



The Redeemer

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A Time of Learning & Growing

Our faith is never something to be taken for granted. It is a wonderful and powerful gift from God. However, like many gifts, it is not something we can set up on our bookshelves and admire. When we seek to grow in our faith through fellowship and study, it can grow in amazing ways. This year during our Lenten season, our time of spiritual preparation for Easter, we are offering two studies. I would **strongly encourage** all members to take advantage of these two opportunities to grow spiritually.

Holy Word & Holy Work

This study was written by **Dr. Rufus Burrow** and **Dr. Mary Alice Mulligan**. The study asks us to examine ways in which we can grow in our ministry and witness within our church and our community. Each class will run from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The dates and topics for each class are:

- Tuesday March 6: What does scripture say about ministry in our world*
- Tuesday March 13: Our Theology: How does Jesus feel about those in need*
- Tuesday March 20: Ministering in our community and church*
- Tuesday March 27: Letting God have God's way*

Freedom & Grace: The Power of Forgiveness

Using teachings and stories from the Bible I, will be leading this class on forgiveness. Each class will run from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The dates and topics for each class are:

- Monday March 5: Jesus' Principle of Forgiveness: Matthew 18: 21 – 35*
- Monday March 12: Forgiveness in our Families: Joseph & his brothers*
- Monday March 19: Historical Forgiveness: David & His Sons*
- Monday March 26: Forgiving Ourselves: The Apostle Paul*

To register for the studies please call our church office at 847-882-6116.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill



Pastor's Corner



From the Staff of *Our Redeemer's*

Our Redeemer's is a wonderful place to be in ministry. It is also a wonderful place to work. For a number of years the church has taken a special offering for an end of the year staff gift.

On behalf of the entire staff I would like to thank you for your generosity and commitment to our mutual ministry. This act of care is a great tribute to your commitment to the work of Christ at *Our Redeemer's*.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

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Invite a Friend

At the end of January *Our Redeemer's* hosted two events where visitors were invited to come and join us for fellowship or knowledge.

The first was to show the film **Hood-winked** for a fun and safe family night of entertainment.

The second was a talk and discussion about Islam in North Africa by **Dr. Mohamed Aafif**, a Fulbright scholar from Morocco.

Both evenings were great successes with more than 60 people attending each. One goal for both evenings was to show visitors the enjoyment and fulfillment that is possible through fellowship with *Our Redeemer's* family.

We used many avenues of communication to invite others to join us. Publicity information was sent to newspapers and publications.

Sunday school classes had a discussion about telling friends about Friday Night Flicks and were given an invitation to give to friends.

Other churches were notified of Dr. Aafif's talk through the interfaith groups that Pastor Bill and other *Our Redeemer's* members are associated with.

A registration form was provided so anyone who was interested in getting more information about future events could let us know. A third of the attendees provided e-mail address (or other info) so *Our Redeemer's* can send them information about future events.

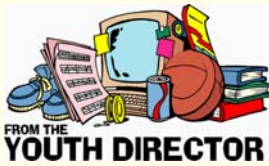
The form also asked how they heard about the evening, because we are trying to see which communication methods are most effective. Some of the ways mentioned included: newspaper (Chicago Tribune), flyers, e-mail and *Our Redeemer's* outdoor sign.

But the most mentioned was "invited by a friend". The Sunday school students invited their friends and families. And many talked or wrote to other churches' members, especially our neighbor, Church of the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to use many ways of communication as possible, but the most effective is good old fashioned conversation. The best way to share our love of *Our Redeemer's* and our faith is by one to one dialogue.

As we look forward to Easter and go through Lent, take a moment to talk with a friend about your faith and your church family.

Carolyn Meneely
Director of Discipleship



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Youth Club (4th-6th Grade)

Mark your calendars for March 11, 4:00-5:30 p.m. This will be our rescheduled Youth Club Service Day! Please bring a canned good to help restock our church pantry and if parents would like to participate in this event with their child that would be wonderful (although if it is not possible, that is fine also.) We will be writing letters to our congressman to help stop hunger—as part of Bread for the World's Offering of Letters Campaign. Of course there will also be munchies and games! Hope to see you there!

ASP News

Our next meeting is March 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. If you cannot make it, please contact Marianne through the church office or marianne@orumc.org.

New Orleans Summer Mission Trip

We have a meeting on March 1, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. for all interested in this trip. If you are planning on going to New Orleans this summer (July 14-22) please plan on attending this meeting. If you are not able to attend, please contact Marianne through the church office or marianne@orumc.org.

