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Growing to and for Christ!

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Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

This past month, two exciting things happened at Holy Redeemer: Intentional Conversations and Stephen Ministry Training. I believe both the conversations and the training will bring life and energy to our congregation not only in the short term but also for us going forward in the long term.

I want to start out recapping our Intentional Conversations. To do that, I first have to thank Jesse Myers who helped organize the surveys and facilitated the dialogue. I also want to thank all of you who stayed after worship and joined us for these conversations. The conversations were truly enlightening and fruitful. For those not able to attend, we engaged in intentional

conversations around several key topics which include: *Open Table*, *All are Welcome*, *All are God's Children*, and *Priesthood of All Believers*. So often we use phrases such as these in church and your 2017 council felt it was important to unpack these topics together. We wanted to hear from you about what you thought these meant and how they call us to live as people and as a church in our world. The hope is that we, at Holy Redeemer, are always trying to create safe spaces where diverse ideas and conversations such as these can take place.

The second thing I want to highlight is Stephen Ministry. Again, I must start out by thanking Marti Marz. Give her a huge hug for dealing with me for an entire week. She is a saint! In July, Marti Marz and I spent a week down in Dallas, TX, for Stephen Ministry Leader Training. I must admit the best part was enjoying a meal without interruption, sleeping through the night and being able to watch ESPN instead of *Beauty and the Beast* for the 77th time. Marti and I both got to meet some incredible people from all over the country. Each day, we were taught a whirlwind of information and we left with tons of great tips, learnings and insights. We actually came home with 30 pounds worth of training materials. Yes, 30 pounds! You can actually weigh how much we learned. Marti and I cannot wait to share all we learned with you all. We both believe this is something that is going to add to our congregation and help equip more people to engage in ministry within our church. If you are interested in hearing more about it, talk to either Marti or I.

“Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the 12 apostles called together the whole community and said, ‘It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven people of good standing, full of Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.’ What they said pleased the community and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus. They had these people stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.” –Acts 6: 1-6

Stephen Ministry isn't a program. It's a ministry based in Scripture. When the Christian Church was first founded, Scripture tells us that the apostles weren't able to keep up with everything. Instead of trying to do it all, the disciples followed the example of Jesus. Jesus didn't do it all. He appointed, equipped and empowered disciples to join in mission together. The apostles did the same thing. They had Stephen and six other disciples step forward to care for the needs of the community. Once the seven disciples were appointed as caregivers, the apostles didn't stop doing ministry. They continued to proclaim the Gospel and spread the Good News. The difference was they saw God's work was bigger than them and so they invited others to share in God's work together. We hope to do the same at Holy Redeemer. Through Stephen Ministry, we hope to equip and empower saints from HRLC to join with us in caring for others in our midst.

The motto of Stephen Ministry is “Christ caring for people through people.” Notice, it's not Christ caring for people through pastors. It's Christ caring for people *through people*. You are the people. Together, we embody Christ and join in God's work to care for the needs in our church and in our community.

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

All my love,
Pat Fish

Outreach

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” T-Shirts

Members once again have the opportunity to purchase a “God’s work. Our hands.” T-shirt. Wearing these T-shirts during community outreach is a wonderful way to announce that we are God’s children serving our world.



Details and order forms are in the narthex. Prices vary depending on size. The deadline is July 30.

Faith Build Thank You



We want to thank everyone who came out to help at the Faith Build at 2123 Chandler St. SW, Cedar Rapids on June 24.

Your help was appreciated!

Mission of Hope Meal

The congregation will be serving the Mission of Hope meal on August 17. They will be serving hot dogs as the main entrée.

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 on August 27 will be donated to the Grateful Grannies.

The Grateful Grannies was started in 2003. The Grateful Grannies goal is to provide a joyful Christmas to homeless and in-need children and their families. Names of children and families are provided by school counselors from area schools. The school counselors know that Grateful Grannies are also available to help all-year round when there’s a real need.

