

Good News!

October 2011

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

FISH Building Preliminary Planning

There is great enthusiasm growing in the community about the potential for a joint use building on ORLC's land. Significant progress is being made.

The joint *FISH Food Bank/ORLC Building Committee* met on September 12 to continue discussions related to construction of a common building for FISH Food Bank and ORLC. Sixteen people from the community attended including Debby Chenoweth, Kathy and Craig Terry, and Bette Lou Yenne from Our Redeemer.

- * A "scrubbed" plan has resulted in an estimate of a separate, pre-engineered building of approximately 5500 square feet which Architect Richard Higgins will work with and present concepts at the next meeting October 10. He will also provide a draft budget.
- * Scott Fitch presented a report of his findings on sewage disposal based on discussions with Environmental Health Sanitarian for Hood River County. Both existing septic tanks and fields can stay as they are and a new 2,000 or 3,000 gallon tank can be constructed.
- * Chuck Bugge noted that Jim Klein of Klein and Associates has begun the due diligence process for regulations related to construction. We have also identified an accountant to handle the funds and talked about appropriate processes with full accountability to both organizations.

ORLC council voted to support the draft Memorandum of Understanding and to bring a proposal to the church congregational meeting on October 16 to fund half of the planning and design costs in 2011-12. Richard will prepare some concept drawings for the ORLC congregation to view at its October 16 meeting. We also discussed grant writing, potential funding and green building. This is a unique opportunity for ORLC to serve the gorge area.

Debbie Chenoweth

Dates of importance:

Monday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. - Building Committee Meeting at ORLC

Sunday, October 16 - ORLC Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 4:30 p.m. - Leadership Committee Meeting at ORLC

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A Word From Our Pastor

Pastor Andy

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

Good day to you members of Our Redeemer. Since our new partnership with Asbury I've been writing joint articles but I write to you this month specifically to invite you to get excited!

For several years now we've been working on partnering with different organizations in the Columbia Gorge area. This has included partnerships with The Next Door Inc (NDI) – shared interest conversations, support for their programs through our own Service and Cinnamon roll activities, and more. We have partnered with the FISH food bank through our garden commitments, special offerings, volunteering and more. We have partnered with area AmeriCorps members and their sponsoring organizations as we've sought to provide them with affordable housing in the Hood River area empowering them to serve. We have partnered with the Hood River County Commission on Children and Families (HRCCCF) and its extension arms of the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Coalition (ATOD) and Faith Connections. We have shared Sunday School activities with St. Mark's Episcopal and are now partnering with Asbury United Methodist for Pastoral services. We have developed our own programs like the Faith in Action Committee which seeks to help low income people find green ways to save on energy bills thus reducing not only their carbon foot print but also the impact energy use has upon their budgets.

Some of these partnerships have produced distinct changes to who we are and what we do – like the partnership with AmeriCorps and Asbury, while others have been extensions of some of our long held beliefs about who God is in our community and how we can join, extend and highlight God's presence there – Service and Cinnamon Rolls, FISH food service, Faith connection and more. All of these activities, passions and extensions of ourselves in our community have now created a new opportunity for us! We now have the opportunity to help develop a new site for the FISH food bank on our property!

Yes, that's right! Through the church council and other appointed leaders we have now come to a place where we are ready to make a positive decision about whether developing a new site for FISH on Our Redeemer's property is where we want to head next. To accomplish this goal your church council has called for **a congregational meeting on October 16th** seeking your authorization and the funding to move forward on this project. And I think this is a truly amazing thing!

We have now been gifted with a moment in time in which we might say yes to God's mission in our community to feed those who are hungry. And we can do this in a way that will enrich FISH and their work while also providing our community and ourselves with a tangible sign of just how distinctly and wonderfully we desire to love God and our neighbor! Your faithfulness and attentiveness to the needs of our community have presented us with this opportunity. Will you help us engage it and discern whether we have the ability to do this great thing?

Come to worship on October 16th! Come to the meeting following worship that morning! Help Our Redeemer and the community of Hood River move forward into a new future for one of the most tangible and vital ministries in our area. Come!

In Peace,
Pastor Andy

Pastor Andy is away on vacation September 26-October 10 .

Pastor Chris Kramer of Zion Lutheran in The Dalles will provide emergency pastoral coverage. He can be reached at 541.296.9146.

