

# Good News!

September 2010

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

### A Grant, A Grant, We Got a Grant!

Hey did you hear that Our Redeemer was awarded a grant for September and October of \$6134 from the Faith Connection Coalition! This grant was awarded to Our Redeemer to help fund and pay for the work that we will be doing with Asbury UMC and with the FISH Food Bank. Why \$6134, you ask? Well, due to the way that their grants are awarded we needed to submit expenses that could be easily tracked, reimbursed and documented so \$6134 represents ½ of

a FTE position or ½ of Pastor Andy's salary and benefits for those two months. We estimated that between the meetings for the Asbury project and the FISH project, the coordination necessary to help both of those projects move along and the various other materials and time that ORLC will be putting in that ½ of Pastor Andy's time would be spent on that. So this money will greatly help and assist ORLC in this work and by extension in our other work as well! Thank you Faith Connection Coalition!

*Pastor Andy*

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### Words From Dottie

When you receive this newsletter, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be over and each of us will be onto other plans and activities in our lives. It is Saturday night, August 28th and I have just gotten home from the anniversary potluck. There were over 50 people in attendance and in keeping with the customary nature of Lutherans when it comes to pot lucks the table was abundantly burdened with delicious food. The food choices even included the traditional Scandinavian Jello with fruit. Since this was a special occasion it was decorated with whipped cream. (However, it wasn't red Jello because Mary accidentally bought orange.) All who attended this evening seemed to be quite content in spending the time eating from the gen-

erous spread and enjoying each other's company. No one seemed to be in any hurry to rush home. With that in mind I would call the evening a great success.

Tomorrow is an important day. We will worship together, remember those who 50 years ago had a desire to become a community in faith, and once again have fellowship through a meal. But most of all we will give praise and thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love and support to all who are and have been a part of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

I am writing this tonight because I promised Jennifer a little item for the newsletter and she said my deadline was Sunday. My main purpose is to say, "Thank you, thank you, and thank you a million times for all

the help that was given so as to make our celebration a success. I dare not mention each of your names and the many things you did for fear of not remembering every person who gave of their time and labor. I said the church was going to look great and it does! Last of all, thank you for your patience with me as I was cracking the whip so as to get the many items on the list completed before our special day. You are terrific people!

Sincerely, *Dottie*

P.S. There may be highlights of the Anniversary in the next newsletter.

# A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

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

Well ... the days are (mostly) starting to get cooler. The fruits of my garden at home are just about all harvested. We have had our Vacation Bible School, yard sale and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Summer is just about over and fall is right around the corner. And while I am reluctant to ask anyone here to do anything more at this time given how much so many people gave of themselves to our summer activities, I am going to ask you, ask us all, for one more thing, prayer.

This fall two different leadership teams – one that is working with FISH and one that is working with Asbury UMC – are going to begin to move into more substantive negotiations and discussions about the partnership possibilities that may lie with those organizations. These negotiations and discussions will, of course, both be reported to you and to the council as new items arise, one of the most important ways you can be of service at this time is to pray.

In religious circles folks call this sort of time that we're entering into as a time of discernment. Simply put this is a time where by working with one another and by listening to where we hear the voice of the Spirit to be leading us, we determine where it is that we feel, sense, see God to be leading us next and what that might look like. You will be instrumentally involved as time goes on but for now I would ask you to pray.

Pray that we might be able to listen to our own community, ORLC, and represent our interests in these discussions. Pray that we might be able to look wisely and well into our larger Oregon and Washington communities determining what the important needs, opportunities and places are into which any joint venture might go. Pray that we might feel the gentle nudge of the Spirit as we determine how best to go forward in both of these regards. Pray, most of all, that whatever we do, however we do it, that we will discern a course of action that will empower us all to better and more faithfully follow our Savior.

