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*Growing to and for Christ!*

July 2019

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*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.* Psalm 23:1-3 NRSV

Dear Beloved Community of HRLC,

The celebrations of high school graduates, Stephen Minister commissioning and Confirmation Day on Pentecost Sunday are now warm memories, lovingly woven into the tapestry of our life together. We've now tiptoed over the threshold into the long, green season after Pentecost often called Ordinary Time. The green paraments adorn our

sanctuary and summertime decorations enhance the worship space. Ordinary Time is green all the way through October 20, with the exception of white on September 29 for Saint Michael and All Angels Sunday.

Some folks may wonder, "What does 'Ordinary Time' mean?" The English name "Ordinary" is intended to translate the Latin term *tempus per annum* (literally "time through the year"). This doesn't mean that Ordinary Time was nothing special or boring, because Jesus preformed miracles all throughout the year. This means that, because Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, takes up more than half of the liturgical year, it is referred to as: *tempus per annum*, or "time through the year."

So, the phrases and images from the 23rd Psalm, the Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters, are helpful for our time in the green season of Ordinary time. For some, the long green season might seem too prolonged or tedious. In other words, they might quip, "It's not easy being green."

Kermit the Frog from the Muppets crooned in melancholy tones that it wasn't easy being green.

It's a song entitled: *Bein' Green*

*Bein' Green.*

*It's not that easy being green;*

*Having to spend each day the color of the leaves.*

*When I think it could be nicer being red, or yellow  
or gold- or something much more colorful like that.*

*It's not easy being green.*

*It seems you blend in with so many other ordinary  
things.*

*And people tend to pass you over 'cause you're not  
standing out like flashy sparkles in the water-*

*or stars in the sky*

*But green's the color of Spring.*

*And green can be cool and friendly-like.*

*And green can be big like the ocean,  
or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree.*

*When green is all there is to be*

*It could make you wonder why, but why wonder?*

*Why Wonder, I am green and it'll do fine, it's  
beautiful! And I think it's what I want to be.*

By the end of his song, Kermit decides being green is what he wants to be. So, also there's an encouragement for each of us to embrace and revel in being green. In the summertime, for us, those who follow Jesus and mark the liturgical year, celebrating "being green" can mean several things. It can mean we will relish the time to recreate and take much needed vacations with beloved ones. It might mean that we spend time in deeper study about how it is that we might work to walk more lightly on the earth and take up environmental disciplines to make the planet better and greener. It is also a wonderful time to ponder and grow in one's faith. As you enjoy the green season, I wish you blessings and encourage you to continue your faithful, prayerful gifts and support of our ministry here as HRLC! May our gracious God, invite you to, "*lie down in green pastures*" and rest.

Blessings in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Jayne Thompson

## Outreach

### Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the youth on Thursday, July 18. The main entrée will be Chicken & Noodles. Please contact Tracy Kisling with questions.

Those interested in serving and/or providing food donations, please see Nicole Hubbell for access to the on-line sign-up sheet or stop by the office. All food needs to be delivered to the church kitchen by Tuesday, July 16.

A big THANK YOU to the youth for providing this meal.

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**Tuesday, July 23**

**3:30-6:00 p.m.**

**A sign-up sheet is posted on  
the bulletin board.**

**All donors will receive a voucher for a \$10  
gift card to Amazon.com, Casey's,  
Dairy Queen or Domino's.**

**Donations are desperately needed!**

**Please consider giving.**

**Each pint given helps 4 people.**

**Thank you for donating blood!**

**The Outreach Committee**



### Mission of Hope Thank You

The Outreach Committee wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to those of you who willingly contribute food to our monthly meal at Mission of Hope.

We are very grateful for those who joyfully help serve the meal. We could not do this service project each month without your help.

Thank you!

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

In July, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on July 28. The proceeds from this Sunday offering will be designated to the *Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity* which will benefit our local chapter.

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry dedicated to building and rehabilitating affordable homes in partnership with families in need in Linn and Benton counties. Partner families make a down payment, invest hundreds of hours of sweat equity into the construction of their homes and other Habitat homes, and make monthly mortgage payments on a zero-interest loan.

