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*Growing to and for Christ!*

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*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. For those who He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, (Romans 8:28-29a). I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God; which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of Your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:1-2).*

It is God's will that we live a holy life conformed to that of His Son, Jesus Christ. This is God redeeming work through His Son, Jesus Christ. From what does God redeem through the costly death of His Son on the cross? He redeems us from our sin, from our penchant for making of ourselves our own god, from worshiping the creation instead of the Creator. He redeems us from our separating ourselves from Him. He redeems us from our constantly seeking and doing our own will. He redeems us from all that which leads to death. We come to worship each week to hear the good news of the promise that He declared to us in our Holy Baptism: "I am your God; you are Mine." That promise means life for us. We, though, when not constantly reminded of this promise, forget this promise. We forget who we are and whose we are. We begin to think, believe, and act as if we are our own god. We worship every week so that we can hear this promise again declared into our ears and into our hearts. We worship every week so that we can once again taste, smell and hold this promise as we receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we hear and receive we are once again made new and holy. The "old you" dies and the "new you" is raised to new life. God restores the relationship that we broke (and continually break) with Him. Karl Donfried writes, *God restores the relationship and God offers the believer in Christ through the Holy Spirit the possibility of leading a new life that is obedient to Him and responsive to the needs of our neighbor.*

For St. Paul, faith is not the belief of some factual statements, but rather faith is obedience to the will of God, the God who has redeemed us. Again, from Donfried, *In the first place, we must recognize that the gift given in justification does not have automatic consequences, i.e., some kind of lifetime immunization or guarantee. Rather, it remains a gift only as long as the will is received with daily fidelity and obedience to Christ. Never to be overlooked is the fact that the believer participates in but does not thereby possess the righteousness of God. Justification is both gift and responsibility.* The responsibility is to live a holy life. We might ask whether or not our life looks like a life conformed to Christ or to the world, what Holy Scripture says or what the world says. What life does our neighbor see? Does our neighbor see one whose life is that of a forgiven sinner who seeks, and often fails, to live a life that is holy, obedient to Christ and the will of God? Are we enough familiar with the Holy Scriptures to know God's will and what the Holy Spirit is doing to conform us to Christ. Are we obedient to the commandment to keep the Sabbath Day holy so that we hear God's promise proclaimed to us and receive the body and blood of Christ, so that the Holy Spirit may transform us into God's holy people? It is quite common to think today that doing good things make us a good person. Not so! Rather, as Martin Luther reminds us, *Good works do not make a good person, but a good person does good works.* A holy life is a life that is redeemed to do good works; it is not a life of good works whereby we hope that we may redeem ourselves. A good person is made only by God as He redeems us from sin to live a holy life.

In Christ's Name,  
Pastor David A. Aanonsen

## Outreach

### Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided by the Council on Thursday, October 18.

Since many of our council members work during the day and are not able to serve during the noon hour, they are asking for volunteers to help serve the meal. If anyone from the congregation is able to help transport and/or serve on October 18, please contact Jan Overland at [jeoverland@gmail.com](mailto:jeoverland@gmail.com) or 319-329-6979. Thank you!

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

In October, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on October 28. Donations will go to the Willis Dady Homeless Shelter.

### Food Pantry at Holy Redeemer

The Food Pantry is needing food and household items that we can give to those who stop in the office asking for food. Suggested items include: macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruit, hamburger helper, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, spaghetti sauce, noodles, paper towels, toilet paper, and detergent.

### Take Away Hunger

Our "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you to those who unloaded the truck, refilled the soy & rice buckets, helped package the meals, sealed & boxed the meals, and helped load everything back onto the truck. Thanks to Susan for having the room ready and to Lanny for taking pictures. We had 60 people, of all ages, packaging food. We packaged 9,072 meals. Don & Sandee were thrilled with the results. Holy Redeemer is one of their favorite places to come.

