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Lutheran Church

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Growing to and for Christ!

April 2019

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As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Luke 17:12-16 NRSV

Dear Beloved Community of HRLC,

Grace and peace to you in the midst of our Lenten travels toward Holy Week and Easter!

I wanted to offer thanks to those people who have been so gracious in preparing Lenten suppers and for those assisting in music during our Wednesday Lenten services. In particular, I'd like to celebrate the leadership of our young people (Courtney Hubbell, Nicholas Hand and Quincy Gilbert thus far) in their excellence reading and participation in the Lenten dramas. We look forward to other young people offering their gifts in worship.

Last month we pondered the images in the Bible of feet, standing on holy ground, taking care of and tending to the dusty feet of guests in our journey with Jesus. This month, the story of the ten lepers who were healed and the grateful one who returned, graces our spirits and strengthens our faith. The one man, Luke tells us, is a Samaritan. He's someone who those around Jesus would be surprised that he was healed and even more surprised that he was the only one who returned to praise God and to give thanks. Samaritans were generally despised by the Jewish folks and were considered to be outside the holy covenant that God had made with their ancestors. Nevertheless, he's the one who races back to Jesus. Not only does he return to give thanks but also, he prostrates himself in a powerful act of humility and gratitude.

Some translations say he knelt down at the feet of Jesus or that he fell down on the ground in front of his healer. That's not quite right and doesn't capture the full sense of the once-leper's utter gratitude. Lying prostrate is to lie on the ground on one's face. In some denominations' ordination liturgies, the ordained lies prostrate on the floor of the chancel, face down and arms outstretched as a posture of prayer and holy obedience to the call of Christ. Our inspiration in the holy season during April as we cross over from Lent into Holy Week, the three days of Triduum and on to Easter morning, is the healed man who fell on his face at the feet of Jesus. There, with the outsider man, healed, forgiven and freed, we offer our most grateful prayers to God for the love that shines forth in Jesus.

In these holy days, I encourage you to yoke yourselves to the discipline of gathering for worship – Sundays, Wednesdays and on the days of Holy Week onto Easter Sunday. It is a most sacred and blessed experience to be together and to experience the hallowed mysteries of our faith in the crucified and risen Christ.

Blessed be our journey with Christ, our healer,

Pastor Jayne Thompson

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, April 18. The main entrée will be tacos, by request.

Please see the bulletin board to sign-up to help. All donations are needed by Wednesday, April 17.

4th Sunday Offering

In April, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on April 28. The proceeds from this Sunday offering will be designated to the EWALU Bible Camp and Retreat Center (local outdoor Christian ministry).

"Our Mission: In the rhythm of Christian life, EWALU serves as a place apart to connect the Word of God with the world of God." Please note that many of our youth are EWALU campers, counselors-in-training or paid summer counselors.

Blood Drive Update

Our semi-annual blood drive was held at Gloria Dei on Friday, March 15. A total of 7 people donated blood. We were able to help 28 patients.

A blood drive will be held at HRLC on July 23.

The Outreach Committee and the Mississippi Valley Blood Bank are open to ideas as to how we can increase the number of donations. If you have any suggestions, please talk to a member of the Outreach Committee.

Thank you,
Arlan, DeAnna, Loretta, Harold, Jan & Judy

Take Away Hunger

We will package food for Take Away Hunger on Sunday, September 8. We will partner with Thrivent and plan to make 10,000 meals.

We will split the cost with Thrivent and we'd like to raise \$1,250. To help us reach that goal, please save your quarters and deposit them in the quarter bank located in the narthex

Lenten Meal Donations

The Lenten meal donations will go to Camp EWALU this year. Come and enjoy the Lenten meals this year and help out Camp EWALU at the same time!

Adult News

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Join us for our Lenten and Holy Week services:

Wednesday, April 3:	5:30 p.m. Soup/Salad Meal
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Wednesday, April 10:	5:30 p.m. Potato Bar Meal
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Sunday, April 14:	9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday
	10:30 a.m. Easter Bingo
Thursday, April 18:	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 19:	7:00 p.m. Good Friday
Sunday, April 21:	7:30 p.m. Easter Brunch
	9:00 a.m. Easter Service

The youth will provide an Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Easter morning. This fundraiser will be used to help fund the youth activities this summer.

