



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.

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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

FEBRUARY

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT OUR REDEEMER!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

Installation of the ORLC 2016 Council

Lector: Shyanne Quella

Children's Story Time Teacher: Jan Novy

Counting: Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law

Children's Story Time Teacher: Sandra Kuhn

Ushers: Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs
& Jarvis Girard

Altar Guild: Jan DeMenter

Children's Story Time Teacher: Sandra Kuhn

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

Lector: Bev Quella

Counting: Mary McClure & Sue Steffen

Children's Story Time Teacher: Jan Novy

Ushers: Larry & Yvonne Dennee
Bob & Pam Trader

Altar Guild: Yvonne Dennee, Sue Burroughs,
Jan Novy & Pam Trader

Children's Story Time Teacher: Jan Novy

Salvation Army Meal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**6:45 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service with
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes**

Lector: Sandra Kuhn

Communion Assistants: Donna Bauer &
Mary McClure

Counting: Stewardship & Finance Committee

Altar Guild: Barbara Walstrom

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

Haugen Service

Lector: Shyanne Quella

Communion Assistants: Sandra Kuhn & Donna Bauer

Counting: Dennis Sauberlich & Sue Burroughs

Ushers: Tom Borchart, Mary McClure & John Law

Altar Guild: Mary McClure & Judy Jacobs

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

LWR Envelope Sunday

Lector: Joan LeClerc

Communion Assistants: Mary McClure

Counting: Tom Borchart, Donna Bauer,
Pricilla Gressler & Pam Trader

Ushers: Gary Mortensen & Gary Lucht

Altar Guild: Pricilla Gressler & Nia John

**After worship – ORLC Executive Committee
Meeting**

Wednesday Lenten Services

6:45 p.m.

February 17 & 24

March 2, 9 & 16

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.

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Holy Week Services

March 20 - 9:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion and distribution of Palms

March 24 - 6:45 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Stripping the Altar

March 25 - 6:45 p.m.

Good Friday Service

March 26 - 1:00 p.m.

Decorate church

March 27 - 9:00 a.m.

Easter Worship with Holy Communion

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2015 ORLC Council

Tom Borchart – **Acting President**

Ken Walstrom -**Vice President**

Brenda Willems – **Secretary**

Nia John

Mary McClure

ORLC TREASURER

Pricilla Gressler

ORLC ANNUAL MEETING * JANURY 31.

Installation of the orlc 2016 council will be

On Sunday, February 7.

2015 ORLC Representatives

Crossways Camping Ministries

Jane Gorres & Stacey Rothe

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

Mary McClure

Synod Assembly

Sandra Kuhn & Pastor Stephanie

Habitat for Humanity

Nia John

2015 ORLC Committee Contacts

Altar Guild

Mary McClure

Quilting Angels

Yvonne Dennee

Sunshine

Adell Bernal

WELCA

Barbara Champeau & Sandra Kuhn

Scrip Coordinator

Brenda Willems

Ushers

Larry & Yvonne Dennee

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Donna Bauer & Judy Jacobs

ORLC Committee MEETING DATES & NEWS

ORLC Council: Next Meeting: February 15 @ TBA

ORLC Executive Committee: Next Meeting: February 14 after worship

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Next Meeting: February 12 @ 10:15 a.m.

***Please confirm the dates & times for the meetings.**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Financial statements for the month of December reveal the following information:

Cash in Bank: \$19,144.37

Designated Funds in Bank: \$18,246.61

Available Funds: \$ 897.76

Budgeted Income Year to Date: \$83,713.00

Actual Income Year to Date: \$76,613.07

(includes building fund, gifts and memorials, etc.)

Funds needed for Mortgage thru December: \$24,420.00

Actual Offering for Mortgage Payment thru December: \$17,681.02

Additional gifts received for Building Fund Year to Date: \$ 6,632.88

Building Fund Balance as of December 31: \$ 3,862.74

Mortgage Balance: \$128,871.21

Don't ever under estimate the importance of designating some funds to the Building Fund. Had it not been for these gifts we would have been pulling money from the Current Fund (nearly \$7,000.00) which could have jeopardized our ability to keep up to date with financial responsibilities or possibly even require that we look for ways to reduce expenses. Many thanks to all for your continued support.

THANKS RECEIVED

From The Salvation Army: Thank you for your generous gift of mittens and hats, for remembering the less fortunate and the needs of others.

