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Growing to and for Christ!

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

First off, I want to share if you hadn't already heard that Kate and I are expecting baby #2. She or he will arrive in April 2017. When we told Ellie she was going to be a big sister, she immediately threw her water cup on the ground. Now, there are multiple ways to interpret that reaction; however, Kate and I decided to interpret Ellie's reaction as excitement for our new addition. Our family is thankful for all your support, love and prayers!

Before I transition into my monthly reflection, I want to briefly explain our exciting 4-week Stewardship Program coming in October, entitled "*Living Each Day as a Steward.*" During the first four Sundays of October, we will intentionally look at Scripture through the lens of Stewardship. Our hope is that all of us will claim and learn to be better stewards with our time, talents and treasure through: recognizing, thanking, encouraging, growing, giving, telling and praying. Our Stewardship Program Kick-off is Sunday, October 2, and we will conclude our Stewardship Program on Sunday, October 23, for Celebration Sunday!

For my monthly reflection, I have been thinking a lot about the difference between *serving and volunteering*. This differentiation was brought to light at last month's Spiritual Renewal Retreat. For those who weren't present, we had a spiritual director from Prairiewoods, Rodney Bluml, join us to facilitate conversation and teach us various spiritual practices. During the conversation, Rodney pointed out the difference between volunteering and serving. At first, his separating the two seemed like an insignificant play on words. However, the more I reflected, the more I realized how important it is that we, as disciples of Christ, understood the tremendous difference between service and volunteering.

We, at Holy Redeemer, want to empower and equip disciples who serve—not volunteer. Now, volunteering isn't bad. People volunteer to create positive change. People volunteer to help people. But, volunteering has time constraints. When we volunteer, it's often done in our free time and so we can only designate a specific amount of time (i.e. 1 to 2 hours a week). The other issue with volunteering is it often is done out of obligation and as a result will lead to burnout, which is why many non-profits experience lots of volunteer turn-over.

We want to be different at Holy Redeemer. We want people who give cheerfully. We want people who love fully. We want people who serve joyfully. Serving like volunteering is about creating change and helping people. Yet, the difference is service has no constraints. It's who we are as baptized members of the Body of Christ. Service isn't done out of obligation. Service, instead, is done out of our response to God's grace and love. Centered and grounded in our relationship with Christ, we then go out and serve the neighbor.

"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." –John 10:10

Jesus called us to live our lives abundantly. I pray we, at Holy Redeemer, are a congregation of "*Abundant Joyfuls.*" That we are a congregation full of disciples energized to serve and live out the love of Christ. And who do so joyfully in response to the abundance we have received from God.

Thank you for all you do in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus!

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands”

Thank you to everyone for helping us participate in the ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands” event on Sunday, September 11. Our church honored our Veterans, Police Officers, Firefighters, Sheriff’s Department as well as remembering the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

There were a lot of bars and cookies donated for us to take to three fire stations, Police Department and Sheriff’s Department. A group also enjoyed the tours at the Central Fire Station and Police Department.

All of the departments appreciated us for remembering and praying for them that day and the food donation.

Crop Walk

The annual Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2, at Thomas Park in Marion.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:30 p.m. We have a table in the Narthex with envelopes for you to get donations. Please bring the envelope back no later than October 2.

If you would like more information, please contact one of the Outreach Committee Members.

Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope meal that was scheduled with the Council in October has been moved to Friday, November 4, because October 20 is the week of the bazaar.

The regular third Thursday Mission of Hope meal will be November 17. It will be served by the congregation.

Mission Partner Sunday

On Sunday, October 9, we are inviting numerous community organizations to visit our church from 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Join us after worship and hear about the ministry happening around Cedar Rapids. Our hope is to build connections, awareness and relationships so that we can work together in living out God’s mission.

Veterans Hospital Thank You

I delivered the items on Wednesday, September 14, to the Volunteer Office at the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City. They give the cards to the chaplains to distribute. She went and got the Volunteer Coordinator to make sure everything was OK to donate. The Coordinator thanked me several times for everything and said the inpatient unit had asked her last week if they had any puzzles, so she said it was perfect timing. I wrote a note explaining why we did it and gave them the church’s address and she said they would send a Thank You note.

by Shari Singelstad

4th Sunday Offering

The Fourth Sunday Offering will be designated for Sleep Out for the Homeless.

