

# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2016

## TIDINGS

### A Note from Pastor Stephanie



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus! An important decision is being made at the end of this month: is Our Redeemer Lutheran Church going to close or remain open? In recent weeks, I've heard stories about Our Redeemer I had not heard. Did you know one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation had the last name Budweiser? I asked John Law and a few others if this person was related to the Budweiser family and was told no. Did you know in the Articles of Incorporation the church's name was Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church? Do any of you remember calling your church Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church? I discovered you once had a large wooden fish and a tall, thick wooden cross that was part of your church sign along Midway Road. Someone still has the fish because the day it was taken down they could not let it go into the trash as the individual's father had made it!

I encourage you to pray for God's guidance, wisdom, understanding, and counsel. I promise the Spirit is guiding and leading you, as together as God's people, you move through this process that culminates with a congregational decision. Whatever decision you make is the right decision. During the days leading up to the congregational meeting, remember the church is God's Church. It is not a particular building; it is not located at a specific address. God's Church continues even when a congregation closes. If the decision is closure, God's church does not disappear and there is another place where you can encounter the Holy One. As scripture says Jesus Christ is the same—yesterday, today, and forever.

When I meet with loved ones after a family member or close friend has died, I remind the family of God's eternal promise in Jesus Christ. I talk about how the loved one is no longer suffering or in pain; the person is whole and forever is in the arms of Jesus. I always follow this up by saying it is not easy for you who are left behind to continue living your earthly life. You want more memories. You want more stories. You want more time. You want your loved one to be the way he/she was before the sickness permeated his/her body. I share this with you to say to you that in no way am I minimizing the feelings you might have as the congregational meeting date approaches when I remind you God's Church lives forever.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church may or may not remain; this is yet to be determined. Perhaps this is stirring up emotions for you. I want you to know it is okay to feel what you need to feel when you need to feel it. If you would like someone to sit with you as you feel what you are feeling, I am available and more than willing to sit with you in the midst of your experience. Give me a call, set up an appointment, talk with me through Facebook Messenger, or send an email.

Let us pray. All embracing God of the past, we give you thanks for all the people of this church who have gone before us; saints and sinners like us, who have nurtured each other, fed the hungry, visited the sick, and reached out to the world in your name. We lift them up to you O God, as we express our gratitude for their good work, their good stewardship, and the rich heritage they have left us. All embracing God of our present, we give you thanks for each person who calls this their church home. Grant that we might, even in this time of transition, find grace to nurture each other as we seek to be good stewards of your church, between cherishing the traditions of a secure past and embracing the yet unfamiliar practices that will be our future. Grant us grace in our disagreements and in our uncertainty. Grant us wisdom to understand that the vision we seek is nothing less than your own plan for us. Grant us patience to let the vision unfold as we pray and study and work together. Grant us courage to begin new things. Grant us a joyful spirit so that this church might reflect your glory and goodness in our community. All embracing God of the future, we give you thanks for tomorrow. As you lure us into the unknown, keep us secure in the knowledge that whatever the future holds you will be there waiting for us. Amen. (Prayer written by Reverend Kathryn Anadein and printed in the book "Finishing with Grace" by Linda M. Hilliard and Reverend Gretchen J. Switzer.

God's peace,  
Pastor Stephanie Lorenz



## Worship Services & Volunteer Schedule

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT OUR REDEEMER!**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

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

**Lector:** Sandra Kuhn

**Communion Assistants**

**Counting:** Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law

**Ushers:** Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs,  
& Jarvis Girard

**Altar Guild:** Jan DeMenter

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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

**Lector:** Joan LeClerc

**Communion Assistants:**

**Counting:** Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs

**Ushers:** Bob & Pam Trader

**Altar Guild:** Jan Novy, Sue Burroughs, Pam Trader

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

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

**Lector:** Joan LeClerc

**Communion Assistants:** Donna Bauer, Mary McClure

**Counting:** Ken & Barbara Walstrom & Pricilla Gressler

**Ushers:** Gary Mortensen, Gary Lucht

**Altar Guild:** Pricilla Gressler, Nia John

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

**Lector:** Bev Quella

**Communion Assistants:** Donna Bauer, Sandra Kuhn

**Counting:** Jan Novy, Helen Dins

**Ushers:** Tom Borchart, Mary McClure, John Law

**Altar Guild:** Mary McClure

#### 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.

### Special Congregational Meetings

There will be a congregational meeting for a vote on the Resolution for Dissolution of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on **Sunday June 26 after the service.**

There will also be informational meetings about the resolution on **Sunday June 19 after church and Monday June 20 at 7:15 pm.**

If anyone has questions they want to have answered on these two dates please contact Sandra Kuhn or drop questions off in church office so we have time to contact the attorney about legal questions.



