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Growing to and for Christ!

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Happy Anniversary!

Whose anniversary is it? It's OURS!

How can it be August already? And . . . how can it be that we have shared a whole year in ministry together? Did it go fast for you too? You know what they say, "Time flies when you're having fun." Are we having fun together? Ministry is work, but it doesn't have to be all work and no play. Dr. Stuart Brown, the founder of the National Institute for Play, suggests we are built to play, and we are built through play. In other words, God creates us to play, and God strengthens us through play. According to Dr. Brown, "The drive to play is as fundamental as our drives for food and sleep." Playing energizes us, lifts

us out of the mundane, eases our burdens, renews our optimism, and opens us to new possibilities. Whatever our age, we are never too young or too old to play. Play stimulates our brains for learning, growing, and creating.

I've also heard it said, "A family that prays together stays together." I wonder, is this also true for a congregation? And . . . might it also be said and true, "A congregation that plays together stays together?" Are work and play mutually exclusive or can they happen simultaneously? When is ministry work? When is ministry play? When does work become play? When does play become work?

When I served in Jesup and Denver the children served as my assisting ministers in worship. Every week at the close of worship the children were excited to dismiss the congregation saying, "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." The congregation responded, "Thanks be to God." The children enthusiastically said, "And have fun doing it!" And the congregation responded with spirit, "We will!"

The first year of ministry together may be compared to a courtship. Brought together by the Holy Spirit, we could say our relationship was arranged by God. In our first year of ministry together we have devoted much time getting to know each other and building trust. We rolled up our sleeves and worked side by side. We laughed together and cried together. We continue to grow our relationship as we work and play together.

I remember how you wore nametags to help me learn your names. How wonderful it is to know and call each of you by name. It is with a sense of excitement, joy, and hope that I look forward to sharing another year of ministry with you, working and playing together in Jesus' name. I am so thankful for each of you. I am so blessed!

In Christ's love and service,

Pastor Dawn



ANNIVERSARY

Save the Date: Holiday Fair

The 2024 Holiday Fair (Bazaar) will be held **Friday, October 18** from 4 pm to 7 pm and **Saturday, October 19** from 8 am to 4 pm. For more information, speak with Laura Fowler.

Council Corner

Holy Redeemer's Council met on Thursday, July 11. Here are a few highlights from their printed reports and meeting minutes:

Finances: While we are not currently meeting our monthly budget, a big **thank you** must go out to the congregation as giving for June was up 13% over last year and total giving for the year is up 18% over last year. That said, we did not meet our monthly goal of \$15,317. We had a **general fund shortage of \$3,655** and a **building fund shortage of \$471** for a total shortage of \$4,126. This puts year-to-date giving at \$9,894 below budget in the general fund and \$3,871 short in the building fund. \$2,623 was moved from the contingency fund, leaving a balance is \$19,663. Our end of June mortgage balance was \$263,977.

Old Business Topics: Under the heading of old business, council discussed a raffle license, live streaming, teams, parking lot, back door alarm, and October training for financial secretary/treasurer. [After the meeting, the raffle license application was mailed Saturday, July 20.]

New Business Topics: It was decided to contact Affordable Pro (Dave Hernandez) to handle current and future flat roof repairs.

The next council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**

SE IA Synod & ELCA

Iowa Flooding

How to Give, Flood Buckets

Please check the [Western Iowa Synod website](#) and/or [Facebook Page](#) for updates before giving in-kind donations.

Give Online: [Follow this link](#) and then click the Give Online Now button and select Lutheran Disaster to donate directly to relief efforts.

Flood Buckets: The Western Iowa Synod has prepared a bulletin insert and a how-to sheet about assembling [flood buckets](#). (A copy is posted on our bulletin board and could be a handy reference for any flood cleanup situation.)

