

Good News!

January 2011

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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A Momentous Day

Sunday December 19th, 2010 was a big day in the life of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Asbury United Methodist Church. On that day both churches overwhelmingly voted to begin what will hopefully be a fruitful and long-lived partnership! It is exciting to see how the Spirit can work! You can see pictures of the actual voting process and the fellowship that took place on Our Redeemer's blog at: <http://lutheranchurchhoodriver.org/blog/>.

Thank you to everyone who helped lead, form, discuss, and vote in this process. Please look for more information to come throughout the spring as we begin to plan for and make this transition.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



An Email from Donna M.

We have found an retirement community. The paper work is being done now to see if I quality for the assisted living. I miss every one and will more when I move. The home is in Wasilla, so near for all my family to come visit. *(Donna has given the office her phone #, if anyone wants to call her- Jennifer)* and calls are welcome.

I have a table with 3 leaves and 6 chairs to get rid of. I do not expect much, but would be glad to have someone take it. Mary, Amy and Adam are coming the 15 of Jan to clean out my apartment, so if anyone can help me with this table I would appreciate it.

Blessings to everyone. Love Donna

A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

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

I'm busy working on my annual report but wanted to just say a quick thank you to all of you for the opportunity to live and serve in our community. This has been a full and busy year but one in which our ministry and focus has been refined, explored and acted upon. I'm thankful for each and every one of you.

I also wanted to formally let everyone know that I am intending on taking parental leave (as allowed under ORLC's personnel policies) after the birth of our new child sometime this month. The tentative c-section date is the 19th of January and if everything goes according to plan I will be "on leave" from the 19th through the 9th of February. Pastor Phil Yokers will preach on the 23rd and 30th and Pastor Kimberly Meinecke will preach on the 6th of February. I intend to cover any emergencies that arise while I'm gone but should there be something that I'm unable to attend to, Pastor Chris Kramer (Zion Lutheran, The Dalles) will be available.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve our community and wish you a blessed 2011.

In Peace,

Pastor Andy

Annual Reports

We will be working on compiling and printing the annual report and intend to have it available to the congregation on the **16th of January**, two weeks ahead of our annual meeting on the **30th of January**. All of this means that we need to have everyone's annual reports into the church office (orlc@gorge.net) by the **9th of January**. If you have an item you think should be added to our agenda for the annual report please get that information in to the council by their January council meeting, January 11th. We thank everyone for being able to help us report on 2010 and plan for 2011 in this way.

Financial Report

	Income at end of November	\$9653.59
less	Expense at end of Nov	- <u>9010.58</u>
	Net	\$ 643.01
	Income Year to Date	\$128,537.14
less	Expense Year to Date	<u>105,944.34</u>
	Net	\$ 22,592.80

Submitted by *Linnea Denis*, Treasurer

ORLC Council Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2010

Members Present: Dottie Gilbertson, Rick Denis, Linnea Denis, Rose Miller, Randy Church, Cheri Anderson, Frank Moore and Kathy Terry. Also present were Pastor Andy Wendle and Budget Committee Chairman Bob Havig. The meeting was called to order by President Dottie Gilbertson. Devotions were lead by Linnea Denis.

Care and Concern: Marlene Lahti, Pastor's uncle, Donna Martinson, Cheri Anderson's mother, Craig Terry's parents, Rose's daughter, Frank's mother, Linnea & Rick's sons and Patti Ludwig are all in need of our concern and prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 9th Council meeting were read. A motion was made by Randy to approve the minutes as read; seconded by Rose. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report dated December 14th was reviewed.

We discussed the process of changing the check signers when the new council takes over in January 2011.

Under Designated funds, Safeway Scrip has a balance of \$267.69 which must be used for youth activities. A motion was made by Rick to place this money in the VBS fund. Seconded by Cheri. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rick to approve the Treasurer's report as reviewed; seconded by Rose. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

1. Budget Committee: Bob Havig reviewed and explained the proposed budget for 2011.
 - * If the Joint Ministry is approved, Asbury will not need a guest pastor when Pastor Andy is gone; they use lay people to fill in.
 - * Discussed need for plumbing work in Outreach house including toilet upgrades. Also may need new gutters.
 - * Additional expenses for 2011 will be a copier, costs for background checks for nursery/youth workers and increased insurance costs.
2. Pastoral Evaluation: A total of 12 ORLC and Pastor reviews were received from the congregation. The evaluation committee discussed the results of the reviews with Pastor Andy at an earlier meeting. The results of the reviews were presented to Council and will help us to form goals for 2011 and beyond. Overall, results were very positive.
3. Outreach house: Currently there are three people living there.
4. Nominations for new Council members: Pending.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be taking a parental leave as per ORLC's policy from approximately January 19th through February 8th. If Pastor Andy is unavailable, Pastor Chris Kramer will cover any emergencies as needed. Pastor presented professional and business expenses for October through December 2010. Cheri moved that we pay the reimbursement in the amount of \$188.04; seconded by Rick. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Benevolence giving: Per budget line item 17, "Additional Synod Benevolence of 2% of general fund giving at discretion of the Council". Rick moved that we give an additional 2% of the general fund offering to Synod for 2010. Seconded by Rose. Motion passed.
2. Congregational meeting for vote on the Joint Ministry Covenant with Asbury will be held December 19th.
 - * No changes have been made to the Covenant as presented by the Joint Task Force.
 - * We have 117 members, 83 of whom are considered voting members. For this meeting we will need a quorum of 30% which is 25 voting members.
 - * Council responsibilities for the meeting were discussed and assigned.