Take Away Hunger

Take Away Hunger is an international food relief organization working to save the lives of starving people around the globe. Join us as we honor “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, September 10, by packaging food for **Take Away Hunger**. We would like to have 4 teams of 12 people. Our youth will make up one team. Each team will package approximately 1,728 meals in about 45 minutes to an hour at a cost of 25 cents per meal. We will package a specialized rice based soy casserole mixture which will be sent overseas.

We need to raise approximately \$2,000. We have applied for a grant from HRLC’s endowment fund plus several members have applied for funds from Thrivent. We’ve also received an anonymous donation of \$500.

We will have the packaging party after church on Sept.10. We need 54 volunteers. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. YOUR help is needed. Please join us. A potluck will follow.

Blood Drive Thank You

On Wednesday, July 26, Holy Redeemer and Gloria Dei co-hosted the Mississippi Valley Blood drive.

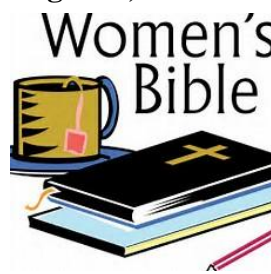
A big THANK YOU to all who gave the gift of life!



Adult News

Women’s Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at the church on **Thursday, August 3, 9:30 a.m.**



Session 3 of the summer Bible study, *All Anew Ready or Not*, is entitled, *Upend the Tables* by Kelly Fryer. Text: Romans 13:1,6-7 “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.... honor to whom honor is due” (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women’s bulletin board.)

All are welcome to join us!!

Craft Day & Craft Bazaar Meeting

We will be holding our Craft Bazaar Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, during our craft day. We would like everyone who plans to have a table to attend or contact Shari Singelstad at 286-9358. Items that will be discussed are: assignment of numbers and colors of tags, how many tables needed, ideas for the service projects needed so we can get this to the council, advertising, and providing lunch for the workers.

The sign-up sheet is printed and ready to be hung and flyers for Diane to print have already been requested. If you have any questions, please contact Shari.

A second Craft Day in August will be August 23.

WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

WIGS will meet on **Thursday, August 10, at the church** at 9:30 a.m. at the 16th Avenue Grill (across from Theisen's on 16th Ave. SW).

The book for this month is *Murder at the Roosevelt* by Diane Fannon-Langton. It isn't necessary to have read the book - come join us for the discussion.

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day

The sewing group will meet at the church on Tuesday, August 22, and on the 5th Tuesday, August 29, 9:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Come, join the women for sewing day – you can cut squares or tie or iron fabric if you don't wish to sew. Bring your sack lunch or go out for near-by fast food!

Let's Do Lunch

The Fourth Thursday Out to Lunch Group
will meet on Thursday, August 24,
11:30 a.m.

Leonardo's
on 16th Avenue SW
All are welcome to join us!!!

Outdoor Worship

Join us on Sunday, August 13, at Cherry Hill Park for our annual Outdoor Worship & Fellowship Potluck. That morning, we will hold our worship service at 10:00 a.m. A potluck meal will follow.



Fellowship Line Dancing August 17

The Fellowship Committee continues to meet monthly for line dancing & fellowship at Wild Hogs in Walford the third Thursday of each month.

It is open to all – from children to adults and we will meet again on August 17.

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.

New Member Class

On Sunday, August 20, we will hold our New Member Class. The class is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a member and getting more involved at HRLC, join us for that class.

Blessing of Keys, Pacifiers & Backpacks

On Sunday, August 27, we will have a special blessing during worship. Before the school year gets underway, we want to bless the students and children.

Parents, please have your youth bring their keys and backpacks. Parents with young children, bring those pacifiers as we will do a blessing for those as well.



Senior Saints Adult Coloring



The Senior Saints Adult Coloring will be on Wednesday, August 30 and September 20 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. at Scooter's Coffee.

Watch for the signup sheets on the bulletin board.

