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Growing to and for Christ!

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The calendar is playing sort of a trick on us this year. As I am sure you have probably read or heard, Lent began on Ash Wednesday which was also St. Valentine's Day. And Easter will be on April 1, sometimes known as April Fool's Day. I suppose that I could just let it go at that, but I would like to make a few comments.

Ash Wednesday is known as the lowest day of the church year. It is that day that we focus more than any other on our sinfulness and our mortality. We heard the words "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Death is the end. We were formed from the dust of the earth and through death we will return to the dust of the earth. Of course, the good news that we hear on that day is that death is not the end, but rather that we pass through the gate of death to life with Christ forever Good news! We hear of God's love for us, of God's forgiveness of our sins, and of God's claim on us (through Holy Baptism) as His child. I have slightly researched the origin of Valentine's Day in the Epistle of Wikipedia. It is a story that seems to incorporate martyrdom and love, but really it has very nebulous origins. Somewhere along the line through the centuries it became a day for lovers, probably mostly through the work of Hallmark. Ash Wednesday is a day for love, of a much more real love, the love of our Lord for us and for His creation. It marks the beginning of the journey toward the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, a journey of love whereby He takes all of our sin and the sin of the world upon Himself to the cross and there He dies. And for His sake God forgives us all our sin. It is a love story.

This triumph over sin and death is made known to us and to the world on Easter morning when God reaches down into the depths of hell and raises His Son from death to life again, and sin, death, and the devil are defeated for all time and eternity. Now, to our modern, scientific ears that certainly sounds foolish, doesn't it? Like a big April Fool's joke. But we believe that is exactly what happened. God raised His Son to new life and has given us the promise of new life also through baptism into the death, resurrection, and life of His Son. Easter is sort of a big April Fool's joke, but the joke is on Satan. He thinks that he has won, that through death we are his forever. Yet, in that very moment that he proclaims victory he loses, he loses it all. Satan snatches defeat from the jaws of victory. Christ is raised to new life and all those baptized into His name join Him in the victory dance on Satan's grave.

May you have a Lent of repentance and a joyous Easter.

In Christ's Name,
Pastor David A. Aanonson

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, March 15.

Chicken & noodles will be the main entrée.

The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. All donations are needed by Wednesday, March 14.

4th Sunday Offering

In March, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on March 25. The proceeds from the March Sunday offering will be designated to Feed Iowa First.

When you help give to Feed Iowa First, you can make a huge difference in the lives of Linn County residents who don't have enough food to eat or access to nutritious food.

Blood Drive

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Friday, March 9, 2018

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Sign-up sheet is on the card table in
narthex.**



Quarters Needed for Take Away Hunger

Mark your calendars. September 9, after worship, we will package food for Take Away Hunger.

We need your help to reach our goal of raising about \$1,400. Save your quarters. Help fill the quarter tube in the narthex. Help us, help others!

Thank You!

The Outreach Committee

Arlan, DeAnna, Loretta, Jan & Judy

Adult News

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, March 1, 9:30 a.m.**

The 2018 Bible Study is entitled: *Multiple meanings: Learning from Other Interpretations*. Session #3 *The Good Samaritan* uses the Bible Text Luke 10:30-37.. (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

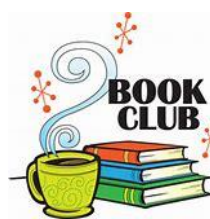
All are welcome to join us!!

Craft Day

The women will meet for Craft Day on Wednesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!

WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on Thursday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m., at the church. **Marlyn Davidson is the hostess.**



The book for the month is: *The Child Finder* by Rene Denfeld.

All are welcome to join us.

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 27.

Come, join us – if you don't sew, we can teach you how to tie or lay out quilts.

Bring a sack lunch for the noon hour (or fast food is available nearby.) We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

We will pack some quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief in April.



Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group
will meet on March 22,
11:30 a.m.

at Pizza Ranch
(near Ladd Library)

**Please sign up on the bulletin board if you
can or just join us!**

Pastoral Call Committee

The church council is in the process of forming a call committee to find a permanent pastor.

The Call Committee will consist of different age groups and both male and female members of the congregation.

Please contact a council member to help answer questions you may have.

