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# Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of  
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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## THE HUMBLE TATER TOT

*Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."  
"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they replied. "Bring them  
here to me," He said. (Matthew 14:16-18)*

On a recent Saturday morning, I found myself preparing the monthly meal that Ernie and I bring to the veterans living at Anderson House in Hingham. It was the humble (but famous) Hamburg tater tot casserole. Loved by many (not so much by a few), it has been my stand-by meal for many years. I first met the "tater tot" when we attended Lutheran Church of the Cross in Hanover. The church had a long-standing association with MainSpring homeless shelter in Brockton. Each month, a group of us would make the visit there, armed with at least ten casseroles prepared lovingly by church members. We warmed them up in these big ovens, served each plate, chatted with the guests, and cleaned up afterwards. I loved every minute of this experience! My eyes were opened to a very special ministry and I was hooked immediately.

Here at House of Prayer, we feed many of God's children over the course of the year. We contribute to ELCA good gifts program to provide cows and chickens to Third World countries; we make lunch packs for Father Bill's in Quincy; we provide two meals monthly for formerly homeless veterans who reside at Hingham's Anderson House; we assemble wonderful boxed meals for Wellspring in Hull and for the Weymouth Food Pantry. Not only do we feed bodies, we feed minds and souls in Jesus' name.

This gospel, the feeding of the 5,000, is the only miracle performed by Jesus that appears in all four gospels (Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9 and John 6). So, I guess it's important! For our part, when we give Jesus all that we have, He multiplies it into something super special for our brothers and sisters on earth. As we settle into Fall of 2023, I'm anxiously waiting for the day that we can share ALL that we are and ALL that we do with our new Pastor. Lord, make it so. Amen.

**Carla**

## Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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## Dates to Note

HOP Stuff on Offer  
October 15

Special In-Person Council Meeting  
October 18  
7PM

Church Council Meeting  
October 19  
7PM

Father Bill's Lunch Packing  
October 20

In Stitches Blanket-Making  
October 24  
1PM

Tidings Submission Due Date  
October 25

Re-Imagining Worship Service  
October 28

Trinity Lutheran Lutherans  
Restoring Creation NE  
10AM – 3PM



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Marci Sutkowski  
Linda Vassallo  
Shawn Wegener  
Thea Morad

## 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>	Shawn Wegener
<b>Finance</b>	Ed Martin
<b>&amp; Stewardship</b>	
<b>Parish Life</b>	open
<b>Shepherds</b>	Sue Bose
<b>Social Ministry</b>	Cathy Martin
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Sandy Swanson

## **CALL PROCESS UPDATE:**

At the monthly Council meeting, the Candidate was accepted based on the following information provided by the Call committee: two meetings on Zoom, reference checks, and the Candidate's resume. Moving forward, the Candidate will attend an in-person meeting with the Council on Wednesday, October 18th. If that meeting is successful, the Candidate will be introduced to the Congregation during a Call Vote weekend in early November. This will include a Meet and Greet reception on Saturday and a service on Sunday morning followed by a Congregational vote. We ask for all of you to pray for both the Candidate and the Council as we continue the process in seeking to bring a new Pastor to House of Prayer. —Carla

## **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](mailto:hopchurchoffice@comcast.net). Thanks!

**PLEASE NOTICE!!!** Our beautifully decorated windows at the front door (circular driveway)! Thank you to Kathy Sutkowski, who had the idea and brought it into reality! She worked with artist Tim Snow (774-573-7574) and they came up with a design that really enhances the front of our church and welcomes people into our holy space. Thanks again, Kathy and Tim!

## **HOP "Stuff" on Offer**

As part of our preparations for a new Pastor, we have been doing a lot of cleaning our closets and other spaces in the church. We are looking for good homes for a great variety of "stuff" that we are no longer using at HOP.

Please mark your calendars for October 15th immediately after worship, and stop by the room next to the kitchen to consider reusing/recycling some of our stuff. Items range from toys, to trash cans - all in good condition.

All are free but donations are welcome. See you then.

## **Shepherding Sue Bose, Chair**

The Shepherding Committee continues with our Card Ministry including, now, Bereavement Cards. We continue to make visits and calls to those who are unable to come to church. On September 30, the memorial service for Rae Hall was held. The committee set up for the collation which was catered. The committee arranged for and served coffee and desserts. Please reach out to me or Barb Mullin in the church office if you are aware of anyone is ill, injured, hospitalized or just in need of a caring contact.

Sue Bose

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

## **Social Ministry** *Cathy Martin, Chair*

**Wellspring Donation for October:** Collection items for October are soup and after school snacks. Thank you to Martha and Bob Linares for transporting our donations to Wellspring!

**Cookie Walk** has been postponed until winter or spring 2024.

**Father Bill's Update:** Lunches were packed in August and September. We are providing about 25-35 lunches each time. Lunches are planned for about every six weeks. The next chance to participate is Friday, October 20. Signup sheets are on the front table.

The construction on the new facility is completed and the open house was held September 23, 2023. Carla, Ernie, and Ann attended.

In January 2024, there will be a new bedding and towel drive.

**Veterans Meals:** Meals continue to be delivered monthly to the veterans' home in Hingham. Millie Hill coordinates this program. Carla and Ernie also bring a meal over monthly.

**Wellspring:** Social Ministry is planning to prepare the boxes at Christmas for holiday dinners. Food lists will be published soon and are on our website. If you have access to copy paper boxes with covers, please bring to the church and put above the coat rack across from the restrooms.

