

Pastor Nicholas Schultz Accepts Call to ORLC

Pastor and Barbara Moland, after serving Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for thirty-four years, are retiring in June. Pastor and Barbara will be missed.

Nicholas Schultz (Nick) has accepted the Call to serve Our Redeemer Lutheran Church effective July, 2018.

Both the Congregation and Nick have prayed that God would direct the Call process, praying that the result would be His Plan. The Congregation had unanimously voted to extend a Letter of Call to Nick.

He holds a Masters of Divinity from the Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, Plymouth, Minnesota. He will attend graduation ceremonies May 19.

Nick has been a leader in high school and middle school youth programs over a period of twelve years. Six years were spent serving at Living Word Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, three years at Calvary Chapel in Marshall, Minnesota and three years at Grace Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

In 2008 Nick graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southwest Minnesota State University. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in History and Philosophy.

Nick and his wife, Miriam, have three children; Evangelyn (7), Esther (5) and Nathan (2 1/2). Esther and Nathan are already registered in Our Redeemer Christian School for the Fall term.

The family especially enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and bicycle excursions.

The family will be moving to Kirkland from Camarillo, California where Nick has been serving an Internship at Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church.

Praise be to God for His leadership and guidance to all involved. We look forward to welcoming the Schultz family into our community.



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The purpose of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to worship God in a Bible-based, Christ-centered ministry, evangelizing, discipling, nurturing and equipping people for the spiritual well-being of every life.

Resurrection Power

Jesus promised His disciples that they would receive power to accomplish the work that He commissioned them to do. Part of that work was for them to be faithful witnesses to His resurrection. In Luke's Gospel, just before the ascension, Jesus gave them their assignment and then assured them, "I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you..." and then He parted from them.

That promise of the Father included the powerful gifting of the Holy Spirit and the assurance that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead would be at work in them.

The New Testament Church learned that in their human frailty God was pleased to reveal His power. He placed the treasure in earthen vessels so that it would be clear that it was not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit that the world would see the risen Christ in the preaching of the Gospel.

In these weeks following our Easter celebration God will be infusing that power in His Church, in every believer whose life is open to being united with the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can learn from the Apostle Paul in this application. He met the Risen Lord and his life was radically changed. Old things passed away and all things became new! It so excited Paul that now His primary goal in life was to know Christ and the power of His resurrection. All other things became like rubbish to him. He was willing to suffer, to give up his life's ambition, and even to die if it would mean that he would know Christ better. Perhaps that is why Paul's life was so fruitful and his preaching was so powerful. This man who considered himself to be "the chief of sinners" discovered that God can mightily use a broken vessel when that vessel is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Paul's witness to the resurrection effectively turned the world upside down, or perhaps right side up, as he and the followers of Jesus Christ walked in the newness of life in the power of the resurrection.

May God give to us such a longing to know Christ better, whom to know is life eternal and whom to know is to live in the explosive power of effective ministry.

Contemplating with you,



Sermon Themes

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April 2018

9:30 AM each Sunday

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

"He Is Risen"

Matthew 28:1-6

Celebrating Life over Death

Sunday, April 8

Worship with Holy Communion

"Blessed in Believing"

John 20:19-31

Knowing Our Resurrected Christ

Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

"Resurrection Witness"

Luke 24:36b-48

Telling All the Nations

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"A Living Shepherd"

John 10:11-18

Following the Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Abiding in His Love"

John 15:1-10

Connected to Our Lifeline

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel
before the Lord our God, our maker, for He is our
God, and we are the sheep of His pasture

Vacation Bible School

July 16-20

“Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus”

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS this summer will be held mornings July 16-20. This year’s VBS will be a joint effort between ORLC and Risen Hope Church, a neighboring congregation. Risen Hope will provide leadership and bring new energy and skills to support this important ministry to our community.

The Joshua Team from AFLBS in Minneapolis will provide four college age youth to assist and inspire our program.

We estimate that we will need 45 volunteers to make our VBS thrive. If you can help, contact Tiffany Bayer at 425.821.2424 or orlckirkland@hotmail.com

Registration forms will soon be available in church office or at www.orlckirkland.org

Family Bible Camp

Cedar Springs

June 24-28

Pastor Wade Mobley will be guest speaker at this year’s Family Bible Camp at Cedar Springs near Lake Stevens, WA.

First time attenders may come without any charge.

