

Shining God's Light

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

April 2024

Pastor's Corner

Let's get political, not partisan.

Ever felt like church shouldn't have anything to do with politics? Yeah, me too. As a 501(c)3, churches are tax exempt and shouldn't promote, support or answer to any political party or government institution.

And yet, who we vote for is often decided by deeply held emotions and values that each one of us hold so very close to our hearts. As your pastor, I *want* you to be involved and engaged in politics: the decisions that shape our community. I want you to care about the laws and regulations that determine how we live with one another. That includes the people we elect to lead our community, state and nation.



In a recent lecture at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Rev. Barbara Lundblad outlined a few helpful questions for Christians to wrestle with, particularly during a presidential election year such as the one we are currently in. She writes about the dangers of Christian Nationalism (the thinking that Christianity should be religion that shapes our nation's laws). She also encourages us to be "political, not partisan." Meaning, that while a church can and must be a moral compass for the governing authorities (political) it but must never endorse one particular party (partisan). So, here are a few of her questions for us to consider as we decide who and what we'll vote for in 2024:

1. How important is moral integrity and character in presidential leadership? What are the Christian teachings on humility, honesty, and compassion?
2. Christian teachings often stress the protection and support of the vulnerable and marginalized. Are proposed policies regarding immigration and healthcare aligned with these values?
3. Does the ELCA, and Christianity generally, promote Peace and Non-violence? If so, are decisions or actions proposed by the candidate aggressive or provocative, domestically or internationally, and if so contradictory to these principles?
4. Does Christianity consider the environment a sacred trust to protect? If so, environmental policies that prioritize industrial and economic growth over ecological preservation can be seen to be at odds with this stewardship principle.
5. Does Christianity teach compassion, love, and empathy towards others? If so, actions or rhetoric lacking in compassion or empathy may be a theological reason to question a leader's suitability.

What further questions might you come up with in order to promote theological critical thinking in our congregation?

Beloved of God, I'm confident that we all want a society that works for all of us. How to get there starts right here at Our Redeemer every time we gather in community. Let's find ways to be political but not partisan as we strive to form a more perfect union here, and throughout the nation.

Pastor [Signature]



MY FAVORITE VERSE:

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Revelation 12:10-11

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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.**



April

Usher:

Jerry & Jane O

Readers:

7: Brent J
14: Carolyn T
21: Lynn D
28: Kris G

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7: Brent & Kathy J, Ella C
21: Gary D, Sandy & Dale M,
Volunteer

Altar Guild:

Joyce B

ALTAR FLOWERS



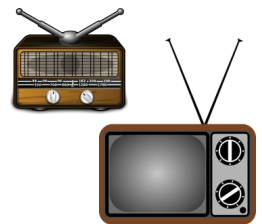
If you would like to sponsor flowers please call or email the office. Sign-up is also available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. **Cost is \$35.** You can pick them up following the service on the Sunday sponsored after 10:00 AM or Monday after 8:00 AM.

April dates available: 21

ORLC BROADCAST SPONSOR

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

Sign-up available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. **Costs \$75.**
April dates available: are FULL!! Look to May for open spots :)



OUR REDEEMER FAMILY AND FRIENDS



TO PRAY FOR:

Jon R, Bill & Shirl W, Jeneice C, Areatha W, Eleanor F, John A
Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance.

This list are those who need your prayers. Individuals will remain on the list for one month unless asked to be removed sooner. If you wish to remain on the list after a month or be added to the list please connect with Pastor John or the Church office. Blessings!

Always keep in your prays 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 March 14, 2024 7:00 pm

Present: Erin Anderson, Eric Wictor, Lynne Zack, Diane Lombard, Ashley Espeseth, Wayne Hansmann, Doug Berglund, and Pastor Stiles.

