

Good News!

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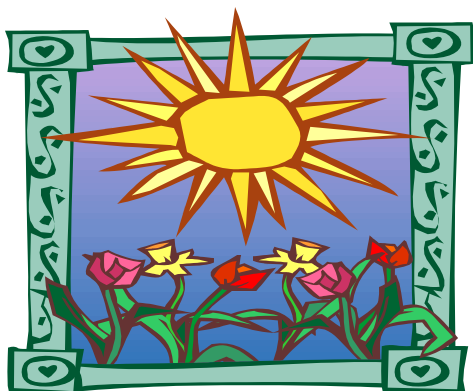
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Our Redeemer's 50th Anniversary



In preparation for Our Redeemer's upcoming "**50th Anniversary Celebration**", we are in need of your assistance notifying friends, family, former confirmands, and former members. If you know of any of these people to whom invitations should be sent, please send their names addresses, and e-mails to **Kathy Terry**. Thank you for your help as we want to make sure all interested will be aware of our celebration! **Responses are needed by June 11th** to allow time to notify everyone.

Send responses to kterry@gorge.net .



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Office News

ORLC is looking to update member's addresses, phone numbers , etc by June 13th. Jennifer will be contacting everyone, but please let the office know if anything has changed for you! Also, office hours may vary a bit, do to summer and school being out!

A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

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

Living in a time of faithfulness ...

I recently sent an email around with the following link in it (<http://mtadamscenterblog.com/wordpress/?p=1151>). It is a short blog entry from Wayne Ciullo who is one of our AmeriCorps residents living in the Outreach House. On the surface it reveals some nice words about what we are doing, what this outsider is experiencing, and (hopefully) the better parts of this area we call home. On a deeper level; however, it reveals much more.

Recently I began reading the book A History of God. In the introduction author Karen Armstrong talks about the difference between belief and faith, or believing in a set of truths verses having faith/trust in a relationship. I found her argument compelling and it relates well with where we are today.



We are living in a time when and a place where people are not real willing to “convert” to Christianity because of an appeal to truth or logic or for any amount of facts and figures we can site. We can try to prove the existence of God, the places where Jesus walked, the activity of the Holy Spirit, but many in our community would site equally compelling arguments or theories why our “facts” are wrong. What people are “converted” by is an experience of relationship that somehow redefines, moves, compels them into thinking differently or anew about something they thought they understood. This still doesn’t mean that they’re going to come walking through the church doors on Sunday morning, but

if that relationship is tended and nourished, then it means that at least they might be intrigued to do so. What I’m getting at is that we’ve been talking, moving, and looking at trying to live more boldly in our community for some time now. We’ve started the garden for FISH. We’ve opened up our Outreach House to AmeriCorps. We have AA and NA groups meeting in our church. We’ve engaged FISH and The Next Door in conversations about how to partner in our area. We’ve begun discussions with various ecumenical groups about working together. And I’ve spoken a great deal about trying to be church in our community in different ways in this different age in which we live. But the thing that has been lacking or relatively silent in all of this is a strong understanding of how this is all faithful and faith-filled activity.

We need to shift to realize that in these activities we are seeking to share our experience of God rather than our knowledge of God. We need to help people see that it isn’t a belief in a concept or a truth that motivates us but our own experience of the God that leads us forth. For too long we, the Church at large, have often been motivated by trying to help people understand what we believe about God (often done, we think, so that they might be saved) rather than by helping them experience our God.

Wayne experienced God through your hospitality, through your meals, through your heart. He may not name it as such just yet but with time, I pray, he might. How else can we help this to happen? How else can we risk partnering, sharing, and building relationships with others so that they, too, can experience the relationship we have with our God? I pray that we’ve only begun to find ways to embrace that question.



May God bless you and keep you safe this summer!

In Peace,

ORLC Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2010

Members Present: Dottie Gilbertson, Rick Denis, Cheri Anderson, Frank Moore, Rose Miller, Linnea Denis and Kathy Terry. Also present were Pastor Andy Wendle and Debbie Chenoweth, congregation member. The meeting was called to order by President Dottie Gilbertson at 7:05 pm. Devotions were lead by Cheri Anderson. The topic was new life & the priviledge to be able to read the Bible.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 13, 2010 Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Denis to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Cheri Anderson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Outreach House funds received will go into the building fund until \$5700 is reached and then will go into the general fund. Outreach occupants will all receive a receipt for donations received. Treasurer's report was reviewed. Cheri moved to accept the report; seconded by Rick. Motion approved.