Thank you for donating to the quarter bank. We took in \$330 in quarters. The quarter bank is still there waiting for more quarters to help with next year's event.

The Outreach Committee

## Adult News

### Women's Bible Study

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



The Bible Study is entitled, "**Turn, turn, turn: A Time for Faithful Repentance.**"

Session 2 – *If I could turn back time:*

*Turning to others:*

*When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he was moved to give away half of his wealth to the poor and to make amends with those he had defrauded.*

*Why? In the Gospels, Jesus' call to repentance is a call to turn back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace and mercy for the neighbor and the community.*

*What does repentance look like in our relationships?* (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

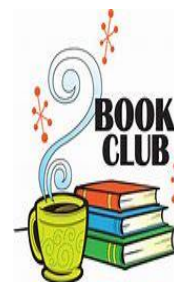
**All are welcome to join us!!**

### Craft Day

The women will meet for Craft Day on Wednesday, October 10 and October 17, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!



### WIGS (Book Discussion Group)



WIGs will meet on **Thursday, October 11**, at 9:30 a.m. at **16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grill** on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW for breakfast.

**The book for the month is:**  
*Stella Bain* by Anita Shreve.

**All are welcome to join us!**

## DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on **Tuesday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m.** – note there are 5 Tuesdays in October!  
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.)

## Let's Do Lunch

*The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group*  
will meet on October 25,  
11:30 a.m.  
at **Blue 42**  
(629 Ellis Blvd NW)

*Address questions to Joyce Black.*

**Please sign up on the bulletin board to make reservations for this lunch!**

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Bazaar

Our 25th Annual Bazaar is just around the corner! The sign-up sheets to help or donate baked goods are on the bulletin board.

The Bazaar will begin Thursday evening, October 25, and is open to the congregation and their special guests. On Friday and Saturday, it will be open to the public. If you are interested in having a table to sell your items or donating your homemade items, please contact Shari.

We are asking for a set up team, tear down team, bakers, kitchen help, floor assistants, people to assist making cinnamon rolls and donations for a silent auction.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari at 319-286-9358

## General and Building Fund Income Statement

August 2018 Summary

	Aug. 2018	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
<b>General Income</b>	<b>\$11,990</b>	<b>\$106,233</b>	<b>\$117,367</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,920</b>	<b>\$81,110</b>	<b>\$110,378</b>
<b>Building Income</b>	<b>\$2,858</b>	<b>\$21,779</b>	<b>\$27,344</b>
<b>Building Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,406</b>	<b>\$27,248</b>	<b>\$27,248</b>
<b>Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>\$522</b>	<b>\$19,654</b>	<b>\$7,084</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$18,919</b>	<b>\$151,352</b>	<b>\$146,120</b>
<b>Income vs. Budget</b>	<b>(\$4,071)</b>	<b>(\$23,340)</b>	<b>(\$1,410)</b>

For August, our General Fund income was \$3,523 below budget. Through August, YTD General Fund Income was \$17,871 below budget.

Our August General Fund Expenses were \$4,594 below budget. Through August, YTD General Fund Expenses were \$43,002 below budget. (This includes all budgeted accounts for the year, previous months did not)

For August, our Building Addition Income was \$548 below budget. Through August, YTD Building Addition Income was \$5,469 below budget.

\$1,085 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our August income was higher than our expenses.

Our Contingency Balance at the end of August was \$51,084.65.

Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of August was \$417,082.01.

Food Bank Offering was \$319.

4th Sunday Offering for Take Away Hunger was \$570.



## Stephen Ministry

### An Invitation to Holy Redeemer Members

Dear Friends in Christ,

Stephen Ministry continues to develop here at Holy Redeemer. Already there is evidence that this ministry is multiplying one of our strengths, as a congregation...Christ caring for people through people. Five people are currently receiving care from a Stephen Minister.

The next step involves prayerfully identifying men & women at Holy Redeemer who are willing to answer God's call to serve as a Stephen Minister. Then there will be 50 hours of enriching & practical training in Christian caring skills. This training is distinctively Christian & focuses on God as the One Who cures as we care.