Adult News

Women’s Bible Study

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

The Bible Study is entitled *The Bible Study is entitled **Jesus and the Evil Eye When God blesses the Undeserving– Session #2 When God Forgives the Guilty*** (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, October 13, at 9:30 a.m., at the home of Ruth Teggatz, 1006 Cheyenne Road N.W.**

The book for October is ***The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection*** by Alexander McCall Smith.

Come; join us!

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet on **Tuesday, October 25, 9:30 – 1:30 at the church.**

Thanks to all who help with this project. Come, join the women for sewing day – you can cut squares or tie or iron fabric if you don’t wish to sew.

Let's Do Lunch

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

The Hotel at Kirkwood

(Kirkwood Blvd SW)

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

(Questions, contact Lee Eggers, 396-3972)

Craft Day



The women will have a Craft Day on
Wednesday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m.

The holiday bazaar is right around the corner on
October 20, 21 & 22. All are welcome to join!

Adult Faith Formation

Starting this fall, we will have three opportunities to
grow in your faith. We have a Tuesday night Bible
Study from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We will also have a
Wednesday evening Bible Study from 6:30 p.m.-
7:30 p.m. On the Sundays that we have Sunday
School, we will offer a 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. study
of the Sunday School Scripture lesson.

Choir Call

Enjoy singing but can't commit to every
Sunday?

Please consider taking a turn singing with
us for at least one month this year.



Our music is not hard to learn. Practice is after
service on Sundays (10:15-11:00) except for the 4th
Sunday when we have Coffee with Council. We
warm up at 8:40 a.m. on the days we sing for
service (2nd & 4th Sundays). Questions? See Connie
Hansen or Marilyn Mark.

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.

General and Building Fund Income Statement

August 2016 Summary

	Aug 2016	Year-to-Date	
		2016	2015
General Income	\$14,081	\$112,627	\$104,031
General Expenses	\$13,462	\$108,255	\$102,407
Building Income	\$2,349	\$32,313	\$29,036
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$28,448	\$28,981
Income vs Expenses	(\$439)	\$8,238	\$1,679
Total Budget	\$17,855	\$142,840	\$144,468
Income vs. Budget	(\$1,426)	\$2,100	(\$11,401)

August General Fund and Building Fund Offerings
were \$16,430.

\$618.74 was moved from the General Fund to the
Contingency Fund.

General Fund and Building Fund Offering YTD is
\$11,873 more than August YTD 2015.

4th Sunday Offering for Grateful Grannies was
\$537.00!

Committee Sunday

On Sunday, October 16, we will have Committee
Sunday. Committees will highlight all the ministry
and mission they do throughout the year. Join us
after worship and get involved in one of our many
wonderful committees.

Holiday Fair

Our 23rd Annual Holiday Fair will be open to the
public on Friday, October 21, from 7:00 a.m.-6:00
p.m. and Saturday, October 22, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00
p.m. We will have a special preview on Thursday,
October 20, from 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for members,
friends and families.

If you are able to help during the holiday fair,
please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in
the narthex.

Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry?

Our church is officially a Stephen Ministry congregation. Check out our enrollment certificate located in the narthex near our sanctuary doors. Stephen Ministry is a system for training laypeople to do caring ministry. Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, hurting, or experiencing stress in life.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry trains people in the basic skills necessary for helping others. Through discussion and experiential learning people learn everything from how to be an effective listener to specific techniques for ministering to hurting people. Our congregation will reap many, many blessings through our involvement in this ministry of care.

Who benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry benefits both care givers (Stephen Ministers) and care receivers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others. They learn about themselves. As hurting people in our congregation and community grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole Church is built up and made stronger. We all can have the confident knowledge that when pains of life come our way, someone (not just the pastor) will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a personal way.

If you are interested in getting involved with Stephen Ministry, talk to Pr. Fish or Marti Marz. Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer his/her love to those who are hurting.

