

Good News!

January 2012

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

The end of the year and the beginning of a new one brings with it the annual report and congregational meeting. Many exciting changes have happened this year in the life of ORLC. If you are a committee chairperson you will need to have an annual report to the church office by **January 8th** to be included in the annual meeting packet along with the 2012 budget.

The annual congregational meeting will be held **January 22, 2012** following the morning service. The 2012 budget will be voted on during that meeting so all members are encouraged to be present.

Rick Denis

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Faith in Action/ORLC

Faith in Action had their last meeting of 2011 in December. We evaluated the Green Light Bag distribution, which included 70 bags in the mid-gorge area, given out at food banks. Next year, we will strive to distribute more bags and include a distribution at Cascade Locks. We will also expand our funding sources, to increase our budget.

Our **Bowls and Bags fund raising event** went well, taking in at least \$600, which will be divided by the churches for their outreach efforts. We will set a date earlier in the year, and do advanced planning, and evaluate our soup choices.

Debby and Sharon will continue to attend the Faith Connections Coalition meetings, since this offers additional funding for various needs in our churches. Debby will do the report sheets as required.

Dates for our **joint Service and Cinnamon Rolls** during Lent are: **February 24, March 10, and March 24.** We will need input from our churches for suggestions for groups that would benefit from our donation of service outreach during our observation of Lent.

The next meeting will be **January 23 at 10:30** in the Fellowship Hall at ORLC. As always, anyone is welcome to participate in our group, either for a one time event or to be on the committee. Debby Chenoweth will conduct the January meeting in my absence.

Thank you and Happy New Year to all !

Sharon Pantely

A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

Happy New Year and I pray that this newsletter finds you well!

I wanted everyone to know and celebrate together how wonderful our response was to the holiday giving opportunity for the FISH Food Bank Building and Campaign.

The final amount given is still being tabulated a little bit due to some pledges of gifts and matching fund opportunities that some members are exploring but our total amount raised in this opportunity to help get the project off to a good start was just about \$36,000! Wow!!! That is amazing isn't it! There was over \$16,000 in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day actual and pledged gifts received at our joint worship services on top of the initial \$20,000 gift! It is amazing how faithful and how generous God can be through us when we put our hearts and heads together around opportunities to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and walk with the poor. God showed up through your giving and generous hearts! Thank you to everyone who contributed! Thank you to everyone who prayed for this project! Thank you to everyone who worked and is working so hard to make this opportunity come about.

Please look for my end-of-the year pastoral report at Our Redeemer's Annual Meeting on January 22nd. My full newsletter will return again in February. Blessings to you, to yours and thank you for your faithfulness!

In Peace,
Pastor Andy

(I will be away from January 4th to the 7th. If a pastoral emergency arises please contact Reverend Vicki Stifter at Riverside Community Church, 541-386-1412)

The next **WELCA general meeting will be on Saturday, January 14th from 10 to Noon.** Soup and bread will be provided for lunch. You don't need to bring a thing but please come to share in the fellowship with other women from Our Redeemer as we plan activities for the coming months. We hope to see you there.

Kathy Terry

FISH Food Bank

Our Redeemer's rotation is

January 23

January 25

January 27

See our calendar for times.

Any questions, please speak with
Linden Wendle

"On the twelve days of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree..." But, who needs a bird in a pear tree if you are cold? We have collected 9 coats. 16 hats and pairs of gloves, numerous pants of fleece wear and long underwear. Together in Christ we are able to share our abundance with those that need warmth. Thank you, from those that received your gifts.

Judith Ann Richards

Calling all would-be Ringers, Ding-a-lings, and Ding-dongs:

Learn to play the handbells and have loads of fun!

Tuesday, January 10th, 5:30pm at AUMC.

No musical background needed. If this time doesn't work for you but you are interested in ringing, call Linda Boris (541)386-5063



ORLC Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011

Members Present: Rick Denis , Linnea Denis, Randy Church, Rose Miller, Vicki Wartalski, Jim Matthias and Kathy Terry.
Also present were Pastor Andy Wendle and Bob Havig, budget committee member.

Members Absent: Cheri Anderson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Rick Denis, Council President.

Devotions were lead by Pastor Andy – a reading from the book, *Not your Parents Offering Plate*.