## **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

### **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**

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### **WELCA**

Sandra Kuhn

### **Scrip Coordinators**

Brenda Willems & Renee in the office

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Donna Bauer

## **ORLC Committee MEETING DATES & NEWS**

**ORLC Council:** Tuesday, June 28 @7:15pm

**ORLC Executive Committee:** Sunday, June 26 after worship

**Stewardship & Finance Committee:** TBD

**Worship & Music Committee:** Thursday, July 21 @10:00 am



“A Big Belated Thank You” to all my friends and workers at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, who sent such wonderful birthday cards, letters, notes and great pictures for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

My daughter, Ellen, created a wonderful memory book for me from all those great things. It sits here on my table all the time. Hope you can visit to see it sometime.

With God’s Blessing,  
Doris Roth

I miss you all!



## Treasurer's Report for April 2016

	March.	April
Cash in bank	\$16,145.78	\$ 9,596.08
Designated funds in bank.	\$16,234.22.	\$14,967.49
Available funds:	\$ - 88.44.	\$ 5,371.41
Budgeted income year to date:	\$19,907.49.	\$26,543.32
Actual income year to date:	\$ 17,835.25.	\$22,156.04
(Includes building fund, gifts &a memorials, etc.)		
Funds needed for mortgage Year to date.	\$ 6,105.00.	\$ 8,140.00
Actual offering designated For mortgage.	\$ 5,675.00	\$ 6,695.00
Additional gifts received for building fund year to date:		\$ 2,496.86
Building fund balance:	\$5,929.60.	\$ 4,914.60
Mortgage balance: \$122,661.35		
Net Income Loss Year to date: \$9,072.11		

Contributions in April were \$5,371.41 less than what was needed to pay our bills which means we are borrowing from designated funds. Contributions for the building fund was \$1,015 less than our April mortgage payment.



**Community Clothes Closet:** Thank you again for your gift of quilts and children's clothing. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

**Oakridge Gardens:** Thank you for the wonderful bed blanket you have made. A lucky resident will be thrilled to call this their own. Thank you and God bless.

## Our Redeemer Care & Concern

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).

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.

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

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

02 Gary Lucht	08 Patsy Zuehlke	19 Dennis Sauberlich
02 Brooke Propson	09 Samuel Saari	24 Selah Dan
07 Stephanie Lorenz	18 Mary Ann Kunschke	30 Joseph Novy



### 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.

## Quilting Angels News

We have the ability to see where our Quilts, Baby Care Kits, and Personal Care kits go. Here is our latest report as of May 4, 2016: As of May 11, 2016 we have made 201 quilts!

12	Mission Quilts	40	Baby Care Kits
	Blankets		Fabric Kits
20	Personal Care Kits		Soap
	School Kits		

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9AM. If you know of anyone who should receive a Prayer Shawl please let us know.

Contact persons: Donna Bauer



### 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.

## 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



**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.

**Amelia's Tuna Macaroni Salad**  
Printed From Allrecipes.com 5/16/2016

**Ingredients**

- 1 (12 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 1 (6 ounce) can tuna, drained
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped sweet onion
- 1 (10 ounce) can baby peas, drained
  
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, quartered
- 1 pinch paprika, for garnish

**Directions**

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni, and cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold running water. In a large bowl, stir together the macaroni, tuna, celery, onion and peas. Mix in the mayonnaise, relish, salt and pepper. Garnish with egg wedges and a sprinkle of paprika. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour before serving.



**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☺!



**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. 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.

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

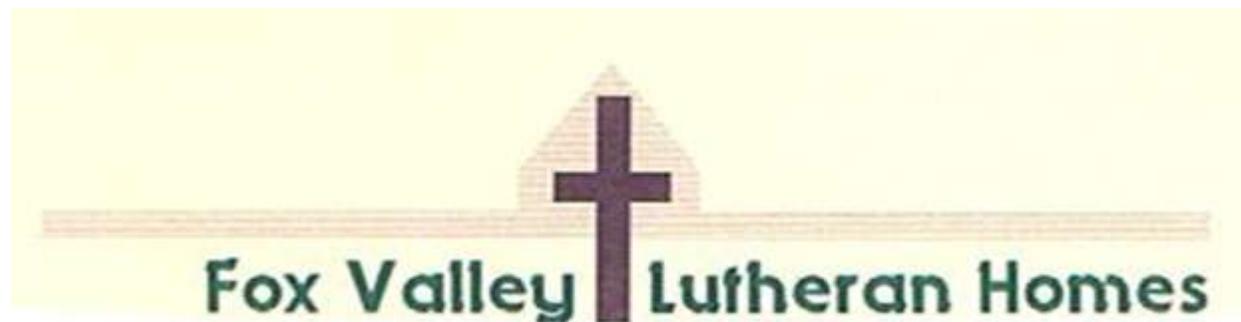
Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give you thanks for the particular gifts of Grace and Trinity Lutheran Church and we ask your blessing upon them as they seek your will and advance the work of the gospel. Help us to see how we can best be in partnership 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**





