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*Growing to and for Christ!*

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As I think back over the years about that which had the greatest influences on my faith in Jesus Christ, I think often of the little Sunday school in the little rural church to which my family belonged. There were many influences on my faith. The greatest of which were, of course, my parents. But there were also others: my confirmation pastor, a college professor, an Air Force chaplain, a hospital chaplain, a seminary professor, all among others. But, I fondly remember the Sunday school.

I suppose the first thing I remember about it was that attending was never optional. That, of course, had more to do with my parents and not so much with the Sunday school itself. We never, ever missed a Sunday, unless it was due to sickness or being away for the week-end. (We were dairy farmer and the cows had to be milked twice a day, so you can guess how often that was.) I was in a class that usually had about four members. If everyone was there we might have six in the class. So, we knew each other very well although the six of us came from five different school districts (we were a very rural congregation). I also remember the teachers. They were neighbors, friends, and maybe relatives. I remember how important the faith was to them and how that showed through in all that they taught. I also remember how what they taught us on Sunday morning either did or did not show through their lives the rest of the week. If they did not live the faith that they taught, that was very apparent in that community. But, mostly, by far, what they taught us on Sunday morning was very much their life the rest of the week. That witness so much helped to shape my faith. Almost all of them are now of blessed memory, yet their witness continues on in the faith of the students they taught. I also remember learning the Bible stories. Back then we had bound hardcover books that were used year after year after year. There was not a new curriculum every year or every few years. That congregation could never have afforded that. So, my younger sister and brothers used the same books that I had used. What we learned were the Bible stories. I learned the Bible in Sunday school. I learned about Jesus. Quite often we learned the same Bible stories year after year, although the level of teaching and understanding was raised every year. We were taught to put the Bible story in the context of our daily life. I was also one of the students whose family life was a witness to what I learned in Sunday school. There are several other things I remember about Sunday school. We did not have “art” projects, it was much like a school classroom, and it was never expected that I would be entertained. It might have been nice to have done a few of those projects. We sang some songs that in their very simple way still influence me like “Jesus Loves Me,” “The B-I-B-L-E,” “Jesus Loves the Little Children, All the Children of the World”, among others. Again, in their very simple way, they taught us truth. The Bible stories, the teachers, and the songs all taught us about Jesus.

I know that it is very difficult to find time to teach the Bible stories at home. We are truly too busy. When our children started having our grandchildren we purchased the “Arch book” series for them, so they would have a resource for teaching the Bible stories to our grandchildren. In the midst of the busyness of our lives it is still difficult to use these on a regular basis. So, the upshot of all this is: bring your children to Sunday school. Give them the opportunity to learn the Bible stories and that: “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

In Christ's Name,  
Pastor David A. Aanonsen

## Outreach

### Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, November 15. Spaghetti and meatballs will be the main entrée.



Jan Overland will prepare the November meal.

Please see the bulletin board to sign-up to help. All donations are needed by Wednesday, November 14.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering

In November, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on November 25. The proceeds from this Sunday offering will be designated to the Christmas Giving with the Grateful Grannies.

### Crop Walk

The Crop Walk was held on Sunday, October 14. Holy Redeemer had 6 brave souls (and one dog) who survived the cold bitter weather!

Unofficially, the amount raised is \$1,115.30. Thank you to all who helped make this a success and for all the donations!



## Grateful Grannies

Again, this year we will be helping Grateful Grannies with purchasing Christmas gifts for needy children on the west side of Cedar Rapids.

Our plan is to have the name tags, with gift ideas, on the tree by Thanksgiving.

We have tentatively scheduled Sunday, December 2, as the day we will Christmas shop at Target. Watch for more details.

Thank you,

The Outreach Committee



## Adult News

### Women's Bible Study

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



The Bible Study is entitled, "Turn, turn, turn: A Time for Faithful Repentance."

Session 2 – *Turning as the Church to the World:*

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-10; John

8:31-36. (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

**All are welcome to join us!!**

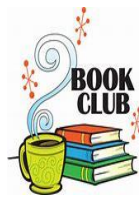
### Craft Day

The women will not meet for Craft Day in November, December or January. They are taking a few months off to rest after the busy holiday bazaar. They need time to get ready for the holidays and then recuperate after the holidays! All are welcome to join in February!



## WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on Thursday, **November 15\*** at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Lee Eggers is the hostess.



The book for the month is: *Once a Crooked Man* by David McCallum.  
*Please note the change in date\*– we will make out the book list for 2019.*

All are welcome to join us!

## DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on **Tuesday, November 27, 9:30 a.m.** 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.)

