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Growing to and for Christ!

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

I pray you and your family had a wonderful, restful, and rejuvenating Easter! As Christians, it's the day. It's not just a day. It's not just another holiday. It's not just another reason to get together with our loved ones to stuff our faces with delicious food. It's *the* day. It's *the* day we rejoice that the tomb is empty and Christ has arisen. It's *the* day where we find hope. Hope that sin, darkness and death are no longer our end. Instead, forgiveness, light and life are what we receive and what awaits us now and

forever more.

As we enter into the season of Easter, we rise to the new life Jesus has given to ALL of us. Every day we live into the promise and message of Easter. We die to our old self and rise to the new ways God is calling us to be and live. We remember that we worship a Living God and that we, as His beloved children, are Resurrection people. Christian living is the cycle of dying and rising. And I find no better example of this than the four seasons.

Once in a while, I will complain about the weather and wish we lived somewhere warmer. Yet, having grown up in the Midwest, I would have it no other way. I have lived in Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. The Midwest calls to me and it's because I love the changing of the seasons. I love summer and all the kids playing in the neighborhood. I love fall and the changing of the leaves. I love winter and the snow. OK, I must admit I don't like snow as much as Evelyn; however, I do like some snow. And I love the season we currently are in: spring. When the grass is regaining its' color. When trees and plants are budding and growing again. And spring is actually a beautiful portrayal of Christian life. Of the cycle of how we, as disciples, are always dying and rising.

As individuals and as a faith community, the two questions we are constantly asking ourselves are: What do we need to die to? And what new thing is Jesus calling us to rise to?

What thing, idea or person are you giving too much power to and holding onto? Whatever that is, let it go. Give it to Jesus. We can't rise to the new life Jesus grants until we let go of that thing, person or idea that is dragging us down. Jesus didn't die and rise so we would live burdened, beaten down, and broken. He died for you and for me. He rose for you and for me. He did that so we would be free. So we could live life joyfully and abundantly! So we wouldn't be powerless or captive to death. It is finished. Thanks to Jesus, our place in Heaven is secure. Death has been defeated. Upon knowing that truth, we focus on bringing love, justice and mercy NOW. We live in the present helping others, like us, rise out of their tombs and live into the new life we receive in Jesus!

This month, rejoice! Shine your true colors and light into the world! Proclaim the good news that Christ has risen! Embody the love of God that continues to shower down on us, on you, and on all God's people!

God bless you and all you do in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus!

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

Jail Ministry Benefit Concert

Fresh Start Jail Ministries Fun “d” Raiser—
Rebuilding Neighborhoods—One Family at a Time!

WHEN: Thursday, May 4;
Social: 6:15-7:00 pm;
Program/concert 7:00-8:30 pm

WHERE: Cedar Hills Community Church,
6455 E. Ave NW

Fresh Start Jail Ministries mission: To offer spiritual support to all people of all faiths within Linn County’s Correctional System and lend support and guidance to their family and friends.

This event will have as its headliner the internationally acclaimed and local musical family White Ribbon Day and will feature music from local churches of several denominations as well as testimonials by two inmates who have been a part of this ministry.

This ministry needs financial support, prayer support, and volunteer support. If you are unable to join us May 4, donations may be sent to Fresh Start Jail Ministries, PO Box 1322, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52406-1322

4th Sunday Offering



The Fourth Sunday Offering in May will be donated to Relay for Life.

Donations are used to fund life-saving cancer research, patient support programs, prevention information and education, and detection and treatment programs.

Habitat for Humanity

This year, the home to be built with local church volunteers is called “Faith Build” (traditionally known as “Thrivent Build”). **Our hope (and prayer) is for HRLC to provide a team of 18 volunteers on Saturday, June 24. Please watch for additional details to be announced.**

www.cvhabitat.org

Sunday Greeters

Be a welcoming smile! Please volunteer to be a front door greeter on Sunday mornings.

Now that Spring is here, you might even “catch a few rays” while serving! A greeters’ sign-up sheet is on the table under the TV in the lobby. You can select the date(s) you wish to serve. Questions? Contact Outreach co-chairs, Judy Toy, 378-0867, judytoy62@gmail.com or Jan Overland, 329-6979 or jeoverland@gmail.com

God’s Work. Our Hands T-Shirts

Beginning in June, members will once again have the opportunity to purchase a “God’s work. Our hands.” T-shirt. Wearing these T-shirts during community outreach is a wonderful way to announce that we are God’s children serving our world.



Please watch for details and order forms to be posted in the narthex.

Friendly Reminders from Outreach

Holy Redeemer continues to collect and donate non-perishable food items for the Linn Community Food Bank.