ORLC Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2011

Members Present: Rick Denis, Linnea Denis, Cheri Anderson, Rose Miller, Vicki Wartalski, Jim Matthias and Kathy Terry. Also present was Pastor Andy Wendle and Debby Chenoweth, congregational member.
Members Absent: Randy Church.

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Denis at 7:04 P.M. Devotions were lead by Jim Matthias.

Member Concerns: George Bentz as he continues to heal following a head injury; firefighters fighting the blaze on Mt Hood; Linnea Denis, and Marc Denis (son of Linnea & Rick) as he applies for a new job.

Committee Reports: **FISH:** Debby lead a discussion on the progress of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ORLC and FISH. This will guide planning, fundraising and construction coordination with the representatives sharing equally in the discussions and decisions. The building committee, composed of interested persons from FISH and ORLC, will meet September 12th for further discussions. A separate MOU will be developed at a later date to cover the operation and maintenance of the facility. Jim Matthias moved to support the MOU draft as presented to the council; seconded by Linnea. Motion passed.
Cheri Anderson moved to hold an ORLC Congregational meeting on October 16th to approve the MOU with FISH and to designate up to \$20,000 for initial planning expenses; seconded by Vicki. Motion passed.

JMLT: Working on a joint mission.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 9th council meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Rose to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Cheri. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report dated September 6th was reviewed by Linnea. It was moved by Cheri to approve the Treasurer's report as presented; seconded by Vicki. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: See attached. Pastor and family will be on vacation from September 26th - October 10th. Pastor Chris Kramer of Zion Lutheran in The Dalles will be covering any emergency calls and can be reached at 541-296-9146.

Old Business:

- A. Painting of the church buildings: scheduled for next week.
- B. Ministry opportunities for the future: FISH..
- C. Council retreat with Asbury: Morning Song Acres on November 5th.

New Business:

- A. Outreach House update: necessary plumbing has been done at the house. Two new residents will be moving in soon.
- B. November 20th an Our Redeemer congregational meeting will be held to approve the budget for 2012.
- C. Faith in Action: On September 11th they will pair with GEM to sponsor a potluck in Wilson Park. On November 5th from 5 to 7 p.m. a "Souper Supper" will be held at ORLC.
- D. New computer needs for office: Linnea will check on prices.
- E. New council members are needed for terms beginning in 2012. Rick, Randy and Kathy are completing terms in 2011.
- F. Discussed VBS backpacks to be sent to foreign country. It was decided not to include Bible Testaments with our donation.
- G. Nativity set replacement: Linnea will look into what is available for purchase.

The next Council meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11th at 7 p.m.** Devotions will be lead by Rick.
Closing prayer led by Pastor Andy.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Terry
Council Secretary

**Joint Ministry Leadership Team (JMLT)
September 19, 2011**

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Gigi Siekkinen, Barbara Beardsley, Shelley Oates, Jim Anderson, Rose Miller, Pastor Andy Wendle, and Vicki Wartalski
Members Absent: Jim Siekkinen and Dottie Gilbertson
Meeting was called to order by co-chair Gigi at 6:30pm

DEVOTION: Pastor Andy shared with us some passages from a book by Shane Claiborne, *The Irresistible Revolution Living as an Ordinary Radical*. We learned that Shane's granddad had just purchased a new pick-up truck and was out loading hay bales. One of the bales was close to a tire and due to friction a fire started. Neither man knew that the hay had caught on fire and kept driving along and waving as passer bys would honk at them. After a few minutes the men noticed the fire, got out of truck and were going to just let it burn. The granddad was taking out papers from the glove box because he said they could not burn. The men get back in the truck and drive very fast thinking they can put out the fire, instead bales start falling off into fields and starting them on fire. Soon the fire department is behind them attempting to put out the fires that were now burning in the fields. Pastor pointed out that WE are to be the fire that God has started and not a candle. Our task is to set lives afire among us and in our communities, remembering that it is a good fire to have burning.

MINUTES: The minutes from the August 15th JMLT meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Anderson to approve the minutes; seconded by Rose Miller. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Asbury now has a team in place to help Pastor with visitations, since there are more people requesting a visit. The Worship teams from both churches are meeting on September 20 to plan out joint worship service that is set for October 30th. Pastor had a wonderful week at Holden Village and shared that our churches are doing good work and others have taken notice.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Joint worship service: October 30, 2011 at Our Redeemer 10:00am service

Advent mid-week worship: Holden Evening prayer services during Advent. Wednesday evenings followed by a soup/bread meal. Watch for more information and/or announcements.

