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Growing to and for Christ!

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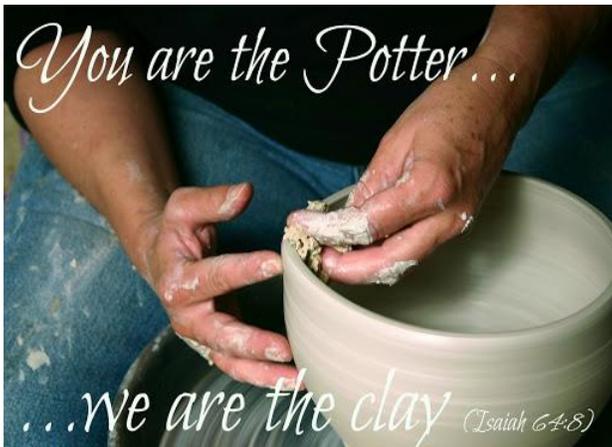
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⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

1 Corinthians 4:6-10 NRSV

Dear Beloved Community of HRLC,

From the holy star of wonder and the light of Epiphany, we slipped over the threshold of that season into the power of our Lenten journey and we return to ground; the dust of the earth. We, the human ones made from the *humus* (the Latin word for soil) of the earth, gathered to remember in somber recognition that "we are dust and to dust we shall return." Receiving the imposition of ashes on our brows, we readied our souls for the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and repentance. From the Book of Genesis, the story of God's faithful care for us begins with God's formation of human beings God's hands and God breathing life into us - the human ones. Images of God and the potter and we as the clay are woven throughout the stories of scripture.



Together we mark our journey with prayer and contemplation considering our theme, *you are the potter, we are the clay* (from Isaiah 64:8). We reflect on our humanity, our frailty and our fragile nature as human beings. Each Sunday during worship in Lent is a chance to immerse oneself in the discipline of following Jesus to the cross. Throughout the weeks of our Lenten journey, we will have opportunities to be in conversation with one another and in prayer. Beginning on March 1 following worship, the Adult Forum makes its comeback with the ELCA World Hunger's Lenten Study Guide: 40 days of giving. Each week we'll gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall to reflect on our theme and to these 40 days of generosity and hope in Jesus' name.

Each Wednesday as we gather for our simple suppers at 6:00 pm and Holden Evening Prayer (HEP) at 7:00 pm, we'll have opportunities to join in activities centering on our theme and to offer our creative responses. The HRLC Youth will again be gracing us with their theatrical talents in our mid-week Lenten dramas and singers will lead us in the beauty of HEP. On Palm/Passion Sunday and on Good Friday, once again we'll see the Gospel of Matthew come to life in the Congregational Reading of the Passion of our Lord as we enact the story of Jesus in Jerusalem. If you would like to add your voice to singing HEP and/or be a part of the Congregational Reading of the Passion, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Narthex gathering area.

I look forward to our holy excursion with Jesus and our reflections on what it means to reverence our maker and to be molded and shaped by God who fashioned us in God's image. It will be a blessing each week to sing with you Eddie Espinosa's hymn ELW 801, *Change My Heart, O God*, as we gather our offerings: "You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray...change my heart, O God..."

Let us prepare to be shaped anew with the powerful love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jayne Thompson

Outreach

Mission of Hope Meal

Our congregation will serve the noon meal at Mission of Hope on Thursday, March 19. The menu is to be determined.

If you are able to donate and/or volunteer to serve, please sign up on the main bulletin board in the narthex. All donations are needed by Wednesday, March 18. Please mark your donations for Mission of Hope.

In February our congregation served **117** Mission diners. Thank you to all who help with this vital outreach! Special thanks to Dick and Le Smith for their donation of a new electric roaster!

