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*Growing to and for Christ!*

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I know that most of you have read this before, but for the sake of those who did not read it four and one-half years ago, and for those who are new to Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, let me introduce myself. My name is David A. Aanonson and I am the interim pastor of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church for the next few months.

I retired seven years ago after thirty-five years of fulltime ministry.

I was born and raised around Estherville, in northwest Iowa, and graduated from Lincoln Central High School in Gruver, Iowa, in 1964. (It really is on the Iowa highway map.) I grew up on a farm. We were dairy farmers for a good part of that time. My father later both farmed and had a service station in Estherville, so, I spent much time filling cars with gas and washing them.

I attended Augsburg College, Minneapolis; Estherville Junior College; and graduated from Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, in 1968 with a B. A. in history and social science. It was at Dana College that I met my wife, Barbara, and we were married in 1969. Barb graduated that year with a B. S. in elementary education.

I served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972 as a radio intercept analyst. I was stationed in Amarillo and San Angelo, Texas, Brindisi, Italy, and Anchorage, Alaska. Barb was able to accompany me to both Italy and Alaska. After I was discharged from the Air Force, I attended Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. I served my year of internship at Central Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. I received a Master of Divinity degree in 1976 and was ordained on June 6 of that year.

Since being ordained I have served the following congregations: First-Chariton and Christ the Servant-Corydon, Iowa; All Saints-Davenport (of which I was the pastor developer); Mamrelund-Stanton, Iowa; Trinity-Lawrence, Kansas; and Christ the King-Iowa City (from which I retired after twenty years).

While we lived in Lawrence I also attended the University of Kansas and earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 1992.

Since retirement I have served as the interim pastor at the following congregations: First-Cedar Rapids, Holy Redeemer-Cedar Rapids, (yes, this is my second time here) Faith and Our Savior's-Calamus, Grace-Muscatine, St. Matthew-Davenport, St. James-Bettendorf, and All Saints-Davenport (of which I was the pastor developer 38 years earlier).

Barb and I are parents of three children: Rachel (and husband Eric) of Vinton, Iowa; Erik (and wife Wendy) of Bondurant, Iowa, and Sarah of North Liberty. We are also grandparents of six delightful grandchildren. Barb worked at Grant Wood Area Education Agency for over twenty years and occasionally substituted at Iowa City Montessori School, but is now fully retired. (She earlier taught fulltime at Anchorage Montessori School and substituted at the Brindisi Dependent School).

I look forward to serving again as your pastor for the next few months. We will continue to live in Coralville and I will commute to serve you. I do ask for your prayers and I promise that I will hold you in my prayers each and every day.

In Christ's Name,  
Pastor David A. Aanonson

## Outreach

### Mission of Hope Meal

The Mission of Hope Meal will be provided and served by the congregation on Thursday, February 15. Please watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All donations are needed by Wednesday, February 14.

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

In February, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on February 25. The proceeds from the February Sunday offering will be designated for the Community Health Free Clinic.

The Community Health Free Clinic provides free medical, dental, vision and prescription services to the Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas.

### 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 the council members or the Outreach Committee.

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

February – Community Free Health Clinic

March – Feed Iowa First

April – EWALU Bible Camp & Retreat Center

May – American Cancer Society

June-Ronald McDonald Family Room, St. Luke's

July – Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity

August – Take Away Hunger

September – Madge Phillips Center/Waypoint

October- Willis Dady Homeless Services

November – HRLC Christmas giving with Grateful Grannies/Target

December –Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach

We will also collect money for four different organizations on the four 5th Sundays during the year. They are:

April - Rise Jail Ministry

July – Lutheran Services of Iowa (LSI)

September – ELCA Campus Ministries

December – ELCA God's Global Barnyard

### Drop a Quarter...and Change a Life!

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

Due to overwhelming participation and positive member feedback, Holy Redeemer will again partner with Take Away Hunger (TAH). TAH is an Iowa-based food relief organization that unifies teams of people who package a specialized rice based soy casserole mixture which is used locally and overseas.