General and Building Fund Income Statement

June 2017 Summary

	June 2017	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
General Income	\$16,019	\$89,458	\$86,071
General Expenses	\$13,366	\$82,683	\$81,725
Building Income	\$3,195	\$19,140	\$25,591
Building Expenses	\$3,406	\$20,436	\$20,436
Income vs Expenses	\$2,443	\$5,479	\$9,501
Total Budget	\$18,265	\$92,560	\$107,130
Income vs. Budget	\$949	\$16,038	\$4,532

- For June, our General Fund income was \$1,160 above budget.
- Our YTD General Fund income is \$304 above budget.
- For June, our Building Addition Income was \$211 below budget.
- Our YTD Building Addition Income is \$1,296 below budget.
- \$2,670 was moved from General Fund to the General Fund since our May income was more than our May expenses. The balance of our Contingency Fund is \$52,221. In July, a Principal only payment will be paid in the amount of \$2,221 to reduce our Contingency balance to \$50,000.
- Food Bank Offering was \$227.
- 4th Sunday Offering for St. Luke's Hospital Ronald McDonald House was \$168.

Special Election at Holy Redeemer

A special election is being held in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday, August 1. This means Holy Redeemer will be a polling place on August 1 from 7:00 am-8:00 p.m.

The card players will meet in the Narthex that day.

Future Garage Sales

The 2017 Annual Rummage/Bake Sale has been wrapped up. As far as I can find out, this sale has been going on first in people's homes, and then in the church for 20 plus years. It is a tradition for Holy Redeemer, as much as our craft sale is in the fall. The neighborhood looks forward to this sale. This year, many who came in were seen watching our screen showing our service times and upcoming activities! Great way to spread the word that all are invited!

The sale was fun for some of us, and a whole lot of work for others. I personally want to thank Marlyn and Deanna for co-chairing this event for so many years, as well as the men and women who are **always** there helping out.

It is with a saddened heart that I report the Marlyn and Deanna have announced that **this is the last time they will chair the annual rummage sale at Holy Redeemer**. After 20 plus years, I think they deserve a round of applause! Thank you for all the hard work you have done.

We all have heard it before, but here it is again. Our seniors can't carry the load by themselves. The Rummage Sale needs a new team or it will not continue. I know the previous staff will be glad to share their knowledge with whomever takes this on. Seems like there are many hands willing to bring in their donations, me included, but not many hands to set up, price merchandise, walk the floors to make sure people have help, and carry boxes to the cars for those who can't. I personally can't see this tradition go by the wayside, so, if nobody objects, I am willing to commit to running the Rummage/Bake Sale next year with the understanding that I will be pushing hard for help— young, old, if you are breathing, I'll be seeking!

In closing, again thank you Marlyn, Deanna and all the others who have done such a bang up job! You are truly irreplaceable.

Cindy Nutt

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.

Kyrie/Psalm Cantors Needed



The Music department is looking for individuals who would enjoy being a Cantor for the Kyrie and occasionally the Psalm during worship services. This can be done

on a monthly or single service basis. Middle school age and above are encouraged to serve in this capacity.

Please feel free to contact our Director of Music Ministries (Jackie Kimm), or Worship and Music chair (Connie Hansen) if you are interested.

Lifting your voice in joy and leadership is a wonderful way use your time and talents to serve HRLC and appreciated by all.

Fellowship Needs Volunteers

The Fellowship Committee is looking for 3 people who would be interested in setting up dates for 3 outings.

We would like to have a paintball outing, tubing outing and a painting outing. The painting outing could be in the summer or fall.



Youth News

Youth Programs

The Youth and Education Committee held a productive planning session in June. Much of the discussion was on:

- the planning for the youth gathering to take place the Summer of 2018
- ideas on how to revamp our Sunday School program (which we believe will now be developed into more of a VBS model but done throughout the school year)
- some adjustments to the WinGS program
- the need to have a youth meeting to gather ideas from our youth on the type of youth events they would like us to plan
- ideas on how to refresh our youth areas at church to meet the needs of our youth

We are continuing to Dream Big! Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

Wednesday, August 2:

5:30 p.m. - Youth meeting to find out from our youth what they would like to see for events and also to discuss their ideas for how to refresh our youth areas. All youth are welcome. Pizza and pop will be served.