## Let's Do Lunch

*The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group* will meet on **November 29\*, 11:30 a.m.**

at **Olive Tree on 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.**

*Address questions to Dianne Torrey.*

**Please sign up on the bulletin board to make reservations for this lunch!**

**\*Please note, this is the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November!**

## All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is on November 4. During worship that day, we will remember all those who have died in the past year. If you lost a loved one and want their name included during this service, please contact the church office.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families who are continuing to grieve their loved ones.

Please contact Pastor Aanonsen if you would like to process or talk about your grief.

## Special Congregational Meeting

A special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11, at 10:15 a.m., in the Church sanctuary for the purpose of calling Pr. Jayne Thompson to be the new Pastor at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please make every effort to attend this special meeting.

## Fellowship Line Dancing Nov. 15

The Fellowship Committee continues to meet monthly for line dancing & fellowship at Wild Hogs in Walford the third Thursday of each month.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on November 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.

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

This year the Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at Gloria Dei. The service will be at 7:00 p.m., on November 21, with fellowship following the worship service.

Holy Redeemer will need to provide 6 dozen cookies or treats. We will also need 2 volunteers to be prayer petitioners for the service.

Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon.

## Hanging of the Greens

Have a flair for Christmas decorating? Can't wait to get in that holiday spirit? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you to serve your congregation and enjoy a morning doing something you love!

We will be having the annual "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday morning, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is a chance for you to help us decorate our Nave in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

We have many seasoned members available to guide and teach members young and old. It is important that we continue to have members that are familiar with this process for generations to come. We hope to see you there!

**General and Building Fund Income Statement**  
**September 2018 Summary**

	Sept. 2018	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
<b>General Income</b>	<b>\$11,270</b>	<b>\$117,503</b>	<b>\$127,882</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>	<b>\$90,310</b>	<b>\$125,314</b>
<b>Building Income</b>	<b>\$3,323</b>	<b>\$25,102</b>	<b>\$29,992</b>
<b>Building Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,406</b>	<b>\$30,654</b>	<b>\$30,654</b>
<b>Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,987</b>	<b>\$21,641</b>	<b>\$1,906</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$18,919</b>	<b>\$170,271</b>	<b>\$164,385</b>
<b>Income vs. Budget</b>	<b>(\$4,326)</b>	<b>(\$27,666)</b>	<b>(\$6,512)</b>

For September, our General Fund income was \$4,243 below budget. Through September, YTD General Fund Income was \$22,114 below budget.

Our September General Fund Expenses were \$6,314 below budget. Through September, YTD General Fund Expenses were \$49,316 below budget.

For September, our Building Addition Income was \$83 below budget. Through September, YTD Building Addition Income was \$5,552 below budget.

\$2,083 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our September income was higher than our expenses.

Our Contingency Balance at the end of September was \$52,083.33.

Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of September was \$413,720.44.

Food Bank Offering was \$278.

4th Sunday Offering for Madge Phillips/Waypoint was \$243.

Due to Financial Secretary's vacation, the Sept. 30 Offering, including 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering, will be posted in October.



**Stephen Ministry**

**What kind of Person might  
become a Stephen Minister?**

A man like MOSES

who heard God call, had lots of questions and then moved forward in faith, step by step, into a growing relationship with the Lord over his last 40 years of life.

A woman like RUTH

who became a member of God's family after she married and spent her life loving and caring for others as the Lord had loved and cared for her.

A man like ELIJAH

who, in crisis and exhaustion, received strength for his journey so that he heard God, not in wind, earthquake or fire but in a gentle whisper.

A woman like MARY MAGDALENE

who followed Jesus, then encouraged others with what she'd heard, seen and come to know about Him

A man like PAUL

who, on the way to administer angry judgment, met Jesus in person, received His mercy and his life was never the same.

A woman like EUNICE

who first taught the basics of faith in Christ to Timothy, her son

A man like YOU. A woman like YOU.

If you would like to know more about becoming one of Holy Redeemer's Stephen Ministers, please talk to Marti or David. Diane in the church office will have their contact information.

*"We love because He (God) first loved us."*

*1 John 4:19*

## Synod Assembly at HRLC

On Thursday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m., the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall have been reserved by **Bishop Burke for a service and luncheon** with rostered ministers.

The H.R. members will provide the coffee, tea, water and cookies. Boxed lunches will be provided by Brother's Catering.

From 6:30-8:00 p.m., Bishop Burke will meet with lay leaders. Coffee, tea, water and snacks will be served.

If you would like to **volunteer to be a server** during the meal, please contact Jan Overland or the office.

