



The Christian Connection

Moving On...

In preparation for our upcoming move, Barbara and I have been house-hunting for a place to call home in North Carolina. A number of the houses we have looked at are categorized as “transitional design”, a blend of traditional and contemporary architecture and décor that seeks to capture the best of both house styles.

The term “transitional” can also be used to describe a place that is not permanent, and we have found ourselves reflecting on that as well. How long will we live in the house we will call home? In the big picture, isn't it true that all things in this life are somewhat transitional? And, that's okay...

For God's people, there is always a sense of “moving on”. We don't have a permanent residence in this world and we don't need an address to verify our existence or our value. Our ultimate identity is in the eternal Son of God and we are called by His name. Our eternal permanent address is “Heaven” and no mail will have to be forwarded on from there - ever!

Until then, we are all moving on to a series of transitional places, all anticipating a final move from this life to a place whose builder and maker is God.

The Apostle Paul captured this so well as he wrote to the Corinthians about that which is eternal. Paul spoke of his physical body as a tent. We don't know if he actually had a house where he lived as an itinerant missionary, but his confidence was in that which endured into eternity. “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” II Corinthians 5:1

We look forward to living in the transitional house that God provides for us, and we also with Abraham of old “[are] looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” Hebrews 11:10

As I understand it, God doesn't design transitional housing in heaven. With the saints in Thessalonica, we are encouraged to anticipate that then “we shall always be with the Lord.” I Thessalonians 4:17 We won't need to move on from there!

One additional blessing to celebrate – All God's people will be neighbors there! While new people will be moving in, no one will be moving out!

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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.

Looking forward to moving on with you,



A special open house is being held

June 23, 2018 to honor The Retirement of Pastor Ken and Barbara Moland at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

For those who would like to take part, dessert donations would be appreciated.

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Sermon Themes

June 2018

Sunday, June 3

Worship Service with Holy Communion

“God’s Treasure”

II Corinthians 4:5-14

God’s Greatness in Earthen Vessels

Sunday, June 10

“The Miracle of Daily Renewal”

II Corinthians 4:12-5:5

Focusing on Our Inner Person

Sunday, June 17

Father’s Day

“Growing the Kingdom of God”

Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 24

“With Jesus in the Boat”

Mark 4:35-41

Living by Faith

Welcome to worship each Sunday at 9:30 AM

“O Come, Let us worship and bow down, 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 are 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.

Register now!



Military Bible Stick Project

A blessing for our men and women in our military is a unique tool called the Military Bible Stick. It is an electronic version of God’s Holy Word prepared by a Christian ministry called Faith Comes by Hearing.

\$25.00 will provide audio Bibles for a service member and their family.

An offering will be received on June 10th for this ministry – checks can be made out to ORLC designated for Military Bible Stick Project. For more information www.MilitaryBibleStick.com

“This has been the most useful thing I’ve ever had. Every day I listen — and it has brought me closer to God,” says a Navy pilot

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
6/3	Kim Jarvis	No SS	Heidi Stedman	OPEN	WMF Celebration Sunday
6/10	Sue Rosebrook	No SS	Joe Bottem	OPEN	OPEN
6/17	Helen Long	No SS	Prosper Ruberwa	Patti Prue	Father's Day
6/24	Darlene Olson	No SS	Patti Prue	OPEN	OPEN

June Birthdays

Shane Hall	June 2
Natalya Just	June 5
Corbin Douthit	June 6
Tanya Slonecker	June 7
Lydia Myers Folsom	June 10
Kayla Kemmerling	June 12
Ashley Wold	June 12
Hannah Moland	June 12
Julia Watson	June 13
Lee Gould	June 13
Lesley Paige	June 17
Carolyn Bosma	June 18

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Duane Leach	June 20
Glenn Landguth	June 27

Anniversaries

April & Brandon Jones

June 10, 2000

Jan & Jeff Barnhart

June 12, 1971

Rod & Pam Jussell

June 20, 1969

Joan & George Hartlein

June 24, 1972

Lorraine & Marty Crowther

June 28, 1975



Dear Friends,

We write today to honor and celebrate our parents' retirement after their decades of service to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and to the Kirkland community.

Our parents' integrity, compassion, work ethic, and excellence in all things were manifest in their ministry, and they remain examples to each of us in our adult lives. Their love for each other, evident in their decades of collaboration at the church and beyond, is a source of strength we all draw on. Their appreciation of music, love of language, dedication to beauty, and sense of service have been formative for all of us. Their guidance and inspiration have launched us into lives that have sometimes kept us far from home. But we are daily aware of how blessed we are to have been the lifelong recipients of their love and wisdom.

We are also deeply aware that the community they helped create in Kirkland was part of the foundation for our lives as well. We extend our love and gratitude to all of you who supported us in our growing-up years. Thank you for welcoming us to a new part of the country; for letting us play on the playground; for putting up with some very bad youth group skits; and for supporting our family in countless other ways. You will remain in our hearts and memories.

To our parents we say: congratulations on fulfilling the call you accepted those many years ago. Don't get lost driving across the country. We love you, and we will see you soon as this new and richly deserved phase of your adventure together commences on the other coast.

With love and gratitude,

Lydia, Luke, Naomi, Hannah, Joseph, and Rachel

Church Chat!

- Congratulations to **Heidi Stedman**, graduating from The University of Washington Bothell on June 10 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health Studies. Read Heidi's beautiful life goal statement on the bulletin board.
- Celebrating the baptisms of **Brian Pierson** on May 20th and **James and Nolan Weidner** on May 27th. Thanks be to God for His work in each of their lives.
- **Prosper Ruberwa** received word from U.S. Immigration that his status is now confirmed and that he may now proceed to apply to have his family join him. Continue to pray for God's guidance and provision for all of them.
- Thank you to **Seiko and Doug and Lesley** for helping to polish the handbells before being put away. Also, thank you Seiko for helping to organize the handbell music files. – Barbara
- ORCS Graduations were held May 23rd and 24th. Thank God for another great year at ORCS and pray for His blessing on the upcoming school year 2018-2019. All staffing needs are filled and great registration numbers are in hand for fall.

Call Committee Update

With great joy we are thankful to God for his love and guidance throughout the call process in selecting and calling our future pastor, Nicholas (Nick) Schultz.

We look forward to welcoming the Schultz family. Nick, Miriam and their children, Evangelynn, Esther and Nathan, will arrive at the end of June. Nick will deliver the sermon on July 1st. We worship on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

Beginning July 2nd, work will begin on the parsonage. Plans are to update the kitchen, installing new cabinets, counter top and flooring. A half wall will be removed making the space more open between the kitchen and dining area.

Volunteers are needed to help accomplish the work. Joe Bottem (425) 483-0670 and Harlan Ostlund (425) 488-8031 are leading the efforts. Please contact them with any assistance you can provide.

We encourage you to put these dates on your calendar and participate in these very special events



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