

March 2019 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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New Council Officers

Brita Park, Chairperson
Cathy Sterna, Vice Chair
Kim Hoath, Secretary

Officers not on Council are:

Debbie Jones, Treasurer
Shelley Eberle,
Financial Secretary

Ash Wednesday Service (March 6)

Lent is a time of self-examination, and Ash Wednesday helps us make this shift in consciousness by turning inward to reflect our mortality. The service does this through prayer, scripture, and proclamation. The culmination of the service is the imposition of ashes, with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return." The service begins at 2:00 p.m.

Beyond Snakes & Shamrocks: St. Patrick's Missional Leadership—Lessons for Today (March 9)

ORLC is hosting an ecumenical learning day featuring Rev. Ross Lockhart of Vancouver School of Theology. His area of expertise is how churches are adapting to changing demographics and social expectations. In this presentation he is looking back at Patricius (a Roman Briton) who, with only a small group of associates, brought Christianity to Ireland, to see if he might teach us something for today.

Registration is free. Please call Penticton United Church to register: 250-492-2684, or email punited@telus.net. The event is a joint effort of Penticton and Oasis United Churches, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. Saviour's Anglican Church, and ORLC meeting as "Wise Elders".

...but wait, there's more!

As the host church, we are being asked to provide a lunch and beverages (the baking for the morning break will be provided by the other churches). We need volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up, as well as bring food.

Elizabeth Hromada, in her new role (see next item), will be coordinating those who sign up. Please see the sign up sheet and talk to Elizabeth.

Coordinator for Social Events

Elizabeth Hromada has generously offered to take up the role of Social Events Coordinator at ORLC for events that have meals associated with them. This does not mean that she is going to do everything. Rather, she will be the one to coordinate the people who sign up to help or bring things. She is looking for a few individuals who would be willing to assist her in this coordinating function.

Synod Wide Conversations— Southern Interior Edition (March 16)

At our AGM we elected 4 people to represent us at the Synod Wide Conversation for our region: Maureen Downey, Brita Park, Lorraine Cameron, and Stephanie Staus. Pastor Curtis will also be attending. Synod Wide Conversations are part of our BC Synod's process for addressing the same issues as at the March 9 event at ORLC: finding new and creative ways to be church in a changing world.