

The Messenger

Summer 2023



ORCHARD RIDGE
Senior Living

Fundraising Tea

Ninety ladies and one very brave man attended Orchard Ridge's fundraising tea in April! Nine of our member churches were represented to support the fundraiser, which raised \$6,181 toward our charitable care of residents who have exhausted their financial resources.

Silent auction baskets were donated by churches, board members, and support partners:

- Blue Cross of Idaho
- Pain Management of North Idaho
- Mix It Up Home Decor
- Kootenai Health
- Thrivent Financial
- Hospice of North Idaho
- Heritage Health
- The Spice & Tea Exchange
- Kroc Center
- Post Falls Brewery
- St. Pius Catholic Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women
- First Presbyterian Church
- Ann Rule & Karen Olsen
- Ann Johnson
- Rick & Diane Murray
- Board Members: Kathy Helbling, Don Chisholm, Jamie Cervi-Skinner, Sarah McLain

Thank you to all who attended, donated, or volunteered to make it a successful event!



Meet Our Newest Board Members...



Luke Russell



Ann Farrar



Marc Wallace

Luke Russell, recently retired from Hecla Mining, has served on our Board of Directors before and is looking forward to serving again! He is an enthusiastic supporter of Orchard Ridge.

Ann Farrar is semi-retired from Pyrotek, Inc. She is anxious to reconnect in the community through volunteer pursuits using her skills in finance and governance.

Marc Wallace is a retired lawyer and member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, one of our member churches. He is excited to bring his talents to Orchard Ridge to help further our mission!

Church Impact

- Sunday afternoon church services
- Bible Studies/Communion Services
- Weekly Catholic Communion
- Catholic Mass
- Personal Pastoral Visits
- Christmas Baskets provided for each Assisted Living/Memory Care resident
- Provided \$1,610 for Resident Haircuts
- Holiday Parties & Treats
- Monthly Resident Birthday Bashes
- Music Times
- Ladies Sewing Groups provided 108 shirt protectors & 16 lap blankets for residents
- 2 PEACE aging workshops involving 3 churches

Church Giving for 2022:
\$17,769



72 Years of Building

by Holly Johnson

Karl and Effie Schmidt have been busy building a life, family, and ministry together for 72 years! They were both born and raised in North Dakota, and met at Concordia College. While dating, Karl finally succumbed to the ministerial calling on his life and decided to get his Masters of Divinity and go into the ministry instead of becoming an engineer. It was a surprise to Effie, but not his mother and her church friends who had been praying for just that thing for many years! Effie graduated with a Nursing degree and was one of the top 10 nurses who graduated in the state of North Dakota. She worked at the Sister Kenny Institute with Catholic nuns, with patients who were on the iron lung and later worked in nursing homes. After Karl graduated from seminary he started a church in Missoula, Montana from the ground up, going door to door introducing himself and asking if they'd like to join the church. The joke was that if you hung out with the Schmidt's, even just playing pinochle, you would be recruited into the church or the mission field! After that they went to Butte to work in an already established church for 10 years, where Karl helped with a building project. Then they took over a church in Idaho Falls for 4 years, which was Effie's favorite time. She loved that the church was well established and had great programs already running. In 1977, they moved to Coeur d' Alene to start a mission church, which became Lutheran



Karl, Effie, and their children Karla and Kris

Church of the Master. Again, Karl was going door to door to gain members. One lady mistook him for an insurance salesman and very rudely told him she didn't need any insurance, to which he replied, "You'll want the kind I have!" Lutheran Church of the Master used to meet at Orchard Ridge (then Coeur d' Alene Homes) and Karl even served on the Board of Directors. They pastored in CDA for 6 years before pastoring in Port Orchard, WA and then retiring. They moved back to CDA to be near and helpful to their kids and grandchildren.

They have always been active in whatever community they lived in at the time. Karl loved to volunteer with the Kiwanis, help with sports, be at rodeos and parades. Effie preferred to be at home reading or sewing, attending book clubs, or women's church groups. They loved people and made lifelong friends at every place they lived, making them part of their family.

When health issues made it necessary to have some care, the Schmidt's knew that Orchard Ridge was the place they wanted to be. They quickly made Orchard Ridge their new home and already had some old friends here. Their daughter says they call it the "Hilton" because they feel so well taken care of. With emotion in her voice, she says, "We really wanted a place where Mom and Dad would not only feel loved and cared for, but also feel valued and a sense of purpose...it's so important!" We are honored to be able to minister to and give back to the Schmidt's who have given so much and ministered to so many themselves!

Volunteer opportunities:

- Help with Bingo on Friday afternoons
- One on one visits with residents
- Cycling club exercise class
- Performances: instrumental, singing, etc.

If you want to volunteer, call Kayla at (208)664-8119
or email at activity@theorchardcda.org



Thank you to those who donated toward the flower memorials
which helped purchase flowers for the whole campus!



