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Growing to and for Christ!

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! (ELW, hymn no. 366, verse 1).

On April 1 we enter the season which is most appropriate for this hymn to be sung. Of all the Easter hymns this is probably my favorite, even though it is not the most well known. The hymn is gospel through and through. A few years ago when I was leading a Bible study on the Book of Revelation I found this hymn to be especially helpful in explaining the good news of that book. That cryptic book continually describes a battle that seemingly is yet to take place at the end of all the ages—a battle between Christ and

Satan. Actually, the point of view of that book is not of a battle yet to come, but of a battle already won. The battle between Christ and Satan has already been won by Christ on the cross and in the Resurrection. There is no great battle yet to be. The proclamation of John the Revelator is that the battle has already been won. Christ has won and defeated Satan forever. Satan is in his death throes. The evil that we see and experience in this world today is evil that is having its last word, its whimper of defeat. John tells us that, even in the midst of the evil of the world and the troubles of our life, we ought to be comforted and live in hope because *the strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

Easter is *the song of praise begun*. Christ has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil. Sin is forgiven; the devil defeated by Christ's descent into hell, and death is vanquished by God raising Christ to life. This is not a future event. This is a past and future event that is made present for and in each of us in our Holy Baptism. Every day our sin is forgiven because of the cross of Christ. Every day we are raised to new life because God raised Christ to new life. We call this our daily baptism. In a real sense, each day is a Good Friday and each day is an Easter. Each day there is a cross in our life and each day there is a resurrection in our life. While we look forward to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we experience the cross and the Resurrection every day. Because of Good Friday, because of the cross, because of Jesus Christ who died on that cross, because He took all your sins upon Himself and suffered the consequence of sin—death, death as separation from God, your sins are now forgiven every day. Because He descended into hell, the lair of Satan, and thoroughly trashed hell as God His Father raised Him to new life, you are now raised to new life every day. Thus every day becomes a day of rejoicing to sing the song of praise. *The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!* (verse 2).

It has become quite the fashion in theology today to discount sin, to unsin that which the Holy Scriptures name as sin. In fact, many theologians would say that we have moved past sin and the cross. That is, of course, not in accord with the Bible and what we believe, teach, and confess. As one reads the Scriptures it is quite evident that when one belittles sin, then one necessarily at the same time belittles the cross, the Christ who hung from the Cross, and the God *who so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life*. Of course, if there is no sin, then anything we do is just okey dokey with God. My questions are then: Why Good Friday? Why Easter? Why? Because all the Scriptures point to the One who shall be named Jesus, *who will save His people from their sins*. Thus it is that we sing: *The three sad days have quickly sped, He raises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Alleluia! He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n high portals fell. Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* (verses 3 and 4).

In Christ's Name,
Pastor David A. Aanonsen

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, April 19.

Chicken & noodle soup will be the main entrée.

Thank you to Marlyn and Bill Davidson for generously providing and preparing the Chicken Noodle Soup!

The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. All donations are needed by Wednesday, April 18.

4th Sunday Offering

In April, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on April 22. The proceeds from this Sunday offering will be designated to Camp EWALU.

5th Sunday Offering – ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm

"For the by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:

This month's fifth week, April 29, offering goes hand in hand with the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. The ELCA is asking congregations to bring an offering, which will support ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm. More than 30,000 young people and their adult leaders will gather to experience this foundational truth in new ways. The theme of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering is "This Changes Everything", refers to the verse above.

As part of the experience, an ambitious goal of raising \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge to equip communities around the world with livestock, seeds, tools, training and more – all with the goal of making families healthier and stronger. For more information you can also visit: <http://www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge>

Our youth and adult leaders will take the offering to the ELCA Gathering in June. Please consider supporting this wonderful challenge, between now

and June, writing in memo line of your check: Global Farm. Our young people will have the opportunity to visit the ELCA World Hunger at the Interactive Learning Space. They will learn first-hand what this donation will do for so many. Our young people will see that by combining our efforts – This Changes Everything!

Take Away Hunger

We will package food for Take Away Hunger on Sunday, September 9. We have received an anonymous gift of \$1,400.