You will be represented well in these discussions. In no particular order some of the people involved will be Dottie Gilbertson, Debby Chenoweth, Jim Anderson, Rick Denis, Larry Denis, Della Henderson, Audrey Bentz, Bob Havig, myself, your church council and others. They need your support and as I've said your prayers.

It may seem like an odd thing to ask for prayer this many times in this many ways but my ultimate hope is that we can move into a collective time, where with a unified voice, we ask for God to be present and lead us. Or to put it another way that we can move into a holy space and time where God's will can become more clear for how we can best move forward.

With all that said then I thank you for your prayers and trust that you know that you are all held in mine.

*In Peace,  
Pastor Andy*

## ORLC Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2010

**Members Present:** Dottie Gilbertson, Rick Denis, Linnea Denis, Cheri Anderson, Randy Church, Frank Moore, Rose Miller and Kathy Terry.

Pastor Andy was not present since he is on vacation with his family.

The meeting was called to order by President Dottie Gilbertson.

Devotions were lead by Dottie Gilbertson.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> Council meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by Cheri Anderson to approve both June and July minutes; seconded by Rick Denis. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report dated August 10<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. It is to be noted that the term *quid pro quo* will be used for rental income from the Outreach House and Good News Gardening.

- \* Also of note, the Outreach house occupants prefer to have on four (4) occupants in the house. This would allow all to have a separate bedroom.
- \* We discussed the cost of The Lutheran, altar supplies, guest pastors, office equipment (copier) and the office (Jennifer's office) computer in relation to the budget. A motion was made by Rick to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Frank. Motion passed.
- \* A written audit report of church financial records completed by Bob Havig was reviewed. General fund offering has exceeded expenses thus far this year. Bank statements agree with the financial reports.
- \* In an email from Pastor Andy we learned he has submitted an amount of \$430 for professional expense reimbursement for June and July. He is concerned that this puts the category over budget and would like us to discuss the problem. Following discussion, Randy Church moved that we reimburse Pastor Andy the \$430 and also reimburse for professional expenses for the rest of 2010. Seconded by Rick Denis. After further discussion an amendment to the above motion was made by Frank Moore to reimburse Pastor Andy for professional expenses in the amount of \$430 for June and July. Any additional professional expenses for 2010 will be reviewed by the Council before paying. Seconded by Cheri. Motion passed.

**Care and Concern:** Patti Ludwig and Phil Yokers. Both are improving in answer to many prayers.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor is on vacation.

### Old Business:

Our Redeemer's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- \* The council will be in charge of the Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> coffee hour. Assignments for food were made.
- \* Potluck Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm: many have responded to attend. Dottie and Kathy T will confer on set-up etc....
- \* Cleaning prior to anniversary will be Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm until dark. The congregation will be encouraged to assist.
- \* Dottie has asked the janitorial people to buff the floor in the fellowship room prior to the anniversary. Several duties on the cleaning list have been completed – thank you to those who have helped.
- \* Decided not to purchase outside banner announcing our anniversary.

Joint Ministry Task Force Proposal & FISH: further discussion next meeting.

Sexual conduct policy: discussion was tabled until next month.

### New Business:

Child Care: We are looking for someone to staff the nursery on Sundays during worship.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Rick will lead the devotions.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Terry  
Council Secretary

### **Attention all Sunday School Children!**

Please look for information about the beginning of Sunday School in our church bulletins and email announcements sometime soon! We are excited to get back to learning new things and experiencing God's love!



### **Confirmation students**

Our first confirmation class will not be until **Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>**. However, please do get started on this year's Worship Notes as that is once again a part of our curriculum this year. Please look for more announcements soon about the beginning of our class. Pastor Andy will be in touch!

The next general **WELCA meeting** will be on Saturday, September 11th starting at 11am. We'll begin with our meeting and then will share a potluck lunch of salads. Rolls and beverages will be provided. Please join us for this time of fellowship. Questions, please call *Kathy Rice* or *Kathy Terry*.



