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*Growing to and for Christ!*

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Siblings in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Jesus Christ is born to you! I pray that Jesus' birth filled your home with peace and joy. I hope that the news of our Newborn King will continue to bring you warmth during these cold, winter months.

As of January, I will no longer serve as your pastor. Again, I want to reiterate how grateful I am for our time together. Transition is never easy. Goodbyes are downright the worst. But, I want to assure you and share that the Council has been proactive and is already working with the Southeastern Iowa Synod Office. Preparations and plans

are underway for this time of transition. You have an incredible, devoted staff and council. I have no doubt they will lead Holy Redeemer in the months ahead.

As I shared in my farewell letter, truthfully this isn't a call *from* Holy Redeemer. This is a call *to* St. Mark's. What I mean by this is that I leave with no ill will. I have no bitterness or resentment towards any of you. Instead, I leave with deep sadness, because you all have been so special to me and my family. While we may have had our disagreements along the way, I respect you all so much. There are so many gifted and generous saints at HRLC. I have been so blessed to call Holy Redeemer home for the past three and a half years.

This transition has everything to do with being called *to* St. Mark's Lutheran Church. What St. Mark's is looking for in a pastor lines up with my gifts and strengths. St. Mark's has staff that I can learn and grow with. St. Mark's has a child development center for our two girls. But, most importantly, I can serve and do ministry while also being close to our families. St. Mark's is located 10 minutes from my family and 15 minutes from Kate's family. I am being called *to* return home.

Home. It's a word loaded with meaning. For much of my life, I only thought of home as a building. Yet, through my experience partnering with Habitat for Humanity here in Cedar Rapids, I realized there's a huge difference between house and home. Jeff Capps, the executive director, always pointed out the differentiation. House is a place. But, home is an experience. It's family. It's safety.

I pray all of us find home in this world. There are some who are still looking for that home. I hope all experience a place where they feel safe. I hope all find an uplifting community. I hope all discover a space where they can be there real, true selves and take off the masks.

**"When the three Wise men saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the home, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid the child homage." –Matthew 2:10-11**

When I find myself lost. When I find myself wandering in the wilderness, I turn to Jesus. Friends in Christ, Jesus is our forever home. Jesus is who fills us with overwhelming joy. Jesus always has a home for us. That's what He came into the world to reveal. To share that we have a home in God's eternal and everlasting Kingdom.

All my love,  
Pat Fish

## Outreach

### GRATEFUL GRANNIES WRAP-UP

Thanks to all of you we collected \$650 for the Grateful Grannies. We were given 70 gift tags to hang on our tree. All tags were taken. On December 3, about 27 of us gathered at Target for fellowship and to purchase gifts. Target dedicated 1 checkout lane for HRLC. "Elves" were stationed in the toy department to help us find our gifts and to answer questions. They also provided treats. Hats off to Target for their support of the Grateful Grannies.

On December 18, 5 of us joined about 50 other people to wrap presents. Gifts were purchased for 160 children in 70 families. There were rows upon rows of boxes full of presents. Each child received at least 5 gifts. They were also given items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, a new pillow, etc. Each family was given a basket of food.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your support of this project. The Grateful Grannies provide a wonderful service for many needy youth on the west side of Cedar Rapids. The Grateful Grannies enjoyed working with us. We look forward to working together next year.

The Outreach Committee

Jan, Arlan, De, Jesse, Loretta, & Judy

### Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, January 18. We will be serving Chicken and Noodles. All donations are needed by Wednesday, January 17.

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

In January, our fourth Sunday offering will be on Sunday, January 28. The proceeds from the January Sunday offering will be designated to Souper Bowl of Caring.

Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. The youth are *"using the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local*

*communities who are hungry and those in need."* HRLC raises money to benefit the Linn Community Food Bank.

## Adult News

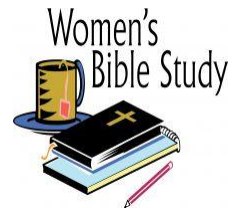
### Craft Day

The women will not have a Craft Day in January. Craft Day will resume in February on Wednesday, February 7.

