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# Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of  
 House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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*Pentecost* by Malcolm Guite

*Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
 Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
 Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
 As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
 This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
 Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
 The earth herself awakens to her maker  
 And is translated out of death to birth.  
 The right words come today in their right order  
 And every word spells freedom and release  
 Today the gospel crosses every border  
 All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace  
 Today the lost are found in His translation.  
 Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.*

This month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and empowered them to go out into the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people. The same Holy Spirit that propelled the disciples into the Gospel life empowers us today. It has not ceased, but continues to inspire and teach us the language of God: the Love that unbinds and awakens us to fullness of life. As expressed in Guite's poem, this Gospel cannot help but cross through the limits and borders that humanity sets on itself. The Gospel seeks everyone out no matter their status in life to bring them the fruits of the Resurrection, meaning the promise of God's eternal and unconditional love and acceptance in both our life and our death. What a blessing we continue to receive from God, where we get to be formed in the image of Christ, gifting the community with human beings truly alive in the spirit of love and mercy for others.

Knowing this reality among us, I encourage you to explore and allow yourself to be led to wherever love is needed. We are currently witnesses to great suffering in the world. As we pray to God to bring peace, He also asks of us: How are we cultivating the spirit of peace? While these horrible conflicts rage, we might not think that we could contribute anything important to the world, that we have no power to solve the big problems. But that is the devil's

## Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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## Dates to Note

**Social Ministry Meeting**  
 May 5

**Church Council Meeting**  
 Via Zoom May 16  
 7 PM

**Pentecost/Confirmation**  
 May 19

**Tidings Deadline**  
 May 25

**Synod Assembly**  
 June 6 - 8

**Semi-Annual Congregational  
 Meeting**  
 June 23

**Yard Sale**  
 June 29

trickery. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit. That means that every moment, God is bringing peace through your faith in Christ. This faith makes your love, your gentleness, your kindness, your thirst for justice, your peacemaking, your mercy, your compassion, your humility, a sign of God's reign in our communities. Peace begins in the smallness of the seed that God has planted in our hearts. The Holy Spirit makes it grow and in God's time, there will be fruit that nourishes with abundant life for all. God gathers us together as a Church to reveal this gift to the world. Let us continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and work in us this faith that transforms and empowers!

-Pastor Emmanuel J. Correa Vázquez



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Vicki Oman  
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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

## **Bulletin Announcements**

**Security Update** – To improve the security and safety of the church and staff, the entry door will remain locked unless there is a group meeting in the building. There is a new doorbell that rings in the office. The lockbox code will be changed several times yearly. If you need access to the building off hours, please contact the office for the current code.

### **IVY Academy at House of Prayer**

Beginning in April, House of Prayer and IVY Academy entered into an agreement to rent a portion of the church space to IVY for use for preschool.

IVY Academy is a new pre-school, providing care for infant, toddler, and preschool children in the age range of 3 months to 5 years, mornings Monday to Friday. The Co-Directors are Robin Dellot and Kristin Frey, Certified pre-school teachers.

IVY will use some of our classrooms during the week; they will be available for our use on the weekends.

### **Our 3-Year Agreement Basics**

1. Rental space in the church –
  - a. former Founders' room (IVY exclusive use)
  - b. classroom next to kitchen and nursery (shared use)
  - c. women's restroom (shared use)
  - d. front yard(playground) (shared use)
  - e. pick up/drop off in front circular driveway
2. Shared costs – snow removal, trash removal
3. Upgrades provided by Ivy – landscaping, painting, storage units, HVAC Unit

More information and the full legal agreement with more detail is available from the office.

### **All Hands on Deck**

We are seeking volunteers for a work crew on June 2, after Sunday service. The project involves cleaning out and organizing several spaces in our church building: the room next to the Godly Playroom, the loft in the Fellowship Hall, and the Hall itself. We are thinking the work will take 1-2 hours, depending on how many volunteers we get, and we will end the clean-out with a pizza lunch!

Please consider helping out - we need workers and folks who are able to make a dump run or two.

Thank you for your consideration – sign-up sheets are on the hall table.

In May, the Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a drive to support newly arrived migrant families who are being sheltered at the Baystate Community Services Family Welcome Center at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy. A collection box is in the foyer.

