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Tidings

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"Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

The above verse from the Book of Joshua has followed me throughout my life due to a memory of my grandparent's house in Puerto Rico. I remember as a kid when I would enter through their front door a small sign hanging on the left side of the entrance which reminded: "*Yo y mi casa serviremos al Señor*" (*As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord*). Without a doubt, this was a statement that was lived out in my grandparent's house. They passed on the faith, they lived the faith, their main motor of life was to serve Jesus Christ by serving others. This verse is a statement of commitment, of being covenanted to God in light of His abiding presence with His people. It stuck with me so deeply that I have also taken it to heart, wrapping my life and earthly commitments in awareness of what God has done for my family, of His love and mercy grounding how we lived and made decisions, and, of course, in how we reconciled and repented when we missed the mark.

As many commitments begin to take place in the Fall, like the beginning of the school year for many students, I have found it beneficial to think about how I make my life coherent in all its different facets. When I was a student, because of this essential God-relationship, I would try to dedicate my studies for the glory of God, if I was going to help somebody, it was to shine through with God's love for others, if I would play sports, that my excellence or my fun may bring greater glory to Him that made all these things possible. I think of this quote attributed to the Scottish runner Eric Liddell: "I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure".

That small message on my grandparent's entrance, provided me with a wealth of belonging, meaning, and gratitude; knowing the "why" of what I do with

Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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 September 15

Church Council Meeting
 Via Zoom September 19
 7 PM

September 22
 Father Bill's Lunches

September 24
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Tidings Deadline
 September 25

Film Screening: *Common Ground*
 September 29
 1 – 3 PM

Habitat for Humanity in Hawaii
 September 28 – October 6

Social Ministry Meeting
 October 20

my particular life, and creating a space that belongs to Christ, for myself and for others. A Christian, in this sense, is a human being that recognizes, honors, and gives thanks to the One who is the root of everything good. I invite all of us to rethink our commitments and talents in light of the life of Jesus, that we remember that we are not isolated islands, but rather a whole constellation of relationships that stem from God's initiative to love us and be with us. How different would our commitments as families and individuals be when they shine with the light of being rooted in the Lord?

-Pastor Emmanuel J. Correa Vázquez



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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	Jen Bullen

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to the Backpack Program – thanks to your generosity, 39 backpacks will be filled with food for those in need through the ELCA Good Gifts Program.,

A NOTE FROM CARLA: With a sad heart, I announce that I am stepping down from the position of President of House of Prayer. Due to a recent health scare, in addition to my chronic health concerns, it is necessary that I begin to take life at a slower pace. When I look back at all we have accomplished together as a congregation in the past few years, I am truly amazed! Looking ahead, there are still many souls to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ and His love for each and every one of us. I leave you in the capable hands of Pastor Emmanuel who will guide you to the next chapter for House of Prayer. God bless and keep you safe in His loving arms - **Carla**

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) or 781-492-3310.

Shepherding Committee

The committee met in July to review our monthly card ministry and bereavement card ministry lists, to update each other on the status of the members on the card lists and to plan a committee sponsored coffee hour in September. Next meeting TBD.

Mutual Ministry Committee

The committee met with Pastor Emmanuel in August to hear how things are going with him and to provide feedback and support as needed. Our next meeting is scheduled for the end of September.

IVY ACADEMY NEWS

Ivy Preschool officially opened their doors on Monday, September 9! The teachers and the directors have worked hard to make the school a welcoming place, and it shows in the smiles of the children! We wish them much success in their new venture!



Social Ministry *Cathy Martin, Chair*

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 2024

Pastor recently delivered seven prayer shawls made by HOP members to **Ascentria Ruth House**. This is an ongoing project, and they will always welcome these handmade contributions.

Harvest: For the month of September, the committee is requesting members to bring in any produce and/or flowers to church for a mini farmers market. All the proceeds will go to item(s) from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog in memory of Rae Hall.

