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Transformation Sunday is Coming October 23, 2005

Churches that understand financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view money as a way for paying the bills. Instead, money is understood as a tool for spiritual growth. In committing a portion of our resources to the mission of the church, we as individuals grow spiritually, and we as a church grow in our potential to do ministry. This year as we approach *Transformation Sunday* we are asking all connected to Our Redeemer's to prayerfully consider supporting our ministry with a percentage of their income.

I firmly believe that those who give a percentage of their income to Christ's ministry not only contribute to the work of the church, but also strengthen themselves in ways of love and grace. Let me explain. So often the world around us tells us that happiness and a good life is about having or buying the right things. This "*happy meal*" phenomenon encourages us to spend to be happy. Yet that process, trying to be happy by buy-

ing things, makes it extremely difficult to not be slaves to a lifestyle. When we intentionally see our money as a resource for more than just a lifestyle, it no longer has a hold on us and it becomes a tool that we control, but does not control us.

Secondly, the decision to tithe (give 10%) or give a percentage of our income to the church connects us to a vision of life that is bigger than ourselves. Our financial giving primes the pump of ministry so that we can love as Jesus loved us, so that we can serve the youth and seniors of our community, teach about faith and biblical principles, explore our individual call to ministry, strengthen our worship community and minister to a broken world.

In the last few weeks we have seen how difficult our world can be. Hurricane Katrina left an area of destruction in Mississippi and Louisiana that is hard to comprehend. Thousands have been made homeless, others have

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We continually remember
before our God
and Father
your work
produced
by faith...

1 Thessalonians 1:3



Angel of the Month Michelle Hill

by Bev Wilkes

Michelle joined Our Redeemer's a few years ago along with her husband, **Rich**, sons, **Alec** and **Marcus** and daughter, **Abigail**. The whole family is very involved with our church and with our youth.

The entire Hill family participates in the ORUMC Family Camping program. Michelle has co-chaired the Vacation Bible School for 2 years and volunteers for a lot of our Sr. High activities. She has been brave enough to be involved with the 30-Hour Famine and the Easter Sunrise Lock In. Both require a lot of determination! Michelle has been an usher and is now co-teaching the third grade Sunday School.

This is a lady who obviously cares a great deal for our church and the people in. She has taken on a lot of hard work and much involvement in a short period of time.

Not everyone is able to do all these things, but all of us should see Michele as a great example of the people who help to make our church a great and welcoming church and hopefully try to emulate her.

Thank you, Michele for doing so much for so many!

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To: The Our Redeemer's Family

Two weeks ago I sent out an email encouraging you to be in prayer about the tragic events that evolved from Hurricane Katrina. I also encouraged you to give to those who are in need. As a result of the last 2 Sundays special offering for the victims, Our Redeemers has given over \$5,000 to the relief and recovery efforts from the storm (not to mention the gifts many of you gave through the Red Cross or other agencies). What a testimony to our worshipping community and what an awesome “rush” for me as your pastor.

In a recent workshop I sat in on Stewardship. One of the teachings was about giving. The instructor said, “*Money is not an obstacle towards ministry and mission. Money is a tool for spiritual growth.*”

I give thanks for your compassion and generosity and pray we might all continue to be connected to that *spirit of God* that helps us *grow* as people of humility, kindness and justice.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill

Rogers Park Anniversary

by JoAnne Gregorash

The United Church of Rogers Park will celebrate their *100th* anniversary on October 15, 2005. To celebrate, they will have a combination Open House and Bake Sale fundraiser on that day. Anyone who would be willing to bake for this, please bring your baked goods to church on Friday, October 14. I will personally deliver them on Saturday.

The fundraiser is to help them remodel their kitchen that serves between 50-100 homeless and/or hungry people every Sunday night. The soup kitchen at this church has been an integral part of this neighborhood for many, many years. It is in very poor condition and needs to be updated very badly.

They have raised about 2/3 of the funds that they need. They are going forth in faith with the remodeling knowing that God will provide.

If you are unable to bake something, they would also welcome any monetary donations regardless of size. You can make a check payable to the “United Church of Rogers Park” and put Soup Kitchen on the memo line and that money will be put towards their kitchen. If you would like to mail the check, their address is United Church of Rogers Park, 1545 W. Morse Ave., Chicago, IL 60626. Please put attn: **Judy Klein** on the envelope as she is the gal in charge of the soup kitchen.



by *Marianne Rogenski*

The summer has ended and both the Confirmation group and the Sr. High youth group are in full fall swing now with their schedules. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend! We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2005—they became official members of Our Redeemer's on Confirmation Sunday, September 25. Welcome to the family!