Items needed:

(New) Winter Hats, Scarves, Boots, Jackets, Mittens

GERBER Baby Food (fruits)

Gerber Rice

Wipes

Diapers- all sizes

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Formula

Dove (Unscented) Bar Soap

Deodorant(M/F)

CeraVe Lotion (Kids)

Vaseline

(New) Stuffed Animals

## **YARD SALE!**

The date for HoP yard sale is Saturday, June 29. As you do your Spring cleaning, please think about donating items that can be featured at the sale – baby items, small household items, glassware, sporting goods... Also, we will be collecting clothes, shoes, belts, purses, drapes, linens in good condition (nothing stained or with holes) for the Savers FUNdrive in conjunction with the yard sale. Due to space concerns, yard sale items cannot be collected until the week immediately prior to the yard sale. Soft goods can begin to be collected June 2; those items should be in large garbage bags (either tall kitchen bags or yard bags please). More details soon...

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

**Father Bill's Update:** Ann continues to organize monthly bag lunches. We are providing about 35 lunches each time thanks to the generous donations from our congregation. Father Bill's has an ongoing list of items including gift certificates needed for their visitors. They are building a new facility in Brockton, where we can try to be a sponsor.

**Ascentria:** School supplies collection for Ascentria will be happening in August.

**Habitat for Humanity:** In September, Ed and Nancy Martin with Kim Boyd are planning to work on a Habitat project in Kauai, Hawaii. The dates are September 28 through October 6. The cost is about \$1,700 per person excluding airfare. For more details, contact Ed Martin. We are also exploring re-engaging with the local Habitat organization to see how we can support local projects either with food or cookies, etc. or offer some other support. They have started the new build in Cohasset.

**Summary of Activities:**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>
May	Migrant Drive
June	ELCA Good Gifts Food Backpack
August	School supplies collection for Ascentria
September	Habitat for Humanity Hawaii

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, May 5 after church.** 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.

## **Mutual Ministry Committee**

The Mutual Ministry Committee met with Pastor Emmanuel on April 21. It was a productive and fun meeting of open communication. The basic structure of the meeting is to have Pastor start us with a prayer, followed by a check-in with Pastor, then the committee relates the positives and growth we have noted or that has been mentioned to us and finally we give any gentle feedback we have to offer. The meeting ends, of course, with prayer. Our goal is to meet every third Sunday.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a committee member. If there is a suggestion or concern you would like brought to Pastor Emmanuel, we are glad to do so but understand that we cannot present this information as coming from an anonymous source. We do recommend that members meet directly with Pastor to communicate their concerns, suggestions or kudos.

Sue Bose, Chairperson

Members: Cathy Martin, Kathy Sutkowski, Steve Bergman

## **Shepherding Committee**

The Shepherding Committee last met in March. Our goal is to meet quarterly. The Committee joined together to provide coffee hour on Palm Sunday. Judging by the scarcity of food left over, the coffee hour was deemed a success!

We continue our outreach to members, former members and friends of HOP via our Monthly Card Ministry and through calls and visits. There are 18 people on our card list at present. This list is updated frequently as people develop, resolve, or continue to experience life difficulties. Thanks to our card senders:

Sue Bose for March

Linda Lundin for April

Barbara Buntrock for May

Mary Jane Persekian for June

This Easter, as per our Bereavement Card Ministry, cards recognizing a family's recent loss were sent to the families of Nancy Rydin, Pocha Ericson, Nancy Toughill, Joanne Temperly and Gerda Hall. Thanks to those card senders: Sue Bose, Kate Bergman, Carla Hill

If you learn of anyone who is need of caring or other support, please contact any committee member, Pastor Emmanuel or Barb Mullin.

Sue Bose, Chairperson

Members: Linda Lundin, Barbara Buntrock, Kate Bergman, Carla Hill



Have you noticed the "One Home, One Future" banner that is sharing space with the welcoming artwork on our front windows? You can learn a lot more about this multi-faith, 7-year campaign we are celebrating here:

<https://www.onehomeonefuture.org/>

Essentially; we are shouting out that we are a congregation who considers Caring for Creation as an integral part of Loving our Neighbors!

Many years ago, our Congregation's Church Council made a Covenant to Care for Creation ([see sample on the LRC website](#)). Part of how we express our love for God's gift is to tread lightly and share our natural resources with forethought. As we realize that we cannot save that which we do not love, it is good to get out and bask in the glory that is emerging this spring. Please share your ideas regarding where and how we can get out and care for the environment by which we are all fed! A few local organizations are listed below. Do you have ideas about how we can support and enjoy these local groups more as a church? Please send suggestions to Phoebe at [pheebcongo@gmail.com](mailto:pheebcongo@gmail.com) (or for faster response - text - 617-599-2722).

