

Tidings
The Monthly Newsletter of Prayer Lutheran Church

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"Brothers and Sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." (Philippians 3:13-14) NIV

Dear friends in Christ,

Warning, warning! Complacency is a very dangerous thing. Just when you think you know something because you have literally done it a hundred times, the brownies don't taste quite right. In fact, they're downright awful! We forgot the eggs – because we were thinking about the visit we needed to make to an ailing friend.

In like manner, when the focus becomes blurred because we are relying on past performance, the goal we had set before us is seldom achieved. Here at House of Prayer, we have a rich history of success and accomplishments. Many souls have been touched by wonderful sermons; hungry people have been fed by heaping Christmas and Easter boxes; formerly homeless veterans have been brought home-cooked meals; young mothers have been relocated to start their lives anew with our help. These are just some examples of the generosity and outward demonstration of Christian love that pours out from this church family.

However, your potential is not what you have already done. Your yesterday is not your tomorrow. Now we have to focus, with laser precision, on the goal set for House of Prayer – obtaining, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a Pastor to lead us into a new era. We need to rely on your continued financial giving, your commitment to spreading the word (verbally and through Social Media) of the amazing things we are doing here in Jesus' name; your openness to different modes of worship and music and, most importantly, your relentless prayers for this church to continue into the next generation.

Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m. www.houseofprayerhingham.org

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### **Dates to Note**

NE Synod Assembly June 9-10

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> Church Council Meeting June 15 7PM

Pizza/Movie/Art/Game Night June 16 6:30PM – 10PM

> Yard Sale June 24 9AM to 1PM

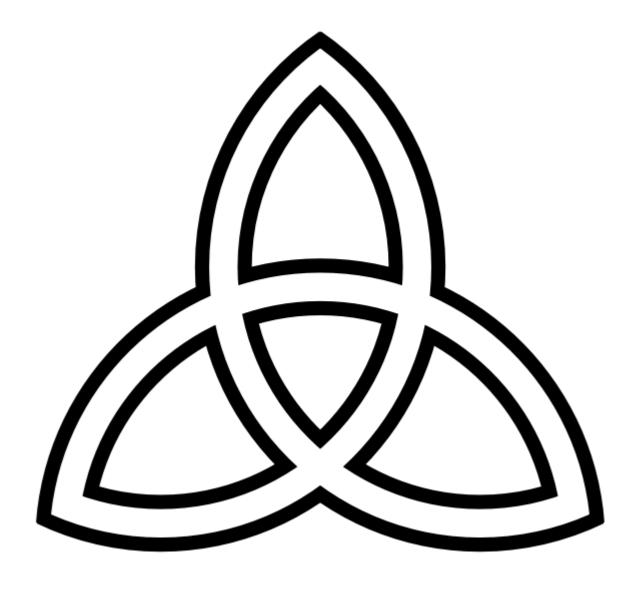
Semi-annual Congregational Meeting June 25 Your Church Council, Church Administrator, and Synod are working very hard to make your dream a reality. With your strong faith and vision for the future, I have no doubt about our tomorrow. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Your sister in Christ,

# Carla

Carla Errichiello-Hill

President, House of Prayer



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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 EducationKim BoydEvangelismopenFacilitiesScott MoradFinanceJacqui Lyons

& Stewardship

Parish Life open
Shepherds Barbara Buntrock & Linda Lundin
Social Ministry Cathy Martin
Worship & Music Sandy Swanson



Save up your items for our FUNDrive and yard sale, happening **June 24 from 9 am – 1 pm**. CLOTHING will begin to be collected on June 4<sup>th</sup>, any time the church/office is open. Please make sure that clothes are in good condition (no stained, ripped items). Please place these items in large garbage bags and put them in the NURSERY area. NO UNDERWEAR is allowed unless new.