In 2017, members of all ages came together to assemble over 9,500 meals for people in need!

For only 25 cents, we can purchase and assemble a nutritious meal for a family of six.

Please help us jump start our fundraising by dropping quarters into the tube bank found in our narthex. And mark your calendar to participate in our meal packaging event on Sunday, September 9, 2018, following worship.

Thank you,

Outreach Committee: Jesse Myers, Loretta Shannon,  
Judy Toy, Arlan & DeAnna  
Braun, and Jan Overland

### Blood Drive

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Watch the bulletin board for more information.**



## Adult News

### Senior Saints Potluck & Game Night

The Senior Saints will be having a fellowship potluck and a board game fun night on Friday, February 2. Our potluck begins at 6:00 p.m. and the game night is from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share, your own tableware and a favorite board game to share with others. All adults are welcome. If you need a ride, please contact Shari Singelstad at 286-9358.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari Singelstad or Judy Toy.

### Women's Bible Study

**Bible Study will meet** at the church on **Thursday, February 1, 9:30 a.m.**

The 2018 Bible Study is entitled: *Multiple meanings: Learning from Other Interpretations*. Session #2 *Prepare the Way of the Lord* uses the Bible Text Luke 3:3-17. (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, February 7, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!

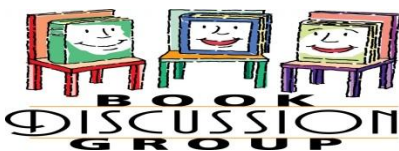


### WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGs will meet on **Thursday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m., at the church.** Le Smith is the hostess.

The book for the month is: *Secrets* by **Kristen Heitzmann.**

All are welcome to join us.



### DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 27.

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.) We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

We make quilts for local charities including Grateful Grannies, and in the spring we send some to Lutheran World Relief.

## Let's Do Lunch

*The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group*  
will meet on **February 22,**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**at the Union Station**  
(on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW)

**Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able or just join us!.**

### Fellowship Line Dancing February 15

The Fellowship Committee has started up its monthly 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, February 15.

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.



## Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, February 21

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

The Senior Saints will meet for coloring and fun at Scooters, 2300 Edgewood Rd. NW on February 21.

All are welcome.



## Stephen Ministers-in Training

An exciting adventure in learning and doing ministry has begun for six Holy Redeemer people in this new year. The Stephen Minister trainees have begun studying, discussing, experiencing and trying out the skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who are especially in need.

In the 4 weeks of January, the class has considered the following subjects:

- \* 'The Person of the Caregiver', learning five fundamental characteristics of a caregiver symbolized in the caregiver's compass.
- \* 'Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours', talking about the importance of recognizing and accepting all the feelings that people have.
- \* 'The Art of Listening', honing their skills and finding out that listening well is extremely helpful and caring...but it is also hard work.
- \* 'Distinctively Christian Caring', discovering more effective ways of using resources such as prayer and Scripture as tools in caring ministry.

The adventure will continue over the next 14 weeks. The Stephen Ministers-in-training ask for your prayers for their learning and for all the ways the Lord will bring growth in and through Holy Redeemer as this ministry of Christian caring unfolds.

*'If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.'* 1 Peter 4:11

## Church Family News

Katie Quandt is now living in Des Moines and working for BioLife.

Will Quandt graduated from Iowa State University in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. In January, he began working for John Deere Des Moines Works as a Manufacturing Engineer II. Congratulations to Will!

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.

## New 2018 Council

Below is the list of the new 2018 council members:

President: Mike Kasper

Vice-President: Rollin Harder

Secretary: Amber Strong

Financial Secretary: Tammy Hansen

Treasurer: Linda Singelstad

Members: Jon Galvin

Jan Overland

Jesse Myers

Bill Davidson

Patrick Tomlin

## Pastoral Call Committee

It is time to start the process of calling a permanent pastor. The next step is for the church council to form a call committee.

