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Growing to and for Christ!

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Siblings in Christ,

I pray that you and your family are having a wonderful, relaxing summer thus far. This month we celebrate Independence Day. We celebrate together through sparklers and fireworks the freedoms that we and our loved ones have. Yet, this month we don't just celebrate our freedoms. We also remember and reflect on the sacrifices both in the past and in the present that make those freedoms possible. I want to start out by thanking our service men and women. I am grateful for those who have served and I am grateful for those who currently are serving. This month, we remember our past, celebrate our present and hope for a future where all experience these freedoms.

When we begin reflecting about our freedoms as citizens, I cannot help but think about our Christian freedom. Summertime is the time of year where we, as the Church, focus on discipleship and how we live out our faith in our daily lives. And Christian discipleship is always attached to freedom. Our faith life is always tied to the freedom we received from Jesus. Our starting point isn't deeds, work or service. It's our relationship with Christ.

For many of us, Easter seems like it was an eternity ago, yet it is always on our minds as disciples. For we are Easter and Resurrection people. We live out and celebrate that truth daily. Yet, that celebration doesn't come without sacrifice. Easter is always attached to Good Friday. You cannot have one without the other. As disciples, we celebrate that freedom we receive from Jesus, yet we know that freedom only comes through the sacrifice that our Savior made on the cross. That dreadful day when we denied Christ but Jesus forever choose you. Died for you. Died for us. So that all of us could have new life. Not just new life in heaven. But, new life here on Earth.

“It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” –Galatians 2:20

So, the questions we, as disciples, ponder are: What do we do with that new life? What do we do with the freedom we have received from Jesus?

500 years ago, Martin Luther was pondering these same questions. He was trying to make sense of how Christians live out their faith. And I've shared this quote from Martin Luther before, but I love it so much and believe it's worth repeating. In his work entitled, *“The Freedom of a Christian,”* Luther argued that we, as disciples of Christ, are “simultaneously freed from all and subject to all.” And at first glance, the phrasing doesn't seem to mesh together. Yet, they do. Here Luther asserts that we, as Christians, are first and foremost freed from all our sin. We are freed from all that weighs on our hearts. But, at the same time, we aren't freed to do nothing. We are freed by Christ so that we can serve the neighbor.

We are freed from sin and simultaneously freed to serve. At Holy Redeemer, we are continuing to try to live into that reality of being both freed from and freed to. During the month of July, we are having intentional conversations around how we live into that truth and reality. We are unpacking things we believe to be and are looking at how our practices reflect those beliefs. I pray you join us for these important conversations as we all continue to discern who we are and how we are to be in this world.

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

Our Youth will plan and serve the July 20 Mission of Hope meal. They will be serving chicken & noodles as the main entrée.

An electronic signup sheet was distributed to our families. There will be no paper copy posted in our lobby. Please direct questions about the July meal to Nicole Hubbell. All are welcome to sign-up and contribute.

Stephen Ministry Session

Do you ever feel like no one's really listening? How often have you thought that you'd like to be a better listener? If these questions strike a chord in your heart then Stephen Ministry might be part of the answer for you. Jesus said in John 13:34 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' Sometimes it can be hard to know, practically, how to do that. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people thru people. It's an opportunity to receive solid, Christian training to equip & prepare & give practice in listening to & caring for & loving one another as Jesus has loved us.

In case you missed the previous Stephen Ministry Information Sessions, there will be one more opportunity this summer to find out more. It will be held at 10:15 a.m., after church, on Sunday, July 30, in one of the classrooms. We have tried to cover different information about Stephen Ministry at each session. Bring your coffee & any questions to help you consider what Stephen Ministry might mean for this congregation & for the Lord's call in your life. Text or talk to Marti Marz to know more. (319-551-1949)

4th Sunday Offering



The Fourth Sunday Offering in July will be donated to the Community Free Health Clinic in Cedar Rapids.

Several health services are available at the clinic with medical visits being responsible for the most visits and dental services following. The clinic provides community health and healthcare for the homeless.

Take Away Hunger

September 10 is "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. The Outreach Committee has chosen **Take Away Hunger** as our service project. This organization packages food to be distributed either overseas or in the USA.

We have chosen to package food for overseas. The meals will be 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 also need 2-3 adults to serve as team leaders. They will be trained on how to package the meals. We will package, weigh & heat seal the food. Each bag consists of 6 1-cup meals. The cost is 25 cents per bag. We need to raise approximately \$2,000.

