

The Parish Beacon

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40-day period that is reminiscent of Christ's 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. We are reminded of the temptation that our Lord endured during this time of solitude.

We can't help but think of our own temptations. The times that we have given in to what Satan tempts us to do. The times that we fail. Ashes are mentioned throughout the Bible as what people put on when they were sorry for their sins.

"So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes." ~ Daniel 9:3

Putting on ashes showed that a person was sorry for their sin. They showed a person's repentance for their sin. As we put on ashes, we reflect that we are sorry for what we have done, and for what we have left undone. The times that we have not loved God with our whole heart.

When we put on ashes now, we put them on in the sign of the cross. A sign showing who took away our sins. A sign showing where our assurance is. A sign showing who we are in Christ and who Christ has made us to be. He took on our sin and carried it to the cross where He died. We march toward Good Friday with our eyes on the cross, where Christ gave His life for us, but we also look towards the empty tomb, where Christ was raised to new life for us. The ashes show our sinfulness, but also reflect how we were made new as well. Only through Christ's death and resurrection.

In Jesus' Name,

Vicar Andrew Wolfgram

So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.



Daniel 9:3



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MARCH ACTIVITIES

- 1 Ash Wednesday Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm
- 2 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 4 Pancake Day 7:00am - 1:00pm
GGG Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
- 5 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Class 9:30am
Youth Snow Tubing 12:00pm
- 6 Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 7 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 8 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Lenten Service 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Service 6:10 pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 9 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 11-18 Iowa City Schools Spring Break
- 11 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 12 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Class 9:30am
- 13 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Mission Guild Board Meeting 6:45pm
Preschool Board 7:00pm
- 14 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 15 Lenten Service 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Service 6:10 pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 17-18 Women's Beth Moore in Cedar Rapids
- 19 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Class 9:30am
Roller Skating at Wellman 1:00pm
- 20 LWML Mission Guild
- 21 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Assimilation 7:00pm

- 22 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Lenten Service 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Service 6:10 pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 23 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 25 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 26 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Class 9:30am
High School Fuse 12:30pm
- 28 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
LLL Meeting 7:30pm
- 29 Lenten Service 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Service 6:10 pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 31 Stephen Ministry Retreat

Today's guest is Tim Bickel who will lead weekend worship and teach Bible Class with special emphasis on *Islam and What Every Christian Should Know*. Please attend.

Tim is the POBLO Advocate for Iowa. There will be a door offering.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Communion on March 1, 4, 5, 18, 19

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am
Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon
No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided

Choir meets Wednesdays—6:00 pm March 1
7:00 pm during Lent

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



March 28
7:30pm
Fellowship Hall



March 4
7:00am-1:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Ash Wednesday Service
March 1
1:00 & 7:00pm
No Midweek Class



Sports Banquet
February 26
12:00pm



Roller Skating
March 19
1:00-3:00pm



Theology 101
March 23, 2017
7:00 pm
Board Room



High School
Lock-Out
March 24-25



March 17-18
Cellular Center
Cedar Rapids, IA



Daylight Savings
Time
March 12



Confirmation/High School Youth
March 5 at 12:00pm



Tasting Bee
April 1
11:00am
Fellowship Hall



Spiritual Growth Event
April 5 at 7:00pm
Sanctuary



Stephen Ministry Retreat
Honey Creek Resort
March 31-April 2

See page 4 for full
Lenten Schedule

LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 1	Ash Wednesday	Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm <i>(No Class March 1)</i>
March 8 to March 29	Lent	Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm Midweek Meal 5:10 pm Midweek Class 7:00 pm <i>(No Class March 15)</i> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
April 5	Lent	Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm Midweek Meal 5:10 pm Midweek Class 7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm
April 9	Palm Sunday	Confirmation at 10:30 am
April 12	Silent Wednesday	Prayer Walk 11 am - 8 pm No midweek
April 13	Maundy Thursday	Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm
April 14	Good Friday	Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6:30 am Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm
April 15		Easter Worship 5:30 pm
April 16	EASTER	Easter Worship 8 & 10:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am



Assimilation Committee

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

February 12



Getting to know each other



New Members



By Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Picture yourself throwing each of your worries, one by one, into the capable arms of Jesus. Leave them there and rest in the knowledge that He cares for you.

