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Lutheran Church

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Growing to and for Christ!

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Siblings in Christ,

I want to start off by sharing some VERY exciting news. We have officially hired Jackie Kimm to be our new Director of Music Ministries. Jackie starts on February 1, and we are so thrilled for her to join our team, congregation and family!

Going into this hiring process, I must admit I was extremely anxious. I'm sure this surprises no one. The hiring team and I reached out to all the colleges, universities, seminaries, congregations and local music organizations. At first, we had little to no response. On the surface, I tried to stay cool and collected, but underneath I was a

nervous-wreck. And my dad brought me back from being anxiety-driven to Christ-driven. He did so by simply asking, "Pat, have you prayed about it?" And I must admit after that conversation on December 27th, that's what I did. I prayed. I prayed that God would send that person to Holy Redeemer. I prayed that God would take the lead and help me trust in His timing of things.

And here we are. February 1, 2017, we will have a new Director of Music Ministries. Make no mistake, Jackie is a God-send. I believe that! She has incredible gifts, skills and talents that I can't wait to add to our already talented, skilled and gifted congregation! I know you will welcome her with open arms and trust God has great things in store for HRLC going forward.

"Buy you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me. I am not afraid of ten thousand people who have set themselves against me." –Psalm 3:3-5

This whole hiring process has reminded me of two things. One, God has a sense of humor. Two, this experience reminded me again how AWESOME our God truly is.

Since day one, God has been there for me and brought me to where I am. By now you would think I would trust and rely on God rather than myself, yet that's what makes us human, isn't it? We put our trust and confidence in the wrong places and people. I'm not alone in this. So, if you are hurting and you are struggling to trust God, know you aren't alone. Trusting God isn't easy. It's not a one and done thing. It's something we continually work on as we journey in our faith. Your pastor struggles with it. We all do. No shame in it. The important point is that we learn to trust God together. Faith isn't an individual thing. It's a communal, relational thing. Trust is no different. We lean on one another and support one another when trust seems impossible.

As God has been there for me since day one, know God has been there for you. We know the same is true for Holy Redeemer as well. Since 1955, God has been there for Holy Redeemer and has brought us to where we are today. Sure, there have been bumps and bruises and twists and turns. But, there have also been plenty of celebrations and joys as well. As we elect our new council and set a vision for 2017, I am confident and trust God will continue to do AWESOME things in and through Holy Redeemer.

I pray you will continue to use your gifts, talents and blessings to further God's work in our community.

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

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

The Congregation will be serving Sloppy Joe's as the main entree on Thursday, February 16.

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 in February will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Annual Fourth & Fifth Week Offerings

The council has selected 12 organizations for the 4th Sunday Offering.

If you have any questions about these organizations, please do not hesitate to ask Pastor, the council members or the Outreach Committee.

Each month you will be informed of the group that we will be collecting for:

February- Habitat for Humanity

March –Feed Iowa First

April-Camp EWALU

May- Relay for Life

June-Ronald McDonald House, Cedar Rapids

July-Community Free Health Clinic

August-Grateful Grannies

September-Waypoint, Madge Phillips Center

October- Sleep Out for the Homeless

November-Christmas Families from Olivet Mission

December –U of I Hospitals & Clinics Lutheran
Chaplaincy Program

We will also collect money for four different organizations on the four fifth Sundays during the year. They are Rise (Jail Ministries), LSI, Campus Ministries, and God's Global Barnyard.

Lutheran Day on the Hill

Join Pastor Fish and countless other Lutherans on Tuesday, February 21, as we travel to the capitol. The purpose of us going is to talk to our state representatives to assure public policy is attending to all within our communities. Talk to Pr. Fish if you would like to go.

Service Sundays

This year we are instituting something new. In the past, we have had outside mission partners come and speak to us. In 2017, our plan is for us to go to them. On a few Sundays during the year, we will have a short worship service followed by a service day. We are coordinating our first Service Sunday with Feed Iowa First. Stay tuned for more details.

New Member Class

On Sunday, February 12, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., we will hold a new member class for anyone interested in joining our church.

Blood Drive

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Friday, March 10, 2017

3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Watch the bulletin board for more information.



Adult News

Senior Saints Game Day

On Monday, January 30, the Senior Saints will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Game Day from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

A signup sheet will be posted on the large bulletin board in narthex. Bring a game and a snack to share.

Women's Bible Study

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

The Bible Study is entitled *Galatians Christian Faith and Christian Freedom. Session 2 is "Children of God through Faith" Text: Galatians 2:19-3:29.* (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, February 9 at **9:30 a.m., at the church.** Le Smith is the hostess.

The book for this month is *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg. Come join us for the discussion.