Outreach Committee: Arlan and De Braun, Nicole Hubbell (Council Rep), Loretta Shannon, Judy Toy and Jan Overland

Thank you from Food For The Poor

Holy Redeemer received a thank you card from Food For The Poor. It said: "A small ripple of kindness sometimes creates a tidal wave of transformation." Pastor Thompson, thank you, your church's alliance with Food For The Poor has helped to transform the lives of poor families by lifting them out of poverty and empowering their futures! Your support has helped provide safe shelter, education, clean water, food, and so much more. Blessings, Ed

4th Sunday Offering

In March, our designated fourth Sunday offering will be on March 22. The proceeds from this offering will be designated for Feed Iowa First.

Feed Iowa First benefits our local community. Their mission is to combat food insecurity today and tomorrow by growing food and farmers. By partnering with schools, faith organizations, community agencies and businesses of all sizes, Feed Iowa First finds open spaces to grow fresh produce that's harvested to supply those in need with nutritious food. Feed Iowa First also helps support beginning farmers through training and

investments that ensure the next generation of farmers and food production.

5th Sunday Offering

In March, our designated fifth Sunday offering will be on March 29. The proceeds from this offering will be designated for Chains Interrupted (Local).

What began as a small committee of concerned people, grew over time into Chains Interrupted. We're a group of people who fight against the evils of human trafficking. Sobering statistics show 98-99% of victims are NEVER RESCUED. We attempt to prevent human trafficking from happening and making a significant impact in our city, state, nation, and world.

Chains Interrupted Director is Teresa Davidson, daughter-in-law of Bill and Marlyn Davidson. Teresa has become a nationally recognized leader in the fight against human trafficking.

Blankets for Mission of Hope

Thank you to those who donated their gently used or new blankets. To date Outreach has delivered 18 blankets to the Mission. We will continue to accept blanket donations until February 29. A donation box is located in our narthex.

A special shout out to the DUO Day ladies for the donation of blanket material. Thank you to Joyce Black and Jeri Hansen for creating many warm fleece blankets!

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Adult News

Blood Drive

The first Gloria Dei/Holy Redeemer blood drive of 2020 will be held at Gloria Dei on:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Donors are desperately needed!!

Sign-up sheets will be posted in February.

Watch the bulletin board for more information.

Please consider donating.



DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

Quilt sewing will meet on Tuesday, March 24 and (since there are five Tuesdays in March) on Tuesday March 31. Both will start at 9:30 a.m.

Thanks to all who help with the quilt sewing! Newcomers are always welcome!!!

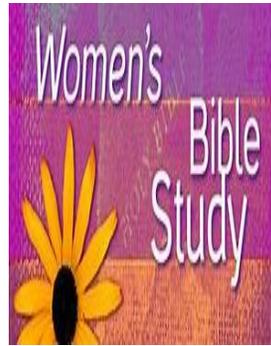


Craft Day

The Craft Women will let you know when the women will start meeting again.



Women's Bible Study



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

The Bible study for this month is: **We Are Called** by Kathryn A. Kleinhans. Session #3 is: "*Called to Serve.*" **Theme Verses: Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-37, Romans 13:8-9,**

Galatians 5:14, Genesis 41-45 and Esther 2-4.

All are welcome to join us!!

(Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

Thank you, Laura Fowler, for being our leader!

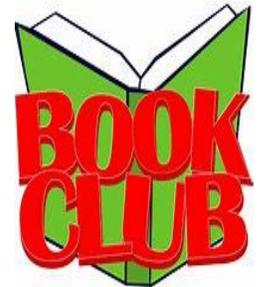
WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGS will meet on **Thursday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m.** at the church. The hostess is Laura Fowler.

The book for the month is: ***The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict.**

All are welcome to join us. **The reading list for 2020 can be found on the Women's bulletin board.**

Thanks to Donna Madsen for bringing us the information about the book!



Senior Saints Coloring

Wednesday, March 18 – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The Senior Saints Coloring Group will meet at Scooter's Coffee at 2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids. All are welcome to join!