Youth News

Come to the Crop Walk!

Hoping young kids and their families will come and enjoy this event on October 2 at Thomas Park. We are meeting at 1:00 p.m. and are walking at 1:30 p.m. Sign up is in the narthex and Loretta Shannon is the contact person. Amy Renner and Nicole Hubbell will walk and be there for the youth.

Sunday School Begins

Sunday School begins October 2 for infants through 5th grade from 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 p.m.

Please consider inviting friends, families or neighbors with young children. We also invite adults to sign-up as helpers throughout the year. Please see Kate Fish with any questions.

All are welcome.

WinGs

WinGS is off to a great start with our WinGS kick-off that was on Wednesday, September 14. All kids AK-12th grade are welcome to join. Activities begin at 4:45 p.m. and finish at 7:30 p.m. Adults can also join the adult bible study from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Confirmation

We offer confirmation for our 7th and 8th grade students on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. This year we are focusing on Martin Luther, the Reformation, and what it means to be Lutheran.

First Communion

If your child is in third grade, they are invited to join us on Sunday, October 30, for First Communion Class. We will have the First Communion Students installed on Sunday, November 6. Please let Pr. Fish know if you are interested in attending this class and want your child to receive First Communion.

Sleep Out for the Homeless

Sleep Out for the Homeless is Saturday, October 29, at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. Inviting all youth with their families to sleep out!

The fun theme this year is "Two-gether we can make a difference!" Our cardboard box will be made into Noah's Ark.

We welcome gently used or new stuffed animals that we can donate. We pray it shows our love for all the children in need and gives hope.

For any questions, see Dave Anderson or Amy Renner (319 389-8885). Sign up on-line or donate at <https://sleepoutcr.org> under Holy Redeemer.

Thank you for supporting our community and thinking of others.

Trunk or Treat

"Trunk or Treat" is Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. (following coffee with Council)! We invite all to participate. We need the congregation and their trunks and treats! Fun activities for the youth in the classrooms. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding participation (best trunk, best treat, or creativeness). Let's have fun and treat the kids big & small! Sign up in the Narthex. For questions, contact Dave Anderson or Amy Renner (319-389-8885) or ajrdar@q.com

Reformation Roast

Reformation Roast will also take place on Sunday, October 30 immediately following the "Trunk or Treat".

This is an opportunity to have a great lunch, made and served to you by the youth, to raise money for youth trips (mission trips/youth gathering).

Please join us for a meal and support the youth.

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

- November 1:** All Saints Day
- November 4:** Mission of Hope Meal served by Council
- November 6:** 1st Communion Students installed
- November 8:** Election Day at the church
- November 14:** 2:00 p.m. Senior Saints Dessert & Travelogue at church
- November 19:** 9:00 a.m. Senior Saints Coloring at Scooter's Coffee

November 23: Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Gloria Dei

December 4: 5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Program

December 11: 2:00 p.m. Senior Saints Coloring at Scooter's Coffee

December 16: TBD Senior Saints Movie

December 18: 9:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Program & Cookie Walk

December 24: 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 25: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship

December 26: Church office closed for holiday

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the Stewardship 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.

Stewardship Committee

by Rick Renner

The Stewardship Committee will begin our 4-week Stewardship Program on October 2. This year's theme is "Live each day as a Steward."

We are busy planning an event each week. Look for more details in your bulletins.

Stewardship Program

C.S. Lewis said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.' " As redeemed children of God, of course, we desire to belong to that first category. We long to **live each day as stewards** who earnestly pray, "Thy will be done." As God's stewards, we are devoted to using all that we are and have for his purpose. We are God's stewards each and every day.

On Sundays, October 2, October 9, October 16, and October 23, the theme of our worship services will be **living each day as a steward**. We will learn about how we can be more willing and generous stewards. Just as Jesus faithfully served his Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to him by serving others. The theme verse for our 4-week Stewardship Program follows that thinking: *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”* (1 Peter 4:10).

As your pastor, I pray that each of you will join us for our Stewardship Program and hear the call to re-imagine how we are living out our call as steward.

