

The Good Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Life Changing Place

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” -2 Corinthians 5:17

August

2014



Summer Transitions

I have always hated seeing the Christmas ads start coming out in October, or political ads hitting the airwaves in July. But equally painful can be notices of ‘back to school’ sales, and they are already happening. We still have lots of summer left, (Ok maybe not so much) but there are reminders of a transition that is ahead with the beginning of school. So if this is time to hear about that transition let me remind you of some transitions taking place around here at Our Redeemer.

1. We are in a time of transition with preparing to invest in our building and ministry by getting ready for a Capital Appeal process. This is the first time in decades to take this kind of step, and this is exciting. We are in the midst of working with Kairos Consultants in the initial phase of a Capital appeal by getting feedback from the congregation – please complete a Church Assessment Tool (CAT) by August 17.
2. We are in the process of bringing in new staff for our youth ministry and choir director positions and aiming to have interviews in August and new leadership on board before September. Pray for capable and faithful people to step into these positions.
3. August for the last seven years has been a time of transition as we prepare to welcome a new intern into our community. With sadness we will say our thanks and farewell to Ben on August 17th, and then with joy and open arms we greet Jen Collins.
4. We are aiming to transition into a new mission statement for the church. After lots of team work and getting feedback from various groups we anticipate the Board accepting a new Mission Statement in August and you will then hear much more about this.
5. There is a transition in our Communion practice that will take effect on August 17th. We will be moving to a ‘Communion of all the baptized’ practice that will allow for younger children (with parental permission and decision) to be included in this sacramental meal. More details about an upcoming class and this transitions are in this newsletter.

So, while we can often be people who don’t like change, or for whom the transitions seem too soon or too big, they are something we come to expect, accept, and know that good things can come from them. That will be the case with school, and it will certainly be the case with these things at Our Redeemer.

Thanks for your partnership in this good gospel work,
Pastor Karsten



Keep Our Redeemer in your prayers:

- ⇒ The Facilities Finance Team as the lead work on the Capital Appeal process
- ⇒ The youth as they return from their mission trip – for faith to be active and enhanced
- ⇒ For the transition teams dealing with youth and choir director staffing needs
- ⇒ For the group that is finalizing work on revising our mission statement
- ⇒ For the life after internship for Ben Mandrick and family, and the beginning for Jen Collins

From the Intern Pastor Ben Mandrick



As the summer comes to a climax and we begin to look at our fall plans, it is hard to believe that my time with you all is nearing an end. I have loved getting to share this time with you all and feel blessed to have spent the time with such great people. The stories that I have

heard and the friendships that were created over the past year are icing on top of a great year of learning. You have all helped to mold and shape me into a better leader, teacher, and Christian. For this I want all of you to know that I will remember this time with you all fondly and it will continue to shape me for the rest of my life. The way that you received Andi, Liam, and myself into your community is something that you should take great pride in. You are loving and welcoming people who care deeply for each other and the work that God is doing in the world. I now get the honor of joining the amazing list of ministry leaders that you have helped instruct and prepare for pastoral leadership.

In the last year I have been able to join with you in your ministry to the community and each other. Together we have tried to be God's hands and feet in the world. We have reached out to make new relationships with the members of the community and looked deeply at the ways we live out our shared faith. In your ongoing ministry I know that you will continue to transform lives and build community on the Eastside. I was able to see examples of this happening, in the short time that I was with you. You have the great message of God's love for the world to share with all people and that is something that I have been able to witness happening. You have encouraged me by your words, actions, and deep faith.

In the same way that you received my family, I know that you will receive the new Intern Pastor Jennifer Collins. The ministry that you have been engaged in will continue to touch lives and Jennifer will bring a great new set of passions and ideas for furthering the ministry of this community. She will bless you in the coming year and I can attest to the sure and certain fact, that she will be blessed by you as well. I look forward to hearing updates about your continued ministry and the great work that I am sure you will continue to do in Jesus name.

Please receive this blessing:

“The living God, bless each of you, that you become aware of new gifts of the spirit, that they might be used to further God's plans to share the good news of salvation, through Jesus Christ, to all people.” Amen.

To end on a lighter note, all people need some time to rest. I have it on good authority that Florida is a nice place to find some rest for a while. The snow is one of God's most beautiful creations to look at; each snowflake is unique and different. But, sandy beaches feel better on your toes.

Grace and peace,
Intern Pastor Ben

Intern News

Whenever we get to this end of the summer we have come to know that there is a change we have to get ready for – saying farewell and saying hello. Ben Mandrick will conclude his year of internship with us on Sunday, August 17th and as has become custom we will have a ‘service of ending ‘ in both worship services then a special pot luck meal and program to send him off. Please plan to be with us on that day as we say thank you and seek to bless Ben as he concludes his seminary preparation.