Migrant Family Support: Pastor has been partnering with the Rehoboth in Norwell where there are 15 families residing. Most are from Haiti but one family is from Peru. This shelter is under the Friends of the Homeless.

Father Bill's Update: Ann continues to organize monthly bag lunches. We will also be doing another bagged lunch on September 22nd which will be assembled after church with members. Kathleen was able to get a \$250 Thrivent grant which we will use to buy the supplies needed for the assembly of the 75 to 100 lunches .Volunteers needed!

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. The team will do a temple talk on October 20th to recap their trip.

The local Habitat is going through a transition. Once they get a new volunteer coordinator, we can see how we can support their ongoing projects.

Wellspring: We are collecting back to school supplies for September. We plan to do the Dinner boxes for the Christmas holidays. The committee decided that we would give people the option to do partial boxes and we will have an intergenerational event after church with members to wrap the boxes and assemble them for pick up by Wellspring right before the holiday. This could also be tied in to Advent event to make wreaths for the season. Dates to be determined. Please drop any paper boxes you have at the office.

Cookbook: The committee discussed resurrecting the cookbook that was published years ago. We have the original materials from the original publication plus additional cookbooks from past years. We also plan to add additional recipes from the cookie walk and the Ukrainian event. If you have a recipe to share, please send to HYPERLINK "mailto:cathymartin19@verizon.net" cathymartin19@verizon.net

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>
September	House of Prayer Farmer's Market
September 22	Father Bill's Lunch Packing Event
September 28 - October 6	Habitat for Humanity in Hawaii
October 20	Habitat for Humanity Temple Talk Social Ministry Meeting
December	Wellspring Christmas Dinner Box and Advent Event

Next Social Ministry Meeting is October 20, 2024. Feel free to join us after church in the area outside the sanctuary. For any questions, contact Cathy Martin, 617-645-9636 or cathymartin19@verizon.net



**Lutherans
Restoring Creation**
Cultivating Hope & Healing for All

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 phebscongo@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

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Music Notes from Lenae

Happy "Almost Fall" -

Hope everyone's had a good summer. I wanted to thank all the folks who jumped in on a Pick-Up Choir or trio or Men's Ensemble or Women's Ensemble (or played guitar or flute or violin!) in the last couple of months! I appreciate you all! We had some new participants this year, so extra appreciation to them! It's not easy to volunteer for something you haven't done before!

And speaking of that, if you enjoy singing, this is my yearly invitation to consider joining the Adult Choir! (actually you don't have to be a legal adult yet! Pre-teens and teens are welcome too!) Please see below a list of many reasons for singing in a choir!

I thought I'd ask for some feedback re: the hymns we've been singing from our new hymnal, "All Creation Sings". Have you liked them? Did you find them easy to sing or difficult to sing? Were you able to think about the words you were singing, or did you have to focus on singing the correct notes? Often, I've had the choir introduce a hymn as an anthem 1st, then have made it a congregational hymn at some point later in the year when it's appropriate to use it again. Other times I've had the choir sing the 1st verse of a new hymn, and have the congregation join on the 2nd verse. I have to say, you folks in the pews seem to catch onto things very quickly! Sometimes you're a bit timid on the 1st verse of something new, but then on the next verse I can hear your voices grow considerably louder! It's awesome! Not all congregations are like that! Many of the hymns in ACS are brand new in that hymnal. Do you find some of these new texts particularly meaningful? challenging? moving? (a couple have made me shed some tears because they hit close to home!), maybe relevant to today's world? Please share with me your impressions if you think of it!