Monthly cooperative Sunday School: Asbury & Our Redeemer will be having a joint Sunday school. It will be once a month from 2pm til 4pm. Pastor is also working on a class/discussion group for the adults. This is our first joint event our churches are engaged in since July 1st.

FISH update: Pastor shared with the group that everything is moving forward. The Admin team from Asbury was brought up to date with what is going on and they were asked to think about joining with Our Redeemer to help raise funds and be a true joint partner in this project. Our Redeemer council has already approved funds for this and are now going to our congregation to ask for their approval. This will take place on October 16th. October 10th is the next FISH meeting.

Local school support project: Asbury is looking at adopting a 5th grade class at Parkdale. They will supply the children with needed supplies that they might not get otherwise. Also they will reach out to the teachers to apply for a \$50.00 grant to help fill the supply cabinet for a class. By doing this Asbury is reaching out to our community and sharing the "fire" that God has placed within them. For more information or to help support this project contact Gigi Siekkinen at Asbury.

Transportation issues: Asbury is seeing a minor problem with getting people to worship on Sunday. Jim shared with the group that Our Redeemer solved this problem by having volunteers offer rides to those in need. Jim and Vicki said they would be willing to help get members who are located out by ORLC to Asbury as we that way to get home. We need to be open to asking others around us what help they may need.

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Combined retreat: ORLC council & AUMC Admin Team are having a joint retreat on November 5th. An invit was extended to the JMLT. Two members from each church have overlapping duties so we are looking forward to Barbara and Dottie being there with us and sharing in the discussion.

CLOSING PRAYER: Gigi Siekkinen

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2011 6:30pm at ORLC

November 5, 2011 TBA at Morning Song Acres Lyle, WA

MEETING ADJOURNED

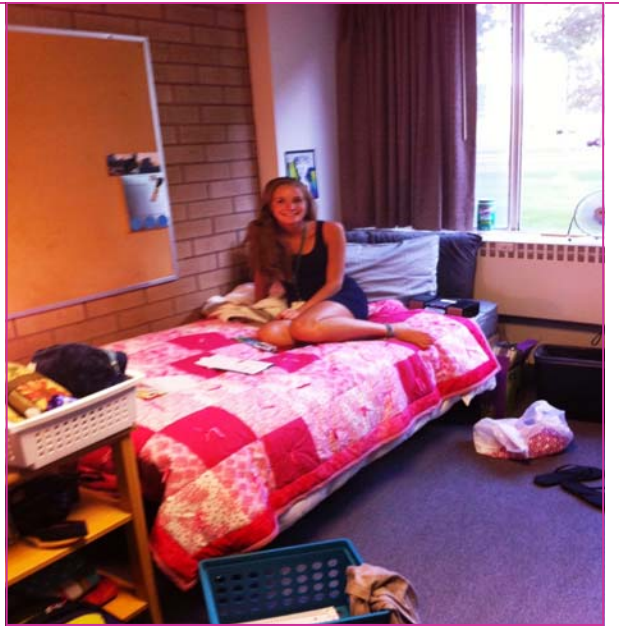
Respectfully submitted,

I grew up with many church traditions.

Some are pleasant but others seem pointless at times. As many of you know, I took my Daughter Sierra to College on August 15th. She was leaving Hood River to start her Freshman year at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Like many Hood River kids, Sierra has had a very privileged life with lots of things including fine clothing, fancy living accommodations and the finest of outdoor gear and experiences. On the Sunday before we left, she made a rare appearance at church to receive her quilt which has been a long standing church tradition here at ORLC. It was a great experience for our family but due to space limitations in flying to Colorado, the quilt barely made the cut! It ended up in my overhead bag.

When we finally arrived at the Dorms at CSU, Sierra walked into her run-down room, wearing Italian leather, knee high boots and mini skirt. The look on her face was almost worth what I will be spending this first year on college! A rather un-impressive room with dirty worn out carpet and no AC on a hot day. She was obviously dealing with a large dose of reality that has been in my opinion much due. I explained to her that this was her living area for the next 9 months and she reluctantly agreed to unpack. I left for an hour, and when I returned I found her smiling, and cuddling in her new church quilt! The quilt was a huge catalyst in her making the mental change required to adjust to her new reality! The bright colors quickly made her room not so bad. Thanks to those wonderful church traditions and those who keep them going!

