



# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

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**Vacation Bible School  
Marketplace A.D.**

***Experience the Bible by becoming part of a Biblical City!***

**July 10 – 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Every child attending with a friend will receive a prize for themselves and their friend!**

**Remember to bring a food pantry item each night!**



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*Roger, Robb and Joan McCoy*

## **Robb McCoy**

**Roger and Joan McCoy** and a crowd of friends and relatives welcomed their son, **Robb McCoy** to *Our Redeemer's* as our guest speaker on Sunday, June 18.

Roger and Joan are long time members of *Our Redeemer's*. Robb was baptized and confirmed at *Our Redeemer's* and graduated from Eden Theological Seminary. He was recently appointed as pastor for the Chenoa UMC in Chenoa, IL. A special reception for Robb followed each service.

## **Partington's Moving**

We wish to thank *Our Redeemer's* Church for providing us with the peace and comfort of its spiritual guidance and the church members for their friendliness and Christian fellowship for so many years.

God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

**John and Ruth Partington**

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**Pastor Bill and his family are  
on vacation.**



## **Caring Ministries Comer**

Feeding the hungry is a priority at Our Redeemer's. It is also a mission project of the United Methodist Men through the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA).

Here's how it works. SOSA is offered tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are perfectly good but unable to be sold. For just freight and bagging costs, SOSA ships these loads to food banks and other large agencies for distribution to the nation's hungry. Over the past year, we in Northern Illinois have been blessed with the donation of many truckloads of Minute Maid juices that were approaching their expiration date but were happily accepted by many local agencies for distribution.

Also, farmers donate field crops left after their harvest. SOSA then uses the Biblical idea of gleaning to gather what's left. Coordinated by SOSA's staff, thousands of volunteers collect and transport this gleaned produce to food banks and agencies across the nation that feed the poor.

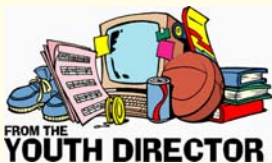
Through SOSA, one penny can provide a serving of food for a hungry person. Over the past 13 years, Our Redeemer's has provided well over 2 million servings of food for the hungry. Funds have been raised through the annual Lent and Good Friday programs, special offerings, VBS and Sunday school and UMM and personal giving.

There is enough food grown in the world to feed everyone. By working together we can stop hunger now.

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## **Food Pantry**

We maintain a small food pantry here at Our Redeemer's. The need has increased in the past weeks and the pantry is very low. Please remember to bring items for the pantry whenever you can.



by Marianne Rogenski

## *Youth Council News*

41 youth and adults from ORUMC went to Kentucky the third week in June and had a great time, served many families, and really felt the presence of God. We are thankful for their safe return and hard work!

10 members of ORUMC will be going to Louisiana—just outside of New Orleans—July 15-23. Please keep the group in your prayers as we travel and serve. We are also still taking donations for this trip—if you are interested please drop off your donation in the church office with Katrina Relief marked on it. You can also use the bulletin insert on Sunday mornings.

## *Youth Club*

The Youth Club—for 4th to 6th graders—will be having a picnic on July 9, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a family affair so that the parents of the youth clubbers can get to know each other and the kids can have a blast playing games, running around, etc.

Hot dogs and brats will be provided—please bring a side dish or a dessert to pass. Please RSVP to the church by July 2 or email [marianne@orumc.org](mailto:marianne@orumc.org). Hope to see you all there!

## *Jr and Sr High*

With all of our mission trips this summer the Jr. and Sr. high groups are taking a break from regular activities. However, there will be a few activities before September.

### **July 30, 7:00 p.m.**

Youth Annual Carrom Tournament

All Jr. and Sr. high youth are invited. There will be munchies and music. There will also be other games there for those not interested in Carrom, but come out and give it a shot!

### **August 27, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Meeting for those incoming freshmen who will be confirmed in the fall. Snacks will be served!

### **Confirmation Students:**

Incoming 7th and 8th graders: confirmation classes will be starting again in September. Look in the mail at the beginning of August for a complete schedule and also check the September newsletter for start dates.

Incoming freshmen who will be confirmed in September take note of the following dates:

### **August 27, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Meeting

### **September 10, 5:30**

Rehearsal and short meeting. Parents, please plan on attending this meeting. Freshmen, please plan on staying for the Sr. high youth group at 6:30pm!

