

## QUESTION??

Very often we are asked why something (or someone) was not included in the bulletin or newsletter. Almost always, the reason someone is omitted from the prayer list or one of our members was not congratulated is because the church office was not notified. It is very important that you let us know if you, or someone in your family, has an announcement or should be included in the prayer list.

Submissions can be made by calling the church office 523-4315, email [htlc@up.net](mailto:htlc@up.net) or stop by the church office Monday – Thursday 10:00-2:00.

The bulletin is usually run off on Thursday, so information for the bulletin needs to be into the church office by Wednesday.

Please check to make sure people would like to be included in the bulletin before notifying the church office.



## Fall Clean-up

HTLC's Building and Property Committee is holding a Fall Clean-up  
Saturday, October 13, 2012  
10:00 am-2:00 pm

They will be cleaning up around the church and church property and also some work over at the parsonage. Please plan to attend!



## "Family Movie Night" Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Whale cookies and whale crackers will be provided. Please bring a dish or snack to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please contact Cheri Laux 523-9027 if you have any questions. Remember to bring a blanket and a pillow to watch the movie in comfort!



In small town Alaska, a news reporter recruits his ex-girlfriend - a Greenpeace volunteer - on a campaign to save a family of gray whales trapped by rapidly forming ice in the Arctic Circle.

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Please Call

Are you sick? Are you hospitalized? Are you housebound? Are you in need of Pastoral Guidance? We appreciate your call to let us know that you or a loved one may be in one of the above situations. Don't hesitate and don't assume that someone else has already told us. Someone could unintentionally be neglected.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	USHERS	LECTORS	HC ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES
<b>Sunday, October 7:</b>	Paulette Archambeau and Alia Palosaari	Cindy Cowell	Mary Pekkala	Nila and McKenzie Coponen
<b>Sunday, October 14:</b>	Mary Pekkola Roberta Noetzel	Marvyl Wilson	Brent Peterson	Nila and Dallace Coponen
<b>Sunday, October 21:</b>	Jack and Sandi Engel	Sandi Engel	Carole Simila	Alia Palosaari
<b>Sunday, October 28:</b>	Heather and Emily Cote	Carrie Lystila	Jim Vollmar	Nila and McKenzie Coponen

## COFFEE SERVERS

<b>Sunday, October 7:</b>	Betty and George Urho
<b>Sunday, October 14:</b>	Judy Karvakko, Patti Kananen, Gina Healy
<b>Sunday, October 21:</b>	Lil Hall, Anita Walikainen, Betty Kalliainen
<b>Sunday, October 28:</b>	Steph and Bob Franke, Judy Rupley and Al Verenius

## ALTAR CARE

<b>October:</b>	Ann Soumis
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## Sunday School Teachers

<b>Pre-school</b>	Brenda Laux
<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Kurt and Holly O'Clair
<b>Cooking</b>	Sarah Sohlden
<b>Storytelling</b>	Judy Rupley and Alden Virenius

**All children in pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend HTLC's Sunday School program.**

# FORGIVENESS

Kristiina Vanhala

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned the death of my Uncle Ronald. Some of you remember. My uncle was an alcoholic who found his way to sobriety. He became friends with Pastor Otto Sotnak and became an active member of the church attending every Sunday. He'd sit in the back pew with my grandma and his 2 granddaughters. He was a humorous man – kind of goofy. The organ was positioned differently in those days, and the girls would knock on the window and wave at me when I was playing. When I told Ronald about this, he started to do it as well. He was a BIG help! Yup – that was Ronald! Always the clown. He used many phrases such as, "Live and let live", "Let go and let God", . . . He was an active leader in the AA program and quite frankly I never understood all those slogans. It was in his death that I really got to know him. You see, he would help anyone seeking sobriety. That was his mission in life. I had a cousin living in Arizona (Ronald's nephew), who was trying to clean up and needed a place to go. He had hit the end of the line. Ron agreed to take him in under one condition: no drugs/no alcohol! And to think - my cousin Jason was the first baby I held. I must have been about 10 years old. I sat in the rocking chair in Grandma's kitchen surrounded by family, and he was placed gently in my arms. I felt so grown up! I was holding a baby! None of us could have known that this innocent infant would someday bring our family tremendous pain.

