



Pastor's Corner / February 2023

Let's go "Back-to-the-Basics" THIS LENT

- 1) with our mid-week theme: "ASK" and
- 2) our Sunday morning study: "Handbook of the Christian Faith!"

Starting Ash Wednesday, you're invited into a mid-week series called "ASK"

At some point in every Christian's life, they discover a *question*. You know the kind. Not like, "How are you?" Or, "What kind of toothpaste should I buy?" But, like, *What really happens when we die?* Or, *Why does this terrible stuff happen to people who do their best to follow God?* Or, *How could God forgive me after what I've done?* Or, *How do I know what God wants me to do next?* You know. *That* kind of question.



People often feel isolated when they discover that type of question, as if we are the only one asking it. For whatever reason, questions like this often feel like obstacles to our faith. Or questions feel forbidden, out-of-bounds. Biblically, we read characters like Job and Nicodemus asking questions that *sound like ours*, only to read what sounds like a very touchy response from God. But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if questions are an *essential* part of our personal faith? What if we *need* questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? You want to go there, don't you? You want to believe dialogue with God, *relationship* with God, *requires* questions. Well, guess what? You're in good company.

When we carefully read scripture, we discover questions *everywhere*. Hundreds of questions. Questions are created in the Garden of Eden. And in the Gospel of John, the first thing Jesus says to someone after his resurrection *is a question*. Once you start noticing questions, you see them everywhere. Everyone has one, even if they keep it in their back pocket or tightly trapped behind their teeth. Bible people have plenty of questions, too. So what can we do with *that*?

Here's our answer: this series called *Ask*. In this Lenten season, you'll find something for every person who's ever had a question about their faith. Join us on Wednesday nights at 4:00 & 6:30 (with dinner in between). **ALSO... Starting Sunday, Feb 29th, the First Sunday in Lent, you're invited to a "refresher course" of the Christian faith.**

Join us after worship in the Youth Room, for a ten-week refresher course on the Christian faith, led by Pastor John. We'll be diving into John Schwarz's book, **A Handbook of the Christian Faith** on **Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:00, in the Youth Room**. Each session covers a basic principle of Christian history, faith and mission, supplemented by several discussion questions from a variety of recognized scholars and theologians, such as Martin Marty, Tony Campolo, Katheryn Darr, and David Tiede. Everyone is welcome! Come one, come all! Drop by the church office to pick up your copy of the book (books are free unless you want to make a donation).

Get those questions ready as we dive in deep this Lent to grow in our faith in new and exciting ways!

Pastor John



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” ~Matthew 11:28-30

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**Newsletter Note: This is a monthly publication.
Deadline for articles is 4:00 pm on the third Monday of
each month.**



February

Acolyte: See page 8

Usher:
John & Ardelle O
Gary & Lillian B

Readers:
5th: Merilee E
12th: Sue O
19th: Mary Jo M
26th: Volunteer

Communion Asst.:
5th: John & Merilee E, Jennifer K
19th: Mary Jo & Dave M, Brent J

ALTAR FLOWERS



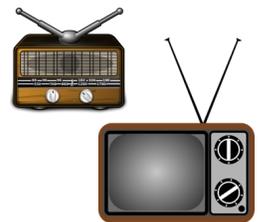
If you would like to sponsor flowers please call or email the office. Sign-up is also available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. **Cost is \$25.** You can pick them up following the service on the Sunday sponsored after 10:00 AM or Monday after 8:00 AM.

February dates available: 5, 12, 19

ORLC BROADCAST SPONSOR

Monetary donations are needed to continue our Sunday Service broadcasting options:
Online @ www.orlcpc.com or WCMP Radio 106.5 FM or 1350 AM.

