Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ORLC) Tidings March 2016

Come Worship with Us! Sundays - 9:00AM with Holy Communion

All Are Welcome!

No Matter what your present status in the Lutheran Church. No Matter what your current family or marital situation, No Matter what your past or present Religious affiliation, No Matter your personal history, age, background, race, etc., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church invites, welcomes, accepts, loves and respects you!

Open Hearts, Open Doors

Our Redeemer Contact Information

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Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sue's email: ourredeemer@tds.net

Pastor Stephanie Lorenz Pastor's cell: (701) 580-2956 Pastor's email: revorlc@tds.net

Pastor in the office on:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Growing in Faith, Reaching Out with Love"

Mission Statement of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

As a family of believers in Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission (purpose) of the Congregation of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to:

Serve God

Through worship, prayer, the holy sacraments, and Christian Education.

Serve Each Other

Through Christian fellowship, faithful support and care for one another.

Serve the Community

By reaching out to others and welcoming them among us. By responding and supporting those that have either worldly or spiritual needs.

Serve the Wider Church

Through benevolent giving, offering prayers, and helping to support the good news about Jesus Christ throughout the world.





WORSHIP SERVICES & VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

MARCH

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT OUR REDEEMER!



Wednesday Lenten Services 6:45 p.m.

March 2, 9 & 16

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

Lector: Barbara Champeau

Counting: Judy Jacobs, Jan Novy, Helen Dins &

Barbara Champeau

Ushers: Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs

& Jarvis Girard

Altar Guild: Jan DeMenter

Children's Story Time Teacher: Mary McClure

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - Maundy Thursday Service with Holy

Communion and Stripping the Altar

Lector: Bev Quella

Altar Guild: Mary McClure

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

Lector: Joan LeClerc

Communion Assistants: Mary McClure &

Donna Bauer

Ushers: Gary Mortensen & Gary Lucht

Counting: Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law

Altar Guild: Pricilla Gressler & Nia John

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Services:

12:15 p.m. - Zion Lutheran Church

912 N. Oneida Street, Appleton

6:45 p.m. - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lector: Sandra Kuhn

Altar Guild: Mary McClure

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service with

Holy Communion and distribution of Palms

Lector: Bev Quella

Communion Assistants: Debbie Borchart &

Joan LeClerc

Counting: Mary McClure & Sue Steffen

Ushers: Bob & Pam Trader

Altar Guild: Sue Burroughs, Jan Novy &

Pam Trader

Children's Story Time Teacher: Sandra Kuhn After worship – ORLC Executive Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 - EASTER

9:00 a.m. - Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Lector: Joan LeClerc

Communion Assistants: Sandra Kuhn & Donna Bauer

Counting: Stewardship & Finance Committee **Ushers**: Tom Borchart, Mary McClure & John Law

Altar Guild: Mary McClure & Judy Jacobs



Sunday, March 13Daylight Saving begins

March 20Spring begins



Cancelling Sunday Services and Seasonal Services at ORLC

Please watch the following channels for cancellations: WLUK Fox 11 * WBAY Channel 2 * WFRV Channel 5 * WGBA Channel 26
The message on the phone at Our Redeemer will have an updated message of any cancellations also.

2016 ORLC COUNCIL

Sandra Kuhn – **President**

Nia John – Secretary

Tom Borchart

Sue Steffen

Dennis Sauberlich – Vice President

Pricilla Gressler – Treasurer

Ken Walstrom

Mike Quella

Joan LeClerc

2016 ORLC REPRESENTATIVES

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

Mary McClure & Judy Jacobs

Synod Assembly

Pastor Stephanie Lorenz & Bev Quella

Habitat for Humanity

Nia John

Crossways Camping Ministries

Jan Novy & Tom Borchart

2016 ORLC COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Altar Guild

Quilting Angels

Sunshine

WELCA

Mary McClure

Yvonne Dennee

Adell Bernal

Barbara Champeau & Sandra Kuhn

Scrip Coordinators

Brenda Willems & Sue in the office

Ushers

Larry & Yvonne Dennee

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Donna Bauer & Judy Jacobs

ORLC COMMITTEE MEETING DATES & NEWS

ORLC Council: <u>Next Meeting</u>: March 1 @ 7:15 p.m.

