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# Tidings

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 House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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*“Spirituality is that attitude which puts life at the center, and defends and promotes life against all the mechanisms of death, desiccation, or stagnation.” – Leonardo Boff*

What do we mean when we talk about Spirituality? Even more so, what do we mean specifically by a Christian Spirituality? Spirituality is a word often drained and diluted of any content that might make it meaningful. So I prefer to think of spirituality as rooted within a context of shared experience. In the Christian sense, we are rooted in the collective experience of the church witnessing to the power and love of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, our spirituality is formed and directed by Christ, it is Christ-shaped.

Where does that lead us, to know we are spiritually formed by God in Christ? First and foremost, we recognize God has made us for a life in the Spirit. We feel the need to connect with the world around us, we are drawn to wonder and transcendence, we are drawn to the “more” quality in existence. We recognize that every breath we take is a gift, and thus this corresponds to our naturally human spirituality. However, as Christians, spirituality takes on further and deeper dimensions. Spirituality is the activity by which we connect to God’s desire to be with humanity and prepare us for His reign in our midst. And that happens when we look at the world through the Christ-point of view. When we inhabit a Christ-shaped life, fashioned by the activities of prayer, community and sacrament, we develop this rooted spirituality, broken free from a private feeling of wonderment, to a collective experience of God being with us and the world.

With this in mind, I appreciate the definition that the Brazilian liberation theologian, Leonard Boff gives of spirituality as an attitude or disposition that puts life at the center versus the powers of death, decay and stuckness. In a nutshell, that is what God gifts us in Christ. It is the essence of the biblical story we have inherited. It is God’s yes to our lives, it is God unshackling us from the

## Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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## Dates to Note

**Social Ministry Meeting**

August 11

**Church Council Meeting**

Via Zoom August 15  
7 PM

**Tidings Deadline**

August 25

**Ice Cream Social/Choir resumes**

September 8

**First day of Sunday School**

September 15

**Film Screening: *Common Ground***

September 29

1 – 3 PM

**Habitat for Humanity in Hawaii**

September 28 – October 6

power that death has over us. And it leads us to even more instances where we can put life at the center against the hold of death. A Christian spiritual life leads us to ask the question, where is our society stifling abundant life, economically, socially, mentally, even spiritually? Christ liberates us from sin and death, where is the world oppressing our fellow neighbors that God commands us to love? Through this lens, we also have 2,000 years of history of Christians living a Christ-shaped spiritual life that we might be inspired by to live our own. So we are truly gifted with God's ever-flowing fountain of life expressed in the lives of human beings. This life does not deny the hard realities, but is sustained through them by the reality of God's reign in our midst and in the world to come. Let us then pray always for a Christ-enriched spirituality!

-Pastor Emmanuel J. Correa Vázquez



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Ann Moegle  
Marci Sutkowski  
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

## Bulletin Announcements

**BEE (s) GONE!** – The Helpsy clothing bin is now safe to use again. Thank you to all who donate used clothing and material in the bin, allowing HOP to collect several hundred dollars per year.

## Habitat for Humanity Trip to Kauai!

We have limited space left for you to work with Habitat for Humanity in Kauai Hawaii! The trip runs from September 29 to October 6th.

The cost is approximately \$1,700. This includes room, all meals, transportation and any scheduled activities. Please note that we stay in a five-bedroom bunkhouse with three to a room. You are responsible for any and all airfare.

If you have questions or want to sign up contact Ed Martin ( [edbmartin69@gmail.com](mailto:edbmartin69@gmail.com) ) or 781-492-3310.

## YARD SALE!

Many thanks to all those who helped with the YARD SALE this year! From the wonderful women who stayed to set up the church after the congregational meeting, those who helped sort and price all week long, everyone who baked items for the bake table, all the folks who came out to help monitor the items and then pack up after the yard sale (including loading everything into the truck to donate to Savers for our FUNdrive), we could NOT have done it with every. Single. One. of. YOU. Sandy and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We earned almost \$1500 during the yard sale itself, and an extra \$350 or so from Savers. Kudos to helping us help our church family and building!