Sign-up available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. **Costs \$75.**
February dates available: 5, 12, 19, 26



OUR REDEEMER FAMILY AND FRIENDS



TO PRAY FOR: Marge K, Ron M (brother of Caron P), Marilyn S, Joyce L, Bryce B (grandson of Merrilee and John E), Dale C (cousin to Carol J), Lois C, Dana P, Eleanor F, Jerry O, Vinette H (sister of Sandy M), Jenny C, Carol B, Randy L (Greg L brother), Katelyn L, Oscar T, Jennifer (daughter of Jane T), Craig M (nephew of Larry & Linda S), Carl P, Mike M (son of Donna & Ronald P), Eric J. (son of Merietta & Sherwood J.), Gail M, Brittney H, Jeffery Z (brother of Tammy S), Dale K, Shirley H (sister of Marge K), Barb L, Kay K, Evelyn M, Carl & Carole A, Mauricio T (son-in-law to Jay & Tam S), Pat H, Janet K (Michelle V sister), Jeff K, Bill M, Ashley J, Paulette R, Karen B, Steve M, Jim J, Tonia J, Betsi M O, Laurie M, Bonnie A, Karen K (sister-in-law to Julie & Lee W), Deb H, Aine C (Judy & Larry B's grandchild), Evie R (great-granddaughter of Donna & Ron P), Steven M (brother-in-law to Jeff D), Margaret M

Please pray for our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ORLC Church Council Meeting Thursday, January 12th, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Present: Lynne Zack, William Woulfe , Diane Lombard, Eric Wictor, Greg Lea, Rich Elliot, Pastor John Stiles, Kyle Nascene and Ashley Espeseth

Absent/Excused: Doug Bergland, Gail Mattison, Wayne Hansman and Erin Anderson

Other Attendees: Steve Schmidt

Meeting called to order by President Greg Lea at 7:07 pm

Opening Devotions & Prayer by Rich Elliot

Agenda: emailed prior

Staff Reports:

Leigha Lange's report was emailed to council prior to the meeting and was reviewed and can be found in the church office official file.

Financial Report:

Steve Schmidt reported on the December financials of the church. December marks the end of the first quarter and we are under budget; giving is currently covering spending. Thank You, for your generosity! The full reports can be found in the church office official file and a summary in the monthly newsletter. Question was brought up regarding passing the offering plate verse having it sit in the back. Council will reach out to Worship for input. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Ashley Espeseth and seconded by Rich Elliot.

Old Business:

Land Sale:

No update at this time.

Youth Priorities:

Sunday night worship started geared to engage the youth and is open for all to attend. The service will be the second Sunday of the month (except for April). Council is looking to invite a young member to attend council in the Spring.

Statistical Report:

Diane Lombard reported on the December 2022 membership and non-membership events/changes; two baptisms and one member passing with funeral/celebration of life in January.

New Mission Opportunities/Committee Reports:

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music: Diane Lombard reported no formal meeting in January. Looking to have two services for Lent.

EVArts: Diane Lombard reported the committee met this week and started taking down the Christmas decoration with help from some confirmation students with putting stuff away - thank you! Quick meeting after to try to decide on projects for 2023.

Property: Wayne Hansmann emailed update to council: The trees along the borderline have been taken down, the lumber is cut, split and stacked. THANK YOU!! to all who helped. Funds received from the sale of the wood will be donated to A Place For You. Jeff's Outdoor Services has been contacted to work on snow and ice removal on the roof.



Faith Formation & Education: Ashley Espeseth reported that Children of Joy has been working on licensing. They will work with the property committee and/or keep them updated on the playground. Rich Elliot reported youth scholarship time is coming up.

Congregational Care: Gail Mattison was absent, no report.

Congregational Life: Lynne Zack she and Sue Osterdyk met about Easter Packets for home delivery.

Mission & Outreach: Erin Anderson was absent, no report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor John Stiles' full report can be found in the church office official file. Thank You to ALL who help coordinate and participate in all the different programs, events of Christmas. Including but not limited to snow and weather. Pastor John has a new opportunity to be the Dean of the Kettle River Conference with the formal election to be at the upcoming conference assembly at ORLC.

Save the date:

Sun, Jan 22nd – MN Adult & Teen Challenge lead worship

Sun, Jan 29th – Healing Prayer Team lead worship

Wed, Feb 22nd – Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:30PM

Sun, Feb 26th – Kettle River Conference Assembly, 2PM at ORLC in Pine City and Zoom.

