar walls, take a moment to pray to your Savior and Lord, Jesus. Prayer is an intimate connection with God; it’s free and you can do it anytime and anywhere. Ask Him to comfort you in the days ahead as we walk together. God will be so delighted to hear from you!

Your sister in Christ,

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

Church Council Meeting

May 8
8PM

Memorial Service – Chris Hayes

May 13
10:30 AM

Ministry Site Profile Workshop

May 21

NE Synod Assembly

June 9-10

Pizza/Movie/Art/Game Night

June 16
6:30PM – 10PM

Chris Ed Ice cream Social Coffee Hr

June 11

Yard Sale

June 24
9AM to 1PM

Semi-annual Congregational

Meeting

June 25

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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"*

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

All members are invited to participate in the Ministry Site Profile Workshop on **Sunday, May 21st after the service**. This is your opportunity to share your opinions on the qualities you are looking for in the next Pastor. There will be a nice coffee hour with treats, discussion and a simple form to fill out. Please join us and let your **voice be heard!** See or call Carla with any questions.

Welcome the Stranger

On April 16th, Doreen Rinas, chair of the New England Synod's Immigration and Refugee Support Task Force presented an overview of the activities of AAMPARO, the church's program to support children who have come to the U.S. in emergency situations. The church is active, not only at the U.S. Mexican border but across the country- welcoming individuals and families into communities with support services. Doreen described the activities of several churches in New England who have joined the "Welcoming Congregation" program. These congregations offer a range of support from housing, legal support, food and clothing, and prayer. The Social Ministry Committee and In- Stitches are considering how we might support. If you are interested and would like to participate, see Kathleen Almand for more information.

Thank you, Kristen / WELCOME BARB!

Kristen Croke's final day in the office was April 28. We thank her again for her many years of service at House of Prayer. We will miss her and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

We are thrilled to announce that Barb Mullin of Cohasset has accepted the position of Church Administrator here at House of Prayer. She began her duties on May 1st. Barb comes with lots of experience working on the South Shore as well as participating in many volunteer activities. When you have a chance, stop by the office to say hello or drop her a note of welcome.

Truth and Healing

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has commenced its Truth and Healing Movement, inspiring us to grow in better and right relationships with Indigenous people and tribal nations on Turtle Island. This workshop will explore the truths we seek to learn and the healing we hope to experience, as well as how the movement began, among Indigenous people and within the ELCA. It will also explain the work the ELCA has done recently and how you can participate in this justice movement.

May 9 or 11 -

Class: "Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement"

8-9 p.m. Presented by Vance Blackfox

See more events listed and get details and links at: <https://elca.org/Indigenous>



Start saving your household items, toys, clothes, books, and small furniture items for our yard sale and FUNDrive with Savers! We will begin collecting the month of JUNE for CLOTHING, BOOKS ONLY and then starting on June 18th, remaining items for the yard sale which will be held on **Saturday, June 24th from 9 am – 1 pm**. If we collect 700 lbs. of books (Savers is now paying 5 cents per pound instead of 2 cents per pound) they'll donate an extra \$50 to our FUNDrive. As we did last year, we will try to repurpose as much as we can. Look for more information to come about more specific items we will be accepting (and not accepting) for the yard sale and for our Savers FUNDrive as well as a sign-up sheet to help sort and price items the week of the yard sale, set up, clean up, collect funds, and drive left over items to various locations to eliminate how much we throw out. Thanks in advance for your support and help in this fundraiser for our church! Please see Sandy Swanson or Kim Boyd for any questions you may have.

Social Ministry May 2023

Father Bill's lunch was organized and prepared in April. The most recent lunch was April 28, 2023.

Approximately 16 Wellspring Easter Dinner boxes were collected and distributed for the holiday. Thank you to all who participated. If you do have access to copy paper boxes with lids, they can still be put on the shelf above the coat rack even though Christmas is far away.

The item request for Wellspring for May is feminine hygiene items, shampoo, bath soap, lotion, shaving cream, and deodorant.

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

Thanks to the Souper Bowl of Caring (February 2023) and other generous donations from the congregation, House of Prayer contributed over \$800 to the New England Synod matchable donation drive for World Hunger.

The cookie walk has been postponed to the fall given all the preparation for a new pastor.

If you would like to join our committee or participate in any of our activities, please join us. Our next meeting is May 8, 8 p.m. via Zoom. Our committee is open to anyone. Any questions, contact Cathy Martin at cathymartin19@verizon.net or 617-645-9636.



Father Bill's & MainSpring
NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

During this National Volunteer Appreciation Week, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the commitment and dedication of Father Bill's & MainSpring's (FBMS) volunteers.

This past year, with the support of more than 700 volunteers:

- **Over 15,119 hours of service were contributed to our agency (representing services valued at over \$218,000)**
- **28,000 meals were served to guests staying in emergency shelter**
- **30,000 bag lunches were provided to our shelter guests and community members in need**



We thank our volunteers for their dedication. It is through their partnership, support, and generosity that enables FBMS to work toward its mission to end homelessness.