### **Faith in Action/ Green Light Project**

ORLC Faith in Action committee met August 18 to formulate plans for our fall distribution of Green Light bags.

In June, Blanche and Sharon took inventory of our supplies stored in the shed, organizing them as we went. Assessment was made of our needs, our budget of \$2063.64, and cost of each bag of approximately \$35. We decided we would purchase items to fill another 75 bags for distribution, beginning at the White Salmon food bank the end of October or early November. Duties of purchasing items and readying for the bag assembly were discussed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14th at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. A definite bag

assembly date will be decided then, as well as plans made for distribution sites.

There is still a need for additional committee members, as well as help for the bag assembly. Please ask questions of the existing committee members if you are interested, have questions or would like to help in any small way.

As always, we thank ORLC for their support, as we pursue this important outreach effort in our mid-Columbia region.

A presentation will be made to Thrivent, who are interested in the progress of our effort, and have supported it with a grant.

*Sharon Pantely, Blanche Donohue, Debby Chenoweth and Judith Ann Richards*

### Yard Sale

The August 7th annual Yard Sale proceeds were **\$620.26** . This money will be used to help pay for the speaker at the annual Women's Retreat in Cannon Beach, Nov 12-14 . Thanks to all who donated and special thanks to members who worked the sale!  
Marlene Lahti & Della Henderson, co-chair.



### Looking For Good Neighbors

**TO:** Help Seniors in Hood River and Klickitat counties with yard work and window washing.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 9th.

If you are aware of seniors in need of good neighbor care, Please contact **Don Shalhope** (541-386-2537) **PRIOR to September 12th.**

*The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40*



The **Hood River County History Museum** is presenting **Cemetery Tales** again this year on Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 10-12. This is a fun play like atmosphere where the stories and lives that have made up our community over the years are re-enacted for all those who are interested in coming. Tickets can be purchased at the Hood River Adult Center. This year Our Redeemer's own, **Pastor Andy Wendle**, will be portraying one of the characters in the program. (For more information follow this link: <http://www.co.hood-river.or.us/> and do a search for Cemetery Tales.

### The Large Squash—Myth or Fact?

There is a story that's told  
Of a squash green and gold.  
It lays hidden by vines and sits very quiet,  
If you look hard, you may just spy it!  
30, 35, could it be..... 40 pounds?!  
We'll wait, for it still has room to grow.  
So search it out, row by row, and see,  
Because it grows in the garden behind ORLC!



### **Bible Study at Down Manor**

Bible Study will begin again  
on Wednesday, Sept 8th.  
We will meet in the dining-room up-  
stairs. Come and study God's Word!

### **From the Office**

On a personal note, Skip & Jennifer Fowler are going to sell their Coleman Pop-up camper. It is a Sun Valley 2003. It has 2 king size beds, plus a fold down table and couch that turn into bed space. Plenty of storage and an indoor and outdoor cooking stove. Call Jennifer 541-399-6897 for more info.

# Worship Assignments

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

2010	Sept 5	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26
Asst Minister		Kristen White		
Lector				
Acolyte				
Greeter/Usher				
Altar Care	Mari Matthias	and	TBA	
Coffee Hour				
Flowers				
Mowing	Skip Fowler		Skip Fowler	

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 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	2	3	4
5 10am Worship 11 Fellowship	6 <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>	7 7pm Council Meeting (time was changed from 14th)	8 10am Down Manor Bible Study	9	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>  11am WELCA Meeting
12 10am Worship 11 Fellowship 2pm Cardmaking	13	14 9:30am FIA Meeting  12pm Friends of Hood River Library	15 10am Down Manor Bible Study	16	17	18
19 10am Worship 11 Fellowship	20	21	22 10am Down Manor Bible Study	23 <b>Fall Begins</b> 	24	25
26 10am Worship 11 Fellowship	27	28 7:00pm Ladies Evening Bible Study	29 10am Down Manor Bible Study	30		

- Women's Quilting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.
- *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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