From Homeless Connections: 17 blankets you gave our residents - 17 new, cozy, soft, warm blankets. A welcome gift for our residents - it certainly is! Thank you for your work, time and thoughtful generosity.

From Lutheran Social Services: Thank you so much for the wonderful donations of gifts and cash. Your contributions helped us reach over 30 adults living with mental illness in various group homes at LSS©. Your generosity certainly enhanced the Christmas Spirit for our residents. Thanks again.

From Community Clothes Closet: Thank you very much for your donation of quilts and pillows. Our clients will certainly enjoy the warm bedding! We appreciate your support.

From St. Joseph Food Program, Inc.: Thank you for your donation of food on 12/1/2015. With your help, St. Joseph Food Program has been assisting families in the Fox Valley area for over 34 years. 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. In 2015, we distributed over 3.4 million pounds of food free of charge our clients, pantries, school children, and other non-profit organizations! Through your donation, you are touching the lives of almost 5,000 individuals every week!

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.



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, Barbara Champeau, 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), 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

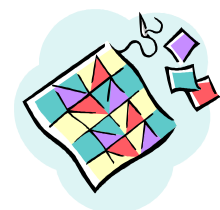
Summer break June to August.

Giving Up Something For Lent?



During the January WELCA bible study of Philipians, 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 Philipians 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.

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.

Thank You

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. Contact person: Yvonne Dennee



Sorry I'm so late with this "Thank you". I find it hard to sit and write since last fall.

I applied for and received a \$250.00 Grant from Thrivent for a Food Drive in November, along with the one we always have at Thanksgiving Eve, and added the Sunday following Thanksgiving in the Food Drive.

Since Pastor Seim was presiding on Thanksgiving Eve and the Sunday following, it was a good time for Fellowship. But I did need help from others. Judy Jacobs was my good and patient driver that terribly windy day when we went shopping to purchase food.

It was a good day for us – the store was empty. Judy unloaded all the food bags at church. After all the food items were received and packed up, St. Joseph Food Pantry came and picked up the food designated for them. Many bags of food were also picked up by The Salvation Army.

We packed 2 boxes for Harbor House and Ione Schwab and I delivered them on the Sunday after church. They were so happy to see us.

“Thank you to all”, who helped me with our two Fellowships and the Food Drive, both with food and helping hands – Yvonne Dennee, Judy Jacobs, John Law, Warren Roth, Ione Schwab, and Social Ministry/Outreach & Growth Committees. – Doris Roth

Mission Renewal-January 2016

On Sunday, January 10, Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson presented the details involved should a congregation feel the need to seriously consider closure. Pastor Jean's delivery of this information was a positive look at something we might feel is such a negative step.



We have now been presented with options of Redevelopment, Partnership/Shared Ministry, Merger/Consolidation and Closure. At some time in the future we will need to make a decision about the future of Our Redeemer.

Pastor Jean said that if we choose closure, there would be ways for us to continue in our quest for Infinity thru distributing our property to other ELCA entities. Our entire ministry for many years has been giving to others. If we determine that we must look at closure the steps to complete this process are many. It could not be done overnight. And we would need to work together to reach this goal.

We talked for years about the need to sit down and look seriously at our future. We couldn't seem to get to that point. Thankfully, we were chosen to participate in the Mission Renewal Pilot Project and we were finally starting that talk. Our coach, Jill Beverlin has been an inspiration for us. Pastor Jean has been extremely helpful to us in this project. We feel assured that God is with us and has led us to this point. -- Pricilla Gressler

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



Waiting for an Answer

When our daughter was 15, she ran away. She was gone more than 3 weeks. Those were the longest 3 weeks of our lives. We looked everywhere for her and sought help from law enforcement and friends. During those desperate days, my wife and I learned the importance of waiting on God in prayer. We had come to the end of our strength and resources. We had to rely on God.

It was on a Father's Day that we found her. We were in a restaurant parking lot, on our way out to dinner, when the phone rang. A waitress at another restaurant had spotted her. Our daughter was only three blocks away. We soon had her home, safe and sound.

We have to wait on God when we pray. We may not know how or when He will answer, but we can put our hearts constantly before Him. Sometimes the answers don't come when we would hope. Things may even go from bad to worse. But we had to persevere, keep believing, and keep asking.

Waiting is never easy, but the end result, whatever it is, will be worth it. David put it this way: "Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you" (Psalm 9:10). Keep seeking, Keep trusting, Keep asking, Keep praying.