Absent/Excused: Arissa Ryberg, Eric Olson, Rich Elliot, Jeff Tuckner, and Sheila Soma

Other Attendees: Steve Schmidt, Leigha Lange, and Kellie Kehr

Meeting called to order by Eric Wictor at 7:00pm
Devotion and Prayer led by Diane Lombard

Faith Formation Co-op Discussion: Kellie Kehr was invited in for a Q & A about the Faith Formation Co-op program. Kellie is the Youth and Family Minister at Grace Lutheran in Mora and is a guide for the Faith Formation Co-op. Kellie shared her experience as a guide with the two churches she is currently guiding through the process. Discussion was held on whether this would be a good thing for our church. This program would provide a chance for the team to have deep, thoughtful conversations around youth in our church. Application is due by April 15. The church would find out if it is selected for the program in May. Pastor Stiles made the motion to proceed with the application for the Faith Formation Co-op program. Seconded by Wayne Hansmann. Motion carried.

Leigha: Full staff report can be found in the church office official file.

Financial Report:

Steve Schmidt reported on the February 2024 financial. The full reports can be found in the church office official file and a summary in the monthly newsletter. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Erin Anderson and seconded by Wayne Hansmann. Motion carried.

Old Business

Statistical Report: Ashley reported on the February 2024 membership and non-membership events/changes: 1 nonmember funeral.

Young Family call list update: Eric Olson asked that council members share the data that has been collected through the phone calls made. Eric will present the collected data at the April council meeting. The goal is to present something at the Semi-Annual meeting.

Youth Room Carpet: Brent Jahnz has volunteered to get a group together to shampoo the carpet.

New Business/Opportunities:

Sheila Soma is going to step down from her position on church council

Staff Reports:

Pastor Stiles: Full report can be found in the church office official file.

Adult Bible Studies continue on a weekly basis at ORLC with several options: Wed morning men's breakfast (6:30AM), Thur morning Sonrisers (8:00AM), Sun mornings adult forum (10:00AM) with a study on the women of the Bible. "Thank you for some time away in February to travel and for a sick day on Sun, Mar. 10 th. I am forever grateful for the way this church carries on the mission of shining God's light in many and various ways, whether I am here or away. Thanks, also for those who have stepped up to create a meaningful Lenten season around the Seed of Joy theme! From the people who have prepared for worship leading / sound booth / bulletins to those who have served Soup & Sandwich suppers on Wednesdays... this has been a WONDERFUL time to gather as a community of faith and encourage one another in our faith. Thank you!" - Pastor

Becca: Full report can be found in the church office official file. Reminder that the Spring Semi-Annual meeting is Sunday, April 28th.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Committee Reports/Assignments:

Worship & Music: There have been some hiccups with radio streaming that has been addressed.

EVArts: Bought a new banner.

Faith Formation & Education: Ashley will be working on April's Kids of the Kingdom family meal. Tentative date April 24.

Congregational Care: Nothing to report.

Congregational Life: Nothing to report.

Mission & Outreach: Nothing to report.

Property: The dry weather has been good for the back parking lot.

Motion made by Wayne Hansmann seconded by Doug Berglund to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Ashley Espeseth, Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 / 7:00 pm

Council member of the month: Lynne Zach

Church Council Members

President: Eric Wicktor / Vice President: Lynne Zach

Treasurer: Diane Lombard / Secretary: Ashley Espeseth

Worship & Music: Diane Lombard, Doug Berglund, Sheila Soma

Administration & Facility: Wayne Hansmann, Eric Wicktor, Jeff Tuckner

Faith Formation & Education: Rich Elliot, Ashley Espeseth, Arissa Ryberg

Congregational Care: Eric Olson

Congregational Life: Lynne Zack

Mission & Outreach: Erin Anderson

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE MONTH

HE IS RISEN!!!

Three powerful words, we as believers can shout each and every day. Jesus makes all things new, His resurrection giving us new life, hope, and the promise of everlasting life.

Checked the calendar for the Spring Equinox, it occurred March 19th. Seems different, considering the mild winter, a change we are not accustomed to. How blessed we are God's love never, ever changes.

Spring offers new life in sights, sounds, smells, things we touch. We see and hear the birds, new buds on trees, Spring flowers offer beautiful aromas, soft petals to feel. I'm sure you all have your own feelings about what Spring means to you.

Spring is busy at Our Redeemer. We have celebrated Easter, proclaiming the Good News of our Risen Lord and Savior. Children of Joy celebrating Spring with seeds and plant bulbs fundraiser. Plans are being discussed to plant a Pollinator Garden.