Then a week later we will welcome our new intern Jen Collins as she begin another year of a seminary partnering in ministry with us. Jen is an energetic, personable, grounded person of faith and is looking forward to being here. If you are interested in being part of the Internship Support Team this next year please contact Pastor Karsten or Julie Peterson.



Communion of all the Baptized Class



Over the past few months we have been having Board discussion, Sunday presentations, and some information shared in the newsletter about making the change in the way that we are celebrating communion on Sundays. We

are moving to a 'Communion of all the Baptized', where we will begin communing any baptized child (with parental permission) who holds out their hand to receive communion. But, we are also giving responsibility to the families to make their own informed decision on when to begin communion with their child. As part of this transition we are offering a communion class to help inform and equip members of the congregation with the knowledge of how to both understand when their child might be to ready to receive communion and tools for how to make an informed family decision on when children should receive communion. Some members of the congregation may wish for very young children to receive communion and others might desire that their children wait till they are a little older. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church supports the family's choice to decide when a baptized child is ready for communion. We are inviting all people to join the class, regardless if you have young children or not. The class will be Thursday July 31st, from 6:15pm to 7:30pm, childcare will be available. Please call the office to register so we can prepare space and materials.

Baptism Anyone???

As we are preparing for a transition in our practice of communion to be more inclusive and full of grace for those who are younger we also want to think about those who are older and may have never been baptized. The church has held up this sacrament as both a way we live into a command from Jesus, and as a key marker of our identity. If you have not been baptized, or have children that were not baptized, we invite you to come to a special class on Monday August 4th at 6:30pm. We will talk more about this sacrament, visit about having the baptism in worship, between services, or at Lake Phalen, and answer questions you may have. If you would like to talk to Pastor Karsten before the class please call him at the church.

Senior Ministry

Please join a group of us on Monday, August 4 at 10:00 in Karsten's office as we will do some dreaming and planning around senior ministry for Our Redeemer. We will have special leadership from Lyngblomston. We will look at the wide picture of senior ministry (education, social events, trips, visitation) and lay some good groundwork for us to build this area of ministry and care. We hope you can join us. Please try to bring along someone else to join us.

Just People Gathering

Sometimes we might feel like we are just people (note the small 'j') with little voice or chance to live boldly or help enact change around us. But the truth is we are capable people and called to live significant lives. Living as Just People (note the capital 'J') is finding reason and ways to act to help make things right and better in our community and world. Come join a special group gathering on Wednesday August 20th for a night of conversation, inspiration, study and reflection on why and how we can live as Just People. This is a shared endeavor by folks from Our Redeemer Lutheran and Presentation Catholic Church to build relationships, and seek to work together for understanding and acting on justice concerns. We will gather at 5:45 over a supper meal and have a night of great education and reflection that will conclude at 8:30. Please talk to Pastor Karsten or Joan Paulson for questions or to sign up.



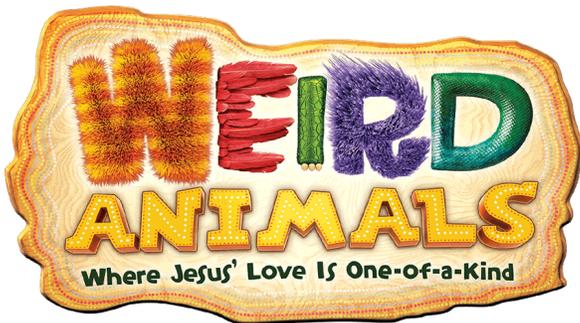
Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Team meeting August 7th at 6 pm.

The family movie night July 16 was well-attended with 21 children. The kids enjoyed getting together for the movie and playing outside on a beautiful evening.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!



Monday, August 11—Thursday, August 14
Time: 6:00-8:00pm (Dinner at 5:30pm)
For Ages: Preschool—5th grade

Register onsite or at
www.orlcmn.org/childrens-ministry

Mark your calendar for Rally Day September 7 for Creation Stations Sunday School registration. Contact anyone on the Children's Ministry team or the office if you would like to help out this year.

Meet the New Members!

It was a good day back on June 22 when we took in six new members. We are always pleased to hear how God is drawing others to be a fuller part of our life and ministry. Please look for opportunities to greet, visit with and invite, and thank these folks. Linda Pearson, Roland and Beth Kringle and daughter Lexi, Frank and Nicole Carlson.



Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis day of departure!