We'd like to raise \$1,400 more. To help us reach that goal, please save your quarters and deposit them in the quarter bank located in the narthex

Thank you,

The Outreach Committee

Blood Drive Update

The blood drive held March 9 at Gloria Dei was a success. Thanks to those of you who donated. Between our 2 churches we collected 13 pints of blood.

The next blood drive will be at Holy Redeemer on Monday, July 16 from 3:30 - 6:30. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you,

The Outreach Committee

Adult News

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Join us for our Holy Week services:

Sunday, March 25: 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30 7:00 p.m. Good Friday

Sunday, April 1 : 9:00 a.m. Easter

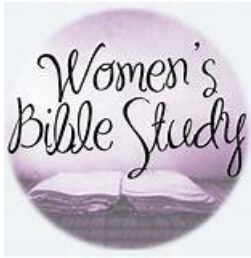
The youth will provide an Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Easter morning. This fundraiser will be used to help fund the youth trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston TX this summer.

Craft Day

The women will meet for Craft Day on Wednesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!



Women's Bible Study



Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, April 5, 9:30 a.m.**

The 2018 Bible Study is entitled: *Multiple meanings: Learning from Other Interpretations*. Session #4

The Prodigal Son uses the Bible Text Luke 15:11-32. (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

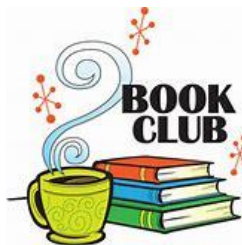
All are welcome to join us!!

WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on Thursday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m., at the church. **DeAnna Braun is the hostess.**

The book for the month is: ***Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*** by Fannie Flagg.

All are welcome to join us.



DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on Tuesday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Come, join us – if you don't sew, we can teach you how to tie or lay out quilts.



QUILTING GROUP

Bring a sack lunch for the noon hour (or fast food is available nearby.) We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Several quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief on April 21.

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group will meet on April 26, 11:30 a.m.

at **Chrome Horse New Bo***
(on 1231 3th St. SE)

Address questions to Ruth Teggatz.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can or just join us!

***Note this change from the Lunch Schedule.**

Fellowship Line Dancing April 19

Please join the Fellowship Committee for line dancing & fellowship at Wild Hogs in Walford on the third Thursday of each month.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on Thursday, April 19.

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

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



Church News

General and Building Fund Income Statement

February 2018 Summary

	Feb. 2018	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
General Income	\$10,934	\$23,740	\$29,418
General Expenses	\$9,346	\$18,825	\$27,511
Building Income	\$2,503	\$5,091	\$6,771
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$6,812	\$6,812
Income vs Expenses	\$685	\$3,194	\$1,865
Total Budget	\$18,919	\$37,838	\$36,530
Income vs. Budget	(\$5,482)	(\$9,007)	(\$341)

- For February, our General Fund income was \$4,579 below budget. Through February, YTD General Fund Income was \$7,286 below budget.
- Our February General Fund Expenses were \$2,884 below budget. Through February, YTD General Fund Expenses were \$5,635 below budget.
- For February, our Building Addition Income was \$903 below budget. Through February, YTD Building Addition Income was \$1,721 below budget.
- \$1,603 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our February income was higher than our expenses.
- Our Contingency Balance at the end of February was \$51,603.48. The amount over \$50,000 will be paid as a Mortgage Principal only payment in March.
- Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of February was \$450,148.44.
- Food Bank Offering was \$345.
- 4th Sunday Offering for Community Free Health Clinic was \$220.



Stephen Ministry Seeing Light

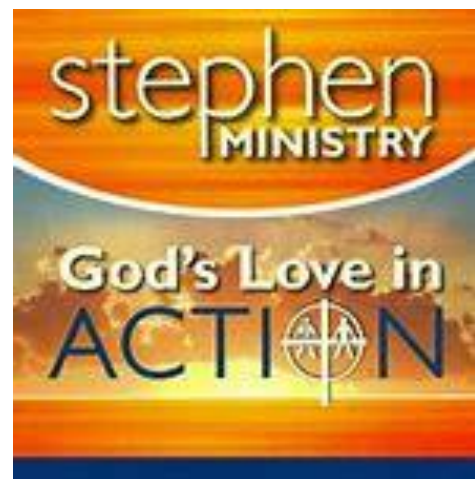
Holy Redeemer's six Stephen Ministers-in-training are seeing the light at the end of their journey through the 20 session course. Information and practice in each module adds depth and understanding to the skills of Distinctively Christian Caring.