The four weekly themes are as follows:

Sunday, October 2: “The Steward’s Identity”
Living Generously Workshop by Thrivent

Sunday, October 9: “The Steward’s Purpose”
Mission Partner Fair

Sunday, October 16: “The Steward’s Lifestyle”
Committee Sunday

Sunday, October 23: “New Beginnings: Celebration Sunday” Special Meal

Thank you for being a faithful steward of the blessings God has entrusted into your care!

Pastor Pat Fish

ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday





Ministry of the Month

Greeter:	Oct. 2	Evelyn Neal
	Oct. 9	Loretta Shannon
	Oct. 16	LaVonne Hunter
	Oct. 23	Tom Fruehling
	Oct. 30	Loretta Shannon
Ushers	Oct. 2	Mark & Marti Marz
	Oct. 9	Tom Fruehling & Ron Hansen
	Oct. 16	Jim Veglahn & Ron Hansen
	Oct. 23	Gordy & Jean Stelling
	Oct. 30	DeAnna & Arlan Braun
Com. Asst	Oct. 2	Conrad V. Z.
	Oct. 9	Greg Forest
	Oct. 16	Jodi Dufoe
	Oct. 23	Jeri Hansen
	Oct. 30	Conrad V. Z.
Com. Run	Oct. 2	Loretta Shannon
	Oct. 9	Kay Forest
	Oct. 16	Loretta Shannon
	Oct. 23	Judy Toy
	Oct. 30	Jeri Hansen
Lay Reader	Oct. 2	Marti Marz
	Oct. 9	Loretta Shannon
	Oct. 16	Tracy Kisling
	Oct. 23	Jeri Hansen
	Oct. 30	Georgia Fuoto
Acolyte	Oct. 2	Courtney Hubbell
	Oct. 9	Nicholas Hand
	Oct. 16	Will Davidson
	Oct. 23	Delaney Holtey
	Oct. 30	Courtney Hubbell
Counters	Oct. 2	John Huntington & Donna Madsen
	Oct. 9	Susan Hand & Tracy Kisling
	Oct. 16	Jim Veglahn & Jodi Dufoe
	Oct. 23	Jodi Dufoe & Connie Hansen
	Oct. 30	Rick Renner & John Quandt
Com. Prep	Oct. 2	Marti Marz
	Oct. 9	Le & Dick Smith
	Oct. 16	Jean Stelling
	Oct. 23	Laura Fowler
	Oct. 30	Nicole Hubbell
Altar Care: Arlan & DeAnna Braun		
Visitor Calling Schedule: DeAnna Braun		

October 2016 at a Glance

Oct. 2 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship & 10:15 Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Living Generously Workshop
	1:00 p.m. Crop Walk @ Thomas Park
Oct. 4 (Tue)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 5 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 6 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Oct 7 (Fri)	1:15 p.m. Senior Saints Movie - Sully
Oct. 9 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Mission Partner Fair
Oct. 10 (Mon)	9:00 – 11:00 Senior Saints Coloring
Oct. 11 (Tue)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 12 (Wed)	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 13 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Oct. 16 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Committee Sunday
Oct. 18 (Tue)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 19 (Wed)	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 20 (Thu)	4:00-6:30 p.m. Holiday Bazaar Preview
Oct. 21 (Fri)	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Holiday Bazaar
Oct. 22 (Sat)	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Holiday Bazaar
Oct. 23 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	Celebration Sunday 4th Weekend Offering – Sleep Out for the Homeless
Oct. 25 (Tue)	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day
	5:45 p.m. Senior Saints History Center
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 26 (Wed)	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 27 (Thu)	11:30 a.m. Let's Do Lunch - Class Act
Oct. 29 (Sat)	2:00 p.m. Ongie Wedding
	3:00 p.m. Sleep Out for the Homeless
Oct. 30 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/LSI Temple Talk
	10:00 a.m. First Communion Class
	5th Weekend Offering – LSI
	Coffee w/Council with Fellowship Meal
	Reformation Roast Trunk or Treat



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*If we live by the Spirit, let us also be
 guided by the Spirit.*
Galatians 5:25 (NRSV)



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