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# The ORLC Connector



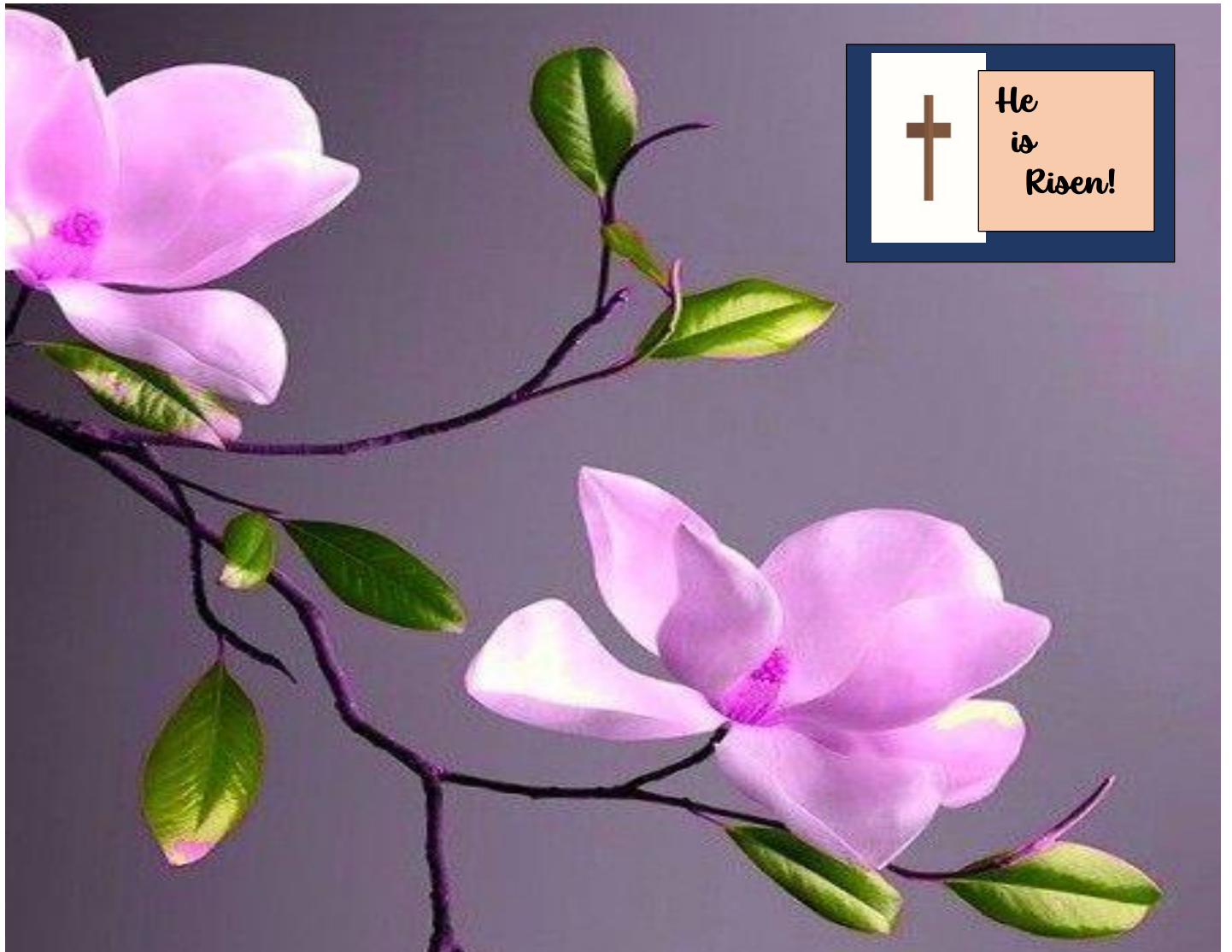
We love, because God first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

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**He  
is  
Risen!**



## MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL (The Magnificent Seven!)

Stephanie Maureen Nola Liz Harv Kim  
& Debbie

**Happy Easter** to you all! Since the last issue of the Connector, we have again met in person for our Annual General Meeting and we have journeyed through Lent together. Some of us participated in the Missional Theology Session with the PLURA group (Presbyterian, Lutheran, United, Roman Catholic and Anglican) and enjoyed an uplifting service at St. Andrews. We also lost a beloved member of our church family, Nadia Wish. In our life together, we have experienced joy and sadness, and in this Easter season we are reminded of the promise of the resurrection.