Members who wish to serve on the call committee are asked to indicate their interest by contacting a council member. The Call Committee will consist of different age groups and both male and female members of the congregation.

Please contact a council member to help answer questions you may have.



## General and Building Fund Income Statement

December 2017 Summary

	Dec. 2017	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
<b>General Income</b>	<b>\$19,591</b>	<b>\$176,629</b>	<b>\$168,884</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,165</b>	<b>\$166,249</b>	<b>\$162,991</b>
<b>Building Income</b>	<b>\$5,068</b>	<b>\$41,570</b>	<b>\$57,238</b>
<b>Building Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,406</b>	<b>\$40,872</b>	<b>\$53,488</b>
<b>Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,088</b>	<b>\$11,078</b>	<b>\$9,643</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$18,265</b>	<b>\$219,180</b>	<b>\$214,250</b>
<b>Income vs. Budget</b>	<b>\$6,394</b>	<b>(\$982)</b>	<b>\$11,872</b>

- For December, our General Fund income was \$4,732 above budget.
  - Our YTD General Fund income is \$1,679 below budget.
  - Our YTD General Fund Expenses are \$8,910 below budget.
  - For December, our Building Addition Income was \$1,662 above budget
  - Our YTD Building Addition Income was \$698 above budget.
  - \$6,574 was moved from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund since our December income was higher than our December expenses.
  - Our Contingency Balance at the end of December was \$53,724.51. The amount over \$50,000 will be paid as a Mortgage Principal only payment.
  - Our Mortgage Loan balance at the end of December was \$460,979.03.
  - Food Bank Offering was \$852.
- 4th Sunday Offering for Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach was \$217.

## Youth News

### Youth & Ed Committee Meeting

The Youth & Ed Committee will be holding a re-organizational meeting on February 4 after the service at 10:30 a. m.

The primary focus of this meeting will be to name a new chair person. If you are interested in this very important role, please plan on attending the meeting.

### Lenten Mid-Week Services

Starting on Wednesday, February 21, 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!

### Sunday School

The February Sunday School will be held on Sunday, February 18.

Sunday School is normally the third Sunday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It's for age 3-5th grade students.

All youth are invited.



### 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

### 8th Annual Valentine's Day Dinner!

It's almost time for the **8th Annual Valentine's Day Dinner & Game Show!**

It will be held on Sunday, February 18th.  
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.

**New this year:** Spring craft fair items will be available for purchase at the dinner and following Sunday! You will also have a chance to win a door prize!

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

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| <b>March 1:</b>  | 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  |
| <b>March 7:</b>  | 12:30 p.m. Craft Day<br>5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS<br>5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class<br>5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal<br>6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity<br>7:00 p.m. Worship   |
| <b>March 8:</b>  | 9:30 a.m. WIGS<br>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  |
| <b>March 9:</b>  | 4:00-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive @ Gloria Dei  |
| <b>March 14:</b> | Spring Break – No WinGS or Confirmation Class<br>5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal<br>6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity<br>7:00 p.m. Worship  |
| <b>March 15:</b> | Mission of Hope Meal<br>5:00-9:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs  |
| <b>March 18:</b> | 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School with meal   |
| <b>March 20:</b> | 12:30 p.m. Card Players  |
| <b>March 21:</b> | 9:00-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's<br>12:30 p.m. Craft Day<br>5:00-5:30 p.m. WinGS<br>5:30-6:15 p.m. Conf. Class<br>5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal<br>6:15 p.m. Congregation Activity<br>7:00 p.m. Worship |
| <b>March 22</b>  | Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Pizza Ranch   |
| <b>March 25:</b> | 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service<br>Coffee w/Council  |
| <b>March 27:</b> | 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day  |
| <b>March 28:</b> | No WinGS/No Conf. Class  |
| <b>March 29:</b> | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  |
| <b>March 30:</b> | 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service  |
| <b>April 1:</b>  | 7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast   |
| <b>April 15:</b> | 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday School (last class for school yr)  |
| <b>April 18:</b> | 9:00-11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's   |

