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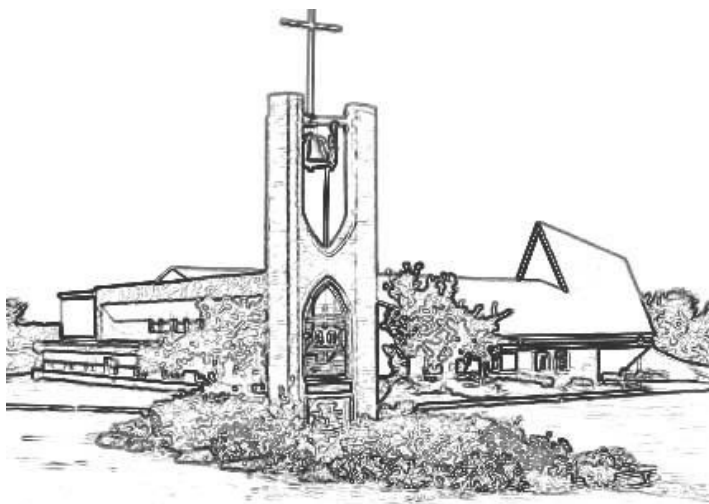
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**JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY WORSHIP:  
ONLINE—IN-PERSON—RADIO!**

***Sundays at 9:00a.m.***

Go to our website ([orlcpc.com](http://orlcpc.com)) to find  
the YouTube link or go to YouTube.com  
and search for Our Redeemer Lutheran  
Church, Pine City.

**\*\*Please note: In-House worship\*\*  
We will continue to wear  
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Church building.**



**Our Vision:**

**Shining God's light into the darkness,  
bringing hope where there is despair,  
healing where there is hurt.**

# September 2021

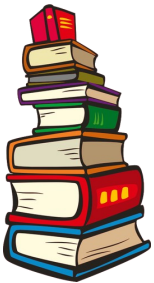
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship Communion</p>	<p>6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>Church Offices</b> <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>7 COJ Preschool Begins</p>	<p>8 6:30a Men's Bible Study 6-8p Youth 7-12th grade: End of Summer Bonfire &amp; Games</p>	<p>9 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 12:30p Caregivers Support Group 1p Grief Support Group 6p Executive Board</p>	<p>3 Lighthouse Day Services</p>	<p>4 W/ELCA Summer Convention/Gathering</p>
<p>12 <b>GWOH Sunday</b> 8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship 9:30a Service Projects 11:30a Potluck</p>	<p>13 8-5p Rummage Sale Drop Off 9:45a Sail Class 4:30p Heritage Meeting 5:30p COJ Board 5:30p APFY Board 7:30pm A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>14 8-12p Rummage Sale Drop Off 11a CSP Lighthouse 1-6p Rummage Sale Begins 4p Befrienders 4p W/ELCA 5:30p Worship Team 6:30p Healing Prayer Team</p>	<p>15 6:30a Men's Bible Study 8-6p Rummage Sale 7p Choir</p>	<p>16 8a SonRisers 8-11p Rummage Sale 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group 1:30 Hope Circle 7p Council meeting</p>	<p>17 Lighthouse Day Services</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>5-7p Rummage Sale DropOff</p>						
<p>19 <b>Rally Day</b> 8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship Communion 10a Rally Day Activities</p>	<p>20 9a Quilting 9:45a Sail Class <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b></p>	<p>21 9:30a Joy Circle</p>	<p>22 6:30a Men's Bible Study 6p Bible Class: 3rd grade 7p Choir</p>	<p>23 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group</p>	<p>24 Lighthouse Day Services</p>	<p>25 W/ELCA Kettle River Fall Conference</p>
<p>26 <b>Bible Sunday</b> 8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship Sunday School Begins 10:30a Acolyte Training</p>	<p>27 9a Quilting 9:45a Sail Class 7:30p A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>28 11a CSP Lighthouse 6:30p OR Readers</p>	<p>29 6:30a Men's Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation Meeting 7p Choir</p>	<p>30 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group</p>		