Pastor's Hours at HRLC

Generally, the Pastor is available Tuesday-Friday at HRLC mid-mornings (around 10:00 am) through mid-afternoon (around 4:00 pm) each day. Since her schedule varies from week to week, **it's best to contact her to arrange a visit or meeting.** You may text or call her cell phone: 320-492-6377 or email pastor@holyredeemer.church. She will get back to you as soon as she is able!

Let's Do Lunch

Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group
will meet on

Thursday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.

at

Zio Johnno's
3120 Edgewood Rd SW
(near Walmart)

All are welcome to join us!

Fellowship Line Dancing March 2

The Fellowship Committee continues to meet monthly for line dancing & fellowship at Wild Hogs. They are currently meeting in Walford the second Monday of each month. (Please note the change to the first Monday this month.)

It is open to all – from children to adults and will meet again on March 2.

The fun starts about 5:15 p.m. and you can eat at Wild Hogs if you don't want to cook at home. Stay as long as you want.



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.

Stewardship News

Look for the new Stewardship box in the Narthex! The Church Council would like to get a better idea of the total amount of time that members donate at/for HRLC. Many physical items are known to be donated as well.

Please fill out a provided slip with this info and drop it in the box, or make up your own tally for the week or month and turn that in.

The more we have recorded, the better able the church is to be transparent as to what it takes to keep the church running. We are hoping to be able to use the information to apply for grant money, seek Thrivent dollars, or find other organizations willing to cover a facet of the church's expenses.

Senior Saints Outing

The Senior Saints will tour the History Center on Thursday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m. The History Center is located at 800 2nd Ave SE.

Cost is \$7.00 but free for members of the History Center. This will be a self-guided tour. Details to follow.



Synod Assembly

Holy Redeemer is looking for one male voting member to attend Synod Assembly Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3 in Coralville. If interested, please contact Council President, Linda Singelstad, or the office.

In our Prayers

Cindy Nutt and her family on the death of her husband, Tom. Tom died on Feb. 11, 2020. A Celebration of Life will be held in Cedar Rapids at a later date. Murdoch-Linnwood Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Cedar Rapids, assisted the family with arrangements.

Environmental Stewardship

In an effort to increase our environmental stewardship, all groups hosting meals are encouraged to use non-disposable dishes. (Instructions on use of the dishwasher are available.)



Other “kitchen use” reminders:

- All recyclables must be rinsed and placed in recycle bins
- All dish clothes and towels must be cleaned and returned after use

Our kitchen has a “you use it, you clean it” policy. Please remember to clean all surfaces, sinks, and dishes after use. Thank you!

Reminder Regarding Church Doors

This is a friendly reminder that if you are the last person to leave the church after a church function or service, please check to make sure the needed doors are shut and all lights are shut off.

The doors between the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex **MUST BE CLOSED** when the church is not in use. This is a fire code rule and the church could be fined if a surprise inspection was done at the church and the fire department finds the doors left open. Thank you!

Opportunities in Lent

Adult Forum

Beginning on March 1 following worship, the Adult Forum makes its comeback with the ELCA World Hunger’s Lenten Study Guide: 40 days of giving. After you grab some coffee and a treat, the Forum will gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall to reflect on our theme, *You are the Potter, I am the Clay*, and to learn about 40 days of generosity and hope in Jesus’ name.

From the introduction of the ELCA study guide:

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope – hope in the work God is

doing in the world, even in the most challenging times. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed. This study was designed to deepen your devotional time during this season.

These are the topics for each week:

- March 1: SAFETY AND STABILITY
- March 8: LIVELIHOODS
- March 15: JUSTICE FOR ALL
- March 22: LEADERSHIP
- March 29: RENEWAL OF EARTH

Please sign up for the class and pick up a study guide in the Narthex gathering area.

Midweek Lenten Worship

Each week during the Lenten season, we’ll gather on Wednesdays for a simple supper at 6:00 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm. Members will lend their musical talents to the service with instruments and their singing voices. If you’d like to play and/or sing, please let Pastor of Music Director Jackie Murphy know.

