



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

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Monday thru Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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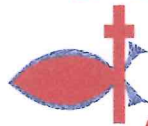
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Pastor's office hours:

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.

A Note from Pastor Stephanie

In May, I will attend the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin's Synod Assembly with Bev Quella. ORLC can send two delegates in addition to the pastor so if anyone else is interested in attending please let me know ASAP. Each year there is an Assembly Service Project. Congregations work on the Service Project prior to coming; typically the project is an "in-kind" offering where congregation members gather particular items for a specific organization determined by a Conference within our synod. This year the Oshkosh Conference is the recipient of the Assembly Service Project; the Oshkosh Conference has selected two organizations with which to partner: the Gathering Place Campus Ministry and Solutions Center Shelters and Support Services. Each Synodical Conference has been given a list of items to bring to the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin's Synod Assembly. In the past, I have not organized the collection and I probably should have. This year I am inviting ORLC members to participate in the Synod Assembly Service Project.

Here is a brief explanation of **The Gathering Place Campus Ministry** provided by Connie Weiss, Campus Minister:



The Gathering Place
620 Elmwood Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901
920.231.1168
FB: The Gathering Place UWO
www.gatheringplaceoshkosh.org

It's a place to meet friends, have a spirit-filled discussion, grab a beverage, enjoy a home-cooked meal and relax. Lutheran Campus Ministry at the Gathering Place in Oshkosh is a young adult ministry that offers worship, fellowship and a safe place for students to be themselves, students, faculty and the community are welcome to stop in. The Gathering Place is more than just a ministry center - we're home away from home for so many young adults during the school year offering Souper Mondays which provide a warm lunch and some great fellowship at the beginning of each week. And on Thursdays, we offer a free home-cooked dinner, worship followed by fun fellowship and ice cream. Our students are passionate about living out their faith through activities and programs sponsored by the campus ministry. It's a place where young adults grow and mature in their faith as they live out their transition years on campus. And following graduation, it's amazing to see that many of these young people go on to become confident participants, leaders and pastors of the church!

The Gathering Place Campus Ministry - Where Jesus Christ is Lord and Everyone is Welcome!

The Appleton Conference is responsible for Beverage Supplies:

- *Crystal Light Lemonade (2 qt. Pitcher Packs)
- *Boxes of Tea (Individual Packets; Variety: Green, Black, Herbal)
- * Coffee (regular ground)
- * Hot Chocolate (canister)
- * Soda cans (Pepsi products)
- * Bottled Waters
- * Coffee Creamer (powdered)
- * Honey
- * Sugar

Items can be placed around the Missional Cross in the Narthex! Thank you for your participation! Bev and I will proudly deliver the items on behalf of ORLC at the East-Central Synod of WI Synod Assembly in May!

God's peace,
Pastor Steph



WORSHIP SERVICES & VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

MAY

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT OUR REDEEMER!

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Pastor: Pastor Roy H. Rogers
Lector: Sandra Kuhn
Counting: Larry & Pricilla Gressler, & John Law
Ushers: Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs
& Jarvis Girard
Altar Guild: Jan DeMenter

SUNDAY, MAY 8

9:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Lector: Joan LeClerc
Communion Assistants: Donna Bauer & Sandra Kuhn
Counting: Tom Borchart, Donna Bauer, Pricilla Gressler & Pam Trader
Ushers: Gary Mortensen & Gary Lucht
Altar Guild: Pricilla Gressler & Nia John

SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Haugen Service
Lector: Sandra Kuhn
Counting: Mary McClure & Sue Steffen
Ushers: Bob & Pam Trader
Altar Guild: Sue Burroughs, Jan Novy & Pam Trader

SUNDAY, MAY 22

9:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Lector: Joan LeClerc
Communion Assistants: Donna Bauer & Sandra Kuhn
Counting: Dennis Sauberlich & Sue Burroughs
Ushers: Tom Borchart, Mary McClure & John Law
Altar Guild: Mary McClure

SUNDAY, MAY 29

9:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Lector: Bev Quella
Counting: Maynard & MaryAnn Kunschke & Larry Gressler
Ushers: OPEN
Altar Guild: Barbara Walstrom

ORLC NEEDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

Are you willing to serve as a:

- Usher
- Lector
- Altar Guild
- Communion Assistant
- Counter
- Training will be provided

Please let Pastor Stephanie or Renee know if you are willing to serve. All ages are able to volunteer.