It all began my second year in college. I was so excited to move off-campus (with roommates) and was depending on them to be my support system. But a few months after I moved in, things started to change. I realized that we didn't have the same study habits and they started spending more time away from the apartment, than in the apartment. I felt very, very alone. It was one of the hardest times of my life. I was struggling with some pretty intense feelings and the anxiety/fear nearly paralyzed me. What was I afraid of? You name it. Not having enough time to complete my assignments? Not being smart enough? Not getting enough hours at work to earn my share of the expenses? Not being successful? Not being as successful as our friends, roommates, family? Not living up to my expectations? Not living up to everyone else's expectations? Not being good enough? Not being pretty enough? And we have to be ALL of these things, because if we are, we'll truly be loved at last, won't we?

I knew I needed to talk to someone, but I hadn't lived on my own before and hadn't developed any other close comfortable friendships that I could depend on. I heard that the campus church had a small group of students that belonged to some group called "Stephen Ministry". When I found out what Stephen Ministry was, I talked to the Campus Clergy about getting a Stephen Minister.

We started off a little bit slow. I wasn't sure how I'd feel about sharing deep, personal things with someone (a 5th year student) I didn't know very well. But her consistency, compassion, and care really came through. Sometimes she'd come to the apartment and we'd sit and talk, other times we'd go walking together. During our visits, she just let me talk while she listened. As I was talking through things, I realized that it was helping me to make sense of everything that was happening and how I was feeling. She didn't give me specific advice as much as she just listened to me and validated my pain.

One important thing my Stephen Minister did for me was to share spiritual care—she invited me to go with her to church. Through church and Campus Ministry, I developed additional friendships. I also learned that time and again, fear can stand in our way. However, as we cast our worries to Jesus, one word such as "scared" can be transformed into "sacred". Just by moving the c — which could stand for courage, confidence, criticism, confusion, conflict, circumstances, challenge, caution.

My Stephen Minister helped me get to a place where I was able to deal with my anxiety issues without her. As that happened, our visits tapered off from weekly, to every other week, to every three weeks. We decided to meet for the last time before finals, and that was a very special day for me.

Jesus shows us in a million ways that He is thinking about us. He loves us wholly and completely. He cares about our body, mind, soul, and spirit. And He cares about every single thing that is going on in our lives—family, work, dreams, problems, and all of our anxious thoughts. He knows that life can be too big and overwhelming so He stands, arms wide open, and whispers, "Why don't you let Me hold on to all those cares, all that worry, all those fears? I would love to do that for you."

It's a fantastic thing to throw off that heavy weight, cast our anxieties on Him, and know that the One Who loves me most of all has got it all under control. His presence brings us lasting peace.

STEPHEN LEADERS

Rev. Brent Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	339-9804

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

Board of Directors February Meeting

ELDERS:

- Staffing issues – Kaja will be full-time in preschool. This is a major outreach. Need to hire a Children's Ministry person starting with 10 hours per week. Duties include VBS, Sunday School, and Wednesday Nights. Person to start immediately as Kaja will be on maternity leave. New position presented at Voter's Meeting for congregation approval.
- Paperwork filled out to request another vicar next fall

PROPERTIES:

Using new trash service is less expensive. Two dumpsters now – one for garbage and one for recycling (see signs in kitchen or in dumpster enclosure-no glass in the dumpster)

STAFF

KARA HARTWIG:

- College care packages sent to 26 students
- Winter confirmation retreat attended by 27 students

PASTOR HARTWIG:

- Mission Committee to sponsor penny vote during the Season of Easter (2nd Sunday of Easter through May) – putting up \$500 for donations
- \$167 was gathered for Noisy Offering (children's contribution for capital campaign)
- April 30th is 60th anniversary of congregation. Pastor Stephen Niermann will preach (Our Redeemer is his childhood church)
- Pastor asking for approval for a Hy-Vee catered meal after April 30th services. Have \$250 Thrivent card and will have freewill offering.

VICAR at Trinity Lutheran in Lowden on 2/19

KAJA MUELLER

- Preschool T/Th - 16 kids, M/W/F - 17 kids. Children's Museum came in. City bus tour taken.
- Kaja's maternity leave with Kate Ramsey taking over as lead teacher – Sara Cross and Amy Rundell to be part-time teachers.
- Family Life to have Valentine delivery this Sunday, February 12 – 11 deliveries. \$250 Thrivent card paid for gift bags.
- Sports Banquet for Athletes in Action 2/26 – will be catered (paid with \$250 Thrivent card).