We will also be blessed by the youth as they bring the Good News to life in the liturgical dramas.

Week 1: March 4 - The Good Samaritan

Week 2: March 11 - The Rich Fool

Week 3: March 18 - The Dishonest Manager

Week 4: March 25 - The Rich Man and Lazarus

Week 5: April 1 - The Widow and the Unjust Judge

Please come to keep a “holy Lent” and to support our young people and musical members in their ministry.

ELCA World Hunger - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA World Hunger. Working with and through our congregations in the U.S., Lutheran churches around the world, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA

World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. (For more information refer to <https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger>.)

March is National Professional Social Workers Month

March is National Professional Social Workers Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Caring for Christopher

When Christopher struggled with crippling anxiety at a young age, his mom, Cheyenne, didn't know where to turn. Even going on a simple trip to the grocery store was almost impossible. She knew something needed to change.

That change came in the form of LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services. Each week, Christopher's BHIS worker, Jose, visited the family

in their home or met with them at the local library. He brought activities to engage Christopher and help him develop the coping skills he needed to feel better when he left the house. And at the same time, he provided words of encouragement and helpful parenting tips Cheyenne could use to help her child.

Christopher recently celebrated his seventh birthday, and his confidence continues to grow. He feels more comfortable going out in public. He has graduated out of LSI services, and he recently made a new friend all on his own.

Cheyenne feels confident that even on the tough days, she has the knowledge she needs to help her child thrive, thanks to Jose.

"LSI gave us the tools we needed to help him succeed, and the reassurance that we were doing the right thing, even when it was hard," she says.

Youth News

Sunday School



In March, Sunday School will meet on March 22.

Contact Tracy Kisling at tjtracykisling@hotmail.com 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 or you may email your activities to Jeff in the office. The hope is to have members come out to support the GREAT things our youth are involved in.



Future Events

- Apr. 1:** Meal & Activity
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
- Apr. 2:** 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
- Apr. 5:** 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Easter Bingo
- Apr. 6:** 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- Apr. 7:** 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg
3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Apr. 8:** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Apr. 9:** 9:30 a.m. WIGS
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr. 10:** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- Apr. 12:** 9:00 a.m. Easter Service
- Apr. 13:** Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
- Apr. 14:** 3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Apr. 15:** 9:00-11:00 a.m. Adult Coloring @ Scooter's
Pre-Service Activity
7:00 p.m. Worship
- Apr. 16:** Mission of Hope Meal
- Apr. 19:** 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Apr. 20:** 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- Apr. 21:** 12:30 p.m. Card Players
3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Apr. 22:** Pre-Service Activity
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
- Apr. 23:** 11:30 a.m. Women's Let's Do Lunch
- Apr. 26:** 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Coffee w/Council
1:00 p.m. Confirmation
- Apr. 28:** 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DUO Day
3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Apr. 29:** Pre-Service Activity
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
- May 1:** Synod Assembly
- May 2:** Synod Assembly
- May 3:** Synod Assembly

- May 3:** 9:00 a.m. Worship
- May 4:** Stephen Ministry Supervision
- May 5:** 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg
12:30 p.m. Card Players
3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- May 7:** 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
- May 14:** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- May 17:** Worship w/High School Recognition
Reception for Seniors
- May 18:** Stephen Ministry Supervision
- May 19:** 12:30 p.m. Card Players
Bible Study
- May 20:** Cinco de Mayo pre-service meal
Worship Service
- May 21:** Mission of Hope Meal
Women's Let's Do Lunch
- May 24:** Coffee w/Council
- May 26:** DUO Day
Bible Study
- May 31:** Worship with Confirmation Youth
Reception for Confirmation Youth



Holy Week

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| Palm/Passion Sunday | Sun., April 5 |
| Maundy Thursday | Thu., April 9 |
| Good Friday | Fri., April 10 |
| Easter Sunday | Sun., April 12 |