Sumud Working Group

Israel Palestine Info Sessions

The Southeastern Iowa Synod Sumud Working Group has new materials available for congregational use. Two one-hour pre-recorded information sessions about the October 2023 attack and subsequent war in Gaza with background information on the region, interfaith dialogue, and regional Lutheran partners. These are great resources for individual study, adult forums, ministry groups, or more. [See more information and watch the pre-recorded power points.](#)

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

223 youth and 98 adults from more than 36 congregations in the Southeastern Iowa Synod attended the ELCA Youth Gathering from July 16-20. See photos and video on the [Southeastern Iowa Synod Facebook Page](#) or check out the [gallery on the SEIA Synod website.](#)

Additional Synod Information

For other information from our synod, visit <https://seiasynod.org/> to find weekly newsletters (<https://seiasynod.org/news>), messages from Bishop Current, and other information about our synod.

Congregation News

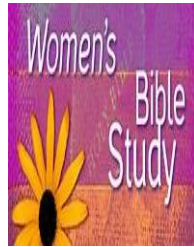
Blood Drive Recap

Many thanks to all who came over to donate blood. We may never know who we've helped, but each donation literally saves lives. We were on target to meet our goal with 12 who registered early. The day before the drive, we received an email from Megan Dee (our Donor Relations Consultant) saying they had been having a "weirdly tough" week and asking us to reach out one more time for possible walk-in donors. The day started with continued challenges – two donors weren't feeling well so could not donate and one (Jeff) just got started with a double-red donation when the machine stopped with an unrecoverable error. But thanks to a couple of new donors and two walk-ins who heard the last-minute plea, we nearly reached our goal - 10 units donated. Thank you all! If you weren't able to give at this blood drive, you can always go to the Impact Life centers; tell them Holy Redeemer sent you.

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at church on **Thursday, August 1** at 9:30 am. The summer Bible study is *After Certainty* by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Session 3 is entitled *Compassion*.

The focus verse is “*For now we see in a mirror, dimly but then we will see face to face.....And now faith, hope, and love abide...and the greatest of these is love.*” (1 Corinthians 13:12-13)



You're welcome to join us! (Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women's bulletin board.)

Card Players



Card players will be in action the first and third Tuesdays – **August 6** and **August 20**—beginning at 12:30 pm here at the church. Come for cards, stay for the fellowship ... (and treats)! This is lively bunch that always has a good time.

Book Discussion Group

Book Discussion Group will be meeting at the church on **Thursday, August 8** at 9:30 am. The book is *My Mother's Friend* by Sally Jameson Bond. All are invited even if you haven't attended book group before! Come join us!



Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is taking a brief break, but returns on **Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 pm** in the narthex – chairs are moved around to provide plenty of space. The group typically meets each Wednesday. All are welcome to give it a try. The cost for each session is \$10.00 – you may pay at the end of class. Talk to Jeri Hansen or Shari Singelstad for more information.

Summer Wednesday Worship

Our July summer evening worship was lightly attended but well received by those who were there. One final opportunity to check out this evening service comes on **August 21 at 7:00 pm**. Come enjoy a different liturgy, great music, and, of course, a thoughtful sermon from Pastor Dawn.

Let's Do Lunch

The lunch group will meet at Cheddar's (Lindale Mall) for lunch at 11:30 am on **Thurs, August 22**. Please sign up on the bulletin board so reservations can be made. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Black. All are welcome – not just a women's lunch anymore!

DUO (Do Unto Others) Day



DUO will meet at the church on **Tuesday, August 27** from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come help tie or pin quilts together. Bring your lunch! Thanks ladies, for sewing and putting together the quilts.

Garage Sale Follow-Up

We need input on what went right with the garage sale as well as things we would like to see different next year. Join the discussion after worship on **Sunday, September 15**. All input will be appreciated. If you cannot attend, but have ideas please let Shari know.

“Fall in to Fun” Block Party

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 28, 12:00-4:00 pm**, when we host our “Fall in to Fun” Block Party. We'll reach out to our near neighboring community to get to know them and have them know us.

