



The Redeemer

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Dear Members and Friends of *Our Redeemer's*,

May is going to be an exciting and important month for us as at *Our Redeemer's*. On the Sundays of May 9, May 16 and May 23 we will focus on 3 critical areas of our ministry:

- 1) Education and Youth;
- 2) Leadership - Support Ministry; and
- 3) Worship.

On each of those Sundays we will explore these; the many exciting things happening in each, as well as the need to support them with our time and talent. Often when we look at our ministry at *Our Redeemer's* it seems overwhelming. There are Sunday School classes to teach, Bible lessons to plan, building and office work to complete, worship to plan, community groups to support (i.e., scouts and pre-school), youth work to plan, missions to support, etc. Yet, I believe that if each of us would make a stewardship commitment of our time or talent, even a small commitment, our potential to spread Christ's message and grow as a loving community of grace would truly be amazing. When we each dare to give of

ourselves, Jesus comes alive for others. Because of our efforts, those who are searching for faith are more likely to find a loving Savior. Because of our work, those who mourn would find in us and in our church a place of refuge. Because of our commitment, all of us would be strengthened as ministers, as we each serve in our own way.

We are confident that you are concerned enough about our ministry to attend one, or all of these Sundays. Between now and May 9th please pray about your call to ministry.

If for some reason you are not able to attend one of the 3 Sundays in May, I am including a Time and Talent commitment card as part of the newsletter. Please check the area of service you are interested in and return the card to the church.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill*



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

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by Bev Wilkes

Taffy and her husband, **Isaac** have been members of *Our Redeemer's* since October of 2000 along with their children, **Matthew** and **Jonathan**. Matthew is already in 4th grade and Jonathan is part of the Koala group in Christian Corner. Taffy has another beautiful name which is **Triffina**.

The most remarkable thing about Taffy is that she so wanted to really be a part of our church that she, along with Isaac, agreed to take over the Junior High Sunday School class. The wonderful thing about this is that the class was so big (well over 20) that they had to meet in the choir room. This was the very first year of Taffy's membership and she willingly jumped in with both feet and a husband!

Being a Sunday School teacher is not a small thing. This was one job that badly needed someone to claim it as their ministry and Taffy decided that this was her ministry. We all thank Taffy and her family for being the kind of member that really cares. When her family grows older, I am sure that we will see Taffy doing many more things.

UMW Rummage Sale

Pots and pans for the camping cooks,
Readers will enjoy getting your books.
Toys and games and kitchen dishes.
Sorry, we can't take your fishes!

Bring your tools, TV's, and old radios,
Your computers and too-small clothes.
Bring them to the church in May,
Help the ladies make their day!!

We need mowers and blowers, and furni-
ture, too.
TV's and stereos and dishes of blue.
We need your cast-offs, if they're working
just fine.
So someone else will buy them and call
them "mine."

Look in the closets, and under the stairs,
We'll take your old desk, and even the
chairs.
We'll take ladles and cradles, and
Grandmother's dishes.
We'll take winter clothing, but still --NO
FISHES!!

The garage needs cleaning, now don't
forget.
How about the old patio set?
The grill and the tools that need a new
blade
We'll take the old rakes and that dull old
spade.
Bring them on in for Friday, May seven,
The garage will look like a gift from heaven!!

P.S. Just a note we DON'T need any plumb-
ing parts or tires this year!
If you have any questions, call Sherrie
Cottrell 847-895-0176



Friday, May 7

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, May 8

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Youth Events

FOR THE MONTH

by *Marianne Rogenski*

Jamie Addams who worked the late night shift and to **Donna Echtner** who took the overnight shift--we could not have done it without you!

Youth Annual Conference (YAK)

I would like to invite all Jr. and Sr. High youth to the first ever Youth Annual Conference (YAK). This is an event that will be held in Elgin on May 22, 2004. It is an all day event--we will leave the church around 8:30am and return about 5:30pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person and that includes lunch. There will be youth led workshops, games, music, and worship. It should be tons of fun and we hope to take several youth to represent *Our Redeemer's*. So, if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible by calling **Marianne Rogenski** at 847-882-6116 or emailing marogenski@yahoo.com. I have to have the registration in by May 15.

ASP News

Our campout will be May 14-15. We meet at church for pizza dinner at 6:30pm on Friday and will end around noon on Saturday.