Pastor Stephanie will be attending Continuing Education from April 25 to May 2.

Pastor Jen Christenson will be on call and can be reached at 920-757-7775.

Pastor Roy H. Rogers will lead worship service on Sunday May 1.

Please hold Pastor Stephanie in your prayers as she travels to her continuing education event.

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

Mary McClure

Quilting Angels

Donna Bauer

Sunshine

Adell Bernal

WELCA

Sandra Kuhn

Scrip Coordinators

Brenda Willems & Renee in the office

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Donna Bauer

ORLC COMMITTEE MEETING DATES & NEWS

Grace, Our Redeemer & Trinity Mission Exploring Meeting: May 12, 2016 @5:30pm

-Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

ORLC Council: May 17, 2016 @ 7:15 PM

ORLC Executive Committee: May 15, 2016 – after worship service

Stewardship & Finance Committee: TBD

Worship & Music Committee: TBD

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2016



As of March 31:

Cash in bank	\$16,145.78
Designated funds in bank.	\$16,234.22
Available funds:	— \$ 88.44

Budgeted income year to date: \$19,907.49

Actual income year to date: \$17,835.25

(Includes building fund, gifts & a memorials, etc.)

Funds needed for mortgage through February: \$ 6,105.00

Actual offering designated for mortgage: \$ 5,675.00

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

Building fund balance: \$5,929.60

Mortgage balance: \$124,215.02

Contributions in March were \$88.44 less than what was needed to meet our financial obligations. We have, unfortunately, had to begin borrowing from our designated funds. Contributions for the building mortgage was \$545.00 less than our monthly mortgage payment.

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Coming in May...

THE KETCHUP BOARD



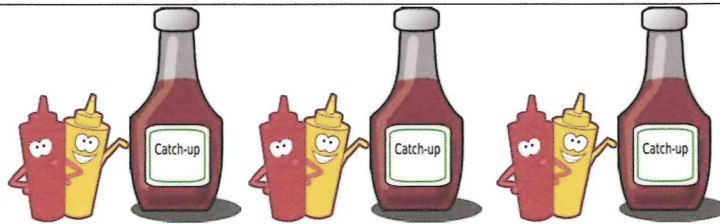
What Does This Mean?

The GOAL is to “Catch-Up” in May on Our Redeemer’s General Fund Budget and Debt Retirement Budget by using a “Ketchup” board!

How does a “Ketchup Board” work?

Renee is placing Our Redeemer’s Missional Needs (aka: monthly, quarterly, and annual bills) onto a poster board. She is breaking ORLC’s Missional Needs into smaller dollar amounts (\$5, \$10, \$20). The Ketchup Board will be placed on an easel in the Narthex with a plant stand next to it with a basket filled with envelopes with “Ketchup May” address label on it. Anyone and everyone is invited to take a “Ketchup Bottle(s),” place it into the envelope along with the money, and either put it in the Offering Plate on Sunday during worship or give it to Renee or Pricilla so it can be placed in the safe. If you have any questions about the “Ketchup Board,” please talk to Pastor Stephanie.

To get a clearer picture of where Our Redeemer sits financially please consider reviewing the Treasurer’s Report in the May Tidings.