### Women's Bible Study

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

The 2018 Bible Study is entitled: *Multiple meanings: Learning from Other Interpretations*. Session #1 *Washing Hands with Distant Hearts* uses the Bible Text Mark 7:1-8. (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, January 11, at 9:30 a.m., at the church**. Jeri Hansen is the hostess. The book for the month is: **The Radio Girls** by Sarah Jane Stratford. All are welcome to join us.

### DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 23 and again on Tuesday, January 30.

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 ordinarily meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, but if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (which there is in January) we have two sewing days.

We make quilts for local charities, including Grateful Grannies, and in the spring, we send some to Lutheran World Relief.

## Let's Do Lunch

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

**at Tommy's Restaurant**  
(on Edgewood Rd NW)

Please sign up on the bulletin board  
if you can or just join us!.

Please address questions to:  
**Joyce Black**

## Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, January 17 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The Senior Saints Coloring Group will meet at  
Scooter's Coffee at 2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar  
Rapids.

## Senior Saints Fellowship & Potluck

Please mark your calendar for a potluck fellowship  
night on Friday, February 2. We will have a potluck  
beginning at 6:00 p.m. and board game fellowship  
from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

There will be more in the February newsletter.

## Church Safety & Energy Savings

As the new year begins, we would like to remind  
everyone to help keep the church safe and the  
energy bills low.

If you are the last to leave the building, please take  
a couple minutes to walk through the church to  
make sure all the lights are turned off, all fire doors  
are shut, and exterior doors are locked.

These small steps will help keep the church safe and  
the energy bills low.

Thank you!



## REMOVAL OF THE GREENS

Can you believe that Epiphany is just around  
the corner? (Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>). The feast  
of Epiphany commemorates the Gospel of  
Matthew, according to which the Magi from  
the East came to Bethlehem to worship Jesus  
Christ.

**Please join us after worship on Sunday,  
December 31<sup>st</sup> as we remove the Christmas  
décor from the sanctuary to prepare for  
the feast of Epiphany.**

As with any of the responsibilities within the  
church it is important to remember that “many  
hands, make for light work”.

The Worship and Music Committee thanks  
you in advance for the help!

## Listening Post

Join us on Sunday, January 7, and Sunday, January  
14, for our listening posts. They will be held after  
service each Sunday. Finance and council will be  
present to discuss the proposed 2018 budget. Join us  
for the conversation and discussion.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for  
Holy Redeemer  
Lutheran Church will be  
held on Sunday, January  
21, at 12:45 p.m.

The meeting will be  
preceded by a potluck  
meal at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish or side to share as  
well as your own table service.

At the meeting, we will recap our past year and look  
ahead to the exciting things God has planned for our  
congregation in 2018.

The council along with its new members, will hold  
an organizational meeting directly following the  
annual meeting.





## Feeling the Warmth as Prayers are Answered

Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep a person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend.

Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the grieving, the lonely, those struggling with a life crisis.

Thank you for your prayer support as Stephen Ministry continues to become a real part of this congregation's warm and compassionate caring of others in Christ's name.

God has called six Holy Redeemer members to actively serve others with His Love in this ministry. They are Ron Taylor, Nola Schroeder, Amber Strong, David Adams, Jeff Hand and Sara Merkey. The 2 1/2 hour training sessions will be held every Monday evening beginning this January 8<sup>th</sup> and continuing thru May. In Faithfulness and Grace, God certainly has begun to answer prayers.

Your words of encouragement and your prayers will be a warm caring presence for the Stephen Ministers-in-training.

You may want to pray with words something like this...

'Thank You Lord for your Faithfulness, Grace and Love! Be with those involved in Holy Redeemer's first Stephen Ministry training course. Bless their extended time together with clear learning, a sense of community and faithful spiritual growth....

Remind them that spiritual gifts are given to give away! Spiritual gifts are graciously given by the Holy Spirit to use in serving others and building up Christ's Body, the Church. Help them recognize You as the source of the ministry they will be doing, providing Christian care in Jesus' Name.'

