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Growing to and for Christ!

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Later this month, we will say those powerful words together, “He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!” Words that give us strength when we are struggling physically or psychologically. Words that give us hope when we are grieving the loss of our loved one. Words that empower us to RISE in joining Jesus’ continued redeeming work.

On that blessed Easter morning, we will gather and once again experience that joy that the tomb is empty. That Jesus has risen. Risen for you. For me. For the world. For all people so that death no longer holds power over us. Instead, thanks to Christ and what

Christ did for us on the cross, life gets the last word. We cling to that promise and ready our hearts during these last few weeks of Lent to hear again that Good News.

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised as He said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go and tell His disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead...’ –Matthew 28:5-7

Before jumping into my monthly reflection, I want to share two things from this past month. First, I want to thank Jackie Kimm, our director of music ministries, and ALL our talented young people for leading our Lenten Midweek Holden Evening Prayer Service. It’s an awesome testament to the fact that the Church is meant to be intergenerational. Thank you to our youth for being ushers, greeters, readers, and singers! We appreciated you sharing your gifts with us during Lent.

Second, I want to share what happened at HRLC on Sunday, March 19. That Sunday, we had “Service Sunday,” which was an intergenerational, congregational service project where we joined together in furthering the ministry of *Feed Iowa First*. What an awesome day it was! I’m grateful to all who participated and joined us for the outdoor and indoor mission work. I’m especially thankful for Judy Toy and Jan Overland for helping organize this tremendous ministry opportunity. We aren’t a group of “do-gooders.” We are a community of people with our hearts set on Jesus ready to put our faith into action! I hope we continue to be a congregation and people who are focused outward in how we can make a difference in our community!

For my reflection this month, I have been thinking a lot about the second language I’ve picked up these past few months: *Complaining*. As many of you know, I’ve had complications with my neck and have had 4 surgeries in the past 6 months. Not fun and not something I wish on anyone. As a result, I have found myself complaining quite a bit. Surprisingly, complaining hasn’t helped me or my health very much. I say that sarcastically because I know I’m not alone in being a complainer when things don’t go our way. I’ve realized and come to terms with the fact that I cannot control the outcomes of my surgeries; however, I can control my attitude and approach to life. Rather than complaining and engaging in self-pity, I’m trying to embrace the language Christ calls us to live with: *Gratitude*. This month, I hope you join me in living with gratitude. For all we do have. For the many blessings God has given us. For the gift of Jesus. For that Easter promise that thanks to Christ, we have eternal life!

God bless you and 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 the April 20 Mission of Hope meal. The main entrée will be BBQ chicken sandwiches.

Please see the signup sheet if you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal, transport the food, serve the meal or donate food. Donated food will need to be delivered by Wednesday, April 19.

4th & 5th Sunday Offering

The Fourth Sunday Offering in April will be donated to Camp EWALU. The Fifth Sunday Offering will be donated to LSI.

Jail Ministry Benefit Concert

On Thursday, May 4, there will be a Benefit Concert at Cedar Hills Community Church from 6:15-8:30 p.m. Pastor Fish has been a part of the ecumenical planning team for this concert. This is a concert that will be fun for the whole family. Come out and show your support as we try to build awareness of the importance of jail ministry in our community.

Adult News

Craft Day

The women will meet for Craft Day two days in April. Join us on Wednesday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 19, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at the church on Thursday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.

The Bible Study is entitled *Galatians Christian Faith and Christian Freedom. Session 4 is entitled "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free" Text: Galatians 5:1-6; 18.* (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 13 at **9:30 a.m., at the church.** DeAnna Braun is the hostess.

The book for this month is *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe. It isn't necessary to have read the book - come join us for the lively discussion.

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet on Tuesday, April 25, **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. We will be packing up some quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief.

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group
**will meet on Thursday, April 27,
11:30 a.m.**

**Applebee's
on Edgewood Road SW**

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

Line Dancing Class April 20

The Fellowship Committee has started up a line dance get together at Wild Hogs in Walford. Stephanie Lange is teaching the beginning steps of line dancing. We will continue the classes and fun on April 20.

