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Growing to and for Christ!

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“Slave,” “servant,” “submission,” “be subject to” are all words or phrases that have a highly negative connotation in our present culture. In fact, they have always had a negative connotation. They connote a person being of a lower position than another person or even being less than another person and in some instances of being less than human and treated that way.

Yet, it is also true that in Holy Scripture those words do not always have a negative connotation. Philippians 2:5-8 reads: *Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.* St. Paul is speaking of Jesus Christ, Son of God, King of Creation as a servant. Or, Ephesians 5:21 reads: *Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.* St. Paul is speaking about the relationship between a husband and wife. This is hardly the popular view of a husband and wife relationship today.

How are we to regard the meaning of servant and submission and being subject to others? I know that very unhealthy and destructive relationships can develop when these words are understood in the wrong way. We are called to be servants of each other for the sake of Christ even as Christ became our servant for our sake. If we were to read a little further in Ephesians 5 we would read those words that would rile our culture, words that speak of a wife being submissive to her husband. We cannot stop reading at that point. If we read further we read that a husband is to love his wife in the same way that Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for the Church. How did He do that? He gave His life on the cross. You see, it is all the same—for husband and for wife. St. Paul is setting forth a new basis for marriage. Husbands and wives are to be self-giving, self-sacrificing servants of each other, not one over the other, but of each other. It is only when we become that to each other that a marriage reaches its fullness and fulfills God’s intent for that marriage—a “one flesh” relationship.

We become servants of each other, not only as husbands and wives, but also as brothers and sisters in Christ because Jesus Christ became our servant. For their sake, God Most High became the servant of those He created. God Most High did for us what we could not do ourselves. He did what needed to be done so that we might live in a relationship with Him. He did it because He loved us. That is what drives one to be a servant in the footsteps of Christ Jesus. God loved us so very much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to take on our form and become our servant by doing for us what we could not do. All He did He did for our sake. He did it for us. He did it for you—because of love.

It is because of the love of Christ that we become a servant of our Lord and servants of each other. By the work and the power of the Holy Spirit we become servants. In my marriage I am, because of Jesus’ love and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Barb’s servant. She, likewise, is, because of the love of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, my servant. We are self-giving, self-sacrificing servants of each other. We do not relate to each other from a position of power. When we do that, things do not go well. We relate to each other as those who are following the example of the One who died for our sake and we seek to serve each other. We give ourselves to each other for each other. The object is to give and not to get (although we get very much). We seek in all things in all things to do for the other. I have spoken mostly of a marriage relationship, but for those of who are new people in Jesus Christ, this really applies to all our relationships. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we become servants.

In Christ’s Name,
Pastor David A. Aanonson

Outreach

Take Away Hunger

September 9 is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. The Outreach Committee has again chosen **Take Away Hunger** as our service project. We will package food to be distributed either overseas or in the USA. The meals are rice and soy based casseroles.

Our goal is to have 4 teams of 12. We will need 2-3 bucket runners – someone strong who can lift 50 lb. bags of rice and soy and then dump them into 5-gallon buckets. We will package, weigh & heat seal the food. Each bag consists of 6 1-cup meals. The cost is 25 cents per bag. We hope to package 8,800 meals.

Take Away Hunger will provide everything we need – from the bags to the hairnets to the food to the scales. They will also transport the meals to their warehouse in Mt Pleasant. From there a trucking firm will take them to their destination. We will provide face masks for those who need/want them.

This is an inter-generational event. We'd love to have our youth involved. Elementary students will need a parent with them.

We will hold our regular worship service that day. We encourage you to wear your gold God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts. After worship we will adjourn to the fellowship hall to begin packaging meals.

The Outreach Committee is excited about this project. We hope you will join us. The sign up is on the bulletin board.

Thank you for helping us help others.

The Outreach Committee



Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, September 20. Chili and corn bread will be the main entrée.

Jan Overland will prepare the September meal.

The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. All donations are needed by Wednesday, September 19.

