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Growing to and for Christ!

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Friends in Christ,

School is back in session. That means the 2017/2018 program year is upon us. In the coming weeks, we have some exciting things happening. Our choir led by Jackie Kimm will be meeting and singing again. We are excited to add their talented voices again to Sunday worship! Youth Orientation Night is happening on Wednesday, September 6. Parents, we hope you will attend that evening to hear about all that is happening in HRLC's Youth Ministry Program. "*God's Work, Our Hands*" Sunday will be on Sunday, September 10. This year, we are doing a Food Packing Event through *Take Away Hunger*. We are excited for young and old to come together in an effort to end hunger in our world! Then, the week of September 11, WinGS, Confirmation and Sunday School begin! We cannot wait to again have young people joyfully roaming the halls, strengthening bonds with one another and developing stronger relationships with Christ. Look for more details in the following pages.

And while I am excited and hopeful for all that is to come, I must pause and admit how difficult this past month has been. There's a temptation in churches to only focus on the good and to just celebrate the good times. And of course, as people of God, I pray we live with gratitude and live joyfully for all the blessings God grants us. However, I think it's entirely appropriate for us to also acknowledge life isn't always good and sometimes in life we endure tough times. As a church, I pray we resist the temptation to avoid the bad and only focus on the good. Instead, I pray we are always open to both the good and the bad of people's lives. That we celebrate with God and each other when things are good and we mourn with God and with one another when things aren't so great. Truthfully, I believe that's what community in Christ means. We laugh together AND we cry together. Worship highlights this fact of Christian life and life as a Christian community. Worship entails both lament AND praise. It entails confession AND forgiveness. At the rail, we *come as we are* bringing our full human selves. But, we *leave not as we were* filled again with the body and blood of Jesus.

Well, this past month, I had to fight that temptation of trying to sweep events under the rug. On Saturday, August 12, I, like so many, sat glued to my television watching the events unfold in Charlottesville, VA. I sat in tears. I sat in despair. I sat in anger. Praying, yelling, and screaming the words from Psalm 13, "How long, O Lord. How long?" How can this evil still be prevalent in our world? How do I respond as a Christian disciple? And I realized I cannot stay silent. And I pray that the Church is never silent to what is happening in the world. So, then how do I and how do we respond?

"I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous." –Matthew 5:44-45

And at least for me, I think the first thing to do is name the evil and renounce it. Similar to how we profess our faith in Baptism, we renounce the forces of evil and power of sin that are alive and at work in the world. We renounce them. We confess them. And we affirm we don't abide by the evils of this world. We affirm we aren't overcome by the powers of sin present in this world. No!

In our Baptism, we say NO to hate and YES to love. Through the water and the Word, we are set free and raised to new life in Christ. We live daily remembering that promise. We live daily proclaiming that truth. We live daily responding to the world's events.

We respond with prayer. We respond with love. We respond with service. We respond by following Jesus, who is the LIGHT of the world.

Evil may have torches. Love has Christ's eternal light!

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

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

Take Away Hunger

We need YOUR help! September 10, "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is fast approaching. It's the day we will package food for **Take Away Hunger**. Our goal is to have 4 teams of 12 packaging food. We need more help. We have enough volunteers to fill 3 teams. We would like 12-15 more people so we can have 4 teams. We are asking for 1-2 hours of your time. If you are able, please sign up on the bulletin board.

This is a great opportunity for us to help feed starving people overseas. With 4 teams we could package enough rice and beans to provide food for over 1,900 people. We have more than reached our goal of raising \$2,000 for this project. We've received an anonymous donation of \$500; our grant application to the Endowment Fund for \$1,500 was approved; thanks to Daphne Miller, \$250 was received from Thrivent; and \$56 was received from Thrivent, thanks to Jeri Hansen.

Please join us Sunday, September 10, after church in the fellowship hall. The Outreach Committee is grateful to those of you who have volunteered to help. Thank you!