We are planning the next training for January through May 2019. Once training is completed, Holy Redeemer's newest Stephen Ministers will be commissioned and begin meeting confidentially every week with their care receivers. Twice a month they will also be meeting for continuing education and peer group supervision. Although Stephen Ministers commit to serve for at least 2 years, many choose to continue beyond that time.

While being a Stephen Minister requires commitment, it also brings joy & fulfillment. We believe this ministry will help any individual grow in faith. As a Stephen Minister, you will have the opportunity to use the skills learned not only in your care-giving relationship, but also in your everyday relationships. We trust that when God calls a person to a certain role, God also gives the faith, gifts & skills needed to do His will.

**We invite you to pray & reflect about becoming a Stephen Minister.** If you decide to pursue a call of becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact us right away. We will be happy to answer your questions & talk to you about how to get started.

We look forward to seeing whatever God might do in the lives of those who give care, those who receive care, & in the life of Holy Redeemer as a congregation through our participation in Stephen Ministry.

Grace & Peace in Christ,

Pastor Dave, Marti Marz and David Adams,  
Stephen Ministry Leaders



### *Transformed by Grace, Faith and Love*

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is ***Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love***. We will begin this emphasis on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. As God's people, we have been given the high honor of being his stewards. As his stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that we've been entrusted with according to God's will and benefit. Because of God's generous gifts of grace, faith, and love, we can accomplish all that God asks us to do. God works in and through us as we become his hands, feet, and mouth. Each week during this three-week emphasis, we will be focusing on one of the three virtues, grace, faith, and love.

In week one, our focus is on God's undeserved kindness and love which the Bible calls grace. God's grace comes from God through Jesus and his work for us. It is not something we have a right to. Jesus obtained it for us. We get it freely because of the obedience and sacrifice of Jesus. This saving grace also enables and motivates us to be God's stewards. The power of God's grace in our lives compels us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify God.

In week two, we are reminded that it is through faith that we have access into God's grace and a new relationship with him. Through faith, God changes us, and we are born anew of him. Not only does faith justify us and give us peace with God (Romans 5:1), we are told by James and other writers that faith produces works (James 2:18). Faith leads to action. Through faith, we are empowered to fulfill God's purposes. Our deeds as stewards are evidence of our faith.

The third week we will focus on the virtue of love. Love ought to follow faith. Love seeks the welfare of others. *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and*



*his love is perfected in us” (1 John 4:11-12). God’s love in Christ will compel us to do things that appear foolish to unbelievers. God’s love prompts us to give freely of our time, talents, and treasures to help others and extend his kingdom.*

I hope and pray that God will use the sermon messages on ***Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love*** to draw you closer to him. I also urge you to make every effort to attend the Bible studies as we focus on grace, faith, and love.

*The Stewardship Committee*

## Fellowship Line Dancing October 18

The Fellowship Committee has started up monthly line dancing again at Wild Hogs in Walford.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on Thursday, October 18.

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 – it usually ends around 9:00 p.m.

## Church Family News

**New address:** Haley (Revlis) Hansen  
1509 Chapel Dr, Unit 2742  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

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.

### Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has interviewed two candidates for our Pastor position.

They have chosen one of the candidates to present to the council for nomination at the October council meeting. If the council votes to accept our nomination for Pastor, it will be announced to the congregation.

Thanks for your patience.

Chris, Phil, Allison, Laura, Arlan & Shari

## Youth News

### Reformation Roast & Fall Funfest

All are invited to the Reformation Roast and Fall Funfest on Sunday, October 28th immediately following church.

We will play Bingo, enjoy some Halloween inspired activities and share in a lunch together (hot dogs, chili, chips and more). All the donations go to support our youth.

Please mark your calendars and join us in making some fun memories together. See Lora Van Buren or Nicole Hubbell for more information.