## **The Heritage Committee Needs Your Help!**

*The Heritage Committee still needs your help!* We would like to display pictures of ORLC confirmation classes in the church, however we are missing pictures of several of the classes. Some of them may have been destroyed in the office fire a few years ago. We have found that photographers who may have been used to photograph the confirmands no longer have proofs or negatives of these photos. If you have pictures of any of the following years' confirmation classes that you would be willing to let us borrow to copy, we'd appreciate it – names of confirmands would be helpful too:

1950	1951	1953	1956	1958	1959	1970
1978	1979	1980	1982	1983	1984	1985
1986	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1994
1995	1996	1997	1999	2001	2002	2003
2004						

Any photos (and names of confirmands) can be left with your contact information at the ORLC office. We'll get the photos copied and returned to you promptly. Thank you for helping us preserve this important part of our history!



## **OUR REDEEMER READERS**

Our Redeemer Readers will meet Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Our book, *The Deep, Deep Snow* is by Minnesota author, Brian Freeman.

Deputy Shelby Lake was found abandoned in the freezing cold as a baby by a stranger. Now decades later 10 year old Jeremiah has disappeared and the only clue is his bicycle left by the side of the road. An exhaustive search brings no leads but begins to raise questions and accusations of people in the town. It seems everyone has something to hide. The case goes cold and Shelby wonders if the mystery of Jeremiah will stay buried forever.

*Books are available at the church office.*

## **COMMUNITY SHARE & THANK YOU NOTES**

### **AA Meetings**

**7:30 p.m. ~ Mondays ~ In the Youth Room at Our Redeemer**

Entrance is the back door by the Prayer Garden ~ Call Cindy S. at 320/279-1428 with questions.

*AA meets during holidays.*

### **Family Pathways & East Central Energy: FREE Food Distribution**

Open to all households that are in need!

**September 15th ~ 1PM—3PM**

*Pine Technical & Community College: Please enter and exit on 8th Ave SE*



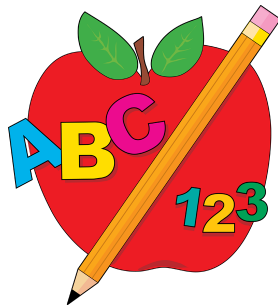
## CHILDREN OF JOY PRESCHOOL



September has arrived! The start of yet another FUN year of education is upon us. Children of Joy has had a busy, successful and most important amazingly FUN summer hosting Summer school sessions & Summer camps. Thank you to all those who participated and to our teachers for putting together such a great program.

August 20th is the last open day with kids before the program closes for a few weeks to do some deep cleaning, organizing, and preparing fun new curriculum and activities for the classes. Please continue to reach out to Casey, the lead teacher, with questions & inquires through email, our Facebook page or calling.

A **HEARTFELT THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who participated in the Pine County Fair Lions Food Booth on Saturday, August 7th that benefited the Children of Joy program. We are so appreciative of your support of the program!



**FALL OPEN HOUSE:** Open House opportunities will be Tuesday, August 31st & Wednesday, September 1st. This will be by appointment. More information to come on available times & sign-up. We look forward to seeing you!

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** The fall session begins Tuesday, September 7th! There are still spots available through out the week. Please call the Preschool to inquire about the program for your child and available days & times.

**SCHOLARSHIPS are available!**

**PARENT AWARE:** We are currently working on getting a 4 star rating! What does this mean...?

Parent Aware, Minnesota's Quality Rating and Improvement System, offers tools and resources to help:

Families find quality child care and early education

Programs improve their practices

Children benefit from care and education that will prepare them for school and life.



