

Good News!

August 2011

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Our Redeemer and FISH Food Bank

For some time now we've been exploring the possibility of building a new facility for FISH on ORLC's property. The process has taken quite some time but we've now arrived at a place where FISH is ready to move forward.

On June 30th, seven members of ORLC met with the FISH building committee members (14 of them!) to begin again to explore the possibility of building a new home for FISH on our campus. There was much discussion of possible impediments to moving forward, including traffic concerns, septic considerations, and county planning and zoning issues to name a few. Grant possibilities as well as other fundraising options were discussed and subcommittee volunteers were lined up so that we can begin to go forward on several fronts. Richard Higgins of DLR Architects in Portland will meet with us Monday, August 1 to begin the task of formatting a conceptual design. Chuck Bugge suggested that we could possibly have a design and financial commitment in place in one year and an actual building up within two years.

Please join us at this meeting, tentatively scheduled for 6pm August 1 at ORLC. It is open to all and we need to be well informed as ORLC may need to decide within the next few months whether to actually proceed with this project beyond the exploration phase.

Larry Denis

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This is a reminder that items need to be donated for the **YARD SALE on August 6th.**

Clean out your garage, basement, spare room and closets for items to sell. You can drop off items Thursday and Friday. Please be sure they are clean and functional. No adult clothes please! Items may be brought on **Thurs Aug 4th and Fri Aug 5th.**

Volunteers are also needed to sign up for pricing and sorting Thurs 4th and Fri 5th in the

afternoon, as well as set up Saturday morning from 7:30 to 9am.

We need shifts during the sale from 9 to 11 or 11 to 1 and clean up from 1 to 2.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email me with the times you will be available.

It takes many of us to have a good sale! Thanks!

Debbie Chenoweth

A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

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

So we've now been at this joint ministry partnership a whole month ... what have you noticed? I've noticed great excitement in both places of worship waiting and expecting things to happen. This is great! It is wonderful to be looking forward to the future for God's great promises to be revealed rather than just remembering how they've been fulfilled in the past, however it is only a start. We need to not just expect or wait for great things to happen, we need to find ways to help them to actually occur. On **August 13th** there is an **ice cream social** that will occur and folks are needed to help it happen in a good way! Are you interested? On **September 11th** the **Faith in Action committee will be hosting a Souper Bowl event** to raise awareness of the needs within our own community and remember the actions 10 years ago that dramatically changed our world. They need volunteers for that event and to help shape and form what that evening will look like. They are meeting at Our Redeemer on **August 8th at 6:30pm**, would you like to come? And there is more coming and there needs to be more yet – do you have an idea? What would you like to see us do? **Your Joint Ministry Leadership Team is meeting on August 15th at 6:30pm at Asbury** and they'd love to have a guest or two to hear a few more ideas.

I've noticed a few great opportunities to 'do more' together better than we could apart. I'm working with the leadership of both congregations to see whether changing our phone system might improve communications at both churches, do so in a more cost effective manner and present a more unified voice to our community. I'm working with the leadership in both congregations to begin to discern and talk about what our vision for the future is and will be in light of our new partnership and worldly realities. I'm working with individuals in both congregations at finding ways to continue to celebrate and engage the joint task of being faithful in the Gorge. And I'm visiting with people in both congregations to establish a new sense of what our reality is and is not. These are both technical and adaptive sorts of changes, but they are all important so that we might continue to grow and move with the Spirit that is so present whenever we engage this new ministry before us! And speaking of the Spirit ...



I've noticed that the Spirit seems to be more abundantly present whenever we do things together. Our July 10th worship service was outstanding! The singing was wonderful. The greater group of people worshipping was refreshing. The atmosphere was more relaxed than I've experienced in awhile. And while I am enjoying getting to know the flavor of what it means to worship in two separate buildings, I find myself being eagerly excited for our next worship opportunity to be as one (**October 30th at Our Redeemer**). I say this while deeply living within my Lutheran heritage and coming to greatly appreciate the new Methodist tradition in which I now also serve. I just like it better when we're all together!