Sunday, September 3:

Adult youth volunteers are installed during church.

Wednesday, September 6:

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Acolyte training for grades 3-8 (youth may acolyte after taking their first communion and will continue until they are confirmed). An electronic sign-up is now being used to volunteer to be acolytes.

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - WinGS parent information meeting. Please come join us as we discuss a brand new schedule for the WinGS program this year. We will also continue to do an electronic sign-up for desserts and table decorations.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation student/parent information session. All 7th and 8th grade students and parents should join us for a brief overview of the confirmation program and what to expect this coming year.

Sunday, September 10:

“God's Work. Our Hands” Sunday. Youth to join the congregation in helping to put together food bags for those in need. Please sign-up on ‘Sign-up Genius’ invite or contact Nicole Hubbell 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. The hope is to have members come out

to support the GREAT things our youth are involved in.



Events

Save the Date

September 3:	9:00 am Worship with Teacher Installation
September 4:	Office closed for holiday
September 6:	Youth Sign-up Orientation
September 10:	“God’s Work, Our Hands” Service Day – “Take Away Hunger Service Project” and Potluck Meal
September 13:	WinGS & Confirmation Class start back up
September 17:	10:00 a.m. Usher Training following service 10:30am-1:30pm Sunday School starts
September 20:	Senior Saints Adult Coloring @ Scooter’s Coffee
September 21:	5:00 p.m. Line Dancing @ Wild Hogs
September 24:	Fellowship Meal during Coffee w/Council
September 28:	Women’s Let’s Do Lunch @ Lebowski’s in Robins
October 8:	Crop Walk
October 15:	10:30am-1:30pm Sunday School
October 19:	Evening Holiday Fair Preview
October 20-21:	Holiday Fair
October 22:	2:00 p.m. – Old Creamery Theatre Company – The Church Basement Ladies in “Rise Up, O Men”
October 25 (Wed):	Mission of Hope Meal served by Council
November 5:	1 st Communion during service
November 19:	10:30am-1:30pm Sunday School
November 22:	Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 2:	Hanging of the Greens
December 3:	Blue Christmas Service
December 17:	Children’s Christmas Program Cookie Walk
December 24:	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
December 25:	Christmas Worship Service Office closed for Christmas

Stewardship News

Stewardship Committee Celebrates the Fellowship 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.

Fellowship Committee

by Dave Anderson

The Fellowship Committee is always looking for new ideas. Please give your input.

Some of the plans for the rest of the year include the following:

- Outdoor worship on August 13 at Cherry Hill Park.
- Trunk or Treat will be held in October. More information at a later date.
- In December, Fellowship will lead Christmas caroling.
- Our lead cook now works on Sundays so Fellowship Brunch after worship is postponed until a later date.
- Looking for a leader for paintball night or weekend and for a tubing outing this summer or next.

Some of the activities the Fellowship held earlier in the year were the Fellowship Tea Party, learning to line dance, and the fish dinner by the Davidson’s.

If you would like to join the Fellowship Committee, please contact Dave Anderson, Pr. Fish or the office.