To find more information visit the website at: [parentaware.org](http://parentaware.org)

Becca Groe (COJ Board)

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**CREATING JOY IN LEARNING!**



## Pine City BackPack Food Program

*Feed a child; grow a community*

320-629-4122 [djackson@isd578.org](mailto:djackson@isd578.org)



**September Food Collection Item:**  
Pudding Cups  
Any Flavor





*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](mailto:youthorlc@gmail.com)*

## **2022 Summer Trip – NE MN Synod Journey and ELCA Youth Gathering**



### **What is the Synod Journey?**

Every young person is on a journey to discover their identity, belonging and purpose. The Synod Journey deeply roots youth so they know who they are and whose they are as children of God, connects youth to their congregation and the wider community of Christ, and equips youth to be boundless as they live out their faith in the world around them.

**The Synod Journey is about Faith Formation!**

**The Synod Journey is about Leadership Development!**

**The Synod Journey is about Relationship!**

The Synod Journey is much more than a trip. It is an invitation to join the NE MN Synod for a year long journey to learn and live into how we are deeply rooted to be connected to a boundless God beyond measure!

### **What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?**

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The Gathering consists of four program areas: Interactive Learning, Synod Day, Service Learning and Mass Gathering. Congregational groups will be assigned to a rotation schedule to experience Interactive Learning, Synod Day and Service Learning. Each day congregations will experience and participate in Mass Gathering where all youth and adults come together to hear the word and worship together.

**Where is the 2022 Synod Journey and ELCA Youth Gathering?** Right in our backyard! We will join other congregations from our synod in Duluth serving the area and then as a big group we will travel down to the Twin Cities to gather with congregations from around the country!

More details about the 2022 summer trip will be mailed and emailed out to families at the end of August. If you have any questions before that, please contact Leigha.



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## END OF SUMMER BONFIRE & GAMES

September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 for those going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Friends are always welcomed! We hope to see you there!

## RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 19 AFTER WORSHIP!

We are so excited to be back together in a normal-ish way and we are kicking off the program year in style! Join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> for activities, games, and more!

## BIBLE SUNDAY

For our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM during worship. September 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a bible class for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students (more details to come). Parent's we will provide the bible for your student. Please email Leigha, [youthorlc@gmail.com](mailto:youthorlc@gmail.com), if you will be attending or if you have any questions.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School teachers are needed for PreK-K, 3-4, 5-6. Sunday School meets most Sundays beginning September 26<sup>th</sup> during worship. All students and adults will start out in worship and then move to Sunday School after the children's message. Sunday School could also use a craft coordinator. If you are interested in any of these position connect with Leigha.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING & REFRESHER

– September 26 at 10:30 OR October 12 at 6.

Acolytes are a vital part of worship and we have missed their presence since the shutdown. Acolytes are in charge of lighting the candles, helping with offering, and helping with baptisms.

You only need to attend ONE date and the training will last about 45 minutes. During the training we will go over what to wear, what to do, and more. All questions will be answered! If you are an acolyte but would like a refresher join us on either of those dates!

## CONFIRMATION

\*\*Confirmation Parent Information Meeting will be September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for all parents with students in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation will begin October 3<sup>rd</sup> with dinner at 6 and confirmation at 6:30. More details will be mailed out at the end of August.

\*\*\*Parents who have students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and will be affirming their baptism this October. Please be watching your email and mail box with more information regarding class dates, banquet, run through, pictures, and more. If you do not receive any information by September 8<sup>th</sup>, please reach out to Leigha. Affirmation of Baptism service will be October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Fall session begins October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5. We will meet for 6 weeks digging into the books of the bible! Kids of the Kingdom welcomes all elementary aged students and limited rides will be available. Be watching social media and emails for sign up details.

\*\*\*\*Adult and teenage helpers are needed for Kids of the Kingdom. If you are interested in volunteering connect with Leigha about requirements.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN & VALLEY SCARE

October 9 - 10 to 12 - \$35

All junior and senior high students invited to Feed My Starving Children and Valley Scare!

We start our morning packing food for those in need and then depart to Valley Fair for rides and more!