In addition, we continue to donate travel-size personal care items to the Madge Phillips Center-Waypoint. Madge Phillips Center-Waypoint offers emergency shelter for women and children. Donation tubs are located on the floor under the large bulletin board in the church lobby. Thank you!

Mission of Hope Meal

The congregation will be serving the May 18 Mission of Hope meal.

Please see the signup sheet if you would like to volunteer to prepare the meal, transport the food, serve the meal or donate food.

Adult News

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.**

In May, the *Gather* magazine takes a break from 3-4 session Bible studies and is using a devotional entitled *You Are Not Alone* – reflections from 10 diverse women.

(Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.) All are welcome to join us!!

Thanks, Laura, for leading and Diane, for making the copies. All are welcome to join us!!

Craft Day



The women will meet for Craft Day two days in May. Join us on Wednesday, May 10, and Wednesday, April 24, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!

WIGs (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on Thursday, May 11 at **9:30 a.m., at the church. Dianne Torrey is the hostess.**

The book for this month is *Shell Games** by **Jeffrey S. Copeland**. It isn't necessary to have read the book - come join us for the lively discussion.

[*Watch the bulletin board for a Book Group/Senior Saints trip to Muscatine to the History & Industry Museum (which provides the background for this book) sometime this summer.]

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 23, **9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.**

Come, join the women for sewing day – you can cut squares or tie or iron fabric if you don't wish to sew. Quilts were given to Grateful Grannies and to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks, women!!!



Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, May 25,**

11:30 a.m.

Olive Garden

on Collins Road NE

Please sign up on the bulletin board so reservations can be made.

Senior Saints Library & Museum Trip

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

Tour of the Grand Lodge of Iowa (Masonic Library and Museum), 813 First Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids

The Iowa Masonic Library is reputed to be the largest in the world, and is at least one of the top five, with over 150,000 volumes. Both *Masonic and general books are included in the collections and the Library contains artifacts from the 1600's*. The Library and Museum is listed as top 75 things to do in Cedar Rapids.

The Masons would love to give us a free tour! Please note this is a tour where the docent takes his/her subject seriously. The tour is two hours in length and the building is handicap accessible. There are areas to rest throughout the tour.

Free parking is available on First Avenue in front of the library/museum or behind the building. Free-will offerings are welcome, but optional. Weekend tours are not available.

RSVP's required. 20 attendee limit. **Event signup sheet posted on main bulletin board in church lobby.** It's not too late to sign up.

Questions or Need a Ride? Contact Jan Overland, 329-6979, jeoverland@gmail.com or Judy Toy, 378-0867, judytoy62@gmail.com

For more information:

<http://www.corridorbusiness.com/news/inside-the-iowa-masonic-library-and-museum/>

General and Building Fund Income Statement

March 2017 Summary

	Mar. 2017	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
General Income	\$13,465	\$42,883	\$47,477
General Expenses	\$13,404	\$40,915	\$41,239
Building Income	\$2,878	\$9,649	\$10,782
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$10,218	\$10,218
Income vs Expenses	(\$467)	\$1,399	\$6,802
Total Budget	\$18,265	\$54,795	\$53,565
Income vs. Budget	(\$1,922)	(\$2,263)	\$4,694

- For March, our total General and Building Funds income was \$1,922 below our monthly income budgeted. YTD is \$2,263 below budget.
- For March, our total General and Building Funds income was \$467 less than expenses. YTD our income is \$1,399 more than expenses.
- \$61 was moved from General Fund to Contingency Fund at the end of March. The balance of our Contingency Fund is \$47,002.
- Food Bank Offering was \$194.
- 4th Sunday Offering for Feed Iowa First was \$255.

Spring Clean-up Day - May 6

You are all invited to attend the annual spring clean-up day, Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.

All ages are welcome and this involves work both inside and outside the church building and grounds. Activities can range anywhere from picking up twigs and trash around the grounds, placing new mulch around the trees, washing windows, etc. Please bring your own gloves, garden and cleaning supplies. Let's work together and make this a fun day!

Line Dancing Class May 18

The Fellowship Committee has started up a monthly line dance get together at Wild Hogs in Walford the third Thursday of each month.

Stephanie Lange is teaching the beginning steps of line dancing. We will continue the classes and fun on May 18.

It is open to all – from children to adults.

The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. and you can stay as long as you want.

Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Senior Saints Coloring Group at Scooter's Coffee, 2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids

Take a break from adult life and join us for a youthful endeavor! Bring your own coloring materials or use the coloring sheets and colors provided. We have a private room reserved for 15 people. As the date draws near, watch for a signup sheet to be posted on main bulletin board in lobby. Feel free to join us for coffee and conversation! Invite a friend! Questions? Contact: Jan Overland, 329-6979, jeoverland@gmail.com

Trash & Treasure Sale

We are looking for leaders!!

June 22 and June 23 have been set for our 2016 Trash & Treasure Sale.

On Thursday, June 22, the sale will be from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. On Friday, the sale will be from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will need baked goods. We are also looking for donated items.

If you have things in your house that are collecting dust, and you are no longer using, consider donating them to the Trash & Treasures sale.

We need some "lead" volunteers to be in charge of:

1. Advertising
2. Cashiers & Baggers
3. Set up & pricing on M-T-W
4. Sales floor help and bakery help

To volunteer, or for more information, please call Marlyn Davidson or De Braun at 319-396-5400 or 319-365-4197.



New Member Class

Sunday, May 21, we will have a new member class from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Church Family News

Our church family is growing. In the month of January, we welcomed two new members: Deb and George Bunnell.

In March, we welcomed seven new members: Chris Beyer, Michelle Beyer, Joyce Krueger, Ronna Krueger, Janeen Wilcox, Ron Wilcox and Megan Hagenow.

On April 2, we were blessed with the birth of Maddie Fish.

If you have some news you want to share about your family, such as a wedding or a move, please contact the office with this information and ask that is be included in the next newsletter.

Youth News

High School Senior Recognition Day

Sunday, May 7, is High School Recognition Day. The seniors will be recognized during the Sunday service and a gift will be handed out to the seniors.

Our seniors this year are: Maddie Kisling and Bailey Wall.

Congratulations to our two seniors!

WinGS & Sunday School

Thank you for a great year of WinGS and Sunday School! We are especially grateful for our adult leaders who give so much of their time to our young people.

Youth and Ed Retreat

We are a congregation who is always evaluating and reflecting on how we are fostering faith and relationships. Join us on Saturday, June 3, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to debrief and reflect on this past year.

Confirmation Class

On Wednesday, May 3, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., our confirmation students and mentors will meet for games and pizza.

Confirmation Service

During worship on Sunday, June 4, we will have our confirmation students confirmed. They are Allison Hubbell, Delaney Holtey, Jordan Renner, Mya Kilker, Will Davidson, Lucas Kasper, Sam Gilbert, and Ethan Kjar.



Camp EWALU

Our congregation partners with Camp EWALU. EWALU offers summer Bible Camps for all ages. If you are interested in having your child attend one of these awesome camps, please talk to Nicole Hubbell.

Youth Activities Calendar

Parents, there is a youth activity calendar located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please fill in the different activities your child is involved in. The hope is to have members come out to support the GREAT things our youth are involved in.



Events

Save the Date

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| June 3: | 8:30 a.m.-Noon Youth & Ed Retreat |
| June 11: | Ladies Tea |
| June 22 & 23: | Church Garage Sale dates |
| June 24: | 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Faith Build
Home work day |
| July 4: | Office closed for holiday |
| June 28: | Noon - Senior Saints Kernels
Baseball Game |

- July 20:** Mission of Hope Meal served by the youth
- August 13:** 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship @ Cherry Hill Park
- August 27:** Blessing of the Backpacks
- September 3:** 9:00 am Worship with Teacher Installation
- September 4:** Office closed for holiday
- September 10:** “God’s Work, Our Hands” Service Day
- September 17:** Usher Training
- September 24:** Fellowship Meal
- October 8:** Crop Walk
- October 19:** Evening Holiday Fair Preview
- October 20-21:** Holiday Fair
- October 22:** 2:00 p.m. – Old Creamery Theatre Company – The Church Basement Ladies in “Rise Up, O Men”
- October 25 (Wed):** Mission of Hope Meal served by Council
- November 5:** 1st Communion
- November 22:** Thanksgiving Eve Service @ H.R.
- December 2:** Hanging of the Greens
- December 3:** Blue Christmas Service
- December 17:** Children’s Christmas Program Cookie Walk
- December 25:** Christmas Worship Service

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the Youth & Education Committee

The Stewardship Committee is celebrating a specific ministry or committee each month in the newsletter.

The purpose is to show that your generous gifts allow us to achieve our mission of “growing to and for Christ.” Your giving each week enables our committees, staff and pastor to participate in God’s ministry.

Youth & Education Committee

by Nicole Hubbell

The Youth & Education Committee looked at our vision and mission in the summer of 2016 and developed committee co-chairs to lead WinGS, VBS, Sunday School, Education, Events and Fundraisers. This has helped to distribute work throughout the team.