Mission of Hope Meal

The congregation will be serving the September 21 Mission of Hope meal. The main entrée is maidrites and baked beans.

Please see the signup sheet if you would like to volunteer to prepare the meal, transport the food, serve the meal or donate food.

4th Sunday Offering

The Fourth Sunday Offering on September 24 will be donated to the Waypoint Madge Phillips Center.

Providing women and families with children with emergency shelter and stabilizing resources, Waypoint's Madge Phillips Center Shelter (MPC) helps those in crisis rebuild their lives. In fiscal year 2016, MPC sheltered 263 individuals. While living at MPC for up to 30 days, households are provided a safe, supportive and structured environment to help them achieve their goals.

Adult News

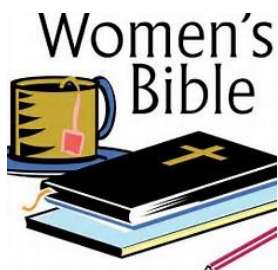
General and Building Fund Income Statement

July 2017 Summary

| | July 2017 | Year-to-Date | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2017 | 2016 |
| General Income | \$14,775 | \$104,233 | \$98,546 |
| General Expenses | \$14,127 | \$96,810 | \$94,793 |
| Building Income | \$4,053 | \$23,193 | \$29,965 |
| Building Expenses | \$3,406 | \$23,842 | \$25,042 |
| Income vs Expenses | \$1,295 | \$5,479 | \$8,677 |
| Total Budget | \$18,265 | \$127,855 | \$124,985 |
| Income vs. Budget | \$563 | (\$429) | \$3,526 |

- For July, our General Fund income was \$84 below budget.
- Our YTD General Fund income is \$220 above budget.
- For July, our Building Addition Income was \$647 above budget.
- Our YTD Building Addition Income is \$649 below budget.
- \$686 was moved from General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our July income was more than our July expenses.
- In July, a principal only payment was made in the amount of \$3,221. Garage Sale proceeds were \$1,000 of this payment and \$2,221 was from the Contingency Fund.
- Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of July was \$471,839.
- Food Bank Offering was \$252.
- 4th Sunday Offering for the Community Health Free Clinic was \$189.
- 5th Sunday Offering for the Iowa Lutheran Campus Ministry was \$202.

Women's Bible Study



Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, September 7, 9:30 a.m.**

Session 1 of the Fall Bible study, *The Apostles' Creed* is entitled, *We Believe in God* by Julia Seymour. Text

Philippians 2:1-16. (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, September 14**, at 9:30 a.m., at the home of Donna Madsen, 3426 Riverside Drive NE .

The book for this month is *A Man Called Ove* by **Fredrik Backman**. 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 September. Join us on Wednesday, September 13 and September 27 at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 26, **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!

Fellowship Line Dancing Sept. 21

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 September 21.

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.

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, September 28, 11:30 a.m.**

at Lebowski's in Robins
[925 Robins Square Drive]

Please sign up on the bulletin board – if you wish to car pool, please be at Holy Redeemer by 10:45 a.m.

Please Join Our Festival Choir!



We are very excited to bring Choir back to our Holy Redeemer worship services. Beginning this fall we will have a "Festival Choir" during worship approximately once per month. In

order to make this happen, we will need some musically inclined individuals to share their time and talents.

Our first practices will be Wednesday, September 13 and September 20 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The first Sunday that we will sing will be on Sunday, September 24. The ongoing plan for practice will be one Wednesday evening per month and also prior to Worship on the Sundays that we will sing.

It doesn't take any special talent to join our Festival Choir. We encourage ages middle school and up to participate. We are very flexible and will welcome your voices whenever you are able to join us.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please indicate your interest and we will create an e-mail tree to keep you in the loop of when we will practice and perform. Please see Jackie Kimm or Connie Hansen with questions.

Usher Training

On Sunday, September 17, after service, we will hold an Usher Training Class. Please join us for this refresher class.

