

# Good News!

April 2010

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

### FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN "ORLC'S FUTURE" DISCUSSION!

On **Wednesday, April 7**, the last of three discussions pertaining to our church's future, and our commitment to the future, will take place at Morning Song Acres, a retreat facility and home of Myrin and Audrey Bentz. Come earlier if you wish, but a light "soup and bread" dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with opening discussion, and the evening's agenda should end between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.

We urge you to sign up in the narthex, or contact the Bentz's (509-365-3600) or the church to indicate your intention to come. Since the location is a bit further (above Lyle, WA), you might want to participate in a car pool. Call the Bentz's who can help arrange this for you. *Bring children if you like – following the dinner, they can adjourn to watch a movie, or participate in the conversation, if they wish.*

Directions: Cross the bridge to Hwy 14, follow it East 10 miles to Lyle. In Lyle, go left on Centerville Hwy (between service station and Country Café) traveling 6 miles north to Struck Road (first paved road to left after Lyle). Follow Struck ½ mile, go left on Oda Knight Road, take 2<sup>nd</sup> lane to right.

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### **CHOIR REHEARSALS:**

#### Good Friday (4/2):

Adult choir meets at 8:00 pm (following the Good Friday service) to rehearse the Easter anthem

#### Easter Sunday:

8:00 am service: Adult choir sings toward the end (around 8:50 a.m.) but come to the Fellowship Room for a quick warm-up at 8:30 a.m.

10:00 service: Adult choir sings early in the service.

### **Mt. Hood Cluster of WELCA**

The spring meeting will be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on **Saturday, April 17th**. Ladies please save this date for a special day with other cluster members. Anyone interested in going can call **Betty Yenne** 386-5031 by Monday April 12th.

# A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

God is like ... what? How would you finish that sentence? This is one of the questions we talked about at Confirmation class one recent Sunday evening and then became a take-home assignment. They were to write a one page essay about what they thought God was like. We brainstormed ideas before the girls left – God is like a person serving at the food bank, God is like a person going to church, etc. – and then they took the assignment home. What follows is the response one of your confirmation students gave.

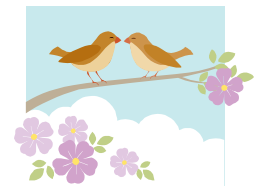
“In spring God is like to me a rebirth of the earth that each day is a new day. God is the sun that rises in the morning and lights our paths for the day.

In the fall God is each falling leaf getting ready for Spring. He is the fire in our fireplaces to keep us warm. God is the hat that keeps us warm.

In the winter God is the sleds we ride down a hill on snow. He is the snow clothing that keeps us warm outside. He is the hot chocolate that we drink after playing in his creation. He’s the snow that falls for us to play in.

In the summer God is the pools that cools us off. He’s the popsicles that taste good in our tummy. He’s the trees that give us shade to cool off under.

This is what I think God is in all the seasons that he made.”



Quite a beautiful image, isn't it?

And yet it is more than just an image. It is the resurrected faith into which we now live.

Christ's death and resurrection is often pictured as that which accomplished our salvation. And while Christ's death and resurrection did just that, salvation as a state of being is neither something that has been accomplished nor is it something we must wait for, rather it is something to be lived into. This is what our Easter celebrations are all about. The gift God gives in Christ isn't about just a bland or blind assurance that all will be well in the end but that we are and can living a new life now, every day. We are to see God in each day, in each season, in each piece of what the various seasons throw our way. We are, in short, to live a bold new life seeing God in all we do. That is the resurrected faith into which we are called, claimed and gathered as God's chosen people. That is the gift the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings to us every day.

Thank you Claire A. for bringing us such a wonderful image and vision of what the resurrection celebration we will have on Easter brings into our lives. Thank you for embracing a confirmation homework assignment with such passion and clarity. Thank you to your parents for embracing you, your brother and their faith in such a way that made this witness possible. And thank you, people of God at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, for helping provide a place in which the young might be embraced, affirmed and challenged to grow.