4th Sunday Offering

In September, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on September 23. The proceeds from this Sunday offering will be designated to Madge Phillips/Waypoint

Madge Phillips Center provides up to 90 days of 24-hour shelter for homeless women and women with children (no boys over 12). The Center consists of 16 bedrooms, a kitchen, two living areas, a children's playroom, a laundry room, computer work stations and private meeting spaces. Clients receive services free of charge. The Center also provides day shelter Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The drop-in program offers: A hot meal - Shower facilities - Laundry facilities - Newspapers - A telephone - Clothing - Food - Diapers and other toiletries

5th Sunday Offering

In September, we will have a fifth Sunday offering on September 30. The proceeds from this offering will be designated to ELCA Campus Ministries.

ELCA campus ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff and others on campus, not just a ministry for Lutherans. It provides an ELCA presence at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 400 campuses nationwide.

Grateful Grannies

We are partnering with Grateful Grannies for our Christmas project. Name tags with gift ideas will be hung on the Christmas tree. Holy Redeemer will shop with the Grateful Grannies at Target on Sunday, December 2. Please watch for more information.

Adult News

Senior Saints Labor Day Breakfast



You're invited to join the Senior Saints for breakfast on Labor Day, **Monday, September 3, 9:00 a.m.**, at **Tommy's Restaurant** on Edgewood Road NW. Even if you're not a senior, feel free to join us.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so

reservations can be made. If you need to cancel at the last minute or haven't signed up and wish to attend, please call Jeri Hansen, 396-2882.

Women's Bible Study

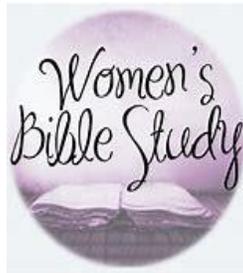
Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

Session one is: *Turning to God, time after time* by

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. **Bible text is Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-14.** (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

All are welcome to join us!!

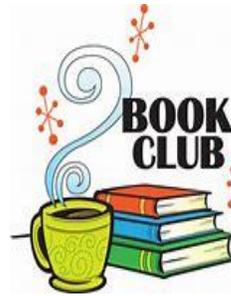


Craft Day



The women will meet for Craft Day on Wednesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 26 at 12:30 p.m. The craft sale is just around the corner. All are welcome to join!

WIGS (Book Discussion Group)



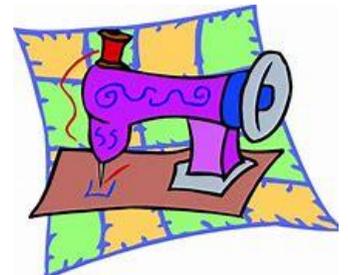
WIGs will meet on **Thursday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the home of Ruth Tegatz, 1006 Cheyenne Road NW.

The book for the month is: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

All are welcome to join us.

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on **Tuesday, September 25 at 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.) We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group will meet on **September 27, 11:30 a.m.**

at **the Class Act Restaurant at the Kirkwood Hotel** (Kirkwood Blvd SW)

Address questions to Lee Eggers.

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

Fellowship Line Dancing Sept. 20

The Fellowship Committee has started up monthly line dancing again at Wild Hogs in Walford.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on Thursday, September 20.

Senior Saints Lunch & Learn

The Senior Saints are going to Peosta, Friday, September 28, for a Lunch & Learn with the Trappist Monks. We will see the monks in prayer, enjoy a meal & tour where the caskets are made. **Sign-up deadline is August 30.** We will carpool to Peosta. More information about carpooling to follow.

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.

Sunday, September 30 – Ministers of the Month Volunteer Invitation

We have wonderful worship at Holy Redeemer! Thanks in large part to our excellent staff and many volunteers!

Each Sunday our Ministers of the Month volunteers serve as **greeters, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, communion runners, communion care, altar care, lay readers, and offering counters.** Whew! That's a lot of caring people who faithfully serve.

We are grateful for the many familiar faces that regularly participate in our worship service. And, we hope all members feel welcome to serve as a Minister of the Month. To that end, your Church Council invites all members to a **Ministers of the Month Refresher/Training Session on Sunday, September 30.** Following worship, we will hold brief training sessions for those interested.

A special invitation goes out to our youth to participate as a Minister of the Month volunteer. Your presence and friendly faces enrich our worship experience! We are always happy to see you!

Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, September 30 and watch your weekly bulletins for additional details. Questions, please visit with a Church Council member.