ORLC Executive Committee: Next Meeting: March 20 after worship

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Next Meeting: March 18 @ 10:15 a.m.

Worship & Music Committee: Decorate church on Saturday, March 26 @ 1PM

 $\underline{\textbf{Next Meeting}}\text{: March 10} \textcircled{a} 10\text{:}00 \text{ a.m.}$

^{*}Please confirm the dates & times for the meetings.

TREASUERER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2016

As of January 31:

Cash in bank \$20,075.23

Designated funds in bank. \$17,594.21

Available funds: \$2,481.02

Budgeted income year to date: \$ 6,635.83 Actual income year to date: \$ 5,849.00 (Includes building fund, gifts &a memorials, etc.)

Funds needed for mortgage through January: \$ 2,035.00 Actual offering designated for mortgage: \$ 2,920.00

Additional gifts received for building fund year to date: \$2,496.86*

Building fund balance: \$7,244.60

Mortgage balance: \$127,335.59

THANKS RECEIVED

From Lana: Thank you very, very much for the beautiful, homemade 'twin' quilt you've made. It's so pretty and very comfortable on my bed. I sure needed the smile that was put on my face when 'Sandy' from Circles of Support delivered it to my home herself. Gorgeous Quilt!

OUR REDEEMER CARE & CONCERN

3rd Tuesday of each month is **DEADLINE** to submit information, to be included in Tidings. Thank you.

The "Doors of Opportunity ("Doors")" and tables in the Narthex has church and community information. Please take time to check these areas.

Shut-Ins

Our Helping Hands Ministry and Pastor Stephanie enjoy making visits. Please contact Sue in the office and she will help you schedule a visit with either Pastor Stephanie or our Helping Hands Ministry. Thank you.

New Members Are Always Welcome!

After service please see Pastor Stephanie for information. Please sign the visitor sheet located by the front doors.

Prayer Requests...please contact Pastor Stephanie, Barbara Champeau or Sue in the office.

^{*}The Metko family asked that the Connie Metko Memorial fund be transferred to the building fund.



We raise up in prayer

Let us pray for the well-being of all people.

For those who have not been able to worship with us.

For all who are homebound and their caregivers.

For our sick and hospitalized.

For Lucia Alten, Ruth Freye, Jarvis Girard, MaryAnn Kunschke, Volney Roesler, Doris Roth, Tom & Sue Steffen, Karen Tuszka, Barbara Walstrom, Pat Zuehlke, Debora Alten, Nita Clark, LeeAnn Clark, Vannah Davidson (Pricilla Gressler's mother), Chuck & Gina Hendricks (Debbie Borchart's brother & niece), Jim, Joanie (Jan Novy's sister), Marilyn Jacobson, Sarah and Erica Koppenhoefer, Brooke Poole, Gary Roth, Ryan (Ruth Freye's grandson), Jan Schroeder, Julie VanSambeek (Helen Din's daughter) and Pat Zimmerman (Brenda Willems's father).



OUR REDEEMER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings at 9AM.
All men are welcome, including non-members.
Contact person: Maynard Kunschke

WOMEN OF ELCA BIBLE STUDY

Third Wednesday at 9AM.

All women are welcome, including non-members Contact person: Sandra Kuhn

Summer break June to August.

Giving Up Something For Lent?

During the January WELCA bible study of Philippians, we read about a woman who wanted to do something different during Lent. Instead of "giving up something" last year, she decided to do something different. She wrote thank-you notes to people who had done or said something that impacted her life in some way. In some cases she thanked people for something that happened years ago. In the spirit of Paul in Philippians 1:3-11, and of this woman, the bible study group encourages you to write a letter or note of thanks to someone who has been a partner with you in the sharing of the gospel.

Guidance



Jesus, we are confused. We have a decision to make and we don't know what to do. We need Your help and wisdom. We know You have a plan for our church. We want to follow that plan even in the little decisions we make. But today we just don't know which way to go. Please show us Your will for this issue. We really want to do what will please and honor You. Somehow close the doors to the paths You don't want us to follow and help us see which door You

have left open for us. Then give us courage to move ahead in the direction You have opened up. And let Your wonderful peace wash over our hearts and minds to assure us that we have chosen the path that You wanted us to take. We want You to be honored, Lord Jesus, in all that we do, so we pray this prayer in Your precious name. Amen.

