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March 20
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship

March 24
7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

March 25
7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 27
6:30 a.m.
Sunrise Service by the Youth

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship



Angel of the Month Sharon Clermont

by Bev Wilkes

Sharon has been a member of *Our Redeemer's* Church for many years along with her husband, **Craig** and their two daughters, **Vannessa** and **Nicole**. They came to visit and stayed to give time and help wherever needed.

Sharon can be seen most Sundays in the front row of our beautiful choir. She participates many Sundays in the Book of Acts Dramas. Sharon started out reading scripture at many of our services and ended up giving a few of the sermons herself (excellently I might add). She is currently one of our Lay Leaders and is a member of our Ad Council. Sharon is the person who brought the idea of introducing all the committees to the congregation. She thought it important that the congregation know who to go to for any problem, questions or ideas.

Sharon is a very busy lady with a full time job yet she finds the time to be very active with the Girl Scouts and her daughters. If there is a need for something, Sharon can be relied upon to fill that need or find people who will take the task on. *Our Redeemer's* is so lucky that she and her family have found another home with our church. She really knows that to have friends she must be a friend.

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Spiritual Worship

I appeal to you brothers and sisters . . . to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12: 1

In the 12th chapter of Romans the apostle Paul talks about certain gifts for ministry (i.e., teaching, giving, leading, encouraging). He also speaks about the “marks” of a faithful Christian (i.e., prayer, giving to the needy, extending hospitality to strangers). Yet he begins these instructions with the verse written above; that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, which is our *spiritual worship*.

Often when we come together to worship many things happen in our sanctuary and in our hearts. As we sing together, pray together and hear God’s word read we try our best to praise God, to strengthen our faith (our trust) in God and to grow as a church family. However, it is so important to remember as Paul tells us, *spiritual worship* is about presenting our lives as a living sacrifice, not in abstract ways, but in specific actions and attitudes of ministry.

Recently I was part of a continuing education class on worship taught by Rev. Mike Slaughter, a United Methodist pastor in Ginghamburg, Ohio. For 25 years Rev. Slaughter has been a leader in communication and worship, learning the most effective ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ. One of the most powerful things he said in our class was that *a church’s mission should direct* what happens in worship. In other words, spiritual worship is not just about how we feel on Sunday morning, but how we commit ourselves as a living sacrifice to God.

During Lent over 30 of us have been working through a curriculum on spiritual gifts. During the class I asked each participant to pray about the gifts and skills they can bring to God as part of their *spiritual worship*. Let us all, in this time of preparation for Easter, offer our skills, our energies, our very lives to the One who died for us and shows the way to new life.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

Education

Sunday, March 27 is Easter Sunday. There will be no Sunday School.



Education Help Wanted

The education committee is looking for someone to help with the second grade class at the 9:00 service. This would only be a two month commitment for the months of March and May. This is a large class and the teacher is looking for some extra help. If you have ever been interested in working with the children of *Our Redeemer's* this is your opportunity. Anyone interested please call **Teresa Huber** at 847-895-3159.

Calling All Youth Campers

It's time to start making plans for summer camp! The UMC Northern Illinois Conference has a variety of safe, spiritual, and fun summer camps for everybody. Summer camps are available for kids entering 2nd grade up through high school, and are offered at Reynoldswood in Dixon, IL, and at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, WI.

Informational brochures are available in the narthex, or check out the NIC website at www.niccamp.org.

Be sure to register before April 1st to receive an Early Bird discount.



by Marianne Rogenski

ASP

The ASP trip in 2005 will be the week of July 30-August 6. We will be in Leslie County, Kentucky. We still have space available. If you are interested please see Marianne by March 10. You must have completed 8th grade to go.

The following are the remaining meeting dates for the ASP team—these are important for the group so if you are going this year, please make every effort to attend!