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'

-Phillipians 4:6

## General and Building Fund Income Statement

### November 2017 Summary

	Nov. 2017	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
<b>General Income</b>	\$10,927	\$155,905	\$153,236
<b>General Expenses</b>	\$12,816	\$152,083	\$150,317
<b>Building Income</b>	\$2,503	\$36,209	\$54,112
<b>Building Expenses</b>	\$3,406	\$37,466	\$50,082
<b>Income vs Expenses</b>	(\$2,793)	\$2,564	\$6,950
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$18,265	\$200,915	\$196,405
<b>Income vs. Budget</b>	(\$4,836)	(\$8,802)	\$10,943

- For November, our General Fund income was \$3,933 below budget.
- Our YTD General Fund Income is \$7,544 below budget. Our YTD General Fund Expenses are \$8,411 below budget.
- For November, our Building Addition Income was \$904 below budget.
- Our YTD Building Addition Income is \$1,258 below budget.
- \$1,856 was moved from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund since our November expenses were higher than our November income.
- Our Contingency Balance at the end of November was \$47,150.26.
- Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of November was \$464,675.84.
- Food Bank Offering was \$461 (this includes \$180 from the Thanksgiving Eve joint service with Gloria Dei).
- 4th Sunday Offering for Grateful Grannies was \$580.
- We received additional money for the Hurricane victims: \$150.
- We received additional money for God's Global Barnyard: \$117.
- Holiday Fair Proceeds of \$1,913.36 were used to make a Principal Only payment on the mortgage. Holiday Fair Proceeds of \$956.68 were given to RISE Jail Ministry and \$956.68 were given to the Youth Fund.



## **Overview of The Call Process**

### **Current Pastor Resigns**

- Congregation contacts the Office of the Bishop.

### **Congregation Council Meets with Bishop's Representative**

- Interim Pastor/Process is arranged.

### **Call Committee Appointed/Installed**

- Call committee is trained by Bishop's representative.

### **Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Completed**

- Council reviews Synod Compensation Guidelines and gives call committee parameters for financial package.
- MSP is approved by congregation council.
- MSP shares summary with the congregation.

### **Call Committee Submits Candidate**

### **Nominations to Bishop's Representative**

*This is optional.* If the council/call committee chooses to receive nominations from the congregation, a form is provided by the bishop's representative.

### **Bishop's Representative Provides up to Three Names of Candidates and their Rostered Leader Profile (RLP)**

- These names are confidential.
- Committee chooses to proceed with interviews.
- Interview process begins.

### **Call Committee Recommends One Candidate to the Council.**

- A "Meet and Greet" event may be held.
- The council calls a congregational meeting in accordance with the constitution.

### **The Congregational Meeting is held.**

- The candidate and the terms of compensation and benefits are provided.
- A two-thirds vote is required to issue the call.
- The candidate has 30 days to accept or return the letter of call. If the letter of call is accepted, plans are made for the transition and installation of the new pastor.

The congregation is asked to pray throughout this process for one another and for the work of the Holy Spirit among us as we seek to discern God's will for our congregation.

Suggested prayer for this week:

**"Almighty God, you alone are the great Shepherd of the sheep, and we turn to you to lead and to guide us in all things. Our trust and our hope is in you. You are the way, the truth, and the life. Amen."**

## **Thank You!**

Thank you to all the youth, teachers, Pastor Fish and parents that made the Christmas Program a great success. A special thank you to Nicole Hubbell for taking the lead on the Christmas Program!

Our youth warmed the church on that special Sunday morning. And thanks to the congregation for participating in the Cookie Exchange. We raised more than \$600 for the youth.

## **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**

### **Sunday School**

In January, we will hold our monthly Sunday School class on Sunday, January 21.

Sunday School is the third Sunday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It's for age 3-5th grade students.

All youth are invited.