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 are very excited about this project. We need to begin forming teams and raising the \$2,000. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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. We would like to close the morning with a potluck. More details to follow.

The Outreach Committee is excited about this project. We hope you will want to get involved.

"God's Work. Our Hands." T-Shirts

Members 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.



Details and order forms are in the narthex. Prices vary depending on size. The deadline is July 30.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 26

3:00-6:00 p.m.

Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church

Signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you for donating blood!



Relay for Life

Relay for Life was held on Friday, June 9, at Kingston Stadium. The walk ended at 1:00 a.m. on June 10. Holy Redeemer had a team of walkers participating.

The current posted donations have come to \$1,031.00 with 16 out of 37 teams reporting their donation amounts so far.

Adult News

Women's Bible Study

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

Session 2 of the summer Bible study, *All Anew Ready or Not*, is entitled, *Stand With the Least of These* by Kelly Fryer. Text Micah 1:1-2a "The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth...listen, O earth, and all that is in it..." (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.) All are welcome to join us!!

WIGs (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on Thursday, July 13 at the church at 9:30 a.m. LaVonne Hunter will be the hostess.

The book for this month is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. It isn't necessary to have read the book - come join us for the discussion.

Craft Day



The women will meet for Craft Day two days in June. Join us on Wednesday, July 12 at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, July 26, at 9:30 a.m. Please note, we will start early on July 26 due to the blood drive at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to join!

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet at the church on Tuesday, July 25, 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.

Bring your sack lunch or go out for near-by fast food!



Let's Do Lunch

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

Granite City
on Collins Rd & First Ave SE

Call Joyce Black with questions.

Line Dancing Class July 20

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 July 20.

The fun starts at 5:00 p.m., you can eat at Wild Hogs if you don't want to cook at home and you can stay as long as you want.

Senior Saints Adult Coloring

“Grown-ups have relatively few opportunities for open-ended, unstructured play (Candy Crush doesn't count). But it's precisely those moments when our minds are engaged yet free to roam that unexpected associations and ideas pop up, unleashing inner creative genius. Coloring can also provide a way to experiment without worrying about failure or consequences.” Excerpt from Reader's Digest website.

Saturday, July 22, 2017 - 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Scooter's Coffee, 2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids.



Kyrie/Psalm Cantors Needed

The Music department is looking for individuals who would enjoy being a Cantor for the Kyrie and occasionally the Psalm during worship services. This can be done on a monthly or single service basis. Middle school age and above are encouraged to serve in this capacity.

Please feel free to contact our Director of Music Ministries (Jackie Kimm), or Worship and Music chair (Connie Hansen) if you are interested.

Lifting your voice in joy and leadership is a wonderful way use your time and talents to serve HRLC and appreciated by all.

General and Building Fund Income Statement

May 2017 Summary

	May 2017	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
General Income	\$12,647	\$73,834	\$73,308
General Expenses	\$13,216	\$69,317	\$68,645
Building Income	\$3,218	\$15,945	\$18,478
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$17,030	\$17,030
Income vs Expenses	(\$757)	\$3,432	\$6,111
Total Budget	\$18,265	\$91,325	\$89,275
Income vs. Budget	(\$2,400)	(\$1,546)	\$2,511

- For May our General Fund income was \$2,212 below budget.
- Our YTD General Fund income is \$461 below budget.
- For May our Building Addition Income was \$188 below budget.
- Our YTD Building Addition Income is \$1,085 below budget.
- \$569 was moved from Contingency Fund to the General Fund since our May income was less than our May expenses. The balance of our Contingency Fund is \$49,551.
- Food Bank Offering was \$232.
- 4th Sunday Offering for Relay for Life was \$156.
- Feed the Pig raised \$627 for World Hunger.

Church Family News

On June 25, we welcomed 4 new members to Holy Redeemer. They were: Jean Slonsky, Patrick Tomlin, and Matt & Holly Schwarz.

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.

New Custodian

We are happy to inform you that Holy Redeemer has hired a new custodian. On June 19, Susan Adams took over the job as custodian.

Please welcome her when you see her.

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time in helping with the custodial duties while Holy Redeemer was in the process of finding a replacement custodian.



Youth News

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

- August 13:** 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship @ Cherry Hill Park
- August 27:** Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 30:** Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's
- September 3:** 9:00 am Worship with Teacher Installation
- September 4:** Office closed for holiday
- September 6:** Youth Sign-up Orientation
- September 10:** "God's Work, Our Hands" Service Day – "Take Away Hunger Service Project" and Potluck Meal
- September 13:** WinGS & Confirmation Class start back up
- September 17:** 10:00 a.m. Usher Training following service
- September 24:** Fellowship Meal during Coffee w/Council
- 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 @ HRLC
- December 2:** Hanging of the Greens
- December 3:** Blue Christmas Service
- December 17:** Children's Christmas Program
Cookie Walk
- December 24:** 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- December 25:** Christmas Worship Service
Office closed for Christmas

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the IT 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.