We finished a successful year of Sunday School where we had shortened sessions but did them twice a month.

WinGS is finishing at the end of April and we have had a successful year of adjusting and trying various schedules. Our participants are on the young side, so we have had to adjust accordingly. The WinGS program includes fellowship time, class time, dinner and group time focused on the theme for the week.

We have opted to not host a VBS this summer, and are still evaluating options to ensure the kids are involved in church throughout the summer.

Fundraising has been focused on key events and not trying to do a lot of small events. Our focus is the Fall Reformation Roast, December Cookie Exchange, February Valentine’s Dinner and the Easter Brunch.

As we start planning for the youth gathering and future mission trips, we have discussed the balance between events to fundraisers at church and also events to fundraisers in the community (e.g. can donations, Kernel’s clean-up, etc.)

We are having another planning session in June to discuss lessons learned from the past year and to determine what we’d like to change going forward. All are invited and welcome to participate in this session on Saturday, June 3, 8:30-12:00.

We welcome feedback on areas to improve as we work to be in relationship with our youth in our changing world.

Easter Sunday





High School Graduate Gift Application Letter

Bailey Wall & Maddie Kisling will be awarded a graduate gift from Holy Redeemer. Below is the letter of application from Bailey Wall:

Bailey Wall

I will continue my education this fall at Iowa State University, and rooming with my best friend.

I am starting in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, with an undecided major, in order to explore my many interests and hopefully find my true passion. I also plan on working part-time as a pharmacy technician to help pay my expenses.

I'm very excited for this next step, although I will miss my friends and family at home.

I would like to thank my Holy Redeemer family for the love and support you have given me these last 18 years, and for your thoughts and prayers as I start this next journey.

—Bailey

Congratulations Graduates!



Ministry of the Month

Greeter	May 7	Judy Toy
	May 14	Evelyn Neal
	May 21	Loretta Shannon
	May 28	TBA
Ushers	May 7	Phil Hansen & Ron Hansen
	May 14	Dick & Le Smith
	May 21	Mark & Marti Marz
	May 28	DeAnna & Arlan Braun
Com. Asst	May 7	Jeri Hansen
	May 14	Conrad V.Z.
	May 21	Ron Taylor
	May 28	Conrad V.Z.
Com. Runner	May 7	Connie Hansen
	May 14	Jeri Hansen
	May 21	Connie Hansen
	May 28	Loretta Shannon
Lay Reader	May 7	Jeri Hansen
	May 14	Allie Kasper
	May 21	Mike Kasper
	May 28	Loretta Shannon
Acolyte	May 7	Keri Ketchum
	May 14	TBA
	May 21	Allison Hubbell
	May 28	TBA
Counters	May 7	Judy Toy & Rick Renner
	May 14	Rollin Harder & TBA
	May 21	John Quandt & Rick Renner
	May 28	2 NEEDED
Com. Prep	May 7	LaVonne Hunter
	May 14	Marti Marz
	May 21	Le & Dick Smith
	May 28	Jean Stelling

Altar Care: Jean Stelling

Visitor Calling Schedule: Lee Eggers

May 2017 at a Glance

	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:30 p.m. Card Players
May 2 (Tue)	1:30 p.m. Senior Saints to Masonic Library 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
May 3 (Wed)	5:00-6:30 p.m. Church rented to Hall & Hall for community meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Final Confirmation Class w/ Pizza Party
May 4 (Thur)	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:15-8:30 p.m. Jail Ministry Benefit Concert @ Cedar Hills Comm. Church 6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
May 6 (Sat)	9:00 a.m. Spring cleaning at church
May 7 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/High School Senior Recognition Day
May 9 (Tue)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
May 10 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
May 11 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
May 14 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship Mother's Day Food Bank Weekend
May 16 (Tue)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW 12:30 p.m. Card Players 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
May 18 (Thu)	Mission of Hope Meal served by congregation 5:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs/Walford
May 19 (Fri)	Pastor @ Synod Assembly in D.M.
May 20 (Sat)	Pastor @ Synod Assembly in D.M. Newsletter Deadline
May 21 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. New Member Class
May 23 (Tue)	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
May 24 (Wed)	9:00-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring at Scooter's 12:30 p.m. Craft Day
May 25 (Thu)	11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Olive Garden
May 27 (Sat)	10-3 p.m. F.H. & Kitchen reserved
May 28 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship 4 th Weekend Offering to Relay for Life Coffee w/Council
May 29 (Mon)	Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 30 (Tue)	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation



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If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25 (NRSV)



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Join us as we grow to and for Christ!!!