Our Redeemer is hosting the second meeting with lay leaders and pastors from Our Redeemer, Trinity, and Grace on May 12 at 5:30 p.m. At our first gathering supper was provided since the meeting fell during the meal hour. Therefore, Our Redeemer is providing a meal for the upcoming meeting. Donna Bauer has agreed to coordinate the meal by finding volunteers and taking part in the clean-up crew. Don't be surprised if Donna calls you and asks you to bring a hot dish, serve on the set up/serving crew, or assist her in cleaning up. We are looking for people not serving on the committee to prepare, serve, and clean up. The meeting happens as the committee members eat. The hope is by finding outside workers we can allow the ORLC members serving on the committee the ability to keep their attention on the meeting and without worrying about preparing, setting up, and serving a meal. Haven't heard from Donna and want to help? Talk to her on Sunday morning or give her a call! Thank you for volunteering! ☺



BOOK FAIR



Stop by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
on **May 16-19, May 23-26, & Sunday May 15 and 22**
between **9:00 a.m. until Noon** & **Sunday morning**
to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

Do you have what you need to keep your kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, or neighborhood kids busy this summer? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for babies to ten-year-olds. **Save up to 15% plus free shipping on all Book Fair titles.**

Our Book Fair is sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, an imprint of Sparkhouse, that is committed to telling stories that help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage. The books will include some Sparkhouse Family favorite titles, like The Spark Story Bible, as well as books and Bibles from their much-anticipated Frolic series, which combines child development principles and faith concepts to help little ones take their first steps in faith.



SPARK HOUSE FAMILY BOOK FAIR SWEEPSTAKES

EVERYONE and ANYONE is invited to SIGN UP to WIN \$200 cash for themselves AND WIN a complete set of Sparkhouse Family storybooks for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church! The more sign ups you get as a church, the greater chance your church has to win the storybooks!

Faith—Personal, but Not Meant to be Private

Written by Pastor Jean Devoll -Donaldson, Director of Evangelical Mission and
Bishop's Associate of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

At various training events over recent months, people have commented that the questions about faith we have had before us, are either “not Lutheran” or are too personal/private. This reminds me of my early learnings that it is bad manners to talk about religion, money, or politics. It seems that this perspective is still strong here in Wisconsin, at least more so than other places I have lived, and I have to admit that I had not considered this so didn't prepare people well for the activities I had influence over.

My own faith understanding was reshaped when, as a young adult, I lived in Oregon at a time it was the most unchurched state in the nation, and my county of residence, reportedly the most unchurched county in the state. It wasn't an instant transformation to be able to recognize the importance of speaking and embodying faith (albeit in a “Lutheran key”) in daily life. Nor was it quick to recognize what it means to think of the immediate neighborhood is equally as important a mission field as one you might find anywhere around the world, but my pastors' persistent and consistent efforts to help us/me rethink what it means to be Christian in today's world, paid off. In time, my paradigms about religion began to shift—probably more correct to say “flipped”, such was the dramatic change of understanding in me. In years since, I'd forgotten how dissonant and uncomfortable this perspective might sound to others, so I've been surprised at times, by people's responses.

Faith *is* a deeply personal matter at a profound level, even while paradoxically according to scriptural evidence, we are to practice our faith amongst others of faith and provide witness to others outside the faith. From ancient times, God has intended blessing to God's chosen people to in turn bless others (i.e., “the nations”). And so faith is not to be private, it must be lived and spoken. For, as Paul says in Romans 10:

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? **And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?** **15** And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!**” **17** So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. ¹

If we as the Church are unable to speak of God's importance to us, Jesus' impact upon our lives, or the ways in which we feel the Holy Spirit move in and through us, how will those who do not know come to know? How will this people that we are as the ELCA, be able to survive and participate in God's mission as we have been invited to do, if we cannot speak of God's overwhelming love for us as shown most emphatically through Jesus Christ? Have you considered how, as the ELCA, we see God's grace with a particular lens that reminds us that we are beloved and forgiven no because of what we do or don't do, but because it is God's action—God's intention for being in relationship with us. We read scripture in a way that expects God to keep speaking to us through the Living Word. There are people deeply hurt by their interactions with church and in life, for whom our perspectives can bring broken people healing and wholeness. But how can those who do not know, come to know, if others won't share the good news? How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!