Stephen Ministry Logo and Moto

Work has begun in earnest this summer in laying a strong foundation for Stephen Ministry at Holy Redeemer. One of the first steps has been to help each member, as well as the whole congregation to become familiar with what Stephen Ministry is.

The Stephen Ministry LOGO and its MOTO's are an easy way to remember & share with others that information.

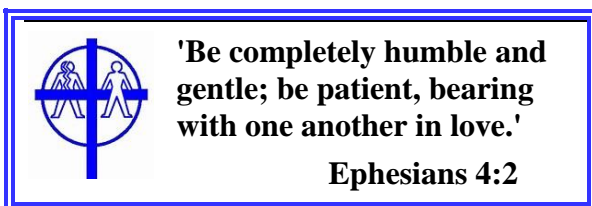


What do you see in that LOGO? Two people...one broken and one whole, the cross and a circle; The cross of Christ reminds us that Christ is at the center of Stephen Ministry & of all Stephen Ministry relationships.

The broken person is behind the cross. It symbolizes how we are ALL broken people...broken by our own sin, error, human imperfection. The whole person is in front of the cross. That symbolizes the wholeness we each encounter through the transforming power of Christ's cross; Its only through Jesus, His life death & resurrection that you and I, broken people, are made whole by God's grace.

The circle is a symbol of God's eternal, never-ending, pure & perfect love, surrounding us, holding us, healing us with the cross of Christ at the center of that love.

The MOTO around this LOGO is easy to remember. It's just six words. The first two words are 'C' words. Of the last four words, two are the same word 'People'. Together these 6 words are a simple & memorable definition of what Stephen Ministry is. CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE. Now, if someone happens to ask you about Stephen Ministry, you have a LOGO and MOTO to help explain it to them.



Stephen Ministry Opportunities

Have you missed the Stephen Ministries information sessions this summer at Holy Redeemer? If so, there are two more chances coming soon.

On Sept 16, there will be an official Stephen Ministries Introductory Workshop. Staff from the Stephen Ministries organization in St Louis will present this half day session for any interested congregation in the area.

It will be hosted by New Covenant Bible Church on N. Center Point Rd. from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. It will be an excellent way to learn what Stephen Ministry is all about, what it will mean for Holy Redeemer & for you.

Marti is planning to attend along with at least one council member. Please talk to her about registration & car-pooling.

For details go to stephenministries.org. Under the 'Workshops and Training Courses' tab, click on 'Stephen Ministries Introductory Workshops'.

On September 24, at Holy Redeemer, we'll gather for the next Stephen Ministry Information session at 10:15 a.m. The focus that morning will be 'God's Love in Action' with explanation about what it means to be a Stephen Minister. Both of these opportunities will help you discover your role in supporting & participating in Stephen Ministry at Holy Redeemer.



Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Crop Walk

The Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 8, at Thomas Park beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar now so you are able to participate in the walk. More information will come at a later date.



Senior Saints Breakfast at IHOP

Friday, September 15 - 9:00 am

IHOP Restaurant, 2545 Edgewood RD SW

Join us for breakfast and fellowship at IHOP.

Friends and family are always welcome! Please RSVP on the main bulletin board in the lobby, so we may plan our seating.

Immediately following our breakfast, all are invited to don their tennis shoes and burn some calories. Weather permitting, we will meet at the Cherokee Trail Park (directly behind Walgreen's on Johnson Avenue NW).

Questions, or needing a ride, contact Jan Overland at 329-6979, jeoverland@gmail.com or Judy Toy at 378-0867, judytoy62@gmail.com

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.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 - 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Scooter's Coffee, 2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids.

Holiday Bazaar

Mark your calendars for annual Holy Redeemer Church Bazaar. On Thursday, October 19, we will have our Holiday Fair Preview which is open to the congregation and their guests from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Holiday Fair will be open to the public on Friday, October 20, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We will have a silent auction, delicious bakery items, including our cinnamon rolls, and the church members homemade crafts to be sold.