Fellowship Line Dancing March 15

Please join the Fellowship Committee for line dancing & fellowship at Wild Hogs in Walford on the third Thursday of each month.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on Thursday, March 15.

The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. and you can eat at Wild Hogs if you don't want to cook at home. Stay as long as you want – it usually ends around 9:00 p.m.



Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, March 21

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The Senior Saints will meet for coloring and fun at Scooters, 2300 Edgewood Rd. NW
on March 21.

All are welcome.



Youth & Ed Committee Meeting

The next Youth and Ed Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m.

Jesse Myers will be the new chairperson for the Youth & Ed Committee.

If you would like to join the Youth & Ed Committee, please let Jesse Myers know or stop by at our next meeting.

General and Building Fund Income Statement

January 2018 Summary

	Jan. 2018	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
General Income	\$12,806	\$12,806	\$18,019
General Expenses	\$9,479	\$9,479	\$13,053
Building Income	\$2,588	\$2,588	\$3,988
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$3,406	\$3,406
Income vs Expenses	\$2,509	\$2,509	\$5,548
Total Budget	\$18,919	\$18,919	\$18,265
Income vs. Budget	(\$3,525)	(\$3,525)	\$3,742

- For January, our General Fund income was \$2,707 below budget.
- Our January General Fund income is \$2,021 below budget.
- For January, our Building Addition Income was \$818 below budget
- \$3,350 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our January income was higher than our expenses.
- Our Contingency Balance at the end of January was \$53,350.36. The amount over \$50,000 will be paid as a Mortgage Principal only payment in February.
- Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of January was \$455,462.92.
- Food Bank Offering was \$174.

4th Sunday Offering for Souper Bowl of Caring was \$450.



Stephen Ministry-Marches On

Holy Redeemer's six Stephen Ministers-in-training are continuing their journey through the course. Each week they are reading and absorbing information. On Monday evenings they are listening and learning, experiencing and practicing the skills involved in distinctively Christian caring.

By summertime they will be prepared to be sharing God's love and compassion in one-to-one, regular relationships with those who are especially in need.

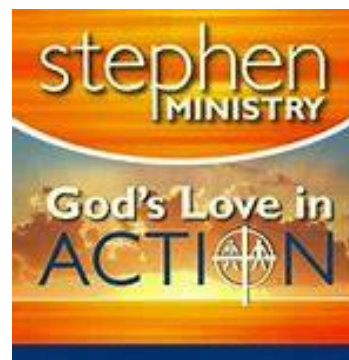
In February, the class has tackled learning the difference between Care-giving with a process-focus versus a results-focus. They have come to understand their role is to be caregivers, while trusting God's role as Cure-giver. They spent two class-times on Christian assertiveness, gaining ability to relate gently, honestly and firmly.

In March the class will tackle Boundaries in Care-giving, Crisis Theory and Confidentiality. Anyone who will be cared for by a Stephen Minister can be confident that any communication will be kept private between them.

If you would like to know more, please talk to Ron Taylor, Nola Schroeder, Amber Strong, David Adams, Jeff Hand, Sara Merkey or Marti Marz.

Your prayers and words of encouragement will make a difference as this ministry adds an important dimension here at Holy Redeemer. We thank God for this opportunity that He has graciously given for service and for growing to and for Christ.

'But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect....'
1 Peter 5:15



Church Family News

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 it be included in the next newsletter.

Congrats to Jacob Hansen who was promoted to Boatswain Mate 3 upon completion of Advancement school at USCG Training Center in Yorktown, VA. Jacob is now stationed at the Coast Guard Station Cortez, FL.

Jacob Hansen Promotion



Youth News

WinGS & Sunday School

As a reminder, our formal WinGS program takes a break during Lent. For those interested, we will do a modified schedule listed below, but most of the youth should still try and attend the 7:00 p.m. services as these are led by the youth. Even our youngest kids can help as greeters and ushers. All are welcome.

Modified WinGS schedule:

5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS
5:30-6:15 p.m. Congregational Dinner **
6:15-6:45 p.m. Possible Activity for all **
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service **

** During lent, guardians must accompany kids starting at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and are invited to participate in an intergenerational activity after dinner (or lead one), followed by the Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. led by our youth.