Thank you for all the Christmas gifts, cards and well-wishes to me and my family during this recent holiday season. I am forever grateful for the outpouring of generosity and care shown to me this past Christmas. Thank you!!!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pastor John Stiles and seconded by William Woulfe.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Member for February is Wayne Hansmann

Meeting Date: Thursday 02/09/2023 at 7:00pm by ZOOM

Diane Lombard, Secretary

Council Member of the Month

Isaiah 40:29–31

He gives power to the tired and worn out and strength to the weak. Even the youths shall be exhausted, and the young men will all give up, but they that wait upon the lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

That chapter of Isaiah has always been a great source of comfort to me. Doesn't matter if it's physical, mental, spiritual, or social ...we all have challenges, and we all stumble on the path of life. It's very comforting to know that "if we wait upon the lord" he will renew our strength and get us through the challenge.

Roughly a year ago, I had open heart surgery... a quadruple bypass. That was quite a shock at the time and quite a challenge. I was very blessed to receive some amazing medical care and also a lot of thoughts and prayers for my

brothers and sisters in Christ. I have amazing friends and family and I'm very thankful for them for getting me through that difficult time. But we don't need major surgery to call upon the Lord. We all get tired with the day-to-day grind that we go through. The challenges, both in our vocations, financially, and with relationships. Life is usually not easy. Unfortunately, a lot of times it's difficult.

As someone who's been around athletics all their life, the thought of running, and not growing weary, has always been very appealing!

Dear Lord, keep me strong for you in all parts of my life! Amen.

Sincerely – Wayne Hansmann

FINANCIAL UPDATE

12/31/2022

MONTH #3 of FISCAL YEAR 2023

On behalf of the finance committee ~ thank you for your continued generosity, love and trust with your financial giving. The council, committees and staff that use the funds given to Our Church try their very best to honor your monetary gifts in a mindful and financially sound way that is pleasing to God and that helps us to: **SERVE GOD TOGETHER!**

December, 2022

Income:

\$40,697	- General Offering Income
<u>2,604</u>	- Other General Operating Income
\$43,301	- TOTAL Available for Expense Payment
\$29,201	- Expenses Supported by General Giving



December, 2022

Account Balances

\$ 2,000	- Property Improvement Reserve
57,628	- General Operating Fund
33,076	- Restricted Funds
<u>96,566</u>	- Endowment Fund
\$ 189,270	- TOTAL CASH & SAVINGS

Balance remaining on building loan: 42,734

Currently on the finance committee is Steve Schmidt (RRI Consulting), Kyle Nascene (Treasurer), Pastor John (member), Diane Lombard (member), Sue Osterdyk (member), Greg Lea (member). If you are interested in learning more, have questions or would like to be on the finance committee, please let one of us know.

Respectfully Submitted
Kyle Nascene, Treasurer

UPDATE: Fund the Lot

Doesn't the parking lot look fantastic!?!

Our on-going parking lot fundraiser is going well!

*So far **51** spots have been filled in on our parking lot display board.*

Thank you to all those who have made a donation thus far.

If you are ready to buy or help cover a parking space, please make a check to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and note parking lot fund in the memo line.

Any amount helps and with every \$500 raised another car fills the lot.





Worship & Music Worship Notes

We are in the wonderful season of Epiphany, the Light! A special thank you again to all who made the Advent and Christmas season a blessing with music, usher volunteers, poinsettias, the angels above the altar, Pastor's meaningful messages, and other special gifts.

NEW: Sunday Night Worship

Contemporary style Sunday evening service. **Every second Sunday of the month at 6:30pm.** Everyone is welcome!

January will end with:

Teen Challenge choir on the 22nd
Healing Focus Sunday on the 29th.

Lent is soon to be upon us! Leigha and Pastor have chosen a theme and we are looking forward to studying about "hard" questions of the faith. Ash Wednesday will be one service at 6:30 p.m. with the choir and the offering of the ashes.

Ash Wednesday: February 22nd, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Wednesday's: 2 services; 4:00 and 6:30 with soup supper in between.