Flower Memorials: In Memory or Honor of...

Elaine Hopkins by Mike Grabenstein
Clarence Joerger by Andy & Roxanne Finney
Phyllis Bacon by Don Bacon
Betty McKann by Katharine Holmes
Statia Buchnovics by Donna Ronson
Statia Buchnovics by Dennis Buchnovics
Suzanne Rickel by Robert Rickel
Jane Clifford by Gayne & Jo Clifford
Pearl Heineman by Don Schierman
Harry Johnson by Lois Johnson
Bill Kegley by Michael & Diane Kegley
Don Hoffman by Doris Hoffman
Nelda House by George House
Fred & Nathalie Mitchell by Ed Mitchell
Charles Zosel by Evonne Zosel
Evelyn Hayes by Phil & Mary Hayes

Darrell Belstad by Shirley Belstad
Verna Meredith by Steve & Laurie Meredith
Carol Lyon by Mike & Shari Lyon
Barbara Haberman by Mark Haberman
Dwight Haberman by Mark Haberman
Lindley Mixon by Charlotte Simpson
Carol Matlock by Laurie Pizzi
Dia Santinia by Doreen Irving
Vernon Mathisen by Linda Green
Vernon Mathisen by Brita Orear
Jane Brumbach by Katrina Zepeda
Mebs Brumbach by Katrina Zepeda
Ray Halbhuber by Barb Halbhuber
Walt Siring by Gwen Letson
Ken & Gerry Hance by Greg & Susan Bauerle
Gay & Eula Grimes by Greg & Susan Bauerle

Memorial Gifts

Rose Micai by Rosalie Mule
Dick Benzinger by Thomas McLaughlin
Dick Benzinger by John & Joan Ortmann
Rose Tucker by Leslie & Deb Frank
Ed & May Johnson by Doug Johnson
Suzanne Rickel by Robert Rickel
Charlene Bolton by Don & Sharmon Schmitt
Carol Matlock by Richard Sands
Michael Jeanne Williams by Ron & Gail Young
Michael Jeanne Williams by John & Teresa Baillie

*Memorial Gifts are a lovely way to honor a friend or
loved one who has passed away and support
Orchard Ridge's mission to provide a faith based loving
home that honors older adults.

A New Way to Connect

by Holly Johnson

I wish we would have known about Famileo during Covid. It would have been an absolute game changer for resident and family interaction! The Famileo program bridges the gap of social media with families and the need for something on paper to look at for our residents. Most of our residents cannot use computers or social media and most of their younger family members have trouble taking the time to write letters or send pictures. The Famileo app enables the families to take pictures and write quick messages (even on their phones), like one would on Facebook and then compiles all those messages and pictures into a personalized "Gazette" which can be printed off for the residents to hold, read, and look at over and over again! It can even be formatted into large print for residents with vision problems. It has been a phenomenal way to connect, for all involved. Who doesn't want to see what that new great grandbaby that was born across the country looks like, or see what that silly dog is up to, or your child's vacation adventures? We are glad our residents get to see all that and more!



You are invited to: Orchard Ridge's Annual Butterfly Event

- Where: Private Residence on Lake Coeur d'Alene via the Coeur d'Alene Cruise Boats
- When: Tuesday, August 1, 2023- 5-8:30pm
*Boat will be boarding at 5pm and leaving at 5:30pm, with a 8pm boarding to return by 8:30pm
- What: Cruise, Greek Inspired Dinner, Musical Entertainment, Paddle Raise, and a Butterfly Release for \$102 per person (to commemorate our 102nd anniversary)
- Why: To raise funds to support our charitable care for residents who have exhausted their financial resources
- How: RSVP and buy your tickets by calling Holly at (208)664-8119

Board of Directors

Rod Colwell-President
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Member Churches

American Lutheran Church-Newport
Calvary Lutheran Church
Canvas Church
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Community United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Lutheran Church-Sandpoint
First Lutheran Church-Spirit Lake
Lake City Church
Lutheran Church of the Master
New Life Church
Our Savior Lutheran Church-Pinehurst
Peace Lutheran Church
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
St. George Catholic Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
St. Pius Catholic Church
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Trinity Lutheran Church-Bonnars Ferry
Trinity Lutheran Church-Coeur d'Alene

Estate & Moving Sales

A service provided by the Orchard Ridge Volunteers

In an effort to raise funds for charitable care at Orchard Ridge, the Volunteers provide the service of organizing and managing your estate sale for the cost of a suggested donation.

Services Include:

- Inventory
- Advertising & Signage
- Pricing
- Conducting Sales
- Sorting

Enjoy peace of mind and share in the generated revenue, with the added blessing of knowing you are supporting a good cause!

For more information contact Holly at Orchard Ridge (208)664-8119

Business Sponsors



Assisted Living/Memory Care

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CDA, ID 83814

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Independent Living

702 W. Walnut Ave.
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