Looking ahead, the Confirmation retreat will be on November 4th and 5th at Wesley Woods in William's Bay, WI. Please look for more information soon and if you have questions see Marianne.

Open Mic Night (Adults, Too)

Open Mic Night is Friday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.. This is a great event for the entire church and community.

Please mark your calendars and come out for great fun and fellowship. If you are interested in performing, that can be arranged, so dust off that old trumpet, flute, etc, clear your throat, polish the jokes up a bit, and just have fun!

Adults are encouraged to perform, too!

Look for more info in the bulletin and in the narthex!

Youth Club

Attention 4th-6th Graders: Youth Club is starting soon! Your first event is going to be a family game night at church on October 28th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Bring the parents and siblings and come for a night of fun, food, and games!

FYI:

If you ever need a schedule of events for the youth stuff, please look at Marianne's office door. There are always extras for you to take. Also, begin checking the bulletin boards in Wesley Hall as the youth council will be hanging pictures, permission forms, etc. We are hoping to make this an info packed area for parents and students to use. As always, if you have any questions feel free to call Marianne at church, 847-882-6116, or email at marianne@orumc.org! Also be sure to read the youth newsletter every month as it has tons of info in it! The church website also has a youth page—go to www.orumc.org and click on Youth.

Sr. High schedule

October

- 2 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 9 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 16 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 23 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 30 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.

November

- 6 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 13 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 18 Open Mic 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Advent Festival

Confirmation (Jr. High) Schedule

October

- 2 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 16 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.

November

- 4-5 Retreat
- 6 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 18 Open Mic 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 27 Advent Festival



- 10/01 Alex Pope
- 10/04 Walter Miller
- 10/06 Elissa Torgerson
- 10/16 David Kessler
- 10/16 Stephen Kessler
- 10/18 Jareth Gomes
- 10/21 Doug Rathje
- 10/22 Kelsey Gorvett
- 10/22 Kyle Huber

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lost family members and still others, especially the poor, continue to be at risk. It is at these times that the “church is called to be the church” to live out its mission to be people of love for all people. You, the Our Redeemer’s family responded with powerful concern, with heartfelt prayers and with financial gifts of over \$5,000 (not included are those gifts that many of you sent through the Red Cross or other agencies). I cannot think of a stronger testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

On **Sunday, October 23**, we will meet in worship for a time of commitment. All those who attend will be asked to complete an *Estimate of Giving Card*. The commitment you make with those cards will help us be those ***followers of Christ who are transformed by our willingness to give of ourselves***. In addition, it will strengthen us as an outpost of God’s grace, as those who are working not just to transform ourselves, but also to transform our broken world in ways of love and grace.

Please make a ***special effort to attend worship on October 23, and our luncheon*** following the 10:30 worship service. We will not make any follow up calls or visits to ask people to complete their cards. We will however, make every effort to inform, inspire and commit everyone to attend on Transformation Sunday.

**Stewardship Team
and Pastor Bill**

Worship and Rainbows

On September 11 all of us entered the sanctuary to see the *colors of the rainbow*. All of us remember that the rainbow is a symbol of the covenant God made with Noah, a covenant that promised life. In the months of September and October we will focus on being a **Rainbow People**, exploring what it means to be a people of the covenant.

In September we will hear from the prophet Micah, and explore his teaching about “*doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God.*” Then in October we will continue our teaching on covenant as we explore transformation, the call Jesus gives us to be “born again,” as those who have been called to be part of God’s divine purpose in this world.

We are looking forward to seeing you in worship for this powerful series.

Jill Wood-Naatz
Worship Team



CROP Walk
October 16
1:00 p.m.

Lace up those walking shoes, it’s CROP Walk time. The CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service. It is a 10K (6.2 mile) walk to fight hunger both in our community and around the world.

The date: Sunday October 16.

The place: Our Saviour’s UMC.

The time: 1:00 p.m. registration and 1:30 p.m. step-off.

Sponsor sheets will be available at church. See **Edie Machonis** between services or call 847-882-1966. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the walk.

Any walker who collects \$200 or more will receive a “Red Sneaker Award Pin”.

Please join us by walking or sponsoring a walker. We are looking forward to seeing our church family walking together.

Looking Ahead (Mark Your Calendars)

Blood Drive December 1

Our Redeemer’s will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 1 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar and be ready to roll up your sleeve.