Care and Concern: Donna Martinson is still having neck problems. Cindy Morus will soon be moving to California.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jill Rowland, her children Emelia & Alden, and her husband Phil Scott will be welcomed into membership Sunday, May 23. Vicki Wartalski will also be joining our congregation that day.

- * A bid for a new water heater was obtained from Lundell Plumbing. Our current water heater is almost 50 years old. No action taken at this time.
- * There is an offer from Jill Rowland of a window air conditioner unit for the Pastor's office. We need to see if a window unit can be fitted to go through the wall.
- * Pastor has not heard from the Methodist Conference regarding any discussion about a shared ministry.

Old Business:

- * Our Redeemer's 50th Anniversary: Discussed photos needed for submission for the album. Need to determine a list for invitations and send the invitations out.
- * Installation of two new windows in the north side of fellowship room is done.
- * Air conditioner: Rick moved to okay an expenditure up to \$550 for a wall air conditioner for Pastor's office if the donated unit does not work; seconded by Rose. Motion approved.
- * Spring cleanup: There was a small turn out of volunteers on Saturday April 24th. (a cold and wet spring day). WELCA will talk about pursuing further projects at their general meeting.
- * Visitation Committee: No report..
- * Church Property Tasks:
 - Two windows are installed. Need to paint the fellowship room when all are installed.
 - Cheri will work on getting paint sample for the narthex.
 - Frank Moore is tiling the counter in the narthex.
 - Larry Denis has agreed to paint a lane marker at our parking lot entrance.
 - Rick Denis & Craig Terry will work on further prioritization of list.
- * Outreach house dishwasher has not yet been purchased
- * Next Door, FISH, ORLC Partnership: A letter (see attached) will be sent to NDI. They have purchased needed office space and will need to dedicate their time and energy toward that endeavor. Our relationship with NDI at this time will therefore change and Our Redeemer will narrow its focus to see what we can develop between our congregation and FISH. We would like to remain supportive of NDI as they explore their new opportunity.
- * There is a need to replace our current Nativity set. The new Nativity set will be approximatly \$1100 and can be a 50th Anniversary celebrative gift. A motion was made by Cheri Anderson to designate a fund for contributions toward the Nativity Set; seconded by Rick. Motion passed.

New Business:

- * We currently have no sexual abuse clause in our liability insurance and need a written prevention of abuse policy. Pastor will contact other churches for information about their policies.
- * Debbie Chenoweth and Phil Yokers will attend the Synod meeting.
- * Our next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th at 7 pm. Pastor Andy will do devotions.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Terry

Council Secretary

Mowing Schedule

Areas to be mowed are around the church and the Out Reach House. It takes about four hours to mow and trim the entire area for a single person.

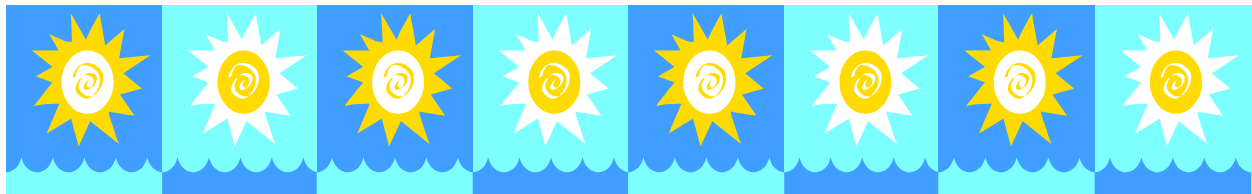
All dates are Saturdays. Therefore, you can mow anytime during the week that ends with the Saturday date, preferably as close to the Saturday as possible so the spacing between is approximately two week intervals. Thank you one and all who volunteer to cut the lawn.

All the sign-up dates have been filled and will be printed in the bulletin, as well as an email reminder sent. If you have any questions, please see **Craig Terry**.