If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer program, visit helpfbms.org/volunteer or reach out to Xavier Arias Tejeda, Volunteer Services Administrator at xariastejeda@helpfbms.org.

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 on Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Expenses associated with participating will be covered. Youth representatives are particularly welcome. Standard registration is open until May 19th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carla or Barb in the office.

Christian Education Committee *Kim Boyd, Chair*



Alleluia, He is Risen! The month of April was a very quick month in terms of Sunday School time due to Easter Sunday and school vacation weekends. I hope you were able to put together an Easter dinner box with your family as we didn't have the ability to get the kids to gather items and fill a box for this Easter. What we WERE able to do was decorate lots of brown paper bags for Father Bill's lunches that were prepared and delivered April 28th. We often hear how much the recipients enjoy seeing all the creative and happy artwork on their lunch bags, so thank you to all who have helped to decorate the bags at various times!

Upcoming things...May is when Pentecost is celebrated, and this is when we often have our confirmands affirm their faith and become voting adult members of our congregation. This year, we will be holding off on confirmation until we have our new Pastor so we can make sure our youth are fully prepared to give their creeds. Keep those in the confirmation program in your thoughts and prayers during this transition time in our church. There will be a youth group pizza, movie, art and game night Friday, June 16th (so mark your calendars now) 6:30 pm – 10 pm for those grades 6-10. Look for more information from Phoebe Morad on this event. Our LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL will be May 21st. However, I think the Christian education committee will be hosting coffee hour June 11th with an ice cream social to send us all off with a cool summer treat, so I hope you can all join us!






I want to thank our Godly Play teachers, June Fontaine and Cheryl Vassilopoulos (and Martha Wilson, our Godly Play assistant), Heidi Olson who helped with grades 3-6 classes, and Phoebe Morad, Vicki Oman, and Sandy Swanson for their guidance, assistance and support for the youth group/confirmation program. We wouldn't be able to have the Christian Education program we do without all your assistance and I, as the Christian Education chair, appreciate your time, effort, and care that you put into the program! If you see any of these folks in church, tell them THANK YOU, or send them an email/note to let them know how important they are to the growth and learning of our youth.

We are always looking for more ways to support our youth and teach them to love and serve their neighbors and communities. If you would like to help out with our Sunday School program or have suggestions on what we can do to help make this a better program, I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please contact Kim Boyd at kimboyd61@hotmail.com or call me at (215) 901-1063. We need volunteers to continue to make this program successful!

As summer is within our sights (I can tell by how my allergies are reacting to all the leaves starting to pop out), it is also time to think about Vacation Bible School. We have not had our own VBS for a few years, but have shared a program with Hingham Congregational Church in the past. As I have more information to share with you all, I certainly will! If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please let Kim Boyd know.

MUSIC NOTES FROM LENA E

Hi, Everyone!

Wanted to thank the choir for their two contrasting anthems on Palm/Passion Sunday. (The Children's Choir used to do one of the anthems on Palm Sunday, and I really miss that!  Hoping someday we can have a Children's Choir again!  ) The first anthem emphasized the joy and excitement of Palm Sunday, and the second was chosen to apply to the latter part of the service when we've heard the Passion narrative. Always a powerful and meaningful service for me. Hoping someday to have some trumpet players in the congregation again for Palm Sunday and Easter!  

Shout out to Kathleen Almand, Kim Boyd, Mabel Ericson, Carla Hill and Sandy Swanson for singing in the Women's Sextet on Maundy Thursday! Really appreciate it! Another shout out to Kathleen, Kim, Carla, Scott Hudson-Bryant, Thea Morad, and Sandy for adding handbells to our anthem on Easter Sunday! Looking forward to having Rich Haukom back with us, as he's back from FL! Hurray!

Enjoyed the Lutherans Restoring Creation service this morning. If you weren't able to attend or to see the livestream, I believe it should be available on our website like other past services. If not, please call the church office or email me at lenaebdgr@aol.com and I can send the link to you. The last hymn, "Earth and All Kin" (Creation-themed words to the tune of "Earth and All Stars" that we've used before in one or two Creation-themed worship services) was played on the harp by a Pastor who had written those words and who sang and led us while playing the harp! Very impressive!

Change of subject -- A question for those of you reading this:

Some of you will remember we once started a Contemporary Service on Sat. afternoons that used Contemporary Christian Music and often had a guitar player, a drummer and keyboard. The singers used microphones. Based on some of the discussions at the Transition Committee Workshops, how would you/your family feel about maybe having a Contemporary Service once a month or once every 6 wks.?

Below is an excerpt from a short article I found about some of the differences in Traditional and Contemporary worship services. Our Lutheran Contemporary Service was kind of a "hybrid" of the two styles. We still followed the 3-yr. Lectionary, but maybe only 1 lesson in addition to the Gospel lesson, we picked contemporary music that tied in with the scripture, there was still a sermon, still prayers but the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer, and still communion. For a while we used a more contemporary setting of the liturgy, but later the service evolved into not including that.