Christmas Day - One Service

Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. We will have only one Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to sleep in a little.

Church Ladies Nite Out

September 28 - 7:00 p.m.

October 26 - 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. to Red Lobster on Golf Road. Please join us and bring a friend!

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

Join us October 26 at Riccardo's on Wise and Roselle Rd.

United Methodist Women

October 15, 9:00 a.m.

Are you feeling crafty? You don't have to be a skilled craftsperson to enjoy the October UMW program.

All women of the church are invited to attend the next UMW Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room. **Sherrie Cottrell** will lead us in assembling easy blankets for the Pre School (everything is already cut to size and we just knot things together).

This will be a great outreach project that will benefit our Christian Corner Children's Center, which is on-site at the church. Please join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and FRIENDSHIP. Breakfast is provided.

United Methodist Men

Mark your calendars. The United Methodist Men have two important dates coming up soon.

On October 1 we are going to **United Church in Rogers Park** to help do a few repairs. We will be leaving *Our Redeemer's* at 8:00 a.m. and depending on how much help we get we'll be there most of the day.

On October 2 **Jim Seamon** will be talking to us about his military experience during and after the Viet Nam war. This will be during the second service at church. We will let you know which room it will take place in.

October 28 & 29 is our own **2nd Annual Our Redeemer's UMM Retreat**. We will be heading up to Conference Point in Williams Bay on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin Friday evening for some food, fun, and Bible Study. We then head home Saturday at about 4:00 p.m. to arrive home for dinner.

If you are able to attend any or all of these events please contact **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-884-9973.

Secretary Needed

The Ad Council is looking for a secretary to take the minutes at the monthly Ad Council meetings. The secretary also sends minutes to the Ad Council members and to **Marshall Nystrom** to post on the web. If interested please call **Sherrie Cottrell** 847-895-0176.



Crisis Center Items

The items for October are after school snacks. Every day the shelter houses over 40 woman and children. The kids are in need of after school snacks.

Please leave any kind of snacks for the kids in the basket in the church office.



Mom's Night Out

Where: Giordano's
When: Thursday Oct 6, 7:00 p.m.
What: A night of food and fellowship, where someone else does all the cooking and cleaning!

Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially for those with school aged or younger children.

To find out more or to make a reservation please call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email her at annetteb421@sbcglobal.net

Reservations are not needed but it is always helpful to know how many people are coming when getting a table. If you can't make it until later please feel free to join us for dessert!



ORUMC Family Camping

The camping season is slipping away. The final campout of the season is October 7-10 at **Shabonna Lake State Park** Shabbona, IL.

The location for the October campout was changed to Shabbonal Lake so we could make reservations and reservations have been made.

Space is probably still available if you would like to attend. Contact **Ian & Marianne Rogenski**, 847-969-1741, for more information.

Sign Up for Potluck Groups

Sign up during October for the fall/spring series of Potluck Groups. Groups consist of four couples and/or singles who meet for a potluck meal and an evening of fun and fellowship. Each member of the group takes a turn at hosting and providing the main dish with the others providing the salad, veggie, and dessert. It's a great way to get acquainted with other members of **Our Redeemer's**.

When recruitment is complete, groups will be assembled and you will be contacted in late October. If you are interested in being in a group or would like more information, call **Jerry** or **Shirley McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.

Maybe You Can Help

Every worship service is meant to be an encounter with God. This may happen in many different ways. A particular service may speak to one person because of a visual (slide, banner, altar décor, etc.) while the same service may be meaningful to another because of the music, sermon, or drama. We each experience God in our own unique ways as the Holy Spirit works through us.

The worship planning team is looking for two new members. We have a particular need for someone with a gift/interest in writing or with some technology experience. We generally meet monthly. If you cannot attend our meetings, we may just need to call on you for assistance. If you have a passion for helping to create meaningful worship, please call **Jill Wood-Naatz** at 847-884-7709.

New email Addresses

In the next few months we will be phasing out our core.com email addresses and using only our orumc.org email addresses. Please change your email address book to include the orumc.org addresses.

The following addresses are assigned:

Church Office: donna@orumc.org
Pastor Bill pastorbill@orumc.org
Web Site Master
(Marshall Nystrom) marshall@orumc.org
Marianne Rogenski marianne@orumc.org
Newsletter Editors (Jim Cottrell and Jerry McDaniel) newsletter@orumc.org
Prayer Group prayer@orumc.org

Additional orumc.org email addresses can be assigned to facilitate communication with various committees. Contact **Marshall Nystrom** if your committee would like an email address.