But knowing this need to live and speak faith, countering a lifetime of messaging that favors quiet and private faith, is not something most people can move to without a time of discomfort, nor is the transition a quick one. Even to speak to those we have known and worshipped with for years of such matters, will feel awkward, and there will be fear that translates into resistance. As people of God entrusted with a role to play in God's mission, we *do* need to start—even knowing our efforts will sometimes be “messy.” Know that when we share of having less than perfect faith—one occasioned by doubts and failures—our witness will have more impact in the authenticity and vulnerability we share, than any perfectly scripted testimony of faith. It's not about “getting it right” but of trusting God to make what we say right for the circumstances we are in.

Intentionally working to grow in our ability to speak our faith, as well as to live it, is essential to our church's survival and ability do the part of God's mission that we've had entrusted to us as God's people. God's mission will be carried out even if we do not respond to God's invitation to participate; however, we *are* invited to participate. It's a life or death matter for us that we do respond and share the good news!

To become more comfortable (even confident!) and noticing of opportunities where our words of faith are invited by God, we need to practice! We can practice noticing those moments by looking for them, even before we are comfortable responding to them. And we can practice talking with one another in our congregations and at other faith gatherings. And we need to move beyond telling only the “pretty stories” of faith, to share from our own broken times, and how God has come to us through others, how our lives have been turned around. If you need encouragement or equipping to move into your calling to proclaim the good news of God in Jesus Christ, let me know. I would be honored to be invited to walk this journey of faith with you.

Again, but this time from Isaiah: ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Isaiah 52:7 (NRSV)

May your feet be seen beautifully going forth.

Thank You



for your Kindness

THANKS RECEIVED

From St. Joseph Food Program: Thank you for your donation of 2 boxes of food on 2/8/2016. Your generous gift makes it possible for us to give an average of 55 pounds of food each week to those in the Fox Valley area who are food insecure.

From Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology: Thank you all for the amazing donation of your hats & prayer shawls. This gift is will greatly benefit our patients! Thank you again for thinking of us. ~ Betsy Rachubinski, Wig Specialist.

From Erin, Tony & Jade Spencer: We want to thank you all for baptizing Jade and welcoming us into your family here at ORLC. We would like to thank the Quilting Angels for the blankets you made for Jade. I am overwhelmed by the kindness you show by making them. It is just a few reasons why we chose this church to bring Jade up in.

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 Renee 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, or Renee in the office.

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, Marlys & 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), and Pat Zimmerman (Brenda Willems's father).

A Poem

by
Barbara Champeau

Paul was an apostle who carried the gospel to people near and far.
He couldn't travel very fast,
he didn't race a car.

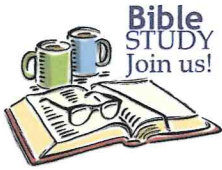
He went by foot, he went by ship
his message to proclaim.
Sometimes he traveled with
a friend – Timothy by name.

At times Paul found that his
good news was not too well received.
But often he was pleased to find
that even his jailers believed.

Paul's message of Jesus, who died
for our sins has come down to us
through the years.
The news that the love and the
grace that God sends is music to
our ears.

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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: Contact Church Office
Summer break June to August.

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April, May, June 2016 *“Christ In Our Home”* booklets have arrived.
They are on the *“Welcome Desk”* and are free to take.



Guidance is prayer written by Pastor Allen Werks and appeared in a Lutheran Prayer Book a few years ago.

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. The n 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.

Congregations in Relationship is a prayer is found in Occasional Services of the Assembly on pg. 116.