In April one session will focus on using community resources and mental health professionals for care receivers with specific needs. Then for a few weeks, some of those specific needs, like grief, depression and suicide, will be considered.

There has also been encouraging news in that David Adams will be attending the Leadership Training Course in St Louis April 8-14. Stephen Leaders help lead, organize, select, train, supervise and generally make sure Stephen Ministry runs smoothly in a congregation. Please be praying that David will have a God-centered week full of excellent training.

As the Stephen Ministry training heads toward the light, the commissioning of Leaders & Ministers is just ahead. We thank God for the continued dedication of all the trainees. We humbly ask for the congregation's prayers for them and for God's blessings upon this ministry.

'...be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ' Colossians 2:2



Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, April 18

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

The Senior Saints will meet for coloring and fun at Scooters, 2300 Edgewood Rd. NW on April 18.

All are welcome.



Youth News

Youth News

Upcoming Dates:

April 1--Easter Brunch

April 4--REGULAR WINGS IS BACK!

April 15--final Sunday School session for the 2017-2018 school year

May 6—Senior Graduation Recognition



Easter Breakfast

On Sunday, April 1, at 7:30 a.m., the youth will be providing a delicious Easter breakfast for the congregation. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards our youth ministry. Thank you to our talented and dedicated youth for all you do!



Valentine's Dinner & Newlywed Game

Sunday, March 18 was the Youth Sponsored Valentine's Dinner and Newlywed Game.

Lora Van Buren and Tammy Hansen pulled off another fabulous event. There is so much time put into preparing for the event and then cooking the meal. Without these two ladies, this event would not have been possible. We had an amazing meal and wonderful fellowship. Thanks for all you do for us: Lora and Tammy. ☺

Amy Renner made another fun photo background and pictures were taken professionally by Tami Ketchum.

Thanks to the youth, who were there to set up, serve and clean up: Haley Hansen, Will Davidson, Ethan Kjar, Ashby and Jordan Renner, Keri Ketchum, Olivia Prochnow.

Thank you, Nicole Hubbell, for coordinating the sign up. Thank you to the many youth and youth supporters, who donated items for meal and helped with clean up. ☺

This event raised \$280 for the youth fund, without all the food donation this wouldn't be possible. Thank You!

So many laughs were shared at the Newlywed Game. Seniors Haley Hansen and Ashby Renner were the MC's. (No! We can't believe they are seniors either!) Lane and Marcia Prochnow, Rob and Donetta Heathman and Curtis and Tammy Hansen were our Newlywed contestants.

They provided some awesome entertainment (and were very good sports). We had a Newlywed Game first, a three-way tie, we decided instead of a tie breaker, we would have 3 WINNERS!

Special thanks to Jeri Hansen and Deanna Braun. Thank you for sharing your time and talents by donating another gorgeous quilt and a beautiful wall hanging, respectively. Another fun prize drawing was donated by Tammy Hansen, made by Amy Renner.

Thank you all that attended and who continue to support our youth.





Gathering Update

The next few months will be busy for the Houston Gathers. Please continue to pray as we begin preparing our minds and souls for this fabulous journey.

We have had a change in who will be attending. Due to work and other commitments, the following are unable to attend: Mike and Lucas Kasper and Haley Hansen. Shelly Davidson will be replacing Mike, as an adult chaperone.

Thank you for always supporting our youth and this ELCA Gathering. Our group consists of 8 youth and 3 adults: Allison Hubbell, Jordan Renner, Olivia Prochnow, Mya Kilker, Derek Bradley, Matthew Hand, Ethan Kjar, Will Davidson, Marica Prochnow, Shelly Davidson and Amy Renner.