March 16, 7-8:30pm

April 12, 7-8:30pm

May 20-21—retreat at Wesley Woods

July 13, 7:30-8:30pm

The retreat will be in place of the campout that we have had at church the last two years. We will be having a campfire, enjoying fellowship with one another, finishing our training sessions, and completing some construction projects. It should be a great time—please mark your calendars now. We will be leaving ORUMC at 5:30pm and ask that everyone either eat dinner before or bring dinner to eat in the car on the way there. We will return to ORUMC Saturday evening between 5:00 and 6:00pm. The cost for this trip is only \$12.00 per person and will cover all meals and lodging while we are there.

Please let me know if you have any other ASP questions!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you *Our Redeemer's* for supporting the youth during the Souper Bowl of Caring! You donated \$197.00 for the pastor's discretionary fund and over 230 food items for our pantry! That is wonderful!

30-Hour Famine

Forty youth, including both *Our Redeemer's* youth and their friends from outside the church, have signed up for the 30-Hour Famine February 25 - 26. Please look for a 30-Hour Famine report in the April Redeemer Review.

Youth Dinner

The youth dinner scheduled for March 13 is going to be rescheduled for March 20! Please note this! The dinner is from 5:45-6:45 and will be potluck.

Youth Council needs 3 parents who are willing to prepare a simple main dish and we need to know by March 13 if you will do it. Please contact Marianne by then.

As for the rest, last names beginning A-L will bring a dessert and last names beginning M-Z will bring a side dish. Drinks will be provided. This is a great time for the Jr. and Sr. High students to spend some time in fellowship together—and what a convenient time—right between confirmation and Sr. High youth group!

Sunrise Service

This is an exciting month for the Sr. High as they prepare to lead the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am on March 27. The Saturday before (the 26th) they will have a lock-in at the church—and we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering anytime that

evening we would be happy to have you! We will especially need two parents willing to take the overnight shift.

We would also like to invite everyone out to this early Easter service—it will be an experience! Please consider joining us as we celebrate!

Super Rally

Sr. High Super Rally, an unforgettable weekend of faith for Northern Illinois Conference Sr. High youth, will be April 22-24 at Aurora University in Williams Bay, WI. This is a great retreat with 400 youth from around our conference attending. There are large gatherings, breakout groups, a talent show, dance and amazing worship services. If you are in 9th-12th grade we want you to go! The cost is \$85.00 per person and scholarships are available. Please see Marianne if you are interested.

Youth calendars for March:

Jr. High:

March 6 Confirmation 4-5pm

Youth Group 5-6pm

March 13 Sunday morning worship at Second Baptist Church in Evanston, IL

March 20 Confirmation 4-5pm

Youth group 5-5:45pm

Youth Dinner 5:45-6:45pm

Sr. High:

March 6 MYF 6:30-8pm

March 13 MYF 6:30-8pm

March 20 Youth Dinner 5:45-6:45pm

MYF 6:30-8pm

March 26-27 Sunrise Lock in

March 27 Sunrise Service 6:30am

Crisis Center Items

The items for March for the Community Crisis Center are shampoo, hairbrushes and combs. Please leave these items in the narthex in the basket. Thank you all for your continuing support of the center.

Mom's Night Out

March 3, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a night of food and fellowship at Champs Restaurant Thursday, March 3 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**, 847-882-8679, to RSVP or just drop in for dessert.

Camping Planning Potluck

March 6, 5:00 p.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our week-end family campouts. We go out once a month from June to October. We do all the normal camping stuff and share a potluck on Saturday evening. On Sunday we attend a worship service at a local church or at the campground.

Come to the potluck and planning meeting Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 p.m. We will provide Sloppy Joes and buns. You bring your table service, drinks and a dish to pass. After supper we will plan our ORUMC Family Camping program for the summer.

All campers, new and old are welcome. If you would like more information, call **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.

A Glimpse into the World of Islam

Church of the Holy Spirit

March 10, 7:00 p.m.

If you want to learn more about Muslim brothers and sisters in the world, come join us and discover the World of Islam. This presentation will focus on fundamental tenants of Islamic faith which will entail:

- Traditional religious holidays and practices
- Regional differences in the practice of Islam
- The differences in the roles and place of women in various Islamic societies
- Personal stories of faith of two Muslim women

Naseem Alibhai belongs to the Dawoodi Bohra community who are predominantly Shias. She was born in India but immigrated to the United States from Dubai in 1995. Mrs. Alibhai has a Master's in Education from National Louis- University and is currently teaching in school District 54. She is a member of a ladies group that meets to discuss various issues. Naseem is a proud mother of a son who she is raising keeping in mind the importance of cultural values.

