



# The Redeemer Review

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## Pastor's Corner

### Easter Time: The World and God's Resurrection Community

In Acts chapter 2 we hear the story of the day of Pentecost, the day the Christian church began. On that day the apostles received a vision from God, with accompanying gifts of communication. Verse 4 says: *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.* On that same day the disciples spoke to others about their faith in Jesus in such a way that people from **16 different nations or cultures** understood what they were saying. It was a powerful multi-cultural moment for the church.

Today it often seems like we have lost much of that *holy gift of diversity*. Beginning in April we will have a series of worship services focusing on the world as Christ's resurrection community. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we will open our series with the theme *Whose World Is It Any Way?* We will then celebrate 5



Sundays with an emphasis on God's working in different nations of the world. Each country we talk about: China, the Philippines, Korea, Sri Lanka and India has a personal connection to *Our Redeemer's*. We will end our series on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the time of the church coming together. Please join us for worship during this Easter season as we hear about God working throughout the world.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bill*

**Middle East Clergy**  
**April 18, 7:00 p.m.**  
**See pg. 3**



## Angel of the Month Cathy Mottar

*by Bev Wilkes*

April showers will bring May flowers and our Angel, **Cathy Mottar**. She has been a member for a few years along with her husband, **Rob** and daughters, **Jennifer** and **Ashley**. This little lady breezes through a variety of activities and is always willing to help out anyone, if only she is asked.

Because this was to be a surprise for the Mottar family, I only highlighted a few of Cathy's activities, as I can't remember the whole list. She attends the Monday evening Bible Study, participates in the 30-Hour Famine and goes on the ASP trips which is fun BUT also a lot of hard work. Cathy is the chairperson for the annual Ski Trip in January, which everyone loves. Now for her Bowling! Cathy has been a member of the ***Our Redeemer's*** League for at least 3 years and for one of those years she was my teammate. Between us we cleaned out the gutters a few times but we always had fun doing it.

Cathy has a wonderful sense of humor that puts her in the good graces of our youth and the rest of us "young people". She is the type of person that when the news is all bad and the sky is all gray and the chocolate is all gone, Cathy can help make everything right with the world. Cathy is a good friend to and for ***Our Redeemer's***.

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## Christ in the World



## Resurrection Community April 3 - May 15, 2005

Christians around the world are experiencing God's love and grace. We at ORUMC will soon have the opportunity to grow in fellowship with worldwide followers of Christ. Through a series of services we will be challenged to become more loving followers of Jesus in a diverse world, to grow in knowledge of our faith, and to look into our own practices in light of other cultures.

Our April 3 worship will be an introduction to a series of five services each focusing on a particular Asian culture. We hope to include people, music, and visuals that will help us to better understand and love our Christian brothers and sisters in the **Philippines, China, India, Korea, and Sri Lanka**. On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate our unity as worldwide Christians.

If you have faith stories, music, or experiences relating to any of these countries, **please call Jill Wood-Naatz at 847-882-6116**.

## Middle East Clergy to be at Our Redeemer's April 18, 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. we have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Middle East, as those leaders will be our guests here at *Our Redeemer's*.

This delegation of Christian / Muslim leaders will be at the church to discuss ways in which they work together as different faith communities. So often in the news we hear of the tragedies and confrontations, but never hear how people of different faith traditions manage to work together.

This event is an opportunity for us to learn about "positive models of cooperation" that exist between Muslims and Christians in the Middle East."

Please mark your calendar for this wonderful opportunity. This meeting will be in lieu of our normal Monday evening study.



Happy  
Birthday  
Leona Loeppert

Happy Birthday to **Leona Loeppert**. Leona celebrates her 100th birthday April 20. You can send her a card at 350 W Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60194.



## Youth News

*by Marianne Rogenski*

### 30-Hour Famine

The 30-Hour Famine was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the weekend—volunteering for shifts, driving to laser tag, praying for the participants, donating juice and water, and helping us break the fast. Volunteers were necessary to pull off this incredible event and you all stepped up to the plate and did an amazing job! Thank you!

Also, thank you to all of the participants! 35 students participated and they were wonderful to have at church throughout their fast. We played games, read *The Case For Christ*, student edition, had fellowship, made cards for sick kids, and drank a lot of juice! I hope that they all took something away from this experience and that they remember the weekend for a long time to come.