Worship Assistants

Date	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31 One Service 10am
Worship Host	Dennis Peterson	Dick & Sharon Peterson	Bruce Ring & Rita During	Roger Svendsen	Doreen Winter
Gift Cards	Vicki Anderson		Chris Reeves		
Kitchen Help	Darlene Harwood	Dave Mennen	Dick & Sharon Peterson	Dennis & Jan Peterson	Kathi Kirchoff
Greeters 8:45	Judy Triplett Florence Senske	Dan & Laurie, Danny Fitzgerald	Oliviene Hefta Darlene Harwood	Joyce Abrahamson Pauline Halverson	
Greeters 11:00	Helen Wallace	Cindy Crooks Shirley Keating	Nora Smeed Jessica Ryden	Claire Sexton Sharon Peterson	Jennifer Kubitschek Judy Moe
Lector 8:45	Dave Mennen	Darleen Klemm	Lana Larsen	Dianne Derks	
Lectors 11:00	Kathi Kirchoff	TBD	Cherie Kilbride	Amy Krohn	Chris Reeves
Ushers 8:45	Dennis Paulson Rob Klemm Kent Weispfenning Roger Sparks	Roger Ollila Baryogar Johnson Roger Svendsen Dennis Peterson	Dan Fitzgerald Bill Maynard Bill Fredine Dave Mennen	Larry & Sandy Pruden Mike Welte Mike Kahrau	
Ushers 11:00	Claire Sexton Tom Wallace Roland Kringle Cheri Edwall	Rick Brovitch Clint Crooks Johan Madrigal Jennifer Houge	Randy & Jane Koza Dick & Sharon Peterson	Bruce Ring Mark, Doreen, Courtney Winter	Dick & Sharon Peterson, Claire Sexton

Financial Information as of June 30

Thank you for your continued giving to the mission and ministry of ORLC.

Budgeted Income **\$131,589**
Actual Income **\$142,509**

Budgeted Expense **\$185,329**
Actual Expense **\$178,568**



Join us on Tuesday, August 5 from 5:00-8:00pm for our National Night Out celebration! We will have free food, some fun games, and a good time visiting with our neighborhood police and fireman as well as our community. We are also having a cake walk again so if you can help bake something, we'd appreciate it. Back again is the dunk tank! Dunk the pastor for \$1! All proceeds benefit building renovations. If you would like to help out with this event, contact Claire Sexton at 651-484-0624



As we continue to grow our vegetable garden at ORLC to benefit the food shelf, we invite you to share some of your bounty as well! If you are gardening at home and have any vegetables you would like to share, please leave them in the baskets on Sunday mornings in the entryway and every Monday, we will take them to the food shelf. Thank you for your generosity.

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<p>3 Can Day, First Sunday Food Shelf, Blood Pressure Check, Bucks for our Building 8:45am Traditional Worship 10:30am Contemporary Worship 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church</p>	<p>4 10:00am Senior Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Caffeinated for Christ, Baptism Class 6:45pm Lives Worth Living,</p>	<p>5 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5-8:00pm National Night Out 7:00pm SEL</p>	<p>6 9:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Youth Group to Karsten's Cabin 6:45am Men's Study 6:00pm Children's Ministry Mtg</p>	<p>8 Youth Group Return from Karsten's Cabin</p>
<p>10 8:45am Traditional Worship 10:30am Contemporary Worship 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church 3:00pm SEL Fellowship in FH</p>	<p>11 9:00am Quilting 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6-8pm VBS</p>	<p>12 9:30am Men's Property Group 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6-8pm VBS, Mission Statement Team 7:00pm SEL</p>	<p>13 9:30am Bible Study 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6-8pm VBS</p>	<p>14 6:45am Men's Study 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6-8pm VBS</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>17 Bucks for our Building 8:45am Traditional Worship 10:30am Contemporary Worship 11:30pm Intern Potluck Farewell 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church Please complete a survey by today!</p>	<p>18 6:30pm Caffeinated for Christ 6:45pm Lives Worth Living</p>	<p>19 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm SEL, Church Board</p>	<p>20 9:30am Bible Study 6-9:30pm Just People Gathering</p>	<p>21 6:45am Men's Study 5:30pm Worship & Music Mtg 6:30pm MN Sure Presentation- FH, Knitting & Crochet Group at Hometown Creamery</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>24 Josephine Bessman Speaking 8:45am Traditional Worship 10:30am Contemporary Worship 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church</p>	<p>25 9:00am Quilting Serving at Dorothy Day 6pm SEL - Fireside</p>	<p>26 Intern Pastor Jen Begins 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm SEL, CAT Results 6pm SEL - Fireside</p>	<p>27 9:30am Bible Study 6pm SEL - Fireside</p>	<p>28 6:45am Men's Study 6pm SEL - Fireside</p>	<p>29 6:00pm SEL Service</p>
<p>31 10:00am One Worship Service Outdoors 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church 3:00pm SEL - FH</p>					

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Worship Schedule
8:45am Traditional
10:30am Contemporary
5th Sunday 10:00am



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