

## THE REDEEMER MESSENGER

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### Join us for Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday:** March 20, 9am: children's procession with palms. Our Lord Jesus entered His holy city to save His people. And we enter into Holy Week each year with this remembrance of Jesus' humble entrance and His blessed Passion for our salvation.

Pray the **Litany** with us each day at 12:15pm, Monday – Friday, March 21-25. We pray each day for the Christian Church, the government, all who are sick or in need, all mothers, fathers, and children, and for repentance and forgiveness this week as we give thanks for Jesus' Passion.

**Wednesday of Holy Week, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Service of Corporate Confession & Absolution at 7pm. Hear the Word of God's Law and examine your heart with us, and then hear the saving and comforting word of God's forgiveness, Holy Absolution.

**Maundy Thursday Divine Service:** March 24, 7pm: Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the blessed Sacrament of His true Body and Blood for our forgiveness and salvation – come and receive it with us in repentant faith and joy.

**Good Friday Divine Service:** March 25, 7pm: On this holy day Jesus was nailed to the cross to take away the sins of the world, including our sins. By His cross He has redeemed the world, and He invites you to come and pray and receive His Word and Sacrament.

**Easter Vigil:** March 26, 4pm: This beautiful service includes a procession of the entire congregation from darkness into light, wonderful Old Testament Scripture readings recalling God's

deliverance of His people, prayers as we enter into the highest feast of the Church Year, and the Sacrament of the Altar as we burst into Easter joy with singing!

**Easter Sunday:** March 27, 8am, Easter breakfast at 9:15am: Alleluia! Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed. Alleluia.* Invite your friends and family to worship our risen Savior Jesus Christ on this most blessed morning with us!

Pastor Alex Post



**USHERS FOR MARCH**

Roger Mathews	Grant Runge	Brian Mohr
Steve Runge	Jason August	Charles Misek

**GREETERS**

March	6	Myrna Burmester, Deloris Clayton
	13	Patty Collins, Nancy DeKock
	20	Don and Karen Denzler
	27	Keith Egger, Jim Eipperle

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE**

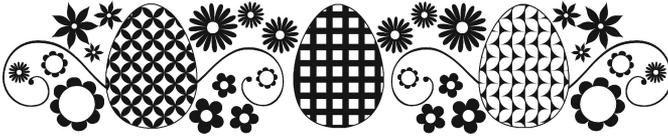
March	6	Dennis and Melanie Sickels
	13	Steve and Sue Runge
	20	Joe and Jana Robertson
	27	Easter Brunch

**ATTENDING ELDERS**

March	6	Roger Mathews, Chad Callaway
	9	Keith Egger, Denny Smith
	20	Brad Sickels, Dennis Sickels
	24	Steve Runge, Brad Sickels
	25	Steve Runge, Roger Mathews
	27	Pat Lowry, Charlie Swanson

## AUDIO VIDEO TECH

March	6	Steve Runge
	13	Warren Nash
	20	Mike Stubbs
	27	Pat Lowry



### HOUSE OF COMPASSION

Thank you to everyone who helped cook and serve on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your willingness to help is much appreciated. In 2016 we will be cooking and serving the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Our next serving date is Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Cooking starts at 2 p.m. and serving begins at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy DeKock, 753-7878.

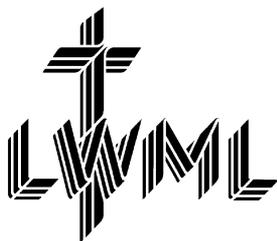
LWML has new Sympathy, Get Well, All Occasion, and Birthday cards for sale in the parish hall. Cost is \$6.00 per box.

### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON?

“Proud jackasses develop out of the sons of heroes who boast of the virtue of their fathers but make no effort to imitate it, dreaming instead that they, too, are heroes because they were born of heroes.”

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Martin Luther's Little Instruction Book



*There is a piece of God in all of us. Find and celebrate His beauty in everyone you meet.*

Ann Schulte, a representative from the Emergency Food Box, was our guest speaker at the LWML meeting in February. She shared information about distributing food items to those in need and the general operation of their organization at 109 S. 3rd St. in Marshalltown. Dedicated volunteers staff the Food Box from 1:30 to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Thanks to all our members who have been bringing items for the Food Box.

