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Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of
 House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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“We must come to see how exciting an adventure is entailed by God’s offer of peace. But even more than seeing, we come to experience that peace in ourselves and with our friends here and now because we have the assurance that God has made His peace a present reality through His spirit. We can thus take the time to build, as H. Richard Niebuhr suggests, those cells within each nation that unite in a higher loyalty than nation or class—that are in fact God’s international.” – Stanley Hauerwas, The Peaceable Kingdom

We are in the preamble of a tough month that will be marked by all kinds of divisive political discourses, and thus, as a community of faith we must be prepared to face the temptations and trials that come from such a time. There will be many discourses out there that will seek to dehumanize our neighbors, to malign the poor, and to incite violence against those who disagree with any particular idea. But as a church, Jesus Christ has called us to be the difference. The church must stand as the sign of the open table, where true charity, peace and gentleness is enacted in our very life. This does not entail perfection in the doing of our highest aspirations however. It simply proclaims that Jesus gathers together and reconciles people across all kinds of differences, and molds us into a people that reflects Jesus’ love and mercy rather than anything else.

The theologian Stanley Hauerwas is correct in his assessment that we should embrace wholeheartedly as true the offer of God’s abiding peace in our midst, so much that we become what we receive from Him. In becoming peaceful, by being faithful to the story that God has weaved as our identity, we can make a difference in our communities because we become God’s loving alternative to the world’s schemes and solutions. We are built up by God, as Hauerwas says, “as cells within the nation” that go beyond traditional allegiances, we go beyond ingrained prejudices and exclusionary customs. We embody Jesus Christ instead. We love in a way that is remarkably different, we convene around a table that is set for the reconciliation, forgiveness, and salvation of all. The love and mercy of these gatherings, the consequences of our sacramental acts and prayers, are evident in our rejection of the world’s follies: we refuse to be violent, unwelcoming, unmerciful and callous. We take the bad stuff and make goodness out of it, we are mining for a love deeper than the oceans.

Thus, we are faithful to a God that is not consonant with the interests of the United States of America, nor any other powerful influence. We are faithful to God alone who loves all human beings, who sees no borders or walls, and it is Him we honor with our

Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Dates to Note

Confirmation Meeting

October 4
 6:30-9:30 PM

Blessing of the Animals

October 5
 1:00 PM

Church Council Meeting

Via Zoom October 17
 7:00 PM

Habitat for Humanity in Hawaii

September 28 – October 6

Social Ministry Meeting

October 20

Women of ELCA

October 24 - 26

Tidings Deadline

October 25

Stewardship Campaign

November 3

way of life. So let us be mindful in the weeks ahead, that we are the difference, that God has called us to be beacons of light, rejecting hatred, violence and division.

Trust in God, love your neighbor, be merciful and gentle. May God in Jesus Christ lead us through the path ahead.

-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

Bulletin Announcements

Wednesday Prayers – In these times of uncertainty, especially with the upcoming elections that promise to divide people, God calls us to gather together in prayer and nurture ourselves with the faith that brings peace. On Wednesday evenings at 7pm we will gather **online** to ask for God's healing and reconciling presence amidst the needs of our communities. A Zoom link will be emailed Wednesday mornings.

Odd Jobs Team – Our newly formed team is off and running. Bill Hayes and Ron Lundin hauled out the giant ladder and closed the Fellowship Hall windows for the season. Sue Bose kindly offered to maintain the eternal candle in the Sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent for an occasional odd job to help maintain our beautiful building, please contact the office. Thank you to all who signed up and to Bill, Ron and Sue!

Ways to Give to House of Prayer

House of Prayer is a generous community of Christ. Here are some different ways to give to support our ministry.

Automated Check Contributions - contact Dana Abbott, drsabbott@verizon.net, to easily set up a regular bank transfer

Online - you can easily set up regular or one-time contributions by credit card using this [link](#) or by going to the donation page on our website: houseofprayerhingham.org

Thrivent Choice - Thrivent members have the option of designating House of Prayer as the recipient of their "Thrivent Choice" dollars - a program in which Thrivent contributes to charitable organizations

Helpsy Bin - when you contribute used clothing to the Helpsy Bin in the parking lot, House of Prayer receives a monetary contribution based on the weight of goods in the bin.

Thank you for all you do for House of Prayer.

Habitat for Humanity Trip to Kauai! – we wish Kim Boyd, Ed, and Nancy Martin a successful build with Habitat in Hawaii. We look forward to their safe return, and to hearing all about their experiences.

IVY ACADEMY NEWS

Ivy Academy is settling in nicely in their new home. Hard to believe it has been a month already! The feedback from families is positive and supportive – and the kids seem quite happy in their new school!

From directors Robin Dellot and Kristen Frey:

“ We are so grateful that House of Prayer has given us the opportunity to provide a warm, welcoming space for the young children of our community.”



Social Ministry *Cathy Martin, Chair*

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 2024

Good Gifts: Social Ministry promoted backpacks through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Through the generosity of our church family, we were able to sponsor 39 backpacks! We appreciate everyone's participation in this program.