George Bentz



Faith In Action Planning

Team members on this committee have been busy planning two major events. The first will begin with filling the Green Bags on September 25 during and after the worship service. It will continue as we distribute these bags at the regional food banks in Hood River, Odell, Parkdale and Bingen during October and into November. If interested in the phase of distribution, please contact the church or a committee member. We are grateful for donations and discounts from area businesses, namely: *Rosauers, Walgreens and Home Depot* to assist in this effort. Those who have sup-

ported our fundraiser in the past, our plant sale have yet another opportunity.

Grant money is hard to obtain, therefore we are having a **'Bowls and Bags' evening November 5, 5-7pm at ORLC.**

Regional potters associations have donated pottery bowls that are 'seconds' for us to use for this event. For a nominal fee, attendees will get an empty bowl to fill with delicious soups that will be prepared at Asbury and served at ORLC for a fun fellowship event that fills bowls and many tummies. The monies raised at this event will benefit the ongoing **Green Light Project** as well as

FISH. For further information on our participation and distribution, check ORLC website and click on Green Light and or go to the blog for photos of last year's distribution www.lutheranchurchhoodriver.org

Be ready to help with this event when the sign up sheets appear for food prep at Asbury, set up at ORLC, serving or cleanup. It takes a community of faithful believers to reach out and serve in the community. The committee appreciates your support, and we look forward to a special evening of fun and fellowship for a purpose! Sharon Pantely, Debby Chenoweth, Blanche Donahue, Judith Ann Richards, Vicki Wartalski and Gigi Siekinnen.

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

Our speaker this year is Pastor Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath. She serves as pastor of West Linn Lutheran Church with her husband Pastor Tim. Pastor Donna has been active in the Oregon Synod and is passionate about cross-generational faith formation. She and Tim have four young adult children. The retreat committee met with Pastor Donna while her husband was playing golf at Patty Ludwig's benefit. We are excited about all the sessions she has planned for the retreat!

This year we will be staying in East Haven, part of the main center complex. Our speaker sessions will take place in the Prayer Chapel, perfect for our group size. Meals will be in the main dining hall.

Deposits of \$75 are due October 17th **made out to WELCA**. Please give these to Jennifer Fowler. As always, if more time is needed please let her know.

Retreat committee members are

Cheri Anderson, Jennifer Fowler, Kris White, Linnea Denis.

A Note from Heidi Venture

Thank you for allowing me to talk with you about the need for foster parents for gay, lesbian, and bisexual teens. So far, I've presented in three churches, but have not signed up a new foster parent. Would you please think about your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors? Do you know anyone who is unemployed and likes working with teens? Foster parenting with The Next Door is a good second income for a family, and we even have several single parents who foster with us. Feel free to pass my number on to anyone who might be interested, or they can find out more at

<http://nextdoorinc.org/>

[Employment foster parenting html](#)

Heidi Venture 541-436-0303

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."

Some facts: 19% of Oregon children live in poverty – in Hood River the percentage is 31.6% Almost 40% of the homeless in the U.S. are under 18. On any given night at least 100,000 male and female veterans are living out on the streets.

If you are interested in volunteering please attend one of these training sessions:

Saturday, October 22nd, 10am-12:30pm
Church of the Nazarene (22nd and Belmont)

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

2011-2012 Site Schedule

Dec. 4-10	Vineyard Christian Fellowship (9 th & Eugene)
Dec. 11-17	Riverside Community Church (4 th & State)
Dec 18-24	Christian Missionary Alliance (2650 Montello)
Dec. 25-31	Immanuel Lutheran Church(9 th & Sherman)
Jan. 1-7	Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Jan. 8-14	Riverside Community Church
Jan. 15-21	Christian Missionary Alliance Church
Jan 22-28	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Jan 29-Feb 4	Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Feb 5-11	Riverside Community Church
Feb 12-18	Christian Missionary Alliance Church
Feb 19-25	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Feb 26-Mar 3	Church of the Nazarene (22 nd & Belmont)
Mar 4-10	Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Mar 11-17	Riverside Community Church
March 18-24	Christian Missionary Alliance Church
March 25-31	Immanuel Lutheran Church