DENISE HOLIDA - Small Group Ministry

- Postponed January marriage retreat – low registration
- Beth Moore speaking in Cedar Rapids 3/17-18. 32 women signed up
- Facing the Cross small group during Lent season. Denise will lead a group. Asking other small groups to participate in this study.

VISION 2020 - Dave Johnson

- Raised \$650K, \$117K available now (using for existing bills).
- Met with architects. Drawings now go to contractor for actual costs.
- Met with LCEF for loan preparation. Interest and closing costs can be saved if 35-50 people invest in an LCEF fund (\$100/adult, \$50/child). They will make presentation on investment into the extension fund at a later date.
- Rob met with engineers on HVAC to talk about air handlers and heating/cooling Narthex



KUDOS

Our Redeemer's
Board of Directors
recognizes

25TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS

who helped with the indoor display,
refreshments and caroling:

Cheryll and Vaughn Davisson
Linda Diggelmann
Rick Gienapp
Allison Haack
The Hartwig kids
Denise and Myrl Holida
Phil Holman
Rita and Gary Johnson
Marilyn and Skip Kempnich
Alex Kooker
Jennifer and Erik Kooker
Lonne Loney
Kelly Matheson
Alan Meyer
The Murken Family
Julie Nieland
Denise Schwarting
Laurel and Kevin Sellers
Jacob Sexton
Will Tollefson
Julie and Joel Van Zante
Vicar Wolfgram
And the High School Youth

Thank you all!

Lenten devotionals available
at the Welcome Center.

Accepting What We Have

Epicurus, a Greek philosopher in the third century BC said, "If you want to make a man happy, add not to his riches but take away from his desires." When we desire less, we are more content with what we do have. To covet more is a state of discontentment, and, when we have an insatiable appetite for more, contentment is impossible. Those who are content focus on what they have and enjoy rather than complain about what they don't have. We don't need more to be thankful for; we just need to be more thankful.



The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment" (1 Timothy 6:6). From Scripture we learn that if anyone could complain about his circumstances and long for greater comforts it was Paul, but the apostle tells us that he had learned in

whatever the situation...to be content. How was that possible? He relied on God's strength (Philippians 4:13).

It seems Asaph, the Psalmist, had learned that same secret hundreds of years before Paul wrote about it. He, too, had an intimate relationship with God Who enabled him to be content with what He had provided. We would do well to meditate on his words: "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psalm 73:25-26).

MORE KUDOS

Our Redeemer's Board of Directors
recognizes

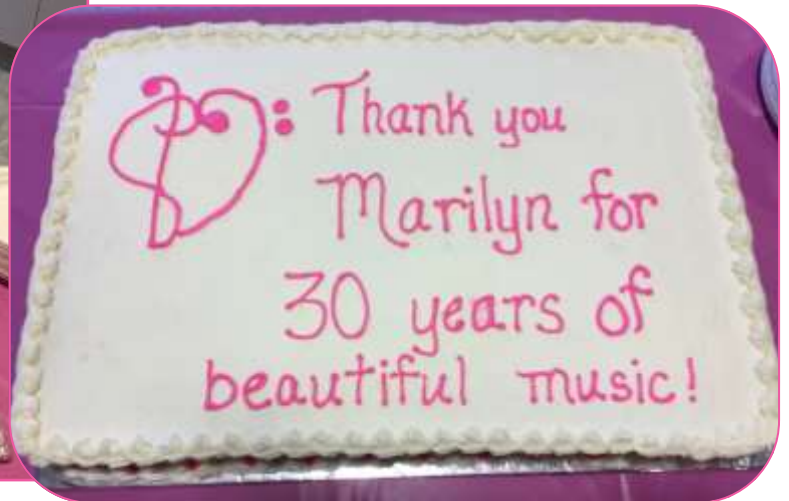
BETTY REDEKER

for her dedication in assisting with all the church services that Pastor and Vicar conduct in five nursing facilities each month. In addition, she returns to many of these facilities to play games and provide other entertainment to the residents at other times.

Thank you Betty!!!



Anniversary  Wishes
Thank you for 30 years of music, Marilyn!



Reception - January 29



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LIVES**



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FOR
LIFE™**

March 1 through
April 9, 2017

Unite with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** campaign. Recognizing that "with God all things are possible," people of faith are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
has achieved proven results:

725,000
people mobilized
worldwide

141
converted
abortion workers

12,668
lives saved
from abortion

75
abortion facilities
closed

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is made up of three components:

PRAYER & FASTING:

believers throughout our city are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility

PEACEFUL VIGIL:

stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness at the vigil sites listed below...