### **September 17, 10:30 a.m.**

Confirmation Service

## Marketplace A.D. Vacation Bible School

*Our Redeemer's* will turn into a biblical city in July. Marketplace A.D. will take place July 10-13 from 6:30 – 8:30 for children 3 years old through 6th grade. Jr. High and High School students are encouraged to contact **Amy Johnson** if they are interested in helping.

All church members of all ages including youth are welcome to attend VBS and experience the Bible first hand. This VBS may be an experience for children or for the whole family!

Children are encouraged to bring friends. Everyone bringing a friend will receive a prize for themselves and their friend.

All activities are hands on with a great variety of choices to please all interests and age levels.

*Our Redeemer's* is the only VBS in the area that does not charge a fee to participate. VBS is considered an outreach to the entire community! We ask that each child bring a nutritious snack to share sometime during the week.

Our mission is to overflow the food pantry shelves. The congregation is invited to help kick off our efforts by bringing a food item to church on July 9. We are asking children to bring an item each night so we can meet our goal of lining the perimeter of the sanctuary 2 times by the end of VBS.

This year's VBS is an experience you will not want to miss! Whether you consider yourself young or old, all members are invited to stop by and witness this wonderful outreach to the community!

You can enjoy the experience through your participation or you may ask someone to put you to work. Either way you will enjoy yourself. For more information contact **Amy Johnson** at 630-372-4722.



### July Birthdays

- 07/01 **Samantha Miller**
- 07/06 **Scott Huber**
- 07/09 **Chris Rocha**
- 07/12 **Isaac Rogenski**
- 07/12 **Emily Trenn**
- 07/17 **Holly Fettel**
- 07/19 **Alexis Estrada**
- 07/19 **Jessica Miller**
- 07/24 **Morgan Gire**
- 07/24 **Sarah Meyer**
- 07/30 **Andrew Byrnes**
- 07/30 **Don Rathje**

## Director of Discipleship

In consultation with the Finance Committee, the Staff-Parish Committee has approved the hiring of a part time position, **Director of Discipleship**. This position will work in the following areas.

### *I. Evangelism*

A. Develop a comprehensive strategy for making the community aware of our church and it's ministries.

B. Develop a strategic evangelism plan for the church.

C. Provide training opportunities for church members in the area of evangelism.

### *II. Discipleship*

A. Organize 3 new member classes per year.

B. Design a shepherding program with current members matched with new members.

C. Work with the pastor & nominations team to help integrate new members into church ministries.

For those who may be interested in this position, please speak to **Pastor Bill Shaw** or **Dann Gire**, Chairperson of our Staff-Parish Team.

## Thanks for the Feedback!

The results of the survey for the video system have been compiled. Thanks to all who took the time and effort to respond. Well over 100 surveys were turned in. The results are very positive, and as a result no major changes are expected, simply fine-tuning the use of the system.

One of the concerns that had been expressed was the height of the screens. The viewing angle can be steep if you are closer to the screens. However, less than 25% of the surveys actually suggested lowering the screens. The average movement suggested by those respondents was 2-4 feet. At this time we will probably not make this adjustment, since the majority did not see the height as a problem. If you do find the viewing angle too steep, it is suggested that you try to find a seat further from the screen you are viewing.

On a scale of 1-5, with 5 indicating highest satisfaction, here are the averages:

Projection is easy to see & read	4.5
Font size/color is easy to see & read	4.6
Background colors/content fit worship	4.3
Screens are easy to see	4.5
Screens are right height	4.0

In addition to the numerical scoring, there were a lot of positive comments as well. On behalf of the Worship Technology Task Force, this was encouraging and welcome feedback.

The taskforce is still looking for volunteers to develop content and control the projection during the services. If you are interested, please contact **Steve Miller** or

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to create beautiful knitted (or crocheted) shawls for our friends in great need of prayer.

The old expression, “Our hands are God’s hands” has taken new life. You are invited to be a part of the knitting ministry at *Our Redeemer’s*. This ministry combines knitting and praying as you make beautiful prayer shawls with love and care for those in great need.

We will be starting this ministry in September, if you are interested please contact **Mary Knoppel**, 630- 837-8783 for more information.

## Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will not be gathering for dinner until September; sorry. Vacations and holidays are interrupting so we thought it would be better to wait till summer is over.



## Family Camping

*July 7-9*  
*Blackhawk Campground*  
*Rockford, IL*

Reservations are required for this private campground. The local attraction is the Rockford water park. Saturday’s potluck supper is spaghetti. Bring your favorite sauce and a dish to pass.