At 6:00 a.m. on May 6, 1995, my cousin got off the bus in front of the post office. At 7:00 p.m. that evening, I got the call from my mother informing me that Jason had shot and killed Ronald. I remember every detail of that awful day. That moment changed me forever. In the days, weeks, and months that followed I witnessed my loved ones in agonizing pain. I saw our family divided. We had a murderer and a murder victim within one family. And to make matters worse, our story was on the news and the front page of the paper. It was all out there in the open for everyone to hear and read about! I was lost and didn't know what to do for myself or those around me. It was like a black hole: we all needed so much and none of us had anything to give. I came to a place where I knew I had to learn how to cope or die. It would not have been a physical death but certainly an emotional and spiritual one. I was in darkness and could not find my way out. Because of my mother, I knew that my Christian faith was the answer. Hence began a long and challenging journey. With much spiritual guidance and a lot of work, I healed. While it was the most painful experience of my life and nothing can ever make up for the suffering of my family - learning, growing, and changing from it have brought many miracles into my life. Ironically, I began to understand my uncle. I began to understand what he meant when he said, "Let go and let God".

The most important lesson I learned was forgiveness. Up until that point, I thought forgiveness meant you pretend "it" didn't happen and you go back to how it was. But this was way too big for that. I had to ask: What does it mean to forgive? I learned forgiveness means I don't harbor ill will toward the other person. (It also means I have to forgive myself for my mistakes and accept God's grace.) I had to let go of my anger toward my cousin to move forward. It took a long time. I finally came to a place where I could say, "I wish him well." However, it does NOT mean he should not be held accountable or that I have to invite him back into my life. I can think about him now without hatred in my heart or a desire to cause him pain. Now when I need to forgive, I ask God to help me be willing to forgive. Then, I ask God to help me be willing to pray for the person I need to forgive. Next, I remember Ted's advice: pray with a clenched fist. Eventually, I can pray and mean it. (Repeat, repeat, repeat as needed.) Is it easy?

NO! Does it take time? YES! Is it possible? Yes, yes, yes. Aha!!! Now I get it! My uncle would be pleased.

## REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE



### In Our Prayers

Arneson, Mary  
Aittama, Lucy  
Baker, Marge  
Bakkila, Cookie  
Behm, Addie  
Behm, Zachary  
Belkanen, Jean  
Bergh, Fred  
Besonen, Mary  
Britz, Roy  
Camel, Paula  
Ecke, Barbara  
Ecke, Marie  
Edwards, Isabelle  
Fillmore, Jim  
Ford, Jonathon  
Gemignani, Rose  
Gilbertson, Curt  
Hainault, Ethan  
Johnson, Jayna  
Kalliainen, David  
Kananen, Patti  
Kautto, Gladys  
Lanala, Katie Ann  
Luusua, Bertha  
Manninen, Wesle  
McKenna, Tim  
Miller, Chris  
Monroe, Patti  
Monroe, Virginia  
Roberts, Amy  
Ronan, Grace  
Sanregret, John  
Sauvola, Eleanor  
Schwenk, Don  
Sohlden, Jolene  
Siller, Janelle  
Slade, Chris  
Szyszkoski, Judy  
Tormala, Mary  
VanKleeck, Todd  
VanTassel, Angie  
Vollmar, Jim, Jr  
Wiles, Sue

Julia Hongisto  
**Houghton Cty Medical Care**  
1100 West Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday: November 7

Patrice Juopperi  
PO Box 194  
South Range, MI 49963  
Birthday – March 21

Elvie Kangas  
**Bayside Village - #103-1**  
832 Sicotee  
L'anse, MI 49946  
Birthday – December 23

Gisela (Gigi) Kangas  
**Shulstad Leisure Living**  
PO Box 84  
Baraga, MI 49908  
Birthday: July 30



Happy Birthday  
Margaret Martin  
October 1

Ruth Lehto  
**Claremonth Living & Rehab**  
150 N Weiland Rd #118 – 2  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Birthday – April 18

Margaret Martin  
**PortagePointe**  
520 Campus Drive  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday – October 1

Florence Naumes  
c/o Kathy Vertanen  
4487 Green Glen Drive  
Youngtown, OH 44511  
Birthday – March 12

Alice Norberg  
**Heritage Manor #301**  
401 E. Montezuma Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Birthday: March 6

