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Growing to and for Christ!

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Summer is flying by! Hopefully you have been able to get out, relax and enjoy these past few months of summer. But, August is here, which means fall programs are right around the corner. I, along with many of our gifted and committed adult leaders, have been busy planning for the many fun programs and ministries we have in store for the remainder of our 2016 year. Wherever you find yourself, whether it's trying to stretch out these last weeks of summer or you are counting the days until your child FINALLY heads back to school, I pray God brings you a sense of peace and calmness.

At times, I think I get so wrapped up in planning, organizing and having everything just right that I forget: God is in control. I'm sure I'm not the only one who gets this way. Before fall hits and all busyness that goes with it, I believe it's important that we, as people and as a church, step back to remind ourselves that God is here. God is present and active in the midst of all that is happening in our lives.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your health and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.” –Jeremiah 29:11-14

As we plan for our Youth & Education Year, we place our trust in God—not our plans. As we plan for “God’s Work, Our Hands” day, we place our trust in God’s works—not our works. As we plan for our Fall Stewardship Campaign, we place our trust in Christ’s undying Word—not in a perfect program.

These days, it feels everyone’s life is busy. Whether it’s our kids, grandchildren, house work, school work, or work, we often find ourselves stretched thin. And often our response is to try to gain control rather than surrender to the truth that God is in control of it all. With summer winding down and fall ramping up, we have a great opportunity to remind ourselves that God is leading and guiding us in every season of every year.

With all the exciting things we have planned this month and beyond, I pray we live into the truth that God is our cornerstone. Good and bad things happen. Our world has experienced a lot of both lately. Yet, no matter what, we proclaim and profess that God is in control. In our Church, we never deviate or move away from that fact or truth. God is at the center of everything we do. Before we act, we pray. Before we serve, we dwell in the Word. Before we give, we receive from the One who gives abundantly.

Our starting point and the point we, as Church and as people, continuously come back to is that God is in control.

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

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands”

The Outreach has chosen the service day project for the ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands”. In honor and memory of 9/11 and all of our veterans, police and fire departments, we will be collecting items for the Veterans Hospital beginning in July.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

A list of items will be posted in July and a box will be provided.

On September 11, we are asking everyone to wear their gold “God’s Work, Our Hands” shirts.

Please bring baked goods on September 11, for us to donate to the police department, fire stations and the sheriff’s department to thank them for all that they have done in our community. We will deliver the food to the different places after Sunday School.

We will also write notes to our veterans, police, fire, and sheriff’s departments for their service. If you have any blank note cards that can be used, please give them to any Outreach Member. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to write a note of thanks.

Outreach Committee: Arlan and DeAnna Braun, Lee Eggers, Loretta Shannon, Tom Fruehling, Judy Toy, Jan Overland and Shari Singelstad.



Veterans at Iowa City VA Hospital

We will be collecting items for the veterans at the Iowa City VA Hospital.

The box marked for Iowa City VA Hospital will be out for you to donate items from July 1 to July 31.

This is part of the “Gods Work, Our Hands” Service Day project for Sunday, September 11. These items will be delivered to the VA Hospital on or shortly after September 11.

Please see the item list by the collection box.

August Fourth Weekend Offering – Grateful Grannies

For the Fourth Sunday Offering on August 28, the designated money and loose offering will go to the Grateful Grannies which is an organization that helps cover the needs of children in the southwest and northwest schools. During the whole month of August, we will be collecting underwear and socks for adults and children of all ages. Please look for a tub on a table in the narthex. If you have questions about this organization, please contact Joyce Black.



CALLING ALL BASEBALL FANS!

Saturday, August 20 at 6:35 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Kernels Night at the Ballpark on Saturday night, August 20 at 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 each. The sign up deadline and is August 7.

Payment is due to Shari Singelstad no later than August 7. Checks can be made payable to CEDAR RAPIDS KERNELS.

Please see the bulletin board for the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Singelstad at 286-9358.

Looking forward to a great time!



Mission of Hope Meal

The Congregation will be serving Chicken and Noodle Casserole at Mission of Hope on August 18.

Due to the cancellation of the meal in July, we were able to save some of the food items so we can use them for the August meal. Because of this, there is a shorter list requesting food donations on the bulletin board.

If there are any questions, please contact Shari at 286-9358.

Habitat for Humanity

I want to thank Gordy, Lanny, Arlan and Jon for coming to help at the Thrivent House for Habitat for Humanity on June 25.