**Church Council** this year consists of seven people, each bringing their talents and gifts to ORLC. While you already know these people, you may not know some of the gifts that they will be sharing with our worshipping community.

### NEW TO COUNCIL THIS YEAR

- **DEBBIE JONES** is our Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Over the past 15 years, she has expressed our missionary initiatives on an Excel spreadsheet which she fondly calls our BUDGET. She has a knack for remembering all kinds of ORLC details. Debbie is a lifelong member of ORLC.
- **HARVEY MITCHLER**, along with his warmth and hospitality brings experience in the property maintenance areas of the church. He is serving as **Vice Chair** this year.

### RETURNING TO COUNCIL FOR ANOTHER TERM:

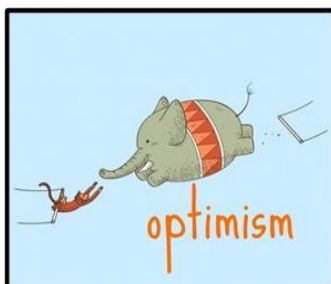
- **NOLA REID**, known to many as our church historian and photographer, will use these gifts to help plan our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry in Penticton. Nola willingly jumps in wherever she is needed and has done so for decades (she should be considered a charter member).
- **ELIZABETH TRIBE** is one of the co-chairs of our Call Committee. She brings her curious mind and her caring and contemplative nature.

### CONTINUING IN THEIR CURRENT TERM ON COUNCIL:

- **MAUREEN DOWNEY** is our Secretary and the publisher of The Connector. She brings her written communication skills, and a wealth of experience to these tasks. She gives thoughtful consideration to various issues that arise through the year, and is quick to share a laugh.
- **KIM HOATH** brings a plethora of fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our faith community. While not all of his ideas take traction, his creative thinking and joyful nature are a delight and stimulate conversation.
- **STEPHANIE STAUS** brings some of her organization skills (she saves some for at home), and a talent for delegating. She is happy to be serving as Chairperson this year.

It is our pleasure to be serving the people of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church as members of Church Council this year. It is promising to be a busy year, but with God at our side all will be well.

*Stephanie*



A big thankyou to Brita, Debbie and Stephanie for helping out in the office while Anette was away



## A TWEET FROM LORRAINE

Lent and Holy Week are solemn and serious times. The hymns used during this season remind us of the seriousness of sin and the seriousness of God in giving his Son to die for us. At the same time, Lent and Holy Week have the sound of praise and Christian joy. Here in the Gospel of the Cross, God gives us the great good news “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (John 3:16). In this same Gospel, God assures us that for Jesus’ sake he freely forgives us and receives us as His children.

Lent and Holy Week then bring us days to sing hymns like “in the Cross of Christ I Glory” and “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”. They bring us days for quiet and reverent thought...days for thankful, joyful celebration...days for singing praises to our heavenly Father who has bought us with the precious Blood and the redeeming death of his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. How completely God changes things!

When Jesus was crucified, death on a cross was the most cruel and shameful kind of death – the way of death for the worst criminals. But now the Cross is the symbol of Life. Now the Cross is the shining sign of God’s love. Now we sing about the wondrous Cross, because Jesus died for us and gave his life for our salvation.