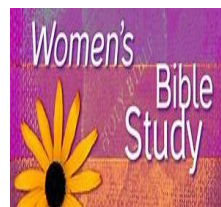


Women's Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at the church on Thursday, April 4, 9:30 a.m.

The Bible Study is entitled,

Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus by Julie A Kanarr. Session #4 is entitled, ***Seeing the Risen Christ, coming to faith.*** Theme verse: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe* (John 20:29b)



All are welcome to join us!! (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

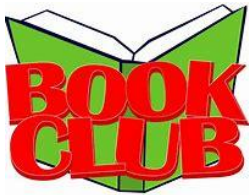
Craft Day

The women will meet for Craft Day twice in April. The dates are: April 10 and April 24.

Please bring new ideas for craft projects or new craft projects for everyone to work on!



WIGS (Book Discussion Group)



WIGs will meet on **Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the church.** DeAnna Braun is the hostess.

The book for the month is: *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns.

All are welcome to join us!

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on **two Tuesdays, April 23 and April 30** at 9:30 a.m.

We usually sew until about 1:30 p.m. Bring a lunch for the noon hour or go out for fast food.

On the 23rd we will pack quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief as the truck will be at Trinity on April 27.

Thanks to all who help with this project.

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group will meet on **April 25, 11:30 a.m.**

at **Bandana's Bar-B-Q**

3707 First Ave SE

(Town & Country Shopping Center)

Address questions to Joyce Black.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can, or just come and join us on the 25th!

Senior Saints & Better Business Bureau

Bobby Hansen from the Better Business Bureau is scheduled to come speak to the Senior Saints (and anyone else that is interested) about all of the scams in Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area.

Please join us on Monday, April 15th at 1:00 PM.

We have invited Gloria Dei and refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Singelstad or Judy Toy.

Fellowship Line Dancing April 8

The Fellowship Committee continues to meet monthly for line dancing & fellowship at Wild Hogs. They are currently meeting in Walford the second Tuesday of each month.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on Monday, April 8.

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.

Senior Saints Adult Coloring

The Senior Saints Adult Coloring Group will meet again on the third Wednesday of April at Scooter's. They will meet on April 17 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Choir and Handbells for Easter



We are looking for volunteers who would like to play the handbells during the Easter service. If you are able to play the handbells or would like to learn, please contact Jackie Murphy.

We are also looking for people who would like to sing or play an instrument for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We are looking for children and adults of all ages to sing or play an instrument during a service. You can contact Jackie Murphy at (319) 440-2740 and leave a message or send a text.



General and Building Fund Income Statement
February 2019 Summary

	Feb. 2019	Year-to-Date	
		2019	2018
General Income	\$10,043	\$20,151	\$23,740
General Expenses	\$15,869	\$25,768	\$18,825
Building Income	\$2,854	\$5,783	\$5,091
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$6,812	\$6,812
Income vs Expenses	(\$6,378)	(\$6,646)	\$3,194
Total Budget	\$20,148	\$40,296	\$37,838
Income vs. Budget	(\$7,251)	(\$14,362)	(\$9,007)

For February, our General Fund income was \$6,699 below budget. Through February, YTD General Fund Income was \$13,333 below budget.

Our February General Fund Expenses were \$1,319 below budget. Through February, YTD General Fund Expenses were \$3,274 below budget.

For February, our Building Addition Income was \$552 below budget. Through February, YTD Building Addition Income was \$1,029 below budget.

Our Contingency Balance at the end of February was \$44,442.

Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of February was \$382,764.

Food Bank Offering was \$428.

4th Sunday Offering, for Community Health Free Clinic was \$398.



Stephen Ministry **Seeing Light**

Holy Redeemer's Stephen Ministers-in-training are seeing the light at the end of their journey through the 20 session course. Information and practice in each module will continue to add depth and understanding to the skills of Distinctively Christian Caring.

In April, the trainees will delve into a core double session called, 'Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care.' They will learn the basic process of regular, confidential, peer group supervision.

They will also have an opportunity to attend a City Wide Stephen Ministry event on April 8. After a continuing education presentation, the Holy Redeemer trainees will observe part of the Supervision session with our current Stephen Ministers.

The March & April Coffee with Council will include a review of the congregation's role in identifying potential Care Receivers. Every person at Holy Redeemer can be a 'Lookout' paving the way to connecting a friend with a Stephen Minister ...anyone at church or at work, in their family or neighborhood who is going thru a difficult time.