I don't know if you always pay attention to the texts of the hymns, but it is usually the case that it was chosen for its relevance/connection to one of the scripture lessons, or maybe to a general "theme" of a worship service. When Pastor (and previous pastors!) and I choose hymns, we usually read through the scripture lessons for the day, and sometimes one or two appropriate hymns will pop right into our heads. If that doesn't happen, we usually check our Sundays and Seasons planning books to see some of the hymns suggested there. (I do appreciate this resource, as often they will have hymns listed that we haven't sung yet at HOP and I'll think "Oh! I never noticed this particular hymn had a reference to.....", and now they have wonderful suggestions of hymns in ACS that help give us confidence to give them a try!) Sometimes we scratch our heads and can't really see a connection to any of the lessons and we think "I wonder why they selected these hymns for this particular Sunday?" But it's a process, and when you've been singing hymns as long as I have (pretty much my whole life

once I learned how to read!) often a refrain or a particular reference to something will be "in my memory banks" but I can't quite remember which hymn has that phrase or theme. Then I have to do some searching, and it can drive me crazy if I can't find the hymn I'm thinking of! (Sometimes Pastor Henry and I would both be able to hum a particular hymn tune, but couldn't think what text we knew it with! Usually it would eventually come to one of us though!)

The Topical Index in the back of the hymnals is particularly useful when choosing hymns, but I have also made many scribbled additions to those lists in my own personal hymnals when I realize a hymn could fit a particular category, story or festival Sunday. I scribble things in when I'll realize "Oh, this is a good "Unity" hymn, or a good "Healing" hymn, or mentions a shepherd, but isn't listed under those headings in the index. I've created many of my own topical headings when the hymnal doesn't seem to have that particular subject. I write them in to help me remember to look at those hymns as well as the ones listed in a particular section. When considering a communion hymn, I love it when we can find one that has a verse or part of a verse that ties it not only to communion, but also to something else that's mentioned in one of the readings. In the actual hymn section I have made MANY notations above the titles of hymns to remind me right away that this one is good for an Old Testament reading, or Creation, or mentions a specific story like maybe the Prodigal Son, or the healing of someone, or casting out a demon, or a theme of love or service to others or following Jesus. I also underline in the texts themselves those phrases that mention a specific story, event, or theme. Then when I'm looking for a hymn with some specifics, I don't have to read through the whole text -- I can spot just those words or phrases right away that might make that hymn a perfect fit for a particular Sunday! (Some hymns are "loaded" - I might write about 10 different themes or stories above the title!)

Of course another huge part of a hymn is the TUNE. Sometimes people enjoy a particular hymn because they feel the melody is lovely, or it reminds them of hymns they sang as a child growing up. Some tunes actually come from Classical pieces of music! (Like "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee -- tune by Beethoven!) Many are based on folk songs from many different countries. Did you know that every hymn tune also has a meter? At the bottom right under every hymn you'll see a bunch of numbers. These refer to how many syllables are in a line of the text. (So "Amazing Grace" would be 8686, for example.) I bet most people have never thought about how many syllables they're singing, but thankfully hymnal editors do! Sometimes if we like a particular text, but feel the tune is odd, or a bit tricky to sing, we'll look in the Metrical Index to see if there's another tune with the same meter that might fit that particular text better.

So I hope maybe you learned some things about hymns and hymn selection that you didn't know before!

Lenae

Twenty-Eight Reasons Why You Should Join the Choir!

1. To praise God in a joyful way
2. To have fellowship with other Christians
3. To discover or increase your musical talent
4. To become acquainted with other church members
5. To broaden your musical horizons
6. To have the satisfaction of completing a project
7. To experience the joy of performance
8. To find a creative outlet for your religious viewpoints
9. To explore new hymns
10. To work with others in an ensemble
11. To please your congregation (and your director!)
12. To get away from your kids
13. To learn the basics of music
14. To discover some of the greats in musical history and literature
15. To grasp a better understanding of local concert and performing groups
16. To renew and refresh your personal faith
17. To celebrate together
18. To sit next to someone you normally wouldn't on Sunday mornings
19. To increase your personal involvement in the worship service
20. To increase your benefits gained from the worship service
21. To enhance the worship service
22. To gain an appreciation for all types of music
23. To personally support the arts
24. To have the best music program we can possibly have here at HOP
25. To minister through your music to others
26. To learn to listen and blend with others (a useful skill in several areas of life!)
27. To have a weekly sing-a-long
28. To take an active rather than a passive role in your music program



Christian Education Committee *Kim Boyd, Chair*

Welcome back to Sunday School, friends!