Items for the yard sale can begin to be collected on Sunday, June 18th and that entire week leading up to the yard sale whenever the church is open as well as 1-4 pm Mon, Thurs, Fri June 19, 22, 23; 1-7 pm Tuesday, June 20. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY computers/monitors, other electronics, or TV's. Look for sign-up sheets starting June 4<sup>th</sup> to help SET UP for the yard sale on June 18<sup>th</sup> (we'll be quick, I promise!!), sorting/pricing all that week, baking items for the bake table, and help on June 24<sup>th</sup> for prep, watching the areas/bake table, being cashiers, and clean up (including loading the truck to get items to Savers). We will also be looking for help on SUNDAY, June 25 to load the truck. Many hands make light work!!

Most items left over (all soft goods-purses, belts, shoes, linens; books, small household items) will be delivered to Savers as part of our FUNDrive where we will receive 20 cents per pound for soft goods, 5 cents/pound for books – and an additional \$50 bonus if we have over 300 pounds of books, 2 cents/pound for household items. These items will be dropped off immediately after the yard sale is all cleaned up. Other items larger items and some household items will be delivered to HOUSEHOLD GOODS in Acton on Tuesday, where the "graduates" from Ruth House often go to select items to make their new apartments a home. Whatever things we cannot get to either of these locations we hope to be able to give to the Salvation Army. Looking to have as little added to the waste/dump as much as we can, while also HELPING others as much as we can. Please see Sandy Swanson or Kim Boyd for any questions you may have. If you work in an office or public building, please consider printing and posting the flyer in the link below to help get the word out about the sale and also to generate donations.

https://fundrive.savers.com/e/houseofprayerlutheranchurchfundrive042823

# **Social Ministry May 2023**

**Father Bill's Update**: The next bagged lunch is June 14, 2023. We are providing about 35 lunches each time while they are under construction. Lunches are planned for about every six weeks. We tentatively will have a speaker from Father Bill's come to church in September around the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ELCA Good Gifts**: We plan to promote backpacks and school supplies in the fall.

Cookie Walk has been postponed until fall depending on the status of the Music Festival.

**Wellspring Donation for June**: Condiments including ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, pickles, and BBQ sauce. Thank you to Martha and Bob Linares for transporting our donations to Wellspring!

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 Sunday, August 27, 2023 after church. We will be meeting in the area right outside the sanctuary or at the back of the Sanctuary. Please join us. Our committee is open to anyone. Any questions, contact Cathy Martin at <a href="mailto:cathymartin19@verizon.net">cathymartin19@verizon.net</a> or 617-645-9636.

# **Synod Assembly Representatives**

Kathleen Almand and Phoebe Morad will be representing House of Prayer at the New England Synod Assembly, taking place on Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Please keep Kathleen, Phoebe, and all assembly attendees in your prayers.



Congratulations to our graduates:

**Emily Boyd** graduated from Marshfield High School. She will study English and Criminal Justice at University of New Hampshire (UNH).

**William Bradford Hall,** grandson of Rae and Gerda Hall, graduated from Xaverian, and will study Finance at Bentley University.

**Michael Wegener** graduated from Hingham High School. He also recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout! Michael will attend State University of New York (SUNY) at Morrisville to pursue Automotive Technology and High Performance Engines.

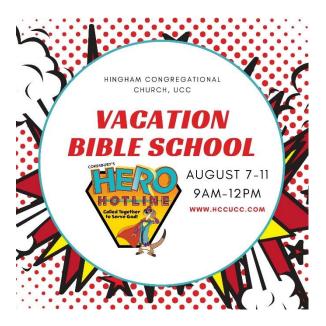
## Christian Education Committee Kim Boyd, Chair



Summer is nearly upon us! Pentecost (which happens to be Memorial Day weekend) is when we often have confirmands share their creed with us and become voting members of our congregation. It has been decided that this will be postponed this year until we have a permanent pastor. Our last day of Sunday School was May 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope you enjoy the "official" start of summer with Memorial Day weekend. Join us for an ICE CREAM SOCIAL sponsored by the Christian Education committee on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour.