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet on Tuesday, February 28, **9:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. at the church.**

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.

Craft Day



The women will meet for Craft Day two days in February. Join us on Wednesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 22 at

12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group

**will meet on Thursday, February 23,
11:30 a.m.**

**Pei's
on 6th Street SW**

**Please sign up on the bulletin board so
reservations can be made.**

General and Building Fund Income Statement

December 2016 Summary

	Dec. 2016	Year-to-Date	
		2016	2015
General Income	\$15,649	\$168,884	\$157,253
General Expenses	\$12,674	\$162,991	\$156,818
Building Income	\$3,126	\$57,238	\$39,232
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$53,488	\$45,280
Income vs Expenses	\$2,695	\$9,643	(\$5,613)
Total Budget	\$17,845	\$214,250	\$216,700
Income vs. Budget	\$930	\$11,872	(\$20,215)

- YTD 2016 Income exceeded YTD 2016 Expenses \$5,893.
- YTD 2016 Building Addition Income exceeded YTD 2016 Expenses \$3,750.
- \$2,974.37 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund.
- 4th Sunday Offering for Lutheran Chaplaincy was \$143.00!
- Food Bank Offering was \$351.00!

Line Dancing Classes

The Fellowship Committee has started up a line dance get together at Wild Hogs in Walford. Stephanie Lange taught 3 of us the beginning steps of line dancing in January. We will continue the classes and fun on March 16.

It is open to all – from children to adults.

The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. and you can stay as long as you want.

We are thinking of doing this on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting in March. We can keep this up until we all learn to line dance! It's good fun and exercise.

Fish Fry Thank You

The Fellowship Committee had a great fish fry dinner in January that was hosted by Bill & Marlyn Davidson.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun event!

Fellowship Meals

The Fellowship Committee is planning on bringing back the Fellowship Meals. They will start again after lent.

Stephen Ministry

In 2016, we officially became a Stephen Ministry site. Stephen Ministry is a lay-led caring ministry that equips and empowers lay caregivers to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people in need. That includes the hurting, homebound, and lonely.

In 2017, we are excited to get Stephen's Ministry up and off the ground. We hope to send at least 2 other people along with Pastor to a week-long training. We will have an informational meeting in January. Keep your eyes and ears open for that specific time and date!

Director of Music Ministries

On February 1, we welcome our new Director of Music Ministries, Jacqueline Kimm. We are excited to have her join our church family and team.

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

Lenten Mid-Week Services

Starting on Wednesday, March 8, we will begin our mid-week Lenten services. Similar to previous years, we would like the youth to be leading those 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening services. The youth

will lead us in the Holden Evening Prayer Service. It's a beautiful liturgy!

We are still looking for youth to sign up for those services. Parents, please talk to Nicole Hubbell about signing your child up to help out at one of the Lenten Mid-Week Services. Participation includes leading in songs, readings, being an acolyte, ushering, etc. It was wonderful to have our youth actively leading the services last year. We hope that the youth will be able to do this again this year. Thank you!

WinGS & Sunday School

WinGS and Sunday School have kicked off the new year. We are seeing the number of kids at WinGS go down, hoping this is conflicting activities, but please encourage our youth to participate and to bring friends to join in the fun.

Sunday School continues in February on February 5 and February 19 from 10:15am-10:45am. All are welcome.

Middle School Dirty Feet Retreat

Middle School Dirty Feet Retreat is March 31st – April 2nd. All interested middle school youth are welcome and should let Pastor know by February 1st. For more information, see Pastor or Nicole Hubbell.

High School Mission Trip Meeting

High School Mission Trip Meeting was held and all interested youth must let Pastor know by February 1st.

The trip is to the Grand Canyon/Arizona area and is scheduled for June 10-18th.

All rising 9th graders through outgoing seniors are welcome to participate. Friends are welcome to join as well. A fundraising group will be formed to help defray the costs of the trip.

Please see Pastor or Nicole Hubbell for more information.

College Care Packages

College Care Packages were put together by Lora and Amy and our youth at WinGS. Thanks for all the contributions. No doubt the arrival of the packages have made our graduates very happy.

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

7th Annual Valentine's Day Dinner!

It's almost time for the **7th Annual Valentine's Day Dinner!**

It will be held on Sunday, February 12th. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. The Newlywed Game will be at 6:30 p.m. (Couples to be announced later)

The menu consists of pasta with marinara or alfredo sauce (chicken optional), tossed salad, bread, and delicious desserts. Tickets for this event are \$10.00 each.

Door Prizes: Handmade Quilt - crafted and donated by Jeri Hanson and a centerpiece crafted and donated by Deanna Braun.

This event is hosted and put on by the Holy Redeemer Youth as a fundraiser for their youth activities.

