Good News!

November 2011

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Memorandum of Understanding

At our meeting on Sunday, October 16th the Our Redeemer congregation voted to approve the *Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) between ORLC and FISH; and also approved the designation of up to $20,000 for initial planning expenses. The vote was 38(yes) to 2(no). This exciting endeavor is off to a good start. Look for an update next month and talk with a council member if you have any questions.

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Joint Ministry Calls for a Joint Directory!

Our Redeemer and Asbury are putting together a new pictorial directory which will highlight all our combined members and their address information.

A photographer from Olan Mills will be at ORLC on **December 9 and 10**, Friday and Saturday.

We need ***ALL*** our members to participate in this opportunity in order for it to be a success. Not only is this a free service to both congregations, provided we have as many family units sign up as possible, but you also receive a ***$25 gift certificate*** to use toward a portrait purchase of your choice. *The $25 gift certificate will cover the cost of one 3x4, or one 5x7, or one 8x10, or one "Memory Set" (a 3x4 print of each pose taken), or go toward the purchase of larger prints or package sets.*

Each family unit photographed will receive a free directory. Please see the sign up table for more information, sign up for a time most convenient for your family, and help everyone between the two churches get to know one another better. We will also be looking for candid shots from the recent years to highlight ORLC's various ministries. **For questions or photo submissions, please talk to Linden Wendle (ORLC) or Roy Pettit (AUMC).**

A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

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

Oh the leaves are red and yellow in the fall – in the fall!
Oh the leaves are red and yellow in the fall – in the fall!
Oh the leaves are red and yellow and the apples taste so mellow
Oh the leaves are red and yellow in the fall – in the fall!

I love fall. It is my most favorite time of year. I love the red and yellow leaves. I love the mellow apples and pears that we enjoy in this beautiful valley of ours. I love the cold mornings (I had to scrape frost off my windshield for the first time this morning). I just love that crispness in the air that accompanies this time of year. I've even come to enjoy the beginning of the rainy season here in the Northwest. Unlike many who come to this part of the world from other places, I've found that the gray skies and such don't bother me and so I don't really dread the start of those days. I just love everything about this time of year including our church life.

The first Sunday of November will bring an opportunity to remember the saints we have in our lives – both those who have died within the past year but also those living saints in our midst that continue to help shape our lives. Shortly after that we'll celebrate Thanksgiving in worship on the 20th of November. Typically that Sunday marks the end of the church year through Christ the King Sunday, but this year we're going to use the Thanksgiving texts to remember and give thanks for the gifts God has bestowed upon us in our lives. The next week, the 27th of November, will mark the beginning of Advent and we'll hear those great Old Testament lessons of longing for something new to begin, enter and renew the face of our world. Later that week, we will begin a new tradition between our two congregations as we gather at Our Redeemer each Wednesday during Advent for the Holden Evening Prayer Service. What a beautiful time that will be!

All of these things – the secular celebrations and the religious ones – help create a wonderful routine and "busyness" to our lives that is just great to live through. I relish this time of year and find that I am surprised again and again by just how deeply I am able to sense God's activity during this annual season of our lives.

I pray that you are able to find ways to enter into this season of renewal and rebirth as we move through these crisp days. I pray that you may become so involved in your own renewing activities and those of our two churches that God's abundant presence draws ever closer to you wherever you are. And maybe, just maybe, we'll all find a way to invite others to come and see this neat new thing we're doing here, too, for that is one of the great things about this season in our lives; we get to share it.

God bless you Our Redeemer and Asbury!

Oh the leaves fall to the ground in the fall – in the fall!
Oh the leaves fall to the ground in the fall – in the fall!
Oh the leaves fall to the ground and they never make a sound
Oh the leaves fall to the ground in the fall – in the fall!

In Peace,
Pastor Andy

ORLC Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2011

Members Present: Rick Denis, Rose Miller, Randy Church, Cheri Anderson, Jim Matthias and Vicki Wartalski. Also present were Pastor Andy Wendle, Debby Chenoweth, Bette Lou Yenne, Dottie Gilbertson, congrega tional members. Members **Absent:** Kathy Terry and Linnea Denis.

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Denis at 7:00 P.M. Devotions were lead by Rick Denis.

Member Concerns: Linnea Denis, Guy Terry – Craig's Dad, Rose's granddaughter and her husband as they prepare for a 2 year mission trip in Bolivia. Margaret Fox – Randy's mother-in-law as she recovers from a stroke.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 6th council meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Rose to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report dated October 11th was reviewed. It was moved by Rose to accept the treasurer's report except the year to date and the designated funds needed; seconded by Vicki. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Pastor Andy received a gift from the Schull family in the amount of $50.00 for the purchase of flowers in remem brance of Harold Schull on September 18th A motion was made by Jim to deposit the money into the general fund and for Debby Chenoweth to buy flowers on September 16, 2012; seconded by Cheri. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: No report as Pastor was on vacation.