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give you thanks for the particular gifts of Grace and Trinity Lutheran Church and we ask your blessing upon them as they seek your will and advance the work of the gospel. Help us to see how we can best be in partnership with one another, and bring forth rich fruit from our ministries. In all that we do, grant that we may use your gifts to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love, so that the world may see in us the unity and mutual care that is your will for all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Prayer is taken from the Vespers/Evening Prayer Liturgy found in the Lutheran Book of Worship on pg. 153.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 12:00pm



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	Nickolas Kuusisto	21	James Cvikel Jr	28	Aspen Novy
04	Brandon Brandt	21	Kayla Willems	29	Caryle Williams
04	Emily Gauger	25	Gary Mortensen	30	Diane Reschke
05	Donna Juhnke	26	Susan Burroughs		
07	Harold Willems	26	Amber Dan		
13	Mae Bonnell	27	Mary McClure		
13	Keith Fischer	28	Kayla Bauer		
14	Volney Roesler	28	Amy Cole		

**Thank
*you**

We wish to thank: Tom Borchart, Judy Jacobs, Joan LeClerc, Ken Walstrom, Barbara Walstrom, Edna Marquardt, Pricilla Gressler, and Mary McClure for decorating the church for Easter. ~ The Worship & Music Committee.



*Hi Gardeners,
Good weather is on the way. Since Master Gardner, Ruth Frey is not feeling up to par, you gardeners are pretty much on your own. Please let Pricilla or Renee in the office know if you are interested in a garden plot no later than May 1. If there are any leftover plots they will be offered to anyone interested after May 1. Thank you and*

Happy Planting!

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.



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

Chicken, Spinach, and Cheese Pasta Bake

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package penne pasta
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 (14 ounce) can Italian-style diced tomatoes
- 1 (10 ounce) package spinach
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil; add penne and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 11 minutes. Drain.
3. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Saute onion in hot oil until tender, 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Mix penne pasta, onion, chicken, diced tomatoes, spinach, and cream cheese together in a baking dish until the cream cheese melts and coats everything. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese over the pasta mixture. Cover baking dish with aluminum foil.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil and continue baking until heated through and beginning to brown along the edges, about 15 minutes more.



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☺!

ORLC Council Meeting

March 1, 2016

Present: Pastor Stephanie Lorenz, Pricilla Gressler, Sandra Kuhn, Tom Borchart, Joan LeClerc, Sue Steffen, Dennis Sauberlich, Mike Quella and Nia John.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. Devotions read by Joan LeClerc

Adoption of Agenda after several additions to old and new business MSP: Tom / Dennis

Treasurer Report – MSP Dennis/Tom

Committee Reports

Worship and Music - Met 2/11/16

Stewardship and finance-No meeting

Mission Renewal - met on Feb 25th. Went over letter from bishop. Pricilla sent Pastor Jean the points of discussion for the March 15th meeting. They are:

- The work happening will be a collaborative effort between synod staff, council and MR team
- We would have a synod staff member assigned to work with us for the rest of the journey.
- What steps need to be taken
- A clear understanding of the option of redevelopment, 2 point parish, merger, and consolidation.

MSP Pricilla / Dennis

Old Business

Music: Karl John will be training staff to run MP3 player on March 8, 2016

Reminder on chain of command:

constitution says council is responsible for all employees. Administrative Assistant reports to council.

Appraisal of Church Property: Tom says it pays to have an appraisal done to know where we are at and we need a certified appraiser. We have quotes from 2 appraisers. Tom made a motion to contact Appraisal Associates.

Purging of the Rolls: Pricilla had a list of member showing last attended date. She had called or tried to contact these people. MSP: Sandra / Dennis

Trinity Transitional Site: Trinity put their church on the market. We received a letter from Trinity that they are looking for a place to relocate. Sandra will

send a letter requesting a discussion to see if ORLC could fit their needs. MSP: Mike / Dennis

New Business

Easter Party: Cori Lehrer would like to have an Easter Party at ORLC. She has received a Thrivent Action Team for this. No date set yet. Decision was made that Outreach and growth/Social Ministry will get involved. This will be an ORLC event.