If you would like to help, a second **planning session will be held Sunday, August 4**, following worship. This will be a big undertaking, so make plans to help out where you are able.

Harmony & Holiness

Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Our outdoor worship and picnic is scheduled for **10:00 am on Sunday, August 11** at the Shawnee Park Pavilion – located at the end of 19th Street NW off of F Avenue. (Should there be inclement weather worship will be held at church at 10:00 am.)

As further details are warranted and available, they will be posted in the weekly bulletins and/or bulletin board. If you have any question or would like to help with this event, please contact a member of the Harmony and Holiness team.

Navigating Transitions

From Summer to Fall, Struggle to Strength

Though the longer days of summer, BBQs, and running through sprinklers are coming to an end, cool evenings at the football stadium, beautiful color-changing leaves, and spending the school day with friends are upon us. As Iowans prepare for the multicolored season of autumn, LSI is here to help you navigate the changing of the seasons.

Transitions can be a difficult time for anyone, and LSI provides services to ease the process of change.

Our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services help new arrivals to the U.S. resettle and start a life in Iowa. Our Host Homes program helps adults living with disabilities transition to greater independence through a mentor-mentee relationship. Our Early Childhood Services prepare parents expecting a child for a healthy birth and provide support as children transition from milestone to milestone. Our foster parents provide safe, loving homes for children moving through the foster system as they await adoption.

Whether we're helping someone through a difficult life transition in therapy or teaching former refugees English and cultural competency skills, at LSI we're there every step of the way. If you need support during a transition in your life, visit LSIowa.org to learn more about our services.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. Learn more at LSIowa.org.

Love of Neighbor

Linn Community Food Bank

We continue to thank you, as does Linn Community Food Bank, for your generous donations of food and cash. Our next designated Food Bank weekend is **August 11**. Loose offerings and designated amounts will go to the food bank.

For more information about Linn Community Food Bank, refer to: <https://linncommunityfoodbank.org/>.

Mission of Hope

We served 120 plates in July to our Mission of Hope friends. We met many new faces and they all appreciated our Scalloped Potato's, green beans and desserts which included delicious brownies.

On August 15, we will be serving goulash. If you would like to find out how you can serve or help in other ways, please contact Shari Singelstad and look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Fourth Sunday Offering

The proceeds of our **August 25** fourth Sunday offering will go to **Madge Phillips Center / Waypoint**.

*The Madge Phillips Center / Waypoint is dedicated to moving people forward through proactive services and resources including our **Shelter and Housing Program, Domestic Violence Victim Services, and high quality, affordable child care in our local community.***

How to Give to Special Offerings

To donate to Linn Community Food Bank, Mission of Hope, Madge Phillips Center / Waypoint, or other community partners, simply indicate on your offering envelope, the memo line of your check, or in a separate note. Counters will ensure it gets the proper designation and funds will be sent to the organizations. Thank you for your generous support.

In Our Family

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday wishes to: Larry Doehrmann, Jan Millett, Marcia Prochnow, Jackie Murphy, Eileen Siechert, Jessica Cones-Renn, Jeri Hansen, Marlyn Davidson, Hazel Meyocks, Michelle Beyer, Rob Heathman, John Millett, and Steve Ketchum.

Anniversary congratulations to: Briana & Zach Strain, Peg & John Quandt, and Tracy & TJ Kislign.

Q: What happens if no one shows up to your birthday party?

A: You get to have your cake and eat it too!

Q: Why do we put candles on the top of birthday cakes?

A: Because it's too hard to put them on the bottom.

Community Events

Thrivent Car Smash

Want to wreck a car? Don't miss Thrivent's CAR SMASH Fundraiser for the U.S. Army Reserve 411th Engineer Company Family Readiness Group.

This fun and unique family-friendly event will raise funds to benefit the families of our reserve soldiers.

