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Growing to and for Christ!

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But Thomas (who was called the Twin – Didymus in Greek), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ John 20:24-25 NRSV

Dear Beloved Community of HRLC,

May Day! Depending on your circumstances in your life, how you hear that exclamation could be good or bad news. The commemoration of May Day (1st) has an interesting

history. According to *The History Channel*, “May Day is a celebration with a long and varied history, dating back millennia. Throughout the years, there have been many different events and festivities worldwide, most with the express purpose of welcoming in a change of season (spring in the Northern Hemisphere). In the 19th century, May Day took on a new meaning, as an International Workers’ Day grew out of the 19th-century movement for labor rights and an 8-hour work day in the United States.”

The Celts of the British Isles believed May 1 to be the most important day of the year, when the festival of Beltane was held. Another popular tradition of May Day involves the maypole. While the exact origins of the maypole remain unknown, the annual traditions surrounding it can be traced back to medieval times, and some are still celebrated today.

During the 19th and 20th centuries, May Basket Day was celebrated across the country, where baskets were created with flowers, candies and other treats and hung on the doors of friends, neighbors and loved ones on May 1. I always looked forward to making May baskets with mom and my sisters. Each year, we fashioned pretty baskets out of Dixie cups with pipe cleaner handles, and stuffed them full of candies. Then, we ran around the neighborhood leaving them on the doorsteps of friends while ringing the doorbells and sprinting away. May Day was a delightful spring day during my childhood.

Later on in my life, I learned that Mayday! was a radio distress call. Some connect it to the calls from sailors on ships and pilots during malfunctions on their vessels and aircraft. In this context, Mayday is a frightening cry. Come to find out, also from *The History Channel*, May Day on May 1st doesn’t have anything to do with the international distress call, ‘Mayday, Mayday.’ “An airport radio officer in London invented the code in 1923. Challenged to come up with a word that would be easily understood by pilots and ground staff in case of an emergency, Frederick Mockford coined the word ‘mayday’ because it sounded like ‘m’*aider*,’ a shortened version of the French term for ‘come and help me.’” Golly, who knew?

Similarly, the Easter announcement in John’s gospel, *We have seen the Lord*, was met by some with excitement and celebration, others by fear and still others, like for Thomas, with doubt and skepticism. Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to announce, “Peace be with you,” after he had been raised from the dead. As we enter into this holy season of Easter and the fragrance of the lilies wanes and the festive sounds of the trumpet and bells are an echo from Easter Sunday, may we see the risen Jesus all around us with the eyes of faith and trust – in the beauty of the spring flowers, in the blessings of our community, in our neighbors and in the bread and wine broken and poured out for us and for all.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Jayne Thompson

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, May 16. The main entrée will be ham & noodle casserole.

Those interested in serving and/or providing food donations, please see the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board or visit with a member of the Outreach Committee. All donations are needed by Wednesday, May 15.

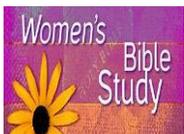
4th Sunday Offering

In May, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on May 26. The proceeds from this Sunday offering will be designated to the **American Cancer Society**. “Relay for Life is a community-based fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it’s time to take action against cancer. Communities come together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer.” This is an HRLC tradition organized by member, Dave Anderson.

Adult News

Women’s Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.**



This month’s Bible study is an intergenerational devotional. The Rev. Christa von Zychlin brings us “Two way blessings,” a study of intergenerational relationships in Scripture. Looking at the stories of Miriam, Anna and Simeon, as well as the miracle feeding of the 5,000, we’ll see how God uniquely shares wisdom among each of us—and how our lives are enriched in community with all ages!

A frequent *Gather* contributor, von Zychlin has served Lutheran churches around the world through ELCA Global Mission. She currently pastors Trinity Lutheran Church of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

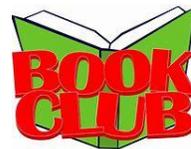
Craft Day

The women will meet for Craft Day twice in May. The dates are: May 8 and May 22.