This year we are sending our biggest group

Thank you to all who participated in the Easter Sunrise service. We had about 12 youth and they did an absolutely wonderful job! A special thanks to **Jon Montgomery** and

yet to Appalachia. We will have 39 people in Chavies, KY the week of June 13, 2004. Because we have such a large group this year, our expenses for the trip also go up. Please consider being a sponsor for this trip. As a sponsor you are invited to see us off on Saturday, June 12, 2004. You will receive a postcard from our center in Kentucky, and you will also be invited to the special ASP service at church on July 11, 2004. If you would like to be an ASP sponsor see the Sunday bulletin or call the church office at 847-882-6116.



Happening This Month!

The Rock (Sr. High)

May 2 MYF

May 9 MYF

May 16 MYF

May 23 MYF

KFC (Jr. High)

May 2

Confirmation and ice cream

May 16

Confirmation and end of year celebration

Call the church office, 847-882-6116, for times and details



When: August 2 - 6

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We are looking for volunteers for:

- Teachers
- Craft Station Leader
- Snack Station Leader
- Outside Activities Leader
- Music Assistant
- As well as assistants for all of the above.

Please call **Michelle Hill** at 847-882-6116 or e-mail her at michellehill@wideopenwest.com if you are interested in helping. High School students are encouraged to be involved with VBS. All materials and lessons are provided.

Amy Meyer will be organizing a van service for those children who need a ride to and from VBS. Please call her at 847-882-6116 if your child needs a ride.

May Birthdays

05/06 Rebecca Gilbert
05/06 Bobby Lawnhardt
05/07 Alec Hill
05/08 Nicole Clermont
05/15 Laura Kuhn
05/18 Josh Kane
05/19 Jennifer Mottar
05/21 Katie Sullivan
05/23 Brent Lukowicz
05/24 Adriana Totaro
05/24 Kelly Oster
05/25 Riecee Brock
05/25 Cassandra Pierson
05/26 Danny Breda
05/28 Marcus Hill
05/28 Laurie Martin
05/29 Kim Echtner



Summer worship times
will be
9:00 and 10:30
from
June 14 - August 22.

Lent - Wow!

When the Chancel Choir sang the introit from the Narthex (really loud) on Easter Sunday a little boy sitting in the Narthex said "WOW!" That comment just about sums up the feelings on the entire Lenten season. Starting with Ash Wednesday we were treated to the Monday Night Lenten Study, the Meals for Millions study and Good Friday Fast, the "Passion" movie discussion, Maundy Thursday worship, the Good Friday Tenebrae Music Service, and the Easter Sunrise Service in addition to all the "regular" stuff.

For good measure we were presented with "Steel Magnolias" and the Palm Sunday encore performance of "Godspell".

Thanks to all who participated and especially to **Pastor Bill**, the Worship Team, and all those who put in extra time and effort to make the Lenten season special.

Choir Sunday

May 23, 9:30 and 11:00

Come May 23 and enjoy an hour of musical worship led by the musical groups of Our Redeemer's.

It's the last Sunday of the regular choir season. Come, enjoy the music, and thank our talented leaders for helping us make a joyful noise for the past year at Our Redeemer's.

We especially thank **Jan Paskiewicz** and **Karen Moore** for their leadership while we were searching for first an organist and then a choir director.

"Passion" Discussion

Thanks to all who attended our discussion night about the movie "The Passion." Over 40 people attended and we had a wonderful discussion about the movie, scripture and our faith.

Some at the discussion found the movie to be a powerful and moving depiction of Jesus' suffering and death. Others had difficulty with some of the images presented in the movie. Most agreed that Mel Gibson's interpretation of Christ's passion has helped us learn more about our faith and the scriptural witness to Jesus. Overall it was a wonderful night.

For those interested in further reading and study, **Pastor Bill** has put together some background information on the following topics: Gospel of Matthew, Gospel of Mark, Gospel of Luke, Gospel of John, the Resurrection Stories and Mary Magdalene. If you are interested in any of these please contact Pastor Bill at pastorbill@core.com or call the church office, 847-882-6116.

Cathy Scott New Choir Director

The Staff Parish and Music Committees are pleased to announce that **Cathy Scott** will be our new Chancel Choir Director starting in September. Cathy is a music teacher in the Antioch school system and has directed Methodist church choirs in Wisconsin and Illinois.

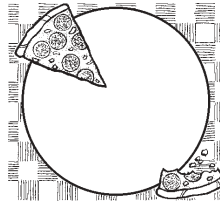
We look forward to Cathy continuing the tradition of excellent leadership in our music program.

Meals for Millions Lenten Program Report

Over forty families of *Our Redeemer's* participated in the Society of St. Andrew's (SOSA) program "Let Justice Roll Down Like Water" and the Good Friday fast to fight hunger during Lent. Through their generosity and contributions to the Ash Wednesday offering, \$2,068.92 was raised to provide food for the hungry through SOSA's Meals for Millions program.

