



# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

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### **Our Life in the Spirit**

*“Listen! a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them . . . . . When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.”*

*Matthew 13:3,4 and 19*

In the parable about the sower, Jesus reminds us of the importance of knowledge and understanding. Some, Jesus says, hear the words of the kingdom, but do not understand it. They then become “easy pickings” for the evil one. For all of us, Jesus’ followers, it is important to be students of our faith. This does not mean we need to be Bible scholars or study for hours every day. It does mean we need to continue to grow in our understanding of our faith. Many of us had wonderful Sunday School teachers that helped us truly know God in our lives. However, those years in Sunday School were building blocks for us to continue to learn and grow.

(See **Study**, pg 3)

### **Annual All Church Picnic**

***August 21, 11:45 a.m.***

Mark your calendar for *Our Redeemer’s* Annual Church Picnic. It will be held on August 21, 2005 following the 10:30 worship service. This year’s picnic promises to be an afternoon of fun with your church family. It will include a catered meal, games, and family fun for all ages.

Purchase your tickets in advance if possible. Advance tickets will cost \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets at the door will cost \$7 per person and \$25 per family.

Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic. Please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392 if you can help.



## Angel of the Month Daniel Shaw

*by Bev Wilkes*

This month we welcome Daniel, a Schaumburg High School student, to our growing list of young *Our Redeemer's* Angels. He has been a member of our church for over 5 years and has proven to be enthusiastic, energetic and very talented.

Daniel participates in our Youth Group activities, was part of the 30-hour famine and performed at the Mike Nite. Besides having a good voice, Daniel can play the violin as well. He is a part of the Voices of Light which is the young group that put on Godspell and Wonder. Daniel will be going to ASP to put in many long hours of hard work to help people that are in need.

I am sure that there are many other things that Daniel has contributed to very quietly without asking for our praise. We are all very proud to know that Daniel contributes to our church with such enthusiasm. It is also great to realize that one of our teenagers' name was put forth by one of our seniors. An Angel's age does not count; his heart does.

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## Kingdom of God versus . . .

Not too long ago I heard a pastor share a wonderful sermon about kingdom living. In his message he said it is hard to live a life that honors the Kingdom of God, because we are so influenced by the *Kingdom of Thing-dom* (Tome); the kingdom where things become the most important part of our lives (houses, cars, entertainment centers, computers, golf clubs, fishing rods, clothes, tools, etc.).

Now in and of themselves there is nothing wrong with the things we have that we use at home, at work or for entertainment. Homes, cars, fishing equipment, golf clubs, computers, clothes, tools are all good things

to be used. However, when they begin to control our lives, or become too important to us, then we find ourselves in the *Kingdom of Thing-dom* where things are more important than God.

As you think about what is important to you, are there some “*things*” in your life that have a hold on you and will not let you go? If so, let me suggest you do this. Read Matthew 13: 1-8 and 18-23. Especially read what happens to the *seeds that fall among the weeds*.

Then pray that God opens your heart to his Kingdom Seeds of love and grace.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bill*

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### Study

*continued from pg 1*

Beginning in September we will be offering two small group study opportunities for all connected to Our Redeemers. On Monday evenings we will continue our New Life Study groups (3 groups all together). Also in September we will begin our 3<sup>rd</sup> Disciple I Bible Study program. The Disciple I group

will meet on Tuesday evenings. We have trained leaders for each class. If you have any questions, or are interested, please feel free to call the church or email me at [pastorbill@core.com](mailto:pastorbill@core.com).

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bill*



*by Marianne Rogenski*

### *Barrel of Monkeys*

The youth trip to Chicago to see Barrel Of Monkeys was just awesome! We had slightly more than 40 people from *Our Redeemer's* go and the show was great! Thank you very much to **Jamie Addams** for planning this event!

### *ASP*

The Appalachia Service Project team of 33 youth and adults is in Minnie, KY, the first week in August. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve others in Christ's name.

### *Carrom Tournament*

Youth Council has one final summer activity planned for Jr. and Sr. High students. August 19 from 7-9pm will be the 2nd annual Carrom tournament at *Our Redeemer's*! Come and challenge last year's champs and maybe walk away with a prize. If you don't play Carrom, there will be other games. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship!

### *Youth Groups*

The start of the school year is just around the corner and with that comes the beginning of regular youth events! Again this year there will be 3 groups—4th-6th grade, Jr. High, and Sr. High.

#### *4th-6th Grade*

The 4th-6th grade group will have 4 meetings again this year. The first will be in the fall—look for more info next month!

#### *7th-8th Grade*

The 7th-8th graders will have their confirmation picnic on September 18 at church. This is a great time for families and their students to meet and greet other confirmation families. You will receive schedules at this time and there will be a question and answer period. This year we will be having confirmation on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month with a few exceptions.

Students who will be freshman and have completed the confirmation program will be confirmed on September 25th at the 10:30 service. Mark your calendars, and we look forward to seeing you!

#### *Sr High*

The Sr. High Kick-off will be on September 11 from 6:30-8pm. This will be a great evening of food, fun, fellowship, and games! This youth group is for those students in 9th-12th grades. Can't wait to see you!