Easter rings with many joyful hymns of raise. . “Thine is the glory, Risen conqu’ring Son; Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death has won! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

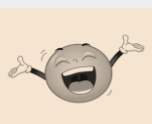
*Lorraine*



## THEY ARE RISEN!

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO LORRAINE  
and  
Nick, Darryl, Elaine, Lynne, Nola, Evelyn, Liz  
and Linda  
(welcome back Linda)**

**WE MISSED YOU MORE THAN YOU WILL  
EVER KNOW**



## LAUGHTER - THE BEST MEDICINE?!

- I used to think I was indecisive, but now I’m not so sure!
- I just burned 2000 calories. That’s the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap!
- I can’t believe that I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off!
- I threw a boomerang a couple of years ago and now I live in constant fear.

# PRAYER CORNER



**PERSONAL REQUESTS FOR PRAYER ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Contact Lynne Marand at 250 492-2209

First of all, as the Coronation date approaches, let us remember King Charles III in our prayers, asking God to bless, guide, strengthen and uphold him as he assumes the great responsibility of reigning over a family of many nations. Let us pray that he sets an example that encourages and inspires all peace seeking nations of the world.

Secondly, let us remember in our prayers the family and friends or our dear sister, Nadia Wish, who left us so suddenly on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Nadia was an active member of ORLC for many years and she will be greatly missed by everyone.

Our Prayer Chain, of which Nadia was a member, could really use some new members. Please give this need some prayerful thought and contact me if you can spare a little of your time to uphold the needs of others in prayer. *Lynne*

## PASTORAL CARE DURING THE INTERIM



CALL: Anette at the office  
250 492-6861  
OR  
Maureen Downey  
250 494-7220  
who will help you



## THE POWER OF THE PENNY (a word from Debbie)

Insurance is a big cost to ORLC. We are in talks with another insurance company and they requested a new appraisal to be conducted. We haven't had one done for close to 10 years so it is actually time to have one done. Hoping we can cut some of those insurance costs.

Expenses and offerings are typical for this time of year. No more snow so no extra cost for snow removal until next winter. As the weather warms, the cost of utilities will lower.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support.

*Debbie*



**ORLC  
YARD & BAKE SALE  
Saturday, June 10  
8 a.m. to Noon**



## MARK THE DATE

Right now, we are gathering items to sell. If you have items to donate, please contact Debbie for pick-up or for drop-off times (250-493-9139).

Also, if you can help out setting up the day before, during the sale or clean-up, please let Debbie know.

Bake sale items can be brought on the Friday before the sale.

Thank you!



## IT'S SPRING CLEANUP TIME!

Monday, May 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(Bring a bag lunch)  
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE ORLC SPARKLE & SHINE



**THE CALL COMMITTEE**  
has nothing new to report at this time.

**WHAT'S COMING UP?**

- Sunday, April 23 - Holy Communion
- Sunday, April 30 - Singing Sunday
- Sunday, May 7 - Service of the Word
- Sunday, May 14 - Singing Sunday  
*(Mother's Day)*



*Royal Tea*

Saturday, May 6, 2023  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Seating will start at 11:30 a.m.  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1370 Church St., Penticton, B.C.

**SOLD  
OUT**

**ORLC 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Celebrations**  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
2023

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> &  
Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**YARD  
WORK  
BEES**



**WE ARE  
BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**

**Ecumenical Picnic in Skaha Park by the Gazebo**  
Bring your own lunch and lawn chair.  
More information to follow closer to the date



**FEEL FREE TO BRING  
ITEMS FOR THE FOOD  
BANK ON ANY SUNDAY!**

**SEE YOU  
NEXT  
MONTH**



**Worship**

- More sign-ups on the volunteer sheet in the Narthex
- Altar Guild for Communion Sundays
- Singers, for Singing Sundays and CHOIR
- Folding Bulletins before church
- Putting up the numbers of the hymns
- Opening or closing windows, as needed
- Receiving the Offering
- Readers are always needed

**Coffee Hour**

- Host(s) to make the coffee/tea, set out snacks
- Bringers of cookies, juice and fruit
- Doers of dishes (with dishwasher) and general cleanup

**Grounds**

- Help as needed

**Outreach**

- Planners and fund-raisers  
Liaison with local agencies supporting the vulnerable

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE HELPING**