An important Spring occurrence here is the Semi-annual meeting, April 28th. There are four Council members who will be stepping down, Ashley Espeseth, Diane Lombard, Erin Anderson, and Rich Elliot, thank you for your service. Our nominating

committee, Lois Bengtson, Lyndon Hagestuen, and John Oare, will be reaching out to members to serve on Council. If you feel called to serve, reach out to one of the nominating committee members, one of the council members, or Pastor John. Serving on council offers an insight to the workings of our church home, engaging deeper into our church ministry, and you get to know some really great people.

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring, as you look to celebrate newness, celebrate Jesus.

*"The angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, He has risen just as He said."
Matthew 28:5-6*

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!



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!**

February	
Income:	\$38,651 - General Offering Income
	1,216 - Other General Operating Income
	\$39,867 - TOTAL Available for Expense Payment
	\$29,216 – Expenses Supported by General Giving



General giving for the month of February was in excess of the everyday operating expenses of our church by \$10,651. When contributions are short we take what is needed from the cash reserves to pay for operating expenses. When contributions are over as they were this month we get to see our reserves grow. The current balance of the cash reserves is 42,251. Accounting year to date (10/01/2023 to current) our cash reserves increased by over \$20,000, half of which were February gifts. On behalf of council and the finance team Thank You!!

February	
Account Balances	\$11,500 - Property Improvement Fund
	42,251 - General Operating Fund
	35,172 - Restricted Funds
	109,024 - Endowment Fund
	\$197,947 - TOTAL CASH & SAVINGS
	\$33,995 - Building Loan Balance/Parking Lot

During the month of February the offering received for the parking lot was \$100, which will reduce the loan by an equal amount when applied along with the offering from January of \$50. Donations specifically for the parking lot can be made with your regular giving and also online with Vanco - look for the option to designate your giving for the parking lot. Starting January 2024 all donations made for the parking lot will go directly to the principal balance of the building loan.

*Respectfully Submitted
Diane Lombard, Treasurer*

The church council is in the process of reaching out to young families for suggestions about current and future programming.



If you are or know a young family (members or not, but interested in what ORLC can do) and haven't heard from us yet, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to council member Eric Olson, ejolson@q.com, 320-629-3888 to chat about your ideas.

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us.



Worship & Music

The worship and music committee met on Tuesday evening, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. Present were Doug, Becky, Glenna, Lois, Christy, Diane, Lynn Z. and Pastor John. (Prayer team members joined us, also).

Old business included a reminder that our radio broadcast is on WCMP Anthem Country with the call numbers 106.5 FM, and 1350 AM.

We continued with the calendar:

- +Lenten Wednesday's have been well attended.
- +Lynn Z. reported that the palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday, March 24th.
- +The Sunday school children will be sharing music that day, and processing to lay the branches at the Cross.
- +Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 6:30 p.m. service will include healing communion with healing anointing.
- +Lynda W. is working on the Tenebrae, Good Friday service, March 29th, 6:30 p.m.

- +Easter Sunday, March 31st, 9:00 a.m. is set with brass ensemble for the hymns, and the Peter's family, and Jen H. sharing special music.
- +Look for the beautiful flower garden that will be overflowing in the Sanctuary that day!

Because it would have been healing focus 5th Sunday, the prayer team would like to offer prayer blessing after the service up front for anyone who would like that. Resurrection power!

Christy is searching for a few more readers and helpers this month. If you cannot help at this time, but would like to read, give communion, etc. at any time in the future, please connect with her. (You may see the clipboard going around again if needed).

We discussed how the broadcast is sounding livestream and radio. Thank you to all who help with this!

Hymn picker for April: Glenna
Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9th, 6:00 p.m.
Any concerns we would love feedback.

Co-chairs, Lois and Doug B.



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild is in need of new members!