**ELCA Good Gifts:** The committee is planning to do a pumpkin drive to raise money to support the ELCA programs. We plan to promote \$25 nutrition for a child and \$10 school supplies in February 2024. We will also do the Souper Bowl of Caring in February around the Super Bowl.

**In Stitches:** The group has prepared some blankets to be donated to refugees that have relocated to Massachusetts. They will continue to make more fleece blankets as needed.

**Giving Tree:** Checking with Victoria Warneck to see if she wants to do the Giving Tree again this year. This program is conducted in association with Ascentria. We typically get the wish lists from around Veterans Day—and the tree goes up the weekend after they arrive, with gifts due in early December. The Christian Education students will decorate gift bags for this program.

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, January 7, 2024 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](mailto:cathymartin19@verizon.net) or 617-645-9636.





Welcome back to Sunday School! We have missed you and hope you enjoyed the coffee hour meet and greet on September 10<sup>th</sup> and were able to partake in the Blessing of the Backpacks and the first day of Sunday School on September 17<sup>th</sup>! There will be some changes coming to Sunday School-both in where we might meet and some of the activities and events we have planned. Just remember that we will start around 10:45 am and end at 11:30 am each Sunday. (alright, we may go over sometimes, but we do want to try to let everyone out in a timely fashion.) As a reminder, we will NOT be having Sunday School over long holiday weekends (like on October 8<sup>th</sup>) or either end of school vacation weeks. We WILL be having Sunday School over Veteran's Day weekend, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

On our first day, we had lunch bags out to decorate (and fill) for Father Bill's for both our classrooms and our adults during coffee hour. See below for some pictures of us all doing God's Work with Our Hands! The lunches were delivered to Father Bill's after the sandwiches were added on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We also got a little lesson in, too. If parents haven't filled out a Sunday School registration form yet, please do so. There are extra copies on the table in the foyer and on the table with the bulletins for church. We use these to communicate special dates/events with you all, to make sure your kids get into the right classroom, and to make sure that we have allergy information on hand and can reach you in the event of an emergency. Thanks to all who have already filled out the forms!



We planned to have a fall cleanup/planting event on September 24, but due to illness and poor weather it was put on hold. We hope to be able to get out to do that sometime in October...keep your eyes peeled for more information in the weekly announcements. This was also the day of our “reimagining worship” service-a more contemporary service. If you haven’t been to one yet, you’re missing out! They’ll be held the last Sunday of every month.

The first Sunday in October we had a family walk (including furry friends!) We walked together as a group on the paved path along Main Street/Route 228 that runs right out in front of the church. This was in place of our regularly scheduled Sunday School lesson. We as a church will be gathering canned soup and after school snacks for Wellspring during the month of October. Feel free to drop any donations off for this during church hours or during church on Sundays into the green bin in the hallway on the floor. Lastly, we will be making communion bread to be used during the service in the month of November.

I mentioned we may have a different place to gather for Sunday school...if you haven’t heard, there is a possibility of a new preschool using our space during the week. This means that we will have access to our usual rooms, but we can’t store any of our things in the rooms. Godly Play will be UNAFFECTED by this. The older class will either meet in the usual space or (as renovations are being done, or as things are being moved around, which is tentatively set to start mid-October), we might be meeting in partitioned off section of the Godly Play room or using a folding table in our usual classroom. The youth group class (grades 6 and up) will be meeting outside as weather permits or at the end of the hallway outside the sanctuary since the Founder’s Room is slated to be the office space for the preschool. We can always just start to gather in the fellowship hall and figure out where we’ll be from there.

As always, if you have any suggestions or would like to be more involved in our Sunday School, we’d love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact Kim Boyd at (215) 901-1063 or via email at [kimboyd61@hotmail.com](mailto:kimboyd61@hotmail.com). Happy Fall!



## **MUSIC NOTES FROM LENAЕ**

### **Worship/Music Committee**

We are planning on adding the Re-Imagining Worship Service to each month on the fourth Sunday. We handed out surveys in late August and are reviewing your feedback; your anonymous participation is greatly appreciated. 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


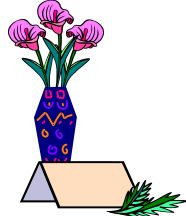
### **In Remembrance**

Special note of appreciation to the family of Holly Schjolden, who has very graciously donated the piano given in her name to Calumet, where it will be well loved and enjoyed by many for years to come.

Memorial plaques in Holly's name, designed by Jane and George Ohlson, have been placed on the piano as well as on the bench in the rear of the Sanctuary where Holly sat while gathering the children for Sunday school.



	<b>Happy Birthday</b>		<b>Happy Anniversary</b>
October 5	Dorothy Flett	October 16	Kathy & David Gray
October 9	Martha Willson		
October 15	Connor Stahl-Bryant		
	Jim Davidson		
October 26	Linda Lundin		
October 29	Ann Moegle		
	Doris Olsson		

	<b>Happy Birthday</b>		<b>Happy Anniversary</b>
November 11	Kate Hudson-Mendes	November 3	Lenae & Tim Badger
	Marie Warneck	November 11	George & Jane Ohlson
November 12	Erika Badger		
November 17	Vicki Oman		
November 19	Rich Haukom		
November 30	Leanne Martin		

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

\*serving in the military