Ghazala Siddiqui belongs to Sunni faith of Islam. Mrs. Siddiqui immigrated to United States from Pakistan in 1987. Before settling in the United States, she had lived in the Middle East and England. She has four wonderful children and is the director of a non-profit association of Voice of Asian American Women. Mrs. Siddiqui is also the founder of St. Joseph's Women Alumni Association in Chicago area. She is involved with Pakistani community by being a member of Federation of Pakistani Association.

UMM Monthly Meeting March 12, 8:00 a.m. AT CHURCH

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to a special breakfast meeting AT CHURCH on our regular meeting date, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. In addition to our regular fellowship, we will be discussing the **United Methodist Men's 9th National UMM Gathering at Purdue University July 15-19, 2005.**

This quadrennial "Purdue" gathering features speakers; music and drama; 30 workshops; and mission opportunities. It's a weekend of Inspiration, Information and Instruction. There's even a golf tournament on July 14 for early arrivals.

At our meeting we will be viewing a video of past Purdue gatherings. Detailed information is also available on the national UMM web site, www.gcumm.org. Click on "9th National Gathering of UMM".

Our members who have attended in past years say it is an event that you don't want to miss.

Spaghetti Dinner Report

The United Methodist Men wish to thank all who attended the annual Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner. We made about 600 meatballs. Over \$500 dollars will go to support various UMM mission projects. The \$32 proceeds from the cookie sales were donated to the youth Souper Bowl of Caring project for Pastor Bill's discretionary fund.

P.S. It's time to clean out your freezer. The men will be selling pizzas in April.

United Methodist Women March 19, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to attend our Saturday, March 19 UMW meeting in the Wesley Room. Please note that our meetings are now at a **new time- 9:00 a.m.**

Our program is entitled "*Quiet Day Service for A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial - Disparity and Discipleship.*" Every year the worldwide UMW organization engages in this special observance as a way of connecting spirituality with mission; connecting praying with giving; and connecting ourselves with our sisters and brothers around the world.

The offering this year is directed toward efforts to establish a living wage in the United States and projects that promote economic justice and employment internationally.

Mark your calendars for 2005 and save the third Saturday of every month (excluding July and August) for UMW meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting. Breakfast is provided.

UMW Coat Drive

The United Methodist Women collected 92 coats. We distributed them to the Elgin Crisis Center, Pads, the Soup Kitchen, the Prisoner Release Program and our own Christian Corner Day Care. We feel blessed that we could help so many people and we THANK all of you who donated.

Church Ladies Nite Out March 23, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. We will be going to the Olive Garden located on Army Trail Rd near Stratford Shopping Center. Please join us and bring a friend! If you are in need of a ride, please contact **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. We want everyone to join us in having fun, good food and great fellowship.

Email Addresses

We need your email address. We are updating the church email address book so we can more effectively reach the membership quickly.

We are also adding email addresses to the orumc.org account. We can set up a maximum of 20 email addresses on the orumc.org account. More than one person can be assigned to each email address. For example, **Jim Cottrell** and **Jerry McDaniel** receive the email sent to newsletter@orumc.org. If you would like an email address for your committee or work area, contact **Marshall Nystrom** at 847-884-9973 or marshall@orumc.org.

The following addresses are now active:

Pastor Bill	pastorbill@orumc.org
Marianne Rogenski	marianne@orumc.org
or	youth@orumc.org
Donna Echtner	donna@orumc.org
Jim or Jerry	newsletter@orumc.org
Marshall Nystrom	marshall@orumc.org

Interfaith Forum on the Middle East April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Chris Pierson is the *Director of Outreach & Witness Ministries* for our annual conference. Chris and his family also worship with us here at **Our Redeemer's**. One of the things Chris does in his work is meet with other religious leaders in the Chicago area to increase understanding and cooperation. Through this work Chris has helped set up a symposium made up of religious leaders from the Middle East that will be in the Chicago area in March.