Emma Goldman Facility (public sidewalk)
227 N. Dubuque Street, Iowa City

Learn how you can speak up for those
who cannot speak for themselves by visiting:

www.40daysforlife.com/iowacity

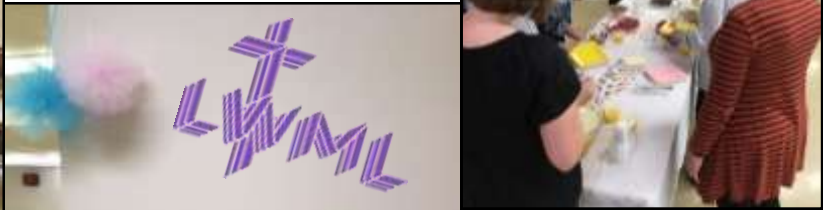
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68 LWR Baby Kits Made!



Food-Cynthia Freundt



Thank you, Tiffany Roiseland, for the idea, preparation and pictures

Mission Service Chairs-Lynne Westphal & Sandy Wagner



Games-Angie & Morgan Hotz





We have the privilege to teach 3-5 year olds about letters, numbers, rhyming, and their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Enroll TODAY

There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, or if you refer a new family who enrolls. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information.

Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or #319-338-3949.

Hope you have enjoyed hearing about Dinosaur Week.



The dinosaurs have crept into our preschool rules, and stomped into the playdough. They have roared into our puzzles and into a mystery bag. They have even shaken the ground in our story time. It has been fun integrating these

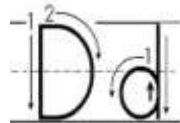
creatures that God made into our lessons.

BIBLE LESSON

Mark 10:13-14 "People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Jesus loves children! Jesus loves you! He provides all that we need in His time. No one should shy away from Him but find comfort in Him.

CRAFTS

Stegosaurus—takes 2 days
Triceratops Mask—optional



TEACHER TIME

Letter Dd
Number 7 seven
End of the year assessments for March 1st parent/teacher conferences

NEXT WEEK

Dr. Seuss Week
Letter Nn
The Good Samaritan
Tuesday—Celebrate Asher's 4th Birthday
Wednesday—No Class due to Conferences



Dd (To Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Donkey, dragon, dungeon, drip, doodle, dumpling, double-dip, dandelion, dungarees all these words begin with D. Doll and donut, dinosaur ... Can you name a dozen more?



Across the sky and down from heaven, that's the way you make a seven.

THANK YOU FOR STICKER FUN

Thank you to two families who have given us some great stickers. We will continue to welcome more throughout the year if you find more. Kids love printed stickers! They are fun, colorful, easy to find, inexpensive, and a wonderful teaching tool. If you have any stickers around your house or find some on a good sale, we use stickers year round in preschool and would benefit from them greatly.



Talk to Kaja Mueller preschool@ourredeemer.org or Linda Diggelman if you would like to be apart of the Preschool Board. We are always in need of people to help us.

Thank you to all who ordered books through Scholastic Book Clubs. Remember, you help our class earn FREE books and supplies with every order. Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom!

First Time Ordering Online?

- Go to scholastic.com/readingclub
- Enter our one-time Class Activation Code, MQWNQ
- Shop and submit your child's book order
- Your books will be delivered directly to the classroom

SCHOLASTIC DUE
March 9 & 10



There is a box outside the preschool where you can drop off items. If it is a larger item, please contact Kaja Mueller, Director. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from these donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. If desired, you can make an appointment on your own and donate up to two storage tubs full of items on your own. *Consigner No. #38168*

SIGN UP NOW

Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer

March 25, 2017

500 years ago, Martin Luther lit the candle that once again illuminated Holy Scripture showing Jesus Christ as the only Way to eternal life.

100 years ago, the Lutheran Laymen's League was formed to support the work of the LCMS in proclaiming Jesus Christ.

Come, see, and hear the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and former Lutheran Hour Speaker share **"What does it mean to be the church of the Lutheran Hour in 2017?"** All are invited to register.