### **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

- February 2:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. Senior Saints Potluck & Game Night
- February 8** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- February 11:** Valentine's Dinner
- February 14:** Ash Wednesday  
No Wings/No Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. Worship
- February 15:** Mission of Hope Meal
- February 18:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School
- February 21:** 5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal  
6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Church Service
- February 22:** Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Union Station
- February 28:** 5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal  
6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Church Service
- March 7:** 12:30 pm Craft Day  
5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal  
6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Church Service  
7:00 p.m. Worship
- March 14:** 5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal  
6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Church Service  
7:00 p.m. Worship
- March 21:** 12:30 pm Craft Day  
5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal  
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7:00 p.m. Lenten Church Service

- March 22:** 11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Pizza Ranch
- March 25:** Palm Sunday
- March 28:** No WinGS/No Confirmation Class
- March 29:** Maundy Thursday  
7:00 p.m. Worship
- March 30:** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

## Confirmation Class



## Grateful Grannies Present Wrapping







**Children's Christmas Program**



**Fish Farewell Reception**



**Cookie Walk/Farewell Reception**



**Santa's Helper Taking a Break!**



## Ministry of the Month

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	Jan Overland
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Jon Singelstad
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Judy Toy
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	Jon Singelstad & Ron Hansen
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Marti & Mark Marz
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Jean & Gordy Stelling
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	De & Arlan Braun
<b>Com. Asst</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Greg Forest
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	Tammy Hansen
<b>Com. Runner</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	Connie Hansen
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Judy Toy
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	Linda Singelstad
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	Evelyn Nuehring
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Marti Marz
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	David Adams
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	TBA
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Sarah Cones
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	TBA
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	Sarah Cones
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	2 NEEDED
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	2 NEEDED
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Jim Veglahn & 1 Needed
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	2 NEEDED
<b>Com. Prep</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	Marti Marz
	<b>Jan. 14</b>	Le & Dick Smith
	<b>Jan. 21</b>	Jean Stelling
	<b>Jan. 28</b>	Laura Fowler

Altar Care: Le & Dick Smith

Visitor Calling Schedule: Jan Overland

## January 2018 at a Glance

<b>Jan. 1 (Mon)</b>	Office closed for holiday
<b>Jan. 2 (Tue)</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Card Players <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Jan. 3 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> WinGS/ <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Conf. Class <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Women's Bible Study
<b>Jan. 4 (Thur)</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Executive Council Meeting <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Committee Meetings
<b>Jan. 7 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:15 a. m.</b> Listening Post
<b>Jan. 8 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Staff Meeting
<b>Jan. 9 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study Annual Report Deadline
<b>Jan. 10 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> WinGS <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Jan. 11 (Thu)</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> WIGS <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Council Meeting
<b>Jan. 14 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Food Bank Weekend <b>10:15 a. m.</b> Listening Post
<b>Jan. 15 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training <b>12:30 p.m.</b> Card Players
<b>Jan. 16 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Faith Formation <b>5:15 p.m.</b> WinGS
<b>Jan. 17 (Wed)</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Confirmation Class <b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b> Senior Saints Coloring @ Scooters
<b>Jan. 18 (Thu)</b>	Mission of Hope Meal served by cong.
<b>Jan. 20 (Sat.)</b>	Newsletter Deadline <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>Jan. 21 (Sun)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> Sunday School <b>11:30 a.m.</b> Potluck Meal <b>12:45 p.m.</b> Annual Meeting
<b>Jan. 22 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training <b>9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> DUO Day
<b>Jan. 23 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Faith Formation <b>5:15 p.m.</b> WinGS/ <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Conf. Class
<b>Jan. 24 (Wed)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice <b>11:30 a.m.</b> Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Tommy's Restaurant
<b>Jan. 25 (Thu)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Choir Practice <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>Jan. 28 (Sun)</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> W/E Offer'g to Souper Bowl of Caring Coffee w/Council
<b>Jan. 29 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training <b>9:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> DUO Day
<b>Jan. 30 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study <b>5:15 p.m.</b> WinGS/ <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Conf. Class
<b>Jan. 31 (Wed)</b>	





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