*Sign up by September 20<sup>th</sup> either on the bulletin board outside of Leigha's office or online*

*Payment is due by October 9<sup>th</sup> – checks can be made out to Our Redeemer*

*Scholarships are available*

## ORLC Worship Committee Minutes 17 August 2021

Present: Glenna R, Diane L, Jenny C, Doug P

### Calendar:

September:

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, Choir Begins

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, God's Work, Our Hands

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Rally Day

Rally Day needs a coordinator.

Food service, Hot dogs, Coffee, Bottled water?

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School starts.

November. Semi-annual congregational meeting.

December. Choir may not have a cantata. There may be a Christmas Hymn sing by the choir in place of the cantata.

**Coffee Hour:** The coordinators of coffee hour may choose when to begin and may decide any snacks they may wish to serve. Coffee Hour may begin at 10:00 and Sunday School may go to 10:00 as usual.

**Services** will continue to begin at 9:00AM. If there will be a children's program or song, they may wish to sing right after the children's message.

**CCLI** needs to know what songs we sing that are controlled by CCLI. Several years ago the committee made it the responsibility of each worship team to record which CCLI songs they use and submit them to CCLI. There may need to be a system in place to submit this notice.

**Pew Cards:** The discussion on pew cards was tabled at this time.

### Budget:

Communion was transferred to Altar guild. A budget request was determined and will be submitted.

The Worship committee is seeking a chairperson at this time. Please contact any worship committee member if interested.

*Submitted by Doug Pieper*



## ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS TEAM

Members present: Linda Haug, Ilene Haavisto, Sue Osterdyk

Diane Lombard - council liaison

\$1260 left in 2021 budget.

### TO DO PROJECT LIST:

Signs - Ilene will order some from Craig Saari

Sue will order some to be stenciled

New Door knobs - in fellowship hall to match new cabinet hardware

In floor registers - in the youth room

Rugs - interior & exterior entry way by the youth room

Picture frame & matting - staff photos

Shelving - youth director office

Heritage Room - framing for photos

Carpet cleaning - youth room & office

2021-22 BUDGET REQUEST - Sue will submit budget request for \$1,500

### PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED SOON:

Paint ceiling tiles & grids in Narthex & Hallways

Storage Room - repair & repaint ceiling & walls

Heritage Room - repair ceiling & repaint 1 wall

YOUTH ROOM CARPET: Endowment request denied. Committee wants to wait for phacility repair & priority list

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE:** they will let us know if there is anything we can help with for the Oct 17 celebration

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**YOUTH DIRECTOR OFFICE:** Linda H & Mary A will be assisting director with organizing & storage

**ALTAR GUILD:** Banner & Altar Guild storage - hope to possibly use the "little office" & "little office closet" for banners & seasonal storage bins. Need to find out IF desk is being used by anyone or IF anyone ever uses that office? Maybe most of the room could be used by Altar Guild? Maybe the closet wall can be removed to make the space bigger & more functional? Youth Director could have most of the EAST loft for youth storage, which would be bigger than present storage space in little office.

**OFFICE:** wipe board moved, new shelf for monitor, closet cleaned out. Sue is working with Administrator for future new office desk, counter, shelves & file cabinets. Walls need holes filled & paint touched up.

**LADIES BATH:** repair ceiling in spring if no further leakage

**CANDLE ABRA:** not used any more. Try to find someone to buy.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Offer for Sue O. To be a member.

Next meeting : Wednesday Sept 8 - 5pm - Youth Room

*Submitted by Sue Osterdyk*



## FALL RUMMAGE SALE

*Collections for the fall sale are welcome on...*

Sunday, September 12th — 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Monday, September 13th — 8:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, September 14th — 8:00 to Noon

## OPEN SALE DATES:

Tuesday, Sept 14th	1:00pm to 6pm (Early Bird Sale, \$1 Admission)
Wednesday, Sept 15th	8:00am to 2:30pm (Bake Sale)
	3:00 pm to 6:00pm (\$1 Bag Sale)
Thursday, Sept 16th	8:00am to 11:00am (\$1 Bag Sale)

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

for collection days, pricing, and assisting with the sale days.