James Banks, Guest Writer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

06	Nia John	18	Sandra Kuhn	25	Elizabeth Gauger
12	Shyanne Quella	21	Jaclyn Fischer	27	Jonathan Meetz
17	Shelly Burroughs	24	Lynn Dashner	28	Willie Bailey

Scarf Palooza

February 4 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

February 13 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

We are making scarves to distribute in areas where the homeless in the Fox Valley are known to gather. We are bringing to the Fox Valley a scarf phenomenon that is appearing throughout the world! News articles about where this has happened are available on the wooden table in the Narthex. We are also making hats and scarfs for the cancer center that is soon to open in Appleton.

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 7

Nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, nearly 1 billion people will be hungry-some worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and securing the next meal.

Please join us in remembering the hungry this Super Bowl Sunday and donate a can of soup to help fight hunger. You may place your donation by the cross in the Narthex. Thank you for your help.

Pastor Stephanie is collecting clean soup cans (labels off if possible) and plastic containers (example: sour cream, cottage cheese) for an Art Project! Pastor Stephanie has a collection box by her office door. Thank you for your help☺!



Salvation Army Meal * February 21

Please let **Larry or Pricilla Gressler** know if you are available to work on **February 21**. You can **come to the Salvation Army building after church on that Sunday** for **whatever time frame** your schedule allows. We **prepare the food** from about **9:45 a.m.** until **serving at noon**; we then **clean up** and usually are **out by 2:00 p.m.** If you can't come for the entire time, that's fine—just do whatever you are able. **Thank you.** The Salvation Army, 130 East North Street, Appleton

Social Ministry/Outreach & Growth Committees are sponsoring

Help for the Homeless here at Our Redeemer!

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

February 21 – March 13

ORLC will have a designated box in the Narthex.

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

Requested items for donation. New, unopened items only.



A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

(Author unknown)

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
Tampons

Personal Care

Soft Soap
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Razors
Shaving Cream
Nail Clippers
Cotton Balls
Q-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!*

Educational Offerings from Fox Valley Lutheran Homes "Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease"

Beginning Monday, February 22nd Fox Valley Lutheran Homes will be sponsoring a series of programs related to "Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease". The first session will focus on "Knowing the Warning Signs of Dementia and Alzheimer's".

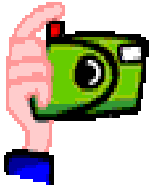
There are many conditions under the "umbrella" of dementia, the most common conditions will be explored and explained.

The program will begin at 10:30 am and last about one hour. All are welcomed to attend this free seminar. If you would like to attend please call us at 734-7225 to register. We are located at 425 N. Linwood St in Appleton.

Additional programs will be given in March and April when dates are confirmed.

Come and visit us at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes!

Save the Date!
LSS Sunday * March 6



Join with congregations all across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan to share how your congregation's ministry through LSS is changing lives each and every day. Social Ministry/Outreach & Growth Committee will share how we help LSS and we are in the process of scheduling a speaker from LSS to speak after worship on Sunday, March 6 along with a fellowship. Please join us!



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.

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.

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☺!



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.

CASHEW CHICKEN

2 lbs boneless chicken breasts (about 4 pieces), cut into smaller pieces
¼ cup flour ½ tsp pepper 1 Tbsp canola oil
¼ cup soy sauce 2 Tbsp rice vinegar 2 Tbsp ketchup
1 Tbsp brown sugar 1 garlic clove, minced ½ tsp grated fresh ginger
¼ tsp red pepper flakes ½ cup unsalted cashews

Fresh veggies of choice:

peppers, broccoli, snap peas, carrots, water chestnuts, etc.

Combine flour and pepper in resealable food storage bag. Add chicken. Shake to coat with flour mixture.

Heat oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Brown chicken about 2 minutes on each side.

Place chicken in slow cooker.

Continued below

Combine soy sauce, vinegar, ketchup, sugar, garlic, ginger, and pepper flakes in small bowl; pour over chicken.

Cook on Low for 3 to 4 hours.

Before serving steam veggies and throw into crock pot and stir.

Add cashews and stir. Serve with rice.

STOVETOP METHOD: Simply follow the same directions without adding things to the Crock Pot.

After cooking the chicken, so that it is browned throw the sauce over the chicken and simmer it for a couple of minutes. Then pull it off of the stove and set it aside.

Then stir fry your veggies in a Tablespoon of oil on the stove top in a large skillet pan or Stir Fry pan. When they are finished (soft and easy to pierce with a fork) mix the chicken and sauce mixture into the veggies and serve over rice immediately.

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.