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, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the church.** Dianne Torrey is the hostess.

The book for the month is: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Winegate.

All are welcome to join us!

Let’s Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group will meet on **May 23, 11:30 a.m.**

at **Irish Democrat**

3207 First Avenue SE

Address questions to DeAnna Braun.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or just come and join us on the 23rd.

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly

May 10-11, 2019

Members of the SEIA Synod will gather in assembly under the theme "On Bread, One Body." This year, members will meet in West Des Moines at Lutheran Church of Hope.

Pastor Jayne along with David and Susan Adams, will serve as Voting Members from HRLC.

Please keep all those who will gather in your prayers as they tend to the ministries in the ELCA.

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet on **Tuesday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m.** at the church.

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

Thanks to all who help with this project.

Senior Saints Adult Coloring

The Senior Saints Adult Coloring Group will meet again on the third Wednesday of May at Scooter's. They will meet on May 15 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Annual Rummage & Bake Sale

The HRLC Annual Rummage & Bake sale will be held June 13th and 14th.

[We will start setting up tables on Monday, June 10, at 8:00 am.](#) Coffee and donuts will be served.

Start collecting your items now because you know, "One person's junk is another person's treasure".

More specific information will be in the June newsletter.

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!

Senior Saints Baseball Game

The Senior Saints will have their annual noon baseball game outing on Wednesday, June 12. We have 25 tickets available at \$8.00 each.

Please sign-up and give the money to Shari Singelstad no later than June 5th. If you write a check, please make it out to 'Cedar Rapids Kernels'.

The tickets will be handed out on Sunday, June 9th. Everyone is invited to sign-up.

We hope you are able to join us for a fun afternoon! If you have any questions, please contact Shari Singelstad at church or at 319-286-9358.



Senior Saints

The Senior Saints enjoyed our afternoon meeting with Bobby Hansen from the Better Business Bureau and a group from Gloria Dei on April 15.

Bobby was very informative with handouts and scams that are going around Cedar Rapids. We also enjoyed the fellowship afterwards with refreshments.

Our next Senior Saints event will be a Kernels Baseball game on June 12th. Please see the information about the Kernels game in this newsletter as well as the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

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
March 2019 Summary**

	Mar. 2019	Year to Date
General Income	\$18,154	\$38,305
General Expenses	\$19,539	\$45,307
General Income vs. Expenses	(\$1,385)	(\$7,002)
Building Income	\$4,174	\$9,957
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$10,218
Bldg Income vs. Expenses	\$768	(\$261)
TOTAL Income vs. Expenses	(\$617)	(\$7,263)

For March, our General Fund income was \$6,232 above March 2018. Through March, YTD General Fund Income was \$2,643 above March 2018.

For March, our Building Addition Income was \$2,186 above March 2018. Through March, YTD Building Addition Income was \$2,878 above March 2018.

For March, our TOTAL Income was \$8,418 above March 2018. Through March, YTD TOTAL Income was \$5,521 above March 2018.

Our Contingency Balance at the end of March was \$43,077, a decrease of \$1,365.

Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of March was \$380,699.

Food Bank Offering was \$297.

4th Sunday Offering, for Feed Iowa First was \$275.

5th Sunday Offering for Chains Interrupted was \$309.



Stephen Ministry Commissioning

In summer of 2016, our Pastor and council established Holy Redeemer as a Stephen Ministry congregation. By God's grace, on June 2, during Sunday's worship service, we will commission our second class of Stephen Ministers. As members of Holy Redeemer, you are invited & encouraged to take part in this commissioning through your presence, affirmation and prayers.

The new Stephen Ministers are Susan Adams and Jan Overland. Substantial training to equip them for their task has been completed. After June 2, as opportunities arise, they will be sent out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

How can you support Holy Redeemer's Stephen Ministry? First of all, continue to pray for our Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers. Then, words of encouragement & affirmation will personally reinforce your support. A Stephen Ministry fund has been established at Holy Redeemer to help defray the cost of training materials.