Those are just a few of the things that I've noticed over the past month ... how about you? Who are you sharing that with? How can you share the progress of this exciting new venture, this becoming something new, in greater ways? God is present here. Let's continue to build upon and share just how exciting this "becoming" is for us and for the whole world.

In Peace,
Pastor Andy

Pastor Andy's new email address is
pastorandy@gorge.net

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Identity Theft workshops: Dates have been set for two workshops. The first one will be held here at **Our Redeemer, Wednesday September 7 at 7:00 pm.** There will be a repeat session **Thursday Sept 15th, 7:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church in The Dalles.**

These should be very worthwhile events to help us learn about how to avoid becoming victims of America's fastest growing crime. Light refreshments will be served. Nothing will be offered for sale. Plan now to attend and bring family and friends.

We plan to have the second annual "Marty's Party at Spookies Pizza in The Dalles. This will be a free fun filled event for the entire family. Plan now to set aside the evening of Saturday to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Rose Miller



Food Bank Freewill Offering

The Columbia Gorge Chapter of Thrivent has surveyed the need in the Columbia Gorge area for food assistance by members of our population. The need for May was 1814 families for a total of 4336 individuals. We have set aside \$500 to \$2000 for each of the four counties: Wasco, Hood River, Skamania, and Klickitat.

We would like to challenge the Lutheran Churches in these four counties to match those funds by taking up a freewill offering to help with this important need in our communities. We would like the offering to be taken before September 15th. Excess funds donated will also be allocated to the Food Banks.

Please help with this effort with a contribution to ORLC earmarked for the Thrivent Food Bank Project!

Bette Lou Yenne
Asst. Financial Sec.
Columbia Gorge Chapter of Thrivent

Church Painting

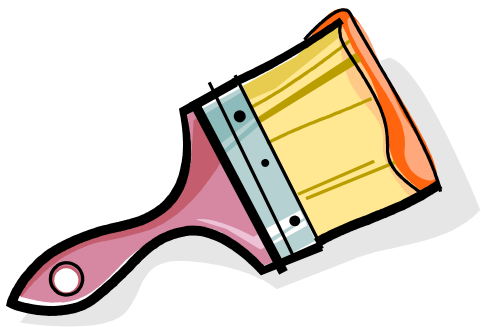
I was asked by the church council to organize an effort to paint the church. Due to a busy early summer schedule, I would like to make this a late summer activity starting in Mid-August. We need Volunteers to get this done; last time we painted the church it went quickly and at least 8 people were involved in some way. I will handle spraying the main body paint but will need helpers on the following tasks:

Prep work: 3-4 persons on two week nights from say 6-8:30PM using hand and rental power scrapers to prepare the bad areas for new paint. Pressure washing will be the final part of this step. Some beer may be involved in this to increase participation!

Tapers: 2-3 persons to work the evening before and the morning of spraying the main body by covering windows and fixtures with plastic and tape. I will follow with the sprayer.

Trim Painters: As many people as possibly to each take a side of the church to paint the trim (window and door frames, gutters). This can be done on your own time and as best fits your personal schedule.

Please email me or call with your offer of assistance at gbentz@garrettpkg.com
Cell 541-490-0417
George Bentz



Women's Evening Bible Study

WELCA women's bible study will meet **Tuesday August 2nd at 7:00pm** at ORLC and again on August 30th.

Faith In Action

July was a month off for our group meeting- however, we need to 'gear up' for fall, though summer has only arrived.

September 11 we have planned a joint fundraising community outreach event commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11 by promoting peace. This event was endorsed by the ORLC church council and the Joint Ministry Planning committee for ORLC/Asbury.

Our planning meeting will take place **August 8 at 6:30pm for a souper supper**, with bowls donated by local pottery studios for those attending to take home after the event.