Meals for Millions is a mission project of the United Methodist Men. Funds raised have provided millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry. The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that is perfectly good quality but, is not suitable for commercial use due to size or shape.

Gleaning is another activity aimed at salvaging food to feed the hungry. We will keep you informed as the growing season progresses. We began our church involvement in 2003 and would like to have *Our Redeemer's* participate on a larger scale this year. Any questions please see **John Machonis**.



UMM Pizza Sale May 23

The UMM are selling pizzas again to raise money for one of our many ministries. We will be taking orders through May 16 with pickup at church May 23. You can download the order form from the ORUMC web site at: http://www.orumc.org/UMM/Pizza4_04.htm and send your order to church or order from a real live UMM member on Sunday.

All your favorite toppings are available and Marshall says we are looking into a new secret recipe for our pizza sauce.



ORUMC Family Camping Location Change

The June 25-27 Family Campout location has been changed. The original location, Starved Rock State Park, filled up and we changed the location to White Pines State Park.

Tracy Torgerson has mailed the new information to all those who had signed up for Starved Rock. If you had not signed up but would like to attend White Pines, contact Tracy or Mark at 847-882-6116 as soon as possible.

Performing Arts Project Auditions

The Youth Council of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church announces AUDITIONS for a Summer Performing Arts Project

When are the auditions?

Friday, May 28, 2004, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Tuesday, June 1, 2004, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

(You may choose one audition date, based on your availability, but you are welcome to attend both.)

When are the performances?

Premiere performances will be August 13, 14 and/or 15, 2004.

Where are the auditions and initial performances?

Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church
1600 W. Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194

Who may audition and what will we do?

Any interested 7th – 12th graders may audition. Be ready to read expressively from a script, learn a simple dance sequence, and learn a new song to sing for the director. If you wish to bring a song that you have prepared in advance, you are welcome to do so. If time allows, we'll also do some improvisational acting.

How many people will be selected?

We don't intend to turn anyone away. The auditions will be used as a show of interest, an opportunity for the director to become ac-

quainted with your abilities, and as an aid for casting special parts.

When will rehearsals be scheduled?

Some initial rehearsals may be scheduled for early June, but most rehearsals will be in July and the first half of August. Many of the rehearsals will be in the evening, but some afternoon rehearsals may be planned, if schedules permit.

What are the features of this project?

Imagine an interdenominational Christian show choir performing a mix of gospel, rock, jazz, folk, bluegrass, world music and more, with dramatically interpreted scriptures and original skits. Special features will include...

SINGING... With opportunities for solos, duets, small ensembles and full choir.

ACTING... From dramatic scripture reading to humorous original skits.

DANCING... With opportunities to be a featured dancer or student choreographer.

PLAYING INSTRUMENTS... Utilizing the unique talents of our group throughout the show.

WRITING... Interested performers will be encouraged to write original songs and/or skits that fit the theme of our show.

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Personal Notes



Our Redeemer's lost three members of the church family this month. We share in grieving for all those lost.

We extend sympathy to **Barbara Prior** on the death of her husband, **Tony Prior**. Tony and Barbara were former members currently living in Belvidere. You can send condolences to:

Barbara Prior
1836 Stonington Place
Belvidere, IL. 61008

We also extend sympathy to **Joe Stocks** on the death of his wife, **Linda Stocks**. Condolences may be sent to:

Joe Stocks
280 Loveland Drive
Glendale Heights, IL. 60139

The congregation extends sympathy to the **Campbell** and **Zimberoff** families and their extended families on the tragic death of **Skyler Campbell**. Condolences may be sent to:

Sue & Jerry Zimberoff
2217 Stratham Place
Hoffman Estates, IL. 60195

John Campbell
7814 Mobile
Burbank, IL. 60459

If you wish to give a memorial in Skyler's name you may send it to the Schaumburg/Hoffman Area NAR-ANON Family Group at the church.

To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Words cannot express the love, support, and prayers that have showered our families in the recent death of Skyler. All the cards, the food, the telephone calls, and the help Donna received trying to prepare for the Memorial Service in the office has just been unbelievable.

The incredible show of love and support from this church family has just been unending and just so overwhelming. We are blessed to be part of this church and this church family.

God bless you all!
In Christian love,

Sue Zimberoff, Sharon Felski, Donna Echtner and their families



Congratulations to **Erin Jean Cushing** and **Christopher Michael DeLimba** who were married on April 24.



Offering our Time and Talents for Christian Ministry

Christian Education:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshment Table |

Empowering Ministry:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry teams or committees | <input type="checkbox"/> Church repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help | <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls |

Worship Ministry:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgist | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Scripture | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumentalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Technician |

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