Sr. High

March 2007

- 4 Sr. High 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 11 Sr. High 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 18 Sr. High Brunch 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sr. High Lock-In and Easter Sunrise Service—April 7-8

Confirmation

March 2007

- 4 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 11 Soup Kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m.
- 18 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.

30-Hour Famine News

Thank you to everyone who helped during the 30-Hour Famine—look for the April Newsletter to get the final totals!

4 Paws for Jason

The **Pelster** family, some of our newest members at *Our Redeemer's*, are attempting to raise \$9,800 to provide a service dog for their 13-year-old son, **Jason**. Jason suffers from autism and is unable to speak.

The organization, 4 Paws for Ability, is a non-profit organization that trains and provides service dogs for persons with special needs. See Donna in the office for additional information and donation forms. For more information e-mail **Marlene Pelster** at mbpelster@earthlink.net or check the 4 Paws website, www.4pawsforability.org.

The youth will be selling dog treats on March 4 and 11 between the church services. All the proceeds will go to 4 Paws for Ability, toward the purchase of an assistance dog for Jason.

There will be 3 homemade flavors available—peanut butter, oatmeal, and beef—15 per bag and selling for \$5.00 per bag. Please be sure to support this amazing family and make your dog a happy one!



Education Committee

by Amy Johnson

It's hard to believe but Easter is almost here and we are already making plans for Vacation Bible School! We are glad to see that the snow isn't keeping many children home from church! Our Sunday school teachers want to share all the lessons in our curriculum and many of the lessons are built on the previous week's lesson. It is great to see growth in the students' knowledge of Bible stories and faith lessons.

We are currently working on plans for the Sundays around spring break (the last week of March). Please watch for information in your bulletin and items sent home after Sunday school. Many times we find papers left in the church after the children have their refreshments so please make sure that your children bring all their papers home with them.



February & March Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Karen Greenwalt | 2/03 |
| Ellen Swartz | 2/11 |
| Annika Vallejo | 2/12 |
| Ian Vallejo | 2/12 |
| Michael Hernandez | 2/20 |
| Caitlin Wilkes | 2/21 |
| Justin Edwards | 2/26 |
| Kelsey Lukowicz | 2/29 |
| Brian Higgins | 3/11 |
| Ashley Mottar | 3/24 |
| Madeleine Jane Almazan | 3/25 |
| Adam Lukowicz | 3/26 |
| Ellyanna Rogenski | 3/31 |

Musical Notes

April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service

The Chancel Choir will present worship in music – *We Were There...Were You?*

April 8

Easter Sunday Service

We are in need of 2 trumpet and 2 trombone players for Easter services. They must be high school age or above. Experience needed. Please contact **Karen Moore**, 847-882-6116.



Meals For Millions Lenten Program

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join the Society of St. Andrew in a program of spiritual reflection and action to fight hunger during Lent.

This year's Lenten devotion entitled *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters* can help you grow spiritually and provide an opportunity to feed the hungry. Money saved from "giving up something" during Lent will go to the Society of St. Andrew to provide food for the hungry.

The Lenten devotion program will begin Ash Wednesday, February 21 and will conclude with a Good Friday Fast on April 6.



Micah Ministries Lenten Study

Micah Ministries, our church's social justice ministry, will be holding a Lenten study each Tuesday evening in March. The study will center on *Holy Word and Holy Work: the Call to Prophetic Ministry*, by **Dr. Rufus Burrows** and **Rev. Dr. Mary Alice Mulligan**.

This is a work that was commissioned by the Northern Illinois Conference Outreach and Witness Ministries, and specifically commissioned by our own **Chris Pearson**. It is strongly promoted by **Bishop Hee-Soo Jung**, to "help us plan for a more profound Christian witness to the world we live in and grapple with issues of change within our congregations, our community, and our world."

Please join us for this exciting new study at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20, and 27. Call the church office, 847-882-6116, by March 2 to reserve your place and to order your study book.

TLC (Tender Loving Care)

TLC is a ministry to provide dinner to our families who are experiencing some added stress due to sickness, hospitalization, or other interruptions in life.

There is a need for more people to help in this important ministry. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact **Peggy Sanford**, 847-882-6116, or see her at church.



Camping Planning Potluck

March 18, 5:00 p.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our weekend 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 **18** 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**, 847-882-6116.

Heifer Final Results

Julie Kuhn

Thank you for your gifts to Heifer. Our church provided an entire Ark plus a Heifer to feed hungry families. The final amount donated to Heifer was \$5500.47, including an amazing \$344 collected in 21 Ark Banks by Sunday School Children during this Christmas season.