The sign-up sheet to help with the bazaar will be hung up after September 10. We will need workers to help set up, help during the sale, and clean up after the sale. We will also be in need of donated

baked goods and a sign-up sheet for baked goods will also be hung up.

If you are able to help with the prepping, baking, or frosting of the cinnamon rolls, or would like to make something for the silent auction, please contact Shari Singelstad.

Trip to Old Creamery Theatre

Main Stage, Amana, Sunday, October 22

2:00 p.m. presentation of "The Church Basement Ladies in: Rise Up, O Men"



This latest addition to the Church Basement Ladies series, *Rise Up, O Men*, is a brand new musical comedy introducing the men of the church right alongside your favorite ladies from the basement. As these hard-working farmers discuss "man stuff," they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let the rooster in the hen house. Will you have fun? You betcha! Rated G.

If we have 15 or more attendees, our group rate is \$27.00/per person. Less than 15 attendees, \$31.00/per person.

A signup sheet is posted on the main bulletin board in the church lobby. Please signup NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 4th.

Ticket cost depends on number of reservations. You will be contacted with your ticket price following October 4th. Checks payable to Jan Overland, please.

Ticket pick up from Jan in the theatre lobby on the day of the show. It is strongly recommended that attendees arrive 20-30 minutes before show time. There is no late seating.

Questions, or needing a ride, contact Jan Overland at 329-6979, jeoverland@gmail.com or Judy Toy at 378-0867, judytoy62@gmail.com

The Old Creamery Theatre's Main Stage is located just outside the historic village of Amana which is ten minutes north of Interstate 80, thirty minutes southwest of Cedar Rapids. They are located across from the Amana RV Park. Address is: 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA 52203.

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

Holy Redeemer Youth Programs 2017-2018 School Year

Wed., Sept. 6: 5:30 pm Sign-up for acolyte (3-8 grade)
6:00 pm WinGS (K-12)
6:30 pm Confirmation (7&8 grade)

Sun., Sept. 10: Install teachers during service

Wed., Sept. 13: WinGS* & Confirmation begin

Sun., Sept. 17: Sunday School begins**

* WinGS is on Wednesdays from 5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Youth are welcome to come at 4:00 p.m. and do homework or play games.

** SCS is on the 3rd Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and includes a meal

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

October 8: 1:00 p.m. Crop Walk
October 15: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School w/meal
October 19: 4:00-7:00 p.m. Holiday Fair Preview

October 20: 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Holiday Fair
October 21: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 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: Worship w/1st Communion
November 19: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School w/meal
November 22: 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service @ HRLC
December 2: Hanging of the Greens
December 3: Blue Christmas Service
December 17: Worship w/Children’s Christmas Program
Cookie Walk after worship
December 24: 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
December 25: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Service
Office closed for Christmas

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the Stewardship Committee

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 & Pr. Fish

The Stewardship Committee members were assigned books to read and report on their book to the other committee members. The purpose is to be thinking Stewardship and find ways to bring those ideas to the congregation throughout the year.

The Stewardship Committee is also gearing up for the annual Stewardship campaign, which is happening the first four weeks of October (October 1, 8, 15, 22).

The 2017 theme is “Grow as Stewards Through Faith, Love, and Hope”. In regards to the

Campaign, our main focus has been on researching and discerning different options to help people identify their Spiritual Gifts.

As a Church, we are always trying to find ways to help people know and grow in their relationship with God. But, our Stewardship Team also believes that knowing self and knowing our unique passions, gifts and talents is equally important. While the Time & Talent brochure has been helpful, we are excited to offer an alternative this year. Look for more details coming shortly.

Lastly, one of the things we, as a team, have stressed is being thankful and showing our gratitude for all you do in the name of Jesus. Don't be surprised to find a thank you note from our team. We are forever grateful for the time, talents and treasures you generosity give to our church, our community and our world.