## Church Family News

Olivia Prochnow is seeking **donations for puzzle books** (word find, cross word puzzles, etc.) for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. A donation box is in the narthex if you are able to help Olivia. She no longer needs any more stuffed animals.

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.

## Youth News

### Sunday School

Sunday School is every other Sunday during November, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's for age 3-6th grade students.

We also invite all youth between 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to join as a Sunday School helper. We look forward to having our older youth be role models for our younger youth.

In November, we will have Sunday School on November 4 and November 18. All youth are invited to the class or be a helper!

## First Communion

On Sunday, November 11, following service we will have a First Communion class at 10:30 a.m.

If you have a child that would like to attend the First Communion class, please contact the office.

The date for the First Communion Service will be announced at a later date.

## Thanksgiving Families

On Wednesday, November 14, Confirmation students and mentors will be buying food for the Thanksgiving meal for 2 Thanksgiving families. We will deliver the meals to the families on Sunday, November 18.

## 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

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| <b>December 1:</b>  | 9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens   |
| <b>December 2:</b>  | 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m. Shopping @ Target<br>w/Grateful Grannies |
| <b>December 16:</b> | Worship w/Children's Christmas Program<br>Cookie Walk<br>No Sunday School Classes     |
| <b>December 24:</b> | Christmas Eve Service   |
| <b>December 25:</b> | Christmas Day Service<br>Office Closed  |
| <b>December 26:</b> | No Confirmation Class   |
| <b>December 30:</b> | No Sunday School  |
| <b>January 1:</b>   | New Year's Day – Office Closed  |

## Ministry of the Month

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Jon Singelstad
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Judy Toy
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	LaVonne Hunter
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Judy Toy
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Dave Anderson/Tom Fruehling
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Jon Singelstad & Ron Hansen
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	Marti & Mark Marz
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Jean & Gordy Stelling
<b>Com. Asst</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Lanny Eggers
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Greg Forest
<b>Com. Runner</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Judy Toy
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	Linda Singelstad
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Kay Forest
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	David Adams
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Kay Forest
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Nicholas Hand
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Keri Ketchum
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	Courtney Hubbell
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>2 Needed</b>
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>2 Needed</b>
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	Jim Veglahn & <b>1 needed</b>
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>2 Needed</b>
<b>Com. Prep</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	Laura Fowler
	<b>Nov. 11</b>	Nicole Hubbell
	<b>Nov. 18</b>	LaVonne Hunter
	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Marti Marz
<b>Altar Care:</b> Laura Fowler		
<b>Visitor Calling Schedule:</b> DeAnna Braun		

## October 2018 at a Glance

	<b>9:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study
<b>Nov. 1 (Thur)</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Executive Council Mtg
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Committee Meetings
<b>Nov. 4 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:30-11:30 am</b> Sunday School
<b>Nov. 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>6-8:30 pm</b> Steph. Min. Supervision
	Linn Co. Election
<b>Nov. 6 (Tues)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Staff Meeting
	<b>12:30 pm</b> Card Players
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Nov. 7 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Council Meeting
<b>Nov. 8 (Thu)</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> Bishop Burke/Rostered Ministers meet for lunch at HR
	<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b> Bishop/Lay Leaders meeting at HR
<b>Nov. 11 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b>
	Food Bank Weekend
	<b>10:15 am</b> Special Congregational Mtg
	<b>10:30 am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class
<b>Nov. 13 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Nov. 14 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class will do Thanksgiving meal shopping
<b>Nov. 15 (Thu)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> WIGS
	<b>11:30 am</b> Mission of Hope Meal
	<b>5:00 pm</b> Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
<b>Nov. 18 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>10:30-11:30 am</b> Sunday School
<b>Nov. 19 (Mon)</b>	<b>6-8:30 pm</b> Steph. Min. Supervision
<b>Nov. 20 (Tue)</b>	Newsletter Deadline
	<b>12:30 pm</b> Card Players
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Nov. 21 (Wed)</b>	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> Senior Saints Coloring @ Scooter's
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Gloria Dei
<b>Nov. 22 (Thu)</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed</b>
<b>Nov. 23 (Fri)</b>	Office closed
<b>Nov. 25 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b>
	4 <sup>th</sup> W/E Offer'g to HR Christmas Giving w/Grateful Grannies
	Coffee w/Council
<b>Nov 27 (Tues)</b>	<b>9:30-1:30 pm</b> DUO Day
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Nov. 28 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Nov. 29 (Thu)</b>	<b>11:30 am</b> Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Olive Tree



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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Worship Services**  
**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**



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

*Galatians 5:25 (NRSV)*



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