I also want to thank Jeri, DeAnna, Marlyn and Evelyn for providing lunch for all of the workers.

We were joined by 12 students and 2 chaperones from Mt. Camel High School in Chicago, IL that come every summer for a week to help with Habitat for Humanity. by Shari Singelstad

Blood Drive Thank You

On Wednesday, July 27, Holy Redeemer and Gloria Dei co-hosted the Mississippi Valley Blood drive.



A big THANK YOU to all who gave the gift of life!

Linn Community Food Bank

The Linn Community Food Bank wants to thank our congregation for contributing \$434.00 and 50 pounds of food to the Linn Community Food Bank during the second quarter of 2016. They could not operate the food bank without the generous support of all the donors.

The Linn Community Food Bank receives no government assistance and operates entirely through donations from individuals, businesses and churches. Food is distributed entirely by volunteers, from picking items up, sorting food, stocking shelves, packing food and distributing it to clients. You can be assured that whatever you donate goes directly to feed the hungry people in our community.



Adult News

WIGs (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on **Thursday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jan Overland, 320 Crescent Street SE.**

The book for August is *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier.

Come; join us!

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet at the church on **Tuesday, August 23, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Thanks to all who help with this project. Come, join the women for sewing day – you can cut squares or tie or iron fabric if you don't wish to sew.

All are welcome to join us!!

Women's Bible Study

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

The Bible Study is entitled *The Heart of the Matter- Reconciliation as New Creations, – Session #3 Treasure in Clay Jars.* (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

The theme verses can be found in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation..." All are welcome to join us!!

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group
Will meet on Thursday, August 25, 11:30 a.m.

Cedar Ridge Winery
(1441 Marak Road, Swisher)

Thanks for signing up on the bulletin board for reservations if you plan to attend.

Meet at church at 11:00 to share rides.

(Questions, contact Donna Madsen , 395-0053)

Craft Day

The women will have a Craft Day in August on Wednesday, August 10 at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!



Garage Sale Update

The garage sale netted: \$1800.

\$600 will be sent to the SE IA Synod Youth Ministry Fund.

\$1200 will be used toward reducing the Principle on the Holy Redeemer Building Mortgage

Thanks for all who helped and contributed to the Garage Sale.

General and Building Fund Income Statement

June 2016 Summary

	June 2016	Year-to-Date	
		2016	2015
General Income	\$12,763	\$86,071	\$80,114
General Expenses	\$13,080	\$81,725	\$75,798
Building Income	\$7,114	\$25,591	\$22,439
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$20,436	\$20,436
Income vs Expenses	\$3,391	\$9,501	\$6,319
Total Budget	\$17,855	\$107,130	\$108,350
Income vs. Budget	\$2,021	\$4,532	(\$5,797)

June General Fund and Building Fund Offerings were \$19,760, we exceeded our Goal of \$18,000 for the month!

Building Fund Income for June was \$7,114, YTD Income for the Building Fund is \$8,839 over Budget!

General Fund Income YTD is under Budget \$4,307, however, the YTD Income is \$4,346 over YTD Expenses.

4th Sunday Offering for Habitat for Humanity was \$134.00.

Stephen Ministry

Holy Redeemer is officially a Stephen Ministry site. This year, the council made it one of our 2016 goals to become a Stephen Ministry Site. Pastor Fish and others will work in the coming months on the vision of making this an asset to our congregation.

We are hoping to find one or two individuals who would be interested in being trained leaders.

If you are interested in finding out more about Stephen Ministry and what benefits it will bring to our congregation, talk to Pastor Fish.



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.



Adult Choir

We would love to have both youth and adult individual solos or instrumentalists share their music with us in worship during the summer. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please contact Marilyn Mark.



Youth News

EWALU

EWALU offers a ton of great opportunities and camps for youth of all ages. There are brochures and information located in the Narthex about all the different camps EWALU offers throughout the summer. Sign your child up for one of the Bible camps. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Hubbell.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be taking place the last week of July at St Andrew Lutheran church. We are looking forward to a great week and will report back on results next month.

Youth Programs

Planning is underway to kick-off a new year of programs with our children and youth. Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

Wednesday, August 3:

7:00 p.m. - WinGS planning session. We will have our second and final planning session before kicking off the year. All are welcome.

Wednesday, August 31:

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Acolyte training for grades 3-8 (youth may acolyte after taking their first communion and will continue until they are confirmed). An electronic sign-up is now being used to volunteer to be acolytes.