As a 'Lookout' each Holy Redeemer member has the opportunity to share basic information about Stephen Ministry. Then, with permission, passing along the person's contact information to Pastor or the Stephen Ministry Team Leaders will pave the way for caring relationships to begin.

We are thankful for Pastor Jayne and the Council's support, participation and encouragement along the way. As we all head toward the light of springtime, we humbly ask for the congregation's prayers for the Stephen Ministry team and for God's blessings upon this ministry.

'...be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ'

Colossians 2:2

Phone Tree for Prayer Chain



Are you able to call one or two people to keep them updated regarding the prayer chain?

We are looking for a couple people who are on the prayer chain that are willing to call one or two people

who do not have access to email regarding news from the prayer chain.

If you do not have access to emails and would like to be added to the phone tree, please contact the office to have your name listed. If you are willing to call one or two people, please contact Diane in the office so we can give you one or two names to contact.

Hymnals in Need of Help

The Worship and Music committee has identified several hymnals in need of repair with broken spines. We are looking for anyone in the congregation that may have knowledge of or talent in hymnal repair to teach a few willing people to help with this.

If you are able to assist with this please contact Connie Hansen at 319-551-5933 or at chansen29@yahoo.com. We thank you for your help!!

Endowment Committee Funds

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications to have the 2018 funds be distributed during 2019.

If you have something you would like to see the funds used for, please complete an application that is pinned on the bulletin board. Please see Rollie Harder if you have any questions.

Recycling at Holy Redeemer

Please help keep our garbage can from overflowing! Please put all recyclable materials in the blue recycle bins (rinse containers and flatten cardboard). Thanks for your help! ☺

Grandchildren Graduating?

Attention all members! We are looking for any grandchildren of members who would like to be included in the High School Recognition Day. Contact the office if you know of someone!

Spring Clean-up Day – April 6

You are all invited to attend the annual spring clean-up day, Saturday, April 6, at 8:00 a.m.

All ages are welcome and this involves work both inside and outside the church building and grounds. Activities can range anywhere from picking up twigs and trash around the grounds, placing new mulch around the trees, washing windows, etc. Please bring your own gloves, garden and cleaning supplies. Let's work together and make this a fun day!

Maundy Thurs. & Good Friday Services

Ministry of the Month April 18 - Maundy Thursday		
Greeter	Apr. 18	LaVonne Hunter
Ushers	Apr. 18	Marc & Lora Van Buren
Comm. Asst.	Apr. 18	Jeri Hansen
Comm. Run.	Apr. 18	Connie Hansen
Comm. Care	Apr. 18	Le & Dick Smith
Lay Reader	Apr. 18	David Adams
Acolyte	Apr. 18	TBD
Counters	Apr. 18	David Adams & 1 Needed
April 19 - .Good Friday		
Greeter	Apr. 19	Judy Toy
Ushers	Apr. 19	Marc & Lora Van Buren
Lay Reader	Apr. 19	Several Needed
Counters	Apr. 19	TBD

Hospitalized Members

If you should become hospitalized and would like Pastor Jayne to visit you, please remember to let the hospital know you are a member of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church when you are admitted or have someone contact the office. If you have a loved one you would like Pr. Jayne to visit, please contact the office or Pr. Jayne. Thank you!

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.

Youth News

High School Senior Recognition Day

Attention all high school seniors: You should have received a letter in the mail from the Holy Redeemer High School Graduation Recognition Committee. This letter informed you of the application process for the opportunity to receive a gift from Holy Redeemer.

The application deadline is April 14. Please contact one of the committee members if you did not receive a letter or have any questions.

Sunday, May 19, is High School Recognition Day. The seniors will be recognized during the Sunday service and the checks will be handed out to the applicants.

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Easter Bingo – April 14



On Sunday, April 14, from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, the youth & Confirmation Class will host bingo. More details to follow.

Easter Breakfast – April 21

On Sunday, April 21, 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. If you would like to help with the breakfast, please contact someone on the Youth & Ed Committee.

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 or you may email your activities to Diane in the office. The hope is to have members come out to support the GREAT things our youth are involved in.