2020 Council Installation



Installation of New Administrative Assistant



Jazz Band Concert at Taft



Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Mar. 1	Jon Singelstad
	Mar. 8	Shari Singelstad
	Mar. 15	Judy Toy
	Mar. 22	Jeff Hand
	Mar. 29	LaVonne Hunter
Usher	Mar. 1	Ron Hansen & Phil Hansen
	Mar. 8	De & Arlan Braun
	Mar. 15	Greg & Kay Forest
	Mar. 22	Ron Hansen & Tom Fruehling
	Mar. 29	Mark & Marti Marz
Com. Asst	Mar. 1	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 8	Connie Hansen
	Mar. 15	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 22	Shari Singelstad
	Mar. 29	Shari Singelstad
Com. Runner	Mar. 1	Linda Singelstad
	Mar. 8	Shari Singelstad
	Mar. 15	Judy Toy
	Mar. 22	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 29	Connie Hansen
Lay Reader	Mar. 1	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 8	David Adams
	Mar. 15	Jeri Hansen
	Mar. 22	Shari Singelstad
	Mar. 29	Marti Marz
Acolyte	Mar. 1	TBD
	Mar. 8	TBD
	Mar. 15	TBD
	Mar. 22	TBD
	Mar. 29	TBD
Counters	Mar. 1	Susan Adams & Jan Schroeder
	Mar. 8	David Adams & 1 Needed
	Mar. 15	Linda Singelstad & 1 Needed
	Mar. 22	2 Needed
	Mar. 29	2 Needed
Com. Prep	Mar. 1	Le & Dick Smith
	Mar. 8	Jean Stelling
	Mar. 15	Laura Fowler
	Mar. 22	Nicole Hubbell
	Mar. 29	LaVonne Hunter
Altar Care: Susan Adams		
Visitor Calling Schedule: De Braun		

March 2020 at a Glance

Mar 1 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship
Mar 2 (Mon)	5:15 pm Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs 6:00 pm Steph. Min. Supervision
Mar 3 (Tues)	9:00 am Staff Meeting-Susan devotions 12:30 pm Card Players 3:00 pm Bible Study 4-6:30 pm Blood Drive @ Gloria Dei
Mar 4 (Wed)	6:00 pm Lenten Meal & Activity 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
Mar 5 (Thur)	9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Executive Meeting 7:00 pm Committee Meetings
Mar 8 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship Food Bank Weekend 10:15 am Fellowship
Mar 10 (Tues)	3:00 pm Bible Study
Mar 11 (Wed)	11:00 pm Pr. & S.M. Meeting 6:00 pm Lenten Meal & Activity 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
Mar 12 (Thu)	9:30 am WIGS 1:00 pm Senior Saints to History Center 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Mar 15 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 1:00 pm Confirmation
Mar 16 (Mon)	6:00 pm Steph. Ministry Supervision
Mar 17 (Tue)	12:30 pm Card Players 3:00 pm Bible Study
Mar 18 (Wed)	9-11 am Adult Coloring @ Scooter's 6:00 pm Lenten Meal & Activity 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
Mar 19 (Thu)	Mission of Hope Meal
Mar 20 (Fri)	Newsletter Deadline
Mar 22 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship 4 th W/E Offering/Feed Iowa First 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee w/Council
Mar 24 (Tue)	9:30 am-1:30 pm DUO Day 3:00 pm Bible Study
Mar 25 (Wed)	6:00 pm Lenten Meal & Activity 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
Mar 26 (Thu)	11:30 am Let's Do Lunch @ Zio's
Mar 29 (Sun)	9:00 am Worship 5 th W/E Offer'g/Chains Interrupted
Mar 31 (Tue)	9:30 am-1:30 pm DUO Day 3:00 pm Bible Study



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Wednesday, 7:00 p.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!!!