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - WinGS parent information meeting. Please come join us as we discuss a brand new schedule for the WinGS program this year. We will also continue to do an electronic sign-up for desserts and table decorations.

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - We will also have an Adult program on Wednesdays this year in conjunction with the WinGS program. Please come hear more about this new program and enjoy a mid-week opportunity to engage with our youth and have an adult bible program.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation student/parent information session. All 7th and 8th grade students and parents should join us for a brief overview of the confirmation program and what to expect this coming year.

Youth Activities Calendar

Parents, there is a youth activity calendar located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Fill in the activities your child is involved in. The hope is to have members come out to support the GREAT things are youth are involved in.

Events

Save the Date

- September 11:** ELCA Service Project & Rally Day
- September 14:** WinGS/Confirmation Kickoff
- October 2:** CROP Walk
- October 20:** Private Evening Holiday Bazaar
- October 21:** Holiday Bazaar
- October 22:** Holiday Bazaar
- October 29:** Sleep Out for the Homeless
- October 30:** Reformation Roast Trunk or Treat

Senior Saints at Hoover Museum



Hoover Jail Inmates??





All About Amy ~ Benefit and Silent Auction for Amy Renner

When: Friday, August 26, 2016

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. *Silent Auction ends at 7:30 P.M.*

Where: Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church

Many of you already know this, some may not. Amy Renner has been diagnosed with Stage II Breast Cancer. She found out early spring. She had her first surgery in June, removing all the tumors and her course of treatment is being determined, to stop any reoccurrence. Her prognosis is good. At a time like this, one struggles to know what to do, after many prayers, Lora and I decided we would like to organize and host a benefit for Amy and her family, to help offset her medical costs. As her work schedule has been limited, we feel this would be a great way to help and relieve her stress in one area, so she may focus on healing. Amy does so much for so many, asking and expects nothing in return, what a great way to give back to her.

We will be having a free will offering supper and silent auction. Please spread the word, flyers will be at the church, if you would like to share them. This will be a very festive event, including the photo booth, which Amy loves.

Ways you can help:

- Prayers, prayers and more prayers
- Create and donate an auction basket ~ by week of August 15
- Donate auction items ~ by week of August 8
- Donate Food items for meal (TBD by Lora)
- Help with Set up, Serving or Clean Up
- Come to Benefit, enjoy dinner and celebrate with Amy ☺

Donation can be dropped off at HRLC in the morning hours: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM ~ other times can be arranged, or items/basket can be picked up ~ let Shelly know.

Or, if you are unable to make the benefit, donations can be mailed to Holy Redeemer ~ make check out to Holy Redeemer: Memo: Amy Renner

Thank you in advance! We appreciate your help in making this benefit a fun and uplifting time for the Renner's.
☺

Blessings,

Lora VanBuren and Shelly Davidson

(Questions, please feel free to call: Lora – 319-560-2815 or Shelly 319-533-7424)

Libraries Old and New

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.” – Andrew Carnegie

Though not a Carnegie, Holy Redeemer has its own “spring in the desert” – an oasis for learning, a cool drink for all who thirst. A church library, like the church itself, begins with the Word of God. You can certainly find one or more Bibles in our library. If we had no other books but that, we would all benefit. The Word itself is truly our “never failing spring.”

But, like any library, we have additional offerings. Do you need help interpreting a portion of scripture? Perhaps you’ll find help in a commentary or devotional. Would you like to escape the realities of today’s world? Christian fiction can provide that without the cultural “norms” of violence, rough language, and other topics rated R. Maybe you’re struggling with health, finances, or grief. Our library can offer help in these areas as well. Maybe reading isn’t really your thing. Our library also has (a limited number of) CDs and DVDs for your listening and viewing pleasure.

In the coming months, I’ll be looking to you for your opinions on the future of the Holy Redeemer library. Should we consider offering e-Books or other media types? Do we need more books in key areas? Are there particular topics of interest to you?

In the meantime, I will be donating some books from my personal library and attempting to offer some reviews. Why? Because, as Mr. Lemoncello says, “Knowledge not shared remains unknown.” (Don’t know Mr. Lemoncello? If you have young kids, ask them. If not, or if they don’t know, ask Nicholas.)

New Additions to the Library

Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments – Finding Personal Meaning in a Crazy World by Kent M. Keith

Keith has 10 philosophical principles for living in this crazy world. The principles themselves are quick two liners that follow a pattern of “X may not seem worthwhile. Do X **anyway**.” The first is “People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.” In addition to the principles themselves, Keith offers explanations for each. At just over 100 small pages, it is a quick read that may just offer some insight for getting through the day to day.

