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House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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“The peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.: (Philippians 4:7)

When our beloved ten-year old cat crossed the Rainbow Bridge in April, we were devastated. Many of you have experienced that same feeling; somewhat akin to losing a family member. A month after that, we rescued a calico cat from the shelter in Brockton. Her name is Josephine. What a blessing! She has answered our prayers and healed our broken hearts.

I believe that those of us who choose to pray during times of anxiety and loss will experience the “peace of God.” This peace offers a calm in the storm – the “Balm in Gilead” we sing about in the old hymn - “Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge, He’ll ne’er refuse to lend.”

In recent months, we at House of Prayer have felt loss, anxiety and fear about the future. However, our hearts have kept beating and we have felt the Holy Spirit swirling around us. The heart is the most important organ in the body; where our strength, energy and essence lie. Our mission is clear, and we have stayed the course. Our new Pastor is coming, hopefully soon!

Lastly, God’s peace will keep “your minds safe in Christ Jesus.” Your well-being is in God’s hands. He has charge over your thoughts and attitudes. When they are Christ-like, the love of God will pour out from you onto those around you. House of Prayer members have a special way of “loving on” all the poor, weak and underserved in society. We are of one mind and one heart.

And so, we pray: “Lord, we give ourselves to you. Whatever the future holds, we are safe with You by our side. Amen.”

Carla

Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Dates to Note

Social Ministry Meeting

August 27

Re-Imagining Worship Service

August 27

Sunday School Meet & Greet

September 10

First Day of Sunday School

September 17

Church Council Meeting

September 21

7PM

Re-Imagining Worship Service

Family Yardwork and Planting

September 24

Tidings Submission Due Date

September 25

Family Hike

October 1



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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	Shawn Wegener
Finance	Ed Martin
& Stewardship	
Parish Life	open
Shepherds	Sue Bose
Social Ministry	Cathy Martin
Worship & Music	Sandy Swanson

From the President

It is with great joy that I announce that the Council has voted to go forward with calling a full-time Pastor here at House of Prayer. This decision was based on the data provided to us by the Finance Committee. Many thanks to all of them for their tireless hours of work to bring us to this point- Ed Martin, chair; Kathleen Almand, Ernie Hill, Jacqui Lyons and Deb Sheldon. Kudos are also extended to Sandy Swanson, Financial Secretary, who rose to the occasion in keeping up with all the pledges made during our special Summer Campaign. High praise is in order (again) to Sandy and her Transition (now Call) Committee for their superb work in presenting the wonderful coffee hour in-service programs that led us to the completion of the Ministry Site Profile. More thanks to the Council members- Dana Abbott, Kathleen Almand, Sue Bose, Scott Hudson-Bryant, Naomi Just, Cathy Martin, Thea Morad, Vicki Oman, Marci Sutkowski, Linda Vassallo, and Shawn Wegener. I especially appreciate the input of Lenae Badger, Barb Mullin and Pastor Beatrice during the Council meetings as well. LAST BUT NOT AT ALL LEAST, dear members of House of Prayer, my profound thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to the Summer Pledge Campaign - you are remarkable in your dedication and faith as we go forward together on this journey. There is more work to be done but the end is in sight - Praise God!——Carla

Call Committee

The call committee recently met with a pastoral candidate. We enjoyed our first interview and are scheduling a second. We look forward to sharing more as we can.

From the Office

Barb is working on updating our church directory (the most recent one published is from 2019!). Please send along any additions/corrections to her at hopchurchoffice@comcast.net. Thanks!

From the Synod

In case you missed them, we're republishing these links from the June Assembly meeting. Thank you again Kathleen and Phoebe for representing House of Prayer.

- There was one resolution voted on and passed - [For Peace for a Weary World](#)
- As Bishop Hazelwood has announced his retirement, next year's Assembly will include a vote for the new Bishop. In the meantime, we are all encouraged to participate in a [Landscape Survey](#) to prepare for the election of the new Bishop.

In Stitches Aids Immigrants and Refugees

Inspired by an invitation by the Social Ministry Committee to Doreen Rinas, Chairperson of New England's Synod for Immigration and Refugees to speak at a Sunday Coffee hour, the In Stitches group set aside a day to make fleece blankets to be donated to a sanctuary site.

Several blankets were put together and several more were donated by Kim Boyd and Linda Lundin. The blankets were recently delivered to Ascentria Worcester Service by Kathleen Almand. Thanks to all who participated.





Social Ministry *Cathy Martin, Chair*

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 cathymartin19@verizon.net or 617-645-9636.