New Business:

Annual Congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 30, 2011. Annual reports from committees, etc... will be due January 9th.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Terry Council Secretary

ORLC History – Scrapbooks

This past month saw one of ORLC's longest members, **Donna Martinson**, move to be closer to her family in Alaska. And while there are a great many things we'll miss about her being gone, one of the lesser known facts to many might be the fact that Donna regularly kept scrapbooks detailing and marking ORLC's history. We are now in need of someone else who might be willing to do this important but often overlooked work. If you are interested please let Pastor Andy know and a conversation can be had about what all that entails. Thank you Donna for doing this work and thank you to everyone else for thinking and praying about this opportunity.

Pastor Andy



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will take place at Our Redeemer on the **2nd and 9th of January at 3:30pm.**

We will then take a break while Pastor Andy is on parental leave and look to resume classes on the 13th of February. Thank you.

Sunday School

The Sunday School schedule for January will be on the **9th and the 23rd.**

Any questions, see *Cheri Anderson*



FISH



Our Redeemer's next dates to volunteer at FISH food bank are **Feb 7, 9, 11.** Come see all the awesome food collected by our community's schools and start off your Valentine week with a heart of service!

See *Linden* if you are interested in helping.

Down Manor Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study at Down Manor will be taking a break for the month of January.

We will look to resume our Bible study on **Wednesday February 9th at 10:00am.**

We are sorry to take such a hiatus from this important time together but due to scheduling conflicts and other things it seems best to plan our time together in this way.

Asbury Invitations

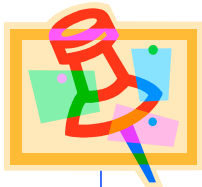
As we look forward to our partnership with Asbury UMC beginning in the summer of 2011, we will include different joint ministry possibilities here as they arise. Please look for these opportunities to continue to grow and for ways in which we can also include them in our various activities.

Our handbell choir will be starting a new set of music in Jan. and could use 3 more ringers. No bell experience necessary (some of our members started without any music experience at all). I recruited people at Asbury by telling them that if they can count to 4 (sometimes 6) then they can ring bells. Right now we practice on Tuesday evenings at 6, but that is negotiable. Anyone interested can call Linda Boris at (541)386-5063, or the church office at (541)386-2578.

Thank You

Andy and I would like to extend a huge and sincere THANK YOU to all the members at Our Redeemer! Your Christmas gift was very generous and thoughtful, and in all honesty, humbling. We are honored to call Our Redeemer our home and you all continue to embrace us as family and for that we are so appreciative. Your gift for Wendle baby #3 will be put to good use for all the daily necessary items needed in the first year. You gave us such a great shower four years ago with the twins that now we really only need the day-to-day items like diapers, wipes, baby food, etc., so this gift is perfect for that. Thank you for thinking of us and for humbling us with your care and love. We are so grateful for your friendship in our lives!

With deepest thanks,
Linden, Andy, Charis, and Will



From the Office

First, thank you to the ORLC Council and church members for my Christmas gift. It is a joy to serve our church and I see this as a big blessing in my life.

Second, I shall truly miss **Donna Martinson**, for she stapled, stamped, and mailed all these newsletter copies. (Anyone can feel free to take that as a hint to help with this large job!) It was fun to deliver her the newsletter copies and visit. She was able to field the many questions of Ethan and Amy if they came with me! Also, **Jessie Schliebe** is passing the torch to me in keeping track of birthdays and anniversaries for our Sunday bulletins. She has done this for a long time. Thanks Jessie, for all the weekly emails you sent to the office!

Finally, please look to pick up your **2010 Giving Statements** at our January 30th annual meeting.

The most frequent phrase that made me smile throughout the year, “I know this is late Jen, but.....”

Blessings, *Jennifer Fowler*

Worship Assignments

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

2011	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 30
Asst Minister	Debby Chenoweth				
Lector	Myrin Bentz				
Acolyte					
Greeter/Usher					
Coffee Hour					
Flowers	Debby Chenoweth				
Altar Care	Betty	Lou	Yenne	all	month

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

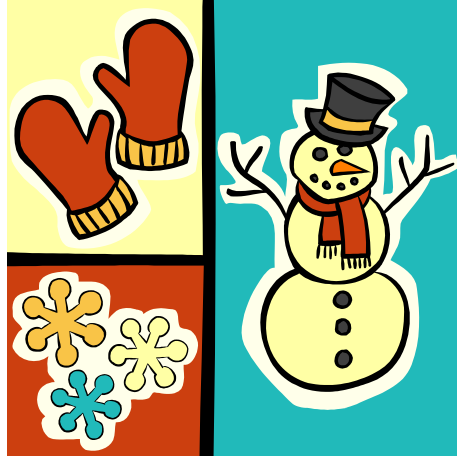
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
At 9:00am, Fellowship Hall

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year
2 10am Worship 11 Fellowship 3:30 Confirmation Class	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10am Worship Sun. School 11 Fellowship 3:30 Confirmation Class Annual Reports Due	10	11 7pm Council Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 10am Worship 11 Fellowship	17 Martin Luther King Jr Day	18	19 New ORLC member may arrive 	20	21	22
23 10am Worship Sun. School 11 Fellowship 1pm Cardmaking Class	24	25 7pm Ladies Evening Bible Study	26	27	28	29
30 10am Worship 11 Annual Meeting	31					

- 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.*



February Newsletter submissions

Due: January 21, 2011 Send to:

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