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. We can keep this up until we all learn to line dance! It's good fun and exercise.

Fellowship Meal

On Sunday, April 23, we will have a Fellowship Meal for the congregation. The meal is served by the Fellowship Committee. Join us after worship that Sunday for food and fellowship as we continue our focus on building strong, lasting, nurturing relationships within our congregation.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Join us for our Holy Week services:

Sunday, April 9: 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 14: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday
Sunday, April 16: 9:00 a.m. Easter

New Member Class

On Sunday, April 9, we will have a New Member Class for anyone interested in becoming a member of Holy Redeemer.

The class is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Talk to Pr. Fish or the office for more details.

Senior Saints Luncheon - April 1

Saturday, April 1, 2017 – Road Trip to Anamosa

11:45 a.m. Lunch at Pistol Annie's Alley and Corabelle's Tea Room, 113 East Main, Anamosa

Pistol Annie's Alley is a quaint vintage decor shop with Corabelle's Tea Room in the back. Hearty homemade lunches including a wonderful array of desserts. This unique atmosphere will appeal to both the ladies and gentlemen. We will order off the menu and each diner is responsible the day of the event for their own lunch. RSVP's required. **Event signup sheet posted on main bulletin board in church lobby.**

For those wanting to do additional shopping, there are several interesting shops in Anamosa.

If you're a Facebook user, check out Pistol Annie's page (Pistol Annie's Anamosa).

Questions or Need a Ride? Contact: Jan Overland, 329-6979, or jeoverland@gmail.com or Judy Toy, 378-0867, judytoy62@gmail.com.

Senior Saints Adult Coloring

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Senior Saints Coloring Group at Scooter's Coffee, 2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids

Take a break from adult life and join us for a youthful endeavor! Bring your own coloring materials or use the coloring sheets and colors provided. We have a private room reserved for 15 people. As the date draws near, watch for a signup sheet to be posted on main bulletin board in lobby. Feel free to join us for coffee and conversation! Invite a friend! Questions? Contact: Jan Overland, 329-6979,

jeoverland@gmail.com

Senior Saints Library & Museum Trip

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

Tour of the Grand Lodge of Iowa (Masonic Library and Museum), 813 First Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids

The Iowa Masonic Library is reputed to be the largest in the world, and is at least one of the top five, with over 150,000 volumes. Both Masonic and *general books are included in the collections and the Library contains artifacts from the 1600's*. The Library and Museum is listed as top 75 things to do in Cedar Rapids.

The Masons would love to give us a free tour! Please note this is a tour where the docent takes his/her subject seriously. The tour is two hours in length and the building is handicap accessible. There are areas to rest throughout the tour.

Free parking is available on First Avenue in front of the library/museum or behind the building. Free-will offerings are welcome, but optional. Weekend tours are not available.

RSVP's required. 20 attendee limit. **Event signup sheet posted on main bulletin board in church lobby.**

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For more information:

<http://www.corridorbusiness.com/news/inside-the-iowa-masonic-library-and-museum/>.

General and Building Fund Income Statement

February 2017 Summary

	Feb. 2017	Year-to-Date	
		2016	2016
General Income	\$11,399	\$29,418	\$28,741
General Expenses	\$14,177	\$27,511	\$27,086
Building Income	\$2,783	\$6,771	\$7,248
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$6,812	\$6,812
Income vs. Expenses	(\$3,401)	\$1,865	\$2,092
Total Budget	\$18,265	\$36,530	\$35,710
Income vs. Budget	(\$4,083)	(\$341)	\$280

- For February, our total General and Building Funds income was \$4,098 below our monthly income budgeted.
- \$9,464.95 was paid out from the Contingency fund in early February to make a Principal only payment on the mortgage. This reduced the Contingency Fund to \$50,000 which is the 2017 approved Cap Amount.
- \$3,059 was moved from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund at the end of February to cover the difference of General Fund Income and General Fund expenses.
- Food Bank Offering was \$175.
- 4th Sunday Offering for the Habitat for Humanity was \$483.