I don't quite have all of the money that they raised, but so far I have collected \$4226.16! This is just incredible—more than the past two years combined! With that money, 35 children will be taken care of for one year. These students really are making an awesome difference in this world and we are extremely blessed to have such a supportive church family.

### Super Rally 2005

ATTENTION SR. HIGH STUDENTS

Super Rally 2005, Putting Faith First and Making It Last, is coming soon! This is a weekend for Northern Illinois Conference youth in Williams Bay, WI. It is a gathering of high school youth and their adult leaders—you will sleep in cabins, go crazy in large gatherings, and build new relationships in breakout groups. There is also a talent show, a dance, and MEGA-TWISTER! Don't miss it all! If you are interested let Marianne know NOW—we have to have the registration in by April 4! The cost is \$85.00 per person.

### Youth Dinner

The YOUTH DINNER this month will be on the 24th from 5:45-6:45pm. I apologize for having to cancel the last couple of dates for this, but the schedule is ever changing! However, this is on for sure! So, again we will try to have potluck with last names beginning A-L bringing a dessert and last names beginning M-Z bringing a side dish. Also, in order for this to work I need 3-4 families to commit to making a main dish—something simple. Please let Marianne know if you are willing to do that.

### Sr. High Schedule

April

3 MYF 6:30-8pm

10 MYF 6:30-8pm

17 MYF 6:30-8pm

24 Youth Dinner 5:45-6:45pm

MYF 6:30-8pm

## Jr. High schedule

April

8-9 Confirmation retreat

10 Confirmation and MYF 4-6pm

15 Visit Beth Tikvah Synagogue

24 Confirmation and MYF 4-5:45pm

Youth Dinner 5:45-6:45pm

## ASP News

The ASP team continues to meet once a month—we have about 35 people that will be heading to Leslie County, KY, July 30-August 6. There is still room on the team if you are interested and will have completed 8th grade by summer. Please contact Marianne as soon as possible. The next ASP team meeting will be April 12 from 7-8:30pm.

## Confirmation Trip

The *Our Redeemer's* confirmation class took a field trip on March 13 to Second Baptist Church of Evanston, IL.

Twenty confirmation students and ten chaperones attended an alternative worship service at Second Baptist. Our students and parishioners were greeted and welcomed during the two hours they spent at Second Baptist. They worshiped, enjoyed music by the Cathedral and Chancel Choirs and a sermon delivered by Rev. Rosemarie Green entitled “Elevate Your Mind”.

Many of our students commented how much they enjoyed the lively experience.



## April Birthdays

04/15 HANNAH GREENWALT  
04/20 EMILY YOUNG  
04/21 JEREMY MILLER  
04/21 JUSTIN MILLER  
04/22 DANIELLE HUBER  
04/24 ALYSSA WIEBEL  
04/27 MATHEW DEAN  
04/29 AUBREY BALK



## Drivers Needed

The Kenneth Young Center needs home delivered meals drivers! Please help by delivering hot noontime meals to homebound seniors.

Volunteer drivers give about one hour either weekly or bimonthly to provide this service to elderly clients in Elk Grove or Schaumburg. Your brief visit will mean a nutritious meal, safety check and a friendly face to our shut in clients. This is a wonderful community service opportunity.

At this time, we are in need of weekly, bimonthly and substitute drivers in the Elk Grove and Schaumburg areas. If you feel you may be interested in helping to support this local program, please call **Sandy Werner** at 847-524-8800 ext. 175 for additional details.



## UMW Rummage Sale May 6-7

Spring is definitely here! So now is the time to start thinking about *Our Redeemer's* annual fundraiser. Our Rummage Sale will be held this year on Friday May 6 and Saturday May 7. Please save these dates to come and buy and come to help. Here are a few hints to help make our sale successful.

·Please be sure your items are CLEAN and USABLE.

·When you bring your items, allow yourself some time to help distribute the items to the appropriate locations. All categories will be marked to make this as easy as possible.

·If you bring small appliances, please mark them as workable. If they need minor repair, please indicate that to us, perhaps we can fix it and then it will be sellable.

·If your items have been in a garage sale, please REMOVE old tags. Our rummage sale does not use tags. (All items are sold by the price lists).