Finance Report

The following are the financial results through the end of August. Giving is normally down through the vacation season. Please review your giving and bring it up to date. Contact the finance chair, **Carolyn Meneely**, if you have any questions.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through August 2005

Category	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	199,738	217,463	(17,725)	-8%
Sprint Rent	16,851	16,851	-	0%
Other Income	16,674	15,018	656	4%
Total Income	232,263	249,332	(17,069)	-7%
Total Expenses	234,276	254,874	(20,598)	-8%
Net Income (Loss)	(2,013)	(5,542)	3,529	

Personal Notes



Baptisms

**Sara
Grace
Schaefer**

Sara Grace Schaefer, daughter of **Kevin** and **Kathy Schaefer**, was baptized September 18.



Congratulations to **Mike** and **Carey Coogan** on the birth of their son, **Matthew Owen Coogan** on September 12, 2005. Proud grandparents are **Nancy and Randy Schmidt!**

Hello to *Our Redeemer's* from happy grandparents **Jim** and **Elizabeth Shelton**, former *Our Redeemer's* members now living in Dublin, OH. Their latest grandson, **Ryan Thomas Lindsey**, was born to **Amy** and **Matt Lindsey** July 22.

Jim and Liz report they still enjoy keeping up with ORUMC via the newsletter.



The congregation welcomes the following new members who joined the *Our Redeemer's* family September 11 and 18: **Tristan Almazan; Judy, Jim and Missy Gurga; Jane and Vijaya Jesudoss; Annie Wehyee; Elizabeth and Eric Vallejo; Linda Lowry; and Keith LaMere and Jane Peterson.**

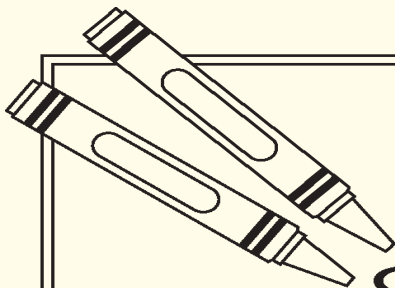


**Farewell
Slife's**

Mike, Melissa and Samantha Slife moved to Rockford September 15. We will miss them and hope they get to visit *Our Redeemer's* often.



The congregation extends sympathy to **Katie Ricci** on the loss of her 8-month-old son, **Maddox**, on September 15. Katie is a friend of **Tara Campbell** and the **Campbell** and **Zimberoff** families.



Just for **KIDS**

GOOD MEDICINE

During this time of year many people get a cold or the flu. Doctors can give medicine to help those people feel better. The Bible suggests something that we can give to make someone feel better anytime of the year. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine" What is the best way to show our cheerfulness?

Connect the numbered dots to find out!

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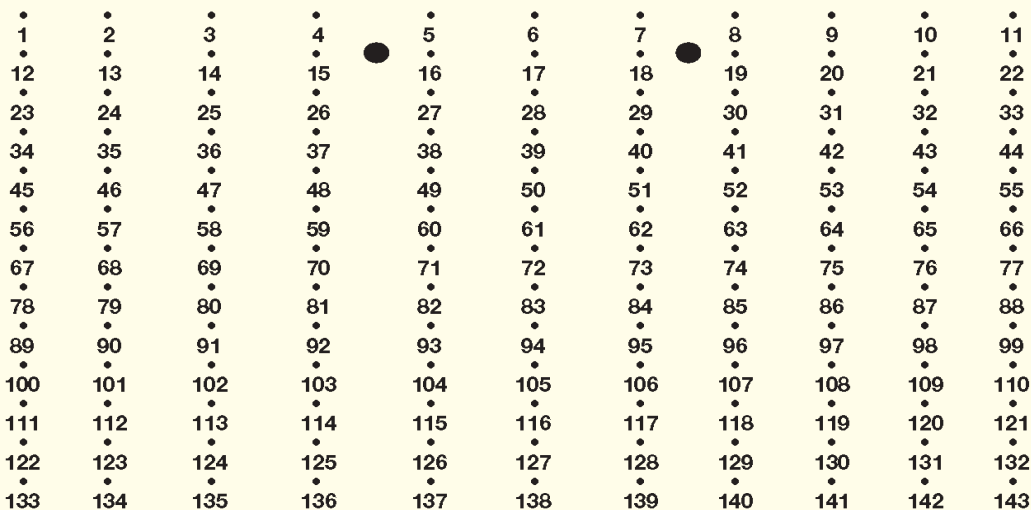
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