*Habitat for Humanity International* has built and rehabilitated more than 800,000 houses with partner families, helping house more than 4 million people and becoming a true world leader in addressing the issues of poverty housing.

### HRLC Helped Gloria Dei with Family Promise

Gloria Dei sponsored Family Promise during the week of June 2-9. Holy Redeemer volunteered to help Gloria Dei this year and provided a meal on June 7.

A special thank you to Amber Strong and Patrick Tomlin who helped Pastor Jayne prepare the meal and to Dave Anderson and Tom Fruehling who joined in helping to serve the meal and cleanup!



## Take Away Hunger

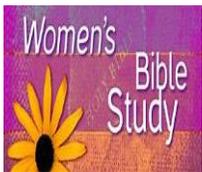
We will package food for Take Away Hunger on Sunday, September 8.

Please save your quarters and deposit them in the quarter bank located in the narthex to help us fund this project. Thank you!



## Adult News

### Women's Bible Study



Bible Study **will not meet in July** due to the 4th of July holiday. We will combine July/August Bible studies. Look for the details of the Thursday, August 1, 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study in the August newsletter.

### Craft Day

During the summer months, we will only have a craft day once a month. Below are the dates we will have Craft Day: July 31 & August 28

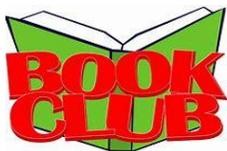


If you would like to donate craft items for the October Bazaar, or have any craft ideas for us to make, please contact Shari Singelstad.

### WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on **Thursday, July 11, at 9:30 a.m., at the church.** Loretta Shannon is the hostess.

The book for the month is: **Wonder by RJ Palacio.**



If you like to read and discuss the books or just want to find out if you want to read the books, come join us! All are welcome!

## Let's Do Lunch

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

at **Groundswell Café**

(201 3rd Avenue SW)

Address questions to *Jeri Hansen.*

Please sign up on the bulletin board or just come and join us on the 25th.

### DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet on **Tuesday, July 23 from 9:30 a.m. Noon.** (No lunch hour for this day due to the Blood Drive being held at 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. that day.)

There will be a second DUO Day on Tuesday, July 30, from 9:30 – 1:30. Bring your lunch!!

**Thanks to all who help with this project.**

### Senior Saints July 4 Breakfast

You're invited to join the Senior Saints for breakfast on Independence Day, **Thursday, July 4, 9:00 a.m., at Tommy's Restaurant** on Edgewood Road NW.

Even if you're not yet a senior, feel free to join us!

Please sign up on the bulletin board so reservations can be made. Address questions to Jeri Hansen.

Happy July 4th

## Rummage and Bake Sale Thanks

Thanks to all who helped make the Holy Redeemer Rummage and Bake Sale a huge success!

From setting up the tables, organizing, pricing, selling, baking, taking the money, bagging, carrying stuff to cars, and cleaning up after the sale, it takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen.

We made \$2,236.14, half of which will go to our mortgage principal, and half will go to Family Promise of Linn County.

Family Promise of Linn County is an organization whose mission is to help homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

### Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, July 17

9:00-11:00 a.m. at

Scooter's Coffee,

2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids.

All are welcome.



## Relay for Life Update

Relay for Life was held on Saturday, June 22, at Kingston Stadium. The walk was from noon-5:00 p.m. Holy Redeemer had a team of walkers participating.

The current posted donations have come to \$131,700. Holy Redeemer gave the 9<sup>th</sup> highest donation in the amount of \$1,180. A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in some way!



## Fuoto's Garden Party is Back!!

The Fuoto Garden Party is almost here! Dig out those garden hats and come on over any time between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27! Bring your friends and family (young and old.)



Cake, punch, and assorted beverages will be provided! Bring a treat to share if you wish!

### 2019 Holy Redeemer Congregation Council

<b>President:</b>	Rollin Harder
<b>Vice President:</b>	Amber Strong
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jesse Myers
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Linda Singelstad
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Patrick Tomlin
<b>Representatives:</b>	Jon Galvin
	Bill Davidson
	David Adams
	Nicole Hubbell
	Harold Miller



## 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.





## Stephen Ministers Thankful

The Holy Redeemer Stephen Ministry team is thankful for the commissioning of two new Stephen Ministers in June. They are also grateful for the support of the entire congregation all around. Current Care Receivers have expressed appreciation for the loving Christian help of their Stephen Ministers.