### 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

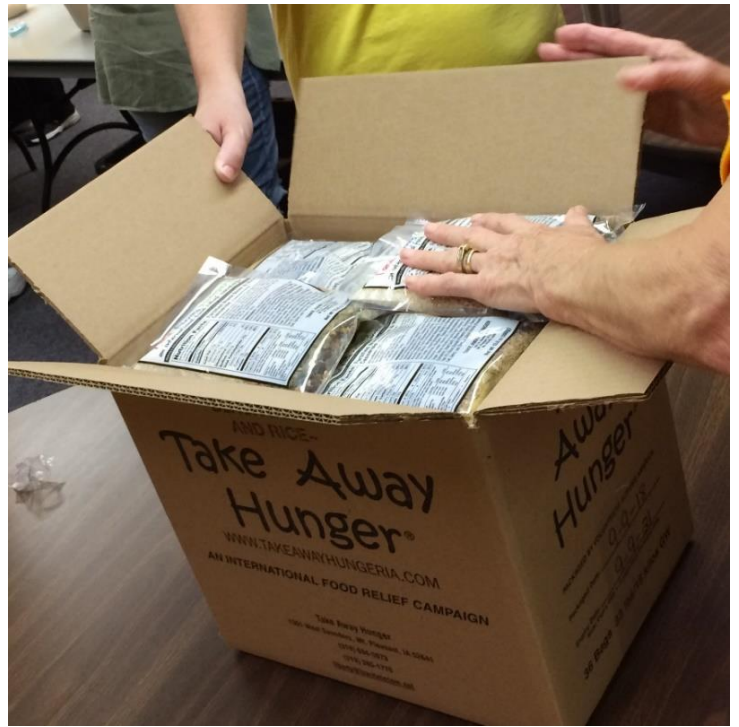
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| <b>November 3:</b>  | 9:00 am-2:30 pm Stephen Ministry Retreat@ HR  |
| <b>November 4:</b>  | 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School  |
| <b>November 6:</b>  | Holy Redeemer is a voting place for the Linn County Election                          |
| <b>November 8:</b>  | 11:00 am Synod Meeting at HR<br>6:30-8:00 pm Bishop Burke & lay leaders meeting at HR |
| <b>November 18:</b> | 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School  |
| <b>November 21:</b> | Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Gloria Dei   |
| <b>November 22:</b> | Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day  |

**November 23:** Office Closed (Friday)  
**December 2:** 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Shopping @ Target  
 w/Grateful Grannies  
**December 16:** Worship w/Children's Christmas  
 Program  
 Cookie Walk  
**December 24:** Christmas Eve Service  
**December 25:** Christmas Day Service  
**December 26:** No Confirmation Class  
**December 30:** No Sunday School