-- Pastor Allen Werk

OUR REDEEMER SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



You are invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry!

Our Prayer Shawls are given to anyone who is ill or in need of comfort. The pattern for the shawls is very easy and will be happy to teach anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet. We meet every_2nd and 4th Thursday at 9AM. If you know of anyone who should receive a Prayer Shawl please let us know.

Contact persons: Donna Bauer & Judy Jacobs.



Quilting Angels

The Quilting Angels have been making quilts for over "40" years. We send them locally to Salvation Army, Emergency Shelter, Red Cross, Community Clothes Closet, LSS and Christine Ann Center to name a few. The other half are sent overseas to LWR for disasters and refugee locations. We accept all material, yarn, and quilting supplies and we welcome helpers--even if they do not know how to sew. We meet Tuesday mornings 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

02	Anna Livermore	10	Ron Kuusisto, Sr.	23	Tyler Johnson
03	Kris Otremba	21	Heather McFadden	26	Mike Bricco
05	Kali Girard	22	Sandy Otremba	28	Sophia Woody
07	Lucia Alten	23	Tina Olsen	31	Antoine Jackson



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 2016 Directory

On Easter Sunday, ORLC 2016 Church Directory will be in your church mailbox and extras will be on the table. Please get any of your changes (name, address, phone number, cell numbers and /or emails) you may have to Sue by March 13. If no changes come in for the directory, it will be printed as it was in the 2015. Thank you.

Here are some suggestions for using your updated directory.

- A. If you have 2 phones, take 2 directories so that you have one by each phone.
- B. Consider taking an extra directory to keep in your car in the event of an emergency.
- C. Look at your directory and if you notice a person or family has not been in church for a while, call and check on them.
- D. Put a few get-well cards in the back of your directory and send a card occasionally when you know someone is not well.



First Communion

If you and your child feel that they are ready to begin receiving communion, please contact Pastor Stephanie Lorenz.



Easter Lilies and Hydrangeas - Please see the sign-up sheet for Lilies @ \$8.00 each and Hydrangeas (if available) @ \$18.00 each on the "Doors of Opportunity". Deadline to order and payment is March 20. There will be an option on the sign-up sheet to have your Lily and/or Hydrangea in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You may take your plant/s home after Easter service. We will donate any lingering plants on April 10. Thank you.

Hydrangea Culture

The hydrangeas purchased are an outdoor plant and should be hardy in our Zone 4. Keep the plants moist and in a sunny location indoors until night temperatures are in the 50 degree range. (They are used to being inside.) Outdoors they need a sunny to part shade location with good soil. The mature size of the plant is 3-5 feet high and as wide so allow plenty of room. Do not allow the soil to dry out - this is the biggest mistake people make. Hydrangeas don't like to "swim" but they must be moist. About every 2 weeks during the summer give them a few quarts of liquid fertilizer mix. Stop this application around September 1 - this hardens the growth for fall and winter. Save a big bag of leaves in the fall and after the first ground freeze tuck a heavy covering of leaves all around the plant. If you do it too early you are building a residence for mice and moles who might eat the plant if they get too hungry. This mulch should then be removed next spring when you see leaf buds forming. Happy Growing!



Thank you Judy Jacobs, Jan DeMenter, Jane & Larry Gorres, John Law, Dennis Sauberlich, Lois Baldwin, Donna Bauer, Larry & Pricilla Gressler & Joan LeClerc for your help at the Salvation Army Meal on Sunday, February 21. We served 49 adults and 4 children.



CONGRATULATIONS! Thrivent Choice participants have thousands of options...but they chose you. Based on their recommendations, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church received \$2,670 in 2015. The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

All Thrivent members age 16 or older are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Benefit members can lead two Thrivent Action Teams per year. Associate Members can lead three in a lifetime. Action Teams allow members to lead charitable projects in their churches, schools and communities using funds provided by Thrivent. The online application takes minutes to complete. Each approved Action Team project receives \$250 that can be used for purposes such as buying project supplies and creating promotional materials. For more information, contact ORLC member and Thrivent Representative, Brenda Willems. Keep in mind you will need to be registered on line with Thrivent to apply for these activities.