Tickets will be available for purchase after worship on Sundays until the event or by calling the church office at 396-8547.

We would like to thank the congregation so much for being such a huge part in our young people's lives and faith and for always supporting their activities.

Save the Date

- February 12:** Valentine's Dinner @ church
- February 25:** 9:00 a.m.- Noon Stewardship Retreat
- February 26:** Bishop Burk will preach during worship
- March 3:** Noon – 2:00 p.m. Senior Saints @ Indian Creek Nature Center
- March 10:** 3:30-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive @ Gloria Dei

March 31-April 2: Middle School Dirty Feet Retreat

April 1: Senior Saints lunch at Pistol Annie's Alley Corabelle's Tea Room in Anamosa

June 10-18: High School Mission Trip

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the Outreach Committee

The Stewardship Committee is celebrating a specific ministry or committee each month in the newsletter.

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.

Outreach Committee

by Shari Singelstad

The Outreach Committee is very busy with activities each year. Shari Singelstad has recently stepped down as the chair of the committee and Jan Overland and Judy Toy are now the co-chairs for the Outreach Committee.

Outreach has planned and organized the Mission of Hope Meal each month. They have co-hosted two blood drives with Gloria Dei, called or sent cards to the visitors during the worship service, lined up greeters for each service, planned a service day project at a Habitat for Humanity house with Thrivent, attended all eight Habitat for Humanity Home Deductions and took a quilt to each family that was made by the women from our church.



Outreach has also planned and walked on the Crop Walk in October and planned and organized the Christmas Family Project with Olivet Mission.



Being part of the Outreach Committee is very rewarding and we love hearing back from some of the people we have worked with. Jordan, the mother of one of the Christmas families we helped, said that she did not expect so many presents for her three children and she certainly did not expect presents for herself. She said that the kids were going to have the best Christmas in a long time.

At every home dedication, we are thanked by all of the families that are presented a quilt and we are always given a warm welcome by Jeff Capps, executive director and the staff at Habitat for Humanity.



Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Feb. 5	Jon Singelstad
	Feb. 12	Shari Singelstad
	Feb. 19	Peggy Dufoe
	Feb. 26	Jan Overland
Ushers	Feb. 5	Gordy & Jean Stelling
	Feb. 12	Jon Singelstad & Dave Anderson
	Feb. 19	Jim Veglahn & Conrad V.Z.
	Feb. 26	Mark & Marti Marz
Com. Asst	Feb. 5	Jeri Hansen
	Feb. 12	Conrad V. Z.
	Feb. 19	Daryl Julich
	Feb. 26	Tammy Hansen
Com. Runner	Feb. 5	Judy Toy
	Feb. 12	Shari Singelstad
	Feb. 19	Connie Hansen
	Feb. 26	Jeri Hansen
Lay Reader	Feb. 5	Luke Kasper
	Feb. 12	Jeri Hansen
	Feb. 19	Tracy Kisling
	Feb. 26	Tammy Hansen
Acolyte	Feb. 5	Sam Gilbert
	Feb. 12	Quincy Gilbert
	Feb. 19	Allison Hubbell
	Feb. 26	Delaney Holtey
Counters	Feb. 5	Peggy Quandt & Brett Nitzschke
	Feb. 12	Jan Overland & Rollin Harder
	Feb. 19	Jim Veglahn & Sara Jo Merkey
	Feb. 26	John Quandt & Cindy Bradley
Com. Prep	Feb. 5	Jean Stelling
	Feb. 12	Laura Fowler
	Feb. 19	Nicole Hubbell
	Feb. 26	LaVonne Hunter
Altar Care: Sherri Webster		
Visitor Calling Schedule: Arlan Braun		

February 2017 at a Glance

Feb. 1 (Wed)	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Feb. 2 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Feb. 5 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/Pr. Debner
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Feb. 7 (Tue)	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Feb. 8 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Feb. 9 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Feb. 12 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. New Member Class
	Food Bank Weekend
	5:00-7:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner & Game Show
Feb. 14 (Tue)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Feb. 15 (Wed)	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Feb. 16 (Thu)	Mission of Hope Meal served by congregation
Feb. 19 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Feb. 20 (Mon)	Newsletter Deadline
Feb. 21 (Tue)	Lutheran Day on the Hill
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Feb. 22 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day
	4:45 p.m. WinGS
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Feb. 23 (Thu)	11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Pei's
Feb. 25 (Sat)	9:00 a.m.-Noon Stewardship Retreat
Feb. 26 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Bishop Burk
	4 th Weekend Offering to Habitat for Humanity
Feb. 28 (Tue)	Coffee with Council
	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation



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*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!!!