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 Thank You

Wednesday, April 5, will be the last mid-week Lenten service the youth will lead.

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

Also, a big thank you to Nicole Hubbell for organizing 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.

Confirmation Service Project

On Wednesday, April 5, the confirmation students and mentors will be doing their annual Spring mission project. The students and mentors will be serving at Cedar Valley Humane Society.

We will gather at the church at 5:00 p.m. that evening and serve from 5:15-6:30 p.m.

Easter Breakfast

On Sunday, April 16, 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!

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 16. Please contact one of the committee members if you did not receive a letter or have any questions.

Sunday, May 7, is High School Recognition Day. The seniors will be recognized during the Sunday service and the checks will be handed out to the applicants.

WinGS & Sunday School

As a reminder, our formal WinGS program takes a break during Lent. For those interested, we will do a modified schedule listed below, but most of the youth should still try and attend the 7:00 p.m. services as these are led by the youth. All are welcome.

Modified WinGS schedule:

4:45-5:00 p.m. Games/Sharing
5:00-5:30 p.m. Fellowship
5:30-6:15 p.m. Congregational Dinner **
6:15-6:45 p.m. Possible Intergenerational Activity **
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service **

** During lent, guardians must accompany kids starting at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and are invited to participate in an intergenerational activity after dinner (or lead one), followed by the Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. led by our youth.

Modified Confirmation schedule:

5:30-6:15 p.m. Confirmation
6:15-6:45 p.m. Confirmation kids eat dinner
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Upcoming Schedule:

April 5: Modified WinGS: T-Time
5:30 p.m. dinner
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
April 12: No WinGS - Holy Week
April 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
April 19: Normal WinGS: Earth Day
April 26: Final WinGS for the year: WinCo de Mayo Mexican Fiesta

Sunday School meets for the last day of the school year on April 2 from 10:15am-10:45am.

For more information, see Pastor or Nicole Hubbell.

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

May 2: 1:30 p.m. Senior Saints Masonic Library Tour
May 4: 6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Jail Ministry Benefit Concert @ Cedar Hills Community Church
May 7: High School Recognition Day during service
June 3: 8:30 a.m.-Noon Youth & Ed Retreat
June 11: Ladies Tea
June 22, 23 & 24: Possible Church Garage Sale date??
August 13: 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship @ Cherry Hill Park
August 27: Blessing of the Backpacks
September 3: 9:00 am Worship with Teacher Installation
September 10: "God's Work, Our Hands" Service Day
October 8: Crop Walk
October 19: PM Holiday Fair Preview
October 20-21: Holiday Fair

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the High School Graduation Recognition 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.

High School Graduation Recognition Committee

by Marcia Prochnow

The High School Graduation Recognition Committee currently has six members. They are:

Committee Chair: Marcia Prochnow

Committee Members: Dave Anderson

Pr. Pat Fish

Linda Mager

Mark Marz

Marc Van Buren

The committee is currently working to see that letters will be mailed to all high school seniors in March informing them of the application process and requirements. The committee will meet in April to review and approve the application.

Our seniors are Maddie Kisling and Bailey Wall.

On Sunday, May 7, we will hold a “High School Recognition Day” during service. Checks will be handed out to the applicants at that time.

Service Sunday







Help End Hunger – Feed the Pig



Special Ministry of the Month Services in April

Apr 5	Greeter	Courtney Hubbell & Eliot Myers
	Ushers	Derek Bradley & Matthew Hand
	Lay Reader	Allison Hubbell
	Lead Reader	TBA
	Lead Singer	Haley Hansen
	Counters	2 NEEDED
Apr 13 Maundy Thurs.	Greeters	Jan Overland
	Ushers	Gordy & Jean Stelling
	Comm. Asst.	Jeri Hansen
	Comm. Runner	Jodi Dufoe
	Lay Reader	Jeri Hansen
	Acolyte	TBA
	Counters	2 NEEDED
	Comm. Prep	Le & Dick Smith
Apr 14 Good Friday	Greeters	Jan Overland
	Ushers	Marc & Lora Van Buren
	Lay Reader	Marti Marz
	Counters	2 NEEDED