## Ministry of the Month

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Judy Toy
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	LaVonne Hunter
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	TBD
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Jon Singelstad
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Kay & Greg Forest
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Marti & Mark Marz
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	Jean & Gordy Stelling
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	Phil Hansen & Ron Hansen
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	DeAnna & Arlan Braun
<b>Com. Asst</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Shari Singelstad
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Tammy Hansen
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	Tammy Hansen
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	Mark Marz
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Greg Forest
<b>Com. Runner</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Linda Singelstad
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Judy Toy
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	Linda Singelstad
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	Connie Hansen
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Connie Hansen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Kay Forest
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Marti Marz
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	Nicholas Hand
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	Evelyn Nuehring
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Mike Kasper
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	TBD
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Sarah Cones
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	TBD
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	TBD
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Sarah Cones
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Jim Veglahn/Daphne Miller
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	Jim Veglahn/TBD
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	Connie Hansen/Cindy Bradley
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	Connie Hansen/TBD
Wed.	<b>Feb. 21</b>	Sara Merkey/TBD
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Connie Hansen/Jim Veglahn
Wed.	<b>Feb. 28</b>	Sara Merkey/TBD
<b>Com. Prep</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	Nicole Hubbell
	<b>Feb. 11</b>	LaVonne Hunter
Wed.	<b>Feb. 14</b>	Marti Marz
	<b>Feb. 18</b>	Le & Dick Smith
	<b>Feb. 25</b>	Jean Stelling
<b>Altar Care:</b> Jeri & Ron Hansen		
<b>Visitor Calling Schedule:</b> Arlan Braun		

## February 2018 at a Glance

	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Women's Bible Study
<b>Feb. 1 (Thur)</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Executive Council Meeting
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Committee Meetings
<b>Feb. 2 (Fri)</b>	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Senior Saints Potluck and Game Night
<b>Feb. 4 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Youth & Ed Meeting
<b>Feb. 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Staff Meeting
<b>Feb. 6 (Tues)</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Card Players
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Feb. 7 (Wed)</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Craft Day
	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> WinGS/ <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Conf. Class
<b>Feb. 8 (Thu)</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> WIGS
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Council Meeting
<b>Feb. 11 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	Food Bank Weekend
<b>Feb. 12 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training
<b>Feb. 13 (Tue)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Faith Formation
<b>Feb. 14 (Wed)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Ash Wednesday Service
	No WinGS/Conf. Class
<b>Feb. 15 (Thu)</b>	Mission of Hope Meal
	<b>5:00-9:00 p.m.</b> Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>Feb. 18 (Sun)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> Sunday School w/meal
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> Valentine's Day Dinner
<b>Feb. 19 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training
	<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Card Players
<b>Feb. 20 (Tue)</b>	Newsletter Deadline
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Faith Formation
	<b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b> Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter's
<b>Feb. 21 (Wed)</b>	<b>5:00-5:30 p.m.</b> WinGS
	<b>5:30-6:15 p.m.</b> Conf. Class & Lenten Mea
	<b>6:15-6:45 p.m.</b> Activity
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Worship
<b>Feb. 22 (Thu)</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> Women's Let's Do Lunch @ Union Station
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>Feb. 25 (Sun)</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> W/E Offer'g to Community Health Free Clinic
	Coffee w/Council
<b>Feb. 26 (Mon)</b>	<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry Training
<b>Feb. 27 (Tue)</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> DUO Day
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Bible Study
	<b>5:00-5:30 p.m.</b> WinGS
<b>Feb. 28 (Sun)</b>	<b>5:30-6:15 p.m.</b> Conf. Class & Lenten Mea
	<b>6:15-6:45 p.m.</b> Activity
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Worship



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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!!!*