Committee Reports: First we took a trip over to the Outreach house and met the new girls. Dottie also filled us in on what im provements have been made and what she would still like to see done.

JMLT: Working on bringing both churches together more as we move into 2012.

FISH: Debby lead a discussion on what she will be presenting to the congregation on October 16th We saw the emorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been reviewed by an attorney and will be presented on Sunday. We learned that 1 Asbury member is willing to donate money from her husband's memorial to help fund this project. This will truly make it a joint partnership with Asbury and Our Redeemer.

Old Business:
* Painting of the church; Jim said George was out last week getting some work done.
* Council retreat with Asbury & JMLT Nov 5th Morning Song 11:30 – 4:00
* 2012 Budget: There will not be a congregational meeting held on Nov 20th to approve the budget. Our meeting will be held in January of 2012.
* Computer and Nativity needs will be discussed in November.
* Still looking for new council members.

New Business:
* Rick passed around the Second Quarter 2011 results from the Oregon Synod
* ORLC received a volunteer form from West Side Fire Dept for an inspection
* Joint Worship service with Asbury at ORLC on October 30th Reformation Sunday 10am
* **Joint Advent services**, using the Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen
    1. On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at ORLC. **Starts November 30th** with a light meal at 5:30pm. **On December 21st** the service will feature a movie and pizza especially for the children.
    2. **Christmas Eve** for both churches will be held at Asbury and **Christmas Day** at Our Redeemer time to be announced later.
    3. **Palm Sunday** will be held at Asbury and **Easter** will be at Our Redeemer with our brunch in between both services. Times on these will be announced later.

A motion was made by Jim to approve the worship services; Seconded by Cheri. Motion passed.

Next council meeting will be November 8th at 7p.m. Devotions will be lead by Randy.
Closing prayer led by Pastor Andy.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Wartalski

Faith in Action
ORLC Green Light Project

Our committee has joined forces with Asbury to plan a joint fundraiser for the Green Light Project and FISH food bank. A lot of planning and preparation is going into our Bowls to Bags soup supper for Nov. 5 !

You have read an heard about this event for a while now, and this is your opportunity to help make this event a success by assisting in various ways as well as attending, bringing friends to enjoy and make new friends. It is open to the community and we are hoping for an engaging evening of good soup served in wonderful hand thrown bowls from local potters, yours to keep! A special event to make a difference in our region. In addition to the donation for the bowls and soups, we invite you to sponsor a bag, or a case of light bulbs, caulk, spray foam, or vinegar!! Learn about what it takes to put the bags together. You can also donate towards a case of cooking oil, bags of sugar or flour—any item that is in demand at the food bank, as well. Opportunities to make a difference are endless.

Our Green Light bag distribution will begin in Odell on the 27th. If anyone would like to learn more about this outreach, please contact a committee member and offer to come along. Nov. 9 we will distribute in Hood River. Parkdale and Bingen dates are still being determined.

These bags were filled enthusiastically by members of ORLÇ during worship, yielding 70 bags to hand out. Our next planning meeting is October 31 at 10:30 in the ORLC fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to attend our final planning for the soup event.

Your Faith In Action committee is *Sharon, Judith Ann, Debby, Blanche, Vicki and Gigi*

Thrivent for Lutherans:

The recent **ID Theft prevention workshops** were attended by a total of 31 people. All who attended came away with some useful ideas to protect themselves from the fastest growing crime in America. We will be offering other educational opportunities in the future.

It's **time for elections** for next year's officers and other positions to serve on the board of The Columbia Gorge Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans. If you are interested in, or curious about becoming involved in this very worthwhile cause, see **Bette Lou Yenne or Rose Miller.**

Free family fun night. Katie's Party (in honor of Martin Luther's birthday) will be held at **Spookie's Pizza in the Dalles at 5:30 Nov. 5th.** Pizza, salad, and soft drinks will be provided. Parents and Grandparents can enter the names of their college-bound children in a drawing for two 100.00 Scholarships.

Be sure to check out our website!

2nd Training Session for the Hood River Warming Shelter

"The mission of the Hood River Warming Shelter is simple: to ensure that homeless people in Hood River County have a safe place to sleep indoors from December through March."

Saturday, November 19th, 10am-12:30pm
Shepherd of the Valley Church, (8th and Pacific)

Website: http://hoodrivercares.org Email address: hrws@hoodrivercares.org

Worship News

On **Sunday Nov 13th** worship will be at Asbury at 11:00am. (No worship at ORLC because a lot of the women will be attending women's retreat).

Advent Worship: Every Wednesday during Advent will be a special worship service using the Holden Evening Prayer. Services will be at 6:00pm .

Our Redeemer Women's Retreat
November 11-13th 2011

And they're off……for another retreat at the Cannon Beach Conference Center. This year's group will be "Discovering Mary Magdalene" with Pastor Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath. There are 25 women going this year.

Thank you from your Retreat Committee -
Cheri Anderson, Jennifer Fowler, Kris White, Linnea Denis.