Events

- May 5:** 11:00 am-2:00 pm Last Confirmation Retreat
Youth vs. Adults Soccer/BBQ
- May 8:** 12:30 pm Craft Day
- May 12:** Happy Mother's Day!
- May 15:** 9:00-11:00 am S. S. Coloring @ Scooter's
- May 19:** High School Recognition
- May 22:** 12:30 pm Craft Day
- May 25:** 9:00-4:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved
- May 27:** Memorial Day – Office Closed
- June 2:** Stephen Ministry Commissioning
- June 9:** Confirmation Sunday is on Pentecost Sunday. Feel free to wear red!
- June 10-12:** Set up Fellowship Hall for Annual Garage Sale
- June 13-14:** HRLC Annual Garage Sale



Happy Easter

Happy Easter from the staff at
Holy Redeemer!

Fat Tuesday Dinner



Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Apr 7	Jon Singelstad
	Apr 14	Jan Overland
	Apr 21	Bryan Kisling
	Apr 28	Jon Singelstad
Usher	Apr 7	Greg & Kay Forest
	Apr 14	Jon Singelstad & Jim Veglahn
	Apr 21	Phil Hansen & Jon Singelstad
	Apr 28	Mark & Marti Marz
Com. Asst	Apr 7	Shari Singelstad
	Apr 14	Mark Marz
	Apr 21	Ron Taylor
	Apr 28	Jeri Hansen
Com. Runner	Apr 7	Jean Stelling
	Apr 14	Jeri Hansen
	Apr 21	Linda Singelstad
	Apr 28	Kay Forest
Lay Reader	Apr 7	Jeri Hansen
	Apr 14	Marti Marz
	Apr 21	Tracy Kisling
	Apr 28	Jeri Hansen
Acolyte	Apr 7	Sarah Cones
	Apr 14	Quincy Gilbert
	Apr 21	Bryan Kisling
	Apr 28	TBD
Counters	Apr 7	TBD
	Apr 14	TBD
	Apr 21	TBD
	Apr 28	TBD
Com. Prep	Apr 7	LaVonne Hunter
	Apr 14	Marti Marz
	Apr 21	Jean Stelling
	Apr 28	Laura Fowler
Altar Care: Georgia & John Fuoto		
Visitor Calling Schedule: DeAnna Braun		

April 2019 at a Glance

Apr. 2 (Tue)	9:00 am Staff Meeting
	10:00-12:30 pm Steph. Min. Training
	12:30 pm Card Players
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
Apr. 3 (Wed)	5:30-6:15 pm Youth Lenten Rehearsal
	5:30-6:30 pm Soup & Salad Meal
	7:00 pm Worship
Apr. 4 (Thur)	9:30 am Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm Executive Council Mtg
	7:00 pm Committee Meetings
Apr. 7 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:30-11:30 am Last Sunday School
Apr. 8 (Mon)	5:00 pm Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
	6:00 pm Steph. Min. Offsite
Apr. 9 (Tue)	9:00-2:30 pm Steph. Min. Training
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
Apr. 10 (Wed)	12:30 pm Craft Day
	5:30-6:30 pm Meal (Potato Bar)
	5:30-6:15 pm Youth Lenten Rehearsal
	7:00 pm Worship
Apr. 11 (Thu)	9:30 am WIGS
	7:00 pm Council Meeting
Apr. 14 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship – Palm Sunday
	10:30 am Easter Bingo w/Conf. Class
Apr. 15 (Mon)	5:00 pm Better Bus. Bureau on Scams
	10:00-12:30 pm Steph. Min. Training
Apr. 16 (Tue)	12:30 pm Card Players
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
	Apr. 17 (Wed) 9:00-11:00 am S.S. Coloring @ Scooter's
Apr. 18 (Thu)	11:30 am Mission of Hope Meal
	7:00 pm Maundy Thurs. Service
Apr. 19 (Fri)	7:00 pm Good Friday Service
	Apr. 21 (Sun) 7:30 am Easter Breakfast by Youth
Apr. 22 (Mon)	9:00 am Worship
	Office Closed/ Newsletter Deadline
Apr. 23 (Tue)	6-8:30 pm Steph. Min. Supervision
	9:30-1:30 pm DUO Day
	10:00-12:30 pm Steph. Min. Training
Apr. 24 (Wed)	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
	12:30 pm Craft Day
Apr. 25 (Thu)	11:30 am Women's Let's Do Lunch
	9:00 am Worship
Apr. 28 (Sun)	4th W/E Offer'g to EWALU Bible Camp
	Coffee w/Council
Apr. 30 (Tue)	9:30-1:30 pm DUO Day
	10:00-12:30 pm Steph. Min. Training
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation



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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!!!