Claire, we, your church, look forward to you future as you claim your own growing faith. Thank you for so graciously inviting us along on the journey with you.

Easter blessings to you all!

In Peace,  
Pastor Andy



## **ORLC**

### **Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2010**

**Members Present**, Dottie Gilbertson, Frank Moore, Pastor Andy Wendle, Rose Miller.

**Absent** Kathy Terry, Linnea Denis.

Group convened at 5:30 and had a wide ranging goal setting discussion, covering activities and dates, property projects, ministry, Pastoral, and outreach. We moved to fellowship hall for pizza at 6:30 while discussion continued. Dottie will organize list.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 minutes were read. Minutes were read, Rick Denis moved and Frank Moore 2nd that they be approved as read, passed.

**Treasurers' report** was read. Pastor Andy noted the \$350 received as rent from Good News Gardening was not listed. He also commented our electric bill is less than last year because of the mild winter. Motion to accept report as amended by Cheri Anderson 2nd by Randy Church. Approved.

**Pastor submitted his report** which was gratefully acknowledged by the council. Some of the items highlighted and discussed were the "Service and Cinnamon Rolls" program and the possibility of another series later in the year. Adult Bible class is going well.

#### **Old Business.**

Pastor reported that Cindy Morus has volunteered to redo our website to make it more user friendly. The cost will be minimal. Motion made to ask Cindy to proceed was made by Rick, 2nd by Frank. Cheri moved to ask Debbie Chenoweth to apply for one half funds (\$750) to fill another 50 green light bags. 2nd by Randy passed.

Pastor reviewed and explained status of Grant application from Deaconess Community. He stated we need to have the Church constitution put into the computer before we can submit the application. Randy volunteered. Motion was made by Frank to apply for the Grant. Rose 2nd. Passed. Application must be submitted by March 15.

Motion was made by Frank and 2nd by Rick to purchase air conditioner unit for Pastor's study, before the new windows' are installed. Passed.

50th Anniversary committee will begin meeting soon.

#### **New Business.**

\*Cheri volunteered to write and submit info for Newspaper release.

\*Plans are progressing for futures evenings. Proto type commitment sheet was submitted.

\*Faith and action committee will distribute bottles of water at the May 15th March of Dimes Walkathon.

Rick moved to purchase Green Bottles for the event. 2nd by Randy. Passed.

\*Yard cleanup day was set for April 24th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Rose Miller.

"In leiu" For Kathy Terry

## Faith in Action

Our committee is planning to host the plant sale in May as a fundraiser to help offset the purchase of items contained in the reusable shopping bags given away to individuals in our Green Light project. Further information on this project is available with a link from ORLC web site. We discussed plans for that sale scheduled for two Sundays, May 9 and 16. Plants are sold by donation, with no price tag attached. We also plan to support the garden project with vegetable plants that are suitable, as well as give some to the family whose home was repaired during the Lenten Saturday outreach.

Donations of pots, baskets [to contain plants intended as gifts], mylar wrap or any plants you wish to bring the Sat. before the sale or

early on the Sundays. In addition, our 5th Sunday offering on May 30th will be designated to the Green Light Project, to serve our local area. Contents in each bag cost about \$30. Debby Chenoweth is applying for a small grant to help offset some of these costs, as well, through the Oregon Synod. To date we have distributed 70 bags, and hope to expand that effort to Bingen/White Salmon and Parkdale.

An energy audit has been requested for our present building, so when changes are made, they can help with energy efficiency. We will support the replacement of the building water heater with an on demand type, either natural gas or electric.

We are also pursuing the distribution of eco friendly reusable water bottles at a local March of Dimes

walk, to help to diminish the accumulation of trash, and encourage the use of tap water.

Energy conserving items were used in the outreach home repair, and the family was given a Green Light bag to encourage the continued use of and to enjoy the benefit of ongoing conservation.