The convention will be held at **Park View Lutheran Church, 14 Grove Road, Eldridge, IA 52748**. Take exit 129 off of U.S. Hwy 61 and then go one mile east on 267th St. (Park View is an idyllic unincorporated community 13 miles north of Davenport and 3 miles north of the town of Eldridge.) Sign-in begins at 9:00 AM; the convention starts at 10:00 AM and will conclude about 4:00 PM. A noon meal will be served. Registration is \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. **You must register by March 17th to guarantee a catered meal.** Please contact Dick Hoelz for reservation by mail, e-mail, or phone. Dick Hoelz, 3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, rahoelz@imonmail.com or (319) 363-1214.

Yes, we will be attending the LLL Convention on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Park View Lutheran Church. Registration is \$15 and includes a catered meal and snacks.

Make checks payable to IDE LLL.

Name(s) _____

Number Attending ____

Address _____

Phone _____



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CHALLENGE

February 5



Thank you to all who helped deliver valentines to our shut-ins! We had 14 individuals this year to deliver to and they were very appreciative. Thank you for Living Generously just as Christ taught us. Also, thank you to Thrivent for a \$250 grant for supplies for these valentines bags and craft supplies.

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19



God is able to do
Immeasurably
MORE
 than we can imagine . . .

129 Pledges for
\$626,897.52

Cash in hand
\$125,289.07

Ephesians 3:20
 ...according to the power that works within us.

MISSION	FEBRUARY
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$416.67
LCMS World Mission Iowa	\$500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$5,333.33
Member Contributions	
Lutherans for Life	\$117.00
Transforming Campus Ministry	\$160.00



26 packages were made on Wednesday, January 25th
40 youth, preschool through high school filled the boxes and made personalized cards
Our night included:

- packing the boxes
- praying for the college students
- hearing about how these college students were once children attending Our Redeemer wondering what they wanted to be when they “grew up”
- hearing a Happy Times story about different jobs that children may want to be when they “grow up” and how we can tell others about Jesus now
- and ended with snack time

Thank you to Thrivent for providing the funds to purchase the items for the boxes!
Thank you to all who helped pack and mail the boxes!

Welcome, New Members



Todd, Ashley, & Ethan Cooney

Our Redeemer welcomes the Cooney family. Todd is a quality Manager at Nordex-Acciona and Ashley is a graduate student in microbiology. Todd previously lived in Muscatine and Ashley in Decorah. They like spending time with family & friends, taking long walks and playing with their dog, Ellie. Baby Ethan takes up their leisure time. A house divided, Todd went to Iowa State and Ashley went to Iowa!

This blended family has recently joined Our Redeemer and baby Giovanni was baptized here in January. Cory is a plant technician at Oral B and Stephanie is an emergency room nurse. They have lived in Cedar Rapids, Monticello, and Mason City. Hobbies include softball, game nights, and coaching. Board games are popular as are movies with the kids. Welcome to Our Redeemer!



Isabella Brogley, Stephanie Thompson, Shayla Servantez, Cory Servantez, and Giovanni Servantez



Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Giovanni Jay Servantez	1-28-2017
Ethan Carl Cooney	1-29-2017
<u>Deaths</u>	
Arlene Sell	2-16-2017

SERVING WITH JOY

Molly Christensen in Nairobi, Kenya

(She was at Our Redeemer Labor Day weekend)

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Prayer Requests

- For a peaceful and smooth transition as I say goodbye in Nairobi and move to Burkina Faso.
- For safe travel on short term trips to Togo and throughout West Africa.
- Thanks for a new opportunity to serve the Lord and his people in West Africa.
- For my language study in Burkina Faso

Pictured are two of the Lutheran church sites we visited in Uganda.



West Africa

This new year has brought a new opportunity for ministry for me. As you may know, I have been serving in Kenya for the past two months while waiting to go to Madagascar. Well, the Lord had other plans for me. I have learned from my area director that it may take much more