Valentine boxes were sent to Jacob Thompson, Bailey Nash, Taylor Douglas, Morgan Douglas, and Sarah Weuve. Thanks to Deloris Clayton for supplying popcorn for the packaging. Cookies, crackers, candies, hot chocolate packages and numerous other items were supplied by Eileen Stanley, Bernita Zitzow, Amy Johnson, Nancy DeKock and Delores Popp.

We thank Shirley Breinig for auditing our Treasurer's books. This is a special service Shirley provides each year.

Guests at our meeting were Kathy Pennington and Evelyn Gummert.

Plans were made for the potluck breakfast brunch to be held immediately following our 8:00 AM Easter service on March 27th. Drinks will be provided by the LWML with Eileen Stanley furnishing the orange juice. Lilies will be purchased by the Flower committee.

Plan to attend the Marshalltown LWML Zone Rally to be hosted by St. John's, State Center on Saturday, April 2nd. Guest speaker will be a representative of the Orphan Grain Train. Watch the future Sunday bulletins for more information about this rally.

The LWML will be having bake sales following worship services several times in 2016. The 1<sup>st</sup> of these will be on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from these sales will be used for our Mission donations in December.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. ALL LADIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Delores Popp

## HOUSE OF COMPASSION

House of Compassion is looking for 2-4 volunteers to work in our supply closet on a weekly basis. Open shifts are Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-4:30 p.m. We also need more people on our “on-call” list for the supply closet.

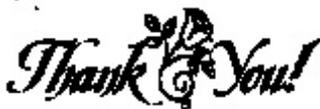
Supply closet workers assist clients who are picking up their monthly household items. They also stock the supply closet when donations arrive and occasionally do clerical work for the director. On busy days, standing for long periods of time is required.

Volunteers should have an attitude of compassion and mercy towards those we serve.

Please contact Karen Frohwein, 641-752-5999.

House of Compassion  
211 W Church Street  
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Thank you to all my nice friends and family that God gave to me. Words cannot express the joy I felt when I received all the cards, gifts, and phone calls on my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. It made my day! Thank you so much and God Bless you all. —Luella Weber



Thank you for all the prayers and lovely cards sent at the time of my sister's, Ginny Hahn, passing. Your thoughtfulness was so appreciated. —Barb Blake

LENT *Lent* LENT *Lent*

House of Compassion

Soup Bowl Luncheon

Sunday, March 13

11:30 - 1:30

Enjoy homemade soups and keep the  
handmade bowl crafted by MHS art students

- support the students and

The House of Compassion.

New Location

St. Henry's Catholic Church

221 West Olive

\$10 per person



**Baby Shower**

Ladies, please help us celebrate the upcoming birth of Grant and Andi Runge's baby girl. We will have a book shower for them on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Bring your favorite children's book. There's no need to wrap it, and you can include well wishes in the front cover! Please RSVP to Esther Post by March 16<sup>th</sup>.



# **REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Keith Egger. The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent was read as an opening prayer. John 11:55 through 12:19 served as a Bible study.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President: Keith Egger; Financial Secretary: Charles Swanson; Pastor Alex Post; Board of Elders: Steve Runge; Board of Stewardship: Brian Mohr; Director of Youth Ministry: Rheba Yost; Board of Church Property (elect): Brad Pennington and President Secretary: Rebecca Baedke.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Treasurer: Sam Zoske; Second Vice President: Bruce Johnson; Board of Assimilation: Sandy Rhodes and Board of Social Ministry: Nancy DeKock.

**VACANT POSITIONS:** First Vice President, Director of Parish Education; Board of Evangelism and Board of Church Property.

The agenda was accepted as presented with additions within new business of delivery of video tape recordings, update of photo directories and installation of officers. The minutes of the previous month were reviewed. Brian motioned to approve the minutes. Rheba seconded. Motion carried. Steve motioned to approve the annual meeting minutes. Rheba seconded. Motion carried.