## JUNE 2016 NEWS

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting here at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. We had a good attendance and a very “short” and successful meeting. We elected three new members to our Board of Directors: Patty Dyreson (Trinity – New London), Dave Hoks (St. Paul’s – Neenah), and Steve Olson (First English – Appleton). Our Executive Committee for this year has two different members joining: Chairman of the Board – Steve Olson, Vice Chairman – Mark Des Rochers, Secretary – Sue Doell, and Treasurer – Alissa Olson. We are looking forward to a strong year of moving forward at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

I would like to invite ALL of the voting delegates to an informational meeting about the Connections program I’ve been trying to get up and going between Fox Valley Lutheran Homes and the congregations of this conference. I’ve had the opportunity to speak one on one with a few of you, but I want to tell you about the program more fully. I’ll furnish some snacks and beverages, if you will come! I’ll be here on Tuesday, June 7, from 6:30 to 8 P.M. This is a ‘drop in’ kind of thing. Come by and let me explain the program to you and hopefully sign YOU up as the liaison(s) for your congregation for this awesome program to build new and better relationships with the wonderful people who live here at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. It won’t take very long, but the rewards can be very long lasting. Please come and help make a difference in someone’s life!

We still have one apartment available at this time. It is a two bedroom apartment on the third floor with views on the north and west. It has new appliances, new carpeting, and fresh paint! Come and take a look.

We are still looking for more candidates for our Board of Directors. Our Annual Meeting will be Saturday, April 23, with registration at 8:30 and the meeting at 9:00 AM. If you’d like more information or a tour, please call Fox Valley Lutheran Homes at 734-7225.

*Becky Luett, RSM, Executive Director*



## Our Redeemer Lutheran (ORLC) Calendar June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 9AM Men's Bible Study  5-9PM Regeneration Hmong Ministry	4 9AM-Noon Regeneration Hmong Ministry  5-9PM Regeneration Hmong Ministry
5 9AM Worship w/Holy Communion	6	7 9AM-Noon Quilting Angels  6-9 PM New Horizons Orchestra	8	9 9AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	10 9AM Men's Bible Study  5-9PM Regeneration Hmong Ministry	11 9AM-Noon Regeneration Hmong Ministry
12 9AM Worship w/Holy Communion – Haugen Service	13	14 9AM-Noon Quilting Angels  6-9 PM New Horizons Orchestra	15	16	17 9AM Men's Bible Study  5-9PM Regeneration Hmong Ministry	18 9AM-Noon Regeneration Hmong Ministry  5-9PM Regeneration Hmong Ministry
19 9AM Worship w/Holy Communion  Informational Meeting after worship  	20 Informational Meeting @ 7:15pm	21 9AM-Noon Quilting Angels  10:00AM- Worship & Music Committee  6-9 PM New Horizons Orchestra	22	23 9AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	24 9AM Men's Bible Study  5-9PM Regeneration Hmong Ministry	25 9AM-Noon Regeneration Hmong Ministry
26 9AM Worship w/Holy Communion  ORLC Executive Meeting after worship  Congregational Meeting after worship	27	28 9AM-Noon Quilting Angels  6-9 PM New Horizons Orchestra  7:15pm – ORLC Council	29	30		

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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[revorlc@tds.net](mailto:revorlc@tds.net) (pastor)

**Office Hours:**  
 Monday – Thursday  
 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Pastor's Hours:**  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays  
 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**We're on the Web!**  
 See us at:  
[www.orlc-menasha.com](http://www.orlc-menasha.com)



**We're on Social Media!**  
 Share with us at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ORLC1750/>

**Come Worship with Us!**  
**Sundays – 9:00 AM with Holy Communion**  
**All Are Welcome!**

*No Matter 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**



**“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 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.*



**Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.