The Holden Evening Prayer will be our worship music at both services.

Dates are March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd and 29th.

Palm Sunday: April 2nd

Holy Week to follow
Easter Sunday April 9th.

The worship team connected through email in January, and have decided to do this instead of a February meeting, also. If you have thoughts you may email Lois, Doug B. or Diane Lombard, our council rep.

We have been informed that some members would like to see the offering plate being passed during service, but we have not talked about this any further.

We have decided to go ahead and see if purchasing the tech equipment that Journey North is selling as they update would be something we could use.

Finally, I (Lois) would like to share a testimony about worship:

Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

This verse is special to me because as a child I remember so clearly standing together with my classmates every Sunday, and hearing my teacher say the first part of this verse, and then we kids would chime in on the last part. I can still see the dust motes dancing in the sunshine in that big Sunday school gathering room. I can still feel the perfect peace I felt there.

Then the dividers would be pulled and we would hear the murmurs of other groups as we did our Bible lessons. So, yes, I believe worship to our Lord changes and shapes us, from our Sunday school beginnings and family table prayers when we were little, right up to our last days on this earth! Bless you.

*worship co-chairs,
Lois Bengtson and Doug Berglund*

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS JANUARY 2023 REPORT

EV ARTS gathered on Wednesday January 11 to put away the Christmas decorations. We were very blessed to have several confirmation students at church that night that volunteered to help carry everything upstairs - THANK YOU so much.



The last of the 3 angel wing decals have been installed by the music room. Please feel free to use it as a "photo spot" anytime.

The West Loft received a fresh coat of paint on January 18. Leigha has plans to use that space for a youth gathering spot.

Easter Packets will be delivered the end of March in time for April 2, Palm Sunday. We are beginning to work with Congregational Life & other committees & staff to accomplish this outreach.

Wayne Hansmann was contacted from the property committee to inquire about the status of the ceiling leak & repair in the woman's bathroom. There had been previous talk of the need for replacing and adding to the heat tape that is up in the attic above the bathroom prior to the ceiling being fixed. There is also some leakage again on the south wall & ceiling of the Heritage Room.

We will be collaborating with the music groups to reorganize and repaint the music room in the coming months.

Some cleaning and reorganizing to the kitchen cabinets & storage shelves of the youth room is also on the agenda to be done soon in addition to a little more organizing to be done in the west loft storage area.

Jenny Christensen is working on the soot problem that has been happening with the altar candles.

EV ARTS TEAM - Sue O, Jenny C, Linda H, Mel Knutson, Merrilee E, Kim H



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Rejoicing in God's Light in the World NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Convention/Gathering Monday, June 12 – Tuesday, June 13

Times they are a changing. The Women's Synodical Board has been working hard to bring you a wonderful spirit filled convention/gathering. The board took your comments and suggestions seriously, especially those regarding the cost. So, this year the WELCA summer convention/gathering will be held in Grand Rapids, MN at Zion Lutheran Church.

Participant will be responsible for securing their own lodging. Arrangements have been made to reserve a block of rooms at a reasonable cost at four hotels close to the church (approximately \$130 regardless of the number of occupants)

Registration costs for the convention/gathering are:

First time attendees (Two-day attendee) \$30

(A first time attendee is anyone who has never attended the Summer Gathering and/or those who have not attended since 2015)

One day Attendees \$40

Two Day Attendees \$60

There will be:

- ◇ Numerous workshops with a variety of presenters as well as hands-on activities.
- ◇ Singing by the fireplace with Joel Abneth, director of the Vermillion Bible Camps
- ◇ The Triennial Marketplace with the opportunity to purchase many silent auctions items. Proceeds are used to help women defray the cost of attending the Triennial Convention/Gathering
- ◇ A wonderful Italian dinner Monday night (\$15) with some fun entertainment after.
- ◇ Tasty box lunches Monday and Tuesday (\$15 each)

Of course, there will be a business meeting and I hope one of you will volunteer to be our delegate for that. You won't miss out on the other activities.