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*The proceeds from the sale will help support the students who will be participating in events and other requests from Our Redeemer staff or youth.*

## Kettle River Conference Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Grace Lutheran Church  
Sandstone

## TOGETHER AGAIN

9-10 am ~ Registration

10 am ~ Welcome

10:05 am ~

Devotion & Announcements : Mary Jo

10:15 am ~

Election Nomination Committee

10:30 am ~ Speaker

\*Penny Offering recipient is Tree House  
In Sandstone

\*\*Coffee & treats provided by Bethlehem

\*\*\*There will be no silent auction.

## Directions:

Take exit 195 on Hwy 135.

From the North you will turn left at the  
top of the ramp. From the south you  
will turn right.

Go 3.6 miles on Hwy 23.

Turn right onto Bridge St/Borgade.

Go 0.2 miles.

Continue straight on Brogade for another  
0.2 miles.

Turn right onto Bregnedalgade.

The church will be on your right.



## 2021 Summer Convention/Gathering *All the Faithful Women*

*"Perhaps she was made for such a time as this" Esther 4:14*

**Saturday, September 11, 2021 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, 2901 US Highway 169, Grand Rapids, MN**

What an eventful two years it has been since our last Summer Convention/Gathering! When planning our 2021 Summer Gathering, we decided that June was going to be too soon to hold our normal gathering and make sure that everyone stays safe and healthy. But some of our Board members have been serving for a very long time and our constitution calls for a minimum of a bi-yearly synod gathering! Therefore, we decided that for this year's Summer Gathering (Sept 11 is still summer!) we'll strip down our agenda a bit.

Check-in will start at 12:30, and we'll begin at 1:00 pm with devotions from Liz Branum. In 2020 the ELCA celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of Women. Pr. Karen Bockelman (ordained in 1979) and Pr. Sarah Fike (soon to be Fike-Payne, ordained in 2018) will discuss being a woman in ministry and what has changed for women in ministry during the intervening years. There will be time for questions. We'll finish with a brief business meeting, and plan to depart around 3:00 p.m. Because of the change in format, there is no set registration fee. We will be taking a free-will offering benefitting Churchwide Women of the ELCA and the WISE Scholarship, which provides scholarships to women in our Synod who are attending seminary.

We will be gathering completed foster care kits for kids in the foster care system. Many kids enter the foster care system with whatever personal items they can quickly gather, carried around in a garbage bag. ***We will not be putting kits together on the 11<sup>th</sup> – please deliver completed kits only!***

The quilt truck will be at the September 11th meeting, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the South parking lot at Zion Lutheran, Grand Rapids. They will be gathering the foster care kits, Global Health Ministry kits, and Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts. ***Quilts and LWR kits must be boxed and labeled, ready to ship, with the mailing label on four sides.***

We look forward to seeing you at Zion Lutheran on September 11th! Save the date for the next year's Summer Convention/Gathering, June 6-8, 2022 at Sugar Lake Lodge.



Women of the ELCA 

### Gifts of Hope Offering Boxes

Boxes will be given out...  
Sept 19th & Oct 24th

Collection date will be  
Nov 14th!

### PICNIC CHURCH THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all who made picnic church another successful Community Outreach Program!

***We would like to recognize & THANK***  
+Doug Pieper & Nathaniel Gross for their sound system expertise.  
++The Soma's, Koppen's and Jerry & Jane Olson & all helpers for setting up the food table each week.  
+++The musicians, the speakers & Pastor John for sharing the message of God.

**SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER!**

## COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE MONTH

While trying to find some inspiration for my newsletter article, I decided to scan my book shelves. As I was looking through the stacks of books I came across one that has been with me since college: The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. I remember my mom reading this book when I was in high school and then she passed it along to me when I was in college. I have picked it up a few different times but have never made it through the 40 day journey. I decided that now is the time to commit to the 40 days of reading and take this spiritual journey.

In a time of polarizing opinions, social media comparisons and fear based on unknowns this book reminds readers that "it all starts with God." The purpose of life is **not** about you. Warren writes, we "begin at the wrong starting point." We often ask self-centered questions in order to discover our goals or our purpose. Instead of thinking about what we want or what we think our purpose is or should be we need to understand that we "were made by God and for God." I feel like a lot of people (me included) fall into

the trap of doing what we want, doing what others want us to do or doing what we *think* others want us to do. I was reminded in the first day of reading that my life is not my own. God knew me before I was born, he created me his purpose. Instead of trying to please myself and those around me, I need to please God and work each day to be the person he created me to be. This is the message conveyed in Day One. Just think how much more there is to learn, be reminded of or challenged by in the other 39 days!

If you haven't read The Purpose Driven Life, look it up, determine for yourself if this book can energize you, offer you some peace, or help you to gain understanding in your life. If you have read it in the past, pull it back out and commit to another 40 day journey, you may find a new resonating message. Challenge conventional wisdom and find your purpose based on biblical truths!

"A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump; a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree." Proverbs 11:28

-Erin Anderson

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

7/31/2021

MONTH #10 of FISCAL YEAR 22021

On behalf of the financial committee and the Church Council, we thank you for your continued support of ORLC through your financial giving. Below are a few key financial statistics:

July's Income & Expenses	\$21,287 - General Offering Income
	\$ 578 - Other General Operating Income
	\$21,865 - TOTAL Available for Expense Payments
	\$21,370 - Expenses supported by General Giving



2021 Fiscal Year through 10 months:

Income(General)	\$268,607	Versus \$271,450 for same 10 months of Fiscal 2020
Expenses(General)	\$236,729	Versus \$248,571 for same 10 months of Fiscal 2020
	\$ 31,878	Excess General Income over Expenses for 9 Months of 2021

July's Account Balances	\$68,003 - General Operating Account
	\$ 7,000 - Property Improvement Reserve
	\$33,225 - Other Restricted Funds
	\$129,587 - Endowment Fund
	\$237,815 - TOTAL CASH & SAVINGS

Currently on the finance committee are Steve Schmidt(RRI Consulting), Greg Lea(Treasurer), Pastor John Stiles(member), Diane Lombard(member), Sue Osterdyk(member), Kristi Davis(member). If you have any questions or are interested in learning more on the finances of ORLC, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Lea, Treasurer



**Property Update / Parking lot lights, Air Conditioner update, Paving Parking lot:** Discussed air conditioner update and paving parking lot earlier in the meeting. Mark Madison donated his time to help with the parking lot lights. Two of the three poles are working now. Council thanks Mark for his time, knowledge, and help with lighting up the parking lot.

### Committee Reports

**EVArts:** The EVArts met yesterday on August 11th a summary of what was discussed; Council member photos are all taken and on display by the church office. Looking at having staff photos done and displayed as well. Property & Grounds gave the go ahead to fix water damage in the storage room and history room - but, to wait on the girls bathroom to make sure how the damage happened is fixed. Very nice letter from the Endowment committee regarding the request for funds for the carpet room not being fulfilled but, this doesn't mean to not do requests when another grant cycle happens. Discussion of small tasks that have been completed and ones to complete before the end of September. Budget and projects for 2022 were talked about and Sue will complete the budget form to turn in.

**Healing/Prayer:** Participating in Healing Service on the last Sunday in August.

**Mission & Outreach:** They are working on cards for the pew to track visitors so follow up can happen.

**Heritage Committee:** 75th Anniversary celebration is being worked on. Bishop Ogren will be here on that day. There will be cake and coffee. The Heritage Committee received an Endowment grant for the 75th anniversary celebration.