Council members are: Mike Kasper, Rollin Harder, Amber Strong, Tammy Hansen, Linda Singelstad, Jon Galvin, Jan Overland, Bill Davidson, Patrick Tomlin & Jesse Meyers

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Holy Redeemer Holiday Bazaar will be held on Thursday evening, October 25, through Saturday, October 27.

If you are interested in having a table and selling your homemade items, or donating homemade items for the bazaar, please contact Shari at (319) 286-9358.

We will be asking for volunteers for a set-up team, a tear down team, cashier's, floor assistants to help, baker's, kitchen help, and people to assist in making cinnamon rolls. Please watch for a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board after September 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari Singelstad.

Coming in October!

***"Transformed by
Grace, Faith, and Love"***



Stewardship is our response to God's gifts!

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

(1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Relay for Life Update

Relay for Life was held on Friday, June 8, at Kingston Stadium. The final posted donations came to \$919. Thank you to all the walkers and everyone who helped in some way for the walk!

General and Building Fund Income Statement

July 2018 Summary

	July 2018	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
General Income	\$11,526	\$94,243	\$104,233
General Expenses	\$9,240	\$70,190	\$96,810
Building Income	\$2,858	\$18,921	\$23,193
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$23,842	\$23,842
Income vs Expenses	\$1,738	\$19,133	\$6,774
Total Budget	\$18,919	\$132,433	\$127,855
Income vs. Budget	(\$4,535)	(\$19,269)	(\$429)

- For July, our General Fund income was \$3,987 below budget. Through July, YTD General Fund Income was \$14,348 below budget.
- Our July General Fund Expenses were \$3,465 below budget. Through July, YTD General Fund Expenses were \$18,745 below budget.
- For July, our Building Addition Income was \$548 below budget. Through July, YTD Building Addition Income was \$4,921 below budget.
- \$2,303 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our July income was higher than our expenses.
- Our Contingency Balance at the end of July was \$52,303.16.
- Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of July was \$421,338.51.
- Food Bank Offering was \$181.
- 4th Sunday Offering for Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity was \$398.
- 5th Sunday Offering for Lutheran Services in Iowa was \$360.



Stephen Ministry

What kind of Person might need the care of a Stephen Minister?

A man like ABRAHAM

who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him into a new life.

A woman like SARAH

who faced a major change in life at an advanced age and needed someone to listen to both her joy and her trials.

A man like JOB

who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

A woman like ESTHER

who faced a major decision and needed someone who could hear her concerns and offer encouragement.

A man like PETER

who found himself in over his head and needed the strong hand and forgiveness of a faithful friend.

A woman like MARTHA

who was burdened by the demands of daily life and needed someone to help her regain sight of what was most important.

A man like YOU. A woman like YOU.

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

*"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
Romans 15:7*



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.

Thank You to My Church Family

I want to send out a big THANK YOU to all of my church family who visited me, prayed for me, sent me cards, and gave me gifts when I was in the hospital and at rehab. You helped me get through a rough time after my surgery and I can never thank you enough. I am truly blessed to have HRLC for my church family. Blessings, Leona Nigh

Youth News

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will start on Wednesday, September 12. This year, the class will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pastor Dave Aanonson and Conrad Vande Zandschulp will lead the classes.

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

- October 7:** 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School
- October 14:** 1 pm Crop Walk at Thomas Park
- October 18:** Mission of Hope Meal served by Council
- October 19:** 5:00-6:30 pm Church reserved
- October 20:** Church reserved for wedding
- October 21:** 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School
- October 21:** 10:30-11:30 am Awareness & Ownership Presentation
- October 25:** 4-7 pm Holiday Fair Preview
- October 26:** 7 am-6 pm Holiday Fair
- October 27:** 8 am-1 pm Holiday Fair
- November 3:** 9:00 am-2:30 pm Stephen Ministry Retreat@ HR
- November 4:** 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School
- November 8:** 11:00 am Synod Meeting at HR
6:30-8:00 pm Bishop Burke & lay leaders meeting at HR
- November 18:** 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School
- November 21:** Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Gloria Dei
- November 22:** Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day
- November 23:** Office Closed (Friday)
- December 2:** 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Shopping @ Target w/Grateful Grannies
- December 16:** Worship w/Children's Christmas Program
Cookie Walk
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Service
- December 25:** Christmas Day Service
- December 30:** No Sunday School

Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Sept. 2	Judy Toy
	Sept. 9	Jan Overland
	Sept. 16	Judy Toy
	Sept. 23	Loretta Shannon
	Sept. 30	Lee Eggers
Usher	Sept 2	Greg & Kay Forest
	Sept 9	De & Arlan Braun
	Sept 16	Marc & Lora Van Buren
	Sept. 23	Jim Veglahn / Bob Poundstone
	Sept. 30	Mark & Marti Marz
Com. Asst	Sept 2	Jeri Hansen
	Sept 9	Conrad V.Z.
	Sept 16	Shari Singelstad
	Sept. 23	Jeri Hansen
	Sept. 30	Lanny Eggers
Com. Runner	Sept 2	Linda Singelstad
	Sept 9	Jeri Hansen
	Sept 16	Judy Toy
	Sept. 23	Loretta Shannon
	Sept. 30	Jeri Hansen
Lay Reader	Sept 2	Jeri Hansen
	Sept 9	Conrad V.Z.
	Sept 16	Loretta Shannon
	Sept. 23	Marti Marz
	Sept. 30	Tracy Kisling
Acolyte	Sept 2	TBD
	Sept 9	Caden Holtey
	Sept 16	Quincy Gilbert
	Sept. 23	Keri Ketchum
	Sept. 30	Quincy Gilbert
Counters	Sept 2	Rollie Harder & Donna Madsen
	Sept 9	Jim Veglahn & Donna Madsen
	Sept 16	2 Needed
	Sept. 23	Jim Veglahn & Daphne Miller
	Sept. 30	Tracy Kisling & TBD
Com. Prep	Sept 2	LaVonne Hunter
	Sept 9	Le & Dick Smith
	Sept 16	Laura Fowler
	Sept. 23	Nicole Hubbell
	Sept. 30	Jean Stelling
Altar Care: Dianne Torrey & Joyce Black		
Visitor Calling Schedule: Loretta Shannon		

September 2018 at a Glance

Sept 2 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship
	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sept 3 (Mon)	9:00 am S.S. Breakfast @ Tommy's – all invited!
	9:00 am Staff Meeting
Sept 4 (Tues)	12:30 pm Card Players
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
Sept 5 (Wed)	6:00 pm Steph. Min. Supervision
	9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Sept 6 (Thu)	6:30 pm Executive Council Mtg
	7:00 pm Committee Meetings
	9:00 am Worship & Food Bank W/E
Sept 9 (Sun)	10:30-Noon Take Away Hunger Service Sunday Project
	Noon-1:00 pm Sunday School w/meal
Sept 11 (Tue)	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
	12:30 pm Craft Day
Sept 12 (Wed)	5:30-6:30 pm Confirmation Class
	9:30 am WIGS
Sept 13 (Thu)	7:00 pm Council Meeting
	9:00 am Worship
Sept 16 (Sun)	10:30-11:30 am Steph. Ministry Awareness/Ownership Presentation
	12:30 pm Card Players
Sept 18 (Tue)	6:00 pm Steph. Min. Supervision
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
	9:00-11:00 pm S.S. Coloring @ Scooter's
Sept 19 (Wed)	5:30-6:30 pm Confirmation Class
	Newsletter Deadline
Sept 20 (Thu)	11:30 am Mission of Hope meal
	5-9 pm Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
	9:00 am Worship
	4th W/E Offer'g to Madge Phillips Center/Waypoint
Sept 23 (Sun)	10:30-11:30 am Sunday School Coffee w/Council
	9:30-1:30 pm DUO Day
Sept 25 (Tue)	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
	12:30 pm Craft Day
Sept 26 (Wed)	5:30-6:30 pm Confirmation Class
	11:30 am Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Class Act, Kirkwood Hotel
Sept 27 (Thu)	
Sept 28 (Fri)	11:15 am Senior Saints Lunch & Learn in Peosta
	9:00 am Worship
Sept 30 (Sun)	5th W/E Offer'g to ELCA Campus Min. 10:30 am Ministry of Month Training



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Church Office Hours
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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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Join us as we grow to and for Christ!!!