Three Differences Between Traditional and Contemporary Worship

POSTED BY [EKSPEARS](#) · JULY 25, 2012 · [1 COMMENT](#)

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... contemporary vs. traditional worship...The truth is both styles of worship can be glorifying to God and edifying to saints when entered into with the proper attitude. Conversely, both can be failures, if self-gratification and entertainment are more important than exalting Christ (again, this can happen in both styles).

In today's post I want to dispel some of the confusion surrounding the debate. For many, the difference between contemporary and traditional worship comes down to musical styles, and while that is a significant piece of the puzzle, it's just one piece. I would submit that some of the other differences are just as important.

1. Participation – Traditional worship services, in my experience, tend to be more platform driven. Services often have songs performed by a choir and a soloist with a few congregational hymns inserted. In some churches the average person in the pew might stand and participate for less than 10 minutes in a given service. Everything else is listening. In a contemporary service, congregational singing makes up the bulk of worship. Depending on the length of the service, a worshipper might spend 20-25 minutes in active involvement during the worship time.

2. Flow – Most traditional services have a stop-and-start rhythm. Music is broken up into segments sandwiched around prayers, welcome, announcements, and other items. Contemporary services are usually (though not exclusively) more fluid. There may be an occasional break for a prayer or a word about a song from the worship leader, but, for the most part, it's just singing. It makes for a different rhythm of worship.

3. Focus – Many traditional worship songs are “about” God. The words of the hymns and anthems talk about the attributes and activities of God. Contemporary worship songs are “to” God, that is they have the worshipper addressing God directly. There are strengths and weaknesses in both styles. Classic hymns do better a job of teaching theology and worship songs do a better job of connecting to God on an emotional level. Both are needed.

These are just some general observations, there are naturally some exceptions., but I hope this helps you think about the debate in ways other than pipe organs and guitars.

Below is a link to a Contemporary Service at a Lutheran church -- just one example (it's a very large church, so keep that in mind). There are many types of Contemporary Worship, but this might give you a feel of what it would be like. (Ours wouldn't be this long though!!) I would love for you to ask your teens and younger children to watch some of it with you and get their reaction. (The sermon is quite long, so don't feel you need to listen to the whole thing.) Perhaps a service like this might be easier to invite a friend to come to?

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1889543694733930

Also, some of you have experienced "Waffle Church", (St. Lydia service) and this is something that might be easy to invite a friend to. If we had Waffle Church on a Sat. evening once a month or once every 6 wks., is it something you/your family might attend or at least be interested in attending?

Here's a link that tells about what a St. Lydia service is like: <https://stlydias.org/worship/dinner-church/>

Would appreciate your feedback!

Thanks!

Lenae

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 six 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

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
May 03	Jennie Hudson-Bryant	May 09	Ingrid & Gene Lancaster
May 07	Brad Johnson	May 27	Kim & Matthew Boyd
May 08	Caitlyn Folino		
	Paul Folino		
May 19	Heather Folino		
May 21	Lisa Rydin		
May 22	Scott Hudson-Bryant		

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
June 02	Garrett McCready	June 02	Chris & Deb Sheldon
June 07	Jon Ericson	June 12	Paul & Karen Neat
June 11	Nicholas McCready	June 14	Ed & Nancy Martin
June 15	Suzanne Vaughan		
June 19	Rae Hall		
June 28	Steve Warneck		
June 30	Kurt Lundin		

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)
Babb family (Lenae's friends)
Badger, Tim
Breune, Janna (friend of Lenae)
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 and Sue (nephew of Parsekian's nephew and his wife)
Derderian, Gloria (sister-in-law of Parsekian's)
Ericson, Mabel
Ericson, Pochinart (daughter-in-law of Mabel)
Errichiello, David (Carla's brother)
Eubanks, Chuck and Pam (Lenae's brother-in-law and his sister)
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)
Gall, Ally (Lenae's student)
Gall Family (friends of Lenae)
Galotti, Debbie (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Gensheimer, Katy (friend of Lenae)
Gentile family (Lenae's friends)
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)
Goldenberg family (Lenae's friends)
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)
Grankewicz family (Lenae's friends)
Hall, Rae & Gerda
Hansen, Mark (friend of Jacqui Lyons)
Hayes family and friends
Hickman, Myrtle
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Hilston, Paula (Pastor Hilston's wife)
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)
Lacy, Rob
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)
Lundin, Kurt
Maas family (Lenae's relatives)
Maas, Laura (Lenae's stepdaughter)
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)
McCullough, Lynne (relative of Emily Badger-McCullough)
McGee, Randy (Lenae's friend)
McGivney, Marlene
McGivney, Paul (Dana's brother)
Meslo, Lisa (Hayes' sister-in-law)
Michaels, Marcia (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Mitchell, Marcia
Mulcahy, Jennifer (niece of Diezemans)
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, Todd (Doris' grandson)
Oman, Linda
Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)
Parsekian, Patty (MaryJane's daughter-in-law)
Phillips, Ed (friend of Lundins)
Pryor, Mark (friend of Leah McGaughey)
Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Reel family (Lenae's friends)
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, Chereese (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)
Weisner, Jo Beth (Lenae's mother)

*serving in the military