Mabel Shandley  
The Bluffs  
1000 Bluff View Drive  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Birthday: August 29

Edna Thompson Rm 5A  
**Cloverleaf Health Care**  
275 N San Jacinto Street  
Hemet, CA 92543  
Birthday – January 9

Betty Wolff  
**PortagePointe**  
520 Campus Drive  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday – September 5

**If you would like someone added to the Prayer list prayer cards are available in the office.**

**You can also fill out the blue card that is in the pews and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate.**

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**If you know of someone that should be on or taken off the Prayer List please let the office know. Thank you ☺**

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**Sgt. McKinley Anderson**  
245 Lee Road 2056  
Salem, AL 36874  
Birthday: February 23

**Lt. Gazvoda Rudy**  
322 Chandler Street  
SW Washington DC 20032  
Birthday: March 3  
Son of Ludd and Carol  
Gazvoda

**PVT Devin G. Holombo RN #233**  
D Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 58<sup>th</sup>  
198<sup>th</sup> INF BRI  
5550 Leonard Dr.  
Fort Benning, GA 31905-4768  
Grandson of Paulette  
Archambuea

**Sgt Jaakkola, Travis W**  
1/2 WPNS CO DET B  
UNIT 73063  
FPO AE 09502-3063  
Birthday: December 21  
Son of Wayne and the late  
Florence Jaakkola

**SSG Melinda S. Knight**  
PSC 3 Box 366  
APO AP 96266  
Birthday: October 4

**Katie L. Maynard**  
18 Natchez Lane  
Fredericks, VA 22406  
Birthday: July 10  
Niece of Dennis Kotila and  
Gayle Lampinen

**TSGT Justin Perfetti**  
HHC 173 ABCT  
AOB SHANK  
APO AE 09364  
Birthday: March 2

**Pvt, Velmer, Matthew**  
2/69 AR  
6590 Luzon Street Box 2244  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905  
Birthday: March 25

**HN Winsor, Erik**  
1<sup>st</sup> LAR BN Echo Co  
1<sup>st</sup> PLT Unit 41244  
FPO 96427-1244  
Birthday: July 12  
Son of Ron & Joyce Winsor



### Happy Birthday

Melinda Knight  
October 4



**Save the Dates!!**  
**2012/2013 Partnership Events**  
 Northern Great Lakes Synod &  
 Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

**Junior High Youth Gathering!**

A big **event for Junior High students**

Music, speakers, Bible study, worship, service, fun and adventure all at Fortune lake Lutheran Camp!

Fri., October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
 through Sat., October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Don't miss this fun-tastic event!**

**High School Youth Gathering!**

You don't have to travel hundreds of miles from home for your students to have a great experience. This BIG event for high school students will feature special music, speakers, fun, Bible study, service and adventure-all at Fortune Lake Bible Camp!

Fri., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
 through Sun., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Upper Elementary Event**

An **event for students in grades 4-6**

An "introduction to camp" weekend that will include games, Bible study, songs, exciting camp activities and lots of fun!

Fri., March 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
 through Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.



HTLC will be collecting items for the Omega House through the month of October.

There is a box in the narthex to put your items. Please see the Omega House's "Wish List" to see what items they are in need of.

Thank you ☺



**Omega House  
 Wish List**








8" – 10" and 12" skillets  
 Dish cloths, Dish towels  
 Dish sponges  
 Napkins  
 Stamps  
 Coffee creamer  
 Gift cards to local stores  
 Spray carpet cleaner  
 Clear packing tape  
 Black sharpie – marking pens  
 Paring knives  
 Flexible drinking straws  
 Small white waste basket  
 Energy saving light bulbs  
 Spray room deodorizer  
 Lysol no touch hand soap refills  
 Feather duster, Swifter duster  
 Bath towels, Hand towels



**November 4<sup>th</sup> is All Saints' Sunday**

Please notify the office by October 25<sup>th</sup> of any loved ones that have passed away since last year's All Saint's Sunday. We will be listing those that have passed in the bulletin and having a candle lighting ceremony on all Saints' Sunday.