Harvest: Our farmers market was a success despite a less-than-favorable growing season. We raised over \$50 that will be used to purchase seeds and gardening tools. All the proceeds will go to item(s) from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog in memory of Rae Hall.

Ascentria Migrant Family has a Home! Thanks to everyone who responded to Ascentria's request for support for their migrant family placement program. House of Prayer contributed \$2,000 in total, so "Mary" and her family will be finding a new apartment shortly. Contributions are still welcome - please make your check payable to Ascentria with URM Support in the subject line.

Father Bill's Update: Ann continues to organize monthly bag lunches. We packed 120 ham and cheese sandwiches on September 22! Thank you to everyone who helped with the project. Many hands made the project go very quickly. All the sandwiches and accompanying snacks were supplied by a grant from Thrivent.

Wellspring: We plan to do the Dinner boxes for the Christmas holidays. Members are invited to provide a box with all the food items but if that is too much we'll be doing 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 into Advent event to make wreaths for the season. This is planned for early December.

Please start collecting copy paper boxes. These are the boxes with lids make it easier to stack at Wellspring. Please put over the cabinets on the way to the offices.

Cookbook: We have the original materials from the original cookbook 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 cathymartin19@verizon.net.

Summary of Activities:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>
October 20 th	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



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 (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/>

Stay tuned for details about an encore presentation of *Common Ground* which will be open to both our church members and members of our community!



Music Notes from Lenae

What a joy to have 13 singers in the choir on September 22nd! My husband, Tim was able to sing with us for the first time in a very long time and provided welcome support for Rich Haukom, who is often the only bass!

We were excited to be able to sing “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” a cappella with such a full group!

I thought I'd start putting in the Tidings stories of some of our well-known hymns. Since we just sang it for “St. Michael and All Angels” Sunday, I chose “**Jesus Shall Reign**”, text by Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, for this month (and because there's a connection to the Olympics, which many of us were probably watching this summer!)

Englishman Isaac Watts (1674-1738) was one of the most prolific of the writers of hymns. 600+ hymns, many of which are still being sung three centuries later (!), are attributed to him and earned him the title the “Father of English Hymnody.” You will probably recognize these titles that we sing during the appropriate seasons at HOP: “Joy to the World”, “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, and “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

At about the age of 42, Isaac Watts undertook a huge project - - adapting the Book of Psalms for Christian worship! “The Psalmes of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament” was published in 1719. “Jesus Shall Reign” is his adaption of Psalm 72 and has been called the first “missions hymn.” This hymn played a small role in the life of Eric Liddell, Scottish Olympic hero of the 1924 games in Paris (exactly 100 years ago!), who became a missionary to China. The people of Scotland were heartbroken that Eric was leaving them, and a huge crowd gathered at the train station on the day of his departure. Eric spoke to the crowd, telling them he was “going abroad to endeavor to do his part in trying to unify the countries of the world under Christ.” He shouted “Let our motto be “Christ for the World, for the World Needs Christ,” (a good motto even for today!) and then led them in two verses of Watts' famous hymn, “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun.”

[Information from “Then Sings My Soul: 250 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories” by Robert J. Morgan. © 2003, published by Thomas Nelson, Inc.]



Christian Education Committee *Kim Boyd, Chair*

Welcome back to Sunday School! We started off the year with a bang. Our Ice Cream Social was a huge success! Hope you enjoyed all the yummy treats. We also made brownies to be served at the Habitat for Humanity build that was happening in Cohasset later that week.



This month we'll be starting a new confirmation program curriculum with Pastor. Once a month (the first Friday of each month), youth grades 8-10 will be gathering here at HOP from 6:30-9:30 pm. There is a different theme/topic each month to prepare the students for their confirmation. This month, they'll be meeting on Oct 4th and talking about the history of the Bible and the Biblical Cannon. Bring a drink with you. The next gathering will be November 1st, topic to come. It is expected that all students attend.


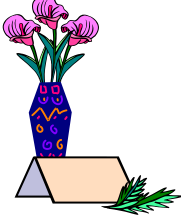
As a reminder, there will be NO Sunday School over long weekends. That means there will be NO Sunday School on October 14th. Enjoy the long weekend by just participating in the church service!

Coming up, we'll be helping to fill and wrap Christmas dinner boxes for Wellspring as an Advent event. There will be a sign-up sheet as we get closer to that time. We expect to do this (and make Advent wreaths) Dec 8th after church. We need copy paper boxes with their lids. Be on the lookout from your workplace and bring them in as you get them.

As always, if you have any suggestions or thoughts about the program, I'd love the feedback. Feel free to reach out to me at kimboyd61@hotmail.com.

Happy October and see you in Sunday School!

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
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		

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
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

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)
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)
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)
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)
Santacroce, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)
Schooning, Sonia (friend of Martha Willson)
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)
Mrs. Tarby (friend of Martha Willson)
Temperley Family
Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)
Nancy Toughill
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 Family

*serving in the military