Modified Confirmation schedule:

5:30-6:15 p.m. Confirmation
6:15-6:45 p.m. Confirmation kids eat dinner
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Upcoming Schedule:

March 7: 5:00 p.m. Modified WinGS
5:30 p.m. dinner
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
March 14: No WinGS/No Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
March 21: 5:00 p.m. Modified WinGS
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
March 28: No WinGS - Holy Week
March 29: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
March 30: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

The last **Sunday School** for the 2017/2018 school year will be on March 18 from 10:30 am-1:30 p.m.

ELCA Gathering Mandatory Meeting

On Sunday, February 25, after Coffee with Council, a meeting will be held for all parents and youth that are involved with the ELCA Gathering in June. Please plan to attend.

High School Senior Recognition Day

Attention all high school seniors: Please watch your mail for a letter from the Holy Redeemer High School Graduation Recognition Committee. This letter will inform you of the application process for the opportunity to receive a \$100 gift from Holy Redeemer.

The application deadline is April 11. Please contact one of the committee members if you not receive a letter or have any questions.

High school seniors will be recognized during an upcoming Sunday service and the checks will be handed out to the applicants.

Committee members: Dave Anderson, Linda Mager, Mark Marz, Marcia Prochnow and Marc VanBuren.

Lenten Mid-Week Services

Youth Ministry of the Month for Wednesday's during Lent		
Greeter	Mar. 7	Sarah Cones & TBA
	Mar. 14	Brian Kisling & TBA
	Mar. 21	TBA
Ushers	Mar. 7	Brian Kisling & TBA
	Mar. 14	TBA (2 needed)
	Mar. 21	Courtney Hubbell & Jesse Myers
Lay Reader	Mar. 7	TBA
	Mar. 14	TBA
	Mar. 21	Eliot Myers
Service Lead Reader	Mar. 7	TBA
	Mar. 14	TBA
	Mar. 21	Allison Hubbell
Service Lead Singer	Mar. 7	Haley Hansen
	Mar. 14	Haley Hansen
	Mar. 21	Haley Hansen
Counters	Mar. 7	Sara Merkey & 1 needed
	Mar. 14	Sara Merkey & 1 needed
	Mar. 21	Sara Merkey & 1 needed

Easter Breakfast

On Sunday, April 1, at 7:30 a.m., the youth will be providing a delicious Easter breakfast for the congregation. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards our youth ministry. Thank you to our talented and dedicated youth for all you do!

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

- April 1:** 7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast
April 4: 12:30 p.m. Craft Day
April 18: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's
 12:30 p.m. Craft Day
April 26: Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Little Bo's (3rd St SE)
May 13: Mother's Day
May 24: Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Bandana's
May 28: Memorial Day – Office Closed
June 17: Father's Day
 ELCA Youth Gathering – Youth leave for TX
June 25: Youth arrive home from Texas
June 27: Noon – Senior Saints Kernels Baseball Game

ELCA Youth Gathering Participants



Will Davidson



Mya Kilker



Ethan Kjar

ELCA Youth Gathering Participants

Each month we will highlight the youth and adults that will be going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Texas this June. This month, we are highlighting Will Davidson, Mya Kilker and Ethan Kjar.

Will Davidson

My name is Will Davidson. I am 15 years old and a freshman at Kennedy High School. I play basketball and enjoy snow skiing. I am excited to be going on the gathering. What I am looking forward to during this gathering is meeting new people who live different lives from my own. I'm looking forward to the feeling you get when you know even the smallest bit of help can go a long way. I am excited for the once in a life time experience and I get to share it with my church family and the lord.

—Will

Mya Kilker

My name is Mya Kilker. I am 14 years old and am obsessed with sloths. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, paddle boarding and wrestling managing. I am in two sports: cross country and track. I have been in both since 7th grade. If I could change one thing in this world I would change how bad animals are treated all around the world, especially the killer whales at Sea World.

I came to this church after my mom, Kerry Kilker, went on the Rise Up trip through this church. I remember how much she loved it and loved the people she got to meet and make memories with. When she got back she was different, now knowing she made a difference and that she could help those who needed help. I want to be able to do that and come back feeling as happy and accomplished as she did. My mom is a very social person and can talk to anyone without being nervous, I, myself, am the very opposite and am very shy when it comes to new people.