Going forward, here's a review of the basic steps to pave the way for a friend who needs care to connect with a Stephen Minister:

- 1.) Express care and concern in a way that feels natural to you,
- 2.) Tell the person about Stephen Ministry; give them a brochure or suggest they look at the website,
- 3.) Get permission to pass along their name number to our Stephen Leaders.
- 4.) If they are hesitant, encourage them to consider it based on your concern and what you've heard from them.
- 5.) If they agree, call Stephen Leaders (Marti Marz 319-551-1949 or David Adams 701-690-8573) with their name and phone number as soon as possible.

Here are a few more tips:

- You may tell what you know about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Leaders will share more details, answer questions and address concerns.
- Your friend may or may not be assigned a Stephen Minister. The goal is to match the person with the most appropriate care for their need.
- Remember that Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. Don't tell others you have passed an individual's name along to our Stephen Leaders; if a person later tells you they have a Stephen Minister, keep that information confidential too.

*'... let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ...encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'*  
from Hebrews 10:24

## Doors in the Church

This is a quick reminder to check the doors in the church if you are the last one leaving the church. Also, if you need to go into the sacristy, please make sure you shut the door completely and make sure it is latched and locked. The door has not been shutting completely and latching. You need to pull the door shut for it to latch and lock. Thank you!

## Pastor's Hours at HRLC

Generally, the Pastor is available Tuesday-Friday at HRLC mid-mornings (around 10:00 am) through mid-afternoon (around 4:00 pm) each day. Since her schedule varies from week to week, **it's best to contact her to arrange a visit or meeting.** You may text or call her cell phone: 320-492-6377 or email [pastor@holyredeemer.church](mailto:pastor@holyredeemer.church). She will get back to you as soon as she is able!

## 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

## Paintball

On Sunday, July 28, the youth and adults will enjoy an afternoon of paint ball. If you have your own paintball gun, please bring it with you. Players will need to provide their own paint ammo.

More details will be provided at a later date.

## Vacation Bible School in July!!



Yee-haw – Celebrating God’s Greatest Gift!

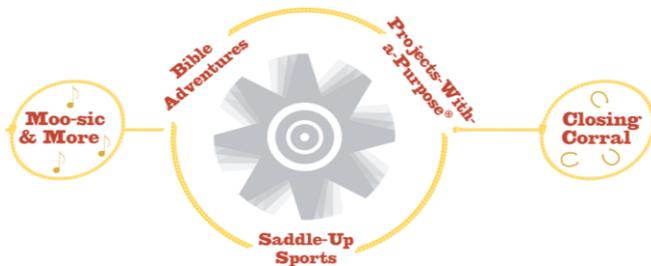
From [Group.com](http://Group.com)

HRLC Weekend Vacation Bible School – Friday evening and Saturday, July 26-27 with a special program presentation on Sunday, July 28!

Register soon!

Saddle up for a trailblazing weekend of fun! Kids will kick up their heels at Yee-Haw VBS as they stamped through the wild frontier and celebrate God’s greatest gift of all—Jesus!

### A Typical Day at Yee-Haw Weekend VBS



### God’s Word is full of good gifts!

At Yee-Haw vacation Bible school, kids experience God’s Word in surprising and unforgettable ways!

Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

### A corral full of decorating ideas!

Transform your church into the wild frontier! Yee-Haw VBS is full of wide-open spaces, rugged ranches, and lively livestock—guaranteed to be a place where kids will want to hang their hats.

### Moo-sic that’ll make you kick up your heels!

One of the best parts of Yee-Haw VBS—fun, faith-filled moo-sic that your kids (and families) will sing again and again!