**Worship & Music:** Worship had a brief meeting on August first and discussed continuing with one church service and starting coffee/fellowship time this fall. The August full worship meeting has not happened yet a confirmed date has not been determined yet.

**Faith Formation & Education:** See Leigha's report

**Preschool update:** Thank you to those who helped with the hamburger stand at the fair. Teachers are getting ready for school in September. Scheduled open houses at the end of the month and enrollment is looking steady. Watch the church newsletter for the fun stuff happening.

**SMART Team:** Will continue to watch the numbers and what the school is doing.

Council Member for September is Erin Anderson  
Next Council meeting is on Thursday, September 16, 2021 7PM

Motion made by Brent Weiss and seconded by Kyle Nascene to adjourn meeting motion carried, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Submitted by Ashley Espeseth*



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](mailto: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*

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## ORLC Church Council Minutes Thursday, August 12, 2021

Present In-Person: Ashley Espeseth, Kris Gross, Greg Lea, Brent Weiss, Eric Wicktor, Gail Mattison, Kyle Nascene, Wayne Hansmann

Absent: Pastor Stiles, John Schille, Rich Elliot, Diane Lombard

Other Attendees: Steve Schmidt, Leigha Lange, Lydon Hagestuen, and Dale Mathisen



Meeting called to order by President Kris Gross at 7:02 PM

Devotions by Greg Lea

### Guests:

Lydon suggested to look at selling the small lot on the north end of the parking lot (near the red shed). Shared some history of the church property/boundaries. Lydon also shared about resurfacing the parking lot. Instead of doing the whole parking lot, why not just do patching instead like the school and golf course has done. Dale shared that he had done a walk around looking at the condition of the church and grounds and provided a report. The council can use that to prioritize needs. Dale shared that the potholes need to be filled before the freeze. Dale's Heating gave a bid for annual service contract that Property will work with. Council thanks Dale Mathisen for his time and work on the Condition of Church Building & Grounds Report.

**Staff Reports:** Leigha Lange's written report can be found on file in the office

### Financial Report:

Steve Schmidt reported on the July financial status of the church. The full report is in the church office official file and a summary in the monthly newsletter. July finances look good, income was more than expenses. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Greg Lea and a second by Gail Mattison. Motion carried. Steve gave a 2022 Budget update. Requests have been sent out to committees that have submitted budget requests in the past. Requests are due by August 20. Council will make a final approval of proposed budget at the October council meeting.

### Old Business

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday:** Eric shared a report which is on file in the office. September 12, 2021 many ELCA congregations will participating in their communities with this. There will be a variety of service projects. The event will start with a church service, then people will participate in the service projects and it will end with everyone coming back to the church for a potluck and fellowship. Watch the weekly bulletin and newsletter for more information. You can sign up on clipboards with what projects that you know of that could take place in the back of the sanctuary.

**Correction of July 2021 Minutes:** Motion to correct the named Heritage Committee members listed in the July minutes. The current members are Barb Christensen, Jen Krinke, Ilene Haavisto, Diane Teich, Ella Mae Caroon, Marilyn Caza, Jane Carlson and Kris Gross thank you for all your work on the church's history. Motion was made by Diane Lombard and a second by Erin Anderson. Motion carried.

### Statistical Report:

July 2021 membership change numbers

Members: 0

Baptism: 1

Funeral: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfer: 0

### New Mission Opportunities

**Council approval of Auditing Committee members:** Carol VanderHorck (1 yr), Deb Eck (2 yrs), Bernice Wood (3 yrs), Lynn Drewa & Ilene Haavisto (helpers) Motion was made by Kris Gross and a second by Greg Lea. Motion carried.

**Policy Committee Update (Building usage, Personnel, Child Protection):** Policy Committee is meeting after church on August 22, 2021. Kris shared about the progress on the policies. They are hoping to present Building Use, Personnel, and Child Protection policies at the September council meeting.