There are two months to be filled: May & August.
*If interested or have any questions to contact
Becky Berglund or Rhonda Williamson.*



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

April Food Item:

Applesauce Pouches
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

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Wrap Up | April 3 | 6-7:30

Dinner is provided and this will be our last night of confirmation

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Jr. High Youth Group will kick off April 10 for all 7-9th graders who wish to join in on the fellowship and grow in their faith. Youth group will be from 6 to 7:15 with dinner provided

CLUB 456

Club 456 is a new once a month program for our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who are looking for ways to grow deeper in their faith while having fun! Mark your calendars on April 7, May 5, and June 2 from 5 to 6:15.

FIRST COMMUNION

Lets celebrate our 5th graders and their First Communion on April 21 during worship!

NORM OPHIEM SCHOLARSHIP

Norm Ophiem Scholarship Breakfast will be April 21 after worship! Help us replenish the fund for our future graduates

TWINS GAME

Family fun at the Twins Game on April 21

Tickets are \$13 – register online or on Leigha's door

Tickets are limited

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Our Youth will be selling Kettle River Pizzas to help raise money for programming and the summer trip. Order forms will be available April 28-May 15. Pizzas will be delivered on June 5.

YOUTH GARAGE SALE

The Youth Garage Sale will be May 11 from 8-3! Come and find your treasures!

Donations will be accepted May 7-9 from 10 to 6 and May 10 from 10 to 3. It's a great time to start your spring cleaning and decluttering!

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Envelope Fundraiser is back with a new twist! Check out Leigha's door and grab an envelope to help cover costs for various parts of the 2024 Summer Trip to Memphis and New Orleans! Envelopes can be returned to Leigha or the church office.

Please keep up to date on activities by visiting our website (www.orlcpc.com), following us on Facebook, and checking your email for important reminders :)

ear to see what they need.

Meeting adjourned Carolyn 2nd by Ella
Next meeting 4-9-24 4PM

WOMAN OF ORLC

Meeting Minutes
3-13-2024

Meeting was called to order about 5pm
Present: Carolyn, Mary, Ashley, Mary Jo, Ella

A request from the youth to send 7th graders to camp. 5 at this time totaling \$ 625.00. Ashley made a motion 2nd by Mary Jo. Carolyn amended to say if any further decide to go we will fund that also. Carried.

Remember that spring gathering is April 16 at Del Grove. Flyer will also be in the newsletter with details.

Still working on a replacement for the funeral committee chair. An announcement in the newsletter in case anyone wants to volunteer?
Sign for the boutique was also discussed. Maybe have some options at the next meeting? About \$500.00

Motion was made by Mary Jo 2nd by Ashley to donate \$50.00 to the penny fund at spring gathering as we haven't collected much this year. Carried.
Will promote that more next year. Carried.

Ella asked if the youth would want to take over all the soup and sandwich suppers as we are all getting older and it is a lot of work. Ashley will talk to Leigha however not sure she got a chance but who ever did Leigha said they would be glad to do that for fundraisers. Circles can still help some by making bars or Marilyn making her olive sandwiches!! Will play it by

Submitted by Mary Lange

Kettle River Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

April 13 @ 8:30AM

Emmanuel Lutheran Dell Grove

Theme: 'Reflecting God's Light Through Justice'

Sign-in begins right away at 8:30AM
(\$10 donation requested)
Morning treats and lunch provided

Program by Wendy Reamer Johnson
'It Only Takes a Spark'

Please join us for a morning of fellowship, fun, lunch, singing, worship, displays and a bit of business.

Save the date!

Summer Gathering
June 10 and 11 in Grand Rapids

Registration forms are on the WELCA bulletin board.

WELCA will pay the registration fee and meals for anyone wishing to attend.

Please fill out the form and put in WELCA slot by the office. We will get it sent in for you!!
All are welcome!!

RECIPE



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
50th Anniversary Cookbook
1946-1196

Pork Chop Dinner
Betty Purdy

Ingredients:

4 pork chops, browned
1 can cream of mushroom soup
5 med potatoes, sliced
1 lg. onion, sliced



Directions:

Place the pork chops in an ungreased casserole dish. Top with the soup, potatoes and onion. Bake, covered, at 325° for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Don't salt or pepper or use milk. I find this to be very tasty.