Overnight or commuting works for this nearby Bible Camp.

New brochures available soon!



2018 AFLC

CONFERENCE

THAT
YOU **MAY
KNOW**
1 JN 5:13



**Make plans now to attend the
2018 - 56th AFLC Conference**

June 12-15, 2018

Host Site: *Ramada Grand Dakota
Lodge, Dickinson, ND

Theme: 1 John 5:13 "That You May
Know"

Volunteer Schedule

Please mark your calendars and if there are any conflicts with your schedule, please find someone to fill your spot and let Kristine Dootson know of the substitution. If you are unable to find someone to switch with you, substitute volunteers are Betty Halvorson @425-821-6477 and Kristine Dootson @425-753-2020.

| Date | Nursery | Sunday School | Lay Reader | Flowers | Coffee |
|------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 4/1 | Sue Rosebrook | No SS | Kristine Dootson | Easter Lilies | Deaconesses |
| 4/8 | Kim Jarvis | No SS | Heidi Stedman | Easter Lilies | Open |
| 4/15 | Darlene Olson | Kristine Dootson | Joe Bottem | Open | Open |
| 4/22 | Nancy Ostlund | Pam Jussel | Prosper Ruberwa | Open | Open |
| 4/29 | Barbara Moland | Kim Jarvis | Patti Prue | Open | Open |

April Birthdays

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|------------------|---------|
| Jim Christie | Apr. 1 |
| Bianca Riddle | Apr. 1 |
| Dana Kowaleswski | Apr. 2 |
| Barbara Moland | Apr. 2 |
| Robert Just | Apr. 3 |
| Marvin Long | Apr. 3 |
| Dean Lehman | Apr. 8 |
| Matthew Riddle | Apr. 9 |
| Joely Slonecker | Apr. 9 |
| April Jones | Apr. 10 |
| Coral Lundry | Apr. 10 |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----------------------|---------|
| Alex Bosma | Apr. 11 |
| Paula Just | Apr. 15 |
| Erica Wright | Apr. 27 |
| Monika Swanson | Apr. 29 |
| Noelle Olivia Watson | Apr. 29 |

Roger & Judy Poquette

Apr. 3, 1969

Scott & Erica Wright

Apr. 22, 2012

Terry & Char Park

Apr. 25, 1992

Church Chat!

- **Andrea Woods** was ORLC's nursery attendant for a short time. She gave us an update on where she is now: "I'm at Pierce College. I'm going into their pre nursing program. I went to CNA school and will be taking my state test next month. I was on the dean's list my first quarter. I'm still nannying and enjoying working towards a career."
- Thank you to **Patti Prue** for the beautiful blooms in the front gardens of our church!
- We are being blessed by an Easter visit from **Coral Lundry** from the U.K.
- **Kayla Kemmerling** has been accepted to begin college this fall at Pacific Lutheran University. Congratulations Kayla!
- **Lesley Paige's Juanita Elementary School Choir** will perform the National Anthem at the Mariner's Game May 4th.

If you have a submission for church chat, please send it to orlckirkland@hotmail.com



World Missions News

John and Hannah Lee



The World Missions Committee had a longtime goal of sending John and Hannah to India to help with our pastoral training there. After we realized that it was not possible to send a missionary to India at this time we researched a second country near India where we have well established and reliable contacts. AFLC World Missions made two trips to this Asian country accompanied by John and once by Hannah. After much discussion, thought and prayer, we came to the conclusion that it was not God's will for the Lees to be deployed to this country at this time.

Realizing that John and Hannah have received a call by AFLC World Missions and still feel called to Missions, the World Missions Committee began investigating other options. Through prayer, consultation with the Lees, and an invitation by the Brazilian Field Conference to serve in Brazil, the World Missions Committee has decided to deploy the Lees to Brazil.

Pastor John and Hannah served their internship at Atonement Free Lutheran Church in Arlington.

Please be in prayer for them as they serve the Lord in Brazil.



Stones Cry (Sound of the Trumpet)

Come for a time of worship and reflection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. Joel, June, and their children Joy (11) and Josiah (9) will be sharing with a wide variety of instruments and singing.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord Psalm 150:6 (ESV)
Stones Cry (Sound of the Trumpet)
Www.joelfinnesgard.com

Our Redeemer Lutheran
Kirkland, WA
April 25th @ 6:30 PM
(Free-will offering will be received)



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