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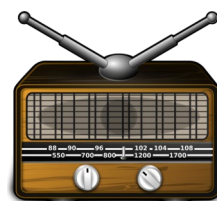
If you would like to sponsor flowers please call or email the office. Sign-up is also available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$25. You can pick them up following the service on Sunday after 10:00 AM or Monday after 8:00 AM.

September dates available: 5, 12, 26

### **RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR**

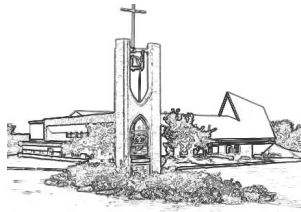
***Would you like to support our Radio Broadcast Ministry?*** If yes, please make a donation to ORLC with Radio Sponsorship in the memo line. Each broadcast costs \$75.

As we receive your donation your name will be added to a list and recognized in a Sunday Bulletin. If you would like to make it a dedication in memory or in honor of someone please include that information with your donation.



### **OUR REDEEMER FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**TO PRAY FOR:** Kay K, Pam J, Jon R, Glenn W, Ella S, Jacob R (grandson to Joyce L), Evelyn M, Carl A, Sandy P (daughter of Marilyn A), Mauricio T (son-in-law to Jay & Tam S), Gail M, Carole A, Pat H, Diane V V, Pat H sister Marilyn, Janet K (Michelle V sister), Abby S, Angela Z, Jeff K, Rosie T, Bill M, Ashley J, Gail R, La-Vonne N, Brian H, Paulette R, Rod B, Marilyn A, Karen B, Liz O, Steve M, Jim J, Tonia J, Betsi M O, Tom D, Laurie M, Lynnette S (Leigha's friend's mother), 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, *for those who serve in the armed forces, and all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.*



# Shining God's Light

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
September 2021

## Pastor's Corner / September 2021

God's Word is Our  
Great Heritage

Beloved of God, I am so excited to welcome you back to a new school year of learning and growing at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church this fall!

There is much to celebrate as we plan for our **75th anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**! In 1946, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church was founded in Pine City when the Pine Grove and Milburn Lutheran Churches merged and moved to their new location in town.

*"God's Word, Our Heritage."*

That's the theme of our 75th anniversary celebration coming up this Fall. We will be inviting former pastors to join us for the reception, and our newly elected Bishop, Amy Odgren, will be our guest preacher and presider during worship on Sunday, October 17.

This year, we will be looking back. We will be remembering the stories of the faithful souls from Our Redeemer who paved the way for the ministries we are a part of today. This year, we will be looking back to honor our heritage. And not just over the last 75 years, but for the predecessor church bodies that merged together to form Our Redeemer in 1946. Together, these Scandinavian immigrants laid the foundation for the church we now call our own today.

Toward that end, our Heritage Committee is collecting stories from congregation members. Stories about how this church has made a difference in your life over the years. Stories from long ago, and stories from just this year. Everyone's story matters. Whether you are a lifetime member or are new to town. The story of God's work in your life, through this church, matters.

We won't just be looking back, though. We will also be looking forward. God's Word isn't just some words on a page from an old yellow Bible that's been sitting on the shelf for years. It's true that we can find life in those old, old words of scripture. But God's word is also alive and active today (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus, himself, is named the "Word of God" who took on flesh and lived among us (John 1:14). And God's Word has been around a really long time... In the beginning, God spoke words which called all of creation into existence. "Let there be light!" (Genesis 1:3)

So, words matter. They shape our reality. The words we say to each other make all the difference in the world. They can build others up or they can tear others down. This fall, as we commit ourselves to our heritage, remember that God's Word is still among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is with us, for us, and within us, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Together, we are laying the foundation for God's word for the next 75 years of ministry here in Pine City! Thanks be to God for this great heritage, the Word-made-flesh who lives with us now and forever!

*Pastor [Signature]*