Our website: <http://hoodrivercares.org>

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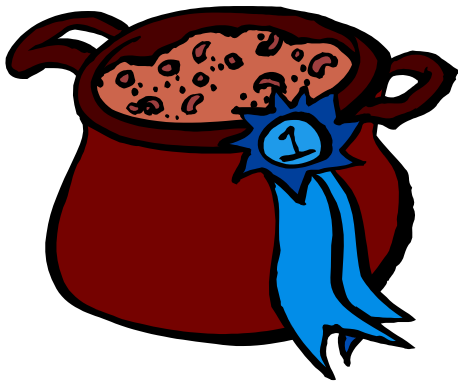
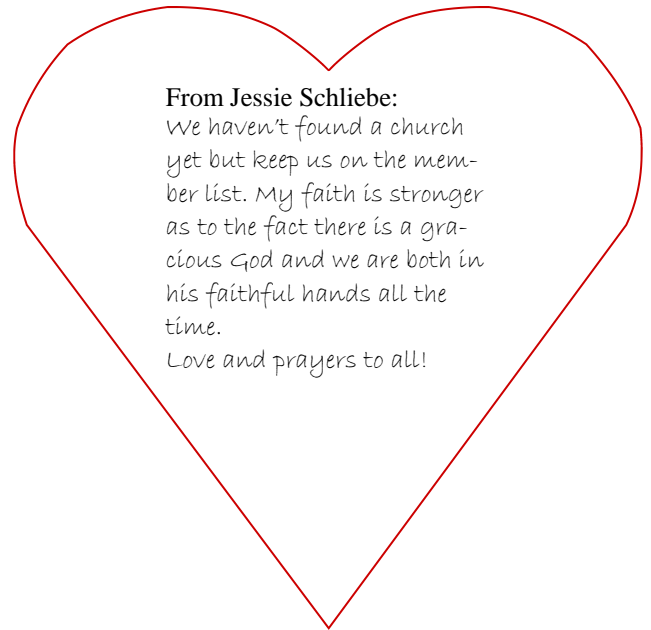
Children's Sunday School

October 2nd from 2-4pm

November 6th 2-4pm

December 4th 2-4pm

The October takes place at Our Redeemer, with the next two dates TBA. We are excited to be sharing children's Sunday School with Asbury Methodist. Parents will take turns in signing up to help. 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.



Sixth Annual Chili Cook-Off

Win the Silver Ladle Award!

October 22nd at 5:30pm

Get your recipes ready! All you can eat for \$5; children eat free. There will be BINGO, so bring your change and white elephant gifts for prizes.

A sign up sheet is in the narthex for bringing food "extras". Cornbread, butter, juice, shredded cheese, maybe some sour cream and of course desert.

Invite friends, come have fun!

See Linden Wendle for any questions.

Benefit for Patti Ludwig

The golf/silent auction benefit for Patti raised about \$20,000 !

This will go a long way in helping pay for her medical expenses.

There is more info available about the benefit on the website pattiludwig.org.



Worship Assignments




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

2011	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Asst Minister		Dave Hindahl			Kristen White
Lector	Della Henderson		Jennifer Fowler		
Acolyte					
Greeter/Usher	Vicki Wartalski				
Coffee Hour	Marianne & Thea Brevard				Fowler family
Flowers	Della Henderson	Dottie Gilbertson		Dean & Diane Kleinsmith	
Altar Care	Sally	Havig	and	Kathy	Terry

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.

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship 10 Fellowship 2-4 Sun. Schl.	3 Pastor Andy back from vacation	4	5	6	7	8
9 9am Worship 10 Fellowship	10 Columbus Day Office Closed 	11 Council Meeting 7:00pm	12	13	14	15
16 Congregational Meeting 9am Worship	17 JMLT Meeting 6:30pm at ORLC	18	19	20	21	22 Chili Cook-Off 5:30 
23 9am Worship 10 Fellowship 1:15 Card Class	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Joint Worship With Asbury 10am Worship 11 Fellowship	31 					

Office Hours

- Cleaning on first and third Saturdays.

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.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16TH

Please attend this important meeting
about developing a new site
for the FISH Food Bank on ORLC's property.

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: **November Newsletter submissions** :

: Due: October 21, 2011 Send to: :

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