The event includes: chance to smash or key a car (thanks to Sunline and ATS Towing), music and karaoke, bouncy house, face painting, military and emergency vehicles on display, cornhole tournament, plus food, beverages, and snow cones.

Join the fun **Saturday, August 10, 4:00-8:00 pm**, at American Legion Post 298, 625 31st St in Marion. All proceeds go to 411th Company FRG.

Peace of Mind Seminar

You are invited to learn how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. Join us for complimentary donuts while we learn more about pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, cremation, burials, and more.

Holy Redeemer is hosting this seminar presented by Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service. It is scheduled for **Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 am**. You are welcome to invite loved ones and others who may be interested in the seminar.

Prairiewoods Newsletter

Some of you may have noticed that there is no longer a Prairiewoods newsletter posted on the bulletin board. This is due to rising costs and Prairiewoods' call to be environmentally friendly. They are sending the newsletter via email, unless a donation is made to cover their costs. We will continue to receive the email newsletter and post significant events. If you are interested in receiving a full copy of the email, let Jeff know and he can forward them to you. (You may also contact Prairiewoods to receive your own copy.)

Ministry of the Month

Greeter(s)	August 4	Evelyn Neal
	August 11	Lloyd Mosley
	August 18	La Vonne Hunter
	Wed, Aug 21	(1 needed)
	August 25	Lee Eggers
Asst. Minister	August 4	(1 needed)
	August 11	(1 needed)
	August 18	(1 needed)
	August 25	(1 needed)
Lay Reader	August 4	Jeri Hansen
	August 11	Gwen Leonard
	August 18	Loretta Shannon
	Wed, Aug 21	(1 needed)
	August 25	Linda Singelstad
Communion Assistant/Runner	August 4	Jeri Hansen
	August 11	Loretta Shannon
	August 18	Loretta Shannon
	Wed, Aug 21	(1 needed)
	August 25	Loretta Shannon
Ushers	1 or 2 needed for each service	
Counters	August 4	(2 needed)
	August 11	(2 needed)
	August 18	(2 needed)
	Wed, Aug 21	(2 needed)
Communion Care/Prep	August 4	La Vonne Hunter
	August 11	Jeri Hansen
	August 18	Judith/Dick Smith
	August 25	Laura Fowler
Altar Care (August): Connie & Phil Hansen		

New Member Sunday

Pastor Dawn is planning a "new member" Sunday at which we will welcome interested visitors and friends to full membership in the congregation. This will include a special segment in the service and post-worship reception.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in membership here at Holy Redeemer, please talk to Pastor Dawn as soon as possible for more details.

[The date of this event is to be determined.]

Bits & Pieces

Hello August

- Authenticity starts with
- Understanding your worth and
- Glowing in your way because a
- Unique, imperfect, and different
- Self is much better
- Than the perfect clone



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“August whispers of the coming autumn, urging us to savor every moment of summer.” — Unknown



“August is the border between summer and autumn; it is the most beautiful month I know.”

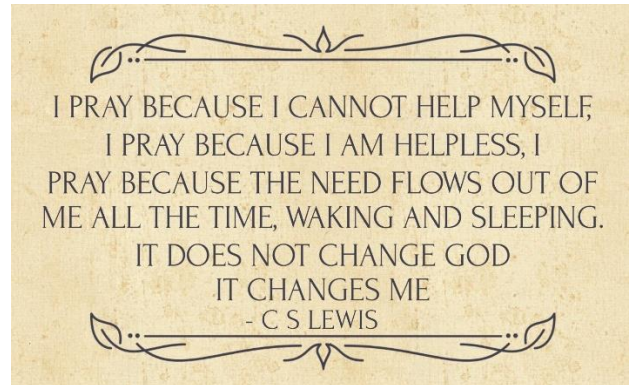
— Tove Jansson

“August: When we discover that even the sun can have an attitude problem.” — Unknown

“August is a reminder to live in the present, soak in the beauty around us, and be grateful for every day.” — Unknown



“August is the sunniest month, both in weather and in spirit.” — Unknown



“August is the perfect excuse for more ice cream and less responsibility.” — Unknown

But be careful with that ice cream...