We are actively recruiting additional persons to serve on the planning committee of this event. Vicky has agreed to be part of this, and we would like some Asbury representation as well as a few more from ORLC.

Please, just come to our meeting August 8. Call Sharon Pantely if there are questions, or send an Email. We want to have a meaningful evening gathering. Any input or ideas would be welcome.

Thank you so much, and we wish you a safe summer.

Sharon Pantely

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound ?
If a bamboo stick falls in the sanctuary, does it make me, working in the office jump a mile ?
You bet it does!! I was working “after hours” to do the bulletin when a loud “WHUMP” noise made me jump; only a piece of bamboo from our VBS decorations. Maybe one of those Pandas got loose.....

Jennifer Fowler



A note from *Audrey Bentz*

Following Myrin Bentz's bypass surgery, the upkeep on our large acreage was forbidden in the healing process. So two wonderful ORLC members -- Frank Moore and Larry Dennis -- each spent 2-3 days at our Morning Song Acres residence working on mowing and other hard jobs. We are most thankful to them, as well as all the other members who showed concern over the past months, including Dr. George Pantely who maybe helped save Myrin's life!

Cindy Morus family news:

Rebecca Morus is now in Edinburgh, Scotland for the Edinburgh Fringe Film Festival performing in ‘Tis In My Memory Locked’. She (Ophelia) and Chip (Hamlet) will be performing 26 shows in 25 days! You can keep up with their success at their blog: <http://www.secondearththeatre.com/> or on Facebook at: <http://www.secondearththeatre.com/>

Toby Morus has briefly returned to Hood River from 6 weeks in Dijon, France working on Phelps Creek Vineyard’s “sister” vineyard. He’s headed to South America in September and will make a brief appearance in Elk Grove, CA to do a wine tasting for dear old Mom’s networking group.

Cindy Morus has created a new branch of her online business – BizFinder Local – to help offline companies get found online and get more customers in the door! You can follow her at www.BizFinderLocal.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BizFinderLocal>. She also has a new student intern and we’ll be creating ORLC’s Facebook page so stay tuned for that! Also note that Cindy is only using her home address at 8623 Mystras Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624 instead of the post office box.

Worship Assignments

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

2011	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
Asst Minister	Debby Chenoweth			
Lector				Debby Chenoweth
Acolyte				
Greeter/Usher				
Coffee Hour				
Flowers				
Altar Care	Della	Henderson	and Marlene	Lahti
Mowing	Bob White by Aug 13th		Pete Richards by Aug 27th	

Committees, Councils, and Meetings of ORLC

Church Council

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm

2010 Members :

Rick Denis (President), Cheri Anderson (V.P.),
Kathy Terry (Sec.), Randy Church,
Rose Miller, Jim Matthias, Vicki Wartalski

Financial Officers:

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

WELCA

Kathy Rice & Kathy Terry (Co-Presidents),
Kathy Rice (Treas.) Kristen White (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

Quilting

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6pm ORLC/FISH Meeting at ORLC	2 7pm WELCA Women's Bible Study <u>Parking Lot Sealing</u>	3 <u>Parking Lot Sealing</u>	4 Yard Sale Drop off Items	5 Yard Sale Drop off Items	6 WELCA Yard Sale 9 to 1
7 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	8 6:30pm Faith In Action Meeting for Souper Supper	9 Garden Weeding 5 to 6pm	10	11	12	13 Ice Cream Social 4to6pm
14 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	15 6:30pm JMLT Meeting At Asbury	16 Garden Weeding 5 to 6pm	17	18	19	20
21 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	22	23 Garden Weeding 5 to 6pm	24	25	26	27
28 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	29	30 7pm WELCA Women's Bible Study Garden Weeding 5 to 6pm	31			

- Women's Quilting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 9am 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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: **August Newsletter submissions** :
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