Ministry of the Month		
Greeter	Apr. 2	Jon Singelstad
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Evelyn Neal
Easter	Apr. 16	Lee Eggers
	Apr. 23	Judy Toy
	Apr. 30	Jan Overland
Ushers	Apr. 2	Phil Hansen & Ron Hansen
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Jon Singelstad & Dave Anderson
Easter	Apr. 16	Ron Hansen, Phil Hansen & Tom Fruehling
	Apr. 23	Mark & Marti Marz
	Apr. 30	Jon Singelstad & Jim Veglahn
Com. Asst	Apr. 2	Jeri Hansen
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Conrad V.Z.
Easter	Apr. 16	Jeri Hansen
	Apr. 23	Shari Singelstad
	Apr. 30	Greg Forest
Com. Runner	Apr. 2	Linda Singelstad
Easter	Apr. 9	Jean Stelling
	Apr. 16	Connie Hansen
	Apr. 23	Judy Toy
	Apr. 30	Kay Forest
Lay Reader	Apr. 2	Linda Singelstad
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Luke Kasper
Easter	Apr. 16	Mike Kasper
	Apr. 23	Marti Marz
	Apr. 30	Kay Forest
Acolyte	Apr. 2	Keri Ketchum
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Nicholas Hand
Easter	Apr. 16	TBA
	Apr. 23	TBA
	Apr. 30	TBA
Counters	Apr. 2	Phil Hansen & 1 NEEDED
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Rollin Harder & Sara Merkey
Easter	Apr. 16	2 NEEDED
	Apr. 23	Susan Hand & Sara Merkey
	Apr. 30	Jim Veglahn & Jan Overland
Com. Prep	Apr. 2	LaVonne Hunter
Palm Sunday	Apr. 9	Marti Marz
Easter	Apr. 16	Jean Stelling
	Apr. 23	Laura Fowler
	Apr. 30	Nicole Hubbell
Altar Care: John & Georgia Fuoto		
Visitor Calling Schedule: DeAnna Braun		

April 2017 at a Glance	
Apr 1 (Sat)	11:45 a.m. Senior Saints @ Lunch @ Corabelle's Tea Room in Anamosa
Apr 2 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Apr 4 (Tue)	12:00 p.m. Jail Ministry Meeting 12:30 p.m. Card Players 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr 5 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day 4:45-6:00 p.m. WinGS 5:00-6:30 p.m. Conf. Class to Cedar Valley Humane Society 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal 7:00 p.m. Worship
Apr 6 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
Apr 9 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship 10:30-11:30 a.m. New Member Class Food Bank Weekend
Apr 11 (Tue)	12:00 p.m. Jail Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr 12 (Wed)	No WinGS or Confirmation Class
Apr 13 (Thu)	9:30 a.m. WIGS 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Apr 14 (Fri)	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Apr 16 (Sun)	7:30 a.m. Youth Easter Fundraiser Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service
Apr. 17 (Mon)	Office closed
Apr 18 (Tue)	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. Jail Ministry Meeting 12:30 p.m. Card Players 1:00 p.m. LSI Meeting 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr 19 (Wed)	12:30 p.m. Craft Day 4:45 p.m. WinGS 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Apr 20 (Thu)	Mission of Hope Meal served by congregation 5:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs/Walford 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Apr 23 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee w/Council Fellowship Meal 1:00-4:00 p.m. F.H. & Kitchen reserved
Apr 25 (Tue)	12:00 p.m. Jail Ministry Meeting 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Apr 26 (Wed)	9:00-11:00 a.m. S.S. Coloring @ Scooter's 4:45 p.m. WinCo de Mayo Fiesta 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Apr 27 (Thu)	11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch
Apr 30 (Sun)	9:00 a.m. Worship 5 th W/E Offering to LSI



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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!!!