Holy Hilarity: Inspirational Wit and Cartoons by Cal and Rose Samra

In a need of a good belly laugh or just a quick chuckle? Maybe a smirk is more your style? Either way, the humor in this book ranges from single pane cartoons and one-liners to top 10 lists and short stories. No need to read from cover to cover, just flip to any page and enjoy. A timely example, from Martin Luther King, “Humor is a divine quality, and God has the greatest sense of humor of all. He must have; otherwise He wouldn’t have made so many politicians.”

Submitted by Jeff Hand

Comments can be sent to: jhand@alumni.iastate.edu

Ministry of the Month

Greeter:	Aug. 7	Daphne Miller
	Aug. 14	Loretta Shannon
	Aug. 21	Daryl Julich
	Aug. 28	Peggy Dufoe
Ushers	Aug. 7	Harold Miller & Jon Singelstad
	Aug. 14	Conrad V. Z. & Jon Singelstad
	Aug. 21	Jim Veglahn & Jon Singelstad
	Aug. 28	Le & Dick Smith
Com. Asst	Aug. 7	Jodi Dufoe
	Aug. 14	Connie Hansen
	Aug. 21	Jeri Hansen
	Aug. 28	Jodi Dufoe
Com. Run	Aug. 7	Loretta Shannon
	Aug. 14	Shari Singelstad
	Aug. 21	Linda Singelstad
	Aug. 28	Judy Toy
Lay Reader	Aug. 7	Loretta Shannon
Outdoor Worship	Aug. 14	Linda Singelstad
	Aug. 21	Jeri Hansen
	Aug. 28	Georgia Fuoto
Acolyte	Aug. 7	TBD
	Aug. 14	TBD
	Aug. 21	TBD
	Aug. 28	TBD
Counters	Aug. 7	Jim Veglahn & Daphne Miller
	Aug. 14	John Quandt & Rick Renner
	Aug. 21	Jim Veglahn & Sara Merkey
	Aug. 28	Rollin Harder & Jodie Dufoe
Com. Prep	Aug. 7	Nicole Hubbell
	Aug. 14	LaVonne Hunter
	Aug. 21	Marti Marz
	Aug. 28	Le & Dick Smith

Altar Care: Harold & Daphne Miller

Visitor Calling Schedule: Arlan Braun

August 2016 at a Glance

Aug. 1 (Mon)	10:00 a.m. Carpet Cleaning
Aug. 2 (Tue)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Aug. 3 (Wed)	7:00 p.m. WinGS planning session
	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Aug. 4 (Thu)	6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Aug. 6 (Sat)	2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Fuoto Garden Party
Aug. 7 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/Godspeed & Grateful Grannies Temple Talk
	10:30 a.m. Usher Training
Aug. 8 (Mon)	Pastor in New Orleans
	6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
Aug. 9 (Tue)	Pastor in New Orleans
	7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Aug. 10 (Wed)	Pastor in New Orleans
	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
Aug. 11 (Thu)	Pastor in New Orleans
	9:30 a.m. WIGS @ Jan Overland's home
Aug. 12 (Fri)	Pastor in New Orleans
Aug. 13 (Sat)	Pastor in New Orleans
	10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship @ Cherry Hill Park w/potluck meal
Aug. 14 (Sun)	Food Bank Weekend
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 16 (Tues)	7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
	9:30-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's Coffee Shop
Aug. 17 (Wed)	Mission of Hope Meal served by congregation
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Aug. 20 (Sat)	6:35 p.m. Kernels Baseball Game
	September Newsletter Deadline
Aug. 21 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/Pr. Wendell Debner
	10:30 a.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg.
Aug. 23 (Tue)	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day
	5:45 p.m. S.S. History Center Walking Tour
Aug. 25 (Thu)	7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
	11:30 a.m. Let's Do Lunch @ Cedar Ridge Winery
Aug. 26 (Fri)	4:00-8:00 p.m. Amy Renner Benefit Dinner
Aug. 27 (Sat)	Fellowship Hall reserved
	9:00 a.m. Worship
Aug 28 (Sun)	4 th Weekend Offering – Grateful Grannies Coffee w/Council
	7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Aug 30 (Tues)	5:30-6:00 p.m. Acolyte Training
	6:00-6:30 p.m. WinGS & Adult Leader Meetings
	6:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation Sign-up/Mtg
Aug 31 (Wed)	



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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!!!