Contact **Rich** and **Michelle Hill**, 847-891-1783, for details and reservations.

*August 11-13*  
*LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL*

LeAquaNa features a lake with fishing and swimming. Reservations are recommended. Saturday’s potluck is Sloppy Joes. Contact **Ian** and **Marianne Rogenski**, 847-969-1741 for details and reservations.

## Finance Report

The following is the financial report through May 2006.

### YTD Actual vs. Budget Through May 2006

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	127,002	136,151	(9,149)	-7%
Sprint Rent	10,863	6,500	4,363	67%
Other Income	11,492	11,509	(17)	0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>149,357</b>	<b>154,160</b>	<b>(4,803)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>148,719</b>	<b>155,489</b>	<b>(6,771)</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>(1,329)</b>	<b>1,967</b>	

## Godspell

*August 10-13*

The *Voices of Light* will present *Godspell* at *Our Redeemer's* August 10-13. The *Voices of Light* includes youth from *Our Redeemer's* and several other churches in the area. **Ron Zemke** is the director. The cast includes a mix of those new to *Godspell* along with those who performed with the *Voices of Light's* *Godspell* production two years ago.

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## Crisis Center Items

**Crisis Center needs for July** are defined as Odds and Ends:

- Towels and washcloths
- Kitchen towels
- Twin size bedding (new or used)
- Travel size sewing kits
- Paper towel/toilet paper/face napkins/facial tissue
- Styrofoam cups/plastic ware/paper plates
- Non-perishable foods School supplies
- Waterproofbackpacks
- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Pens/pencils/markers/crayons
- Erasers/scissors/rulers/glue sticks
- 3-ring binders
- 2-pocket folders

Please put items into the Crisis Center baskets in the church office.

## Bowling

Are you tired of being tied to your house all winter long with nothing to do? *Our Redeemer's* has a solution - come join the Bowling league.

We bowl every other Sunday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates. This is a great opportunity for some fun and fellowship with other members of the church. We only have 4 spots left, so please reply early. You must be high school age or older to bowl in this league. If interested, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847- 884-9629.

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## All-Church Picnic

*Mark your calendars!*

The all-church picnic is Sunday, August 20 at 11:30 following the second worship service. As in the past, we will sell tickets and provide the meal. You just need to show up, enjoy the food, and have a good time.

If you would like to help out, we can definitely use some volunteers. If you can help with ticket sales, setup, kitchen duty, or kids' activities please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392 or [jgreenwalt1@comcast.net](mailto:jgreenwalt1@comcast.net).

Watch for more information in the bulletin and August newsletter.



## New and Improved Kitchen at ORUMC

A lot of people have been working hard to improve our kitchen. Well, it is now finished! Please stop in and take a look at it.

First of all, we want to thank the family of **Betty Oster** for funding the purchase of the new cabinets in Betty's memory. A special thank you to **June Guthrie** for the new refrigerator and to the **Thompson's** for the microwave. Thank you **Shirley Odegaard** for some additional funding in **Hank's** memory.

Now for all the special people who gave their sweat and power to get this project done: **Rob Mottar** and his crew, **Jim Naatz**, **Jerry McDaniel**, and **Bob Kapp** for removing the old cabinets, and removing the old tile. Thank you **Rob Mottar** for putting in the new tile and baseboard. Thank you **Jim Naatz** for special things like the grease trap and **Marshall Nystrom** for electrical things. Thank you **Jerry McDaniel** for installing the coffee pot, fan and other essentials. Thank you **Herb Knoppel** for installing the knobs. Thank you **Kevin Granstrom** for doing the painting.

We think it is beautiful and much more functional. The new cabinets allow Christian Corners, the UMM and UMW to have space to store their supplies. Most of the paper goods can now be stored in the kitchen. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

**Sherrie Cottrell and  
Mary Zalay**



## Personal Notes

### Married

Congratulations to **Jane Peterson** and **Keith LaMere** on their wedding, Friday, June 23 at ORUMC.

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Our Deepest Sympathy to **Bruce Bedingfield** and family on the death of his brother, **Donald Bedingfield**.

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### Thank You

Thank you to all who were so supportive during my brother Don's long illness and upon his death on May 24. It confirmed my belief in the importance and the blessing of a "church home."

**Bruce Bedingfield**

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