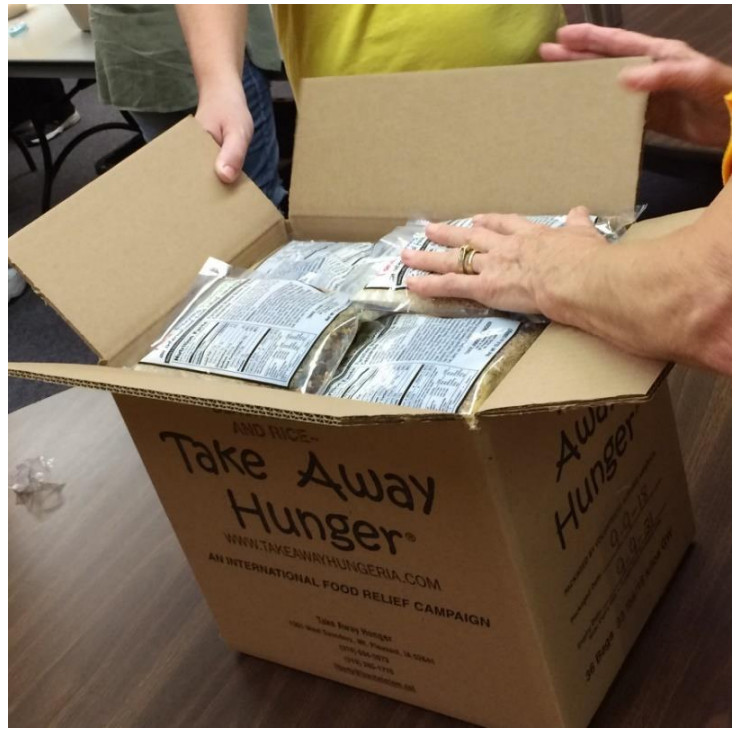
## Take Away Hunger Pictures













## Ministry of the Month

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	LaVonne Hunter
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Lee Eggers
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Judy Toy
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	Greg & Kay Forest
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Jim Veglahn & Bob Poundstone
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Mark & Marti Marz
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Jean & Gordy Stelling
<b>Com. Asst</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Lanny Eggers
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Greg Forest
<b>Com. Runner</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	Connie Hansen
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Jeri Hansen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	Jeri Hansen
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Loretta Shannon
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Marti Marz
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Jeri Hansen
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	Bryan Kisling
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Sarah Cones
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Courtney Hubbell
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	2 Needed
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Jim Veglahn & Rollie Harder
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	2 Needed
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	2 Needed
<b>Com. Prep</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	LaVonne Hunter
	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Marti Marz
	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Le & Dick Smith
	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Jean Stelling
<b>Altar Care:</b> Arlan & DeAnna Braun		
<b>Visitor Calling Schedule:</b> Judy Toy		

## October 2018 at a Glance

<b>Oct. 1 (Mon)</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> Habitat for Humanity Dedication <b>6:00 pm</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision
<b>Oct. 2 (Tues)</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> Card Players <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Oct. 3 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Oct. 4 (Thur)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 pm</b> Executive Council Mtg <b>7:00 pm</b> Committee Meetings
<b>Oct. 7 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:30-11:30 am</b> Sunday School
<b>Oct. 9 (Tues)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Oct. 10 (Wed)</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> Craft Day <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Oct. 11 (Thu)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> WIGS at 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave Grill <b>7:00 pm</b> Council Meeting
<b>Oct. 14 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> Food Bank Weekend <b>1:00 pm</b> Crop Walk @ Thomas Park
<b>Oct. 16 (Tue)</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> Card Players <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Oct. 17 (Wed)</b>	<b>9-11 am</b> S.S. Coloring @ Scooter's <b>12:30 pm</b> Craft Day <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Oct. 18 (Thu)</b>	<b>11:30 am</b> Mission of Hope Meal served by Council <b>5:00 pm</b> Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
<b>Oct. 19 (Fri)</b>	<b>5:00-6:00 pm</b> Church reserved
<b>Oct. 20 (Sat)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-4:00 pm</b> Church reserved Newsletter Deadline
<b>Oct. 21 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> <b>10:30-11:30 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30-11:30 am</b> Stephen Ministry Awareness/Ownership Presentation
<b>Oct. 22 (Mon)</b>	<b>6 pm</b> Steph. Min @ King of Kings
<b>Oct. 23 (Tue)</b>	<b>9:30-1:30 pm</b> DUO Day <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Oct. 24 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Oct. 25 (Thu)</b>	Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Blue 42 <b>4:00-7:00 pm</b> Craft Sale Preview
<b>Oct. 26 (Fri)</b>	<b>7:00 am-6:00 pm</b> Craft Sale
<b>Oct. 27 (Sat)</b>	<b>8:00 am-1:00 pm</b> Craft Sale
<b>Oct. 28 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> <b>10:30</b> Reformation Roast/Fall Funfest Coffee w/Council
<b>Oct. 30 (Tues)</b>	<b>9:30-1:30 pm</b> DUO Day <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Oct. 31 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class



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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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