“It’s so hot in August that my ice cream is sweating.” — Unknown

Future Events

(All Events Tentative and Subject to Change)

August 2024

- Aug 1 (Th)** 9:30 am – Women’s Bible Study
6:00 pm – Executive Meeting
- Aug 4 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 11**
10:30 am – Block Party Planning
- Aug 6 (Tu)** 10:30 am – Cleaner Image
12:30 pm – Card Players
- Aug 8 (Th)** 9:30 am – Book Club
7:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Aug 10 (Sa)** 4:00-8:00 pm – Thrivent Car Smash
- Aug 11 (Su)** **10:00 am – Outdoor Worship & Picnic @ Shawnee Park**
Food Bank Weekend
- Aug 13 (Tu)** 10:30 am – Cleaner Image
- Aug 14 (We)** 1:00 pm – Chair Yoga
- Aug 15 (Th)** **Mission of Hope Meal**
- Aug 18 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 13**
10:30 am – Peace of Mind Seminar
- Aug 20 (Tu)** 10:30 am – Cleaner Image
12:30 pm – Card Players
11:59 pm – Newsletter Deadline
- Aug 21 (We)** 9:00 am – Adult Coloring (Scooters)
1:00 pm – Chair Yoga
7:00 pm – Midweek Worship
- Aug 22 (Th)** 11:30 am – Let’s Do Lunch

Let’s Do Lunch

Thursday, August 22 – 11:30 am
Cheddar’s
(161 Collins Road NE)

- Aug 25 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 14**
4th Weekend Offering
Coffee with Council
- Aug 27 (Tu)** 9:30 am – DUO Day
10:30 am – Cleaner Image
- Aug 28 (We)** 1:00 pm – Chair Yoga

September 2024

- Sep 1 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 15**
- Sep 2 (Mo)** **Labor Day** (Offices Closed)
- Sep 3 (Tu)** 10:30 am – Cleaner Image
12:30 pm – Card Players
- Sep 4 (We)** 1:00 pm – Chair Yoga
- Sep 5 (Th)** 9:30 am – Women’s Bible Study
6:00 pm – Executive Meeting
- Sep 8 (Su)** **God’s Work. Our Hands**
9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 16
Food Bank Weekend
- Sep 10 (Tu)** 10:30 am – Cleaner Image
- Sep 11 (We)** 1:00 pm – Chair Yoga
- Sep 12 (Th)** 9:30 am – Book Club
7:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Sep 15 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 17**
10:30 am – Garage Sale Follow-Up
- Sep 17 (Tu)** 10:30 am – Cleaner Image
12:30 pm – Card Players
- Sep 18 (We)** 9:00 am – Adult Coloring (Scooters)
1:00 pm – Chair Yoga
- Sep 19 (Th)** **Mission of Hope Meal**
- Sep 20 (Fri)** **11:59 pm – Newsletter Deadline**
- Sep 22 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 18**
4th Weekend Offering
Coffee with Council
- Sep 24 (Tu)** 9:30 am – DUO Day
10:30 am – Cleaner Image
- Sep 25 (We)** 1:00 pm – Chair Yoga
- Sep 26 (Th)** Trip to Cedar Rock and Let’s Do Lunch

Let’s Do Lunch

Thursday, September 26
Wolfey’s Wapsi Outback
(Quasqueton)

- Sep 28 (Sa)** **12:00 – 4:00 pm – Block Party**
- Sep 29 (Su)** **9:00 am – Worship: Pentecost 19**
5th Weekend Offering



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Cleaner Image

Custodian(s)

Worship Services
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
(In Person and FB Live)



*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!!!