Shepherding *Sue Bose, Chair*

A few changes in the Shepherding Committee...two new members! Sue Bose and Kate Bergman. Sue is now chairperson after many years of appreciated co-leadership by Barbara Buntrock and Linda Lundin. Sue and Kate join the Committee's existing members: Barbara, Linda, Carla Hill, Mardie Reimold, Dorothy Flett. Thanks and "you will be missed" to Ursula Hackemer who is stepping down from the committee this year. Although often referred to as the Shepherds Committee, in the church bylaws the committee is officially the Shepherding Committee which gives a clearer indication of its purpose. The Shepherding Committee "shall minister to the congregation members in times of need and shall reach out to those who are inactive to enable them to feel once again connected to and welcome in this congregation". The Committee has been doing just that. The Committee and a network of supporting "Shepherds" are sending cards, calling and in many cases visiting 14 present and past congregants whom we know are not able to attend services. Cards are also sent to church friends whom we have not seen in recent weeks reminding them that they are missed. And we have provided a weekly meal as long as it was needed to one of our church members. While the Committee has a history of providing a meal following funeral services held at the church, we unfortunately are unable to do so now. When possible, if requested, we hope to be able to set up the Fellowship Hall and provide coffee and desserts. If you are aware of anyone who has had a health change, are experiencing a difficult time, is in need of a meal, or just needs a friendly visit, please notify Barb Mullin in the church office or a Shepherding Committee member so that we can reach out and make contact. Thank you.

Sue Bose

Shepherding Committee: carrying out "ministries of nurture and support"

Christian Education Committee *Kim Boyd, Chair*



Happy ***almost*** fall! Although with everything pumpkin spice starting to come out, one would think fall is already here!

We have a number of things planned for Sunday School! September 10th will be an unofficial start with a meet and greet, and coffee hour will be hosted by Christian Education as well. Get to meet your teachers and see the classroom you'll be in. Parents will have a registration form to fill out that day (it will also be located on the table in the foyer) asking for contact information, allergies, as well as your consent to intermittently have your child/children's pictures posted on social media and in our newsletter. Sunday School lessons will begin the following week, September 17th after the worship service and wrap up at 11:30 am. Ages 3-grade 2 will be checking out the Godly Play room with Cheryl, June, and Martha; grades 3-6 will be hanging out in the classroom next to the kitchen with Kim, and grades 7 and up (all youth through grade 12 are welcome!) will be meeting either in the hallway outside the sanctuary or outside with Phoebe.

This year we will be having some special Sunday School sessions, where ALL are welcome. The first will be held on Sept 24th after worship; we will be doing a fall bed cleaning/bulb planting event. If you're a gardener, we'd love to have you to help get our outside areas ready for both the fall and for next spring. They say that curb appeal means a great deal when you're trying to have people attracted to your home, and we as a church "home" are no different! Bring your trowels, work gloves, watering cans, maybe your knee pads, and be ready to get a little dirty. The next session will be held on October 1st. We are planning a family hike after worship (get a quick snack and then we'll all meet out in the parking lot). Both two-legged and four-legged friends of ALL AGES are welcome to join us. We'll be utilizing the walkway along Main St/228 for this walk. Bring your sneakers, because we hope you can all join us for this fun day! In the event of rain, we will have some craft activities available for folks to work on.

Keep in mind as we move forward that there will NOT be any Sunday School on long/holiday weekends, or when there is school vacation. I'll keep you all aware of when those dates are as we move through the year.

As always, if you have thoughts about how to make our Sunday School program better or just any feedback, it would be most welcome. We're always looking for a few extra hands to help us out in the classrooms, too. Talk to Kim Boyd or email kimboyd61@hotmail.com.

MUSIC NOTES FROM LENAE

Happy Continuing Summer!

Hope many of you have been enjoying the new hymns we've been singing from "All Creation Sings". I feel like the congregation has caught onto these tunes quickly, and the words are new and refreshing! But I also like to make sure we include "traditional" hymns that many of us grew up with. This Sunday will be one of those, where we'll be singing the many older hymns in our hymnal that relate to the story of Jesus walking on the water. I hope you will enjoy these as well.

I hope many of you attended in person or have viewed online our "Reimagining Worship" Sunday on July 23rd! We got great feedback about the music, the energy, the shorter service, the drums, less standing and sitting and no paper bulletin! Many thanks to Carla Hill and Pat Beal on vocals with me, Scott Morad on drums, Phoebe Morad for the use of their projector, Scott Morad for making sure the PowerPoint slides moved at the correct time, to Pastor Beatrice for creating all those PowerPoint slides (big job!), to Rich for Tech Support, and to the Worship and Music Committee for helping plan the service! If you missed it, we're having another "Reimagining Worship" service on August 27th. Hope you'll plan to attend!