~ October 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	<b>2</b> 9:00 Quilting 	<b>3</b> 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	<b>4</b> Noon OA 5:30 F.P.U.	<b>5</b> Jr. High to F.L. 6:30 pm 	<b>6</b> Jr. High Home 3:00 pm 
<b>7</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 8:00 pm AA	<b>8</b> 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	<b>9</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:30 Building and Property Committee Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	<b>11</b> Noon OA 5:30 F.P.U.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 8:00 pm AA	<b>15</b> 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	<b>16</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Council Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30 Bootcamp w/ Angelea	<b>18</b> Noon OA 5:30 F.P.U.	<b>19</b> 6:30 Family Movie Night 	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 8:00 pm AA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Noon OA 5:30 F.P.U.	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> Remember to bring in your Omega House items.
<b>28</b> 10:00 Family Worship  7:00 pm AA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>31</b> 	<b>Notes:</b>		

Logan Miller 10/01  
 Walter Mytty 10/01  
 Glenda Britz 10/02  
 Wesley Huhta 10/03  
 Mollie Trewartha 10/03  
 Megan Kinnunen 10/04  
 Douglas Mechlin 10/04  
 Whitney Walitalo 10/05  
 JeriAnn Lanala-Tervo 10/06  
 Emily Cote 10/07  
 Jason Julien 10/07  
 Maggie Justinak 10/07  
 Marilyn Manninen 10/08  
 J.P. Britz 10/10  
 Alana Jorgenson 10/10  
 Annika Laux 10/10  
 Emily Hermanson 10/11  
 Robert Laux 10/11  
 Brendan Williamson 10/11  
 Heidi Kaarto 10/12  
 Suzanne Keranen 10/12



Birthday!

John Lassila 10/12  
 Teresa Hermanson 10/13  
 Kay Seppala 10/13  
 Jeffrey Finni 10/14  
 Lynn Justinak 10/14  
 Linda Kantola 10/14  
 Betsy Walikainen 10/15  
 Dax Durocher 10/18  
 Dennis Karvakko 10/18  
 Rylee Maki 10/20  
 Trent Lawrence 10/21  
 Nathaniel Maki 10/21  
 Christian Miller 10/22  
 Jesse Walitalo 10/23  
 Mark Roth 10/24  
 Jeffrey Allen 10/25  
 Carrie Tapani 10/25  
 Lucas Walitalo Jr. 10/25  
 James Rivard 10/26  
 James Baker 10/27  
 David Lane 10/28  
 Nancy Lassila 10/31  
 Gladys Tapio 10/31

## From HTLC Council

- The Building and Property Committee will be holding a “Fall Clean-Up” on October 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This will include the parsonage in preparation for Pastor Fluegel’s arrival, taking down the rain gutters, tree cleanup by bell tower, replacing filters etc. The Building and Property Committee will set up a separate date for floor cleanup on fellowship hall floor. They will ask for volunteers for that job.
- Jim and Sue Vollmar have donated a gas hot water heater for the parsonage. Received a quote from Aire Care to install for about \$400. Natural gas will have to be run to the site for the hot water heater.
- A door will be installed between fellowship hall and the sanctuary hopefully before the October Sunday School rotation begins.
- HTLC Council accepted the compensation package as prepared by Bishop Skrenes, Pastor Fluegel and D. Young on behalf of HTLC. Letter of Intention Interim Commitment should be ready for signatures by Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Time Line - Pastor Fluegel is planning on preaching the last Sunday in October and beginning his HTLC service at that time.
- Formation of Task Force – Marvy Wilson will be the representative from the council and the council authorized D. Young to contact the members whose names were recommended to see if they would be interested in fulfilling the responsibility to work with Pastor Chuck on the 5-6 member Task Force.
- Pastor Langseth feels the church flag should be the highest flown flag due to the commandments (you should have no other Gods before me) and the first amendment. Veterans feel the American flag should be first- Bill explained this to Pastor Langseth but continues to state his stance. It was decided to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> flag down and just fly the American flag with the possibility of purchasing a new flag pole in the Spring for the Christian flag.
- Positive feedback from congregational members about the changes to the service. The Ushers are going to start guiding and directing the traffic during communion.

### **Total Contributions for August 2012**

\$11,307.17 Budgeted amount for each month

\$10,487.85 Total Contributions for August

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\$ 1,047.16 Total Directed Contributions for August

\$ 9,440.69 Available for General Fund Checking

\$ 1,866.48 **Under** budget