ORLC Annual Yard Sale on August 7th!

Start saving those unused items laying around your house for the annual yard sale which will be held Saturday, August 7th. **Donated items can be brought to Church the week of August 1st.** All items should be clean and functional. ***NO Clothes please!*** For questions call Marlene Lahti.



Family News

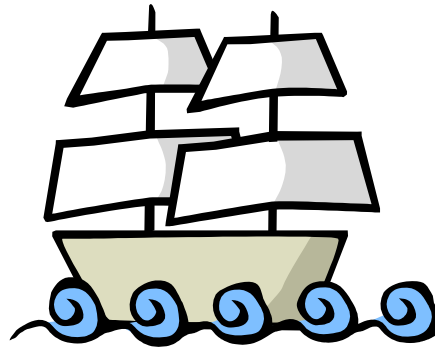
Taylor Bentz will compete in Pole Vaulting at the Oregon State-6A Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene on May 28th. Also, you can check out his recent trip to India at www.taylorindia.blogspot.com

Rebecca Morus will be graduating from University of Oregon on June 13th. Her grandparents, aunts and uncles and a cousin are coming from all across the country to celebrate with her. She'll be spending the summer working at the Phelps Creek Vineyards tasting rooms in Hood River and Troutdale.

Vacation Bible School

Ride the wave to ORLC
for VBS!

VBS is the week of July 19th.
A meeting is scheduled June 14th
At 6:30pm for all those who
would like to help this summer.



Pastor Andy will be on vacation from June 16-21.
From June 22-27, he be away having continuing education.
The last **Down Manor Bible Study** will be
Wednesday, June 9th, when it breaks for the summer.

Father's Day Prayer



Lord, please bless our fathers,
These men who mean so much to us,
who are greatly responsible
For who we are and who we are becoming.
Bless them for having the courage
To do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble,
For making us do the right thing.
Bless our fathers for being our protectors,
For leading us through stormy times to safety.
Bless our fathers for quietly making a living,
To provide for those they love most.
Bless our fathers, Lord,
For saving some energy for fun ,
For leading us on adventures
To explore the outer reaches of ourselves
For making us laugh.
Bless them for holding on tight to us...until it's time to let us go.
Lord, bless these men we look up to,
Our role models, our heroes, our fathers.
Amen.

Worship Assignments

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

2010	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Asst Minister	Dave Hindahl			Kris White
Lector	Cheri Anderson			
Acolyte				
Greeter/Usher	Jim & Cheri Anderson			
Altar Care	Blanche Donahue	and	Robin	Hindahl
Coffee Hour	Bob & Kris White Della Henderson			Bob & Kris White
Flowers	Donna Martinson			Ulrich & Karen Goebel
Mowing		Pete Richards (by the 19th)		Bob Havig (by July 10th)

Nursery will be staffed weekly

Committees, Councils, and Meetings of ORLC

<u>Church Council</u>	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.)
<u>WELCA</u>	Kathy Rice & Kathy Terry (Co-Presidents), Roberta Schweller (Treas.) Blanche Donahue (Sec.)
<u>Worship Committee</u>	Contact Audrey Bentz for meeting times
<u>Evangelism Comm.</u>	Contact Don Shalhope for meeting times
<u>Faith in Action</u>	Contact Sharon Pantely for times
<u>Mutual Ministry</u>	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	2	3	4	5
6 10 Worship 11 Fellowship	7	8 7pm Council Meeting	9 Last Bible Study at Down Manor	10	11	12
13 10 Worship 11 Fellowship	14 Flag Day VBS Meeting 6:30pm	15	16 Pastor Andy on Vacation until June 21st Jennifer Vaca. until 6/21	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 10 Worship 11 Fellowship Guest Pastor Phil Yokers	21 Summer 	22 Pastor Andy at Cont. Education thru June 27th 7pm Women's Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 10 Worship 11 Fellowship Guest Pastor Kathleen Neeley	28	29	30			

- Women's Quilting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.
- *Dual Diagnosis*, Tuesdays 5-6pm; First Tues of the month from 4-6pm.
- *Narcotics Anonymous*, Sundays & Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Cleaning on first and third Saturdays.

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

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: **July Newsletter submissions** :
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