Remember to keep Heifer in mind any time you are shopping for a gift. For more information on Heifer International, go to www.heifer.org.



Church Ladies Nite Out

February 28, 7:00 p.m.

March 21, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. to LaMagdalena. This restaurant is located on Gulf Road at the first stop light west of Roselle Road. It is across from American United Bank.

We will be going to Chilies on Barrington Road on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us and bring a friend! If you are in 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!

UMM Breakfast Meeting March 10, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our regular monthly breakfast meeting at Old Country Buffet. We meet in the back room at 8:00 a.m. on March 10. Don't forget to ask for the group price.

UMM Spaghetti Dinner Update

Thanks to all who attended the UMM Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to your support, the United Methodist Men will donate over \$400 to various UMM mission projects.



Habitat for Humanity March 3, 7:00 a.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project. There are tasks available for a variety of skill levels. All you need is a desire to help. It's a co-ed activity and youth are welcome, too.

We meet March 3 at 7:00 a.m. at church and caravan to the project. We are usually back home by 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge** or **Rob Mottar** at 847-882-6116, if you are interested.

United Methodist Women

It's March and the United Methodist Women are on the move. Join us on Saturday, March 17 as the UMW tours the Community Crisis Center in Elgin. This meeting is part of our 2007 meeting series- *Embracing Women and Children*.

- 9:00 a.m. - We'll meet at the church in the Narthex so that we can car pool together.

- 9:15 a.m. - We will leave the church at 9:15 a.m., so please be prompt.

- Noon - We will be back at the church.

Our meeting and Breakfast will be provided at the Crisis Center. All women of the church are invited to join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP.



Crisis Center Items

The Crisis Center needs:
Disposable Diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups) and diaper wipes; Baby bottles, cups with lids; Pens, markers, paper clips, post-it notes and staples; White business size envelopes, white 8 1/2" x 11" copy paper; Letter and legal size manila file folders.

Please put items in the Crisis Center box in the office.



Easter Flowers



The grass is covered with white and the trees are bare but spring with all its promise is coming soon. As spring approaches and Easter with it, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice on the cross that we may forever have the hope of spring and its rebirth in our hearts.

We invite all who love to celebrate Easter with the beauty of flowers to help us adorn the church with beauty in celebration of Christ's victory over death.

To order a lily or tulip or hyacinth, please fill in the order form below and place with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex. We ask this year that you do **not** put the orders in the offering plate.

Palm Sunday (April 1) is the deadline for placing your order. If possible, we ask you to order early so that our florist may save us his very best selection.

Name _____

Phone _____

Choose Lily (\$12.00) _____ Tulip (\$10.25) _____ Hyacinth (\$10.25) _____

Total \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through January 2007. The Finance Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through January 2007

| | Actual | Budget | \$ Change | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Congregation Gifts & Tithes | 21,395 | 24,597 | (3,202) | -13% |
| Sprint Rent | 4,413 | 2,206 | 2,207 | 100% |
| Other Income | 1,548 | 2,057 | (509) | -25% |
| Total Income | 27,356 | 28,860 | (1,504) | -5% |
| Total Expenses | 31,282 | 36,356 | (5,074) | -14% |
| Net Income (Loss) | (3,926) | (7,496) | 3,570 | |

Personal Notes



To our Friends at Our Redeemers United Methodist Church

We can not put into words an accurate expression of how we feel about your cards, prayers and phone calls during Don's recent and continuing illness. His illness was extremely serious and life threatening, but with your powerful prayers and support he is making GOOD progress. Don spent four weeks in Neurology ICU, two weeks at a Rehab location and is now home and still rehabbing.

Don's doctors (neurologist and cardiologist) both upon a follow up visit expressed surprise that Don was able to visit with them as they felt he would have been in heaven by now. Nothing, but nothing can replace the power of prayer.

Thanks you all so much for your caring support for both of us and in particular the prayer shawls prepared so beautifully and presented by the church.

Don & Marge Brown



The congregation extends our deepest sympathy to:

Pastor Bill and his family on the death of his aunt, **Florence Kempton**, she was 85 years old.

Nancy Schmidt and family on the death of her mother, **Elizabeth Sue Dooley**.

Cathy Stout and family on the death of her mother, **Ann Wicker**.

Jerry Zimberoff and family on the death of his niece, **Susan Zimberoff Cantele**.



Altar Flowers

The cost for altar flowers has gone up. An arrangement will now be \$20.00.

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