IT Committee

by Matt Hubbell

The technology committee is responsible for implementing and overseeing technology in our congregation and community to help us grow intellectually and spiritually.

One growth strategy was enhancing the website to provide more communication internally to the congregation and externally to the community. The website offers new avenues for communication among people already dedicated to church but are saddled with hectic schedules and multiple demands on their time. The online church calendar can be sync'd with smart phones to overlay personal schedules and newsletters can be viewed online through a browser. Future website enhancements will allow the community to listen to the previous week's sermon.

The technology committee recently procured a Smart Television for the Sanctuary. This network-enabled technology will allow the church to create dynamic worship experiences that are engaging, meaningful, and relevant.



Confirmation Students



Relay for Life





Ministry of the Month

Greeter	July 2	Evelyn Neal
	July 9	Loretta Shannon
	July 16	Lee Eggers
	July 23	Lee Eggers
	July 30	Loretta Shannon
Ushers	July 2	Jim Veglahn & Bob Poundstone
	July 9	Gordy & Jean Stelling
	July 16	Mark & Marti Marz
	July 23	Dick & Le Smith
	July 30	Jim Veglahn & Bob Poundstone
Com. Asst	July 2	Mark Marz
	July 9	Ron Taylor
	July 16	Greg Forest
	July 23	Lanny Eggers
	July 30	Shari Singelstad
Com. Runner	July 2	Linda Singelstad
	July 9	Connie Hansen
	July 16	Kay Forest
	July 23	Judy Toy
	July 30	Loretta Shannon
Lay Reader	July 2	Marti Marz
	July 9	Tracy Kisling
	July 16	Marti Marz
	July 23	Loretta Shannon
	July 30	TBA
Acolyte	July 2	TBA
	July 9	TBA
	July 16	TBA
	July 23	TBA
	July 30	TBA
Counters	July 2	Jim Veglahn & TBA
	July 9	Tracy Kisling & TBA
	July 16	Rollie Harder & TBA
	July 23	2 NEEDED
	July 30	Jim Veglahn & TBA
Com. Prep	July 2	Le & Dick Smith
	July 9	Jean Stelling
	July 16	Laura Fowler
	July 23	Nicole Hubbell
	July 30	LaVonne Hunter

Altar Care: Allan & Lee Eggers

Visitor Calling Schedule: Jan Overland

June 2017 at a Glance

July 1 (Sat)	10 a.m.-Noon Sanctuary reserved
July 2 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
July 4 (Tue)	Office closed for holiday
	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
July 6 (Thu)	6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
	9:00 a.m. Worship
July 9 (Sun)	Food Bank Weekend Pastor leaves for Stephen Ministry Retreat
July 10 (Mon)	Pastor @ Stephen Ministry Retreat
July 11 (Tue)	Pastor @ Stephen Ministry Retreat 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
July 12 (Wed)	Pastor @ Stephen Ministry Retreat 12:30 p.m. Craft Day
	Pastor @ Stephen Ministry Retreat
July 13 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS 5:00 p.m. Home dedication @ 2123 Chandler St. SW 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
July 14 (Fri)	Pastor @ Stephen Ministry Retreat
July 15 (Sat)	Pastor @ Stephen Ministry Retreat
July 16 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/Pr. Wendall Debner Pr. Fish on vacation
July 17 (Mon)	Pr. Fish on vacation 12:30 p.m. Card Players
July 18 (Tues)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Pr. Fish on vacation
July 19 (Wed)	Pr. Fish on vacation
	Mission of Hope Meal served by youth
July 20 (Thu)	5:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs Newsletter deadline Pr. Fish on vacation
July 22 (Sat)	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Coloring at Scooter's
	9:00 a.m. Worship
July 23 (Sun)	4 th Weekend Offering to Community Free Health Clinic Coffee w/Council
	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day
July 25 (Tues)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
July 26 (Wed)	9:30 a.m. Craft Day 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive @ H.R.
July 27 (Thu)	11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Granite City
	9:00 a.m. Worship
July 30 (Sun)	5 th Weekend Offering to Campus Ministries 10:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Info Mtg



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
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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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