North & South Rivers Watershed Association - <https://www.nsrwa.org/>

Hingham Farmers Market - <https://www.hinghamfarmersmarket.org/> -- *almost every community has one!*

Hingham Net Zero - <https://www.hinghamnetzero.org/>







**Christian Education Committee** *Kim Boyd, Chair*



Happy Spring and Happy Easter season! Hopefully it stays sunny now that it's May. All those April showers are definitely helping the May flowers (and trees) start to pop with color...and pollen. May your allergy medicine be strong and your tissues thick!



On a more serious note, Our Sunday School classes have been kind of quiet the last month with school vacation. Thirty lunch bags that were decorated by our classes (and the young at heart) were used for the Father Bill's meal packing and others were decorated for the cookie walk that was held April 7. Hope you enjoyed the artwork on the bags that were decorated by all of us! What was exciting was that the confirmation/youth group class got to spend the weekend up in New Hampshire at Camp Calumet April 12-14. A huge thank you to Pastor Emmanuel and Phoebe for driving the kids up there and leading them over the weekend. It seemed like they all had a good time.

This month is going to be exciting as there will be three of our youth being confirmed on Pentecost, Sunday, May 19 during the 9:30 am service. This will also be our last day of Sunday School. As some of our Sunday School teachers will be celebrating with their confirmands, there will either be a planting/clean up event or only Godly Play this last day of Sunday School. Plan (just in case!) to get a little dirty that Sunday. Maybe even bring a trowel, small shovel, rake, and/or watering can along.

If you have any suggestions as to how you see Sunday School and confirmation here at House of Prayer in the future, please contact Kim Boyd at [kimboyd61@hotmail.com](mailto:kimboyd61@hotmail.com). All ideas are welcome and encouraged! As always, if you'd like to help out in any way with our program, please feel to let either Kim or Pastor know. Many hands make light work as the saying goes.

We wish you a Happy Memorial Day, and a relaxing, rejuvenating summer! See you back in the Tidings in August as we prepare to get started again in the fall.

	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 28	Steve Warneck		
June 30	Kurt Lundin		

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*

Andy  
Angel, Kathy  
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)  
Badger, Tim  
Brett, Virginia (friend of Martha)  
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)  
Clancy Family  
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 Family  
Errichiello, David (Carla's brother)  
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)  
Galotti, Debbie (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Gatturna, Joan (friend of Lenae)  
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)  
Gleason, Linnie (friend of Martha)  
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)  
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)  
Hall, Gerda  
Mark Hansen (friend of Jacqui Lyons)  
Hall Family  
Hansen, Mark (friend of Jacqui Lyons)  
Hickman, Myrtle  
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Hilston, Paula (Pastor Hilston's wife)  
Hutchinson, Rick (friend of Lundins)  
Ikoribitangaza, Leo (friend of HoP)  
Jensen, Dee (friend of Lenae's)  
Just, Christian (brother of Ginny & Naomi)  
Just, Ginny (former member)  
Just, Naomi  
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Kardok, Andy (friend of Martha)  
Knight, Patty (friend of Linda Vassallo)  
Lacy, Rob  
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)  
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)  
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)  
Lees, Jeanette (sister of Millie Hill)  
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)  
Mafera Family  
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)  
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)  
Read, James L (friend of Martha Willson)  
Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)  
Rodrigues, Mary Ellen (friend of Lenae)  
Ruplenas Family  
Rush, Jean (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Rylan, Austin (friend of Martha Willson)  
Santacroce, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)  
Schooning, Sonia (friend of Martha)  
Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Severson, Karen (friend of Ann Moegle)  
Silva, Jeffrey (grandson of Dorothy Flett)  
Sonie (friend of Martha Willson)  
Spatola, Patty (friend of Martha)  
Sullivan, Elisabeth (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Mrs. Tarby (friend of Martha)  
Temperly Family  
Toomey, Patricia (sister of Bill Hayes)  
Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)  
Toughill Family  
Vita, Melana (friend of Martha)  
Walsh, Dennis (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Walter, Helmut (Stefanie Wegener's father)  
Watt, George & Lynda  
Weaver, Ryley (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Williamson, Ingird (friend of HoP)

\*serving in the military