For those of you who like to shop, the church is located right across the street from lots of opportunities for doing that. And the Judy Garland Museum is also close by.

More information will be available in the February Northeastern Lights.



Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries, Leigha Lange can be reached at 320-629-2985 Line 3 or via email at youthorlc@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets every Sunday during worship. Dismissal after the Children's Message for songs, stories, lessons, and a snack! Age 3-6th grade welcome!

SNACKS

We are looking for snack donations! Each week we provide snack for kids during Sunday School, Kids of the Kingdom, Youth Group, Confirmation, and beyond. If you would like to donate snacks to these programs please drop donations off in Leigha's office. The kids love most all snacks but we do stay away from anything peanut butter based.

CONFIRMATION

No Confirmation February 15 but we will have Jr. High Youth Group from 6:30-7:30

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

February 12 | 6:30

This is a contemporary style worship on Sunday night for those who might not be able to make it on a Sunday morning. All are welcome!

MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip Meeting | February 19 | 10:15

FAMILY FUN!

Skiing and Tubing at Wild Mountain February 18th

Skiing is \$50 from 4 to 8 which includes lift ticket and rentals

Tubing is \$20 from 5 to 7

There will be rides available for youth, grades 7-12, who would like to go skiing. Otherwise, transportation is on your own. A sign up will be emailed out, on our website, and on social media!



LOOKING AHEAD

First Communion Class – 5 & 6 grade — March 11th : 9-Noon

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Acolyte Schedule will be emailed out – make sure to sign up for a time slot that works for you!

OUT OF OFFICE

I will be out of the office February 2-7 for a Continuing Ed opportunity in California.

CHILDREN OF JOY PRESCHOOL

January ends and February begins! The preschool continues to study winter themes and topics with exploring the winter scene still outside our window. They can't wait for Spring and all the fun themes and projects that come with warmer temperatures.

At the end of January the teachers were busy with assessments of the current student class followed by teacher/parent conferences. This is a great time to connect with parents, review progress made by students and answer any questions.

 Happy 100th Day of School is coming up fast! It's hard to believe they have been in school for 100 days already. A fun classroom celebration is in the works for students and teachers to have a little fun with the number 100.

Valentine's Day isn't just a single day but a whole week in the COJ classroom. There is passing out valentine treats to friends, fun activities, games, books and so much more! Since so many students have different attendance days and times all week the love is spread out for everyone to be a part of.



February is 'I LOVE to Read' month. Casey and Rosie will be bringing in guest readers all month and the kids will do a fun reading log project to earn rewards.

A Family Event is in the works by Casey and Rosie for February or March. Date, time and activity to be determined and announced soon. They schedule multiple Family Events throughout the year to give students, parents and siblings a chance to come together outside of preschool to have time to play, chat and get to know one another.

The Lenten season fast approaches. Please join the COJ Board on the first Wednesday night, March 1st for a soup and sandwich supper. All donations received will go to the Preschool. All support is appreciated!

Becca Groe (COJ Board)

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CREATING JOY IN LEARNING!

Community Share



A Place For You: Member Opportunity: NEW Schedule!!!

Our church is continuing to serve the needs of the residents staying at A Place for You by preparing and delivering a meal to 220 3rd Ave. SE, Pine City. A new sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. Openings for providing a meal are the 2nd Tuesday or 3rd Thursday of the month. MEALS start in OCTOBER and continue through SEPTEMBER, 2023. Meals are suggested with information and tips on the bulletin board, too. If you have any questions please contact me at 320-420-8886. THANK YOU! Carol VanderHorck

AA Meetings
7:30 p.m. ~ Mondays
In the Youth Room at ORLC
Entrance is the back door by the Prayer Garden. Call Cindy S. at 320/279-1428 with questions.
AA meets during holidays.

HEBREWS 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God



Healing Prayer Team March 2023



Healing Prayer Ministry

The team will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Family Room. Anyone is welcome to this discussion. Topics this month will include discussion of Love to Pray by Alvin Vandergriend pages 52-53, Lenten prayer partners for all services, prayer for improved Mental Health, April newsletter topics.