Our first day of Sunday School classes will be on Sept 15th. As you know, our space has gone through some changes with the preschool sharing our rooms. Our Godly Playroom has been included in the shared space. Have no fear, we will still have room for everyone to meet! We have worked out an agreement with Ivy Preschool for our materials to be able to be moved in and out of the rooms for the weekends. Godly Play is for children ages 3-grade 2. Grades 3-5 will be gathering first in the fellowship hall, and then we can move our group to either the classroom next to the kitchen or be at the end of the hallway outside the fellowship hall. We'll move to where it's best based on how many kids we have joining us. Anyone in grades 6 and up can meet with Phoebe starting in the fellowship hall by the sofa/chairs.

Keep in mind that any holiday weekends (like the upcoming Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day weekend October 13) and BOTH ends of school vacation weeks there will be NO Sunday School. This gives our teachers a break, too!

Our confirmation program continues with some additions. Phoebe sent an email to the confirmation aged students asking what days/times might be best to gather once a month. Check your email and please respond to her with this information. Once we have the days and times that work for most, we will share that information with all of you, too. Here is a letter that Pastor shared with all the confirmation aged students:

To our new confirmands and their families,

As the new school year begins, we would also like to give a fresh start to our confirmation program at House of Prayer. Confirmation is a beautiful tradition in the church by which those baptized have an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and thus be empowered to make a public affirmation of their faith alongside the community of believers. It is my prayer that our new confirmation class may prove to be an enriching time together, learning more about God and all the big questions about what it means to be a Christian.



Traditional programs normally run on a 2 year schedule, and that is the commitment I'm expecting we all make in regards to our program. It will be divided into 4 semesters that run parallel to the school year. We will meet once a month for 1 hour sessions. I am completely

aware that schedules can be overbooked during the school year, which is why I sincerely ask that these sessions be considered a priority. We also encourage regular attendance at Sunday worship, alongside contributing to the workings of the community (examples: acolyting, ushering, coffee hour, music and worship, etc). We seek to be immersed in a way of life rooted in Jesus!

The program is focused on 4 main subjects per semester, based on the Collaborate Lutheran Confirmation curriculum: 1st Semester: Old Testament, 2nd Semester: New Testament, 3rd Semester: Lutheran History and Catechism, 4th Semester: Lutheran Living/Christian living. Aside from class sessions, I hope to include outings where we can visit sites of other religious traditions so we can expand our religious literacy, spiritual retreats, Confirmation Camp at Camp Calumet in New Hampshire, among other ideas. I pray this might be a fruitful time together, and we can't go on without your prayers. Pray that the Holy Spirit may open our hearts to faith, joy, and understanding!

Blessings, Pastor Emmanuel J. Correa Vázquez

As always, if you have any suggestions for our Sunday School program or wish to help out, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Kim at kimboyd61@hotmail.com. All thoughts and comments are welcome. This program can't be successful without your support!

	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
Badger Dan 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)
Dixon Family
Ericson, Family (bereavement)
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 Willson)
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)
Hall, Gerda
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 Willson)
Knight, Patty (friend of Linda Vassallo)
Lacy, Rob
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)
LaRue, Marge and Family (friend of Dana Abbott)
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)
Lees, Jeanette (sister of Millie Hill)
Lundin, Kurt
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 (friends of Lenae)
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 Willson)
Sullivan, Elisabeth (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Tarby, Mrs. (friend of Martha Willson)
Temperly Family (bereavement)
Toomey, Patricia (sister of Bill Hayes)
Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)
Toughill, Nancy
Vita, Melana (friend of Martha Willson)
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