## 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

- Aug. 1:** Youth to Lost Island Waterpark
- Aug. 10:** 9 am-12 pm S’mores Day  
Youth & Ed Retreat
- Aug. 11:** Outdoor Worship @ Cherry Hill Park
- Sept. 2:** Labor Day – Office Closed
- Sept. 8:** “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day
- Sept. 25:** Senior Saints Seminar & Lunch hosted by Keystone Assisted Living @ HRLC
- Oct. 10:** Mission of Hope Meal served by Council
- Oct. 13:** Crop Walk
- Oct. 17:** Craft Sale Preview
- Oct. 17:** Craft Sale
- Oct. 18:** Craft Sale
- Nov. 27:** Thanksgiving Eve Service @ HRLC
- Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving  
Office Closed
- Nov. 29:** Office Closed
- Dec. 24:** Tuesday, Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25:** Wednesday, Christmas Day  
Office Closed

## Senior Saints Kernels Game



## Confirmation Recognition



## Stephen Ministry Commissioning



## Ministry of the Month

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>July 14</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>July 21</b>	July Toy
	<b>July 28</b>	Bryan Kisling
<b>Usher</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Marti & Mark Marz
	<b>July 14</b>	Kay & Greg Forest
	<b>July 21</b>	Ron Hansen & Phil Hansen
	<b>July 28</b>	Jon Singelstad & Ron Hansen
<b>Com. Asst</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>July 14</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>July 21</b>	Connie Hansen
	<b>July 28</b>	Ron Taylor
<b>Com. Runner</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>July 14</b>	Linda Singelstad
	<b>July 21</b>	July Toy
	<b>July 28</b>	Loretta Shannon
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>July 14</b>	David Adams
	<b>July 21</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>July 28</b>	Tracy Kisling
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>July 7</b>	TBD
	<b>July 14</b>	TBD
	<b>July 21</b>	TBD
	<b>July 28</b>	Bryan Kisling
<b>Counters</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Susan Adams & TBD
	<b>July 14</b>	TBD
	<b>July 21</b>	TBD
	<b>July 28</b>	TBD
<b>Com. Prep</b>	<b>July 7</b>	Le & Dick Smith
	<b>July 14</b>	Jean Stelling
	<b>July 21</b>	Laura Fowler
	<b>July 28</b>	Nicole Hubbell
<b>Altar Care:</b> Lee & Lanny Eggers		
<b>Visitor Calling Schedule:</b> Jan Overland		

## July 2019 at a Glance

<b>July 1 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Steph. Min. Supervision
<b>July 2 (Tue)</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> Card Players
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Office Closed for Holiday</b>	
<b>July 4 (Thu)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Senior Saints Breakfast @ Tommy's
<b>July 7 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Worship w/Pr. Dave Young
<b>July 9 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>July 10 (Wed)</b>	Shed tables reserved
	<b>9:30 am</b> WIGS
<b>July 11 (Thu)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Council Meeting Shed tables reserved
<b>July 12 (Fri)</b>	Shed tables reserved
<b>July 13 (Sat)</b>	Shed tables reserved
<b>July 14 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Worship
	Food Bank Weekend
<b>July 15 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Steph. Ministry Supervision
<b>July 16 (Tue)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Staff Meeting
	<b>12:30 pm</b> Card Players <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>July 17 (Wed)</b>	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> S.S. Coloring @ Scooter's
<b>July 18 (Thu)</b>	<b>11:30 am</b> Mission of Hope Meal served by youth
<b>July 20 (Sat)</b>	Newsletter Deadline
<b>July 21 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Worship
	<b>9:30-Noon</b> DUO Day
<b>July 23 (Tue)</b>	<b>3:30-6:00 pm</b> Blood Drive @ HR
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>July 25 (Thu)</b>	<b>11:30 am</b> Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Groundswell Café
<b>July 26 (Fri)</b>	<b>4:30-7:30 pm</b> Weekend VBS
<b>July 27 (Sat)</b>	<b>10:00 am-1:00 pm</b> Weekend VBS
	<b>2:00-6:00 p.m.</b> Fuoto Garden Party
<b>July 28 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Worship w/VBS children
	10:15 am Fellowship w/Ice Cream Social
	4 <sup>th</sup> W/E Offering – Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity
	Paintball Coffee w/Council Paintball in afternoon
<b>July 30 (Tue)</b>	<b>9:30 am-1:30 pm</b> DUO Day
<b>July 31 (Wed)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
	<b>12:30 pm</b> Craft Day



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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!!!*