## **Shepherding Committee**

Our monthly card list includes 20 current and former members who are unable to attend church or who are experiencing ongoing health issues. Our bereavement card ministry includes six families. Thanks go out to all those helping us to continue these ministries. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of the summer.

Thank you to our card senders: Kate Bergman, Sue Bose, Linda Lundin, Barbara Buntrock, Carla Hill, Mabel Ericson, Kathleen Almand, Mary Jane Parsekian

If you are interested in participating in card ministries, please let me know!

Sue Bose Chairperson

Carla Hill, Linda Lundin, Barbara Buntrock, Carla Hill, Kate Bergman, Mardie Reimold

## **Mutual Ministry Committee**

The Mutual Ministry Committee continues to meet with Pastor Emmanuel to offer support, provide feedback and to help problem solve any issues that might arise. We encourage members to bring suggestions, concerns or praise to Pastor Emmanuel. Please also feel free to reach out to any Committee member.

Sue Bose Chairperson

Steve Bergman, Cathy Martin, Kathy Sutkowski

## **IVY ACADEMY NEWS**

Ivy Academy hosted a Summer Social on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Held on the playground, attendees enjoyed Kona shaved ice, face painting, arts and crafts and more. They are very busy making final preparations for their September opening!



## ELCA New England Synod General Assembly 2024

Heidi Olsen Morales and Kathleen Almand, together with Pastor Emmanuel, attended the Synod Assembly on June 6,7 in Worcester. There were about 400 people there from all over New England – we sat with the southeastern MA group including Pastor Mary Hansen Joyce and Pastor Beatrice. Bishop Hazelwood gave a high-level presentation on the status of the Synod with a focus on how congregations are creatively addressing their financial challenges with blended congregations, space sharing with other denominations, and the holy closure of 11 congregations in the Synod. The Synod's financial position is returning to health in the post-Covid environment.

The major focus of the Assembly was the Election of the New Bishop. There were over a dozen candidates. The final candidate was selected through several sequential electronic ballots with many opportunities for presentations, Q&A etc. The issues addressed by speeches from the candidates included: how to address anti-racism in a meaningful way, how to better support lay ministries, rethinking transformation, and how to support the growing number of Spanish missions. Our new Bishop-elect is Pastor Nathan Pipho.

There were several presentations from Synod related organizations and initiatives:

- Thrivent – since program started, 1 million action teams have been formed and donations to churches through Thrivent membership are encouraged
- Honduras - still no Synod mission trips due to safety concerns but the scholarship program is strong and supports about 20 students.
- Palestine – there is an ELCA initiative to support to Lutheran churches there, Bishop Hazelwood to visit
- Calumet – seems very vibrant and seen as a place for growth of young church leaders, Knute expressed his thanks for the gift of the piano from HOP, which was featured in their newsletter

Here are some ideas we took away for HOP:

- AAMPARO (refugee support – how can we interact with churches actively supporting a refugee family – Pastor Mary on the Cape also interested)
- Should we rekindle our interest in becoming a Welcoming)
- How can we better connect to/collaborate with other congregations
- How can we/our congregation support the diversification needed in the Lutheran church body

Heidi and I highly recommend the experience of being a HOP Synod delegate.



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

**Good Gifts:** The Social Ministry Committee is planning to promote backpacks filled with food from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog in August. The fee for the backpack is \$10.00. There will be envelopes for donations to be put in the offering plate. This will make it clear the intention of the donation.

**Father Bill's:** We continue to support Father Bill's through our monthly bag lunches. We are providing about 35 lunches each time thanks to the generosity of the congregation for donations. The most recent lunch was June 3. It was discussed that the smaller lunch bags will be replaced by larger lunch bags to accommodate larger lunch items. Father Bill's has an ongoing list of items including gift certificates needed for their visitors.

Father Bill's has also reported that they are overflowing with guests. If you want to contribute ingredients including gloves to prepare the sandwiches that would be greatly appreciated.