On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a youth group gathering (grades 6 and up) to include pizza, a movie, friendship, and art and sacred story. This will be held at HOP in the fellowship hall from 6:30-10 pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at Hingham Congregational Church, 378 Main St, Hingham August 7-11, 9 am – 12 noon for those ages 4 to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Sign children up to participate in VBS and sign up to VOLUNTEER for VBS through the link <a href="https://hccucc.com/VBS-2023/">https://hccucc.com/VBS-2023/</a>. The theme is "Hero Hotline". All activities will be held outside, weather permitting. We hope some of our congregants will be able to help out and many of our children will be able to attend!



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER VACATION, stay safe, use sunscreen, and we'll see you back in the fall! Say thanks to your Sunday School and youth group teachers Cheryl Vassilopoulos, June Fontaine, Martha Wilson, Kim Boyd, Phoebe Morad, Vicki Oman. We couldn't do any of this without you! Always looking for new faces to help us out in our Sunday School classrooms and welcome any ideas you may have to make our program more relevant and interesting to our young church family. See Kim Boyd with any of those thoughts or suggestions.

#### MUSIC NOTES FROM LENAE

Hi, All!

Starting to feel a bit more like summer's on the way! That means our Adult Choir will be ending in a few weeks for a much-deserved vacation over the summer. If you think of it, please thank them for the hard work they do all year preparing anthems almost every Sunday during the school year. We love it when folks come up to us after the service and tell us they enjoyed the anthem or liked the music! I stretch them often in preparing difficult anthems and they always rise to the occasion! I know I send MY thanks to all of them, and also to our Tech Support folks: Scott Morad, Rich Haukom, Kim Boyd, Scott Hudson-Bryant and Sandy Swanson, who help us live-stream our worship services each week -- sometimes in addition to other duties besides singing in the choir! (being Readers, playing instruments, helping strip the altar on Maundy Thursday, -- just to name a few!) I appreciate you all!

We'll be switching to our "River of Life" setting of the liturgy soon for the summer. If you aren't as familiar with this setting, the booklets will be in the pews if you want to have the actual music and not just the words in the bulletin. If we have visitors, please show them these booklets so they can feel comfortable and participate more in the service. Thank you! Also, remember the hymnals are always in the pews, so you can always look the hymns up in the hymnal if you like to sing from the music!

Speaking of looking up hymns in the hymnal, I don't know if everyone realizes that every hymn in the hymnal has information at the bottom of the page (or end of the hymn if it's short) that tells the writer of the text, the name of the tune and who wrote it, as well as other information. As I prepare a sheet each week for us to hold up at the end of our service to give credit to all writers, composers and publishers, I'm keenly aware of the wide variety of writers and composers represented in our hymnals! It's also interesting to see when they lived, or if they are still living. (I frequently have to do internet searches to find out if some composers and writers are still living, as many have passed away since our hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, came out.) Some date back to as early as Martin Luther in the 1400's, and everything right up to things written since the year 2000! Many tunes come from other countries, and many texts have been translated into English from other languages. You'll usually see all this information in small print in the bulletin, as I like you to know where your hymnody comes from! We Lutherans have a vast musical history! Check it out on Sundays!

Bye for now -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
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		

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
July 12	Jen McCready	July 10	Steve & Victoria Warneck
July 15	Marcia Mitchell		
July 19	Gerda Hall		
July 21	Christopher Sullivan		
July 22	Ron Lundin		
	Emma Neat		
July 25	Marina Johnson		
	Marilyn Pearson		
July 27	Kim Boyd		
July 28	Bill Hayes		
	George Watt		

	Happy Birthday		
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.

## **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 Diezemanns) 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, Pattty (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)

Rogalski, Roberta (friend of Ursula Hackemer)

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,

Sullivan, Elisabeth (friend of Ursula Hackemer)

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)

Wisner, Jo Beth (Lenae's mother)

<sup>\*</sup>serving in the military