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.

This will be in lieu of the regular Monday evening Lenten study. Please mark your calendar for this wonderful opportunity.

Financial Report

The January financial results look good. Actual receipts are almost as planned. Spending is below budget, so the net result is a \$7802 surplus. Bills will catch up in February, so keep up the good work.

January 2005 Category	Actual Total	Budget Total
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	29,787	31,066
Other Income	2,325	1,361
YTD Income	32,112	32,427
YTD Expenses	24,310	32,061
YTD Net Income (Loss)	7,802	365

Richard Vales

Richard Vales, our unofficial missionary to the Philippines, continues to suffer pain due to spinal pressure on nerves. His hands are swollen and he needs help with normal daily activity. He is being treated for diabetes and arthritis in addition to the back pain.

In spite of his pain, Richard and his wife continue to provide food for hungry families. Richard does need financial support in addition to your prayers and email messages. If you would like to contribute to Richard, put your donation in the collection and mark your check "Richard Vales".

You can send email to Richard at wwjd@pltdsl.net.



03/03 Emily Kuhn
03/09 Ben Kessler
03/09 Sam Kessler
03/11 Brian Higgins
03/12 Cody Conquest
03/22 Susan Rapp
03/24 Ashley Mottar
03/26 Kyle Gundlach
03/26 Adam Lukowicz
03/31 Elly Rogenski



Personal Notes



From the Food Pantry

Dear Friends:

You know our needs and come to our aid before we ever have to ask for help. What a comforting feeling it is to have your continued support and know that our pantry shelves will not be empty.

Your generous donations on such a regular basis help us meet the needs of growing pantry usage. It is through the actions of caring people, the parishioners that we can provide for people in need within our community.

The food pantry is used year round by residents of Schaumburg Township and is a tremendous help to families facing a crisis or living on low fixed incomes. And as you can image, our food pantry shelves and refrigerators empty quickly. We gladly accept donations of food, toiletries and paper goods year round.

Thank you to the men and women who give of their time to deliver the food to the township. We could not serve the community without your help. Thank you again for caring and sharing with those less fortunate within our community.

Sandra Wolf
Director Welfare Services

From Child Serv

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the agency staff, and the children and their families, thank you for being such a blessing to us this Christmas. Because of your congregation's (*and other's*) efforts, we provided gifts to 1,146 children. Your effort, care and attention made this extraordinary project come to a successful conclusion as our children opened your gifts. Many thanks are due to all the people contributed their time, talent and skills so gifts could be purchased, gathered, and given.

Participation in opportunities such as this gift-giving program can be a blessing to the giver as well as the child. As we participated in the Advent and Christmas season we reflected upon the great gift that God gave us in his Son. We thank you for the generous response to God's love that you displayed by giving to children in need.

With Blessings,
Jennifer Collins
Volunteer s Services Coordinator



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to **Wayne Slover** on the death of his mother.



An Early Easter

by JoAnne Gregorash

Even though it may seem very cold outside, Easter is right around the corner. It is time to plan ahead and continue the ***Our Redeemer's*** tradition of celebrating with flowers.

As in the past, members and friends are given the opportunity to purchase Easter lilies, hyacinths or tulips and "lend" them to the church to decorate our sanctuary with symbols of the new life in Christ we all were given when Christ conquered death and arose. He paid the price for our sin and that is the best reason I know for a celebration.

We invite all members or friends to continue this tradition and for those who are new to ***Our Redeemer's*** to become part of our celebration.

Ordering is easy. You simply need to fill in the form below and drop it in the basket in the narthex with your payment. We will order for you, take delivery for you and decorate for you.

After Easter, you may take your flowers home and enjoy their beauty in your own house.

The deadline for ordering this year is Sunday, March 20.

Won't you help us celebrate Christ's resurrection in this small way so on Easter Sunday, we may look around us and enjoy the beauty of the day; the day of resurrection that gives us eternal life.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity:

Lilies _____ @ \$11.25 Hyacinths _____ @ \$10 Tulips _____ @ \$10

Total: \$ _____

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