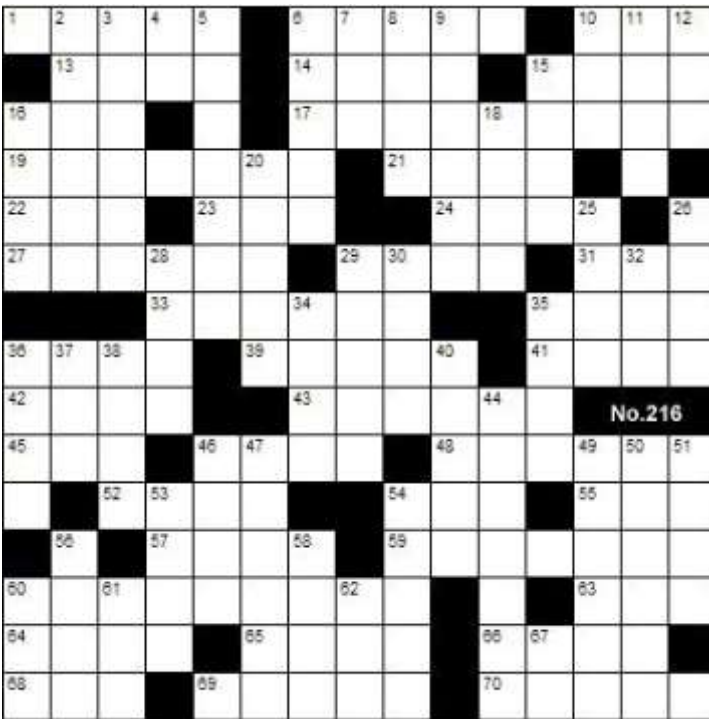
time for Madagascar to be ready to receive us. In the meantime, I want to be used by the Lord, however He sees fit. I just learned of an opportunity to serve in West Africa. I have been asked to serve as a nurse missionary for the seminary students and families in Togo. The students have been asking for a nurse for a long time. A medical ministry is just beginning to develop in West Africa and I'm excited to be a part of it. The LCMS has other missionaries already living there so I won't be alone. I will start out in Burkina Faso to attend language school where I will study French. In February and March I will make trips to Togo to accompany short term teams and meet church partners in the area. When I am finished with my French studies I will relocate to Dapaong, Togo to serve there full time as a nurse at the seminary. Although I am disappointed about not being able to serve in Madagascar at this time, I trust God's plan. I pray the Lord uses me to advance the Gospel wherever He sends me. If you have any questions about my new role please feel free to email me! As always, thank you for your generous support of this ministry to which the Lord has called me.

Travel to Uganda

I just returned from my first trip to Uganda. Missionaries Shara Cunningham, Sarah Kanoy, and I spent three days planning for an upcoming medical mission there. We met with Pastor James, the synod coordinator for the Lutheran Church of Uganda. We spent time sorting medications and supplies from past teams. We then flew to Amudat, a very rural village, to assess the area as a potential site location. There we met the local church leaders and discussed how we could best serve the people in the area. This trip was a chance for me to learn how to organize and prepare for a short term medical team from the U.S.

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ACROSS

- 1 we found out that the island was called ____ (Acts 28:1)
 6 your heart will ____ and swell with joy (Isa 60:5)
 10 The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in ____ eyes (Matt 21:42)
 13 on your way in safety, and your ____ will not stumble (Prov 3:23)
 14 No one knows about that day or ____ (Matt 24:36)
 15 in the earth in those days; and ____ after that (Gen 6:4)
 16 Eat not of it _____, nor sodden at all with water (Exodus 12:9)
 17 Some of the teachers of the law ____, "Well said, teacher!" (Luke 20:39)
 19 Raise, lift (Heb 11:19)
 21 Sharper ____ any double-edged sword (Heb 4:12)
 22 low tech form of Old Testament transportation
 23 Both ____ and high, rich and poor, together (Ps. 49:2)
 24 ____ and Dumah, and Eshean (Joshua 15:52)
 27 they did not think it worthwhile to ____ the knowledge of God (Rom 1:28)
 29 a net by the wayside; they have set ____ for me (Ps 140:5) KJV
 31 "I don't know," he replied. " ____ my brother's keeper?" (2,1) (Gen 4:9)
 33 much less man, who is but a ____ (Job 25:6)
 35 there before me was ____ with two horns (1,3) (Dan 8:3)
 36 by him we cry, ____, Father (Rom 8:15)
 39 One who is ____ in his work is brother to one who destroys (Prov 18:9)
 41 under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and ____ (Job 40:21) (KJV)
 42 Surely there is a ____ for the silver (Job 28:1)
 43 They neither worship the LORD nor ____ to the decrees (2 Kings 17:34)
 45 No ____ sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old (Matt 9:16)
 46 a quarter of a cab of seed ____ for five shekels (2 Kings 6:25)
 48 ____ of the teachers of the law (Luke 20:46)