Outdoor Worship Service





Ministry of the Month

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|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Greeter | Sept. 3 | Lee Eggers |
| | Sept. 10 | Lee Eggers |
| | Sept. 17 | Loretta Shannon |
| | Sept. 24 | Jan Overland |
| Ushers | Sept. 3 | Jim Veglahn & Tom Fruehling |
| | Sept. 10 | Arlan & DeAnna Braun |
| | Sept. 17 | Jim Veglahn & Tom Fruehling |
| | Sept. 24 | Greg & Kay Forest |
| Com. Asst | Sept. 3 | Jeri Hansen |
| | Sept. 10 | Conrad V.Z. |
| | Sept. 17 | Conrad V.Z. |
| | Sept. 24 | Connie Hansen |
| Com. Runner | Sept. 3 | Connie Hansen |
| | Sept. 10 | Jeri Hansen |
| | Sept. 17 | Loretta Shannon |
| | Sept. 24 | Shari Singelstad |
| Lay Reader | Sept. 3 | Jeri Hansen |
| | Sept. 10 | Tracy Kisling |
| | Sept. 17 | Jeri Hansen |
| | Sept. 24 | Loretta Shannon |
| Acolyte | Sept. 3 | TBA |
| | Sept. 10 | Bryan Kisling |
| | Sept. 17 | TBA |
| | Sept. 24 | Keri Ketchem |
| Counters | Sept. 3 | Jim Veglahn & Connie Hansen |
| | Sept. 10 | Tracy Kisling & TBA |
| | Sept. 17 | Jim Veglahn & Rollie Harder |
| | Sept. 24 | Susan Hand & TBA |
| Com. Prep | Sept. 3 | Nicole Hubbell |
| | Sept. 10 | LaVonne Hunter |
| | Sept. 17 | Marti Marz |
| | Sept. 24 | Le & Dick Smith |
| Altar Care: Dianne Torrey & Joyce Black | | |
| Visitor Calling Schedule: Lee Eggers | | |

September 2017 at a Glance

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|------------------------|---|
| Sept. 3 (Sun) | 9:00 a.m. Worship |
| Sept. 4 (Mon) | Office Closed for holiday |
| Sept. 5 (Tue) | 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting |
| | 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW |
| | 12:30 p.m. Card Players |
| | 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation |
| Sept. 6 (Wed) | 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Sign-Up Night |
| Sept. 7 (Thu) | 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings |
| Sept. 10 (Sun) | 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Teacher Installation |
| | Food Bank Weekend |
| | 10:30 a.m. "God's Work. Our Hands" Take Away Hunger |
| Sept. 12 (Tue) | 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW |
| | 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation |
| | 12:30 p.m. Craft Day |
| Sept. 13 (Wed) | 4:00-5:15 p.m. Homework before WinGS |
| | 5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS |
| | 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class |
| | 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Sept. 14 (Thu) | 9:30 a.m. WIGS @ Donna's home |
| | 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting |
| Sept. 16 (Sat) | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Workshop @ New Covenant Bible Church |
| Sept. 17 (Sun) | 9:00 a.m. Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. Usher Training |
| | 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School |
| Sept. 19 (Tue) | 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW |
| | 12:30 p.m. Card Players |
| | 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation |
| Sept. 20 (Wed) | Newsletter Deadline |
| | 4:00-5:15 p.m. Homework before WinGS |
| | 5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS |
| | 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class |
| | 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Sept. 21 (Thu) | Mission of Hope Meal/congregation serves |
| | 5:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs |
| Sept. 24 (Sun) | 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Choir |
| | 4 th W/E Offering to Waypoint Madge Phillips |
| | 10:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Gathering |
| | 10:30 a.m. Coffee w/Council |
| Sept. 26 (Tues) | 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day |
| | 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW |
| | 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation |
| Sept. 27 (Wed) | 12:30 p.m. Craft Day |
| | 4:00-5:15 p.m. Homework before WinGS |
| | 5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS |
| | 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class |
| Sept. 28 (Thu) | 11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Lebowski's in Robins |



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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)



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