Healing Prayer Team is there for you

The prayer cross is available for all in the sanctuary. Remember if you want your request to be private, with you and God only, place the slip in the center of the cross. Also if you want others to pray for you, put the prayer slip in an appendage. These requests are collected frequently. The private prayer requests are never read but burned and the other requests are prayed for by members of the healing prayer team.

Many members of ORLC and other believers in Pine City will pray for any requests ASAP. Text requests to Kris Gross at 651-236-0511.

What is Soaking Prayer?

Have you heard? Healing Prayer Team (HPT) members will provide soaking prayer. What is soaking prayer? One member looked it up on Google and found out soaking prayer is not found in scripture and indeed some people discourage this experience. WHAT!?!

What does the HPT mean by soaking prayer? Soaking prayer is a time for a person to experience a 'shower' of prayer for self and his/her concerns. The prayer session last about 2 hours. The person requesting prayer may bring others with them but generally it is recommended their people of concern pray for them outside the prayer room to remove distractions. There will be 2-4 members of the prayer team present. One of the team will do most of the talking with the person requesting prayer. There will be time to confidentially share about the prayer needs. One of the prayer team members will take notes that will be given to the person at the end of the session. Once the needs are stated the group will pray. During the prayer sessions Bible verses, words of encouragement, songs and mental pictures may be spoken. The person taking notes will write these down so the person receiving prayer can relax in the moment and not try to remember the ideas given. Knowing God's loving care is the main purpose of the prayer session. This is not a counseling session. Some of the sessions may include communion or anointing with oil. The person receiving pray is free to refuse anything offered by the team. During the prayer session the person will be asked to report what is on their mind or how they feel. Near the end of the session the main spokesperson will ask others present if they have something to offer. The session will end with a prayer to seal the blessings given. The person will be offered to schedule another prayer session. There are times repeated sessions are needed as life changes can be ongoing, e.g. care giving, broken relationships, health issues, grief, adjusting to major life changes, etc.

If you are facing a difficult life situation that is resulting in doubt of God's care or causing you to doubt who you are and can be perhaps soaking prayer is for you. Call or text Lois at 320-469-3216 to schedule a session at ORLC.

Submitted by Lynn Drewa

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church:
50th Anniversary Cookbook 1946-1996

FIVE-HOUR STEW

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Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. stew meat
- 8 carrots, slices
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 stalks celery, slices
- 3 potatoes, cubed (opt.)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 (12 oz.) can tomato juice
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1Tbsp. Sugar

- 4 Tbsp. tapioca
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 tsp. thyme

Directions:

Combine the ingredients.
Cover and bake at 250° for 5 hours or longer.
Peas and mushrooms may be added the last 20 minutes of cooking time.
Note: You may serve over rice and omit potatoes.

All ladies of the Church welcome!

Joy Circle
9:30 AM ~ 3rd Tuesday of each month

Hope Circle
1:30 PM ~ 3rd Thursday of each month

Bible study, conversation, & fellowship!



Pine City Backpack Food Program

Feed a child, grow a community

320-629-4122 djackson@isd578.org

Keep up to date on all the happenings of the Pine City Backpack Program!

Like and follow them on their FB page: Pine City Backpack Program.

Have questions about the program email: pinecitybackpackprogram@gmail.com

February Food Item:
Cheese & Cracker packs



Dear ORL Church,

We are so thankful for your warm welcome of us as well as your desire to commit to supporting us as a congregation. We wanted to send you our sending organization's (Pioneers) link which allows you to set up monthly giving so it will automatically deduct each month and goes directly into our Pioneers account (pioneers.org; "Give to missionary" and use the Project Code #112861).

However, you can of course choose to do it by mail. Please write out the check to: Pioneers Act # 112861 Then mail it to: 10123 William Carey Dr, Orlando, FL 32832 Either way, Pioneers will send you a receipt and ensure that your gift is tax-deductible.