·Summer clothing is in real demand, so please take time to go through your summer things. We will be taking winter clothing as well and whatever we don't sell will be donated to charity.

·Remember – no tires or used plumbing parts.

We will begin taking your donations on Sunday, May 1 after the second service and

continue through Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sale is on Friday and Saturday so we would appreciate having all of your donations by Thursday.

We will need a lot of help! It takes approximately 60 people donating a few hours of their time to make this event successful. Look for the sign-up sheets at the end of April. Thank you in advance, **Sherrie Cottrell, Gernith Streu, Robin Erickson,** or **Shirley McDaniel** at 847-882-6116.

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## United Methodist Women April 16, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to the Saturday, April 16 UMW Breakfast Meeting. We meet in the Wesley Room at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast is provided.

Our program is entitled "Social Action Alert – Health Care in America. Please join us for a good discussion and Fun and Fellowship.



## Crisis Center Items

The items for April will be dish cloths, towels and sponges. The baskets for the Crisis Center are in the church office. A big thank you for everything that you all donate.



## ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate in our Family Camping program. Thirteen or so families gathered March 6 for a potluck and planning session for the 2005 camping season. We planned five campouts complete with hosts and menu. (For those who attended the planning meeting – we switched the August and September locations.)

We camp from Friday evening through Sunday and do all the traditional camping things. On Saturday we share a potluck supper. The following is the schedule with host and menu.

All of the locations are state parks that will require reservations well in advance. The parks require a \$5 reservation fee along with a one night camping fee. The camping fee (but not the \$5 reservation fee) is refundable if you have to cancel. Please notify the hosts as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

### *June 17-19*

Shabbona Lake State Park Shabbona, IL  
**Rich and Michelle Hill**, 847-882-6116.

### *July 22-24*

Lake LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL  
**Wade and Sue Brown and Joe and Diane Rocha**, 847-882-6116.

### *August 12-14*

Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL  
**Mike and Amy Johnson**, 847-882-6116.

### *September 9-11*

Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI  
**John Montgomery and Jamie Addams**,  
847-882-6116.

### *October 7-10*

Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL  
**Ian and Marianne Rogenski**, 847-882-6116.

Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116,  
if you have questions or would like to be  
added to our camper list.

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## United Methodist Men *April 9 Meeting Cancelled*

The UMM regular April 9 meeting has been cancelled due to the special meeting March 26. One of the things discussed at the March 26 meeting was the 9th Quadrennial UMM Gathering at Purdue on July 15-17, 2005. This national meeting draws 4000 to 5000 Methodist Men from across the country. It features fabulous speakers, music and drama; 30 workshops; and mission opportunities. It's a weekend of Fellowship, Inspiration, Information and Instruction.

Our men who have attended in previous years say it's an event you don't want to miss.

## Social Justice Ministry

On Thursday, March 17 the Administrative Council began the process of forming a social justice ministry. The purpose of this effort will be the following:

- 1) a ministry team that will discuss important issues where God is calling us as a church to do justice
- 2) a team to gather information about issues of love and justice in our community and the world
- 3) an organizational tool to help us be more effective in our giving ministries.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry please call **Pastor Bill** or **Glen Hollingsworth** and **Dave Frederick** (our Administrative Council Chairpersons) at 847-882-6116.



## Sanctuary Screen

Thanks to our technical support team for providing us with a screen for our worship space. This will give us the ability to project words, songs and images to help enhance our time of worship. We would especially like to thank **Marshal Nystrom** for his work on the project.



## Mom's Night Out

*April 7, 7:00 p.m.*

Please join us for a night of food and fellowship at Lou Malnati's Restaurant Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially for those with school age or younger children.

Call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116, to RSVP or just drop in for dessert.



## Church Ladies Nite Out

*April 20, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday April 20 at 7:00 p.m. to Applebee's Restaurant on Roselle Road in front of the Schaumburg Library. Please join us and bring a friend! If you are need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.





## Finance Report

The February financial results look too good because some February expenses have not yet been billed. Actual expenses are \$20,085 below budget. Actual receipts are about 3% below budget. The net result is a \$19,559 surplus.