Also, some of you may recognize a call to use your God-given spiritual gifts in Christian caring relationships and may apply to become a Stephen Minister or Leader. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. All of us can be ministers of referral, a.k.a. 'Look-Outs', watching for people in need and paving the way for a Stephen Minister's care.

Your Stephen Ministry Team very much appreciates your prayers and support. Let us together praise God for all the ways that Holy Redeemer's outreach may be expanded in providing care & Christ's love to others through these Stephen Ministers.

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort' 2 Corinthians 1:3

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.

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

The women in the church have been very busy making 15 quilts to be donated to the Lutheran World Relief. The quilts were dedicated on Palm Sunday.



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.** The applications are pinned on the bulletin board above the shelf. Please see Rollie Harder if you have any questions.

Celebrating and Giving Thanks!

By Pastor Jayne

I wanted to offer deep gratitude to all the amazing people who have been so gracious in preparing for all the Holy Week and Easter worship services and assisting in music during our Easter celebration. In particular, I'd like to thank the staff, Diane Cowell for creating all the worship bulletins and so much more, Susan Adams for making our church building so beautiful and Jackie Murphy for lovely music and for gathering bell ringers, other musicians – Jack Hayes and John Fuoto - and singers. Thanks to those who enacted the Passion of our Lord According to Luke: David and Susan Adams, Georgia Fuoto, Jeff Hand and Nicolas Hand, Jeri Hansen, Quincy Gilbert, Tracy Kisling, Marti Marz, Ron Taylor and Judy Toy. Additionally, we celebrate the leadership of the members of the Resource and Worship and Music committees and others who joined in on the Spring Clean Up days and to make Holy Redeemer that special and welcoming place for worship. We celebrate the leadership of our young people (Nicholas Hand, Caden Holtey, Courtney Hubbell, Allie Kasper and Quincy Gilbert) for their excellent participation in the Easter celebration. We look forward to other young people offering their gifts in worship as we now turn our hearts and voices to sing Now the Feast and Celebration, a festive liturgy by Marty Haugen during the season of Easter through Pentecost Sunday, June 9th.

The Passion of Our Lord Booklets

During two of our special Easter services we used a special booklet called "*The Passion of Our Lord according to Luke.*" This booklet was ordered and we plan to use this booklet in the future also.

If you have one of these booklets at home, please drop it off in the office. We are missing about 50 booklets.

Thank you!

Youth News

High School Senior Recognition Day

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.

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

- June 2:** Stephen Ministry Commissioning
- June 8:** Possible Youth vs. Adult Volleyball activity
- 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 12:** Noon – Senior Saints Kernels Baseball Game
- June 13-14:** HRLC Annual Garage Sale
- June 16:** Father's Day
- June 22:** Relay for Life
- July 4:** 4th of July Holiday – Office Closed
- July 23:** 3:30-6:00 pm Blood Drive @ HRLC
- July 26:** Weekend VBS
- July 27:** Weekend VBS
- July 28:** Weekend VBS
- August 1:** Youth to Lost Island Waterpark
- August 10:** 9 am-12 pm Smores Day
Youth & Ed Retreat

- August 11:** Outdoor Worship @ Cherry Hill Park
- Sept. 2:** Labor Day – Office Closed
- Sept. 8:** “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day

Confirmation Retreat





Easter Bingo



Easter Service





High School Graduate Gift Application Letters

This year we will have two outstanding high school graduates that will be awarded a graduate gift from Holy Redeemer! The graduates are: Derek Bradley and Olivia Prochnow. Below is the letter of application from Derek Bradley:

Derek Bradley

My name is Derek Bradley. I am writing to apply for the Holy Redeemer High School Graduation recognition award. I will be graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in May 2019. Following graduation, I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College for two years and transfer to the University of Northern Iowa to obtain my Bachelor's degree majoring in business.

