

**February 2016 Newsletter**  
**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**Transitioning to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs, Sat. Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

ORLC is hosting a free workshop for the parents and guardians of special needs children who are making this transition in support services. The facilitator is Sylvie Zebroff of Community Living BC, a crown corporation tasked with providing services and information in this field. If you are planning to attend please inform the ORLC office so that sufficient handouts can be provided.

**Annual General Meeting, Sun. Feb. 7 following the worship**

Please pick up and study the Bulletin of Reports for 2015 to prepare for our AGM. Here is where we will approve a budget for 2016 and elect Council members and delegate(s) to the convention of the BC Synod slated for later this year.

**SoulSpace, Sun. Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.**

This is a time of contemplative prayer in the style of Taizé, a Protestant monastic community in France

that has become a focal point of Christian renewal and liturgical innovation.

**Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Service,**

**Wed. Feb. 10  
Supper at 6 p.m.;  
Service at 7 p.m.**

Ralph Odegard has offered to head up the pancake making for this year's Ash Wednesday (or shall we call it "Shrove Wednesday"?) pancake supper. There will be a sign up sheet to sign up for attending (so that Ralph knows how many to plan for) and for helping in the set-up, preparation, and clean-up.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, at time of intensified self-examination, repentance, and self-denial in the spirit of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness as he prepared himself spiritually for his ministry. For us this marks our time of preparation for Holy Week when we will walk with Jesus to the cross. The Service will include the imposition of ashes, a symbol to remind us of our mortality.

**Bible Study Begins Again, Wed. Feb. 17, Noon - 2 p.m.**

This first session of the Bible Study will take place at the new home of Julianna Semenoff where we will have lunch, participate in a house blessing, and begin our study of I Samuel, as we continue our walk through the Old Testament. If you would like to attend and need the address please talk to Julianna or to Pastor Curtis.

The following week (Wed. Feb. 24) the Bible Study will return to the ORLC Board Room.

**Remembering People in Our Prayers**

As a Lenten discipline, let us take time each day to pray for two or three people or households in our congregation, trying ultimately to pray for everyone.