“Mini” Spring Craft Fair

We had a new opportunity this year. Some may know, a woman, Becky Voss, from Miles, Iowa, donated some items for the Holiday Fair. After speaking with her, she was asked if she would be interested in making some centerpieces for our Valentine’s Dinner. She offered, not only to donate the centerpieces to be given as prizes, but other items for a Spring Fair. We gladly accepted her donation.

In her retirement years, she has enjoyed making and donating to churches around the area. She was only too happy to donate to the youth and our gathering fundraising efforts. Thank you to Becky and all who have purchased her items. We have received \$246.00. Thank you to all that have purchased her beautiful spring items. Bring on Spring! ☺



High School Senior Recognition Day

Attention all high school seniors: You should have received a letter in the mail from the Holy Redeemer High School Graduation Recognition Committee. This letter informed you of the application process for the opportunity to receive a gift from Holy Redeemer.

The application deadline is April 11. Please contact one of the committee members if you did not receive a letter or have any questions.

Sunday, May 6, is High School Recognition Day.

The seniors will be recognized during the Sunday service and the checks will be handed out to the applicants.



Lenten Mid-Week Services Thank You

Wednesday, March 21 was the last mid-week Lenten service that was led by the youth.

Thank you to all of our youth for leading our Midweek Holden Evening Prayer Services throughout Lent! We appreciate you sharing your gifts and time with us!

Also, a big thank you to Jesse Myers and all of the adults who helped organize the youth for these services and Lora Van Buren for all the work in providing the youth Lenten meals. Your help was very much appreciated.

Annual Meeting Silent Auction Baskets

Dear Patrons of our recent Silent Auction:

Thank you for supporting us and our efforts to raise money for our trip. It means a lot to us that you have given us the thought and resources to help us pursue this awesome and uplifting, spiritual journey.

Our Most heartfelt love and thanks,
Houston Travelers

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

April 28:	Spring Clean-Up Day@ church
May 1:	Possible Special Election held
May 2:	Last day of Confirmation Class
May 5:	Rain date for Spring Clean-Up Day
May 6:	Worship with High School Senior Recognition
May 12:	Kitchen/Fellowship Hall reserved
May 13:	Mother's Day
May 24:	Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Bandana's
May 25:	Kitchen/Fellowship Hall reserved
May 28:	Memorial Day – Office Closed
June 5:	Linn Co. Election held @ H.R.
June 17:	Father's Day
June 25:	ELCA Youth Gathering – Youth leave for TX
June 27:	Noon – Senior Saints Kernels Baseball Game
July 2:	ELCA Youth Gathering students return home
July 4:	Office closed
August 7:	Possible Special Election held
September 3:	Labor Day – Office Closed
September 9:	Take Away Hunger Service Sunday

Spring Clean-up Day – April 28

You are all invited to attend the annual spring clean-up day, Saturday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m.

All ages are welcome and this involves work both inside and outside the church building and grounds. Activities can range anywhere from picking up twigs and trash around the grounds, placing new mulch around the trees, washing windows, etc. Please bring your own gloves, garden and cleaning supplies. Let's work together and make this a fun day!

A rain date has been set for Saturday, May 5.



Happy Easter

Happy Easter from
the staff at Holy
Redeemer!

Each month we will highlight the youth and adults that will be going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Texas this June. This month, we are highlighting Allison Hubbell, Matthew Hand and Derek Bradley.

Allison Hubbell

My name is Allison Hubbell. I am 15 years old and a freshman at Kennedy High School. My interests include playing volleyball and soccer and reading.

I'm looking forward to meeting new people and getting to know our own group better on the Houston trip. I am excited to take part in the service project and the whole group meetings and hear the speakers. I'm also excited to experience the city of Houston and get to interact with all the other youth gathering for the event.

—Allison

Matthew Hand

My name is Matt Hand. I am 16 years old and a sophomore at Kennedy High School. I play baseball, run track and cross country, and do show choir.