New Members in June

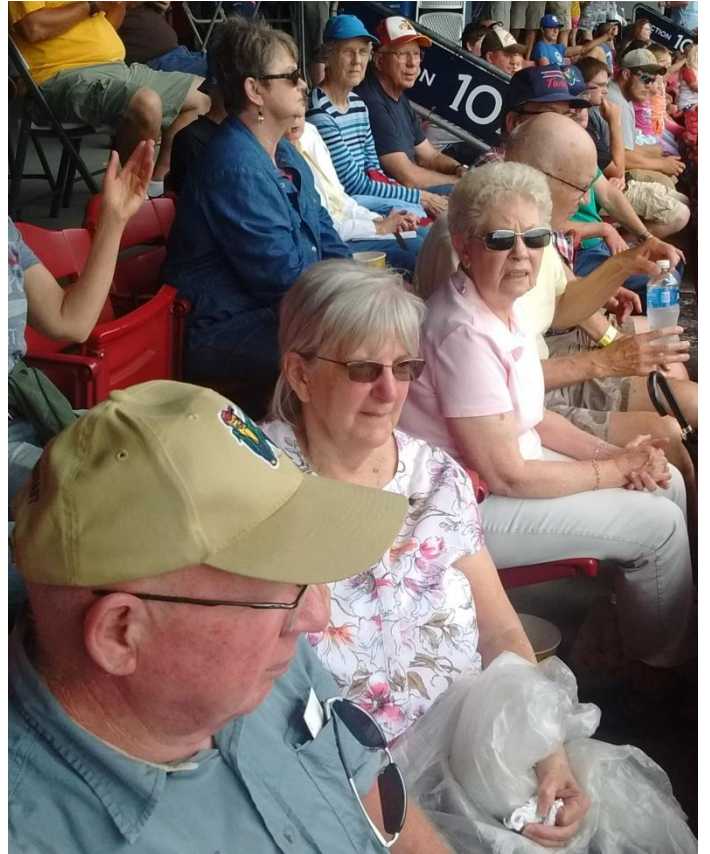


Habitat for Humanity





Senior Saints at the Ballpark



Ministry of the Month

Greeter	Aug. 6	Judy Toy
	Aug. 13	Jan Overland
	Aug. 20	Jan Overland
	Aug. 27	Judy Toy
Ushers	Aug. 6	Ron Hansen & Phil Hansen
	Aug. 13	Mark & Marti Marz
	Aug. 20	Gordy & Jean Stelling
	Aug. 27	Greg & Kay Forest
Com. Asst	Aug. 6	Greg Forest
	Aug. 13	Shari Singelstad
	Aug. 20	Conrad V.Z.
	Aug. 27	Lanny Eggers
Com. Runner	Aug. 6	Connie Hansen
	Aug. 13	Linda Singelstad
	Aug. 20	Connie Hansen
	Aug. 27	Judy Toy
Lay Reader	Aug. 6	Kay Forest
	Aug. 13	Marti Marz
	Aug. 20	Nicholas Hand
	Aug. 27	Jeri Hansen
Acolyte	Aug. 6	TBA
	Aug. 13	TBA
	Aug. 20	TBA
	Aug. 27	TBA
Counters	Aug. 6	Phil Hansen & Jim Veglahn
	Aug. 13	Jim Veglahn & TBA
	Aug. 20	Rollie Harder & TBA
	Aug. 27	2 Needed
Com. Prep	Aug. 6	Marti Marz
	Aug. 13	Le & Dick Smith
	Aug. 20	Jean Stelling
	Aug. 27	Laura Fowler
Altar Care: Harold & Daphne Miller		
Visitor Calling Schedule: Shari Singelstad		

August 2017 at a Glance

Aug. 1 (Tue)	7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Special Election held at HRLC
	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 2 (Wed)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Brainstorm Meeting at HRLC
	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
Aug. 3 (Thu)	7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Info Meeting
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
Aug. 6 (Sun)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	12:30 p.m. Craft Day & Craft Bazaar Mtg
	9:30 a.m. WIGS @ 16 th Ave Grill
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Aug. 8 (Tue)	10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship @ Cedar Hills Park
	11:30 a.m. Potluck meal @ park
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 9 (Wed)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship @ Cedar Hills Park
	11:30 a.m. Potluck meal @ park
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
Aug. 10 (Thu)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 13 (Sun)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Aug. 15 (Tue)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
Aug. 17 (Thu)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 20 (Sun)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Aug. 21 (Mon)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
Aug. 22 (Tues)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 23 (Wed)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Aug. 24 (Thu)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
Aug. 27 (Sun)	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
Aug. 29 (Tues)	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Aug. 30 (Wed)	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW
	12:30 p.m. Card Players
	7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Panera's SW



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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!!!