February 2005 Category	Actual Total	Budget Total	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	54,449	55,919	(1,470)	-3%
Sprint Rent	4,120	4,120	-	0%
Other Income	3,533	2,589	944	36%
YTD Income	62,102	62,628	(526)	-1%
YTD Expenses	49,625	69,710	(20,085)	-29%
<b>YTD Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>12,476</b>	<b>(7,083)</b>	<b>19,559</b>	



Please  
Wear  
Your  
Nametags

Let's make every Sunday 'Nametag Sunday'. Wearing your nametag will make it easier for everyone at Our Redeemer's to get acquainted.

If you don't have a nametag, leave a note with **Donna** in the office and we will make one for you.



Habitat for  
Humanity  
*April 23,  
7:00 a.m.*

Come and join the Habitat crew April 23. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and travel to Waukegan to spend the day at the Lake County Habitat project, Carter Woods.

We won't know exactly what the work assignment will be for the day, but we do know we will be contributing towards completing a 23-home project. Call **Rob Mottar**, or **Mert Rutledge**, 847-882-6116, if you can attend.



## Personal

### Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the *Community Crisis Center at George Van De Voorde Place* thank you very much for your donation of lotion and shampoo. Your support allows us to continue providing critical services to individuals and families in need.

The *Community Crisis Center at George Van De Voorde Place* provides 24-hour, caring and professional services in response to requests from individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and other crisis situations. We house 40 women and children each night in our **shelter** and offer individual and group **counseling, financial assistance, abuser treatment, and court advocacy**. Founded by volunteers in 1975, the Center has grown to serve over 6,000 people each year.

Again, on behalf of many, thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your help is essential for us to be “*Always Home*”.

Sincerely,

**Gretchen Vapnar**

Executive Director

### Richard Vales

*Richard Vales is our unofficial missionary in the Philippines. He has been undergoing several health problems in recent months. The following is an excerpt from his latest e-mail.*

Here is an up date on my well being. My swelling of my feet and hands is down 10% and that's good. Praise the Lord. And I now can move my hands a little. My diabetes is under control thanks to the Lord. My arthritis is the same as it was before. And the nerves pressing on my spine is the same. So all in all I am getting better. Than you Jesus.

Yesterday we went and got food for 100 families. My wife her sister and me. Because I cannot do much with my hands I was the supervisor. I had all ready figured out what we needed, the brand and the cost. Just to let you know it cost \$497.00 for the food for 100 families. In the next day or 2 we will be packaging it all up. And than 2 days later we will pass it out.

...We buy as many things as we can in bulk and repackage it all. As soon as we pass these bags out I will start working on the next 100.

God bless all who are helping.

**Richard Vales**

# Notes



Deepest Sympathy to:

**Lori Bies** and her family on the death of her father, **Lloyd Dall**.

**Sherrie Cottrell** and her family on the death of her father, **Wesley Nohr**.

**June Guthrie** and her family on the death of her father, **Bill Fejes**.

**Rob Mottar** and his family on the death of his grandmother, **Faye Lewis**.

The family of **Lois Gratz**, a former member of ORUMC from Friendship Village. Condolences may be sent to her daughter:

Mary Wadsworth  
1213 W. 145th Avenue  
Crown Point, Ind. 46307

**Julie (Krueger) Wade** and her family on the death of her mother, **Lorraine Berado**.

**Nona** and **Harry Schlinker** and their family on the death of their nephew, **Craig Artis**.

**Joann Meier** on the death of her uncle, **Donald Gumpert**.

For those of you that were able to make it to our Mother's Birthday Open House, we want to thank you for coming and sharing that time with her and our entire family. The cards, flowers and gifts she received were lovely and deeply appreciated. We can't tell you how much it meant to her that you were there.

My family and I also want to extend heartfelt thanks for your support and love shown to all of us. The many, many sympathy cards sent with warm, gentle notes of condolences, along with the many prayers and acts of kindness, were truly amazing and helped all of us in sharing our loss with our "church family".

With Many Thanks,  
The Family of **Betty Oster**

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Thank you so much for all the prayers, kind words, hugs, gifts and cards that we received at this sad time in our lives. We have many wonderful memories of my dad. I am so grateful that my mom and dad lived long enough to enjoy 15 grandchildren and 30 Great grandchildren.

Blessings and Hugs,  
**Jim and Sherrie Cottrell**

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