I have been a lifelong member of HRLC where I was baptized in 2001 and confirmed in 2014. I have been an active member of the youth program including WINGs and the Youth Gathering trips to Detroit and Houston. HRLC is a place where I can go if I need any help, a place where I can just hang with friends, and overall a place I consider to be my church home. The adults I have gotten to know at HRLC have served as great models for me and I know I can go to anyone of them for advice or to just chat.

I can apply my HRLC experience to my daily life after high school by staying positive, being respectful of others, and helping those who are not as fortunate as me. Going on the Youth Gathering trips provided me with opportunities to meet new people from across the country. This will be a great experience going into college classrooms where I will be meeting, working with, and socializing with many new people. I am grateful for all the opportunities HRLC has provided me over the past 18 years.

Thank you for considering my application.

—Derek Bradley

Ministry of the Month

Greeter	May 5	Evelyn Neal
	May 12	Rick Karns
	May 19	Judy Toy
	May 26	Lee Eggers
Usher	May 5	De & Arlan Braun
	May 12	Jim Veglahn / Bob Poundstone
	May 19	Jean & Gordy Stelling
	May 26	Marti & Mark Marz
Com. Asst	May 5	Jeri Hansen
	May 12	Ron Taylor
	May 19	Mark Marz
	May 26	Allen Eggers
Com. Runner	May 5	Linda Singelstad
	May 12	Linda Singelstad
	May 19	Judy Toy
	May 26	Kay Forest
Lay Reader	May 5	Jeri Hansen
	May 12	David Adams
	May 19	Jeri Hansen
	May 26	Tracy Kisling
Acolyte	May 5	Caden Holtey
	May 12	Quincy Gilbert
	May 19	Courtney Hubbell
	May 26	TBD
Counters	May 5	TBD
	May 12	Jim Veglahn & TBD
	May 19	TBD
	May 26	TBD
Com. Prep	May 5	Nicole Hubbell
	May 12	LaVonne Hunter
	May 19	Mark Marz
	May 26	Le & Dick Smith
Altar Care: Jean Stelling		
Visitor Calling Schedule: Jan Overland		

May 2019 at a Glance

May 1 (Wed)	6:00 pm May Day Munchies for Music Congregation.
May 2 (Thur)	9:30 am Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm Executive Council Mtg 7:00 pm Committee Meetings
May 5 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 am-2 pm Confirmation Retreat
	4:00-5:00 pm Youth vs. Adults Soccer game @ Stoney Point YMCA
	5:00-6:00 pm Walking tacos meal @ Cherry Hill Pavillion
May 6 (Mon)	6:00 pm Steph. Min. Supervision 9:00 am Staff Meeting
May 7 (Tue)	12:30 pm Card Players
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
May 8 (Wed)	12:30 pm Craft Day
	7:00 pm Council Meeting
May 9 (Thu)	9:30 am WIGS
May 10 (Fri)	Synod Assembly in Des Moines
May 11 (Sat)	Synod Assembly in Des Moines
	9:00 am Worship
May 12 (Sun)	Mother's Day
	Food Bank Weekend
May 14 (Tue)	4:45-7:00 pm Steph. Min. Training
	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
May 15 (Wed)	9:00-11:00 am S.S. Coloring @ Scooter's
May 16 (Thu)	11:30 am Mission of Hope Meal
May 19 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship w/High School Recognition
	Newsletter Deadline
May 20 (Mon)	6-8:30 pm Steph. Min. Supervision
	12:30 pm Card Players
May 21 (Tue)	7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation
	12:30 pm Craft Day
May 22 (Wed)	12:30 pm Craft Day
May 23 (Thu)	11:30 am Women's Let's Do Lunch
May 25 (Sat)	9:00 am-4 pm F.H. Reserved
	9:00 am Worship
May 26 (Sun)	4 th W/E Offer'g to American Cancer Society: Relay for Life
	Coffee w/Council
	May 27 (Mon) Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 28 (Tue)	9:30-1:30 pm DUO Day
	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!!!