## Outreach 2005

There is one other event that I want to tell you all about now. The Northern Illinois Conference is having Outreach 2005 on September 24, 2005 from 9am-4pm at North Central College in Naperville. This is a great event that we have attended for the last 3 years.

The day begins with music and worship, then lunch is served, we go to serve others at various worksites, and the day ends with a communion service. The cost is \$15.00 for youth and adults, which includes bagels in the morning, lunch, worksite materials, and a T-shirt.

If you are interested in going, I need to know and must have your fee by September 11. The registration deadline is September 12. I know that it is early to start thinking about fall, but this is really a fun time and a chance to spend the day with youth from all over the conference. I also need adults willing to drive and chaperone for the day.

## Youth Council

If you are interested in volunteering with the youth ministry of *Our Redeemer's* there are plenty of opportunities and we would love to have you! It is just wonderful working with the youth. If this is something you think that you would like to try, please contact **Marianne** at church, 847-882-6116, or [marianne@orumc.org](mailto:marianne@orumc.org). Thanks!

The next Youth Council meeting will be



## ASP Sunday August 21

On Saturday, July 30, 33 youth and adults from *Our Redeemer's* traveled to Floyd County, Kentucky for a week to take part in the Appalachia Service Project. The team will be helping families in the Appalachian Mountains repair their homes.

So far, 98 people have donated money toward the ASP trip. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Sunday August 21 the ASP team will lead the worship at both services and share their experiences on trip.



08/03	Jared Pierson
08/07	Ryan Greenwalt
08/07	Jessica Rocha
08/14	Kyle Utne
08/19	Regina Byrnes
08/22	Samantha Nordli
08/23	Colleen Wilkes
08/24	Nicole Johnson
08/24	Kiersten Swartz
08/28	Amy Rapp



## ORUMC Family Camping

Sixty campers were on hand for the Saturday evening potluck at Lake LeAquaNa State Park in July. The hot weekend was broken up by rain Friday night, but the temperature was still near 100 by Sunday afternoon.

Reservations are already in for the August and September campouts, but space may still be available. Contact the following camping hosts for information on our campouts.

**August 12-14**

**Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL**

**Mike & Amy Johnson**

630-372-4722

**September 9-11**

**Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI**

**John Montgomery & Jamie Addams**

630-830-6831

**October 7-10**

**Rock Cut State Park**

Loves Park, IL

**Ian & Marianne Rogenski**

847-969-1741

## Church Ladies Nite Out

*August 24, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going out, Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. to Damen's Restaurant on Golf Road. Please join us and bring a friend!

For anyone who would like to plan ahead, set aside Wednesday, September 28 for an evening of fish at Red Lobster.

If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food!



## Crisis Center Items

*by Robin Erickson*

The Community Crisis Center has been providing back to school supplies for the community for many years. Last year we were able to give out school supplies to over 500 kids!

While you are out shopping please pick up some extra school supplies for the kids of our communities. Any and all items are appreciated such as pens, paper, notebooks, crayons, rulers etc. Please leave these items in the basket in the church office.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support the Community Crisis Center. Your help and support is greatly appreciated by the Center.



## **Memory Walk 2005 Fighting Alzheimers and Dementia** *September 25*

I am determined to make a difference. I am participating in the 2005 Memory Walk to raise money for people with Alzheimer's disease. Proceeds from Memory Walk go directly to improve the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's and promote research and effective treatments.

I see this disease first hand as I work in Friendship Village. Seeing my own grandmother suffer through it makes this an issue that is close to home. I will be walking with a friend and her family whose mother is also suffering through Frontal lobe dementia.

This is the only organization that currently supports research for this disease. If you are financially able to help out please let me know and I will see that you get a donation form.

Thank you for all your help!  
**Stephanie Penev**



## **Special Dates**

Be sure to plan ahead so you don't miss any of these important upcoming events.

**August 12 & 13**  
**Voices of Light Performance**

**August 21**  
**ASP Sunday**  
**All-Church Picnic**

**August 28**  
**Rally Day**

**October 2**  
**All-Church Charge Conference**

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## **UMM Breakfast Meeting** *August 13, 8:00 a.m.* *Old Country Buffet Barrington Rd*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on August 13. Note the new location – Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road. Look for us in the banquet room.

The doors open at 8:00 a.m. Make sure you say you are part of the UMM group to get the discount price.

# Personal Notes



## Baptisms

### Madeleine Jane Almazan

**Madeleine Jane**, daughter of **Tristan** and **Mike Almazan** was baptized on Sunday, July 10.

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### Goodbye Dave and Roberta

Thanks to the **Naatz** family for hosting a going away open house for **Dave and Roberta Frederick** July 6. Dave and Roberta are currently in their new house surrounded by lots of unopened boxes. They are gone from Schaumburg, but will always be part of the ORUMC family.

Their new address is:  
5138 Vining Blvd  
Dublin, Ohio 43016



### Thank You "Flower People"

A special "Thanks So Much" to the **Hollingsworth** Family for flowers purchased, weeding, watering, and all the "TLC" they have given our beautiful garden in the entryway of the church.

Also, thanks to the **Kapp** Family and **Naatz** Family for taking care of the garden while the Hollingsworths were on vacation. We sure do appreciate all you do for ORUMC!

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Our Deepest Sympathy to Reynae Kane and her family on the recent death of her father, Kenneth Lovell.





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