Father Bill's is building a new facility in Brockton with 30 new rooms for residents. The committee is looking at how we can be a sponsor for a room for approximately \$800.

Breakfast items are still being collected for Father Bills. Easy prep includes items such as cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, etc. This request is ongoing.

**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.

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

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 on Sunday, August 11 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.



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/>

### Community Film Screening

On September 29 from 1-3, House of Prayer will host a community film screening of *Common Ground* in collaboration with North Street Nazarene Church. Compost kits and other great resources will be offered. More details to come. Contact Phoebe with questions: [phoebe@lutheransrestoringcreation.org](mailto:phoebe@lutheransrestoringcreation.org)

<https://images.app.goo.gl/J2Yw51eySdX71bsx7>

Thank you from Ascentria!





## ***Music Notes from Lenae***

Hi, Everyone! Happy Summer!

First, MANY thanks to the Adult Choir for their leadership over the past choir year. I am so grateful that our group of 13 makes the commitment to be there as many weeks as they are able to at 8:30 a.m. on the Sundays we're scheduled to sing. They roll with singing everything from the 15th century to the Baroque era, to the Romantic era, to Contemporary Christian music, as well as pieces I've written or arranged! We rarely have the same group of people from week-to-week, but somehow it always seems to work out! They are very forgiving and patient with a Director who has a lot of irons in the fire and isn't always as organized or well-prepared as she should be (and having to read hand-scribbled music more often than I'd like to admit!) 😞 God bless them! 🙏❤️ Mary Howarth and Bill Hayes have been great additions to the group, and we are glad to have Mabel Ericson back singing with us again!

Many thanks to Robert Hunter for joining Rich Haukom a couple of weeks ago to sing "The Hem of His Garment" during worship, and for singing "The Lord is My Shepherd" with me this past Sunday! (You can hear both on the videos of our services on our website and Facebook page if you weren't able to be at church on those particular Sundays!) Robert is a college student who is home during the summer, so I hope there will be another chance for you to hear him. Robert and his mom have expressed the desire to join HOP when we next receive new members! Yea!

I've enjoyed working with and hearing Pastor Polk and Pastor Nees these last few weeks while Pastor Emmanuel has been on vacation, but I am happy to have Pastor E. back!

If you like to plan ahead, the Adult Choir will resume Sunday morning rehearsals the Sunday after Labor Day at 8:30 a.m. New singers are always welcome!

Lenae



Christian Education Committee *Kim Boyd, Chair*

Sunday School will be starting up again September 15th. We'll host an ICE CREAM SOCIAL on September 8<sup>th</sup> to welcome everyone back during coffee hour. (this is for the ALL the kids, even those kids at heart because, really, who doesn't like ice cream??) Enjoy your summer everyone, and see you back in the Fall!










*"Many hands make light work" – and many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Father Bill's!*



	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*

Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)  
Badger, Tim  
Dan Badger and Family  
Brett, Virginia (friend of Martha)  
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)  
Clancy Family (bereavement)  
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 (bereavement)  
Errichiello, David (Carla's brother)  
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)  
Gall Family (friends of Lenae)  
Galotti, Debbie (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)  
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)  
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)  
Grankewicz family (Lenae's friends)  
Hall, Gerda  
Hall family  
Hannigan, Mike (friend of Lisa and Rich Rege)  
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)  
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)  
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)  
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)  
Rogalski, Roberta (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Ruplenas Family (friends of Lenae)  
Rush, Jean (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Rylan, Austin (friend of Martha Willson)  
Rydin family  
Santacroce, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)  
Schooning, Sonia (friend of Martha)  
Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Silva, Jeffrey (grandson of Dorothy Flett)  
Sonie (friend of Martha Willson)  
Sullivan, Elisabeth (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Temperle  
Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)  
Walsh, Dennis (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Walter, Helmut (Stefanie Wegener's father)  
Watt, George & Lynda  
Weaver, Ryley (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Williamson, Ingrid (friend of HoP)

\*serving in the military