- 52 small is the gate and narrow the ____ that leads to life (Matt 7:14)
 54 and a quarter of a ____ of seed pods for five shekels (2 Ki 6:25)
 55 or goat hair, ram skins dyed ____ (Exod 35:23)
 57 By the sweat of your ____ you will eat your food (Gen 3:19)
 59 guards his own house, his possessions ____ (3,4) (Luke 1:21)
 60 the Babylonians, that ruthless and ____ people (Hab 1:6)
 63 on wings like eagles; they will ____ and not grow weary (Isa 40:31)
 64 Some people are like ____ along the path (Mark 4:15)
 65 and drink with him after he ____ from the dead (Acts 10:41)
 66 and wore a ____ of scale armor (1 Sam 17:5)
 68 picnic pest (Prov 6:6)
 69 Now shall the ____ tremble in the day of thy fall (Ezek 26:18) KJV
 70 But ____ I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee (Matt 26:32)

DOWN

- 2 ____ witness who pours out lies (1,5) (Prov 6:19)
 3 But when you are invited, take the ____ place (Luke 14:10)
 4 when you give ____ the needy, do not announce it with trumpets (Matt 6:2)
 5 From ____ they sailed back to Antioch (Acts 14:26)
 6 Each one ____ down his staff and it became a snake (Ex 7:12)
 7 As for all the hills once cultivated by the ____ (Isaiah 7:25)
 8 where moth and ____ destroy, and where thieves break (Matt 6:19)
 9 Do not take advantage of a widow or an ____ (Ex 22:22)
 10 no one pours new wine into ____ wineskins (Mark 2:22)
 11 with their tongues they have ____ deceit (Romans 3:13)
 12 A fool's talk brings a ____ to his back (Prov 14:3)
 15 a prophetic, ____, the daughter of Phanuel (Luke 2:36)
 16 they were being attacked at both front and ____ (2 Chr 13:14)
 18 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine ____ (Ezek 27:6) KJV
 20 which he had taken with ____ from the altar (Isa 6:6)
 25 he tore the lion apart with his ____ hands (Judg 14:12)
 26 the axles, ____, spokes and hubs were all of cast metal (1 Kings 7:33)
 28 there came ____ of God unto Eli (1,3) (1 Sam 2:27)
 29 for sharpening forks and axes and for repointing ____ (1 Sam 13:21)
 30 On the seventh day the priest is to examine the ____ (Lev 13:34)
 32 The LORD God took the ____ and put him in the Garden (Gen 2:15)
 34 I will be ____ and rejoice in you (Ps 9:2)
 35 the cloud was over the tabernacle only ____ days (1,3) (Num 9:20)
 36 And Israel vowed ____ unto the LORD (1,3) (Num 21:2)
 37 youngest son of Jacob (nickname) (Gen.35:18)
 38 King David himself walked behind the ____ (2 Sam 3:31-32)
 40 I was among the exiles by the ____ River (Ezek 1:1)
 44 wife of Isaac (Rom 9:10) KJV
 46 the tongue is a small ____ of the body (James 3:5)
 47 golden vials full of ____, which are the prayers of saints (Rev 5:8) KJV
 49 The ark came to rest on the mountains of ____ (Gen 8:5)
 50 and you will ____ every tongue that accuses you (Isa 54:17)
 51 a river went out of ____ to water the garden (Gen 2:10)
 53 And ____ begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David (Ruth 4:22)
 54 and to decide all ____ of dispute and assault (Deut 21:5)
 56 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. ____ (Phil 4:20)
 58 His head and hair were white like ____, as white as snow (Rev 1:14)
 60 For the LORD your God ____ consuming fire (2.1) (Deut 4:24)
 61 Can you make a ____ of him like a bird (Job 41:5)
 62 Of what ____ is money in the hand of a fool (Prov 17:16)
 67 in the image ____ God he created him (Gen 1:27)

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

Have a child, grandchild or friend who attends or will attend UNI or ISU?

Encourage them to connect with a church home to sustain and grow their life in Christ while away at college. See below for the LCMS campus ministry contact information for ISU and UNI.



Memorial Lutheran Church
2228 Lincoln Way, Ames
515-292-5005

Rev. Mark Heilman — Mkheilman@aol.com

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The church is located close to the dorms, the greeks, across the street from the Memorial Union, and next door to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

*In addition to worship services, students are invited to **Wednesday night Fellowship** at 8:30 pm in the Student Center (at church) during the school year.*

There are student led devotions, music, snacks, and fellowship time with other college students.