Please contact any of the committee members with questions: Audrey Bentz, Blanch Donohue, Debby Chenoweth, Cindy Morus, Judith Ann Richards, and Sharon Pantely. Pastor Andy serves in an advisory capacity, and we appreciate that.

The next meeting of FIA is April 13th at 10:30 in the fellowship hall.

*Sharon Pantely*

## PLANTS, MOTHER'S DAY, MOTHER EARTH, AND GREEN LIGHT PROJECT

On Mother's Day and the following Sunday as well, you will be greeted with a huge array of tomato plants and other flower/veggie plants for your yard. And if you have any to donate, please bring them prior to the worship hour. You may choose any plant or assortment of plants, and hopefully make a donation to the Green Light project in return. (See above article also)

You will also have the opportunity to fill out a greeting card for a mother/grandmother/etc. and use the plant(s) as a "Mother Earth" gift on Mother's Day. Stay tuned!

*Audrey Bentz*



## Building and Grounds.

March 21, 2010

Spring arrived Saturday March 20. Did you notice? The 2010 Yard Mowing schedule will soon be available for signing up for the mowing. Other coming attractions will be the replacement of the windows in the fellowship area. We will begin that after Easter Sunday which

is April 4th.

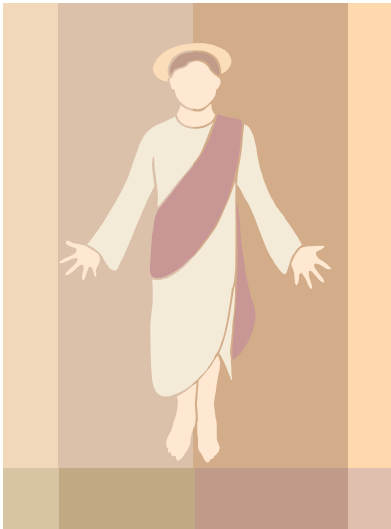
I have heard that the council has planed to have a Spring cleaning on April 24th. Additional garden area will be added (no not for us to maintain) but our area will be in the same spot as last year. Weeders always welcomed. A garden spot for the renters of the Outreach house will be made near that building too. The planting in

the front beds is now well established. Most of the work there is keeping it pruned back. The storm windows need to be removed and stored in the cart in the shed in April too.

*Craig Terry*

## Cares and Concerns Committee

Some interest has been expressed to form a small but important committee to help in providing continuity of care to our various members. This will not be a medical function but primarily a spiritual and emotional support and connection group that will work closely with Pastor Andy. If this sounds like something that might be interesting to you or if you have a heart for helping visit and stay in touch with the members of ORLC during their time of need, please contact Pastor Andy for more information.



## Men's Retreat

The weekend of April 30th is this year's men retreat in Lincoln City. Please contact **Bob White** for more details. (541)352-7429 or [goirishcream@embargmail.com](mailto:goirishcream@embargmail.com)

## Members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

We are attempting to put together a "coffee table" book to commemorate our upcoming 50th Anniversary. Our plan is to have a larger book that stays at the Church for all to view and enjoy, and a smaller book for those interested in purchasing their own, (the larger books could also be purchased). We hope that you will dig thru your pictures, articles, events, history and anything else of interest you may come up with, and email it to

[orlc@gorge.net](mailto:orlc@gorge.net). Older pictures and written material would have to be scanned and attached to your email. contact Frank Moore (541-387-2145) if you have questions.

This book is from the Past to the Present and will be a lasting testimony for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Future...so get diggin' and help make this book something special!

Thanks, *Frank Moore*

### Continuing Education time

Pastor Andy will be away on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** for some continuing education time in Victoria, BC. He will be there attending the Region One Pastors Conference. While he is away Pastor Jeff Bethke will preach and preside. Pastor Bethke is the husband of Pastor Janell Bethke who has supply preached at ORLC many times. We look forward to welcoming the Bethkes to our church once again.