FISH Food Bank Schedule ORLC

November 14 3:30-5pm
Nov 16 3:30-5:30pm **Nov 18** 3:30-5pm

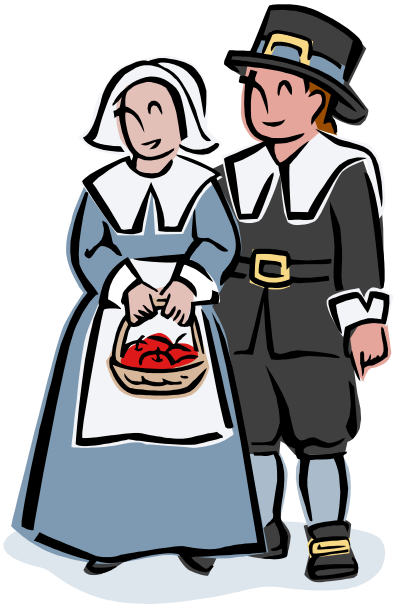
January 23 3:30-5pm
Jan 25 3:30-5:30pm **Jan 27** 3:30-5pm

Did you know ?

The Nutcracker performances on December 3rd & 4th collect food and donations for FISH Food Bank.

And the performances, put on by the Columbia Gorge Dance Academy in Hood River, ARE FREE! (This year there will be 3 shows due to the growing popularity).

It is a win-win event!



Children's Sunday School

Nov 6th 2-4pm and Dec 4th tba

The November class takes place at Our Redeemer. Parents will take turns in signing up to help. The activity sheets for the Nov class are currently available in the Narthex. The lessons are taught on a rotational basis with children divided into groups and having activities such as storytelling, crafts, food, games, drama, science. Please see Linden Wendle with any questions.

Adults are invited at that time to attend a special adult education session involving the video "Lord, Save Us From Your Followers."

THE WINNER IS…….

The 6th Annual Chili Cook Off and Bingo Fun was a great success. Thanks to all our chefs (Linnea, Grant, Andy, Cheri, Athena, Emelia, Kris, and Sidra) for whipping up such diverse and yummy bean creations!

Grant Anderson took home the Silver Ladle Award with his delicious Barley Chili. Since Jim Anderson won two years ago, I think that cooking chili must be a talent in the Anderson blood! We also discovered Marlene Lahti's hidden gift of turkey calling by virtue of her announcing bingo this year; thank you for sharing this interesting story with us Marlene! We raised about **$195.00** to go toward joint Children's Christian Education needs. Thanks to all for a fun evening of laughter and fellowship!

Linden Wendle

Here's a "thank you" to everyone who helped with ORLC's lawn mowing this past season :
Randy Church, Pete Richards, George Bentz, Bob Havig, Don Shalhope, Bob White, and Skip Fowler.

Lets not forget **Craig Terry**, who organizes and keeps on top of ORLC's yard and building needs!

Family News

Ethan Fowler's pumpkin won the funniest category at Scout Pack 282's Pumpkin carving contest. His pumpkin "got sick" eating too much scout popcorn from their fundraiser. Ethan has also earned a Forestry pin, one step in moving toward his arrow of light to become a boy scout.

It seems like we just did The Nutcracker Ballet but here it is again. **Amy** and a dozen other girls will be "buffoons" this year. She gets to jump out of the large box and be silly!

Worship Assignments

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

2011	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
Asst Minister		*11:00am*	Kristen White	Dave Hindahl
Lector	Della Henderson	*Service*		
Acolyte		*is*		
Greeter/Usher	Bob & Kris White	*at*	Anderson Family	
Coffee Hour	Della Henderson	*Asbury*	Anderson Family	
Flowers	Della Henderson	*Methodist*	Vicki Wartalski	Dave & Robin Hindahl
Altar Care	Marianne	Brevard	Betty	Shalhope

Committees, Councils, and Meetings of ORLC

Church Council
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

Financial Officers: Linnea Denis (Treasurer), Jennifer Fowler (Fin. Sec.)

WELCA Kathy Rice & Kathy Terry (co-presidents) Kathy Rice (Treas.) Kristen White (Sec.)

JMLT Vicki Wartalski (co-chair)

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
Meets 4th Tuesday of each month. Check calendar for location.

Quilting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:00am in ORLC Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day	2	3	4	5 Bowls & Bags 5 to 7pm Council Group Retreat
6 All Saints Day Service 9am Worship 10 Fellowship 2-4 Sun. Schl.	7	8 Council Meeting 7pm	9	10	11 Veterans Day Women's Retreat	12 Women's Retreat
13 11am Worship at Asbury Women's Retreat	14 FISH 3:30-5	15	16 FISH 3:30-5:30	17	18 FISH 3:30-5	19
20 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	28	29	30 First Advent Evening 5:30 lt.meal 6pm Service			

- 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 of if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Andrew Wendle at 541-490-6703.
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"How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow."

- Elsie N. Brady, *Leaves*

December Newsletter submissions
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