March might be marching out like a roaring lion this year. As I write this article we can expect 4-6 inches of snow next week! If the weather holds out I am sure you will see some bundled up kids getting in some last minute winter fun!

Classroom:

From the kids: We have been playing outside a lot! Playing hide and seek and playing with trucks :))

St. Patty's day was a week long theme in our class. We had a very sneaky Leprechaun causing lots of mischievous mayhem for us. He left his 'boogers' for us to play with, our toilets were turned green, he lead us on a scavenger hunt searching for his gold, and left us magical cereal that turned our milk green! We set a trap to capture him but alas we missed him again this year. Better luck next year!

With Spring break the week of Easter this year, we are celebrating Easter early in the room and have been doing many activities, crafts, and reading books to get us in the Easter spirit.

Preschool News:

Spring Break: March 25-29th

Open House: Be on the lookout for a date in April for enrollment for the 2024/25 school year.

Thank you to all who were able to take part in our Spring Flower Fundraiser. Your support means a lot! Flower orders will be

Heard from the kids!

What is your favorite thing about Easter?

I like when the Easter Bunny leaves candy. -Monroe

The chocolate! -Ryker

Toys! - Noah

Board News:

Next meeting to be held Monday April 1 at 5:30pm.

Becca Groe

(COJ Board Member)

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Community & Member Share

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.*

This note is in thanks to our Rainy Day Committee in supporting Lutheran Social Services with a gift.

Dear Pastor John and members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent generous gift to support children & families through the CH/LSS Adoption Support Fund. I can promise that your gift will be a blessing to many!

Thanks so much,

In Christ, Kathy



OUR REDEEMER READERS

All are welcome to the ORLC READERS Book Group. The Book Group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Please note If we encounter weather Or other date conflicts I will contact you via Email or text. Any questions please feel free to contact Christy Koch. Suggestions are very welcomed and appreciated!

APRIL 23, 2024

MORNING IN THIS BROKEN WORLD BY KATRINA KITTLE

An interesting novel about a group of people who come to live together during Covid. Circumstances threw these multi different people together. Everything is not always rosy but all have to find their place. Love, forgiveness, acceptance, resilience and hope all play a part in the story.

ECRL HAS NO COPIES OF THIS BOOK

JUNE 25, 2024

THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HU GO BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID

A sweeping tale about an aging Hollywood starlet and the rookie magazine reporter she hires to pen her life story. An intriguing and unique take on what it takes to make a family. A good summer read!

ECRL HAS THESE FORMATS: BOOK, EBOOK, AUDIO BOOK

JULY 23, 2024

THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN BY MARIE BENEDICT

This biographical fiction is the story of illustrious American financier, J. P. Morgan's renowned personal librarian, Belle de Costa Greene, an extraordinary woman of her time, famous for her intelligence and knowledge of the art and book world, building up New York's Pierpont Morgan Library, all the while hiding her true ethnicity as a Black woman.

AUGUST 27, 2024

THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB BY RICHARD OSMAN

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

MAD HONEY BY JODI PICOULT AND JENNIFER BOYLAN

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her

picture-perfect life—married to a cardiothoracic surgeon, raising a son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined she would end up back in her hometown, living in the house she grew up in, and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

Lily is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start. Asher and Lily's paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him..

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent.

Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.

OCTOBER 22, 2024

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW BY SALLY HEPWORTH

A twisty, compelling novel about one woman's complicated relationship with her mother-in-law that ends in murder...

From the moment Lucy met her husband's mother, Diana, she was kept at arm's length. Diana was exquisitely polite, and properly friendly, but Lucy knew that she was not what Diana envisioned. But who could fault Diana? She was a pillar of the community, an advocate for social justice who helped female refugees assimilate to their new country. Diana was happily married to Tom, and lived in wedded bliss for decades. Lucy wanted so much to please her new mother-in-law. That was five years ago.

Now, Diana has been found dead, a suicide note near her body. Diana claims that she no longer wanted to live because of a battle with cancer. But the autopsy finds no cancer. The autopsy does find traces of poison and suffocation. Who could possibly want Diana dead? Why was her will changed at the eleventh hour to disinherit both of her adult children and their spouses? With Lucy's secrets getting deeper and her relationship with her mother-in-law growing more complex as the pages turn.