### Sunday School

On Sunday **April 25<sup>th</sup>** all kids are invited to remain at church following worship as we begin to study for our next worship drama about Jesus' dramatic healing of the paralytic at Bethesda. We will meet to practice on that Sunday and then again on Sunday May 2nd also after worship. We will then have a family event gathering on May 7<sup>th</sup> and perform our drama on Mother's Day May 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone will be able to make this performance and learning rotation.

### Confirmation Classes

Our Sunday evening confirmation classes will resume on Sunday **April 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm and we will then have class on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. We will take a break for Mother's Day and resume on the 16<sup>th</sup> and finish up our year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Pastor Andy looks forward to seeing everyone there!

In Peace, Pastor Andy



### **ELCA Ecumenical Journey**

From February 2 to the 17<sup>th</sup> I was fortunate to be part of an ELCA delegation that journeyed to London, Istanbul, Rome, and Geneva. The group was led by Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, who is also the current President of the Lutheran World Federation. There were 12 official members of the group, a member of the ELCA press, and 3 accompanying spouses. The purpose of the trip was to strengthen ELCA and LWF relationships with the Anglican Communion, the Orthodox Churches, and the Catholic Church. We met with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Place in London, as well as with Lutheran Churches in Great Britain and officials from the Anglican Communion and the Church of England. In Istanbul we were guests of the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Church, Bartholomew I. We visited a seminary on the Princes Island at Halki that has been closed by the Turkish government for 30 years and had discussions with the Patriarch at his offices and at a lunch on our final day in Istanbul.

In Rome we met with several offices of the Vatican and with Pope Benedict XVI. As guests of the Vatican we had the opportunity to visit several basilicas including St. Peter's and St. Paul's Outside the Walls, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's grave underneath the Basilica. We celebrated communion in one of the catacombs surrounded by the graves of the earliest Christians. Our final stop was in Geneva at the offices of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation.

The issues we discussed ranged from the Churchwide Assembly process and the Statement on Human Sexuality, HIV/AIDS, the fight against malaria, religious suppression of Christians in Turkey, Haiti relief, and other significant topics that affect all Christians around the world. I realized that the Lutheran Church is recognized around the world as a facilitator of solutions and a convener of discussions between people of widely differing ideas.

Debbie Chenoweth

## Family News

**Toby Morus** got to go to the Olympics! He saw Nordic skiing, Women's hockey China v. Russia, and Women's luge. He was amazed at how clean it was and how all the Vancouver citizens kept their cars at home so the visitors could get around more easily. He brought Mom home the hottest souvenir going: red mittens with a white Maple leave on the palm side. And they're really warm! **Rebecca Morus** recently attended the KCACTF Regional Conference for Collegiate Theatre with her UofO Theater department. She entered her costume designs in a design conference and performed in the one act play she directed. She also attended a play every night and participated in workshops. *Cindy Morus*

**Regional Pinewood Derby results—Ethan Fowler's** car "**Commando Jet**" placed 3rd for the Wolf Cub Scouts! The event took place in The Dalles' old highschool. It was fun; all scouts received a "good sport" certificate and a special Pinewood Derby 2010 patch. We enjoyed a celebratory lunch after the race.

**Amy Fowler** will be playing T-Ball in Hood River this Spring.

*Jennifer Fowler*



### Thank you!

A big thank you to two of our council members – **Linnea Denis and Cheri Anderson** – who have both stepped up in recent weeks to help fill needed positions and functions here at ORLC. Linnea has agreed to begin helping us coordinate our various prayer requests and prayer chains while Cheri Anderson has agreed to help us provide timely and important information to the public through our newspapers. These two women already do so much here at ORLC but please thank them for being willing to lead in these new ways.

### Commitment Sunday

On Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> ORLC will have a special service focusing on the commitment we all need during these coming months and years to fulfill our mission to “enthusiastically proclaim, learn and live the gospel message of Jesus Christ.” Hopefully you’ve been able to attend one of our evening gatherings focusing on this very thing but in case you haven’t there will still be one more on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Morning Song Acres (for directions contact Myrin and Audrey). The service on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be a joyful time for us all to not only express our own personal commitments but also to look towards the future of how we hope God’s promises will be revealed through our church. We plan on seeing everyone there!