Thank you again and please let us know if you have any further questions.
All for Jesus, *Tim & Maria*



OUR REDEEMER READERS

All are welcome to the ORLC Book Group! Please note times for each meeting. If we encounter weather issues I will contact you via email or text.
Any questions please feel free to contact.

**Tentative Book list for Jan-July 2023
4TH Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall
(EXCEPT MAY AND DECEMBER)**

Feb 28: 5:30 pm

The Bookwoman's Daughter by Kim Richardson

In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good. Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey knows she must continue to serve the people in the hollers.

ECRL has these formats: 6 books, large print, ebook, eaudio, book on CD and Kindle

Mar 28: 5:30 pm

The Maid by Nita Prose

Molly Dunn struggles with social skills and interprets people literally. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, with simple rules that Molly could live by. Since Gran died a few months ago, 25 year-old Molly has had to navigate life's complexities all by herself. No matter--she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in her crisp uniform, stocking her cart with soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection. But Molly's orderly life is turned on its head the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black. It is in disarray and Black is very dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's odd demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect and she finds herself in a mess she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, a medley of friends who work to discover the real killer before it's too late?

ECRL has these formats: Book, Large Print, ebook, eaudio, Kindle

Apr 25: 6:30 pm

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

"Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes..." Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic.

What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late"--Publisher.

ECRL has 1 book

May – no meeting unless we miss a date because of weather. Then the scheduled book for the missed month will be discussed.

Jun 27: 6:30 pm

The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

Rosalie Iron Wing has grown up in the woods with her father, Ray, a former science teacher who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, of the origins of the Dakhóta people. Until, one morning, Ray doesn't return from checking his traps. Told she has no family, Rosalie is sent to live with a foster family in nearby Mankato--where the reserved, bookish teenager meets rebellious Gaby Makespeace, in a friendship that transcends the damaged legacies they have inherited. Rosalie begins to confront the past, on a search for family, identity, and a community where she can finally belong. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron--women who have protected their families, their traditions, and a precious cache of seeds through generations of hardship and loss, through war and the insidious trauma of boarding schools.

ECRL has these formats: multiple books, book on CD, ebook, eaudio, Kindle

July 25: 6:30 pm

In a Book Club Far Away by Tif Marcelo

Regina Castro, Adelaide Wilson-Chang, and Sophie Walden used to be best friends. As Army wives at Fort Fairfax, they bonded during their book club and soon became inseparable. But when an unimaginable betrayal happened amongst the group, the friendship abruptly ended, and they haven't spoken since. That's why, eight years later, Regina and Sophie are shocked when they get a call for help from Adelaide. Adelaide's husband is stationed abroad, and without any friends or family near her new home of Alexandria, Virginia, she has no one to help take care of her young daughter when she has to undergo emergency surgery. For the sake of an innocent child, Regina and Sophie reluctantly put their differences aside to help an old friend.

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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2p Kettle River Conference Assembly @ ORLC	7:30p A.A. Meeting	5:30p OR Readers				

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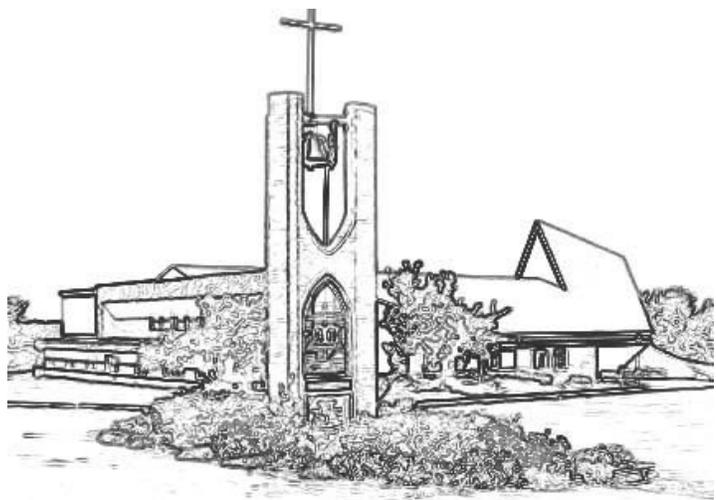
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