NOVEMBER 26, 2024

40 RULES OF LOVE BY ELIF SHAFAK

Ella Rubenstein is forty years old and unhappily married when she takes a job as a reader for a literary agent. Her first assignment is to read and report on *Sweet Blasphemy*, a novel written by a man named Aziz Zahara. Ella is mesmerized by his tale of Shams's search for Rumi and the dervish's role in transforming the successful but unhappy cleric into a committed mystic, passionate poet, and advocate of love. She is also taken with Shams's lessons, or rules, that offer insight into an ancient philosophy based on the unity of all people and religions, and the presence of love in each and every one of us. As she reads on, she realizes that Rumi's story mirrors her own and that Zahara—like Shams—has come to set her free.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Offices Closed Semi-Annual Reports Due	2	3 6:30a Men's Bible Study 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p Wed Night Worship 7:30p SH Youth Group	4 48a SonRisers 1p Grief Support Group 1p Caregivers Support	5	6 4-8 Pine City Makers
7 Pastor Brenda Wicklund 8a Intentional Prayer 9a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 5p Club 456	8 9a Quilting 5:30p APFY Boar 5:30p COJ Board 7:30p A.A. Meeting	9 1p Befrienders 2p L&P Tax Help 4p Women of ORLC 445p Finance 530p Executive 6p Worship 630p Healing Prayer	10 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9a Audit 3p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p JH Youth Group 7:30p SH Youth Group	11 8a SonRisers 1p Grief Support Group	12	13 8:30 Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering @Emmanuel Dell Grove Noon: Lakes & Pines Tax Assistance Training
14 Semi-Annual Reports 8a Intentional Prayer 9a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10a Adult Bible Study	15 9a Quilting	16 9:30a Joy Circle	17 6:30a Men's Bible Study 3p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p JH Youth Group 7:30p SH Youth Group	18 8a SonRisers 1p Grief Support Group 130p Hope Circle	19	20
Twin's Game	7:30p A.A. Meeting					
21 First Communion 8a Intentional Prayer 9a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10a Scholarship Breakfast	22 9a Quilting Newsletter Articles Due	23 2p L&P Tax Help 6:30p OR Readers	24 6:30a Men's Bible Study 3p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p JH Youth Group 7:30p SH Youth Group	25 8a SonRisers 1p Grief Support Group	26	27 Synod Assembly By ZOOM
28 New Member Sunday 8a Intentional Prayer 9a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10a Semi Annual Meeting	29 9a Quilting 7:30p A.A. Meeting	30 2p L&P Tax Help				

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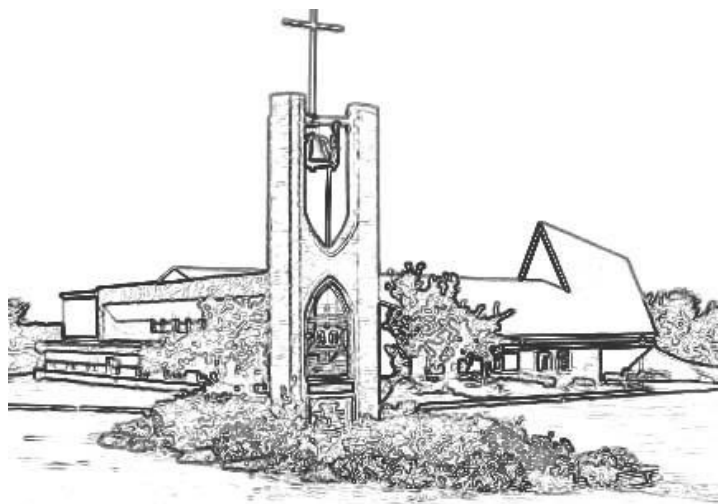
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**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY WORSHIP:
*Sundays at 9:00a.m.***

IN-PERSON: 825 Golf Ave SW
Pine City

ONLINE: orlcpc.com for the easy link
or search YouTube for Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church, Pine City

RADIO: Tune to WCMP 1350AM or
106.5FM



Our Vision:

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