College Hill Lutheran Church
2322 Olive Street, Cedar Falls
319-266-1274

Rev. Weggener — prwegener@cfu.net

College Hill Lutheran is conveniently located one block from the campus of UNI on Seerley Boulevard.

For new students, please go online at

<http://college-hill.org/new-students/>

and complete a short form to get more information.



For those who attend other colleges, please go to the lcms.org website and use the "church locator" to find a church near campus or you call the church office at 319-338-5626.



March

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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5 Snow Tubing
Confirmation & High School 12:00 pm

12 Coffee Hour
Hosted by 8th Grade Families 9:15 am

12 UKANDU Payment #2 DUE
\$50.00

22 Card Night (prep for Spiritual
Growth Event)
High School 7:00 pm

24 Lock-Out
High School 9:00 pm

26 FUSE
High School 12:00 pm

29 Lenten Meal for all
Hosted by High School Families 5:10 pm

Thank you for supporting the youth by purchasing a Younkers Community Days coupon book!

⇒ We sold 17 books.

⇒ Since we keep all the proceeds, we raised \$85.00.



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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street" is shown on **Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.

Behind Facades

Titus 3:3-8

I watch a rock video--
The stars exude confidence,
worldly knowledge
and idolatrous forms, perfection,
While hiding their musical mistakes
in discordant sounds
and motions.



I watch a politician speak--
The star exudes confidence,
worldly knowledge
and idolatrous form, perfection,
While hiding his verbal mistakes
in florid speech, vagueness
and change of subject.



A child watches his parents--
The stars exude confidence,
worldly knowledge,
and idolatrous forms, perfection,
While hiding their mistakes
with blustering commands of silence,
using their authority to squelch opposition
and wondering how to parent correctly.



God watches every person--
The stars exude self-consciousness,
frustration, inferiority complexes,
and imperfection,
Unable to hide their past mistakes,
insecurities and lies as He hears
their souls' confession laid bare,
Forgives, accepts and loves them still,
despite their mistakes,
through Christ.

Carol Schuldt



Excerpt from February 20, 2017

How to Become a World-Class Christian (Pt. 1)

By [Pastor Rick Warren](#)

You'll either be a *worldly* Christian or a *world-class* Christian.

"Jesus said to his followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone'" (Mark 16:15 NCV).

"Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind" (Psalm 67:2 TLB).

Worldly Christians look to God primarily for personal fulfillment. They're saved but self-centered. They love to attend concerts and enrichment seminars, but you'd never find them at a mission conference, because they aren't interested.

Their prayers focus on their own needs, blessings, and happiness. It's a "me-first" faith: How can God make my life more comfortable? They want to use God for *their* purposes instead of being used for *his* purposes.

By contrast, world-class Christians know they were saved to serve and were made for a mission. They're eager to receive a personal assignment and excited about the privilege of being used by God.

World-class Christians are the only fully alive people on the planet. Their joy, confidence, and enthusiasm are contagious because they know they're making a difference. They wake up each morning expecting God to work through them in fresh ways.

Shift from self-centered to others-centered thinking.

The Bible says, *"My friends, stop thinking like children. Think like mature people"* (1 Corinthians 14:20a CEV).

Children only think of themselves; grownups think of others. This is the first step to becoming a world-class Christian.

God commands, *"Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too"* (Philippians 2:4 NLT).

Of course, this is a difficult mental shift because we're naturally self-absorbed, and almost all of the media and advertising we consume encourages us to think of ourselves.

The only way we can make this paradigm switch is by a moment-by-moment dependence on God. Fortunately, he doesn't leave us to struggle on our own.

"God has given us his Spirit. That's why we don't think the same way that the people of this world think" (1 Corinthians 2:12a CEV).

Begin asking the Holy Spirit to help you to think of the spiritual need of unbelievers whenever you talk to them. With practice, you can develop the habit of praying silent "breath prayers" for those you encounter. Say, "Father, help me to understand what is keeping this person from knowing you."

Your goal is to figure out where they are in their spiritual journey and to do whatever will bring them a step closer to knowing Christ. You can learn how to do this by adopting the mindset of Paul, who said, *"I don't think about what would be good for me but about what would be good for many people so that they might be saved"* (1 Corinthians 10:33b GNT).

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