I'm looking forward to the trip so we can help make people's lives better and help the community in Houston. I'm also looking forward to exploring the city and experiencing what life is like in a big city. Another thing I'm excited about is getting to know other people from our church better. I think going to Houston will be a fun and very exciting experience and I am looking forward to it..

—Matthew

Derek Bradley

My name is Derek Bradley. I am 17 years old and I am a junior at Kennedy high school. I like to play basketball and like hanging out with friends.

Something I look forward to is experiencing Houston and meeting new people. I also look forward to helping people in the community. This is my 2nd trip to a youth gathering and I'm hoping the service projects will be even better than the last one in Detroit.

—Derek



Allison Hubbell



Matthew Hand



Derek Bradley

Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Apr. 1	Evelyn Neal
	Apr. 8	TBA
	Apr. 15	Judy Toy
	Apr. 22	Jan Overland
	Apr. 29	Judy Toy
Usher	Apr. 1	Marti & Mark Marz
	Apr. 8	Bob Poundstone & Tom Fruehling
	Apr. 15	Jon Singelstad & Dave Anderson
	Apr. 22	Jim Veglahn & Ron Hansen
	Apr. 29	Jean & Gordy Stelling
Com. Asst	Apr. 1	Phil Hansen
	Apr. 8	Greg Forest
	Apr. 15	Jeri Hansen
	Apr. 22	Mark Marz
	Apr. 29	Jodie Dufoe
Com. Runner	Apr. 1	Connie Hansen
	Apr. 8	Kay Forest
	Apr. 15	Judy Toy
	Apr. 22	Marti Marz
	Apr. 29	TBA
Lay Reader	Apr. 1	Marti Marz
	Apr. 8	Evelyn Nuehring
	Apr. 15	Jeri Hansen
	Apr. 22	Tracy Kisling
	Apr. 29	Evelyn Nuehring
Acolyte	Apr. 1	Nicholas Had
	Apr. 8	Sarah Cones
	Apr. 15	Keri Ketchum
	Apr. 22	Allie Kasper
	Apr. 29	Sarah Cones
Counters	Apr. 1	2 NEEDED
	Apr. 8	Jim Veglahn & TBA
	Apr. 15	Connie Hansen & TBA
	Apr. 22	Tracy Kisling & Jim Veglahn
	Apr. 29	2 NEEDED
Com. Prep	Apr. 1	Jean Stelling
	Apr. 8	Laura Fowler
	Apr. 15	Nicole Hubbell
	Apr. 22	LaVonne Hunter
	Apr. 29	Marti Marz
Altar Care: Georgia & John Fuoto		
Visitor Calling Schedule: DeAnna Braun		

April 2018 at a Glance

Apr. 1 (Sun)	7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast by Youth 9:00 a.m. Worship
Apr. 2 (Mon)	Office Closed 6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Apr. 3 (Tues)	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:30 p.m. Card Players 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr. 4 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day 5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS 6:30-7:30 p.m. Conf. Class
Apr. 5 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Apr. 8 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship Food Bank Weekend
Apr. 9 (Mon)	6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Apr. 10 (Tue)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr. 11 (Wed)	5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Apr. 12 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Apr. 15 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship
Apr. 16 (Mon)	6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Apr. 17 (Tue)	12:30 p.m. Card Players Newsletter Deadline 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr. 18 (Wed)	9:00-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's 12:30 p.m. Craft Day 5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 Choir Practice
Apr. 19 (Thu)	Mission of Hope Meal 5:00-9:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
Apr. 20 (Fri)	Newsletter Deadline
Apr. 21 (Sat)	Noon-5:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Apr. 22 (Sun)	8:00 a.m. Choir Practice 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Choir 4 th W/E Offering to Camp EWALU Coffee w/Council
Apr. 24 (Tue)	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Apr. 25 (Wed)	5:15-6:30 p.m. WinGS 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Apr. 26 (Thur)	11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Little Bo's
Apr. 28 (Sat)	9:00 a.m. Spring Clean-up Day
Apr. 29 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship 4 th W/E Offering to Rise Jail Ministry
Apr. 30 (Mon)	6:00-8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training



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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!!!