Easter ad in the Post Crescent is the same price as last year.

Easter Breakfast: Pot Luck at 8AM. Sue will put up sign-up sheet.

April 3rd Baptism and new member Sunday

April 10th New member Sunday

Pastor asked if we should have sponsors for new members to build relationship with members. Pricilla offered to take a family. Tom suggested that we should find others to do this.

Administrative Assistant. Sue's last day March 24th.

We will advertise through Wisconsin Council of Churches. We will also call other churches to see if anyone is available to replace Sue.

Review of standing committees:

Tom presented a list of members who are on the standing Committees.

- Alter Guide schedule.
- Children Story Time
- Communion Assistant
- Counters
- Lector Schedule
- Ushers
- Contact list for property

Sandra recapped meeting:

- Sandra: letter to Trinity and contact appraiser.
- Social ministry-involved with Easter Party.
- Pricilla-work with Sue to get job posted.
- Sign-up sheet for Easter

Adjourned at 9:03 PM

Next meeting 3/15/16 with Bishop and Pastor Jean
Next council meeting Tuesday 3/29/16

Respectfully Submitted,

Nia John, Secretary



DAY CAMP

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES

LOOKING FOR QUALITY ACTIVITIES
FOR YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER?

SIGN UP FOR CROSSWAYS APPLETON DAY CAMP PROGRAM

WHO:

A week-long Day Camp program for children completing grades 1 through 6. All children are welcome!

WHAT:

Appleton Day Camp brings the camp experience to the community with a unique blend of activities such as: crafts, music, worship, games, Bible study, relationship-building and recreation. The program provides snacks, lunch, and transportation to activities! The cost is only \$10 per child. Scholarships are available.

WHEN: July 5-8, 2016

Tuesday-Friday: **July 5-8:** 9:00am-3:00pm

WHERE:

Zion Lutheran Church, 912 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI

For More Information or to Register Contact:

Crossways Camping Ministries Office: 920-882-0023 (ask for Liz)

Registration Deadline: **June 1st!**

Crossways Appleton Day Camp is a partnership between Crossways Camping Ministries and the Appleton ELCA Lutheran Churches.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is able to participate in the Appleton Day Camp led by young adults working at Crossways Camping Ministries because of our "friendship" with Trinity and Grace in Appleton.

Registration Packets are available on the Large Wooden Table in the Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Appleton Day Camp has a capacity limit of 70 campers. As a result registering ASAP is essential to ensuring your camper can attend!*



Here are some details from the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin's Staff:

It's time to be creative for the Synod Assembly! **Congregations are asked to create a piece of art that depicts the Synod Assembly theme, "We are Church: Listening Deeply to the Voice of the Other".** Any type of art is welcome to be displayed - posters, quilts, banners, paintings, sculptures, you name it - be creative! You can use the 2016 Synod Assembly logo as a basis for your art or create something new. Let the Holy Spirit and your imagination be your guide! Finished pieces should be no more than 3' x 2'. If you have an easel, banner stand, or some other means of displaying your art, please bring it with you to the Assembly. The name of your congregation and city should be displayed with your artwork. Put your imaginations to work and be creative - and most of all, HAVE FUN!

Perhaps you make the piece of art yourself on Our Redeemer's behalf!
Perhaps you coordinate an art project that involves ALL ORLC members!

If you have any interest at all,
please contact Pastor Stephanie at (701)-580-2956
[feel free to voice call or text message]
or send an email to pastorstephanie@hotmail.com.

Please take any questions or concerns about this directly to Pastor Stephanie.

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 Renee’s office**. **Orders will be placed on the 1st Monday of each month**. If you **need a special order** please **contact Renee**. 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 Renee** 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.