Lenae

Worship/Music Committee

House of Prayer held our first '**Re-Imagining Worship**' service on July 23rd. It was a different and beautiful way to worship with the help of Lenae, Scott HB, Carla and Pat, along with Pastor Beatrice. Worship & Music has planned another similar service for August 27th, so if you missed the one in July, please join us on **Sunday, August 27th**.

We are planning on adding the Re-Imagining Worship to each month on the fourth Sunday. We will be handing out surveys at church on the 27th of August, so you can give us your feedback anonymously, which we would greatly appreciate. Any and all ideas for improvement of this service are welcome.


We look forward to seeing you there!



We are also wanting to purchase All Creation Sings hymnals to include in the pews as we've been singing more and more songs from this hymnal. They would be \$20/hymnal and we would like to invite you to donate/purchase one or more for HOP as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, which would be noted in the front of the hymnal (s) you purchase. We will provide you with a slip of paper to note what you would like the memorial/honor to say. You will hear more from us soon on this!

Bread making - we thank all of you who have already donated, and to those who 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		
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

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
September 2	Erika Sullivan	September 5	Kurt & Kristen Lundin
September 3	Madeline Sullivan	September 6	Katie & Tim Linscott
September 8	Emily Boyd	September 9	Joanne & Steven Hall
September 15	Tim Badger		Jack & Jeanne Morse
September 19	Tessa Lundin	September 10	Rae & Gerda Hall
September 20	Linda Oman	September 16	Ron & Linda Lundin
September 25	Mardie Reimold	September 23	Paul & Heather Folino
		September 26	Jim & Dee Davidson
		September 30	Linda & Dana Oman

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary added to the calendar, contact Barb 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)	Lundin, Kurt
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)	Maas family (Lenae's relatives)
Babb family (Lenae's friends)	Maas, Laura (Lenae's stepdaughter)
Badger, Tim	MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)
Breune, Janna (friend of Lenae)	McCullough, Lynne (relative of Emily Badger-McCullough)
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)	McGee, Randy (Lenae's friend)
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)	McGivney, Marlene
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)	McGivney, Paul (Dana's brother)
Dallamora, Joe (Jen M's father)	Meslo, Lisa (Hayes' sister-in-law)
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)	Michaels, Marcia (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Davis, Elise (neighbor of the Hayes)	Mitchell, Marcia
Derderian, Craig (nephew of Parsekian's)	Murray, Maggie (friend of Mary Jane)
Derderian, Glenn and Sue (nephew of Parsekian's nephew and his wife)	Murray, Peg (friend of Millie Hill)
Derderian, Gloria (sister-in-law of Parsekian's)	Myers, Chuck (friend of Lundins)
Ericson, Mabel	Neat, Kathy
Ericson, Pochinart (daughter-in-law of Mabel)	Niendorf, Kris
Errichiello, David (Carla's brother)	Nucifore, Linda Nilsson (sister of Karen Nilsson)
Eubanks, Chuck and Pam (Lenae's brother-in-law and his sister)	Nucifore, Alan (brother-in-law of Karen Nilsson)
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)	O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Gall, Ally (Lenae's student)	*Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson)
Gall Family (friends of Lenae)	Oman, Linda
Galotti, Debbie (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)
Gensheimer, Katy (friend of Lenae)	Parsekian, Pattty (MaryJane's daughter-in-law)
Gentile family (Lenae's friends)	Phillips, Ed (friend of Lundins)
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)	Pryor, Mark (friend of Leah McGaughey)
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)	Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)	Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Goldenberg family (Lenae's friends)	Reel family (Lenae's friends)
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)	Renzuli, Barbara (friend of Joan Philipon)
Grankewicz family (Lenae's friends)	Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)
Hall, Rae & Gerda	Rodrigues, Mary Ellen (friend of Lenae)
Hansen, Mark (friend of Jacqui Lyons)	Rush, Jean (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Hayes family and friends	Rydin, Jan
Hickman, Myrtle	Santacroce, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Hilston, Paula (Pastor Hilston's wife)	Severson, Karen (friend of Ann Moegle)
Hutchinson, Rick (friend of Lundins)	Silva, Jeffrey (grandson of Dorothy Flett)
Ikoribitangaza, Leo (friend of HoP)	Smith, Don (friend of Lancasters)
Isles, Andrea (sister of Katie Linscott)	Stewart family (friends of Lenae)
Jensen, Dee (friend of Lenae's)	Temperly, Joanne
Just, Christian (brother of Ginny & Naomi)	Thielman, Isaiah and family (friends of Dorothy Flett)
Just, Ginny (former member)	Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)
Just, Naomi	Walsh, Dennis (friend of Chris Hayes)
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)	Watt, George & Lynda
Lacy, Rob	Weaver, Ryley (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)	Wisner, Jo Beth (Lenae's mother)
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)	
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)	

*serving in the military