Social Ministry/Outreach & Growth Committees are sponsoring

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

here at Our Redeemer!

February 21 – March 13

Please see the designated box in the Narthex.

Help ease the financial strain on area homeless and crisis programs.

Requested items for donation. New, unopened items only.

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Soap Dish Soap

Kitchen Trash Bags Floor Cleaner

Bleach Cleansers

Sponges
Disinfectant Cleaner
Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Dryer Sheets Dishwashing Gloves

Hair Care

Shampoo Conditioner Hair Brushes Combs

Clips & Elastics

Styling Products - for all types

of races & ethnicity Head Lice Treatment

Dental Care

SOFT Toothbrushes/Toothpaste Dental Floss/Denture Care NO Mouthwash please (contains alcohol)

Paper Products

Toilet Tissue Facial Tissue Paper Towels Feminine Care Pads

Personal Care

Tampons

Soft Soap Bar Soap Deodorant Razors Shaving Cream Nail Clippers Cotton Balls O-tips

Moisturizer/Lotions
Contact Solution

Lip Balm

Baby Care

Diapers & Pull-ups (sizes 4-6)

Wipes Baby Bottles Sip Cups Baby Lotion

Baby Shampoo Rash Ointment

First Aid

Children's Pain Meds

Pedialyte Band Aids Rubbing Alcohol Hydrogen Peroxide Anti-Diarrhea Meds

Antacids

Antibiotic Ointment

Cold Meds Liquid Benadryl Sun Screen

Thank you for your Help for the Homeless!



Share Your Favorite Recipe/s - If you have a favorite recipe to share please give it to Sue in the office, email it, or place it in her church mailbox. Thank you.

BANANA WALNUT BREAD

1 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon fine salt 2 eggs, at room temperature

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract 1 cup sugar

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for preparing the pan

3 very ripe bananas, peeled and mashed with a fork (about 1 cup)

1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces

Sift the flour, baking soda and salt into a medium bowl; set aside. Whisk the eggs and vanilla together in a liquid measuring cup with a spout; set aside. Lightly brush a 9-by 5- by-3-inch loaf pan with butter. Preheat the oven to 350°.

Recipe continued below

With a mixer, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually pour the egg mixture into the butter while mixing until combined. Add the bananas - the mixture will appear to be curdled.

With a rubber spatula, mix in the flour mixture until just combined. Fold in the nuts and transfer the batter to the prepared pan. Bake for 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the bread comes out clean. Cool the bread in the pan on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Turn the bread out of the pan and let cool completely on the rack. Wrap in plastic wrap. The banana bread is best if served the next day.

Banana bread is easy to make and irresistible to eat. Make a few extra loaves, wrapping them in plastic, and freezing. Thaw at room temperature for an hour and you'll have fresh banana bread. Freezing individual slices works well, too.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE PICTURES WITH THE ORLC CAMERA!

We can keep our website up-to-date with new pictures and also place them in the ORLC album. We like to share and celebrate God's work with our hands. The camera is in the church office on top of filing cabinets in the wicker basket. SMILE®!

DON'T FORGET...ORLC HAS SCRIP!!

All you need to do is purchase Scrip cards and use them for gas, groceries, prescriptions, home improvements, restaurants, clothing, movies, etc.

Scrip order forms are on the "Welcome Desk" and on our website. Completed forms along with payment can be placed in the Scrip envelope that resides in the tray that hangs on the wall outside Sue's office. Orders will be placed on the 1st Monday of each month. If you need a special order please contact Brenda or Sue. We can place the order but shipping may be at your expense. Due to lack of demand, we will not be purchasing Woodman Scrip cards until further notice.

This is a great and easy way to raise money for ORLC! If you have any questions please see Brenda Willems or Sue in the office.

Thank you to everyone using the Scrip program! Remember Scrip gift cards DO NOT expire! Please consider ordering cards today[®]!

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT?

Well, look no further than ORLC! We have a Wonderful Facility!
Building Use forms are available in the brochure rack.
Please fill out the form, maintain the guidelines, and
return the form to the church office.
If you have any questions please contact Tom Borchart.
Thank you.