Member Concerns: Evi Kujala, Guy Terry, Robert Jenkins (Randy's nephew) and Donna Martinson who fell recently. All are in need of prayers for health and healing.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 8th council meeting were reviewed. Randy moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Rose.. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Linnea reviewed the report dated December 13th 2011. She pointed out some numbers on page one that are clerical errors. She will email the correct numbers to council members and will change that page of the report. She stated that the treasurer's and the financial secretary's reports agree. Jim moved to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected; seconded by Rose. Motion passed.

New Business:

I. Authorize Designated Fund Expenditures:

- A. Jim moved to transfer the balance of \$72.19 from the Safeway Script designated fund to the Kids for Christ fund; seconded by Vicki. Motion passed.
- B. Vicki moved to transfer \$13.69 balance from Bible Study materials to the Family Preservation Fund; seconded by Rose. Motion passed.
- C. Jim moved to send 2% of the final general fund offering for 2011 to Synod Benevolence – as related to line 17 of the 2011 budget; seconded by Rose. Motion passed.

II. Finalize 2012 budget: With Bob Havig's lead, we reviewed the proposed budget for 2012. Discussion followed.

III. Update on accounting needs: Wendy Willow is willing to be hired to take over much of the financial accounting issues and will come to council meetings on a regular basis. She would not participate in audits. The cost would be \$150-\$200/month. We will add that to line 85 (payroll services) of the proposed budget.

IV. Year end reports will be due by January 8, 2012.

V. Annual meeting: Kathy moved to hold the ORLC Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012; seconded by Rose. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: No written report submitted. Pastor discussed the letter sent to the Asbury and Our Redeemer congregations regarding a Christmas Eve offering to support the FISH Food Bank Building Fund.

Committee Reports:

JMLT: Will meet again in January to review the covenant. A potluck is planned for January 29th following worship.

FISH Partnership: Kathy gave a brief review of the sub-committees activities. The next general meeting will be Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Our Redeemer.

Old Business:

I. Computer: An amount for a new office computer will be included in the 2012 proposed budget.

II. New Council members: Randy has agreed to accept a three (3) year term; Rick a two (2) year term and Kathy a one (1) year term. Kris White will accept a position on the council and Doug Swanson is considering going on council too.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm. Devotions will be lead by Kathy Terry.

Closing prayer led by Pastor Andy.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Terry

Worship Assignments

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

2011	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Asst Minister					
Lector		Judith Ann Richards	Judith Ann Richards	Judith Ann Richards	
Acolyte					
Greeter/Usher	Vicki Wartalski				
Coffee Hour					
Flowers					
Altar Care	Bette Lou Yenne	B. Yenne	B. Yenne	B. Yenne	B. Yenne

Committees, Councils, and Meetings of ORLC

<u>Church Council</u> 2011 Members :	2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm. Rick Denis (President), Cheri Anderson (V.P.), Kathy Terry (Sec.), Randy Church, Rose Miller, Jim Matthias, Vicki Wartalski	<u>Worship Committee</u>	Contact Audrey Bentz for meeting times
<u>Financial Officers:</u>	Linnea Denis (Treasurer), Jennifer Fowler (Fin. Sec.)	<u>Evangelism Comm.</u>	Contact Don Shalhope for meeting times
<u>WELCA</u>	Kathy Rice & Kathy Terry (co-presidents) Kathy Rice (Treas.) Kristen White (Sec.)	<u>Faith in Action</u>	Contact Sharon Pantely for times
<u>JMLT</u>	Vicki Wartalski (co-chair)	<u>Mutual Ministry</u>	Contact Pastor Andrew Wendle for times
		<u>Women's (WELCA) Bible Study</u>	Meets 4th Tuesday of each month. Check calendar for location.
		<u>Quilting</u>	1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:00am in ORLC Fellowship Hall.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	9	10 Council Meeting 7:00pm	11 JMLT Meeting 4:30pm @ Asbury	12	13	14 WELCA Meeting 10-12am
15 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	16 Martin Luther King Jr Day Office Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22 Annual Meeting 9am Worship 10 Fellowship Card Class tba	23 FISH 3:30-5pm	24 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	25 FISH 3:30-5:30pm	26	27 FISH 3:30-5pm	28
29 10am Joint Worship (TBA) with potluck after	30	31				

- Cleaning on first and third Saturdays.
- Quilting on first and third Wednesdays

Office Hours

Church Secretary—Jennifer Fowler
Mon 9am to 1pm **Wed** 9am to 1pm
Thurs 9am to 11am

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

February Newsletter submissions

Due: January 21, 2011 Send to:

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"A Community Called to Proclaim, Learn, and Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ!"