**STATISTICAL REPORT:** Last month attendance averages were: Sunday morning: 83; Wednesday evening: 13; Adult Bible class: 41 and Sunday school: 8. Member totals last month were 318 Baptized and 254 Communicant.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Sam Zoske absent. Charles Swanson presented financial reports. Brian motioned, Rheba seconded to approve the financial reports as

submitted. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Director Steven Runge reported the Elders met February 11 with Pastor Post and seven (7) elders in attendance:

1. Pastor led devotions with parts of the catechism out of the Book of Concord.
2. Communion assignments were designated for next month.
3. An Easter Vigil is being planned for Saturday, March 26, at 4:00 pm, with Pastor Maddick assisting.
4. Pastor Post made 20 pastoral care visits last month.
5. Pastor will begin adult instruction February 16 with several interested in participating.
6. Emma Quinn Ryherd was baptized.
7. Todd and Julie Eipperle transferred out to a Des Moines LCMS church.
8. The next Elders meeting will be Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 PM.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Director Brian Mohr reported the new financial statistical format will be published in the bulletin on Sunday and continue each week.

BOARD OF ASSIMILATION: Director Sandy Rhodes was absent and provided a written report read by Keith. Lenten suppers will continue four more Wednesday nights with main dishes provided by the board and volunteers bringing other items for the meal. Easter brunch will be Sunday, March 27 with the Assimilation board helping the LWML. As previously reported, a bowling event is being planned for April with card or board games as alternate options within the facility. May 15th will be a planting event during the Sunday school hour with plants to be distributed to local nursing home residents.

An Iowa Cubs outing will be planned for June 11. Other 2016 events will be planned.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY: Director Nancy DeKock absent. February 2nd serving at the House of Compassion went well. March 1 will be Redeemer's next serving date.

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION: Position vacant. The Wednesday morning men's Bible study, monthly LWML, Wednesday evening youth catechesis are each going well. Tuesday night adult instruction began with nine people (five current members and four potential new members) attending.

BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY: Rheba Yost reported Nyapukah Ngor, Natalie Smith, she and Pastor plan to attend the Higher Things conference this summer.

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Position vacant. Brad Pennington reported having reviewed various records regarding church property. Storage of the electrical schematic for the church and contacts for the alarm system were discussed. Keith will update the alarm company with contact information.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Keith reported Redeemer received \$526 Thrivent Choice Dollars this month, for a total of \$584 received in 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sandy will coordinate with Esther and the contractor regarding the main bathroom vanity at the parsonage and hope to have price estimate in March. Sandy has and will continue to keep the Director of Church Property informed about this project. Pastor reported the hard wood floors were beautifully refinished; dead bolt locks have been installed.

2. Rheba reported a small Redeemer ad will be published in the Times Republican each week before Easter and a large ad will be published on Sunday, February 21.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brian motioned that installation of new officers be on Sunday, March 13. Rheba seconded. Motion carried.
2. Volunteers will be sought to begin distribution of Sunday worship video recordings to care facilities beginning April 1.
3. As the last of the church member photo directories are being distributed, new directories were discussed. Plans to update directories and organize it for printing and distribution will proceed. Members are encouraged to have photos published to aid in assimilation of all members.

This Church Council will meet again on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 7:00 PM. Rheba motioned and Steve seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried. The meeting ended as Pastor Post led Luther's evening prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca J Baedke*

*"I am the  
resurrection  
and the life."*  
JOHN 11:25



Prayer at the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines to open the legislative session on February 23, 2016—prayed by Pastor Post.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father:

Bless the members of this legislature today that all they do and say may be in accordance with Your good and gracious will. We give You humble thanks this day for this great land, for the bounty of the earth, for good weather, for peace in our land, for good government, and for faithful stewards of the earth, which You have give to us from Your great mercy. Direct and guide the president of the United States of America, the judges and legislature of our land, the governor of this state, the judges and legislature of this state, and all who are called to serve Your children in the civil realm. Protect all who serve in the Armed Forces of this nation, the police and firemen and doctors and all who care for others. Give us faith and wisdom so that the poor may be fed, the needy may be clothed, the unborn baby boys and girls may be loved and cherished, the workers may be compensated justly, the elderly may be cared for, the wicked may be brought to justice, and those who do good may be rewarded. Most of all, we praise Your Name and give you thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who died and rose again so that by faith in Him we may have eternal life; we pray all these things through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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