# Worship Assignments

If you find that you cannot serve on the date you are listed, please make arrangements for a substitute.

2010	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 28
<b>Asst Minister</b>	8am Cindy Morus 10am Debby C.	Kris White		Debby Chenoweth
<b>Lector</b>	8am Kathy Terry 10am Debby c.	Cindy Morus		Betty Lou Yenne
<b>Acolyte</b>				
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	8am 10am		Bob & Sally Havig	Bob & Kris White
<b>Altar Care</b>	Katie	Koch	and	Rose Miller
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Brunch @ 9am Men's Fellowship	Jim & Cheri Anderson		The Hustmans Doug Swanson
<b>Flowers</b>		Bernette Frigaard	George Bentz	Mary Scheie

Nursery will be staffed weekly

## Committees, Councils, and Meetings of ORLC

### Church Council

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm

### **2010 Members :**

Dottie Gilbertson (President), Rick Denis (V.P.),  
Kathy Terry (Sec.), Cheri Anderson, Randy Church,  
Rose Miller, Frank Moore

### **Financial Officers:**

Linnea Denis (Treasurer), Jennifer Fowler (Fin. Sec.)

### WELCA

Kathy Rice & Kathy Terry (Co-Presidents),  
Roberta Schweller (Treas.) Blanche Donahue (Sec.)

### Worship Committee

Contact Audrey Bentz for meeting times

### Evangelism Comm.

Contact Don Shalhope for meeting times

### Faith in Action

Contact Pastor Sharon Pantely for times

### Mutual Ministry

Contact Pastor Andrew Wendle for times

### Women's (WELCA) Bible Study

4th Tuesday of each month  
Check calendar for location

### Down Manor Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00am

### Quilting

1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
At 9:00am, Fellowship Hall



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Maundy Service	2 7pm Good Friday Service	3
4 <b>Easter</b>  8am Service 9am Brunch 10am Service	5	6	7 <b>10am Down Manor Bible Study</b>  6pm ORLC's Future Meeting	8	9	10 <b>Pastor Andy gone to B.C. Pastor's Conference</b>
11 <b>No Adult Ed.</b> 10am Worship 11 Fellowship Jeff Bethke visiting Pastor P.A. Conf.	12  P.A. Conf.	13 <b>10:30am Faith in Action Meeting</b> <b>7pm Council Meeting</b> P.A. Conf.	14 <b>No Down Manor Bible Study</b>  P.A. Conf.	15	16	17 <b>WELCA Mt. Hood Cluster Meeting</b>
18 9am Adult Ed. 10 Service 11 Fellowship 2pm Card Making 6pm Conf. Class	19	20	21 <b>10am Down Manor Bible Study</b>	22  EARTH DAY	23	24  ORLC SPRING CLEANING
25 9am Adult Ed. 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Sun. Schl 6pm Conf. Class	26	27 <b>7pm Women's Evening Bible Study</b>	28 <b>10am Down Manor Bible Study</b> <b>11:30 P. Andy works from his home</b>	29	30  Men's Retreat Lincoln City	1 May  Men's Retreat Lincoln City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Quilting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.</li> <li>• <i>Dual Diagnosis</i>, Tuesdays 5-6pm; First Tues of the month from 4-6pm.</li> <li>• <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>, Sundays &amp; Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall.</li> <li>• Cleaning on first and third Saturdays.</li> </ul>						

*In case of emergency of if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Andrew Wendle at 541-490-6703.*

**"The sun was warm but the wind was chill.  
You know how it is with an April day.  
When the sun is out and the wind is still,  
You're one month on in the middle of May.  
But if you so much as dare to speak,  
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,  
And wind comes off a frozen peak,  
And you're two months back in the middle of  
March."**

- Robert Frost, *Two Tramps in Mud Time*, 1926

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