I am most excited that Amy Renner, who I can gladly call my mentor and a family friend will be going on this trip. I am usually nervous and panicked to try new things and Amy makes me feel more comfortable at church. She makes things way more fun. I know that I wouldn't have agreed to go on the trip if it weren't for Amy. Knowing that she was going to be with me and our group the whole way through this amazing life changing experience makes me excited to take the trip.

—Mya

Ethan Kjar

My name is Ethan Kjar. I am 15 years old and a freshman at Kennedy High School. I play basketball and football. I can't wait to go on the gathering. What I am looking forward to during this gathering is helping the people in need that don't have access to the things we do. I want to help the people in need because I feel like it will improve my relationship with God and help me realize how privileged we are and how we can pool our things to help others.

—Ethan

Valentine's Dinner Photo's



Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Mar. 4	Shari Singelstad
	Mar. 11	Jan Overland
	Mar. 18	TBA
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Jon Singelstad
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	Jon Singelstad
Good Friday	Mar. 30	TBA
Usher	Mar. 4	Jim Veglahn & Jon Singelstad
	Mar. 11	DeAnna & Arlan Braun
	Mar. 18	Marti & Mark Marz
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Jon Singelstad & Tom Fruehling
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	Van Buren Family
Good Friday	Mar. 30	Van Buren Family
Com. Asst	Mar. 4	Connie Hansen
	Mar. 11	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 18	Greg Forest
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Ron Taylor
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	Jeri Hansen
Com. Runner	Mar. 4	Shari Singelstad
	Mar. 11	Connie Hansen
	Mar. 18	Kay Forest
	Mar. 25	TBA
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	Jean Stelling
Lay Reader	Mar. 4	David Adams
	Mar. 11	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 18	Marti Marz
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Evelyn Nuehring
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	Jeri Hansen
Good Friday	Mar. 30	Allison Kasper
Acolyte	Mar. 4	Sarah Cones
	Mar. 11	Nicholas Hand
	Mar. 18	Allie Kasper
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Sarah Cones
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	TBD
Counters	Mar. 4	Jim Veglahn & Daphne Miller
	Mar. 11	Rollie Harder & Susan Hand
	Mar. 18	2 Needed
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Jim Veglahn & 1 Needed
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	2 Needed
Good Friday	Mar. 30	2 Needed
Com. Prep	Mar. 4	Laura Fowler
	Mar. 11	Nicole Hubbell
	Mar. 18	LaVonne Hunter
Palm Sunday	Mar. 25	Marti Marz
Maundy Thur	Mar. 29	Le & Dick Smith
Altar Care: Susan Hand		
Visitor Calling Schedule: Judy Toy		

March 2018 at a Glance

	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Mar. 1 (Thur)	6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Mar. 4 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Mar 6 (Tues)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
	5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS
Mar. 7 (Wed)	5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class
	5:30-6:15 p.m. Meal by Council
	6:00 p.m. Youth & Ed Meeting
	6:15-6:45 p.m. Activity
	7:00 p.m. Worship
Mar. 8 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Mar. 9 (Fri)	4:00-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive @ Gloria Dei
Mar. 11 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	Food Bank Weekend
Mar. 12 (Mon)	6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Mar. 13 (Tue)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Mar. 14 (Wed)	No WinGS/No Conf. Class
	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Mar. 15 (Thu)	Mission of Hope Meal
	5:00-9:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
	9:00 a.m. Worship
Mar. 18 (Sun)	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School w/meal – last class for school year
Mar. 19 (Mon)	6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Mar. 20 (Tue)	Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	9:00-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's
	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
Mar. 21 (Wed)	5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS
	5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class
	5:00-6:15 p.m. Potato Bar Meal by W&M
	6:15-6:45 p.m. Activity
	7:00 p.m. Worship
Mar. 22 (Thu)	11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Pizza Ranch
Mar. 25 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/Choir
Palm Sunday	4 th W/E Offering to Feed Iowa First Coffee w/Council
Mar. 26 (Mon)	6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Mar. 27 (Tue)	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day
	7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Mar. 28 (Wed)	No WinGS/No Confirmation Class
Mar. 29 (Thur)	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
Mar. 30 (Fri)	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship



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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!!!